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**LOCAL**

# Unemployment rate second in Florida

**CHRIS ALCANTARA**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gainesville area now has the second-lowest unemployment rate in Florida — a welcome statistic to students who will soon be looking for jobs.

According to data released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportuni-

ties, the unemployment rate for the Gainesville metropolitan area fell to 7.1 percent.

The rate has been decreasing for three months and is now behind that of Fort Walton Beach area, which has a 6.6-percent jobless rate.

The report's local rates are not seasonally adjusted.

The number of people with jobs in the

Gainesville metropolitan area, which includes Alachua and Gilchrist counties, jumped by 1,373 to 127,641 in February.

Alachua County's overall unemployment rate dropped to 7 percent in February from 7.3 percent in January, according to the report.

The statewide unemployment rate fell to 9.4

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## Erin Andrews to speak at Phillips Center

► ANDREWS IS BEING PAID \$15,000 TO SPEAK.

**EMILY MILLER**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Erin Andrews, ESPN sportscaster and UF graduate, will share her story at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday evening.

Accent Speakers Bureau and the Women's Student Association are teaming up to host the free event, which will begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m., and seating is first-come, first-served.

Telecommunication sophomore Tori Petry, 19, said she looks to Andrews as



Andrews

an example of breaking the stereotype that claims sports are for men. Petry said she hopes to become a sideline reporter or

sports anchor.

Accent chairman Corey Portnoy said Andrews' ties to UF make her a great fit as a speaker.

In addition to being a sportscaster and journalist for ESPN, Andrews served as co-host of ESPN's "College GameDay" in 2011. She was also a contributor to Good Morning America on ABC.

Andrews will receive \$15,000 to speak and answer questions from the audience.

Women's Student Association President Kathy Keeter said Andrews ties into the overall theme of this year's Women's History Month, "Making History Ours," and hopes female students will feel empowered after hearing her speak.



Audre Larrow / Alligator Staff

### It's a Dog's World

Gainesville resident Bruce Baber, 65, walks dogs along South Main Street on Monday afternoon. He has walked dogs professionally for 25 years.

## Gainesville cave diver dies in Tampa spring

### Marson Kay was 29 years old

**TYLER JETT**  
 Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville man died last weekend while cave diving in a north Tampa spring.

Marson A. Kay, 29, of 5417 NW 35th Drive, became wedged in a cavern that was too tight to swim through on Saturday afternoon. He was trying to reach the water's surface at Wee-ki Wachee Springs State Park, but a Hernando County Sheriff's Office rescue team found him dead at the scene.

Kay was part of a six-man team that dove to the cave for Karst Underwater Research, a nonprofit organization that explores marine environments for researchers. Karst Underwater relies on volunteers, like Kay.

The group descended about 180 feet into the water at about 3:30 p.m. Saturday. When Kay, a certified diver, swam back toward the surface, he took a different path than the rest of his team. Kay might not have been able to free himself because the spring was flowing too strongly in the opposite direction, a sheriff's

office report speculated.

Other members of the caving team tried to pry Kay loose. Karst Underwater President Brett Hemphill called 911, and a rescue team was on the scene within three minutes, according to the sheriff's office. When they found Kay, he was dead, his mask pushed up to his forehead.

Family members, co-workers and friends declined to be interviewed, saying they needed a few days to themselves before they would feel comfortable talking.

However, they added that Kay loved to dive. In his driveway sits a new motorboat. He just bought it, one family member said.

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## FORECAST

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Tears, Blood, and Lies Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Walk through the Fire "Why I hate religion, but love Jesus": a video on YouTube that went viral two months ago and today has more than 20 million views. It has caused conversations all over the world about religion and its relevancy in today's society. At Church in the Wild, we will continue the conversation. International speakers, Jeff Tatarchuk and Justin Wilson, will engage discussion on a variety of topics. Each day there will be free food and live music by Milton Doggette. For more information visit [www.babyisaac.org](http://www.babyisaac.org) or email [uf.babyisaac@gmail.com](mailto:uf.babyisaac@gmail.com).

## Cruelty Free Cosmetics

Today and Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reitz Union Colonnade Stop by the Student Animal Alliance's Cruelty Free Cosmetics event this week to try out some vegan make-up alternatives that are not tested on animals. Get pampered with a free makeover or try out some free makeup samples, and find out about cruelty-free options.

## Collaborating with Strangers workshop

Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Marston Science Library, Main Floor Unmask your creative potential, find quick ways to make long-term connections and turn small talk into big ideas. The workshop connects students and faculty on campus during 3-minute speed meetings. Sponsored by the George A. Smathers Libraries. Information and registration: [www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/CoLAB/home.html](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/CoLAB/home.html).

## Institute of Black Culture presents "Promised Land"

Wednesday, 6 p.m. Institute of Black Culture In this week's IBCinema, the Institute of Black Culture will be showing the documentary film "Promised Land," which tells the story of two land struggles in South Africa by a black African community and a black African family that are attempting to claim land they believe is rightfully theirs. Everyone is welcome

to come. IBC is located across the street from Library West. For more information about the film or the IBCinema series, contact Dr. Johnson at [johnj@multicultural.ufl.edu](mailto:johnj@multicultural.ufl.edu).

## Golden Key Final General Body Meeting

Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Turlington, Room L011 Check out Golden Key's final general body meeting of the semester to catch up on this spring's events, get a head start on next fall and enjoy free pizza and soda.

## Life Planning 101

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Alachua County Library, Millhopper branch, 3145 NW 43rd St. The Roark Law Firm will be hosting a free and open discussion about wills, trusts, living wills and the other steps you can take to reduce the burdens created by the death or incapacity of a loved one. The firm will be talking about what happens if you die or become incapacitated in Florida, and also touch on a couple of the things that every parent should have in place for their children. Drinks and snacks will be provided and a question and answer session will follow the talk.

## Keep Hope Alive: A Suicide Awareness Forum and Vigil

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Reitz Union Amphitheater There will be guest speakers, a suicide multi-dimensional perspective panel and an expressive part including poetry, song and speech. The event will conclude with a candlelight remembrance ceremony for all those who lose their lives everyday to suicide.

## Got something going on?

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## VIVA EUROPE! Film Fest

Today, 6 p.m. Alachua County Library, Millhopper branch, 3145 NW 43rd St. Enjoy 10 short films from European directors each night this week leading up to the main festival on Saturday. For more information, see [www.ces.ufl.edu/outreach/viva\\_europe](http://www.ces.ufl.edu/outreach/viva_europe)

## The Challenges and Promises of Unauthorized Immigration

Today, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. La Casita, 1504 W University Ave. Professors Philip Williams and Manuel Vasquez, the co-authors of "Living 'Illegal': The Human Face of Unauthorized Immigration," will be sparking a conversation on the effects of immigration. Feel free to take part or just listen in, everyone is welcome.

## "First Generation" Film Screening

Today, 8 p.m. Reitz Union Auditorium This film is about four high school seniors trying to beat the odds and be the first in their families to attend college. Everyone is welcome.

## Cantina Beats Cancer

Today, 10 pm. 101 Cantina Come join Painting Smiles for the Future, VENZA (Venezuelan Student Association), and PASS (Peruvian American Student Society) at an event featuring DJ Padrino. There will be all types of music including salsa, merengue, reggaeton, techno and today's Top 40. All profits will be donated to Children's Cancer Caring Center's Camp Fiesta. Cover is \$5 all night. For more info check the Facebook event.

## RUB Presents: Circumstance

Today, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Reitz Union Auditorium. The story of a wealthy Iranian family who struggles to contain a teenager's growing sexual rebellion and her brother's dangerous obsession serves as the foreign film of the month. All showings are free and open to the public.

## Church in the Wild: A Renewed Religion

Today to Saturday Christian Study Center of Gainesville Today, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Does God Love the Pious? Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Jesus Was a Carpenter Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Somethin' Pastors Don't Preach Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

# Students responding to university alcohol amnesty policy

*There have been eight calls so far*

**CLARE LENNON**  
Alligator Staff Writer

UF students are making more alcohol-related emergency calls, and a GatorWell official said that might not be a bad thing.

