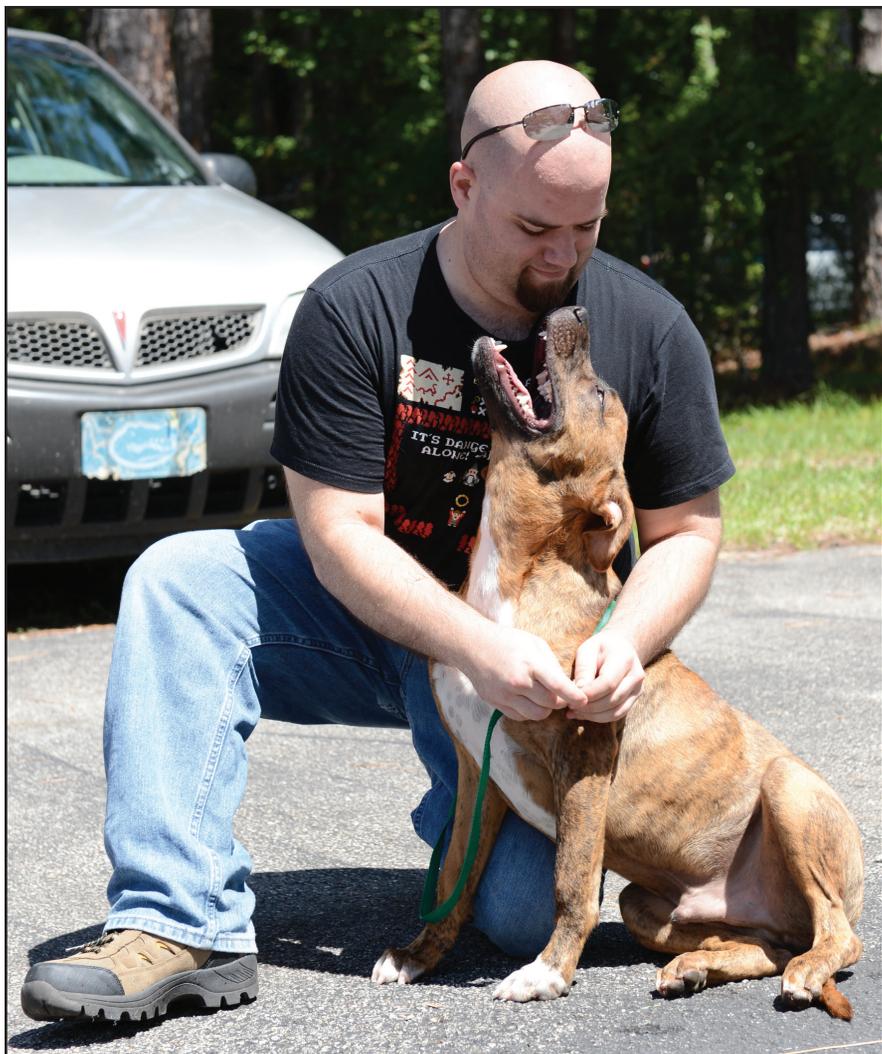




This week's category for The Alligator Awards is "Best Comeback." See graphic, page 16.



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Puppy Love

Tim Forbes, 29, puts a leash on his new dog, Graham, at the Summer Lovin' Adoptathon held Saturday. Read the story on page 3.

UF student, hit-and-run victim, died Wednesday

A memorial will be held in Gainesville on July 28

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH and CLARE LENNON

Alligator Staff Writers

UF junior Rebecca Harris died Wednesday night from injuries she sustained after being hit by a car while riding her bicycle June 23.

Shands at UF spokesman Andrew Ragsdale confirmed that Harris died at the hospital Wednesday night.

As Harris, 20, crossed Southwest 16th Avenue at about 12:50 a.m. She was struck by a white sedan that continued eastbound.

When police found the car, it was abandoned.

Jessica Paige Becerra, a 22-year old UF

alumna, was driving the car, according to Gainesville Police. She was arrested on a felony charge of hit and run resulting in an injury.

Harris was taken to Shands at UF and treated for two broken legs, a broken arm and severe head trauma, according to Alligator archives.

Harris was a member of Theta Alpha, a Christian sorority, and friends filled her Facebook page with messages showing their support and, later, their grief.

Harris' family will hold two memorials. The service in Gainesville will be at 11 a.m. July 28 at First Assembly of God, 2925 NW 39th Ave. There will also be a service in her hometown in Orlando at 1 p.m. Aug. 4 at Summit Church, 735 Herndon Ave.

Sisters of the Sea, a nonprofit female surfing organization, is holding a memorial paddle-out Sunday starting at the St. Augustine Pier, 350 A1A Beach Boulevard.

Contact Benjamin S. Brasch at bbrasch@alligator.org and Clare Lennon at clennon@alligator.org.



Harris

FAMU Board decides president will step down immediately

HE HAD PLANNED TO RESIGN IN OCTOBER.

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Staff Writer

The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees decided at an emergency meeting Monday that President James Ammons will step

down from his position immediately.

Last week, Ammons announced his plan to resign in October after a hazing death and other issues.

The board agreed to pay Ammons his 2010-2011 bonus of \$81,250. Due to his contract, the board will also pay him a 2011-2012 bonus of \$17,062, according to a press release.

In June, eight Board of Trustees



Ammons

members announced they had no confidence in Ammons as president.

FAMU has been under public scrutiny for months after drum major Robert Champion, 26, was beaten to

death in a hazing incident. The university also faced an investigation of fraud in the band's finances and issues with accreditation, according to Alligator archives.

FAMU Provost Larry Robinson will assume the role.

"I am grateful for this opportunity to serve at this critical time in the university's history," Robinson said in a statement. "There is work

to be done and I stand ready to do my absolute best to keep FAMU on its path of success. During this period, I look forward to serving our students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters."

The Board of Trustees must confirm Robinson's appointment at its next scheduled meeting in August.

Contact Samantha Shavell at sshavell@alligator.org.

BUDGET

Physical Plant employees affected by university budget cuts

KATHERINE HAHN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Foster McHome has seen a lot of changes since he began working at the UF Physical Plant Division 24 years ago.

He remembers when there were more than 1,000 employees and when he felt his trade school skills were valued. He remembers when a worker cleaned only one floor of a building.

University budget cuts have brought

difficulties for more UF employees than just the professors. Physical plant employees working to maintain 900 campus buildings are feeling the effects as well.

McHome, 59, said there are too many buildings and not enough workers. UF

pays about 800 physical plant employees.

"It used be fun to come to work," said Maryann Longarzo, 52, who has worked for the Building Services Department since 1998. "Now, we come exhausted."

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Food truck to come to campus this fall

Survey shows students want Latin cuisine on campus, pg 3.

Machen announces plan to fund budget shortfall

UF will reallocate \$4 million, read the story at alligator.org.



Tennessee man travels by horse-drawn wagon to Florida

He spend nine weeks in his wagon, pg. 8.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

First Generation Student Organization welcomes new students

We would like to invite you to our general body meetings, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 17 and July 31 in CSE E221. Join us for a good time with great company and free food! If you would like to receive updates on our organization please join us at ufl.collegiatelink.net/organization/FirstGen. Email us at fgso.uf@gmail.com or visit our website at fos.ufsa.ufl.edu/programs/student_organization.

Toastmasters meet Tuesdays

Talking Gators Toastmasters meets at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, room 1031, 970 Natural Area Drive, east of the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on UF's campus. Toastmasters provides a positive atmosphere to learn public speaking and leadership skills. For more information, visit talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org/. Talking Gators is also on Facebook.

An informal conversation with Leela Corman

6:15 p.m., July 18
Architecture and Fine Arts Library
Graphic author and illustrator Corman will discuss her new graphic novel UNTERZAKHN, a graphic novel of immigrant life on New York's Lower East Side at the turn of the 20th century, as seen through the eyes of twin sisters whose lives take radically and tragically different paths. Light refreshments and a book sale and signing will follow. For more information, visit <http://blogs.uflib.ufl.edu/news/2012/06/04/authorsuf-leela-corman/>.

Torah on Tap

8 p.m. to 9 p.m., July 18
Join us for pizza and drinks as we discuss what Judaism has to say about hot topics. On tap this week: social justice. Meet on the back porch of Leonardo's By The Slice, 1245 W. University

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Got something going on?

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NATIONAL

90-year-old Maine man skydives for first time

PITTSFIELD, Maine — A Maine man who learned how to use a parachute as a Navy pilot during World War II has finally made his first jump — at age 90.

