

Scottie Wilbekin is not practicing with the UF men's basketball team due to his indefinite suspension. Read the story on page 19.



New Alachua County manager mindful of students

She hosted a government talk show

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Alachua County has a new CEO.

At least that's how Betty Baker, the incoming county manager, views her new set of responsibilities.

She was selected Tuesday by the Alachua County Commission to fill a vacancy after a

fruitless out-of-county search. Her primary responsibilities will include carrying out policies set forth by county administration and managing day-to-day operations.

Baker has worked for Alachua County for 11 years and most recently served as the deputy county manager. Before that, she worked in Ohio, where part of her job was conducting a government-produced talk



Baker

show to connect with residents.

Baker said the new position may give her a platform to handle issues students care about, such as improving transportation. She hopes to revisit a county internship program that's currently placed on hold due to budget constraints.

County Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton said Baker will bring many

strengths to the position.

"She has the reputation of being fair," he said. "Somebody who encourages innovation."

Baker will serve until her retirement next year, while the county keeps searching for a more permanent county manager.

But for now, she said she's happy to be at the center of Gainesville.

"I actually fell in love with the people in Alachua County," she said. "Three years turned into 10 and also two promotions. It was meant to be, as they say."

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Broward Hall under renovation

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Broward Hall turned 59 this year, and like seniors tend to do, it's getting a face-lift.

The residence hall is getting new bathrooms, lounges, windows, electrical systems, fire alarms and sprinkler systems. Interior walls are being repainted, doors replaced and new locks installed.

The upgrades come as part of a roughly four-year renovation program at UF, Sharon Blansett, assistant to the associate vice president for student affairs, wrote in an email.

\$10.3 million has been spend on the ren-

ovations so far, she said.

Estimated costs for next summer's improvements total \$5.3 million. Summer 2015's projects will cost the same. Final window replacements in 2016 will cost \$680,000.

The renovation funding comes from students' rent only — no state tax monies, Blansett said.

This is the second year of the Department of Housing and Residence Education master plan's four-year renovations project, which includes plans to make over campus facilities.

UF Spanish junior Jeffrey Jackson, 20,

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Juggling UF student's got talent

► **HE BALANCED A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL ON A BALLOON ON THE SHOW.**

ELY BENHAMO

Alligator Contributing Writer

When UF student David Ferman revealed his stunt, Heidi Klum hid behind a table. Howard Stern clasped his hands in a prayer-like gesture. Nick Cannon cringed in fear.

But Ferman stayed cool, balancing a bottle of gasoline and a lit wick on a balloon and catching it on a stick — in his mouth — once he popped it.

The performance earned the 19-year-old UF marketing soph-

omore a ticket to Las Vegas to compete in the next round of this season's "America's Got Talent."

"No one has ever gone out there and actually balanced a firebomb," Ferman said. "No one has ever done a juggling stunt with an actual bomb that could blow up on stage."

The confidence to do so has been 11 years in the making.

When Ferman was 8, he was called on stage to participate in a show on a cruise. The performers joked with him, saying they'd

take him on the road someday if he learned how to juggle.

So he did.

After one year he could perfectly juggle three balls, but it was not until his father surprised him with a visit to a juggling convention that Ferman realized it was what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

Ferman came to "America's Got Talent" holding the world record for juggling the most balls — 10 — with 26 catches. On the show, he faces acrobats, musicians, dancers and more for \$1 million.

"For my tricks I like to think outside the prop box," Ferman

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

African Student Union meeting

The African Student Union wants to help students learn about Africa and its people during its general body meeting Friday at 6:30 p.m. in CSE 222. Visit the Facebook page for more information.

Shabbat walkover

Nervous about getting lost or arriving alone? Meet outside Broward Hall Friday at 6:45 p.m. to walk to UF Hillel together. Join upperclassmen and other new Gators for Shabbat services and dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is followed by a kosher dinner at 8:40 p.m. Questions? Contact Hillel's engagement associate Melissa Kansky at melissa@ufhillel.org.

Church on campus

Worship with Adventist Campus Ministry in "Kingdom Come! The Nature of Heaven," Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Music Building. Attend for a day filled with praise and worship to God. Learn more about God while having fun with the ACM family. There will also be food and a community service opportunity. For more info, visit www.acmuf.org.

Painting workshop

Come to Painting from the Divine Feminine with Batya Weinbaum on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. with a presentation and display by the instructor from 6-8 p.m. at Gallery 26, 301 State Road 26, in Melrose.

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The event costs \$50 plus a \$10 materials fee. Participants will have the opportunity to draw and paint from a range of images of goddesses of different cultures. Painters can discuss their experiences making art from these images. Participants will explore what the archetypes from different cultures open up in their own psyches. Details of the class and presentation, as well as information about the instructor, can be found at www.gallery26melrose.com. Call 352-475-2924 for more information.

Century Tower concert

Two UF alumni are teaming up to deliver a spectacular recital using Century Tower's 61 bronze bells Sunday at 3 p.m. Ryan Chancoco and Harold Rocha studied the bell-tower instrument, known as a carillon, as part of the UF Carillon Studio. They'll be playing solo pieces from France, the Netherlands and the U.K. and a one-of-a-kind duet concerto that showcases their skills and sense of romanticism on the Century Tower bells. Attendees of the recital will be welcomed with chairs

and blankets situated in listening spots and will be allowed to take tours of UF's most recognizable building after the recital.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line and 150 words or fewer about the event to jglum@alligator.org. Model your submission after above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper.

BRIEFS

Beaver blamed for N.M. outage

TAOS, N.M. — Officials have finally identified the culprit behind a 20-hour Internet and cellphone outage last week in northern New Mexico — an eager beaver.

More than 1,800 users were affected.

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Stopped in traffic, man charged with trafficking

HE HAD PAINKILLERS AND ANXIETY MEDICINE.

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Gainesville Police arrested a Miami man Tuesday after police said he stomped on prescription pills that fell from his pant legs.

According to the arrest report, Officer Bryan Jones pulled up behind a black Chevy car parked on Interstate 75 with its hazard lights blinking.

While shining floodlights into the car, Jones saw the driver crawl into the back seat and the rest of the passengers shuffling around, according to the report.

David Hicks, 40, climbed out of the car through the passenger side and walked to the patrol car, according to the report.

While Jones spoke to Hicks, Jones noticed large amounts of prescription pills falling from the bottom of Hicks' pant legs. Hicks then stepped on the pills and smashed them into the concrete, according to the report.

After Jones physically restrained him, the remaining pills were identified as Oxycodone, Hydromorphone and Xanax.

Hicks was arrested at about 5 p.m. and booked into the Alachua County Jail on charges of tampering with evidence, drug trafficking and possession. He remained there as of press time with bond set at \$120,000.

LOCAL

Gov. to schools: no junk food next year

ALANNA MASSEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

In the battle between Cookie Monster and Captain Vegetable, Uncle Sam wants the fresh and green.

The government is banning junk food in public schools nationwide starting in the 2014-2015 school year, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture press release.

The "Smart Snacks in School" nutrition standards will affect vending machine items and snacks that are not a part of the regular school lunch. Maria Eunice, director of Alachua County School Board Food and Nutrition Services, said she thinks Alachua County schools are a step ahead of other counties.

In 2006, the government required schools to develop and apply wellness policies that address nutrition and physical activity.

"We put a pretty strict wellness policy into place," Eunice said.

Alachua County started making adjustments in 2006 to meet the nu-

trition requirements. For instance, the school system went from offering whole milk to 2 percent milk, to now offering only 1 percent and fat-free milk, Eunice said. The schools will also offer only whole-grain products.

"I think we have to do a better job as a community educating families."

Rachael Marsh

F. W. Buchholz High School junior

"What has been very beneficial for our county is how we've done it over time," Eunice said. "It helps students to present it [healthy options] to them slowly."

She said some counties did not make many adjustments in 2006, so the "Smart Snacks in School" standards will cause them to make drastic changes.

For example, the calorie limit for snack foods — those not included in the meal itself — in the Alachua County wellness policy is 250, and the limit by "Smart Snacks in School" standards is 200, she said.

"In our county, students shouldn't worry," she said.

While the price of healthy food has been a challenge for Alachua County schools, losing retail pizza has been a challenge for students, Eunice said. Alachua County got rid of retail pizza last year.

Rachael Marsh, a 16-year-old F. W. Buchholz High School junior, does not agree with the government's new standards.