In Fall 2010, paramedics examined or took to the hospital five students, according to information from Maureen Miller, GatorWell's Coordinator for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention. A year later, 24 were examined or transported.

Miller told the UF Community Alcohol Coalition on Monday morning that students could be responding to the medical amnesty policy, which withholds charges and school discipline when students call in al-

cohol abuse cases.

She said after the meeting that the policy went into effect April 2011.

There have been eight calls so far this semester, the same as the total for Spring 2011.

Dave Kratzer, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, said the policy is a good alternative to students letting drunk friends "sleep it off."

"We think we've taken the fear out of the process of calling for help," he said.

He pointed out that no UF students have died from alcohol this year.

Freshman Molly Ammon died from alcohol poisoning in Spring 2011, and her friends and family recently created a Facebook page encouraging students — underage or not — to call 911 when needed.

Miller said she will educate incoming students about alcohol abuse at Preview. She met with dorm resident assistants last week.

Contact Clare Lennon at [clennon@alligator.org](mailto:clennon@alligator.org).



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Chief of Police for Santa Fe College Ed Book speaks about underage drinking on Monday morning in Emerson Alumni Hall.

## Utah teens' naked run inspired by 'American Pie'

► THE TEENS HAD A BB GUN.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OGDEN, Utah — Four Utah teens armed with a BB gun told deputies they were inspired by a scene from an "American Pie" movie when they went running naked through an Ogden-area neighborhood.

Authorities said Wednesday the teens were spotted streaking in the residential community about 45 minutes north of Salt Lake City at about 2 a.m.

Sunday.

When a deputy responded, a 17-year-old girl ducked behind a tree, while the three teenage boys kept running and were found shortly after.

The teens said they brought the BB gun because they feared they would be attacked by deer during the jog.

Deputies notified the teens' parents and let them off with a warning.

The 2006 film "American Pie: The Naked Mile" features a high school student who wants to join a college campus' tradition of running a mile naked.

## UF gets \$5-million portion of grant for heart disease research

**JULIA GLUM**  
Alligator Writer

UF researchers, along with scientists from six other centers, were recently awarded a \$63-million grant to continue developing heart disease therapies.

The money will fund seven years of research, which uses patients' bone marrow and heart cells for therapies, according to a news release.

The National Institutes of Health's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute gave the grant to the Cardiovascular Cell Therapy Research Network, an organization of seven clinical trial centers.

UF's portion of the grant is more than \$5 million, according to the release.

Dr. Carl J. Pepine, UF's principal investigator, said the money will pay the salaries of

about 15 staff members who provide the framework for research. UF's team includes branches at several medical centers in Florida.

*"Many of us believe that this is the next frontier in the therapy of cardiovascular disease."*

**Dr. Carl J. Pepine**

UF's principal investigator

The group hopes to generate new cells and blood vessels, which could help patients function better, he said.

"Many of us believe that this is the next frontier in the therapy of cardiovascular disease," Pepine said.

The rest of the money went to patient care, the data coordinating center and other centers, Pepine said.

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# UF law student elected president of Florida College Democrats

## He will lead 22 Florida chapters

**SAMANTHA SHAVELL**

Alligator Writer

Tim Mason is already a justice, and now he will be president.

Mason, an associate justice of the UF Supreme Court, was elected Sunday as the Florida College Democrats 2012-13 president.

The Florida College Democrats held its annual convention last weekend at Florida State University. Fourteen chapters were present to vote Mason, a 23-year-old Orlando native and second-year UF law student, president Sunday, said Erin Murphy, vice president of Florida College Democrats and president of UF College Democrats.

Mason will lead the 22 state College Democrats chapters in furthering the Democratic Party.

Mason was the only UF student running for an executive position, according to the Florida College Democrats website. His opponent was Paige Brice from the University of Central Florida.

Ben Cavataro was the last UF student to be state president, in the 2009-10 school year, Mason said.

"I felt honored, and I'm focused on the future," he said.

He said his No. 1 goal in the fall semester will be to

get President Obama re-elected. Central to that would be getting students registered to vote and then getting them to show up at the polls on Election Day, he said.

During the spring semester, he said he will be working on a legislative agenda, which will focus on Floridians' access to higher education.

*"I felt honored, and I'm focused on the future."*

**Tim Mason**

Florida College Democrats president

Mason has been a member of the College Democrats for four years. Before joining the UF College Democrats in the fall of 2010, Mason was a member at UCF, where he received a bachelor's degree in political science in Spring 2010. He also attended Valencia College and received his associate's degree a few months after graduating high school in 2007.

He currently heads a five-member constitutional committee, which revises the organization's constitution, for the UF College Democrats, Murphy said.

Murphy, a 21-year-old environmental science senior, said she has known Mason for about three years.

She met him at the annual convention in 2010 when it was hosted at UCF.

Murphy said Mason will do a great job in his new position and is incredibly dedicated to the organization.

"I'm very happy," Mason said. "But at the same time, the gravity of the task is very humbling."

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Tim Mason poses for a photo on Monday afternoon.

## Study: Conservatives happier than liberals

**CODY NED ROMANO**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Researchers have found conservative UF students may be happier than their liberal peers because of personality traits.

UF psychology researchers John Chambers and Barry Schlenker studied more than 400 UF students over three years. Their research revealed conservative participants tended to exhibit greater optimism, self-esteem and feelings of control over their lives.

The research provides a new explanation for what political psychologists call the "happiness gap." In a 2006 Pew Research Center poll, 61 percent of Republicans said they were very happy as opposed to only 47 percent of Democrats.

This created a mystery for researchers. Factors such as income, religion and age accounted for part of the gap, but they wondered if there was a deeper psychological explanation.

In 2007, two social psychologists from New York University took a crack at the puzzle. Analyzing the happiness gap in the United States and nine other countries, professors Jaime Napier and John Jost concluded conservatives were happier because of their ability to rational-

ize inequalities.

For example, right-wingers may perceive the difference between rich and poor in the U.S. as natural or inevitable, whereas left-wingers find it more troublesome.

Public relations senior Hannah Brown, 28, describes herself as politically neutral. She said she's seen these differences play out in debates on Turlington Plaza and in class.

"I think conservatives focus more on control and responsibility," she said, "and liberals think more about systems."

*"I don't have a pony on the track here"*

**John Chambers**

UF psychology researcher

Yet Chambers and his UF colleagues thought this wasn't enough to explain a persistent difference in well-being. By arguing that conservatives have positive personality traits, they triggered a barrage of criticism.

"I find his data really interesting and useful," Jost said, "but I think the paper goes too far. It ends up telling an incomplete, Pollyanna-ish story."

Chambers, however, defended his political neutrality.

"Listen," he said, "I don't have a pony on the track here."

## HEALTH

### Shands to reopen liver transplant program

**MICHAEL SCOTT DAVIDSON**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Shands at UF plans to reopen its liver transplant program in the next two months, according to hospital officials.

The transplant program, which peaked in recent activity with 103 transplants in 2008, had transplants drop by more than 50 percent during 2009. They stayed relatively flat in 2010, according to the Shands website.

Shands voluntarily deactivated its liver and pancreas transplant programs in August, including

transplants for children. Three surgeons had left the hospital in less than two months, and there were not enough faculty to provide needed care to patients, said Dr. Kevin Behrns, chair of the department of surgery at UF.

Miami is the only location in Florida that will perform liver transplants for children.

Last month, the department of surgery hired a new chief of transplantation surgery, Dr. Jeffrey Fair, and began filing paperwork to the United Network for Organ Sharing to resume liver transplants.

Shands can currently evaluate

patients for liver transplants but cannot put them on an organ donor waiting list.

About 30 patients are interested in going back on the Shands waiting list, Behrns said, but it is uncertain how long the hospital will have to wait to perform a liver transplant.

The median wait time for a patient on the Shands transplant list is three months, according to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients.

"You need the appropriate recipient and the organ donor," Behrns said.

## Statewide rates are lowest since Feb. 2009

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percent in February with 869,000 people unemployed in Florida, according to the seasonally adjusted rate — the lowest since about February 2009.