Lester Slate of Exeter jumped out of a plane for the first time on Sunday at Pittsfield Airport and was guided to the ground by a tandem jumper, and accompanied by another skydiver trailing a U.S. flag.

The jump was a 90th birthday present to himself. More than 50 family and friends watched.

Slate tells the Bangor Daily News he was inspired by former president George H.W. Bush, who jumped from an airplane on his 85th birthday in 2009.

Slate says he had such a good time he wants to do it again — on his 95th or 100th birthday.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alaska town: Feline mayor is the cat's pajamas

TALKEETNA, Alaska — The mayor of a sleepy Alaskan town is feline fine.

The part-Manx cat clawed his way onto the political scene of Talkeetna, Alaska, through a write-in campaign shortly after

he was born 15 years ago.

KTUU-TV reported Friday that residents didn't like the mayoral candidates years ago, so they encouraged enough people to elect Stubbs as a write-in candidate. The town has nearly 900 residents.

Although his position is honorary, Stubbs' popularity is real. His election earned him enough press to catapult the town at the base of Mount McKinley into a tourist destination.

Residents say they're happy that their stubby-tailed mayor is promoting tourism. The general store where Stubbs hangs out says it gets dozens of tourists a day asking for him.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two-faced kitten dies in RI; had 4 eyes, 24 toes

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A kitten with two faces born days ago in Rhode Island has died.

His name was Gemini. He had four eyes, two noses, two mouths, two ears and 24 toes — seven on each front paw and five each on the back.

WJAR-TV reports Gemini died Friday. He was one of five kittens in his litter. He was tiny enough to fit in the palm of a hand.

His owners in Providence say he had two tracheas going into one throat. They fed him by bottle because he ate very slowly.

Veterinarian Ernest Finocchio is president of the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He says he'd never seen such a kitten. He says it could've been twins that didn't separate properly.

Two-faced kittens are very rare and seldom survive.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS

Alachua County Animal Services hosts summer Adoptathon

BRETT LE BLANC

Alligator Staff Writer

Among the shouts of children searching for their new pet Saturday afternoon sat Oz, a 9-year-old pit bull mix, patiently waiting for his turn.

Families stopped to look at his chart, but once they saw how old he was, they moved on.

Oz was one of 195 cats and dogs up for adoption Saturday at the

the third annual Summer Lovin' Adoptathon at Alachua County Animal Services.

The event started at 10 a.m., but people were at the shelter as early as 7:40 a.m.

"It's like Black Friday," said Courtney Butts, a 25-year-old second-year UF veterinary student and event volunteer.

Adoptions were \$5, and the animals came vaccinated, spayed or neutered, microchipped and de-

wormed. The new owners also received toys, a collar, a leash and a bag of food.

Normally, the cost of adoptions is \$85 for dogs and \$75 for cats.

UF students and other volunteers organized the event.

One of them was Stephanie Hon, a 24-year-old second-year UF veterinary student and public relations director for the Adoptathon. Although she was glad to see so many puppies and kittens going to

loving homes, she was rooting for Oz.

"I'm a sucker for old dogs," Hon said.

Unknown to the potential owners, a special gift basket would be given to the person who took home the oldest dog, and a piece of cat furniture would be given to the new owner of the oldest cat.

"The main thing," Hon said, "is finding a home for the animals."

The adoptathon found homes

for 183 pets — about three times the shelter's average monthly adoption rate.

Volunteers will continue to work to find homes for the nine cats and three dogs that didn't get adopted.

Oz found himself without a permanent owner at the end of Saturday, but all hope isn't lost for him.

His new foster family already wants to adopt him.

Contact Brett Le Blanc at bleblanc@alligator.org

Food truck might come to UF in fall

MONIVETTE CORDEIRO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Soon, students may be able to enjoy a meal cooked and served out of a food truck on UF's campus.

UF Gator Dining Services sent out an email to students that announced a food truck would be a new dining option on campus.

The email included a survey asking students what cuisine, location and time slot they would prefer.

So far, survey results indicate students want a food truck serving Latin cuisine near Turlington Plaza

and Plaza of the Americas, said Jill Rodriguez, marketing program manager for Gator Dining Services.

"The opportunity to introduce a mobile food truck on campus allows us to reach more students, faculty and staff."

Jill Rodriguez
marketing program manager

Rodriguez said in an email that one food truck will make its debut in the fall.

"The opportunity to introduce a mobile food truck on campus allows

us to reach more students, faculty and staff," she said.

The food trucks would only complement existing dining options on campus, not take away their customers, Rodriguez said.

Justin Correll, a UF electrical engineering junior, said he would want Latin American cuisine, especially around lunchtime. Although he'd never heard of a food truck, he wants to try it.

"I try to eat at home to save money, but maybe if it was reasonably priced, like \$4 or \$5, I'd try it," he said.



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A man crashed his car into the brick seating area outside of The Hub while possibly driving under the influence early Saturday morning. University Police and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office are investigating the crash to see if there are any other charges.

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STUDENT LIFE

Dance Marathon at UF 2012 wins pair of national awards

KELLY PRICE

Alligator Contributing Writer

A big year for Dance Marathon at UF started with LMFAO's "Party Rock Anthem," and came to a close Sunday as the event claimed two national awards.

DM at UF took home most innovative event and best social media campaign at the Dance Marathon Leadership Conference.

Eden Joyner, the public relations overall director for DM last year, said a video using music from the song was the first of many videos

that helped the event win those awards.

"I wanted that video to get everybody excited," she said. "And it did."

When she got the job, she realized the event didn't have a comprehensive YouTube account. Twenty-one videos and \$886,716.15 worth of donations later, Joyner said the social media approach was a success because it did its job: raising awareness.

During DM, Joyner said, participants were encouraged to tweet about seven celebrities in an effort to get a trending hashtag on Twitter. YouTube star Dom Mazzetti even gave the

event a shout-out.

Twenty-year-old advertising junior Nicole Martinez was one of the event's public relations captains last year. This year, she's the new public relations director.

"I wanted that video to get everybody excited."

Eden Joyner

public relations overall director for Dance Marathon

She remembers getting two hours of sleep and running around the Stephen C. O'Connell

Center, shooting photos and videos to upload to Facebook and Twitter.

She said DM won most innovative event, though, because of the programs for families and children at the 26.2-hour event. The family room had an "around the world theme," she said, and children were given a scavenger hunt with activities like "Hug a Dancer."

"To me, the award really means that at the University of Florida, we really do have one of the best Dance Marathons," she said. "Now, we'll strive to do even more."

Florida Museum of Natural History starts project from grant
The National Science Foundation gave \$455,330

JOSHUA MINCHIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Florida Museum of Natural History likes large items.

Massive skeletons.

Impressive fossils.

Sizeable grants from the National Science Foundation.

The vertebrate paleontology division of the

Florida Museum of Natural History recently received its largest collections support grant ever.

The National Science Foundation gave the museum \$455,330 for its vertebrate paleontology collection. The maximum amount the NSF provides for collections is \$500,000.

The amount the museum received was the exact amount requested, which is not usually the case, said Richard Hulbert Jr., vertebrate

paleontology collections manager at the museum.

The museum received the money May 1, but the project is just now getting underway, Hulbert said.

The grant will allow the museum to buy new cabinets and hire extra help for the identification of about 40,000 extra specimens. It will also allow the museum to hire another employee and to digitize its collection, Hul-

bert said.

With the grant money, the museum can prepare the fossils that were found locally, said Jason Bourque, preparator and researcher at the museum.

Hulbert said it will help the university boost its research reputation.

"Any time we can make a major upgrade to our research capabilities that benefits our graduate students, it helps us attract new and better graduate students," Hulbert said. "It's just part of increasing the scientific research capabilities of the university."

Storm brings more mosquitoes

► DATA SHOWS NO MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES IN ALACHUA COUNTY.

MELANIE WRIGHT

Alligator Contributing Writer

The deadliest animal in the world is fragile. It's minuscule. It's the female mosquito.

Alachua County is buzzing with activity after the deluge of Tropical Storm Debby created ideal breeding conditions for the parasitic bugs and activated eggs dormant for years.

"We have a boom right now," said Anthony Dennis, environmental health director at the Alachua County Health Department.

The mosquitoes' saliva can transmit diseases such as Eastern equine encephalitis and West Nile virus, UF entomology professor Phil Koehler said.

But disease isn't the only concern.

Domestic animals die of suffocation from inhaling swarms of mosquitoes, Koehler said.