"I believe that people should have a choice," Marsh said. "If people want to eat junk food, they should be able to eat junk food."

She said the only change she has noticed is the switch from Godfather's Pizza to a healthier version.

Making changes to school food is a good place to start, she said, but she pointed out that students only eat one or two meals at school a day.

"What are their families supplying them?" she asked. "What are their habits when they get home? I think we have to do a better job as a community educating families."

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DMV and tax office merge proves good for residents, drivers

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When the Alachua County Department of Motor Vehicles closed its doors and merged with the Alachua County Tax Collector's office in March, the effects of the change were uncertain.

Months later, the transition seems to have proven successful.

The wait time at the Northwest 34th Boulevard — formerly 34th Street — office is typically about 26 minutes, followed by 12 minutes at the downtown office at 12 SE First St. and 10 minutes at the Butler Plaza office, 3207 SW 35th Boulevard, said John Power, chief deputy at the Alachua County Tax Collector's office.

Though wait times have been cut significantly, Mondays and Fridays remain the two busiest days.

"We don't have specific data, but we had heard that sometimes people had waited two or three hours in the past," he said. "Prior to the merge, there was one location. It's simple math: There was one office with about 10 employees serving the whole county. Now we have three offices and over 30 employees in that customer service position."

Power said the tax collector's office takes care of about 5,000 licenses a month, or 1,200 licenses weekly.

He said customers should try to utilize the Archer and downtown offices because the most traffic is going toward the 34th Boulevard location.

"That location of our office

is getting about 50 percent of all the transactions," he said. "The Archer Road location in Butler Plaza is doing about 30 percent of transactions, and downtown is about 20 percent."

The merging of the offices has left the DMV building unoccupied, but the Northwest 34th Boulevard office still uses the building's driving course for tests.

"Prior to the merge, there was one location. It's simple math: There was one office with about 10 employees serving the whole county."

John Power
chief deputy at the
Alachua County Tax Collector's office

Donna Johnson, executive director of public service for the tax collector's office's Northwest Gainesville branch, said the change has pleased customers.

"They are elated that the wait time has gone down," she said. "We do feel like it has been successful."

Rita Hart, division coordinator for the Northwest Gainesville branch, who has worked at the tax collector's office for almost two years, said the change has been efficient despite the possibility that it could have been a rough transformation.

"I think it's great when you consider what a big transition it was," she said. "Adding all the new technology, the scanners and printers and cameras — all that stuff could go wrong. All in all, I think it's been really good."

He'll reappear on the show next week

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said.

In between practicing his stunts, Ferman juggles classes, spending time with his family in Jacksonville and hanging out with his brothers at UF's Alpha Epsilon Pi house. The fraternity hosted a viewing party for the airing of Ferman's Chicago audition.

"My first time performing the bottle trick was at my fraternity's chapter," he said.

Ferman's brothers, friends and family are looking forward to the Las Vegas episodes that will air 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We are very proud of him, and we are excited that he's doing so well," said his mom, Heather Ferman. "We would like to see him excel in what he does best."

He said his next performance will be shocking.

"If you just come at it thinking

that you are going to make these elaborate, huge tricks that are out of this world, like a magician does

with these big illusions," David Ferman said, "then you are taking the art form to a whole new level."



Courtesy to the Alligator

UF marketing sophomore David Ferman, 19, prepares to perform in front of judges on "America's Got Talent" on May 9 in Chicago. Ferman has advanced to the Las Vegas rounds, which will air Tuesday and Wednesday on NBC.

The makeover is being done in phases

BROWARD, from page 1

said he's glad Broward is getting a "much-needed" makeover. Jackson said he used to visit friends who lived in a triple at Broward, and it wasn't always pleasant.

"The bathrooms were pretty gross, and the paint was peeling in some spots," he said. "It felt pretty beat-up."

Jackson said the campuswide renovations show him students' money is going to good use.

"I can't wait to see what all these old buildings will look like once they're renovated," he said.

Blansett said all current projects, including Broward's upgrades, must be finished by

early August to accommodate incoming students.

Broward's renovations have been ongoing since 2006, but this summer marked its turn for a major upgrade.

"The people and the community of the place was amazing — you couldn't ask for more. The building itself, though, not so much."

Josh Loftin
former Broward resident

Broward is being renovated in parts, Blansett said.

This summer is focused on the east and central sections. The southwest and central sections are scheduled for upgrades during Summer 2014, and in 2015, the northwest section will be

worked on. Windows are being replaced throughout.

Blansett said the contractors for the projects are chosen through a competitive bid process, and the current contractors, BBI Construction Inc., has worked with UF's housing department on previous projects.

Former Broward resident Josh Loftin said living there freshman year was a great experience.

But the 20-year-old said the bathroom was often "wrecked," and his air conditioning unit would routinely break down.

Loftin said he's happy the housing department decided to renovate the building.

"The people and the community of the place was amazing — you couldn't ask for more," he said. "The building itself, though, not so much."

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Editorial

Summer is in full swing, and Gainesville is burning. For all of you freshmen out there, welcome to UF! It's tradition for the Alligator to hand out darts and laurels to the villains and heroes in the news every week. We present you with this week's...

Darts & Laurels

Inmates at Guantanamo have been on hunger strike for more than 150 days, with 45 of the inmates being force-fed to sustain their lives. Human rights and medical groups all over the globe have condemned the practice.

Recently, rapper Yasiin Bey, formerly known as Mos Def, subjected himself to the same force-feeding techniques that the Gitmo inmates are subject to. Bey was chained to a chair as doctors prepared to insert more than a meter of rubber tubing through the nose down to the stomach. It wasn't long before Bey pled for the doctors to stop.

For shedding the light of humanity onto this cruel and unusual custom, we give **Bey** a **LAUREL**.

Texas teen Justin Carter was arrested in February for comments he made on Facebook during an argument with someone about online video game "League of Legends." During the course of the conversation, he said, "Oh yeah, I'm real messed up in the head, I'm going to go shoot up a school full of kids and eat their still beating hearts," followed by "lol" and "jk."

The 19-year-old has since been jailed and charged with making terrorist threats. He has also been placed on suicide watch. In his father's own words "...he's had concussions, black eyes, [and has been] moved four times from base for his own protection." On his current condition, "He's been put in solitary confinement, nude, for days on end because he's depressed. All of this is extremely traumatic to this kid. This is a horrible experience."

His bail is set at \$500,000.

We give the state of **Texas** a free-Justin **DART**, because that's how you treat people when you actually want them to get "messed up in the head."

Our last volley concerns international relations, and we'd better pay attention. When widespread surveillance of EU communications was discovered, it seemed that the world had united in its discontent against the National Security Agency's widespread surveillance programs.

But then, the plane of President Evo Morales of Bolivia was forced to land in Austria after suspicion that he was harboring Edward Snowden, the notorious NSA leaker. This prompted the heads of state of South America to hold an emergency meeting of Union of South American Nations. The Cochabamba Declaration issued at the summit calls the forced halting of President Morales' plane a "flagrant violation of international treaties." Unasur is now calling for the governments of France, Portugal, Italy and Spain to apologize.

So, why would other countries be so willing to aid the U.S. in capturing Snowden, even at the expense of international treaties? Snowden may know why. Der Spiegel magazine recently quoted Snowden as saying "They [the NSA] are in bed with the Germans, just like with most other Western states."

So, what's really going on, and who should we trust? It's tough to say for now, but we're sending wake-up **FLARTS** to **the people**. There's a big debate being waged right now, and we all need to be conscious of it and participate in it. What will be the future of the surveillance state?