In February 2011, the statewide unemployment rate was 10.8 percent, while the U.S. average was 9 percent.

Alachua County spokesman Mark Sexton said the county, including Gainesville, is an ideal place for companies to set up offices and create jobs.

"If you have a place that's green, exciting and has a lot going on culturally, I think it's a place where companies are convinced that's where their employees want to be," he said.

Colin Knapp, a visiting UF economics professor, said the decrease in the number of unemployed people and increase in the labor force is a good sign for economic growth.

"Gainesville is experiencing different labor market trends," he said. "Gainesville is starting to see some job growth, but we aren't decreasing the labor force, which

is a good thing."

Like many soon-to-be graduates, Sam Rudik, a 22-year-old economics senior, will be looking for work. He said the decline in local unemployment rates is a welcoming sign for future job opportunities.

"I'm really optimistic about the economy, its recovery and what it means for my prospective entry into the workforce," he said.

#### Unemployment rates for February

Gainesville area:	7.1 percent
Jacksonville area:	8.8 percent
Tampa area:	9.4 percent
Miami area:	9 percent
Tallahassee area:	7.5 percent
West Palm Beach area:	9.2 percent
Florida, seasonally adjusted:	9.4 percent
U.S., seasonally adjusted:	8.3 percent
Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunities	
*City rates are not seasonally adjusted	

# Clubs can adopt a 'swamp' through sustainability office

► THE PROGRAM WILL START IN THE FALL.

**KATHRYN VARN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students can help their fellow Gators by cleaning up a different type of swamp.

Student organizations can sign up to clean and maintain conservation areas on campus through the UF Office of Sustainability's Adopt-A-"Swamp" program.

The program will launch at the start of the 2012 academic year, but a handful of organizations have gotten a head start.

This semester has been spent finalizing the cleanup process, said Ashley Pennington, Office of Sustainability outreach coordinator.

Student organizations can get involved next year by filling out an application through the Office of Sustainability.

When a club adopts a "swamp," it will be

responsible for keeping it clean from August to the following August, she said.

UF GreenLaw participated in Adopt-A-"Swamp" to clean the Law School Woods near the Levin College of Law.

GreenLaw, formerly known as the Environmental and Land Use Law Society, has been maintaining the area since 2007.

The group has had two cleanups this semester to pick up litter, clear trails and clear the area of invasive plant species, said Jennilyn Thiboult, senior president of GreenLaw.

"In general, we try to encourage people to enjoy the outdoors and not be stuck in the library all day," Thiboult said.

While the UF Wetlands Club is not an official part of the program, it has collected 13,931 pounds of trash from the Bivens Arm floodplain since 2004, according to Rupesh Bhomia, the organization's president.

Almost 3,000 pounds of litter were collected from central campus wetlands after a campus cleanup by the Office of Sustainability last semester, Pennington said.

## SAFETY

# Contact information on key tags could save time in emergencies

**BRITTANY BORSANYI**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Victor Hazy has been thinking of ways to help prepare the community for emergencies ever since a series of crashes on Interstate 75 in January took 11 lives.

Insurance World, of which Hazy is president, recently started sponsoring "In Case of Emergency" key tags, which are plastic tags that attach to key rings.

I.C.E. is written on the front of the tags to alert police of emergency contact numbers on the back in case a person's phone is destroyed or missing in an accident.

Hazy said the I-75 crashes encouraged him to sponsor the key tags, which are free.

"Everyone should have them," he said. "If you get hurt or are in an accident, police can see your wallet but won't know who to call if your phone is crushed."

Tom Force, CEO of I.C.E. Keytags, said Hazy is the only one sponsoring the key tags in North Florida.

People can also download a free EMS

information form from the I.C.E. Keytag website. The form, which is kept in a vehicle's glove compartment, provides medical information to rescue workers, such as medical conditions, allergies, recent surgeries and medications.

*"The first thing I do is look for a cellphone and dial the last number called or look for 'Mom' and 'Dad.'"*

**Hank Spurlin**

University Police officer

University Police officer Hank Spurlin said he thinks the I.C.E. key tag would need a big campaign to succeed.

"The first thing I do is look for a cellphone and dial the last number called or look for 'Mom' and 'Dad,'" he said. "I wouldn't think to look at the person's keys."

Muri Flores, an 18-year-old wildlife ecology and conservation freshman, said she would consider getting an I.C.E. key tag.

"It's a good idea because a lot of people keep their emergency numbers in their phones, but their phones can get crushed or lost," she said. "

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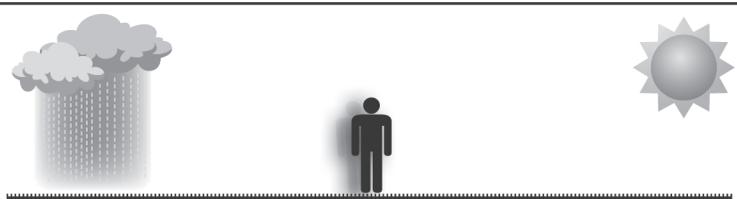
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Editorial

## Nanny Nitwits Bloomberg bans donations to homeless

A new proposal by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has many people scratching their heads, and rightly so.

Bloomberg might as well be King of the Nannies, given his record on trying to ban, tax and regulate everything he can get his hands on in New York City.

In 2010, according to The New York Times, Bloomberg proposed a tax on soda he argued "would reduce consumption ... driving down obesity rates and the accompanying medical costs."

The following year, Bloomberg said "government's highest duty" was to "halt the worldwide epidemic of noncommunicable diseases." In other words, the mayor believes government must encourage all of us, through taxes, bans and regulations, to have better dietary habits.

In January of this year, the nosy mayor pushed to make it harder to obtain alcohol in New York City by decreasing the number of places that sell adult beverages.

Bloomberg's philosophy of public health assumes it is the government's role to make us healthier, whether we want to or not.

However, his latest decision will likely have even the most nanny-state-oriented people wondering where to draw the line.

According to CBS New York, Bloomberg decided to ban "food donations to homeless shelters because the city can't assess their salt, fat and fiber content."

That's right, because there are people out there whose main goal is to take the time, energy and effort to make extremely fatty, salt-filled foods to donate to homeless shelters only to watch the homeless slowly die of heart disease and high cholesterol.

It might be one thing to want to screen the food donated to homeless shelters to ensure that everything had been properly cooked, but to ban food donations is just downright insane.

Not only will this proposal cost the city hundreds, if not thousands, in unnecessary food costs, but it will also likely lead to food shortages at homeless shelters across the city.

Bloomberg's "duty" to ensure that even the homeless receive properly regulated and healthy food could mean less food to go around and more hungry homeless people.