Residents of Alachua County, however, can breathe a sigh of relief.

Dennis said surveillance data shows no record of mosquito-borne diseases in the area.

"I remember when the rain was coming down," Koehler said. "I was telling everybody to wait 10 or 14 days and we'd have a lot of mosquitoes. We have five years of mosquitoes coming out right now."

The city has been spraying for mosquitoes since late June, but staying inside during dawn and dusk reduces the chance of encountering mosquitoes and disease organisms they carry.

"If you encounter one mosquito or one bear, obviously you don't want to encounter the bear," Koehler said. "But from the standpoint of what's dangerous, it's the mosquito."

Man chokes mother over demons

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH

Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville man choked his mother because he thought she had demons.

Michael Anthony Henderson Jr., 29, was arrested on a third-degree felony domestic battery charge early Sunday morning, according to a Gainesville Police report.

Henderson stared down his mother, Gloria Henderson, 52, and Eugene Scott, because he said he thought both of them had demons in them.

His mother, whom he lives with, told him to stop staring.

Henderson lifted his mother by her

throat and started to choke her with both hands, according to the report. Her neck was swollen and scratched.

Henderson left before police arrived, but returned only to leave when more officers arrived.

Officers and a K-9 unit tracked him from Northeast Third Avenue to Northeast 10th Street where they saw Henderson at the 700 block, GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias wrote an email.

Henderson didn't speak after police read him his Miranda rights.

He is in jail with bail set at \$25,000.

Contact Ben Brasch at bbrasch@alligator.org.

UF hires short-term workers instead of long-term union workers



David Carr / Alligator Staff

Archie DubBois, 51, a UF Physical Plant employee, finishes up a day of pressure washing the sidewalk in front of Walker Hall on Monday afternoon.

PHYSICAL, from page 1

All UF salaries increased by 2 percent in 2009, said vice president for Human Resource Services Paula Fussell. Since then, the university has issued merit-based raises, and then a 3 percent raise, intended to offset Gov. Rick Scott's now-overruled order that state employees contribute to their retirements.

Building services employee Alberta Hopkins Walls, 63, said her workload at the Particle Engineering Research Center has doubled in the last four years.

She has been president of the 3340 chapter of the American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees for about eight years.

The chapter has about 15 members, Walls said. UF no longer hires 30-year contract union members, instead hiring non-union workers through one-year contracts.

Walls expressed concern about private contractors replacing the Physical Plant Division.

Fussell said the university is not planning to outsource the division. Some vacant or unnecessary jobs, however, have been eliminated or

reassigned to other workers.

Curtis Reynolds, vice president for business affairs at UF, said the division has been testing out what he calls high-performance work teams for about six months. The goal is for groups of workers to service designated areas.

"It used be fun to come to work. Now, we come exhausted."

Maryann Longarzo

Building Services

The initiative could save money, said Reynolds, who used to be the physical plant's assistant vice president. However, he said the method only seems effective for clusters of buildings.

He said there is no plan to downsize, but the primary concern is to best serve the university with available funds.

"If that means getting more efficient, we'll do it," he said.

McHome said work conditions aren't what they were 24 years ago, but he still has a wife and two daughters to support.

"We're here because we need a job," he said.

.. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..



Alligator File Photo

Former pastor William Wesley Lee, left, strums on his guitar while homeless Vietnam War veteran Geary Allen Springer plays harmonica at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza in downtown Gainesville in 2009.

July 18, 1963: The Alligator names UF President J. Wayne Reitz as its 1962-63 man of the year. The newspaper selected Reitz based on nominations by faculty, staff and the Student Body. In 1962, Reitz challenged the Florida Legislature to provide more funding for state colleges, which was met with widespread support.

July 16, 1991: A UF assistant professor's father, Lt. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault, is honored with a commemorative stamp and veteran's status. Chennault led the "Flying Tigers" into China on Dec. 20, 1941. The Tigers destroyed at least 286 Japanese military aircraft in aerial warfare during its eight-month existence. Chennault formed the volunteer group, and it was absorbed in 1942 by the 14th Army Air Force.

July 14, 1992: A 22-year-old Gainesville man comes forward to University Police saying he's responsible for seven to eight incidents of public masturbation on campus. In early June, students began

reporting seeing a man masturbating in the wooded area between Beaty Towers West and Jennings Hall dormitories. On July 3, two female students saw the nude man masturbating in the woods northwest of Beaty Towers. When the two students walking toward Museum Road saw the man, he apologized to them and walked away.

July 16, 2009: The National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty rank Gainesville among the fifth meanest cities in the nation toward homelessness for the second time in a row. Criteria for the list include the number of anti-homeless laws in the city and the enforcement of those laws. Gainesville was cited for insensitive panhandling and public spaces laws, limiting the amount of food a religious group could give the homeless, and forcing people off campsites without offering them an alternative place to go.

— **CHRIS ALCANTARA and SAMANTHA SHAVELL**

CREATIVE B

THIS WEEK:

Get Creative at UF!

July 17, 8 PM: 2012 Swamp Dance Fest: Dance Film Screening, Free, G-6 in Nadine McGuire Pavilion. Info: (352) 273-0526.

July 18, 6:15 PM: Authors @ UF: Leela Corman, Free, Architecture and Fine Arts Library. Info: (352) 273-2505.

July 20, 7 PM (Doors open at 6 PM): Movie Series: Jurassic Park, Free, Florida Museum of Natural History in UF Cultural Plaza. Info: (352) 273-2061.

July 20, 5 PM: 2012 Swamp Dance Fest: Public Performance, Free, G-6 in Nadine McGuire Pavilion. Info: (352) 273-0526.

July 21, 1 – 2:30 PM: 2012 Swamp Dance Fest: Public Community Gaga People Class, Free, G-6 in Nadine McGuire Pavilion. Info: (352) 273-0526.

July 21, 1 PM (Check-In) and July 22, 2 PM (Deadline & Public Viewing): 3rd Annual UFPA Film Competition, Free, Squitieri Studio Theatre in the Phillips Center. Info: (352) 273-2457.

July 21, 1 PM: Central and South American Weaving Gallery Talk, Free, Harn Museum of Art. Info: (352) 392-9826.

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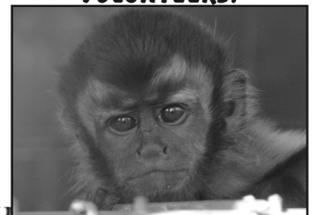
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Editorial

Deputy Dilemma Wrongful police shooting deserves serious review

Imagine it's 1:30 a.m. and you're in your apartment. You hear a knock on the door.

If you own a weapon, you would probably grab it, just in case.

For 26-year-old Andrew Lee Scott of Lake County, Fla., that decision would lead to his death.

On Sunday, Lake County Sheriff's Office deputies were pursuing an attempted murder suspect when they mistakenly knocked on Scott's apartment door. Scott answered the door with his gun drawn at the deputies, who then shot and killed him.

Unfortunately, Scott was not the suspect deputies were chasing. Deputies knocked on Scott's door because the suspect's motorcycle was parked across from his front door.

Scott likely approached his front door with a gun because the deputies did not identify themselves, according to Lake County Officials, for safety reasons.

This was a tragedy that could have easily been avoided. When the deputies chased a suspect into the complex, they should have known that they could be knocking on anyone's door. It seems like knocking on a random door unannounced is less safe than yelling, "Police!"

Lt. John Herrell told WESH Orlando, "The bottom line is, you point a gun at a deputy sheriff or police officer, you're going to get shot."

While that might be the case under normal circumstances, this should not be used as an excuse to justify the deputies' actions. Scott was likely startled by the unannounced knock, and it's not a crime to be cautious in your own home (or at least it shouldn't be one).

Scott was not suspected of any crime and police did not have probable cause to enter his apartment unannounced. Central Florida News 13's coverage of the story makes Scott appear more worthy of his untimely demise — its story leads with "A Lake County man with a criminal history is dead after a confrontation with deputies."

While it's true that Scott had a criminal history and that drugs were found in Scott's apartment, those facts have little to do with his death.

The deputies who killed Scott are currently on administrative leave, and if the events transpired as stated, the deputies should be fired and charged with his death.

While police are there to enforce the law, their badges do not make them above the law. If police wrongly kill someone, they should face the same consequences as anyone else.

Reader response

Today's question: Would you eat at a food truck on Turlington Plaza?

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HE LIVED THROUGH THE GREAT SUPPRESSION..

