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# 'NOT GUILTY'

## Gainesville reacts to Zimmerman verdict

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It only took two words to put the nation in a frenzy: not guilty.

After three weeks of testimony in Sanford, a jury of six women found George Zimmerman not guilty of the second-degree murder and manslaughter of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

Martin's death and Saturday night's verdict have revived the racial profiling debate and sparked protests all over the country — and in Gainesville, too.



Zimmerman

On Monday, UF Dream Defenders and other community organizations marched from the Bo Diddley Community Plaza to the U.S. Department of Justice Gainesville field office to demand justice for Martin. About 50 people attended the march.

Jeremiah Tattersall, 27, who has worked with UF Dream Defenders and UF Students for a Democratic Society, said he was shocked when he heard the verdict.

"It really just took the wind out of us," he said.

Tattersall said the continued tragedy is that Martin is not the

first or last man to die because of cultural racism. The current laws — including "stand your ground" — convicted Martin of his own murder, he said, and these laws need to change.

"Today is about taking that angst and raw emotion and trying to direct it to something meaningful and lasting for change for the better," Tattersall said about the march.

The Gainesville protesters joined thousands of people nationwide in expressing their dissatisfaction with the verdict.

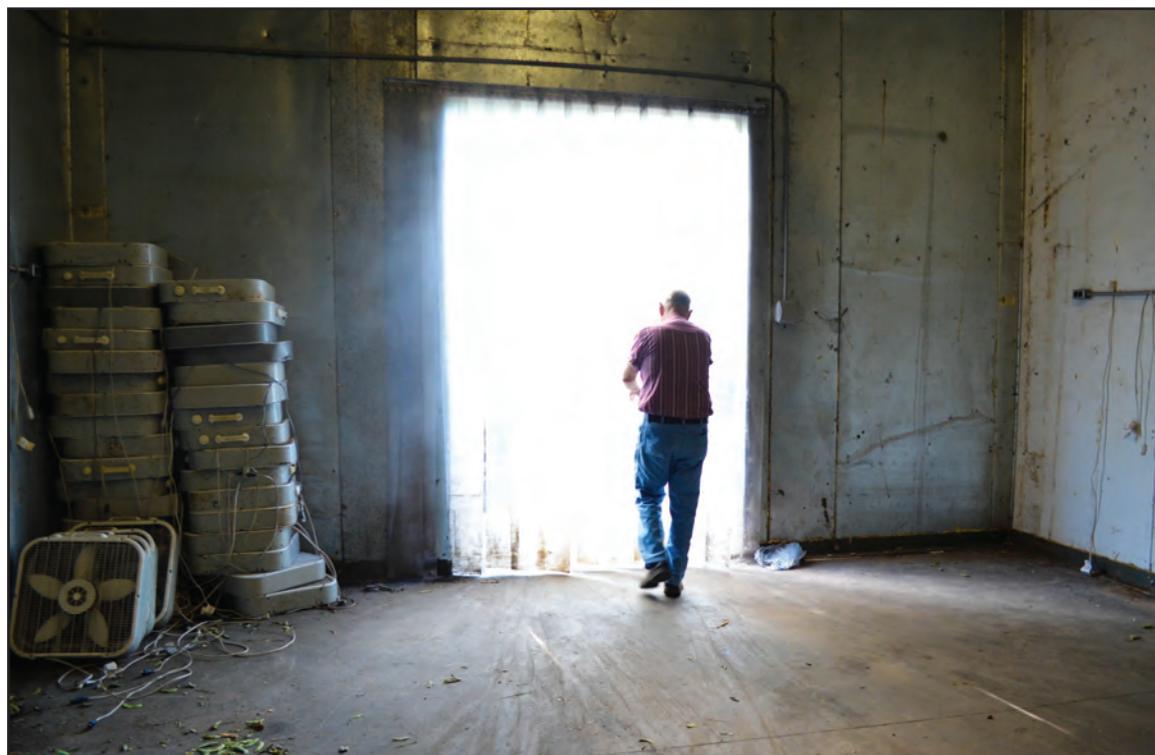
Celebrities like Miley Cyrus, John Cusack and Judy Blume took to Twitter. Beyonce stopped a concert to hold a moment of silence for Martin. President Barack Obama released a statement saying the United States is a nation of laws, and the jury had spoken.