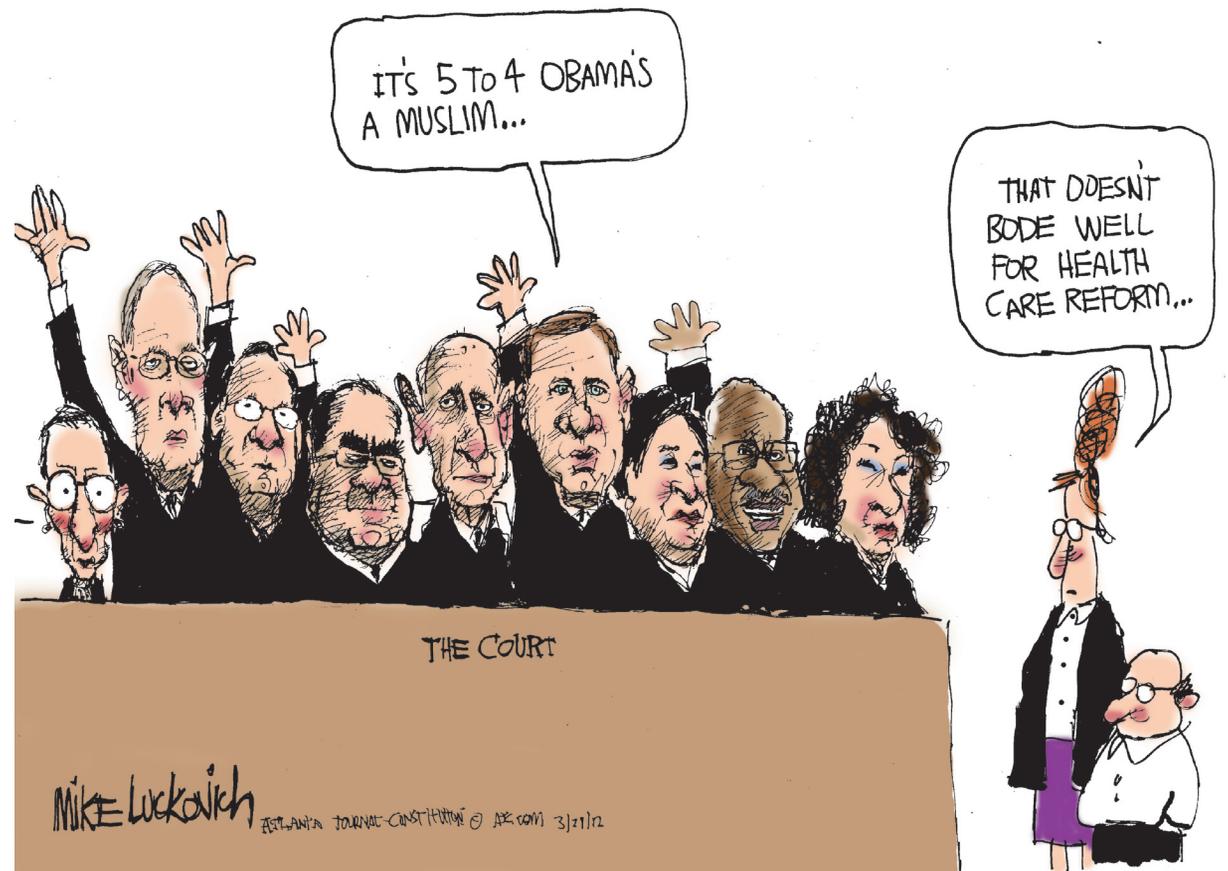
So how, Mr. Bloomberg, are we supposed to regulate the fat, salt and fiber content of trash cans and dumpsters throughout the city?

Because, under your ban, more homeless will likely have to dig their way to a few scraps of garbage instead of getting safe, home-cooked meals donated by the most generous in the city.

Bloomberg's move also completely ignores a new study from the American Journal of Hypertension which found "little significant evidence that eating more salt would shorten one's life."

Do you know what does shorten one's life, Mr. Bloomberg?

Starvation.



Column

## Hunger Games reflects reality TV

If you haven't seen "The Hunger Games" already, do yourself a favor and go see it.

The film is an absolute must-see. Unlike your typical, over-hyped teen novel trilogies (say, the "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" series), "The Hunger Games" meets all expectations.

Just make sure you don't go on a full stomach; the camera is a tad shaky at times.

I'll spare the spoilers, but "The Hunger Games" pulls you into the trial and triumph of Katniss Everdeen. Superb acting, an intriguing plot and an ending ripe for a promising sequel makes for a blockbuster.

The hype does not disappoint. "The Hunger Games" grossed more than \$155 million its opening weekend.

I haven't read the series, so I can't testify how true the movie is to the book.

While Suzanne Collins should be applauded for her success with the series, she should also be recognized for her foresight, however alarming it may be.

Although entertaining, the film brings awareness to the toxicity of reality television and society.

Think about it: Twenty-four teens between the ages of 12 and 18 are chosen from different parts of the nation to fight to the death, and their chance of survival is dependent upon winning over sponsors. Before the Games, they have to dress to impress for the audience and speak with the television host. Everything that goes on in the Games is fabricated for higher ratings.

Others perceive the plot to reflect upon government control, as the film does have Orwellian elements (a post-war nation), but to me it clearly speaks of the disillusioned glamor of reality television and the race to pack in the most over-the-top shock value for the audience's indulgence.

Take the "Jersey Shore" cast, for example. We put this group in a room with a bunch of cameras. Tensions run high, verbal and physical fights start and ratings jump up. Younger, more susceptible viewers want to enjoy the same fame, unaware of what goes on behind the camera.



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People get hooked: Team "this" and Team "that" shirts are sold, and viewers pine for more outrageous drama on the set. We've become obsessed, cheering for our favorite reality TV star to sabotage other players for his or her own advantage.

In the film, Gale Hawthorne, a "friend" of Katniss, says it best:

"What if one year everyone just stopped watching? Then they wouldn't have the Games."

What if people just stopped watching reality TV? It's a guilty pleasure for many, but has it really become America's unhealthy addiction? Reputations get trashed for the world to see, and people change for the worse in front of the camera. The only ones who win are the fat-cat producers laughing their way to the bank.

Snooki and the Situation may not be shooting arrows and physically stabbing each other, but there's enough verbal backstabbing going around to do some damage.

We need to remember that though these people voluntarily agree to be in these shows (unlike "The Hunger Games"), they're still people. And yet we smile at their demise.

I'm not calling for viewers to quit these shows cold-turkey, but when the drama becomes so overblown to the point that it gets unbelievably fake, then it's time to change the channel.

If raunchy shows are your thing, TV has much more to offer than "Jersey Shore" or "Real Housewives" in the bazillion channels available (I'm talking about "South Park," "Tosh.0," "It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia"). There's more to the TV guide than cheap reality television.

Happy watching, and may the odds be ever in your favor.

Colleen Wright is a journalism freshman at UF. Her column appears on Tuesdays.

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## Guest column

## Obama's re-election prospects uncertain

What Americans have experienced in the course of the last three years has been a cacophony of Arab political upheavals, U.S. economic uncertainty, a flurry of legislative achievements and a divided nation.

In spite of some extraordinary foreign and legislative accomplishments, President Obama's re-election remains eerily uncertain, compounded by several factors both in and out of his control.

When determining the prospects that a sitting president will be re-elected, one has to look at the state of the economy.

Let's get the facts straight. Americans vote with their pocketbooks. The U.S. economy is currently picking up, which is in Obama's favor.

Earlier this week, Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke told ABC News, "We haven't quite yet got to the point where we can be completely confident that we're on a track to full recovery."

However, there were 2 percent fewer foreclosures in February compared to January, according to RealtyTrac.

On the other hand, gas prices continue to increase, bringing down the president's approval ratings.

Job growth has steadily increased, with more than 200,000 jobs added last December.

The economy grew 3 percent during the final quarter of 2011, but these numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show some foundation for an improving economy.

The danger over European austerity threatens the fragile euro, and our own economy is not free of either the burden of inflation or a double-dip recession.

On the foreign policy front, a New York Times poll found that 69 percent of Americans believe we should not be at war in Afghanistan.

This lack of confidence signals trouble to the unstable Middle Eastern nation, just as the U.S. prepares to depart.

The biggest issue, in terms of foreign policy, appears to be the acquisition of nuclear weapons by Iran, which Israel has already stated it will not tolerate.

The relationship between President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel is tainted with a lack of confidence and personality conflicts.

At the American Israel Public Affairs Committee policy conference on March 5, Netanyahu stated,

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Speaking Out

"We've waited for diplomacy to work, we've waited for sanctions to work. None of us can afford to wait much longer."

This year's election will give Obama yet another headache, especially if Netanyahu decides to launch a preemptive attack on Iran, potentially destabilizing the region and putting Israel and the U.S. at risk.

Health care, one of the president's biggest accomplishments, may be dealt a major blow by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care act, if the hearings at the U.S. Supreme Court are any indication.

The Supreme Court concluded hearing arguments on Wednesday, breaking several precedents. The six hours of hearings over three days set off a flurry of speculation.

The scathing controversy surrounding the individual mandate remains the source of the bill's fate. The scope of federal government oversight of commerce was challenged and skeptically held by Justices Scalia, Thomas and Alito.

Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Kennedy remain on the fence, more than likely holding the deciding votes on the legislation.