Column

Voter purges are an affront to democracy

The 2012 presidential election is coming up soon and both sides are gearing up for an all-out battle. President Obama and the Democrats have been working overtime to win over groups like the LGBTQ and immigrant communities, while the Republicans have been tirelessly working toward systematic voting purges.

From my first day in a U.S. elementary school, I was taught that voting was part and parcel of what made this country strong. If I was unhappy with a policy, with a public official or with an impending bill, I could use my ability to vote and take part in the democratic process.

In middle school, I learned about the Electoral College and how it stood in the way of my vote. The college creates a sort of middleman in the American electoral process, and so much has been lost in translation. Of course, I'm referring to the 2000 presidential election where the candidate who won the national popular vote lost the election.

Now in Florida, voter purging has become all the rage. Gov. Rick Scott has won his lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security to have access to the SAVE Database. SAVE stands for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements. This database contains the names of residents who have yet to become U.S. citizens and therefore can't vote.

If one were to overlook this breach of privacy and look into the actual accuracy of the database, one would find, according to the Orlando Sentinel, that research has shown it to be outdated or have faulty information.

A preliminary search based on driver's license information found 2,625 suspected non-citizens. A closer look, conducted by the Tampa Bay Times, found that the majority of those suspected were U.S. citizens and only a handful were non-citizens.



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Despite the flaws in Florida's methods, Scott's victory and his gleeful enthusiasm at purging the polls have inspired other states to implement similar measures. Ohio, Michigan, New Mexico and Iowa are backing up our governor and

giving Florida two thumbs up.

It's important to ensure the purity of our elections process, but instituting a faulty search system has resulted in a thinly veiled witch hunt in the name of combating voter fraud.

Voter fraud has not become the norm, and there are few cases that show otherwise. However, the extreme obsession on restricting certain groups from voting is skewing our rights as democratic citizens.

Our country's main call to democracy was the ability to voice our opinions. Today, our options are becoming increasingly limited.

The whole process continues to give credence to the emerging phrase, "Democracy for the few."

The veil obscuring the corruption in our government is thinning daily. Soon it will disappear, and all we'll have left is the dark truth that democracy for the majority disappeared a long time ago.

Don't let the fancy rhetoric of these purges fool you. It's just another method to remove a group's representation. Be aware and learn the truth behind the words.

Today, you may not think these restrictions mean anything, but don't say you weren't warned when tomorrow you find yourself without a voice.

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Column

Rape jokes should not be used as weapons, especially against individuals

Q: What is a phrase you don't expect to hear in a comedy club environment?

A: "Wouldn't it be funny if that girl got raped by like, five guys right now? Like right now? What if a bunch of guys just raped her?"

This is what stand-up comedian Daniel Tosh allegedly said to a woman during a show last week, according to an anonymous friend of Tumblr user "breakfastcookie."

Her account of the incident said Tosh, at one point during his act, started making "very generalizing, declarative statements about rape jokes always being funny, how can a rape joke not be funny, (and) rape is hilarious."

According to the comedy club owner, Jamie Masada, Tosh asked the crowd what they would like to talk about, and someone sitting in the audience suggested rape.

At this point, the targeted woman said she yelled, "Actually, rape jokes are never funny!"

"A woman in the audience started screaming, 'No, rape is painful, don't talk about it,'" Masada said.

He said Tosh didn't joke about rape, but that the comedian instead came back with a comment such as: "Well, it sounds like she's been raped by five guys."

"I should probably add that having to basically flee while Tosh was enthusing about how hilarious it would be if I was gang-raped in that small, claustrophobic room was pretty viscerally terrifying and threatening all the same, even if the actual scenario was unlikely to take place," the woman Tosh directed the comment at said. "The suggestion of it is violent enough and was meant to put me in my place."

So, while the differences between these accounts may bother some people, the main fact rings true in both of them: Tosh used a rape joke/comment as a defense mechanism against a displeased audience member.

Some of you who are familiar with Tosh's work may argue that has been known to make offensive jokes about a multitude of topics.

You may wonder why the world is taking such issue with this instance.



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Four years ago, the powers that be brought Tosh to perform at Claremont McKenna College in California. Blogger Charles Johnson thought the college could have made a better choice in its visiting comedian.

Johnson thought some of

Tosh's jokes were too offensive or disgusting. These are some of the problems he has with Tosh:

- He insults homosexuals, the homeless, and "midgets" in his routine, suggesting that midgets aren't real people and that they are responsible for the election of President Bush.
- He says some rather suggestive and disgusting things about Asian women.
- He goes after ethnic stereotypes at every possible bit.
- He compared President Bush to a retarded child.
- He then goes on to call women "whores" and "stupid" and encourages women to get "boob jobs."

Are comedians SUPPOSED to be offensive?

No.

Are some jokes that they make going to be offensive to some people?

Yes.

What matters most is location, location, location.

Tosh didn't mention rape as a part of his standup comedy act. He used it as a weapon against a "heckler."

Tosh put rape in an ordinary comedy club setting, which instantly made light of a very serious act of violence.

That's what the problem is; it isn't the fact that he made an offensive joke.

The issue here is instead that he pointedly made a rape comment directly about an audience member.

That's not OK.

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Guest column

World powers running out of options for Iran

After a decade of diplomatic talks that saw the Iranian government repeatedly bait and switch the international community in a deliberate effort to buy more time for its nuclear program, even many skeptics anticipated a new outcome from last month's Baghdad talks between Iran and the six world powers (the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany).

The Iranian economy and the Iranian government's finances have been suffering under the most crippling economic sanctions of Iran's post-revolutionary history.

Amid report after report of Iran's collapsing economy and unprecedented global isolation, it finally appeared as if Iran had re-evaluated its position when the Iranian nuclear chief, Fereydoon Abbasi, indicated Iran would consider suspending uranium enrichment as part of any deal with the six world powers.

By the second day of the Baghdad talks, it grew apparent negotiations were going nowhere as Iran insisted on its right to enrich uranium. The talks ended with no deal.

Three days later, contradicting his previous statements, Abbasi unequivocally declared Iran would not suspend uranium enrichment. Iran's nuclear chief then insisted that Iran would continue to enrich uranium to a degree of purity reaching or surpassing 20 percent.

Once again, Iran had misled the international community.

We would live in a fundamentally more dangerous world the day after Iran acquired a nuclear weapon. All of our calculations about global security would be seriously altered for the worse.

A nuclear Iran could deal a historic setback to the international community's nonproliferation goals.

Dan Dimatteo Speaking Out

Diplomatic milestones like the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968, courageous efforts like Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev working together to reduce American and Russian stockpiles,

and global efforts to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty could all be effectually undone by an Iranian acquisition of nuclear weapons.

If Pakistan was not above peddling nuclear materials and secrets in the international black market for years without detection, an outlaw state like Iran certainly presents a similar risk.

Moreover, a nuclear Iran would likely provoke a nuclear arms race in the Middle East, a nightmare scenario for global security. Saudi Arabia has already announced its intention to aggressively pursue nuclear weapons in the event that Iran acquires them first.

Turkey, Egypt and Jordan have also been mentioned as potential proliferators. Nuclear gamesmanship in the world's most unstable region could also re-escalate a nuclear standoff between India and Pakistan.

Finally, there is the threat that Iran would deliver a nuclear bomb to its terrorist agents.

To appreciate just how urgent the Iranian situation has become, it was recently confirmed that Iran has been enriching its uranium stockpiles up to 27 percent. While Iran claims the enrichment is for a research reactor, most civilian reactors use uranium enriched to just 4 or 5 percent.

While 27 percent seems far away from the 90 percent enrichment threshold for weapons-grade uranium, enrichment is not a straight-line process; it is more of a curved exponential process. As a result, Iranian enrichment is estimated to be about 80 percent of the way toward producing nuclear weapons-grade uranium.