Chrisley Carpio, lead organizer for UF Students for a Democratic Society, experienced the public's reaction firsthand. She heard the verdict while standing in a designated area for protesters outside the Sanford courthouse.

"People burst into tears. There was outrage," said the 21-year-old UF history senior. "But there was more grief than anything else."

Carpio said after the announcement, the crowd began chanting, and police immediately

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### Green Acres

Larry Rogers, 75, exits a refrigerated storage room on his Alachua County farm Friday. Rogers locally sells beans, cucumbers, strawberries, onions, tomatoes and other produce from his farm.

## Suspect missing after Sunday killing

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A 37-year-old man was shot and killed Sunday morning at an apartment complex off of Southwest 20th Avenue, and the suspect is still missing.

At about 6 a.m., officers responded to multiple reports of a shooting at Southern Pines Apartments, at 4125 SW 17th Place.

Samuel Hamilton was found dead in an apartment in the complex with a gunshot wound in his head. Multiple witnesses identified the shooter as Larry Whitehead Jr., 26.

According to a Gainesville Police Department news release, an investigation showed that White-

head forced his way into the apartment, argued with Hamilton and shot him. Because a K-9 unit search of the area yielded no results, police believe Whitehead left in a car.

GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said police think the two men knew each other.

"At least they had a mutual female friend. That may be what this was over," Tobias said. "[Whitehead] had a mission to go after this guy. It's a horrible case, but it's a very simple case."

Whitehead has not yet been located, and the weapon used has not been found, according to the release.



Whitehead Jr.

## UF Student Health Care Center opens online appointment booking

► CALL-IN SCHEDULING IS STILL AVAILABLE.

**JAYNE JOHNSON**

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UF students no longer have to call the Student Health Care Center to schedule appointments. Patients can now schedule, cancel and view appointments online through the new Student Health Care Center Web Portal, said spokeswoman Catherine Seemann.

"It's been something that students have requested for a

long time," she said. "We've finally been able to get out a test version."

*"We're hoping that it enables students to fit in health care into their lives more easily by finding an appointment time that works for them."*

**Catherine Seemann**

UF Student Health Care spokeswoman

Students can still call and make appointments if they prefer. If a student calls to make an appointment, he or she can usually be seen that same day, Seemann said. But with on-

line scheduling, students usually cannot get an appointment the same day, she said, so it is best to call first.

UF history senior Bubba Silcox, 20, said the ease of the new system means he's more likely to make an appointment.

"It'd be simpler, easier and quicker," he said.

Seemann said a soft launch of a pilot version of the portal started July 1. The web portal can be accessed at [www.shcc.ufl.edu/appointments](http://www.shcc.ufl.edu/appointments).

"We're hoping that it enables students to fit in health care into their lives more easily by finding an appointment time that works for them," Seemann said.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## LGBT Tea Social

Join LGBT Affairs in unveiling the newly cataloged Tamara Cohen LGBT Resource Library at UF. It was established by Tamara Cohen, the first director of LGBT Affairs and first director of UF's Multicultural and Diversity Affairs. It was later named and expanded under the directorships of AC Stokes and LB Hannahs. Celebrating the continuing growth of the library, students, faculty and staff are invited to come to Peabody 407 Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. to enjoy Lollicup Boba Tea. Attendees will be able to get acquainted with the Rainbow Room, which is the LGBT resource room for faculty, staff and students at UF.

## First Generation Student Organization meeting

Join the First Generation Student Organization on Wednesday at 5 p.m. in CSE E121 as its members discuss how to make the rest of the summer a great one. Meet other Gators who are also first in their families to go to college and find out what great opportunities FGSO has to offer. Visit the UF First Generation Student Organization Facebook group for more information.