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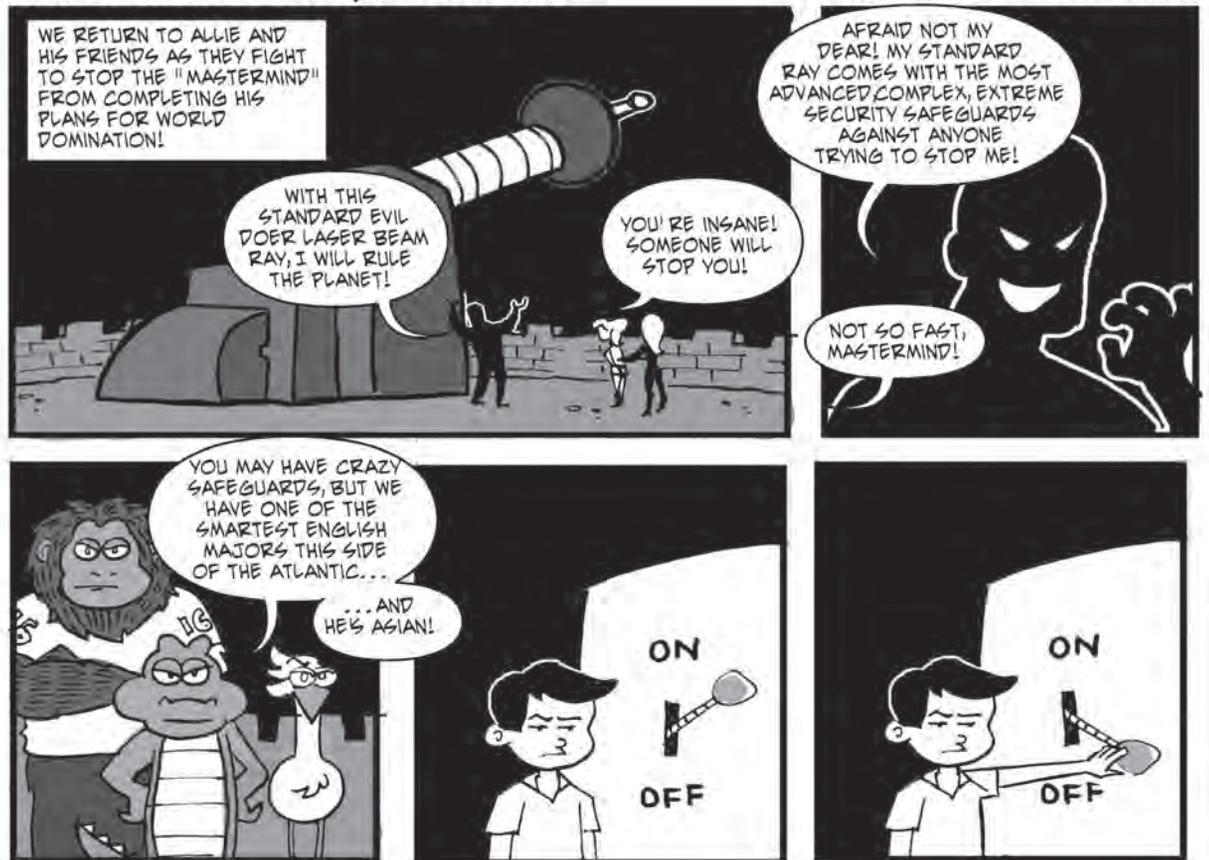
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Column

Unemployable? Consider working the pole

Chris Rock once said, "My only job in life is to keep my daughter off the pole." If my parents have the same expectation for their son, this column will disappoint them.

I'm not going to use the cliché line, "I just need some extra money to put myself through school." That's not exactly true. I need the money for after graduation.

A tech company in Gainesville hired me as a programmer, and I felt ecstatic. I had triumphed over all the nasty statistics about 20-somethings being unemployed.

The tech industry can be unpredictable. Though my prospective company was well-managed, it had to postpone its job offer because one of its clients had a change of plans. With this, I joined a horde of UF seniors scavenging for employment.

Applying for jobs is an oxymoron contest: Be modest while touting your accomplishments. Be succinct while telling them everything. Be casual while wearing a stuffy suit. I needed a break from interviewing and filling out applications. Just for fun, I researched outlandish jobs.

Becoming a monk was one possibility. In The New Yorker last month, Larissa MacFarquhar wrote about how men apply to join a Zen monastery in Japan. Candidates climb a steep mountain, then knock on a wooden gateway.

By tradition, the head monk orders the candidate to leave and slams the door. The candidate must then grovel for employment for two or three days as he sleeps outdoors. In other words, becoming a monk is like graduating from a liberal arts college.

Next, I tried a Google search for "highest salaries," which revealed that some hedge fund managers make \$250,000 annually — not to mention bonuses. I could do that, I thought. It would be a small matter of gaining 50 IQ points and purging myself of empathy.

Computer systems analyst sounded like another promising job. It was listed among 2013's best careers, but most of the analyst jobs were related to the animal slaughtering and oil drilling industries. I imagined breaking the news to my liberal friends and family on Thanksgiving.



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"Cody, I heard you got a job working with computers. What do you do, exactly?"

"Let's wait until you finish that turkey."

That's when I discovered the most intriguing position of all: full-time pole climber. A Colorado firm needed workers to scale the massive steel poles of cable towers

in the Rocky Mountains.

Climbing is no joke. My dad had a job ascending towers in the Southwest when he was in his 20s, and the experience left him with chilling stories. He was once suspended 100 feet in the air, dangling from four wires, when three of the wires snapped.

I have a longstanding fear of heights, but as I applied to air-conditioned offices, I began to daydream about the cowboy-esque climbing gig. As an escape from writing real cover letters, I wrote a fake letter I thought might woo Denver's cable company.

To Whom This May Concern:

I'm confident that my varied climbing experience qualifies me to scale your poles.

In elementary school I started climbing trees, mailboxes and other pole-like objects, and I haven't missed a day. When my college commissioned a 20-foot-tall statue of a couple kissing, I shimmied to the top just to discourage them from public displays of affection.

I never allow common sense or so-called laws to interfere with my passion for climbing. When my boss fired me for refusing to leave the equipment closet, I told him I was literally trying to climb the corporate ladder.

I look forward to joining your team regardless of what Chris Rock and my parents say. If all the good pole climbing jobs are taken, may I start as a programmer and work my way up?

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Column

It's not you, weird roomie, it's me. Well... it's actually both of us.

One of the greatest and most useful sources of learning experiences in college cannot be found in any classroom, textbook or library. Living with another person — or two or three other people — can at times be extremely frustrating, but it can also be a valuable learning experience.

As a freshman in the Fall of 2009, I moved into a dorm room at a small liberal arts college in North Carolina. My roommate was a guy — I'll call him Clark — whom I had never met prior to move-in day. Within just a few days of moving in, I became irritated with him.

Clark used Axe body spray every morning, and the potent aroma would force my first few conscious breaths of each day to be laced with aerosol. His use of spray deodorant as a substitute for showering made our

dorm smell like a junior high school locker room. He went to bed early and complained when I would wake him up coming home late. Clark watched weird TV shows and took up all the room in the mini fridge.

At the time, Clark was — as far as I was concerned — a terrible roommate.

But since my first roommate experience in 2009, I have shared dwellings with a number of people, learning quickly that Clark really was not too bad of a roommate at all. I say this not simply because I have had comparatively worse roommates, but because I have gotten better with dealing with it all.

In the past four years, I have had roommates who were my friends upon moving in and enemies upon moving out.

I have had a roommate who enjoyed making three-course meals, but refused to do the



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dishes afterward. I've dwelled with a guy who peed on the toilet seat, never flushed and complained about the bathroom smelling of urine. I have had a roommate who regu-

larly stayed up until nearly sunrise blaring rap music.

You will likely never entirely get along with every person you live with throughout your college career — that is just a fact. A simple Google search of "how to deal with annoying roommate" yields humorous results. There are pages upon pages of people ranting about their roommates. The postings

say things like, "My roommate is so annoying, she never cleans up!" or, "My roommate is so annoying, she expects everything to be so clean!"

The easiest way to deal with what you consider to be an annoying roommate is realizing that your own habits and behavior could be seen as annoying as well.

Looking back at my time living with Clark, who annoyed me with his strange TV interests and early bedtimes, makes me see that I was surely annoying to him, too. I would wake him up by coming home late, which surely was not fun for him. And his weird TV interests weren't necessarily "strange" — they were simply not what I personally enjoyed.

Patrick Ryan is a UF English senior. His columns appear Thursdays.



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'Viva Gainesvegas' gives community service a new twist

SHANECE DIXON
Avenue Writer

While many people scurried to avoid the rain Friday, downtown Gainesville lit up its own Vegas-style block party — complete with casino games like blackjack and Russian Roulette, a psychic reader, a magician, local vendors and live music.

From 5-10 p.m., the Pledge 5 Foundation hosted the First Friday Gainesville event themed "Viva Gainesvegas."

Participants who purchased a ticket earned tokens and VIP wristbands that granted them access to specials at various local businesses in the downtown area. Attendees also participated in a block party.