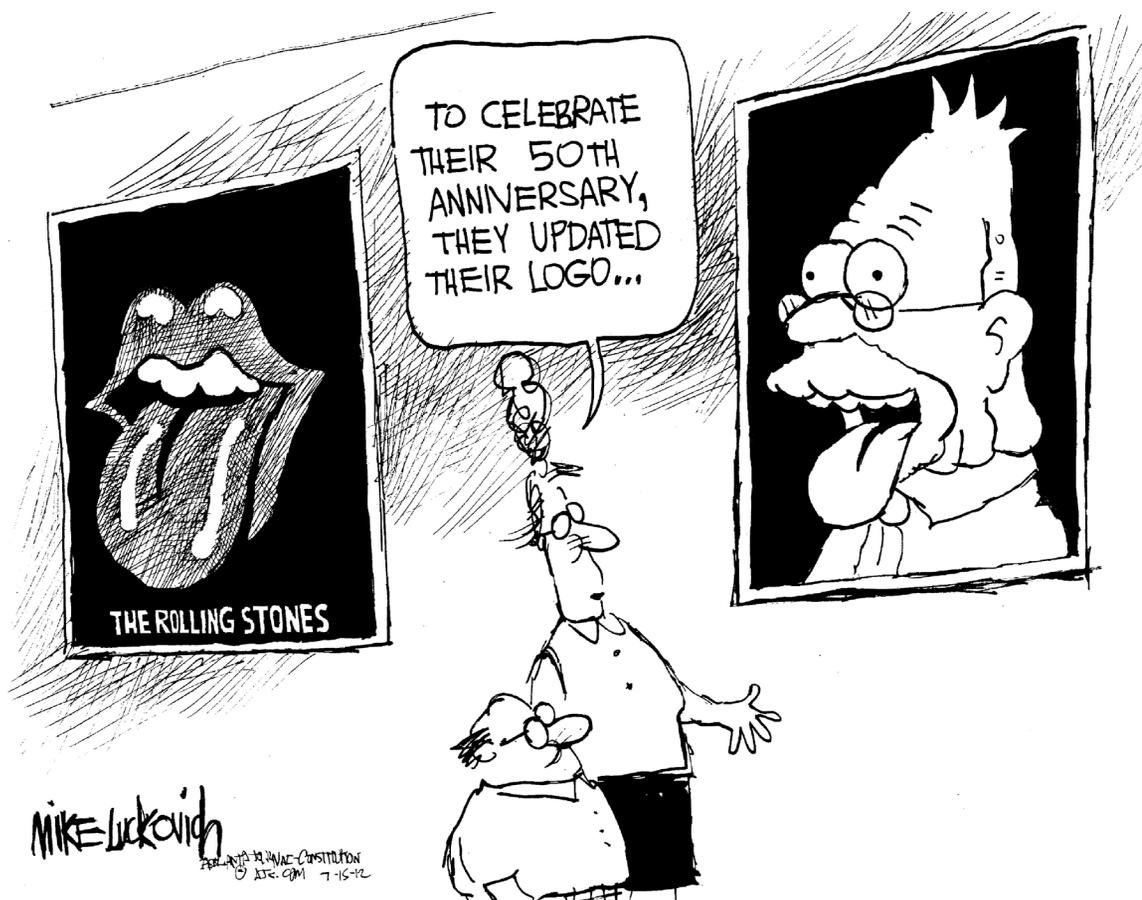
The Obama administration deserves praise for uniting the world against Iran's nuclear program. Under the president's leadership, Iran has faced an unprecedented degree of economic and political isolation.

The price of a military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities is certain to be unpredictable and destabilizing, and the president of the United States is responsible and wise to exhaust all alternative options first. The sanctions should be given more time to work.

However, Iran's behavior at the Baghdad talks reflected an irrational commitment to nuclear proliferation in the face of economic and social ruin.

There is simply no telling where Iran's breaking point is, and the time is soon when it will become too risky to find out.

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TRAVEL

Tennessee man drives horse-drawn wagon to Florida

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FORT WHITE — Mark Weissenberg says he has felt the heartbeat of America.

Inside his 7-by-14-foot wagon, the 66-year-old Cleveland, Tenn., native lies sideways on top of a memory foam mattress as he fiddles with pillows to support his aching back.

Weissenberg spent most of Friday sleeping, a luxury for him after spending nearly nine and half weeks traveling almost 600 miles by horse and wagon from Tennessee to Florida.

But the trip was well worth it, he said.

"This was my only shot," he said. "How many more opportunities am I going to have? This is it."

As a child, Weissenberg grew up idolizing famous Western film stars like John Wayne. He dreamed of one day becoming a cowboy himself, and his yearning only grew.

His wife, Romona, suggested a dude ranch, but Weissenberg refused, insisting he wanted to do something on his own.

And then the idea came to him: a trip to Florida in a horse-drawn wagon to see a side of America he said has been lost.

In November, Weissenberg searched through eBay to find a wagon that would be suitable for his trip. According to his trip journal, he found a \$1,100 wagon frame after four hours.

Two months later, the frame from northern Michigan arrived at his home, and the work began.

When Weissenberg told his family about his plan, he was met with mixed emotions.

His wife disapproved of the trip because of safety concerns. But Karen Lambert, 45, Weissenberg's stepdaughter, was happy for him to

follow his dream.

After nearly six months of working with luan wood and Styrofoam — including one rebuild — Weissenberg completed his rig.

"It wasn't built the best, but it did the job for me," he said.

Like a small apartment, the wagon was outfitted with an air conditioning unit, Wi-Fi Internet, a small bed, a fridge and a generator.

According to his journal, the wagon and supplies for the trip cost Weissenberg about \$16,000.

"This is not your daddy's wagon," Weissenberg joked.

Gadgets wouldn't get him there, though. He also needed horses.

To pull his 3,500-pound caravan, in April Weissenberg bought Sussie and Clara Jo, two 12-year-old Percheron horses, at \$3,500 each. Then he was ready.

Before he left, several friends and neighbors visited Weissenberg at his home to wish him farewell.

Rabbi Shaul Perlstein, co-director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Chattanooga, blessed Weissenberg's wagon and left a note in Hebrew on the driver's side.

On May 11, Weissenberg left his home in Tennessee for the open road to Ocala.

"I didn't take a specific route," he said. "I just figured 'let's just go.'"

For the next nine and half weeks, Weissenberg traveled through Georgia and north Florida, stopping in small towns to rest and water his horses.

On average, Sussie and Clara Jo covered 20 to 25 miles a day. Weissenberg used a GPS to keep himself on track.

He also installed a large rear view mirror, flashing lights and a large reflecting triangle to warn drivers at night that he was on the road.

Throughout his trip, Weissenberg met a variety of people as he inched his way through the Georgia backroads.

There was Jack Miller of Barwick,

Ga., who let Weissenberg stay at his barn for three days because of the heat; Joe O'Neal of Madison, Fla., who Weissenberg said had the only factory red 1968 Shelby Mustang hidden in his garage; and the children and faculty at Cave Springs Elementary in Cave Springs, Ga.

For each person who met Weissenberg, brought him supplies or took a picture with his wagon, they all wrote encouraging messages or their names on the wagon's wood frame.

"It's the idea that Americans still care for one another," he said. "It's really uplifting."

On July 12, Weissenberg ended his trip at a friend's house just south of Fort White.

Although Ocala was the original destination, Weissenberg said Fort White police officers urged him to reconsider because of safety issues with heavy traffic near High Springs.

Weissenberg said he was almost hit by cars three times while riding to Fort White.

Despite the change in plans, 597 miles by horse and wagon was a "trip of a lifetime," he said.

Weissenberg sold his horses to a plantation owner in northern Florida. He also plans on taking apart the wagon, varnishing the outside walls and hanging them in his house.

At his friend's house on Friday, Weissenberg's wagon was covered with writing.

On the driver side, Perlstein's Hebrew message from the first day of the trip is now crowded with names and messages, but the translation reflects an enlightening journey.

"As you travel peacefully through the world, you shall leave a peaceful world behind."

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Mark Weissenberg sits in the wagon he built and then lived in for nine weeks while he traveled almost 600 miles from Tennessee to Florida.