## Start Up Downtown

The startup job fair and exhibition, focusing on students and technically skilled job seekers interested in joining the emerging Gainesville startup culture, will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Union Street Station second-floor balcony, 201 SE Second Ave. The event also provides local startups with the opportunity to show off to the community. In addition to a traditional tabling area, there will be open house tours of startups and live demos by HackerHouse cadets. Several downtown businesses are

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offering specials to attendees, including validated parking in the Southeast Second Avenue parking garage. Start Up Downtown is hosted by FloridaWorks in partnership with the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and Innovation Gainesville (iG). Visit [www.FWStartUpDowntown.eventbrite.com](http://www.FWStartUpDowntown.eventbrite.com) for event information and to sign up.

## Summer Plunge 2013

Summer Plunge is a single-day service project in which volunteers branch out into various areas of Gainesville to volunteer. Service projects will include working with animals, art and culture, youth development, elder care, environmental issues, homelessness, housing and more. Students and community members will be able to learn about service opportunities in Gainesville, meet new people, network with campus leaders and experience their community firsthand. The event will also include a light breakfast and lunch with a group reflection at the downtown library. This year's Summer Plunge is Saturday. Visit [www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu](http://www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu) for more information and to apply.

## Waldo Art Fest

Waldo Farmers and Flea Market will hold Art Fest on July 27-28. See handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, bird houses and custom pieces featuring antiques blended with art. Local artists and artisans

will gather to exhibit and demonstrate their originals and offer the work for sale. There will also be a pottery wheel demonstration and live music. For more information, call 352-468-2255 or visit [www.waldoflea.com](http://www.waldoflea.com).

## Explore St. Augustine

Explore the archaeology of St. Augustine during a daylong trip with the Florida Museum and Creative B. Be one of the first with the opportunity to participate in a behind-the-scenes tour of the "First Colony: Our Spanish Origins" exhibit at the Government House. This exhibit highlights St. Augustine as the oldest permanent European settlement in the United States. UF students are invited to participate for \$10; general public price is \$65. Museum member cost is \$50. Bussing is provided for attendees.

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## LOCAL

# City Commission considers selling 5-acre section of Loblolly Woods

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A piece of city woodlands may soon be up for sale, but for residents and city leaders, reaching an agreement about the issue has been no walk in the park.

The Gainesville City Commission is considering designating about 5 acres of Loblolly Woods Nature Park as surplus land so a private individual may buy it.

The public parkland would be sold to Nathan Collier, owner of The Collier Companies, for about \$1 million.

The commission previously voted 4-3 to move forward with opening the property to public bid.

Although selling the land would mean reducing the size of Loblolly Woods, City Commissioner Thomas Hawkins said the sale would be a wise decision.

"I think it's a net win for people that live in Gainesville," he said. "It would mean a tremendous amount of revenue for the city to invest back into the land."

However, he said, no final decision has been made, and the

commission voted to get more information before negotiating details.

"We're considering all viewpoints in making a decision," Hawkins said. "People's input matter."

*"This land was protected because it was valuable to the city beyond its price. What other land might be considered desirable to a private citizen who has the means to offer a huge price?"*

Kelli Brew

co-founder of Green House of the Gainesville Catholic Worker

So far, Hawkins said, most of the feedback about the proposed purchase has been passionately for or against it.

Melissa Elliott, media contact for the local group Save Loblolly Woods, said if the commission agrees to declare the land surplus and allow the sale, it could start an unhealthy trend.

"The impact is that it would set a precedent for the entire state of Florida that the city will sell off any

land that's set aside for parkland to a private individual just because he wants it," she said. "It would throw up a road map for other developers on how to develop and buy parkland."

Kelli Brew, co-founder of Green House of the Gainesville Catholic Worker, said many residents disagree with declaring the land surplus.

"A number of Gainesville citizens feel that they have acted hastily and wrongly in deciding to designate it as surplus based on a wealthy individual's desire to buy it for himself," Brew said. "I think it's a shame — on them, the city and the buyer."