"In spite of the weather, I like that everyone's still getting their drinks and going out to eat," Sabrina Viola, 20, said. "It's nice to have the deals and have a reason to come out here on a Friday night."

Kicking off the evening was the Charity Mingle at Maude's Classic Cafe. People interested in community service were able to meet with Kathy Finelli, executive director of Gainesville Rabbit Rescue, to learn how they could get involved.

"There's a tremendous need for rabbit rescue," said Finelli, whose organization has been protecting rabbits and educating people about rabbit care since 1998. "Pledge 5 is a great organization trying to get volunteers for different charities."

Despite the numerous activities available for participants, the event was tied to community service.

Pledge 5 collected new and gently used board games to donate to the Boys and Girls Club. People could either bring the games to Honda Gainesville or to the Opera House, where they received a passport of sorts to downtown specials.

Those who brought board games earlier in the week won free VIP wristbands, while those who brought them in during the event received five dollars off.

"I think Pledge 5 is really community driven and we like to bring people together, and I feel we like to bring people to the local businesses and bring traffic to them," said Heather Lilholt, office manager at Pledge 5. "I just want people to understand Pledge 5's vision for community and giving back."

Topping off the evening was the silent auction and the Honda dice roll. Participants could win credit from playing casino games and using the specials in their passports to bid on items in the silent auction.

Some of the items included vintage-framed photos of Tim Tebow, Elvis and Muhammad Ali, a cruise for two to the Bahamas, a bag of goodies from Trader Joe's and a gift certificate from Student Maid.

Courtesy of Honda Gainesville, attendees could roll dice for a chance to win a new Honda Accord. People could either use their VIP wristband to roll the dice or stay consistent with the organization's namesake and pledge to do five hours of community service.

Next month's theme is "Dog Days of Summer." According to Pledge 5 director Jason Bowman,

it will appeal to many people in Gainesville — especially in light of the recent city commission ruling that allows dogs to be with their owners while they eat at local restaurants.

"We'll have all sorts of dog-related activities like doggy ice cream and a paw front mural," Bowman said. "Most of these locations down here all have patios, which make them pet friendly."

For more information about the Pledge 5 Foundation and its upcoming events, visit the website at: www.pledge5.org or www.firstfridaygainesville.com.



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Tony Espetia, client relations director for The Pledge 5 Foundation, left, and Hector Galvez play for a cause at the blackjack table during the "Viva Gainesvegas" charity event Friday evening.

Battle of the grocers: Trader Joe's vs. Ward's Supermarket

Stores provide Publix alternatives

GEBRIA BOOKER
Avenue Writer

Shopping for the best prices around Gainesville can be made easier with a stop to Ward's Supermarket or Trader Joe's.

Both companies strive to deliver high-quality products at an affordable price to customers but embody different shopping experiences. Trader Joe's offers private label products directly from manufacturers, whereas Ward's Supermarket buys straight from the fields, farms or any warehouse.

Alison Mochizuki, director of public relations for Trader Joe's, said it's truly a grocery store unlike any other.

"Trader Joe's is a store of stories — every item in the store has its own virtues, high-

quality ingredients, great flavor or simply an extraordinary price," Mochizuki said.

Mochizuki said Trader Joe's carries an extensive array of domestic and imported foods and drinks that are purchased from manufacturers and not distributors.

"Trader Joe's introduces approximately a dozen new items every week, heightening the store's adventurous appeal," she said.

Mindy Reinders, a 21-year-old UF public relations senior, said although Trader Joe's offers an overall good shopping experience, it's not somewhere she could get everything.

"Because they only sell their products, they don't have much to choose from — so I still

have to go to Publix," Reinders said. "It needs to incorporate more products to become people's first choice for a grocery store."

Reinders said the difference between the two companies is the quality of the products.

"The produce section at Ward's Supermarket is really good whereas Trader Joe's produce is cheaper but not always good quality," she said.

Danielle Ward-Williams, general manager for Ward's Supermarket, said customers continue to return to Ward's because they know where the products are coming from, and they can see the quality.

"Our store is significantly different from other stores because we have buying power," she said. "The prices at Ward's Supermarket are cheaper and better because it can buy direct from any warehouse because it is not locked into contract with any specific warehouses."

She said Ward's Supermarket buys from more than 350 local vendors, which helps with the price of items because it comes directly from the fields and cuts out the middlemen.

"I think we try to have as much variety as possible to be able to have a melting pot like we call our store," she said.

Cori Wells, a 22-year-old UF public relations senior, said she continues to shop at Ward's Supermarket because of its convenient location near her apartment and the locally grown products.

"The concept of the store is geared toward customers who strive to live a healthier lifestyle and like to buy local products," Wells said.

Wells said both Ward's Supermarket and Trader Joe's keep the prices low.

"I don't feel like I'm breaking the bank when I go to either of them, and it's cheaper than eating out," Wells said.



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science 

Botanical Bores: The Art and Science of the Underwhelming

IAN ROWE
Avenue Writer

There are several reactions you can elicit from a person to indicate that you have asked him or her a stupid question. He might (1) chortle at you; (2) sneer at you and sneak a sideways glance at his nearest compatriot to make sure that he, too, is in on the inside joke that has just become yourself; or he might (3) simply unhinge his lower jaw so it hangs in the air like the mouth of a hooded pitcher plant. When I asked the front desk of the Florida Museum of Natural History to see the "Botanical Chords: The Art and Science of Plants and Cells" exhibit, I was granted reaction number three.

(A brief aside: I have written a number of articles for the Alligator in which I interact with people and ask them questions. Unfailingly, I am always greeted with befuddlement and incertitude. I can only assume that I either speak Korean to people unwittingly or I am a giant

cat that has somehow learned how to talk.)

From experience, it is never a good sign when someone acts surprised after you request to see something that has been advertised. It means they are making assumptions about you or the thing in question is terrible. I will not go as far as to say "Botanical Chords" is bad, by any means — but it is wholly underwhelming.

The exhibit itself is located in a hallway of the museum across from the insect display and is only a handful of images. To be honest, I walked back and forth thinking I was lost before I realized that what I thought was background art (think coffee shop paintings of sunflowers) turned out to be the exhibit itself.

"Botanical Chords" is a series of composite images of a flower, paired with a magnified image of the flower's epidermis. What you see is the flower superimposed over an image of its flower guts — the combination is supposed to instill in

us the notion that we should have an "appreciation of the beauty that lies just below the level of resolution of our own eyesight," to quote the artist/botanist, Terry Ashley. Ashley is

a retired research scientist from the Yale University School of Medicine who considers microscopy "an under-recognized art form," according to the exhibit.



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Groups of interested onlookers peruse "Botanical Chords," a nature exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Of Ashley's work, two images that did catch my eye were composites of the "Hooded Pitcher Plant (*Sarracenia minor*) with cellular border" and "Moss with cellular border." The hooded pitcher plant is a carnivorous plant that has always generated an intense curiosity in me, and the moss, at first glance, looks like a photo of a moonrise, which calls attention to the hidden geography of microscopic images and the complexity that lies beneath the surface of things.

"Botanical Chords" biggest drawback is that after a number of images, you start to get the feeling you're looking at bathroom art — which might be due to the potpourri quality of the medium — and that the exhibit is directly across from displays of rare bugs, giant tarantulas and cocoons hatching live butterflies. This may actually explain the exhibit's curious placement, because while I'm busy looking at the butterflies, there's something for the butterflies to take in as well.

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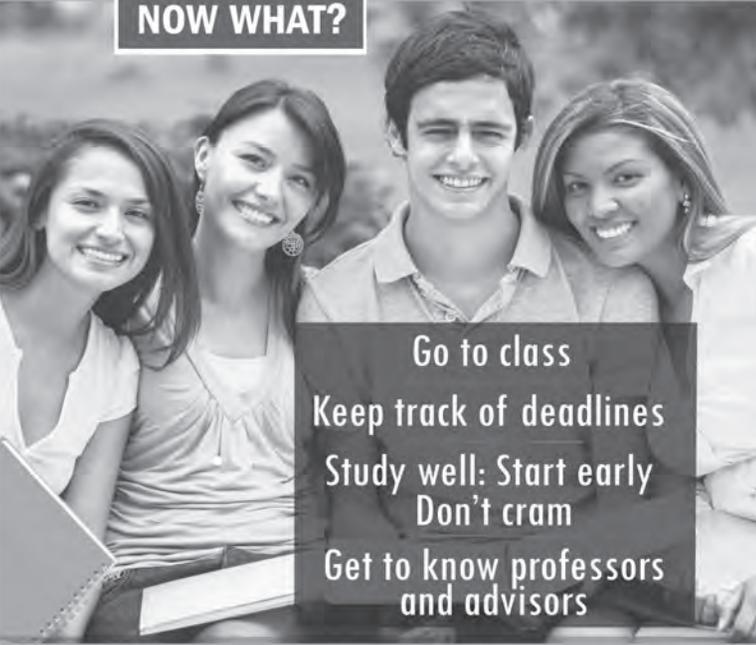


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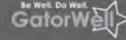
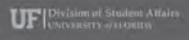
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Mediocre Advice



Dear Mediocre Advice,
My older sister frequently uses abusive and vulgar language. How do I change her ways?