If the bill is entirely thrown out, Obama will be dealt an enormous blow. His major legislative accomplishment, with political capital, goodwill and effort, will be squandered.

When it comes to demographics, President Obama still has influence over Hispanics, African-Americans and much of his base. However, Obama has lost ground with Caucasian, blue-collar voters.

In the 2012 election, every vote will count. Even Obama's large campaign war chest, which USA Today estimated at more than \$240 million, may not be enough. Crossroads GPS and other Republican super PACs will soften Obama's formidable purchasing power with their own large war chests.

It still is possible for Obama to narrowly win his re-election, especially when you consider the divided Republican nomination process and eventual battered nominee.

In any case, this election still contains a lot of uncertainty about where the president will stand with the American electorate.

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## Supreme Court should rule against health care legislation

Twenty-seven states have officially filed lawsuits against it, and more than half of Americans favor its repeal. Now, it is the Supreme Court's turn to give its opinion on Obamacare and decide the fate of President Barack Obama's most recognized "achievement."

Amid all the hype, this unpopular piece of legislation might not even be constitutional.

Aside from the basic question of whether or not the Supreme Court can hear the case (based on the Anti-Injunction Act), the primary question before the court is a simple one: Does the minimum-coverage provision of Obamacare exceed Congress' power to regulate interstate commerce?

The left will continue to cite precedents such as *Wickard v. Filburn* and the more recent *Gonzalez v. Reich* as case law justification for the controversial legislation. *Wickard*, for instance, determined that Congress could regulate the amount of crops an individual farmer grew simply because it affected interstate commerce in the aggregate. The same precedent applied later to those cultivating and using local nonmedical marijuana (*Gonzalez*).

While these two cases and others expanded the latitude of Congress' interstate commerce power, they fail to align entirely with the unique nature of this particular case.

The individual mandate in question does not only permit Congress to "regulate" a new area of interstate commerce, it actually forces individuals "to engage in commerce" so they can be better regulated. Once it takes effect in 2014, any individual who refuses to purchase a "government-approved level of health care" will face a financial penalty.

According to the legislation, the concept of a contract is outdated and unnecessary. Why is there any need for freedom of contract when the federal government can simply force people to enter a commercial agreement and then regulate them accordingly?

Paul Clement notes in his brief on behalf of Florida and the other states represented in this case: "The power to compel a person to enter into an unwanted commercial relationship is not some modest step necessary and proper to perfect Congress' authority to regulate existing government intercourse. It is a revolution in the relationship between the central government and the governed."

**Brendan Pringle**

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And as we have seen in the decades of expansion following New Deal legislation, this can be a very slippery slope,

setting dangerous precedents for federal government power.

If you're familiar with the Patriot Act, it becomes obvious we can't ignore the fact that this legislation deals with the health and well-being of Americans. As Solicitor General Donald Verrill rightfully notes, "No one is more than an instant from needing health care."

There are better (and more financially sustainable) ways of ensuring universal health care in the U.S. Contrary to what the media constantly feeds us, the Republican position on Obamacare is "repeal and replace" — not "repeal and relax."

From the earliest debates, Republicans have advocated a "more market-based" health care reform through a "defined benefits" structure. Taxpayer-supported health insurance inevitably leads to "un-needed" people taking advantage of the system. This has already happened to our welfare system. Do we really want it affecting everyone's health care as well?

Of course, for the sake of expediency, the left ignored conservative solutions during the debates and squashed all resistance as it forced the bill through the legislation process. Still today, the mainstream media refuses to acknowledge any conservative alternatives to Obamacare.

We have already witnessed the ridiculous arguments stemming from this bill's passage.

Suddenly, free contraceptives are a human right (obviously, this is what the Founding Fathers must have intended with the phrase "pursuit of happiness"), and proponents treat pregnancy as if it is some sort of disease. This legislation leaves far too much room for manipulation by its beneficiaries and by the federal government.

If the Supreme Court severs the individual mandate or decides the entire legislation is unconstitutional, Congress will have the opportunity to consider more effective and less imposing methods of ensuring the health of our nation's people.

If our health care system doesn't get fixed soon, it will be the cause of its own demise.

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### A Growing Success

Galyna Vaqulenko helps Qingwen Han plant sunflowers during a UF Organic Gardens Cooperative work party. Gardeners attend work parties the first week of every month to help keep each other's gardens in full bloom.

## CRIME

# Man charged with pointing gun at off-duty police officer

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Off-duty Gainesville Police Officer Wilfredo Perez was driving with his wife when they were almost hit by a Chevrolet Impala. When they pulled up beside it, a passenger in the back seat held up a handgun and chambered it.

Early Monday morning, Jamaal Megail Owens, 29, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and his back-seat passenger, Christopher Brandon Dortly, 25, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Perez and his wife were driving west on West University Avenue at 1:42 a.m. when Owens almost caused the collision. Owens then drove off erratically, said GPD spokeswoman Cpl. Angelina Valuri.

Both vehicles stopped for a red light at 22nd Street and West University Avenue.

Perez rolled down his wife's window and asked if everything was all right, Valuri said.

The passengers in the car "immediately became hostile and were yelling," she said.

Dortly held up a Hi-Point .38-caliber semi-automatic handgun and worked the slide, as if to load a round in the chamber, police said.

Perez said he saw Dortly point the gun at his car. Perez's wife screamed and Owens drove off, Valuri said.

Perez followed the car and called 911.

Other officers stopped Owens on the 5200 block of Newberry Road. His blood-alcohol level was three times the legal limit.

Owens told police he drank half a cup of vodka at a bar with

his brother.

Dortly told police he had a gun, but he denied displaying it. The gun was found near where Dortly was sitting.

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Owens

# Artists transform recyclables into art to promote upcycling

► THE REPURPOSE PROJECT WORKS TO GET CHILDREN INVOLVED IN UPCYCLING.

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Mike Myers stood in the middle of a spacious warehouse among Winnie-the-Pooh cake toppers, neon-colored toy soldiers and silver jacks.

Myers, co-founder of the Repurpose Project, put the used items on display as part of the upcycling movement.

Upcycling, which is the process of taking materials and reusing them, has recently gained popularity among some artists and eco-friendly residents.

To encourage the movement in Gainesville, Myers opened the doors to his nonprofit Friday at 519 S Main St. during Art Walk Gainesville.

At the Repurpose Project warehouse, artists transform soda can tabs into earrings and weave cassette tapes into evening purses.

Bookshelves were mounted to the wall with VHS tapes as makeshift shelves.

Myers says the artists' inspirations make the Repurpose Project different from other sustainable initiatives.

"Their artwork exemplifies reuse," he said.

Sarah Butz, who attended the organization's opening, came in to explore the warehouse during Art Walk Gainesville and says the project is different from anything she has seen.

"It's got some really weirdo stuff, which

is fabulous," she said.

Abe Sloan, who also attended the Art Walk, said the building is more than just a place to sell items. It's a place to collaborate and workshop.

She said the warehouse is an inspirational place.

Andrea Goodsaid, another opening attendee, said she liked the idea of the upcycling nonprofit.

"It's the first one that's caught our attention," she said.

Myers said the purpose of the Repurpose Project is to educate people so they will rethink what they throw away.

Recycling has been part of his life for several decades.

Myers got his start with reusing when he owned a recycling center in Fayetteville, Ark.

Now he helps run the Repurpose Project. This three-part warehouse functions as an artist workspace, an art gallery and a reuse art supply store.