Brew said that while she appreciates the commission's effort to do the right thing, selling one piece of land to get revenue to buy another is unethical.

"This land was protected because it was valuable to the city beyond its price," she said. "What other land might be considered desirable to a private citizen who has the means to offer a huge price?"

The commission will meet again to decide on the issue in August.



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## End of an Era

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# UF 'just as great' as an Ivy League school, site says

► CAL POLY, SUNY AT STONY BROOK AND UVA ALSO MADE THE LIST.

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Alligator Contributing Writer

An education at UF is just as good as going to an Ivy League school, according to one website's college guide. The guide, called "4 Top Colleges Just As Great As the Ivy League Schools" and written by Justin Douglas for PolicyMic, looked at the cost of tuition, freshmen retention rates and graduation rates as criteria. California Polytechnic State University, the State University of New York at Stony Brook and the University of Virginia joined UF on the list.

*"The bottom line is we absolutely believe that is correct."*

**Janine Sikes**  
UF spokeswoman

Douglas wrote in an email that his intention was for students and their parents "to consider public universities as great schools."

He also said public universities typically offer greater support for students from diverse racial and class backgrounds. UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said university officials were proud the school was included in the list.

"The bottom line is we absolutely believe that is correct," Sikes said. "We have a great program and provide a great value to our students."

Logan Goede, a 17-year-old business administration freshman, said he has only been a student at UF for a week, but he applied believing it was the best school in Florida.

"It just is the best," Goede said. "Everybody knows it."

# Many residents upset with the verdict

**ZIMMERMAN,**  
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ately started turning people away from the protesting area.

"They prevented the community from coming together," she said.

Carpio said she was devastated by the outcome and was anticipat-

ing Zimmerman being convicted. Despite the trial's results, 19-year-old Gainesville resident Billy Hill said he still has faith in the justice system. He said Zimmerman will "live with this for the rest of his life."

Jesse Smith, a 19-year-old Florida State University sociology sophomore and Gainesville resi-

dent, said she was not surprised by the verdict.

"My whole family cried," Smith said.

Smith said she came to Monday's march to help evoke change.

"We're the ones living in an unjust world," she said, "and if we don't stand up to it, nothing's going to happen."



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The UF Dream Defenders host a meeting at the Civic Meeting Center on Sunday afternoon. They discussed the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the 2012 death of Trayvon Martin.

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## LOCAL

# Plans for 2-mile, \$2.2 million cross-campus trail in the works

JEANNA ARROYO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Plans are underway for the design of a new bike and pedestrian trail that would connect Southwest Archer Road to Southwest 34th Street through the UF campus.

The project, called the Cross Campus Greenway, is funded and designed by the Florida Department of Transportation, said Linda Dixon, the associate director at UF Facilities Planning & Construction. It has an estimated total cost of about \$2.2 million, and construction companies will begin bidding August 2014.

The two-mile project is expected to extend from the UF Hilton on 34th Street following Hull Road and Mowry Drive, crossing Gale

Lemerand Drive and Newell Drive and connecting to Southwest Archer Road near UF Health, Dixon said.

"It will help us really in a lot of our sustainability goals and in encouraging people to bicycle and walk," Dixon said. "You know how hard it is to park and drive around campus, so people really are relying on biking and walking."

Myrna Widmer, a project manager of District Two of the Florida Department of Transportation, said the trail is primarily an "enhancement project."

Widmer said the trail's design should be completed by April 2014 and is about 60 percent complete, but the final plans, as well as total budget, have not been cemented.

Most of the trail will be made of asphalt

and concrete, and emergency phone stations and lighting will be installed along the trail, Widmer said.

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Gina Buscher, a spokeswoman for the Department of Transportation, said no scooters would be allowed on the path. The project was originally on the UF Campus Master Plan in 2005 and was also on a list of recommended projects as a part of a larger cross-county bi-

cycle facility being constructed from the city of Archer to Hawthorne, Dixon said.