Dear Friend,
Unless she's addicted to heroin, doesn't support gay marriage or doesn't like bacon, I don't see the issue.



Dear Mediocre Advice,
Unfortunately, I am not gifted in the breast area, but I have a push-up bra that makes what little I have look great. The problem is I always feel like it's false advertising since it's mega padded, so I've only worn out once. Should I say "screw it" and wear it, or go with one that does the job—just not as well?

Dear Mediocre Advice,
I have no attraction of any kind to any of the girls in the country I'm living in. There are a few other Westerners to bang, but that requires a bit of traveling. Should I just take one for the team, close my eyes and bang one of the locals? Or should I maintain my shallow standards?

Dear Mediocre Advice,
I met a super adorable guy yesterday who owns a tea shop below my building. I went in, and he gave me a free cup of tea and sat down next to me to chat for a while. It was all innocent, but there was definitely some flirtation happening. He didn't ask for my number, but I really want to bone him. Will I look like a creepy stalker if I go in again today—and every other day—until he gets the message? What's a girl gotta do to get laid around here?

Dear Friend,
A lot of things women wear are illusions: makeup, extensions, heels, etc. It is a fact that there is no way my butt and legs look as good as they do without unreasonably high heels. Wearing a push-up bra is just another illusion. If you like the way it looks on you, wear the bra. Everyone has some kind of illusion. Just because some guys wear ridiculously tight shirts does not mean they have bigger muscles; it means they bought a child's shirt. Whatever you're wearing or putting on your face should mainly be for yourself and because you like the way it looks, not for impressing others.

Dear Friend,
Don't bone someone you're not attracted to. You don't have to do anything you don't want to do. Think about how hard it's going to be to maintain a boner. Having standards is a good thing. Standards are the reason I'd rather stay home on a Saturday night instead of going to some mediocre bar and getting hit on by the embodiment of poor parenting. I'd rather masturbate in my shower and call it a night. Keep your standards. Get addicted to a show with a ton of seasons, like "Lost" or "Doctor Who," and beat the meat until someone at least half-decent comes around.

Dear Friend,
Pursuing someone who was nice and flirtatious does not make you a creep. People don't just give free sh-t away to people they've never met. He was attracted to you, and that free cup of tea was the ice breaker. Just because he didn't make a move right then and there doesn't mean he's not interested. There is such a thing as a build-up. Stop by every once in a while, keep playing it cool, and see where it goes—probably to your mattress in the next few weeks. Whenever you get sick of drinking tea solely to hang out with him, make a move.

This column is provided by Ariel Barnes, a 22-year-old majoring in international studies. Would you like to get some Mediocre Advice? Visit <http://mediocrevicegators.tumblr.com/ask>

'The Bachelorette': boys, a Bentley and one babe looking for love

SEASON 9 AIRS ON ABC.

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It was only a matter of time—measured by thornless roses and bad elevator music—before Desiree Hartsock's heart was shattered.

But like a phoenix rising from the ashes, she appeared sans bangs, with airbrushed skin and 25 men swooning at her fingertips. Hartsock was named ABC's leading lady of "The Bachelorette," Season 9.

Many of you are probably think-

ing about moving on to the next article because you think this show is stupid. Well, hold your horses — that means you Lindzi Cox — and take a few minutes to consider why you should watch this season of "The Bachelorette":

1. Sexy men — Bachelor Nation: Remember when Sean Lowe took his shirt off for Emily Maynard's friends at that glorious group date last season? Every woman in America died. If you are a more recent follower of the show, check out Season 9, episode 4: ripped bodies, spray tans and washboard abs — totally worth your time.

2. Sexy baby blue Bentley — One of the many mysteries of this season is the Bentley Convertible that Hartsock has been cruising around Los Angeles in. Did ABC give this to her? Is this part of her paycheck that comes with the title of bachelorette? Will we ever know? In any case, it's fun to speculate.

3. Sweet date ideas — Hey, guys: Wanna see why your lady isn't swooning over the same old dinner-and-a-movie date you planned last week? Well, tune in to "The Bachelorette" Monday to see why. Next time, consider dancing on the side of a building, competing against



other burly men in a highly physical game of dodgeball, or — a "Bachelor" classic — jumping out of a helicopter. Perhaps you could model a Speedo like the guys did a few weeks ago in their Mr. America competition — but, please, only if you have a body like Zak W., thanks.

4. Conducive to psychoanalysis — I know I am not the only one who secretly thinks all of these men are a tad deranged. It's particularly fun to speculate who will be chosen in

the end based off the tiny glimpses of these guys' personalities we get as viewers. Anyone want to take a stab at why Ben seems like such a secretive creep or how Brian came to be such a great liar?

5. Grown men make complete fools of themselves — Soulja Boy made an appearance on week two and required all of the less-than-gangsta bachelors to rap and dance in a music video called "For the Right Reasons," which is about — you guessed it — being on the show for the right reasons. And yes, there is a video of this madness on www.abc.go.com.

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music

Free Concert Friday theme pays homage to Paynes Prairie

BRANDON SHENK
Avenue Writer

A special show was slated for the previous "Free Friday" concert at Bo Diddley Community Plaza to celebrate Independence Day. It was the first installment of the concept themed after the NPR show, "A Prairie Home Companion." Taking a Gainesville spin, it was renamed "The All-American Payne's Prairie Home Companion," a clever shout-out to the marshland south of town.

Russell Etling, programs coordinator at City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, said the type of music played at the events includes rock, psychedelic, folk and reggae.

The concerts "are provided free of charge by Gainesville to bring a better quality of life through the arts," Etling said. "It showcases the scope of talent in the community."

I arrived at the plaza at 7:30 p.m.

with 30 minutes to kill. A large number of people — with lawn chairs erected and blankets unfolded — had already positioned themselves on the grassy area in front of the stage. I walked toward the Lunchbox, a brick restaurant with outside seating that skirts the plaza. The sweet potato nuggets with citrus dipping sauce and chocolate-covered frozen banana with roasted coconut flakes were both satisfying, but I thought the sweet potatoes were overpriced.

Finishing my eats while sitting on the concrete slab beneath the overhang of the joint, I somewhat unwittingly steered into an interview with a stranger to my right. He introduced himself as Phil Denton.

"I work for Visit Gainesville," he said. "It's basically the tourist bureau of the town."

"So what brings you out here tonight?" I asked.

"Well, I'm really just interested in knowing what's available," he said as he motioned toward a stack of coupons he'd picked up at one of the few tent vendors, calling them his passport. "Coupons work, coupons work, coupons work," he rejoiced.

"Some mention's been made that we might do it at the Thomas Center, indoors. So we'll see if we can arrange a date for that."

Ron Thomas
"Free Friday" emcee

I smiled at his quip. "Well do you know much about the show tonight?"

"I saw it in the paper," Denton said, "but don't remember much about it — it looks like a real mixed age group."

He got into rehashing — nostalgically — the folk music scene of the 1960s, calling it "the summer of

love." After realizing it futile to rein him in from his wistful reminiscence, I parted with a handshake.

I positioned myself to the right of the plaza on a bench, the old courthouse to my back. Large ever-expanding rain clouds threatened overhead. That didn't seem to sway the crowd, as I estimated about 200 people were milling about, waiting. The stage was ready to go.

Almost in unison, the show kicked off and the rain started, slow and light. Raincoats were adorned and umbrellas opened. Some spectators made their way beneath the eaves of the stage, but most stayed put — unfazed by the drizzle.

Introductions were made, a skit was done and the first band, Quarter Moon, managed to get through a few songs. The rain picked up its pace and thickened.