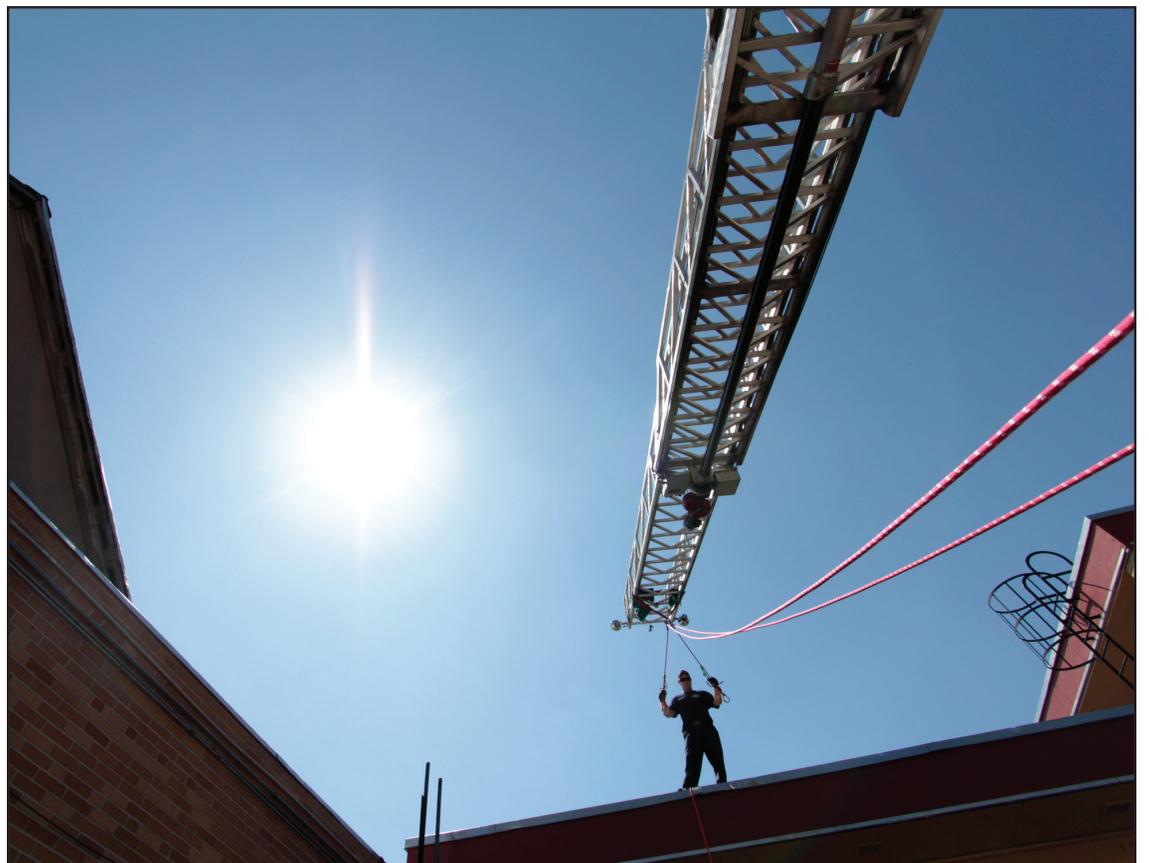
The Gainesville community has been receptive of the project, he said. In the future, he wants to start up repurposing workshops for children to bring the movement to the next generation.

Angela Hoppe, a Gainesville artist, said the Repurpose Project's mission is near and dear to her heart.

The project is "going out and reaching the public with an emphasis toward children and getting them involved," she said.

She likes that the project is introducing children to various types of art.

"It's not just the traditional, 'Sit down and draw.'"



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Network specialists  
We buy computers and laptops  
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St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville and we are looking for help from volunteers like you. St. Francis House is in need of donations such as personal hygiene items and household cleaners such as bleach and liquid Lysol. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stephanie Brevat at (352) 378-9079 or by e-mail at sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfcoxmail.com

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**FARAH'S ON THE AVENUE** is now hiring for the summer semester. Come fill out an application between 2 & 5pm at 1120 W. University Ave. No phone calls, please. 4-4-10-14

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**  
1 Word before dark or hours  
6 Black Friday event  
10 Prefix with fall  
14 Where towels are the usual attire  
15 Nice price?  
16 Rob of "Parks and Recreation"  
17 \*Ten times the seller's cost, say  
19 Actor McGregor  
20 "All My \_\_\_ Live in Texas": George Strait song  
21 Pre-A.D.  
22 Waiters take them  
24 Comes down hard  
27 Come to terms  
28 Tin alloy  
31 "\_\_\_-ho!"  
33 Homeric war epic  
34 \*Green labyrinth  
38 Dynasty known for porcelain  
39 Sleepiness inducers  
40 Draft animals  
41 \*Groundbreaking desktop publishing software  
43 Golfer Sam  
44 Less than zero  
45 Competes in a bee  
46 Where dos are done  
49 How the rain in Spain falls on the plain  
51 Warning to a pest  
53 Once named  
54 Slangy morning drink  
57 Provo's state  
58 Some buried treasure, or what are literally found in the answers to starred clues  
62 Top-notch  
63 Lake near Lake Ontario  
64 College big shots  
65 Ivan IV, for one  
66 "Das Kapital" author  
67 "The King" of golf, to fans

**DOWN**  
1 1968 U.S. Open champ  
2 Imitation  
3 Harbor towers  
4 Hydrocarbon suffix  
5 Spoke absent-mindedly  
6 Spending outing  
7 Genesis craft  
8 Actress Lucy  
9 Former Montreal player  
10 \*Fundraising receipts  
11 Dinghy propeller  
12 Conscious (of)  
13 Uptight  
18 Excellent server  
23 All-night party  
24 \*Child star's parent  
25 Maria \_\_\_, former queen of Hungary  
26 Passover meal  
28 MTV's "\_\_\_ My Ride"  
29 Director Kazan  
30 Chicken morsel  
32 Justice Dept. heads

34 Hooley  
35 It may follow a Salchow  
36 Intensity  
37 Conclusions  
39 Prohibition  
42 Revealing skirt  
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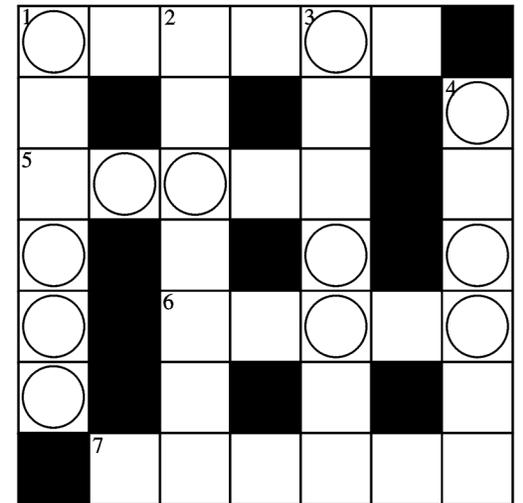
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## Beal returns from visit with family, still mulling decision



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Florida players (from left) Kenny Boynton, Erving Walker, Brad Beal, Patric Young and Erik Murphy answer questions during a Sweet 16 media session in Phoenix. Beal and Boynton are both still undecided about returning to the Gators next season.

► FRESHMAN GUARD HAS UNTIL APRIL 29 TO DECLARE FOR NBA DRAFT.

### GREG LUCA

Alligator Staff Writer

Florida guard Brad Beal said Sunday night that he has not decided whether he will enter the NBA draft or return to school for his sophomore season.

Beal traveled to St. Louis on Friday to discuss his options with his family. He returned to Gainesville on Sunday night.

The NBA's deadline for underclassmen to declare is April 29, and Beal said he plans to take the majority of the month to reach his decision.

The NCAA's deadline for an underclassman to declare is April 10. However, if a prospect does not reach a decision by April 10, he still has the opportunity to declare as long as he does so before the NBA's April 29 deadline.

Beal scored 14.8 points per game and grabbed a team-high 6.7 rebounds per game during his freshman season, leading scouts and analysts to project him to be selected as high as No. 3 in the upcoming draft, which will be held on June 28.

Beal's NBA decision has been a topic of conversation for weeks, but he mostly avoided those questions during the season.

"When that time comes after this season I'm going to sit down with coach and my family and

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### THE BOOTHE REVIEW

## Early entry deadline should put players' priorities first

Everyone wants to know how Brad Beal will be celebrating his 19th birthday.

The NCAA is hastily demanding to hear Beal's plans by April 10. The NBA stated it can wait a little longer, until April 29. But I'm guessing all of you reading would probably like to learn now.