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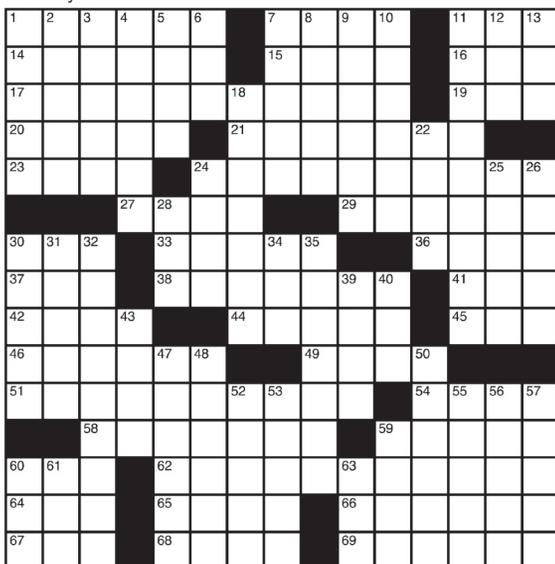
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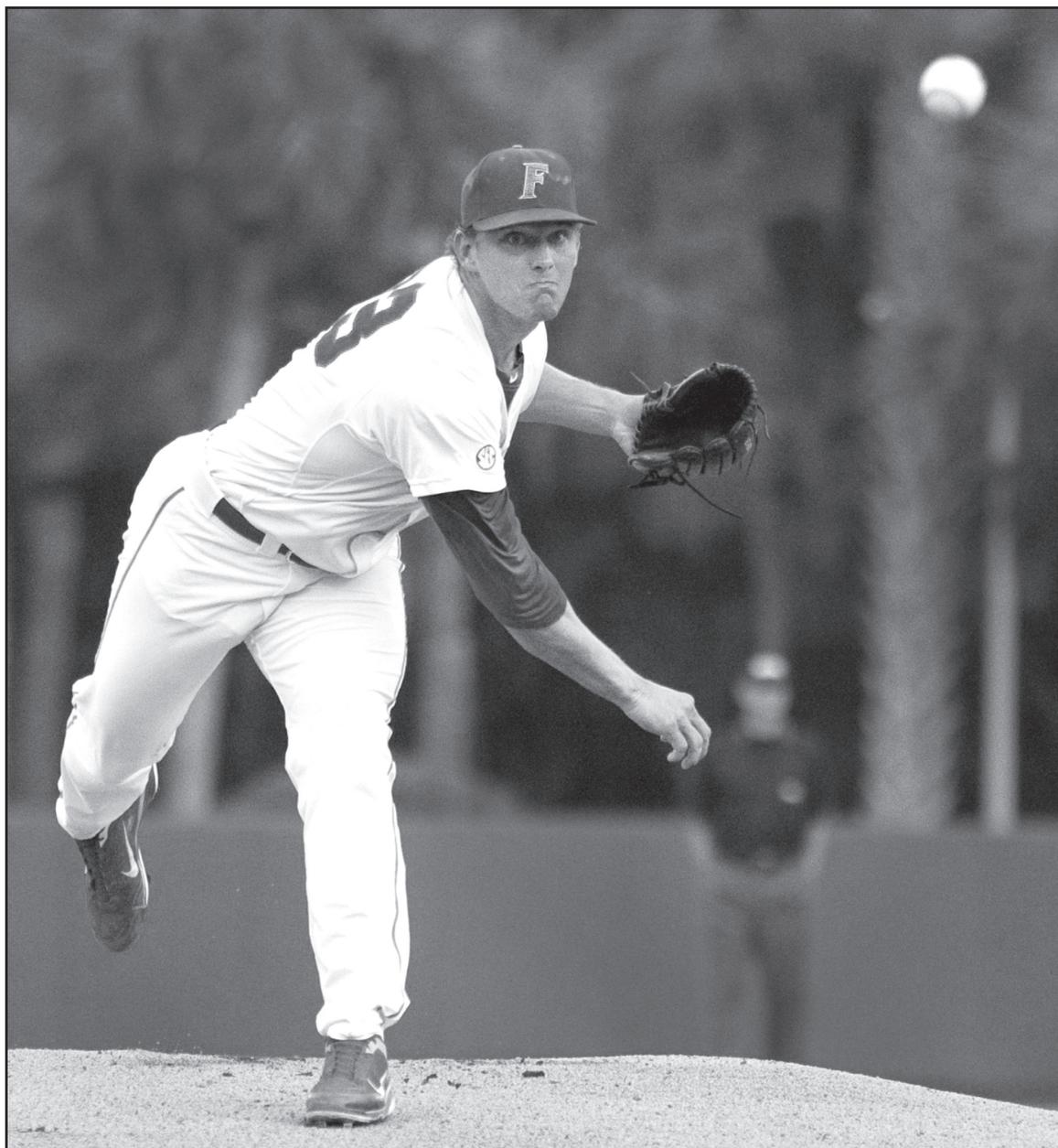
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1. Who was the first 20-game winner for the Kansas City Royals?
2. Name the National League team that has won only one World Series game in franchise history.
3. Who is the only Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback in the Pro Football Hall of Fame?
4. How many consecutive seasons has point guard Jason Kidd made the NBA playoffs?
5. Four players have won more than one NHL All-Star Game MVP award. Two of them are Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux. Who are the other two?
6. At the beginning of the 2012 Major League Soccer season, what country other than the U.S. had the most players on team rosters?
7. John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett are considered to be the first two world heavyweight boxing champions. Who was the third?

Answers

1. Paul Splittorff won 20 games in 1973.
2. The San Diego Padres won one game in 1984.
3. Roger Staubach.
4. Sixteen consecutive seasons.
5. Frank Mahovich (1963, '69) and Bobby Hull (1970-71).
6. Colombia.
7. Bob Fitzsimmons, 1897-99.

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The Alligator Awards - Best Individual Performance

Jonathon Crawford's no-hitter in Florida's 4-0 win against Bethune-Cookman to open the NCAA Gainesville Regional on June 1 earned The Alligator Award for "Best Individual Performance" of the 2011-12 athletic season. See the complete voting results and the "Best Comeback" nominees, page 16.

UF recruits shine at IAAF World Championships

STAFF REPORT

Although they haven't competed for Florida yet, three incoming freshman have already started proving their worth to the 2012-13 track and field team. Shayla Sanders, Arman Hall and Robin Reynolds have spent the past week competing at the 2012 IAAF World Junior Track and Field Championships in Barcelona, Spain.

Together, the future Gators earned three medals for Team USA, two of which came from relay events.

Hall, the sprinter from Pembroke Pines, won the first medal after finishing second in the 400 meters. He used a personal best of 45.39 to claim the silver and upset Aldrich Bailey, who has the fastest high school time in America.

However, winning a medal in one event wasn't enough for Hall. He wrapped up his week in Spain by running the anchor leg of the 4x400-meter relay. Hall ran a 45.78 to help grab the gold and set a new junior-world-leading time of 3:03.99.

"It's great to finally get on the medal stand with a gold medal," Hall said. "It's a great feeling being around all of these talented guys. It was a lot of fun. I wish I could do this again soon. It was a great experience to come overseas

again. Great environment, great experience and great people — I loved it."

Sanders, the Gatorade Florida Girls' Track and Field Athlete of the Year ran the anchor leg to win in the 4x100-meter relay. The Lauderdale Lakes native help set a world-junior-leading time of 43.89.

Reynolds was the last of the incoming freshmen to finish competing at the World Junior Track and Field Championships.

The sprinter competed in a runoff for the 4x400-meter relay team, running a time of 3:34.25. Like Hall and Sanders, Reynolds helped set a world-junior-leading time. Although Reynolds competed in the runoff for the semifinals,

UF Track

she didn't run in the finals because she was an alternate for the event.

In addition to the three future Gators, sophomores Taylor Burke and Ciarra Brewer also competed in Spain.

Brewer finished sixth overall in the triple jump with a leap of 13.38 meters. The Southeastern Conference Champion was the only American to make it to the triple-jump finals.

Burke wrapped up her first year competing for Florida by finishing 16th in the high jump with a mark of 1.79 meters.

THE ALLIGATOR AWARDS

Which Gators comeback was most impressive last season?

As part of The Alligator Awards recognizing the best in UF athletics during the 2011-12 season, columnists Joe Morgan and Corey McCall will debate two of the five nominees in each week's category. Vote for the winner online at alligatorSports.org.

Joe: Ben Sheets reminded me why I love sports Sunday afternoon. Sure, every Braves fan enjoyed completing a three-game sweep against the Mets over the weekend, but Sheets's six shutout innings meant more than laying the groundwork for Atlanta's seventh straight win (Go Braves!). Sheets made a triumphant return to the mound after undergoing surgeries for a torn flexor tendon (twice), a UCL tear (ahem, Tommy John) and damage to a pronator tendon since 2009. Whether the obstacle is a

debilitating injury or a seemingly insurmountable deficit on the scoreboard, sports fans love comebacks — and rallies! Cue rimshot. That being said, who can forget Florida's heartwarming, never-say-die comeback in a 54-32 win against Furman. Wait, you didn't see it? Awkward.