A man in a red jumpsuit, who was involved with the show, joked, "We didn't think we'd actually be

bringing the prairie to you all."

A little less than an hour in, most everything was drenched. The crowd, most of whom had held out, rapidly dispersed.

Ron Thomas, the emcee of the event and a guiding force behind the project, was heading to pack everything up before the rain intensified.

"For the past four years or so, around the Fourth of July, we've put together all-American song fests," Thomas said. "It's gone through all those permutations — thought I'd try something new this year."

I said it was disappointing they had to stop the show early. "Is this something you're going to try and invoke again?" I asked.

"Some mention's been made that we might do it at the Thomas Center, indoors. So we'll see if we can arrange a date for that," he said.

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What to Watch: Netflix movies about love, sex and puberty

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Gainesville's monsoon season is in full swing, and that means it's time for indoor yoga, time to curl up with a decent book or time to induce cerebral atrophy by being sucked into a Netflix marathon. This article is for those interested in the latter.

With the onset of incoming college freshmen and the melancholy of returning students, now is the time to pay tribute to our squandered youth. What better way than with a coming-of-age movie marathon.

What to watch: "Happy Together"

Why to watch: "Happy Together"

er" is the story of two men who leave China to reconcile their turbulent relationship on holiday in Argentina. The movie's themes focus on the nature of destructive relationships between people who are intellectually and emotionally incompatible but sexually irresistible to each other.

To the jilted college senior, this motif is entirely relatable. If you're a bright-eyed freshman optimistic to find love within these ivory towers, let this be an indicator of warning signs you'll inevitably encounter.

The film's lovers try again and again to reconcile their relationship to no avail. The film's appeal is its ability to bring the viewer to question how much we are able to en-

navigate the contentious relationship between sex and religion and how our most basic human impulses clash with societal expectations of what is deemed "acceptable."

What to watch: "Young and Wild"

Why to watch: College is a time for experimentation and an opportunity for some to realize who they are. What better way to do that than by exercising your sexuality as an extension of your identity? "Young and Wild" follows the life of Daniela — a teenage girl living in Santiago, Chile — after she is expelled from her religious high school for having premarital sex.

The film explores how our budding consciousness is shaped as we

not for the occasional need for comfort and reassurance?

"Submarine" is the story of Oliver Tate, a 15-year-old boy obsessed with losing his virginity to his high school crush, a dark and sardonic girl named Jordana. The film's charm lies in Tate's sincerity, as his naivety is a welcome departure from the insincerity that clouds his daily life in the dreary British backdrop. Tate comes to understand that infidelity and compulsion is not restricted to just adolescence. The movie's comfort lies in the fact that, in spite of life's inevitable obstacles, if we really love something, we'll find a way to make it work despite any and all complications that ensue.

What to watch: "Submarine"

Why to watch: "Submarine" is a bit more formulaic, but why do we feel the need to escape into film if



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4 Roommates

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6 Furnishings

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● QUEEN \$89 ● KING \$99,
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BED SET PILLOWTOPS IN PLASTIC
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E ₁	E ₁	E ₁	Y ₄	S ₁	S ₁	L ₁		2nd Letter Double RACK 3
O ₁	O ₁	R ₁	R ₁	C ₃	P ₃	T ₁		RACK 4

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Beaker	Dunker	Lucy Lobo	Purple Cow
Bevo	Flash	Mo the Mule	Sasha
Chip	Hairy Dawg	Ozzie	

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12 Autos

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VEHICLES \$800 AND UP!
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CARS, TRUCKS, SUVs, & VANS!
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04 DODGE INTREPID \$4999
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Flexible schedule.
Training and liability insurance provided.
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St. Francis House depends on monetary support from individual donors and community businesses in order to help feed the homeless and the hungry.
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie Breal at (352) 378-9079 or sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfooxmail.com
To make a donation by mail, please send checks payable to St. Francis House
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Gainesville, FL 32604

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
I AM BLIND & WOULD LIKE HELP WITH:
●Rides to church: Mass at Queen of Peace.
●Learning to rake knit hats to send to Haiti & other places. Call 352-219-6948
7-18-13-25-13

Earn \$15 for doing a 90-minute study. For details & to see if you qualify, e-mail Sabra at spelham@ufl.edu. The study will run through Fall 2013, so save this for later if you can't participate now!
8-30-13-18-13

Worship Guide

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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Community III Chant
With One Little Word You Can Change Your Life. Stop in to release your inner tension and gain peace and calm. All faiths invited.
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Friday Night Live!
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7:30pm Spring/Fall.
8:30pm Summer
352-336-5877
2021 NW 5th Ave
(5 blocks north of the stadium)
www.JewishGator.com

UF Hillel
Friday Night 7:30 pm
Services & Dinner
Reform Conservative Orthodox
Across from The Stadium
www.ufhillel.org

For information on advertising in the Worship Guide, contact Maria Eisenhart, Alligator Advertising, 352-376-4462

METHODIST

Trinity United Methodist Church
COFFEE TALK for young adults.
Sundays at 11 am. Worship: Sundays at 9:40. Contemporary Service: Wednesdays at 6:35pm.
376-6615 | TrinityGNV.org

Gator Wesley Center
United Methodist Campus Mbr.
www.gatorwesley.com
Worship- Sundays @ 11am
Free Lunch @ 12-15pm
Bible Study Wednesday @ 7pm
1380 W. University Ave.

LUTHERAN

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Gainesville, FL 32653
Phone: 352-376-9940
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You are always welcome!

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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The Independent Church
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country in area that borders on only one other country?
2. MOVIES: What art is featured in the movie "The Red Shoes"?
3. GAMES: How many letters are drawn to begin a game of "Scrabble"?
4. FOOD: What kind of bean is usually featured in the dish succotash?
5. LANGUAGE: What is a quid-nunc?
6. TELEVISION: Who is Mary's best friend and neighbor in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"?
7. HISTORY: Which city hosted the 1936 Summer Olympics?
8. FLAGS: What nation's flag features a Union Jack and a seven-point star on a blue background?
9. ART: What artist painted the work titled "Water Lillies"?
10. MUSIC: Who recorded and released the hit song "Maybellene" in 1955?

Answers

1. Canada
2. Ballet
3. Seven
4. Lima
5. Busybody
6. Rhoda
7. Berlin
8. Australia
9. Claude Monet
10. Chuck Berry

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14 Help Wanted

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WEB PRODUCTION

Seeking staff members for the web production team at alligator.org. Interested candidates should possess the following:

- Familiarity with media production tools such as Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere, etc. Familiarity with a web-based CMS and/or web coding basics will receive extra consideration.
- An ability to learn and work with new programs quickly and efficiently
- Deep interest in the growth and development of new media
- Skill in producing not only the written, but audio and visual components of media segments and graphics.
- The desire to make a lasting impact on a UF tradition in a shifting media landscape.

Send all inquiries with resume direct to Evan Walker, Managing Editor/Online at ewalker@alligator.org

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Will train, but experience with Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator is preferred. Friendly work environment, flexible schedule, with hours between 9 am - 5 pm M-F.
Must be available to work Summer C and be currently enrolled in classes.
A one-year commitment is expected.
Fill out an application at the front desk of The Alligator, 1105 W University Ave, M-F 9 am - 5 pm. No phone calls, please.
Include available work schedule and references. Previous applicants are welcome to reapply with current schedule. EOE

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K I G E D L B U Z G H Z X L B
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Beaker	Dunker	Lucy Lobo	Purple Cow
Bevo	Flash	Mo the Mule	Sasha
Chip	Hairy Dawg	Ozzie	

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ACCOUNTING CLERK

The Business Office at The Alligator has an open position for an Accounting Clerk. Applicant must be a currently enrolled student, majoring in Accounting or Business Administration. Duties include operating Quickbooks accounting system to work with accounts receivables and accounts payables. Other duties consist of manipulating Excel spreadsheets, answering phones, and general office duties. Organization and a great attitude is a necessity. Candidate should be able to work 8-10 hrs per week and commit to a 1 year term. Please submit resume, along with a cover letter to:
Mail: Business Office,
The Independent Florida Alligator
PO Box 14257,
Gainesville, FL 32604-2257.
Email: business@alligator.org

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Smokers wanted (1 pack a day for 5 years) Periodontal (gum line) sampling only 5 visits over 2 years; up to 1.5 hr each visit FREE oral exam, up to \$160 compensation
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Nov 8	Vanderbilt (Homecoming)
Nov 22	Georgia Southern
Nov 26	Florida State
Dec 4	SEC Championship (TBD)

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● Admin Asst
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● Marketing/Sales
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● Accounting Assistant
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● SAT/ACT coordinator
Full or part time. Please apply online at www.gleim.com/employment 8-14-13-25-14

VIDEO ASSISTANT / EDITOR wanted at the University of Florida's Center for Instructional Technology and Training. The Video Assistant position requires experience with recording video, lighting, and editing with Premiere. Minimum 20 hours per week, \$12.50/hr., between 8am and 6pm, M-F. Please send resume to Joe Nicholson joebn@ufl.edu. 6-14-13-5-14

Assistant: office duties/some errands, must be very organized, MS Office, 15-25 hrs/wk, reliable vehicle, laptop & cell phone. email your resume to whitelori64@gmail.com. pay negotiable. 7-11-6-14

Opus Coffee
We are searching for fun and active students to work 15 to 30 hours per week at a fast-paced coffee bar.