Will Beal be ringing in another year of life in the Prudential Center on June 28 on-stage at the NBA Draft or is he going to be enjoying his birthday in the simpler, less televised confines of his St. Louis home?

Regardless of whether he chooses to return to Florida for his sophomore season or picks the cool, free draft hat and millions of dollars that come with a lottery pick's rookie contract, Beal is facing a difficult decision.

Unfortunately, he only has another 26 days to make it.

While the NCAA's early entry deadline this year is an almost criminally unfair eight days after the national championship game, the NBA isn't doing collegiate



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underclassmen any favors either with its April 29 cutoff date.

For the first time in recent memory, Beal and other potential draftees will not have the chance to attend any pre-draft workouts with NBA teams or gauge the interest of front offices man-to-man.

Just three years ago, college players were able to remove their names off the early entry list a week before the NBA Draft. Now, they have to make a concrete decision almost two months in advance, leaving essentially no time to test the proverbial draft waters.

The new deadlines are rigged even more than last year's May 8 date to benefit the NCAA's future on-court product as well as college coaches, who will get an earlier handle on how their rosters will look next

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## Notebook: Pittman making waves; Gillislee cements role

### TOM GREEN

Alligator Staff Writer

Latroy Pittman is already making a name for himself in Gainesville.

After just three months on campus, the freshman wide receiver has impressed coach Will Muschamp during Florida's three weeks of spring practices.

"Latroy Pittman is a guy who is really coming on and doing a nice job," Muschamp said last week. "He's still swimming a little bit mentally, which is to be expected, but he's physical, he mixes it in well, he's made some plays down the field for us ... and I've been very pleased with his progress to this point."

That progress continued into Florida's weather-shortened scrimmage Saturday, when Muschamp said Pittman earned offensive player

of the day honors. Muschamp said Pittman hauled in a deep ball from quarterback Jeff Driskel during the scrimmage despite good coverage by sophomore cornerback Loucheiz Purriroy.

As one of six early enrollees the Gators brought in at the beginning of the semester, Pittman has earned the most praise from coaches this spring, especially at a position of need for Florida.



Muschamp

Last season, the Gators struggled to establish a downfield passing game, as the team's wide receivers accounted for 69 of the team's 182 receptions.

Only Deonte Thompson recorded

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### Tweetable

"I wonder if cheeseburger Charlie is at the game tho lol.."

**Dee Finley**, Former UF linebacker  
(on Charlie Weis attending the NCAA championship game)

### Davis, Kentucky roll

National player of the year Anthony Davis made just 1 of 10 from the field, but it didn't matter as Kentucky rolled to its first national championship since 1996 by beating Kansas 67-59 on Tuesday.

### UF playing in Jacksonville today

Florida's top-ranked baseball team plays UNF tonight at 7 in Jacksonville. See story, page 15.

# Muschamp says quarterback battle to continue past spring

**FOOTBALL,**  
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more than 20 catches, and the unit hauled in just seven touchdowns on the season.

So far this spring, Muschamp has been pleased with the downfield ability and overall skill set the 6-foot, 201-pound Pittman has brought to the offense, saying the freshman is "passing some guys" on the depth chart.

"He understands every-down performance, blocking and doing things you got to do to be successful, and reading coverages and seeing coverages," Muschamp said.

"He goes out and makes plays."

**Gillislee locked in:** Last week Muschamp said running back Mike Gillislee was on pace to shore up the No. 1 spot in Florida's backfield next season.

Monday morning, the Gators coach said Gillislee has all but locked up the job.

"Mike has distanced himself to be that guy," Muschamp said.

Given Gillislee's history of injuries during his time at Florida, Muschamp cautioned that the Gators need to establish depth behind the senior.

As a result, Gillislee's touches will be limited during the last week of spring practice, while the likes of Omarius Hines, Mack Brown, Trey Burton and Hunter Joyer see more snaps out of the backfield.

"We need to start creating some separation there because when you get in the season those reps, practice reps become hard for everybody to get," Muschamp

said.

**Quarterback update:** As Driskel and Jacoby Brissett continue to battle for the starting quarterback role, Muschamp said Monday there still has not been

any separation between the two sophomores.

According to Muschamp, both have done a good job of managing the offense in practice, and he doesn't believe he will name a starter at the end of spring practice.

*"[Pittman] understands every-down performance, blocking and doing things you got to do to be successful, and reading coverages and seeing coverages. He goes out and makes plays."*

**Will Muschamp**  
UF football coach



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Running back Mike Gillislee carries the ball in last year's win against UAB on Sept. 10. Florida coach Will Muschamp said Monday that Gillislee has all but locked up the starting running back job.

"We're going to go into the fall camp," Muschamp said.

"That, to me, is becoming more and more evident every day that they're both guys we can win with. Bottom line, that's good for us."

**Injury report:** Wide receivers Stephen Alli (groin), Solomon Patton (groin) and Ja'Juan Story (ankle) were all expected to return to practice Monday after missing much of the last two weeks, Muschamp said.

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season.

According to NCAA Proposal No. 2010-24, the rule "is intended to help keep student-athletes focused on academics in the spring term and to give coaches a better idea of their roster for the coming year before the recruiting period is closed."

Some coaches like Kentucky's John Calipari have made their opinion on the NCAA-first, player-last mentality of the rule perfectly clear.

"It's the dumbest thing ever," Calipari told ESPN.com. "It's stupid. If this is about the kids, then that's the last thing this is about."

After returning to Gainesville from a trip home to St. Louis, Beal stated Sunday night that he intended to take the majority of the month to make his decision.

In the intermittent period between now and April 29 at 11:59 p.m., he'll probably discuss again his future with the Gators with coach Billy Donovan, who of course had his own publicized flirtation with the NBA's Orlando Magic in 2007.

Donovan's return to the college ranks at Florida came a little more than a week after he agreed to on a five-year \$27 million contract to become the Magic's new coach on May 31, 2007. After testing the NBA coaching waters, Donovan was released from his contract on June 6, 2007.

Why is it so difficult to imagine a college player getting even a shred of the same courtesy anytime soon?

Because whether it's Florida, an NBA team, agents or fans, everyone wants to know as soon as possible what they'll be getting on Beal's birthday come June 28.

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# Boynton also undecided; Young, Rosario returning

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we're just going to talk about it," Beal said March 23, the day before UF's Elite Eight game against Louisville.

Even after the Gators fell 72-68 to end the season just short of the Final Four, Beal was mum on his future plans.

"I'm still just affected by this loss," Beal said on March 24. "I'm not thinking about next season yet."

Junior Kenny Boynton is still mulling over his decision, while junior Mike Rosario and sophomore Patric Young have both announced their intent to return, according to a UF release.

Young averaged 10.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per game this year and is projected as a late first-round pick because of his size — 6-foot-9, 247 pounds — and athleticism.

Boynton led the team in scoring at 15.9 points per game and would likely be drafted at the end of the second round, if at all.

Rosario scored 6.6 points per game

off the bench this season and probably would have had to find a spot on a roster overseas.

If Florida were to return all of its underclassmen, the Gators would likely be a consensus preseason top-five team. Erving Walker was UF's only senior, and his departure figures to be mitigated by incoming freshman guards Braxton Ogbueze, Michael Frazier and Dillon Graham.



Boynton

Of teams that reached the Elite Eight, only Kentucky, Ohio State and North Carolina also had just one senior playing significant minutes.

However, all three of those schools project to lose underclassmen to the draft, with North Carolina's Harrison Barnes, Kendall Marshall and John Henson already declaring.

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AP Photo

Florida junior guard Kenny Boynton shoots over Louisville's Chane Behanan during the Elite Eight. Boynton said Monday he is unsure if he will return for his senior season.

# Ramjit taking advantage of opportunity to play every day

## Likely to start in left as UF plays UNF tonight

**BRYAN HOLT**  
Alligator Writer

Don't blame Vickash Ramjit for Florida's bats slumping since Southeastern Conference play began.

After beginning the season looking for a way to squeeze into the UF lineup, the junior from Miami is becoming a regular for unforeseen reasons, and the Gators aren't complaining.