However, construction is already under way on a small section of the trail near the Chemical Engineering Building, said Marlie Sanderson, the director of transportation planning at the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Other segments of the trail will be funded separately and will see construction in 2015.

Dixon said the trail will connect campus areas that are densely populated and places like parking lots and the hospital area, which receive heavy foot traffic.

"Out on Hull Road ... there is a bit of a sidewalk and a very skinny asphalt path with some paved shoulders," Dixon said, "but really, they're not good facilities."

## Whoa, baby: US leads world in price of giving birth in hospitals

► THE AVERAGE IS \$9,775.

JEANNA ARROYO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Caroline Stephens said having a baby was going to be fun.

Her husband Patrick Duke said it was going to be an adventure.

But four months after baby Chloe joined the family in September, Stephens, a 25-year-old UF mass communication graduate student, said she still wasn't sure what she owed UF Health Shands Hospital for her delivery.

She was tired and distracted in the beginning, but as Chloe's feeding and sleeping habits became more regular, Stephens said she became more aware of the bills.

According to an article from The New York Times, the average cost for a hospital delivery in America is more expensive than it would be anywhere else in the world. A standard delivery averages \$9,775.

In Florida, the figures are close to this national average. The lowest statewide average for a standard hospital delivery is \$9,008, according to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration's website.

Rossana Passaniti, a UF Health spokeswoman, said the average hos-

pital bill is about \$11,000 for a standard delivery at UF Health Shands Hospital.

She said about 4 percent of UF Health patients are not covered by commercial insurance or Medicaid.

For patients with insurance, billing can be a lengthy process.

"It's really confusing how you get charged," Stephens said. "Everything ends up being billed separately. The doctor visits are separate. The delivery and hospital stay are separate. Then, the pediatrician who sees your baby after delivery is a different bill."

Stephens and her husband paid about \$1,200 in out-of-pocket expenses by the time they received all of the bills. It was manageable, she said, but sometimes she wondered if she should have brought her own Motrin to the delivery room.

Kristen Phillips, co-owner of the Birth & Wellness Center of Gainesville, said birth in the United States is probably more expensive because hospitals itemize every service.

"In a hospital setting, you get itemized for the toilet paper you use," Phillips said.

After she found out about the high costs of birth and high frequency of cesarean sections at hospitals, Gainesville resident Kerri Audette

said she decided to give birth to her first child at home with the help of midwives.

Audette, 29, said her insurance covers the method but raises her deductible. The additional cost is

worth it to her, she said, but she understands the confusion birth costs can cause.



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Two-week-old Jordan Decker lies on his mother, Sandra Decker, at a La Leche League of Gainesville meeting in April. In Florida, the lowest statewide average for a standard hospital delivery is \$9,008.

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## Editorial

### It's a Florida thing: Is our state a model for bad governance?

For many, hearing the Zimmerman verdict was a sobering slap in the face. When Zimmerman — a clearly unstable and maybe even sociopathic man who killed a kid — is allowed to walk our streets as a free man, you know something is very, very wrong.

Zimmerman's case isn't the first in Florida to garner national attention only to make us look like fools. The Casey Anthony trial in 2011, with its shocking "not guilty" verdict, caused many to really wonder whether the justice system in the United States is broken.

Perhaps the justice system as a whole is not broken, though. Maybe it's just a Florida thing.

Has Florida become the joke of the nation? Florida's follies don't end in the courtroom.

Earlier this year, the Florida legislature and Gov. Rick Scott approved an insane ban on bongos. Just imagine the view of reality they must have in order to spend as much effort as they did in passing such utterly useless legislation.

If that isn't enough to convince you how out of touch the folks in Tallahassee are with reality, then it might surprise you to hear that computers in the state have been banned. Earlier this month, in an attempt to ban slot games and Internet cafes, Scott and the Florida legislature accidentally banned all computers.

This state has problems. Society is riddled with them, yet the state thinks it's a better allocation of time and tax dollars to worry about pot and slot games. Meanwhile, true dangers to society like Zimmerman are given a free pass.