Corey: Stick to the John Carter references, more people can relate — heartwarming and never-say-die seem to fit the John who lived up to the hype better anyways. Let's rewind



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a week from that embarrassment you say is a comeback to the real contender for this week's debate: the volleyball team rallying from two sets down to defeat SEC West leader Arkansas. After dropping the first two (18-25, 30-32), Arkansas was well on its way to securing a solid lead in the West, and Florida was about to drop three games behind Tennessee with only three conference games left. Instead, sophomore Chloe Mann solidified herself as a threat at the middle-blocker posi-

tion, and behind a record performance, led the Gators to a five-set victory on the road.

Joe: Granted, the UF volleyball team dug in their heels for an impressive comeback, but the Gators football team's rally against the Paladins was not simply a walk through the empty bleachers at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. It would have been easy to roll over and die of embarrassment. Hell, Nick Saban lost to unranked Louisiana-Monroe 21-14 at home in his first year rebuilding at Alabama in 2007, and he turned out just fine. Clinging to a 37-32 lead with bowl eligibility on the line, the Florida defense stepped up with two interceptions returned for touchdowns in the fourth

SEE RALLY, PAGE 20



You have voted and The Alligator Award for "Best Individual Performance" has been decided. See results, page 16.

Southeastern Conference Media Days

The annual SEC media conference begins today in Hoover, Ala. Florida coach Will Muschamp, running back Mike Gillislee and linebackers Jon Bostic and Lerentee McCray will meet with reporters Wednesday.

Basketball Recruit Impresses

UF commit Kasey Hill competed recently at the Adidas Invitational. Rivals.com analyst Corey Albertson described Hill as "the most impressive prospect" at the camp.

Vogel wins Amateur Public Links title, likely to play in '13 Masters

STAFF REPORT

Recent success on the green may help T.J. Vogel add a green jacket to his wardrobe.

Vogel will likely receive an invitation to play at the 2013 Masters Tournament after winning the 2012 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship held at Soldier Hollow Golf Course in Midway, Utah on Saturday. Every APL champion has been invited since 1988.

Vogel, a NCAA Division I Second Team All-American, defeated Kevin Aylwin 12 & 10. The senior Gators golfer is currently ranked 33rd in the Men's World Amateur Rankings.

"He is a great kid and player and has worked very hard to do what he has done," UF coach Buddy Alexander said. "He will be fulfilling every young player's dream by going to the Masters Tournament. It is a good day for him and Gator golf."

The championship began on July 9 with two rounds of stroke play, which cut the starting field from 156 golfers to the lowest 64 scorers. Vogel finished stroke play with the second lowest score, 6-under-par for 36 holes.

Vogel earned the second seed and advanced to match play, where he defeated

Paul Misko (1 up), Greg Condon (1 up), Anton Arboleda (3 & 2), 2012 US Open-qualifier Alberto Sanchez (1 up) and 2011 runner-up Derek Ernst (4 & 3).

Vogel's performance in match play secured him a spot in the final match.

Vogel did not lose one hole to Aylwin. In 26 holes, Vogel recorded 10 birdies and no bogeys. He nearly matched the record for the USGA 36-hole final margin-of-victory of 12 & 11, but he halved the 24th hole.

In addition to likely receiving a bid to play at the Masters, Vogel also received a 10-year exemption from qualifying for the U.S. Amateur Public Links, exemptions from qualifying for the next two U.S. Amateurs and exemptions from local qualifying for the next three U.S. Opens if he remains an amateur.

Vogel was named a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection and a PING All-Southeast Region Selection last season. Before transferring to Florida from USC, Vogel was named as a 2011 All Pac-10 honorable mention, earned 2010 NCAA West Region and All-Pac-10 first-team honors and was Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year in 2010.



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T.J. Vogel watched one of his drives at the SunTrust Gator Invitational on Feb. 12. The senior finished second with a tournament total of 207 (-3).

With UF football's Friday Night Lights camp 10 days away, here is a list of positions of need for the 2013 recruiting class. Rivals.com ranks Florida seventh nationally with its 18 commits.

Offensive Line — Will Muschamp called the Gators "soft" after a 21-7 loss to Florida State last season. Florida ranked eighth in the Southeastern Conference with four yards per rush and allowed 1.77 sacks per game. The arrival of D.J. Humphries and Jessamen Dunker give Florida depth up front in 2012, but the 2013 class could use big bodies. Three-star prospects Cameron Dillard (Canton, Mi.), Roderick Johnson (Delray Beach, Fla.) and Joshua Outlaw (Lithonia, Ga.) all committed to UF in the spring. The Gators are awaiting the decision from five-star OL Laremy Tunsil who lists Florida, Alabama and Georgia as his top three.

Defensive End — With a thin line, the Gators played Sharrif Floyd out of position at defensive end last season. A shoulder injury hampered hybrid linebacker Lerentee McCray in 2011. As a result, Florida went heavy on the defensive line in 2012 with five incoming freshmen arriving as defensive ends. Dade City product Joey Ivie, a four-star end from Pasco High School, is the lone end committed for 2013. Jordan Sherit, a four-star prospect from Hillsborough High School remains a target and lists Florida in his top 10. Sherit placed ninth in the SPARQ National Championship at The Opening in Beavertown, Ore. SPARQ measures speed, power, agility, reaction and quickness in a variety of exercises.

Wide receiver — Although Florida has three commits at the wide receiver position, the Gators need one of the three in Ahmad Fulwood, Marqui Hawkins and Rodney Adams to develop into a primary target. Adams called the five-yard hitch his favorite route and said he isn't afraid of running routes across the middle. HB Chris Rainey led the Gators last season in receptions. Although he ranked first on the team in yards and yards per catch, redshirt junior Andre Debose ranked fifth on the team in receptions last season with 16. Florida didn't have one receiver listed in the top 10 in the SEC in 2011. The Gators signed two receivers last year in Latroy Pittman and Raphael Andrades.

UF Football: Preseason Awards Watch Lists

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Junior Jordan Reed
- **Coaches Preseason All-SEC Team** -
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Slive to remain SEC commissioner 'at least a couple more years'

▶ ACTIVE IN EXPANSION, CREATION OF NEW FOUR-TEAM PLAYOFF FORMAT

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive has unfinished business and he isn't leaving what has lately become college football's penthouse anytime soon.

With two new members, six straight football national titles and a four-team playoff to determine future champions. Slive tells The Associated Press he has agreed to run the powerhouse SEC for "at least a couple more years," continuing his decade-long tenure.

His contract was set to expire July 31, five days after he turns 72.

Slive is negotiating new TV deals that figure once again to be the most lucrative in college athletics. The exact method of choosing the four-team playoff field each season must be hammered out, and the SEC is trying to assimilate Texas A&M and Missouri into the now-14-team league.

The commissioner discussed those issues — and his future — in an interview ahead of SEC media days, which run Tuesday through Thursday in suburban Birmingham.

"I have agreed with the league that I will stay at least a couple of more years, and then we'll sit down and decide what happens after that," said Slive, who makes just over \$1 million a year.

"Don't forget it takes two. It's not just me making a unilateral decision. Both of us need to make that decision."

Auburn's Jay Jacobs, chairman of the league's athletic directors, noted that the SEC produced 42 Academic All-Americans, nine national team champions and seven runners-up in 2011-12.

"There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that Mike Slive is the best commissioner in the nation," Jacobs said. "It's not an accident that the dominance of the SEC in recent years coincides with his tenure as commissioner. We all know the SEC has won six straight BCS national championships in football. His leadership transcends football and even all of athletics."

The professorial Slive, who became a first-time grandfather this summer, has no shortage of projects before handing over the reins.

University presidents approved the

switch to a four-team playoff model on June 26, similar to the one Slive proposed in 2008, three years into the SEC's current run of dominance. It might have taken an all-SEC West showdown of Alabama vs. LSU in January to rally sufficient support from other commissioners, athletic directors and presidents.

Slive said conference commissioners will gather in September to work on details like

revenue distribution and a college basketball-style selection committee for the four semifinalists.

"We'll have to sit down and talk about what would be an appropriate number" for the committee, said Slive, who chaired the Division I Men's Basketball Committee for the 2008-09 season. "There have been different numbers floated around — 16, 20. We certainly want to have enough members of

the committee so that when certain committee members have to recuse themselves, we still have a significant group of people considering all the data and evaluating the teams.

"I visualize it working not unlike the men's basketball committee that I was on and chaired for a year. You have both data and statistics and information, and then you couple that with what you see."

The SEC might have had even more shots at a national title under the four-team system. The league had at least one team ranked among the Top 4 in the final BCS standings in 11 of the 14 years the system has been used.