"It's good to get Vickash out there," Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "He was waiting patiently. I'm sure it was not easy for him the first 20 games of the year."

Until the Gators' trip to South Carolina on March 22, Ramjit was little more than a late-game substitution at first base — another talented casualty of No. 1 Florida's (24-4, 6-3 SEC) prospect surplus. But heading into tonight's road game against North Florida (17-13, 2-7 Atlantic Sun), Ramjit, who is on an offensive tear, should once again be penciled in as the starting left fielder.

When senior center fielder Tyler Thompson suffered a torn ACL against Vanderbilt on March 16, O'Sullivan was confident that freshman Justin Shafer could handle starting in left with senior Daniel Pigott

shifting to center. That was until Shafer committed two errors in as many games and was subsequently benched.

On a Friday in Columbia, S.C., Ramjit got his chance.

"I had an idea (I could play left field),



David Carr / Alligator Staff

Junior transfer Vickash Ramjit has found a spot in UF's lineup following injuries to Tyler Thompson and Josh Tobias. He has hit three home runs since March 23.

but I really didn't think it would happen," he said. "Coach prepared me for out there. He was wanting me to get out there and take [reps] when I thought I would be at first."

When third baseman Josh Tobias fractured his hamate bone in his hand on March 23 against South Carolina, Ramjit took his spot in the eight-hole and promptly went 3 for 4 with two solo home runs. O'Sullivan started him again the next day, saying he would be "crazy" not to. Ramjit went 0 for 3 with a walk but has hit .438 in the four games since. He has added another home run and six more RBI in those games.

"It felt good to contribute a lot," Ramjit said after a two-RBI outing against No. 2 Florida State. "I'm pretty comfortable."

A Miami transfer, Ramjit had never played outfield for the Gators before this current stretch. He started 19 games for Florida in 2011 (14 at first base) and hit .382 but never displayed the pop he showed during preseason scrimmages this year. O'Sullivan wanted to find ways to get him on the field, but the opportunities were seldom until the string of injuries occurred.

Before the South Carolina series, Ramjit had recorded one start and was hitting .111 (1 for 9).

"Sometimes it doesn't always go the way you want it to, but you just keep grinding it out and you keep working hard," O'Sullivan said. "When your opportunity comes, you've got to be ready, and he has certainly done that for us."



O'Sullivan



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Junior Ashanée Dickerson spots her landing during a beam routine. She is looking to be more consistent as UF heads to NCAA Regionals.

## GYMNASTICS

# Dickerson searching for consistency

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Whenever Ashanée Dickerson steps onto the floor, steadies her body on the balance beam or swings from the uneven bars, her effort is 100 percent.

But unfortunately for the junior all-around competitor, the scores she receives do not always match her intensity.

While Dickerson has bounced back considerably this year from a sophomore slump, her scores have lacked consistency.

In nine meets competing in all-around, she has four totals of at least 39.575, but four lower than or equal to 39.275.

"She's human and she's been for the whole season lights out as an all-arounder," coach Rhonda Faehn said.

"We don't expect the athlete to hold that every single competition."

At the Southeastern Conference Championships on March 24, Dickerson had an up-and-down afternoon, posting a 39.20 to place 11th out of 17 all-around competitors.

Beginning her competition on beam, she wobbled on her series and took a step on her dismount after trying to move too fast. On floor exercise, she struggled with finding the right timing.

Dickerson tallied a 9.775 on both events.

"The floor itself, I'm not making excuses for anybody, but it seemed like everybody had trouble adjusting to the floor a little bit," Faehn said. "Our athletes were working it too hard and then realized it, so then [Dickerson] went easier on the last pass and came up a little short."

After resting during Florida's second bye period, Dickerson recorded a 9.9 on vault to help the Gators

make a furious rally to the top of the leaderboard. Although she took a hop back on her landing, she said it was much better than taking an extra step.

"I just kind of did what I usually do in practice on vault," Dickerson said. "What we've been working on is trying as hard as we could to get the landing."

She struggled on bars to close out the competition, scoring a 9.75 after hitting her foot on the bar before taking a step on her dismount. Despite the low score, Faehn said she was impressed with Dickerson's bars routine.

"She went too hard for the stick, so she came up short because she opened it up a little early," Faehn said. "But her handstands were the best she's done all year. She's done a great job working on her execution and getting her handstands up."

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**Ashanée Dickerson**

junior gymnastics all-around competitor

When No. 1 Florida heads to Raleigh, N.C., for the NCAA Regional this Saturday, Dickerson will look to avenge her dismal performance at regionals last year.

She posted a career-best 39.70 to win the all-around title by a margin of .25 points at the 2010 regionals, but the following season she stumbled on beam (8.475) to record a collegiate-worst 38.

"She always wants to be able to do the absolute best," Faehn said.

"She's going to come back and work on the little mistakes here and there. She continually strives each day in practice to try and get better."

## PREVIEWING THE ORANGE AND BLUE DEBUT

With the Gators' annual spring game, the Orange and Blue Debut, scheduled for this Saturday, we at alligatorSports want to get you prepared. Each day this week, we will give you a new piece from three separate top-five lists: something to look for during the spring game, an area the team must improve upon in 2012 and a major storyline to follow as the spring season comes to a close. Today, we look at the offense under new coordinator Brent Pease, the inside run game and the A.C. Leonard situation.

### ► SOMETHING TO LOOK FOR DURING SATURDAY'S GAME:

#### 4. Brent Pease's new offense

While the offensive gameplan for the spring game is generally very vanilla, Florida is in a unique situation this season in that there isn't much settled on that side of the ball, meaning there is plenty of work to be done in a simulated game environment. Both sophomore



Pease

quarterbacks need plenty of reps and the same can be said for the inexperienced stable of running backs. There isn't a proven receiver in the bunch, and there's still several newcomers to work into the fold. Plus, the Gators need all the time they can get to adjust to Pease and his new wrinkles, as the first-year offensive coordinator has

said that he plans to utilize in UF's offense the motion and misdirection that made Boise State so successful. While much of the playbook hasn't changed and Pease isn't reinventing the wheel, Florida's players have plenty to adjust to in terms of pre-snap reads and motions. During Saturday's game, look to see how much Pease and the Gators actually show, and how cleanly the offense executes. Last season, the offense didn't inspire much confidence in that regard, and things are only getting more difficult this year.

### ► AREA THAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT:

#### 4. The inside run game

We know you have heard it a million times already, but Florida must find a way to run the ball successfully this season without its two best backs from a year ago.

While the departures of Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey obviously leave a gaping hole in terms of production, the Gators' run game could actually improve through addition by subtraction. For all their talent, Demps and Rainey struggled running the ball between the tackles, especially against the top teams in the Southeastern Conference. In six losses, Florida averaged 61.8 rushing yards per game (76.5) and was out-gained in all but one. Based purely



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on measurables, Mike Gillislee, Mack Brown, Omarius Hines and incoming freshman Matt Jones all possess greater straight-ahead ability than Demps or Rainey. The offensive line has been a focus of increased physicality, and well, girth, which should theoretically help open holes in the run game. With either Jacoby Brissett or Jeff Driskel leading the offense, the Gators will need all the help they can get from the run game.

### ► STORYLINE TO WATCH:

#### 4. A.C. Leonard and The Florida Way

Will Muschamp made a big fuss in his introductory press conference about cleaning up the program he inherited. Under Urban Meyer, Florida developed a reputation for fostering a criminal atmosphere and failing to punish wrong-



Leonard

doers. Muschamp made waves initially with the dismissal of Janoris Jenkins and the shooing out of several others who were clearly up to no good, but now he's faced with his first real pickle. Leonard was arrested in February after an allegedly brutal fight with his girlfriend and

he was officially charged with battery last week. Muschamp hardly had anything to say at the time of the arrest, releasing a statement through the university, saying, "This behavior will not be tolerated." Leonard was suspended at the time, but he has since returned to practice and could play Saturday in the spring game. Muschamp has said that Leonard is not out of the woods yet and still has to earn his spot back, but is that really enough?

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