Starting pay is \$8/hour + tips.
Applications downloaded at www.opuscoffee.com; click on the Employment link at the bottom and follow the instructions. 7-11-5-14

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7-11-13-5-14

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| 1 Shake, as one's tail | 6 Bait | 45 Antlered critter | 53 Think tank output |
| 6 Apple polisher | 7 Projecting window | 46 Place of honor | 55 Unable to merely walk past a mirror, say |
| 11 "Ri-i-ght!" | 8 Popular tat spot | 47 Like small coffeemakers | 56 Brand that once sported a reptile |
| 14 Patient's share | 9 Conk out | 49 Madame Gorbachev | 57 Flying talker |
| 15 Els only about six feet above the ground | 10 "It's a go!" | 50 Atomic number of nitrogen | 59 "Get it, man?" |
| 16 Big name in kitchenware | 11 Words before disappearing, perhaps | 51 Bush adviser | 60 Slugger's stat |
| 17 Bugs | 12 Fires | Answer to SCOWCROFT | 61 Transfer |
| 19 Animation collectible | 13 First word from Robin | ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE: | |
| 20 "Double Fantasy" artist | 18 Laddie's turndowns | A H A B B L O G E G A D S | |
| 21 Carnation spot | 22 "My man!" | C A R L R O M A D A R E S | |
| 22 Booked solid | 23 Pedestal | T A C O I T E M G L I N T | |
| 23 Bugs | 24 8 or 64, e.g. | S H O T G U N S H E L L S | |
| 26 Says it isn't so | 25 "Ri-i-ght!" | M O H S O O O | |
| 29 Annual Queens sports event | 26 Choir support | C O V E R T A L O U S M A | |
| 32 Seals, as a deal | 27 Place for élèves | S H O R T S H R I F T T U G | |
| 33 One may be given to a detective | 28 Any day now | P A T S O T S L E N A | |
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| 43 Mongolian tent | 35 Tags on bags | E C O L I A N T I S P I T | |
| 44 Try to better understand, as difficult prose | 38 Impact sound | L A P E L R E A L E G G O | |
| 46 Bandleading brothers' name | 39 Camp staffer | F R I S K S A R I E A S T | |
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| 55 Get-up-and-go | | | |
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Hernandez still on Gator Walk

CHUCK KINGSBURY

Alligator Staff Writer

Aaron Hernandez is no longer be a member of the New England Patriots or this year's version of EA Sports' Madden NFL, but the former Gator still has his name cemented in front of the James W. "Bill" Heavener football complex – for now.

A UF spokesman said the school had not discussed removing the brick because much of the administration is not in Gainesville.

The University of Florida awarded Hernandez with an All-American brick for his efforts during his 2010 campaign.

The brick remains despite the recent allegations against Hernandez..

Bricks are awarded to Florida players who have earned first-team All-America honors and are located on the Gator Walk entrance in front of Ben

Hill Griffin Stadium.

It is unclear whether the University Athletic Association will continue to acknowledge his success on the field given his recent involvement in the death of former semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd.



Hernandez

Hernandez is currently being held without bail after pleading not guilty to first-degree murder and five firearms-related charges. Hernandez is also being investigated in connection with a double murder that took place in June of 2012, and is currently involved in a lawsuit in which he was accused of shooting an individual in his right eye.

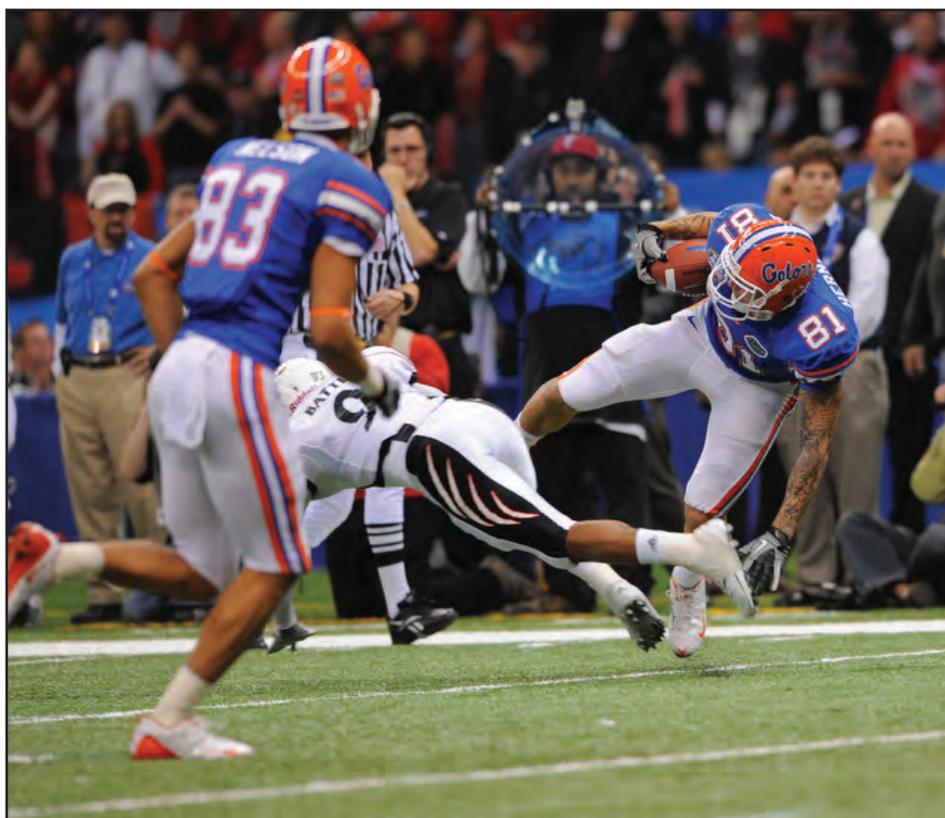
As a junior in 2009, Hernandez was recognized as both a first-team All-American and

All-Southeastern Conference selection. He led the Gators in receptions with 68 for 850 yards and five touchdowns, and was awarded the John Mackey Award given annually to college football's best tight end.

In the 2009 BCS National Championship, Hernandez led Florida with 57 reception yards on five catches to oust the Oklahoma Sooners 24-14. After his junior season he elected to forgo his final year at Florida to enter the 2010 NFL Draft, where he was selected 113th overall by New England.

In his three seasons with the Patriots, Hernandez racked up 175 receptions for 1,956 yards and 18 touchdowns. In 2011, Hernandez and teammate Rob Gronkowski set NFL records for yardage, receptions and touchdowns by a pair of tight ends on a single team.

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Aaron Hernandez attempts to avoid a tackle in the Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2010. Hernandez is in jail in relation to six charges, including the murder of Odin Lloyd.

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Highly touted recruit's future unclear entering Summer B

LANDON WATNICK
Alligator Staff Writer

Billy Donovan said Wednesday that he has not yet heard any ruling from the NCAA Clearinghouse concerning Chris Walker's academic eligibility.

Walker is not in Gainesville for the Summer B semester. He is currently working on completing on-line courses so he can be academically cleared to play.

"The one thing that we've tried to explain to him is the work that he's finishing up and doing, he doesn't need to rush it," Donovan said. "He just needs to get it done correctly, the right way. I think he's working hard, trying to make sure that happens."

The 6-foot-10 Walker, a McDonald's All-American, is the No. 6 recruit in the Class of 2013, according to Rivals.com.