Using that formula, at least, two teams would have made the cut in both 2006 (No. 2 Florida and No. 4 LSU) and 2008 (No. 2 Florida, No. 4 Alabama) as well as 2011. The first two times could have led to a rematch of the SEC championship game in the finale.

Slive demurs when asked if the change is yet another win for the SEC.

"I think it's a win for everybody," he said. "It's a win for college football in that all of us were able to come together in a collegial way and find a way to marry our own parochial interests as advocates for our leagues with our responsibility for what's in the best interest of college football."

Despite all that, the first order of business for the SEC is a likely return to the top of the heap in TV money. The league is renegotiating its pre-expansion 15-year, \$2.25 billion TV deal with ESPN and a \$55 million-a-year contract with CBS, both signed in 2008. The Pac-12 has a \$3 billion TV deal.

Slive said "there is no fixed timetable" and he's not sure if new deals will be in place before the SEC's quest for national title No. 7 in a row begins.

"It's hard to know because we have meetings scheduled throughout this summer," Slive said.

"Whether or not those meetings come to a conclusion, I can't predict."

SEC schools each got a \$20.1 million share of the financial pie in 2011-12.

Texas A&M and Missouri both give the SEC a big presence into sizable new TV markets as part of a wave of conference realignment.

"We believe that the expansion has increased our value for the purpose of television," Slive said.

"It's one of the many benefits that we believe we will derive, particularly in the long-term, from this expansion."



AP Photo

Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive applauds at the SEC Tournament on May 27. Slive contributed to the development of college football's new four-team playoff format.

Southeastern Conference Media Days

Three Things to Watch

1. Only Football Questions, Please

With the recent hiring of John L. Smith, Arkansas looks to put the Bobby Petrino scandal in the past and focus on the upcoming season. However, be prepared to learn a lot about Smith's ethical standards and what the players took out of the whole situation. Coming off of an 11-2 season, and retaining quarterback Tyler Wilson, the Razorbacks show a lot of promise, but with a new head coach, a lot of questions too.

2. The Big 13 and 14

With Texas A&M and Missouri to make their first appearances at SEC Media Days this year, fans look to get a taste of what's to come. After playing in a depleted Big-12 conference, the Aggies and Tigers face a tough road in a conference that owns the last six BCS National Championships. The spotlight begins now, welcome to the SEC.

3. The Ol' Ball Coach

South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier is notorious for bringing up controversial topics. Last year it was paying athletes, and recently, he has shown opposition towards the rule that allows non-conference games to count towards division tiebreakers. What he will do this year, no one can say, but one thing for sure, it will be much more entertaining than the written speeches given from every player and coach.

- Corey McCall, Alligator Staff Writer

Three Questions

1. What's next for the SEC?

At the 2011 SEC Media Days, the conference had 12 teams and the old BCS was status quo. Due largely to the efforts of league commissioner Mike Slive, the SEC now boasts 14 members and college football will debut a four-team playoff starting in 2013. With negotiations for a new television deal in the works, what Slive has planned for the conference next is anybody's guess. How the coaches and players will react to his latest changes should make for an interesting week.

2. Does Florida have strong player leadership?

Gators coach Will Muschamp will bring linebackers Jon Bostic, "Buck" Lerentee McCray and running back Mike Gillislee to Hoover, Ala., this week. It may just be a media circus filled with nothing more than throwaway quotes, but the attitude of the trio will go a long way setting the tone for the UF moving forward. Florida has lacked strong leadership from its roster since the departure of players like Tim Tebow and the Pouncey brothers. It is time for these players to take up the mantle.

3. Who is the cooler James Franklin — Mizzou QB or Vandy coach?

With Missouri (ou) joining the SEC this season, the conference welcomes a new James Franklin for the second straight year. While quarterback Franklin had a 139.9 passer efficiency and averaged nearly 296 yards per game last season, coach Franklin brought some much-needed swag — and a bowl bid — to Vanderbilt. Both take the stage today, and one will emerge cooler. I'll give the advantage to Vandy's head coach.

- Joe Morgan, Alligator Staff Writer

RALLY, from page 13

quarter. After banging the turnover-margin drum to no avail all season long, Muschamp could look at the box score and smile. The Gator Nation wiped its collective brow after the near-upset. The ghost of Ingle Martin's wrongful ouster from the starting quarterback spot by former coach Ron Zook had been defeated.

Corey: Sure Florida came from behind in dramatic fashion, but the fact of the matter remains, that game should have never been in question. As a 31.5-point favorite, the Gators embarrassed themselves by trailing in the second quarter. By halftime though, they had made their push and were sitting with a 27-22 lead. The true culprit of fans wiping their brows was the humidity, and if you've seen "Ghost Hunters," then you should know ghosts are made up. Now let's rewind again, this time to 2008 — that marks the last time the volleyball team has overcome a 2-0 deficit and won. So, this feat is not done very often, and facing an opponent such as Arkansas makes it that much more impressive. With how much Will Muschamp smiles normally, I doubt he found anything

gratifying in the Furman game. Mary Wise, however, had a lot to smile about after their performance. Mann had a career-high 19 kills and a match-high five blocks putting her at 21.5 points for the match, the most for a Gator middle-blocker since moving to 25-point sets in 1999. Senior Kristy Jaekel added 19 kills and 10 digs for her eighth double-double of the season, and senior Kelly Murphy also had a double-double with 15 kills, 32 assists, seven digs and three blocks. Hell, even I'm smiling.

Joe: Ghosts are real! I know for a fact that Ghostbusters was a real-life documentary and not simply a popcorn flick. Bill Murray would back me up on this. The famed comedian would also support my claim that Florida's comeback against Furman avoided catastrophe in Gainesville. With all due respect to the Elite-Eight volleyball squad, the Gator Nation would not have fallen into an anarchic panic had the Gators failed to rally against the Razorbacks. However, a defeat at the hands of the Paladins — and the ghost of Ingle Martin — would have put the writing on the wall for Muschamp. A 5-7 inaugural campaign would have been much worse than the 7-6 record that disappointed many UF fans. When

Saban lost to Louisiana-Monroe in 2007, he at least had a track record to stand on. Without the comeback against Furman, the Muschamp Era at Florida would be in a significantly different place. Let's say, Barroom.

Corey: Sure Florida fans were fearing an upset after Furman put up 15 straight, but that was short lived. By halftime the Gators were up and never looked back, one could only look at the Paladin's success in the first quarter as a fluke. Unlike the football team — still having three quarters of play left — the volleyball squad was in a do-or-die situation. Either win three straight sets or go home knowing you don't have a chance of winning the SEC East. Granted they did not get it anyway, but a lot of hope was riding on beating Arkansas. In the end, that game put Florida in a tie for second with Kentucky in the East, a better position heading into the NCAA Tournament. Maybe that game influenced the seeding enough to put Florida in the situation to make it to the Elite Eight. Then again maybe the seeding would have been the same regardless, and the outcome as well.

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Former Florida quarterback John Brantley lines up under center in a 54-32 win against Furman on Nov. 19, 2011.

The Alligator Awards

Best Individual Performance Results



Crawford

Winner - Jonathon Crawford, Baseball

No-hitter against Bethune-Cookman
June 1 - 45%

Kytra Hunter, Gymnastics

NCAA All-Around and Vault Titles
April 21 - 32%



Hunter



Rainey

Chris Rainey, Football

233 all-purpose yards, blocked punt, touchdown against Tennessee on Sep. 17, 2011 - 15%

Bailey Castro, Softball

2 HR in same inning, seven RBI against Ole Miss on April 8 - 4%



Castro



Gilroy

Shannon Gilroy, Lacrosse

Seven goals in 14-7 win against Northwestern in ALC Tournament title game May 5 - 4%

47 total votes

Best Comeback Nominees



Zunino

Baseball - 11th Straight Win Against Miami

A five-run top of the ninth inning led to an 8-5 victory, March 4

Football - Slow Start vs. Furman

Scored 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to win 54-32 after trailing 15-0 in the first quarter, Nov 19, 2011



Saunders



Mann

Volleyball - Defeated Arkansas 3-2

After dropping first two sets on the road, UF won three straight on the strength of Chloe Mann's 19 kills and five blocks, Nov. 13, 2011

Women's Tennis - Final Four Rally vs. Duke

After losing the doubles point, Alex Cercone rebounded from a dropped first set to claim decisive point in 4-3 win, May 21



Cercone



Tymrak

Soccer - Recovery against Auburn

After falling behind 2-1 on an own goal, the Gators scored two goals to defeat the Tigers in overtime, Oct. 7, 2011

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