While our afflictions aren't all equal in source or solution, we can at least agree there are many ways in which the state is doing an awful job and sometimes even making things worse.

Fortunately, the people have a lot of power — at least in principle. Every resident has a role to play in both the creation of problems and finding solutions to those problems.

How can we fix Florida? The first step is to inform ourselves about what's going on. The next step is to learn about the appropriate solutions to the societal problems we perceive. The last step is to actually put the solutions into action.

The Internet helps us by making these steps easier to follow than ever. Commit to informing yourself every day. It is frustrating and exhausting to hear about the problems we face, but they're bound only to worsen if we plug our ears.

Then, inform yourself about the ideas people have about fixing the problems. While there are disagreements among intelligent people, we can agree that not thinking and just continuing down the road we're already on is not what we want. An educated population debating the issues is far more desirable than a sleeping population.

The last step is probably the trickiest. Sometimes good solutions arise from novel ideas, like taking the initiative to start a group. Sometimes protesting and having your voice heard is the solution.

If nothing else, make sure to always cast a protest vote: Vote only for people who agree with what you think the role of the state should be.

## Reader response

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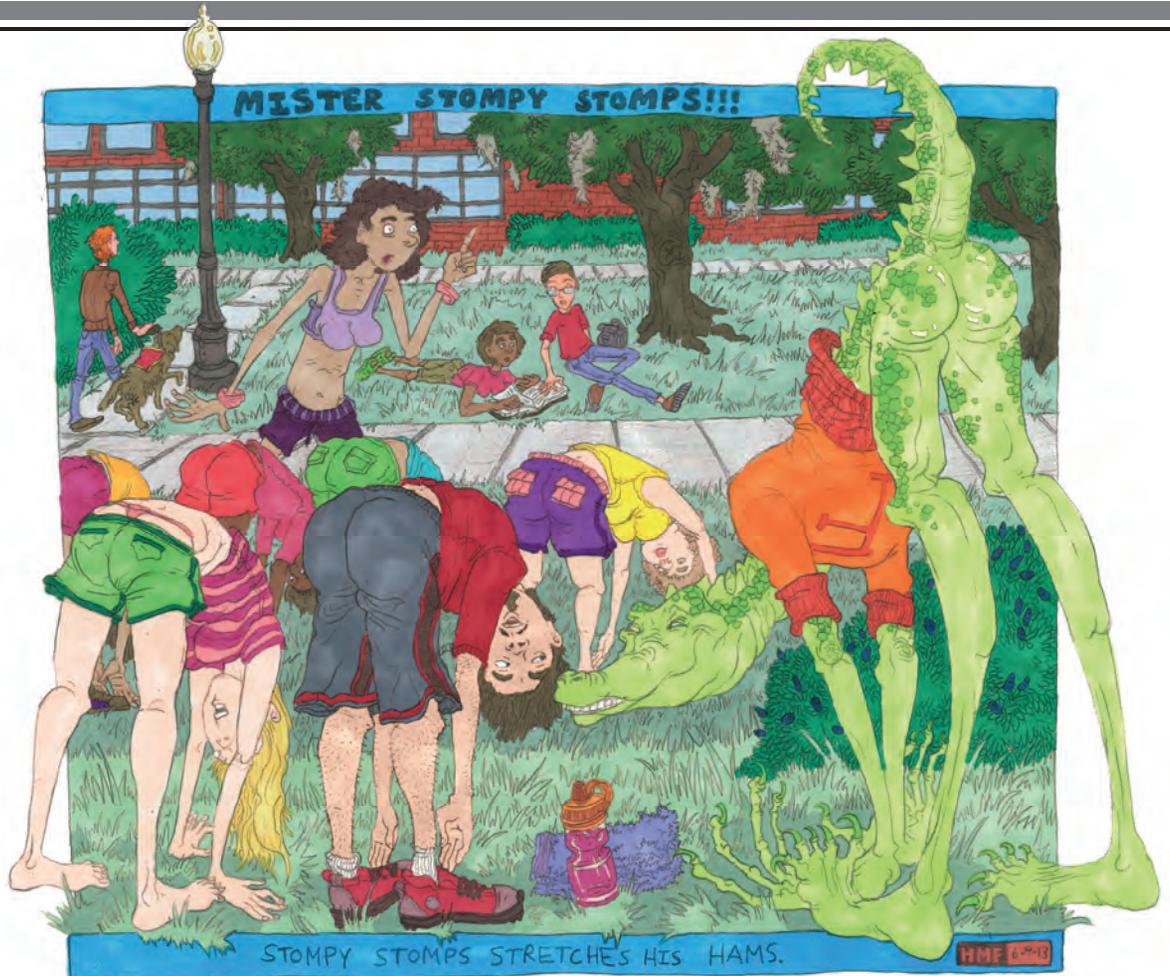
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## Column