"We're hopeful that it'll be sooner than later, but he's still got some work ahead of him," Donovan said. "I think he's trying really hard to get all that finished ... He may or may not be here for fall semester. The one thing I feel like with Chris is that, just talking to him, is his commitment to Florida and wanting to

be here. He wants to make that happen."

Donovan also said he has not been in touch with Rutgers about transfer guard Eli Carter's eligibility. In the aftermath of the Mike Rice scandal, Carter is hoping to receive clearance from Rutgers and a waiver from the NCAA to play for the Gators this season. Carter has yet to file an appeal.

"I really have stayed out of it," Donovan said. "It's something that Eli and his family need to do."

"He's got a row to hoe here a little bit, to get himself back,"

Billy Donovan
UF coach

Wilbekin still suspended: Senior Scottie Wilbekin (indefinite suspension) will not be a member of the team for the rest of the summer, Donovan said Wednesday.

"I'll probably sit down and meet with him once the fall semester starts and go from there," Donovan said.

Florida suspended Wilbekin, the Gators' starting point guard last season, on June 10 for violating team rules. Under the terms of his suspension, he cannot participate in team activities at UF's basketball practice

facility until he is reinstated.

Florida also suspended Wilbekin on Nov. 8 for breaking team rules. He served a three-game suspension and returned to the team in mid-November.

"He's got a row to hoe here a little bit, to get himself back," Donovan said. "There's some things out there in front of him that he needs to do now. He's working hard and trying to do those things."

"This is not a situation where this is going to be something that's all of a sudden just going to be a quick fix."

Yeguete, Young healing: Donovan said he expects forward Will Yeguete (right knee) to be ready for the start of fall practices.

On May 22, Yeguete underwent arthroscopic debridement on his knee - his second surgery on his right knee in a four-month span. After the procedure, doctors listed Yeguete's time of recovery at about four months.

Yeguete no longer has to wear a restrictive right leg brace, Donovan said. The 6-foot-7 senior is currently walking on crutches.

"It's going to be a long road for him - just the recovery, just the length of time - because of the sur-

gery," Donovan said. "But in terms of the healing process and him being back and him ... being ready to play this year, I feel totally optimistic about that."

Donovan also said center Patric Young (right ankle) is "progressing

fine." Young underwent surgery on April 12 to remove a bone spur from his ankle. He was not in Gainesville during Summer A but is currently working out with the team.

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Guard Scottie Wilbekin looks to pass the ball against Nebraska-Kearney on Nov. 1 at the O'Connell Center. Wilbekin is suspended indefinitely.

THE ALLIGATOR AWARDS

Who was the best male athlete at Florida in 2012-13?

As part of the Alligator Awards recognizing the best in UF athletics during the 2012-13 season, columnists Phil Heilman and Adam Lichtenstein will debate two of the five nominees in each week's category. Vote for the winner online at alligator-sports.org.

Adam: Florida's basketball team returned three prominent seniors who had the chance to make their final season in Gainesville noteworthy, but one player stood out above the rest - Erik Murphy.

The 6-foot-10 forward had a troubled start to his Gators career both on and off the court, but he excelled in 2012-13.

Murphy saw his career prospects drastically improve in his final season. After an arrest in 2011 and one start in his freshman and sophomore seasons combined, he took off last season.

The senior finished the year second on the team in points per game and third in rebounds, but outpaced the rest of the starters in shooting percentage (with the exception of Patric Young, whose most common shot was near the boards). He also led the Southeastern Conference in three-point shooting percentage.

While other players occasionally outshone him on the court, Murphy was the consistent backbone that led the Gators deep into the tournament.

Phil: While I agree with you that Murphy did an admirable job repairing his reputation and becoming a dependable player for Billy Donovan last season, he was only one of many important cogs on a team that did not truly feature any star players.

Mike Gillislee, however, was the engine that drove the football team.

Finally given an opportunity to showcase his ability, Gillislee rushed 244 times for 1,152 yards - good for the seventh-best output in Gators history - and scored 11 total touchdowns.

How often does that happen? Gillislee was the first UF running back to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark since Ciatrick Fason accomplished the feat in 2004.

Speaking of '04, remember when the



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Boston Red Sox came back from 3-0 down in the American League Championship series and eventually won the World Series? Good times.

Adam: There's actually a blank spot in my memory where 2004 should be. And "Fever Pitch" ends with Drew Barrymore running on the field.

And while Gillislee did a lot of running on Florida Field, that running still didn't amount to much in the grand scheme of things - the Gators finished 103rd in total offense last year. If any group is to thank for Florida's success, it's the defense.

Although Gillislee had one of the best seasons for a Gators running back, compared to the rest of the nation, he was "only" above average.

He finished his season 44th in the nation in yards per game - behind five quarterbacks (six if you count Denard Robinson as a quarterback).

Meanwhile, Murphy was a top offensive contributor. Kenpom.com has Mur-

phy ranked 17th in the nation in effective field-goal percentage, which weighs three-point shots over two-point shots.

Murphy was like the David Ortiz of the Gators last season - the best offensive player on a team with multiple solid contributors.

Gillislee was like Robinson Cano on this year's Yankees - the only star player on an offensive unit that needs all the help it can get in order to score.

Phil: Gillislee's raw numbers, though impressive in the UF record books, do not especially grab your attention in relation to the rest of the college football landscape. I get that.

That said, you have to take into account what he was working with.

Florida's passing offense finished the season averaging 143.9 yards per game. If that sounds like a low number, that's because it was. In fact, it was the lowest total in the SEC by more than 10 yards per game.

Gillislee faced eight-man fronts, nine-man fronts and was the sole focus of op-

SEE RALLY, PAGE 20



Vote for the Alligator Award for Best Male Athlete at alligatorSports.org. See the nominees on page 20.

Tweetable

"On NCAA 14 and I still can't believe it"

Ahmad Fulwood
UF wide receiver (@AhmadFulwood)

Game, Set, Match

Former UF tennis player Lauren Embree was named the ITA National College Player of the Year on Wednesday. Embree posted a 26-3 mark last season.

Murphy, Gillislee played for highly ranked teams last year

RALLY, from page #19

posing defenses throughout the season.

When Jeff Driskel ran for 177 yards and three touchdowns against Vanderbilt, Commodores coach James Franklin said his team essentially spent the whole week preparing for Gillislee, leaving them susceptible elsewhere. And that is what every single opponent did.

Still, Gillislee racked up yardage like the Yankees have been racking up losses this season. It was impressive to watch.

Adam: Well you just made my own point. The Yankees are somehow six games over .500 despite playing with spare parts.

And speaking of spare parts, that's what Gillislee is going to be with the Dolphins.

Miami picked him in the fifth round, right before it took kicker Caleb Sturgis. Gillislee was the 13th running back taken in the draft (14th if you count Denard Robinson as a running back). Gillislee was the sixth Gator taken.

In an NBA Draft where teams can select fewer players, Murphy still showed enough value to draw the attention of an NBA team. He was the only Gator picked. He was the most valuable player on a Florida male roster.

Phil: The Best Male Athlete

award is essentially declaring who is the Most Valuable male Player on campus in one year.

Sure, Murphy had a respectable regular season. However, the difference came during program-defining moments.

Florida football had fallen off the national landscape for several years prior to last season. The first chance to re-establish that luster came against No. 4 LSU in The Swamp on Oct. 6.

In a game that had all the makings of another gut-wrenching defeat, Gillislee was the difference for the Gators.

After being shut out in the first half, Florida rode him to a pair of touchdowns — one in each the third and fourth quarter — and captured a 14-6 win and signal a power shift in the SEC.

Seven weeks later, Gillislee replicated his performance by

rushing for 140 yards and a pair of scores in a 37-26 victory against Florida State — a win that not only snapped a two-year losing streak to the Seminoles, but also kept the Gators in the running for a national championship.

When Murphy had the opportunity to help his team finally escape the Elite Eight after failing the two previous years, he came up painfully short. In a 79-59 blowout loss to Michigan, he ended his college career with 0 points on 0-of-11 shooting.

Each player had a tremendous year, but Gillislee overcame a higher degree of difficulty to shine consistently.

That's why he deserves the award.

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Mike Gillislee (23) takes a handoff from quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) against FSU on Nov. 24. Gillislee ran for 1,152 yards in 2012.

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Mike Gillislee
football,
running back



Erik Murphy
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