### Bill should eliminate agricultural subsidies

Though lawmakers in Washington argue about how best to manage the agriculture industry, it seems the best way for them to manage it would be to not manage it at all. Agricultural subsidies have created a drag on our economy, encouraged poor farming practices and have given politicians an excuse to try and implement tax penalties on food items they deem unhealthy.

Any person in favor of continuing agricultural subsidies is, in essence, in favor of massive government handouts to wealthy farm owners. According to the Environmental Working Group Farm Subsidies website, the federal government has spent \$292.5 billion on farm subsidies from 1995 to 2012, and \$84.4 billion was specifically for corn farmers.

Corn farmers are the biggest beneficiaries of corporate welfare in the agriculture industry, and this explains why products made with high-fructose corn syrup are so inexpensive. These massive government handouts to corn farmers have enabled them to overproduce and sell their products at an artificially low price. Products containing high amounts of high-fructose corn syrup have been linked to diabetes and obesity, and their low prices have made these products readily available to us all.

Yet the same government that dishes out money hand-over-foot to corn farmers now feels that we are all becoming too fat and unhealthy due to our consumption of products containing high-fructose corn syrup. In fact, Richard F. Daines, the former commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, urged New York to tax soft drinks in order to help fight obesity and unhealthy lifestyles. But wouldn't the obvious answer to curbing obesity be to stop subsidizing the farmers who produce unhealthy food products?

Subsidies have also promoted poor farming practices. Some of these practices include overuse of marginal farmland, overproduction and negligent cost-control procedures. Farmers who receive these massive subsidies are less likely to use effective cost-control measures because they know the federal government will cover their losses. For some strange reason it seems the public is OK with



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bailouts for wealthy farm owners but not wealthy bankers — despite both of these measures being one and the same.

Many people seem to oppose the idea of ending all subsidization of the agriculture industry for fear of food shortages and putting people out of work, but the actual consequences of such

measures yield results contrary to common misconception. The actual results are more resilient farming practices in the long run.

For example, in 1984, New Zealand ended all farm subsidies and still managed to have a vibrant farming industry. Although there were rough spots and many farmers went out of business, the industry survived and many farmers in New Zealand today feel they are better off without subsidies. Dean Kleckner, the former president of the American Farm Bureau, has stated that he "never met a farmer who wanted to go back to subsidies" in a New York Times op-ed regarding farm subsidies in New Zealand.

Using taxpayer money to prop up private business of any sort is a triumph for crony capitalism and a complete drag on our economy. Imagine if the billions of dollars used to encourage wasteful farming practices were not taken in the first place. That would mean billions of dollars spent by consumers in industries of their choosing, creating jobs and spurring our economy in the process. And even if the money were not spent, savings for large investment projects would increase and interest rates would fall due to inflated bank reserves.

The farm bill is nothing more than politicians arguing over how to best squander taxpayer money, bailout faulty business and thwart possible economic growth. The United States should follow the New Zealand model for agricultural subsidies by stopping them completely.

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# Yes, justice was legally served

With Zimmerman's acquittal came shock, rage and celebration. Activity spiked across social media as everyone weighed in on whether justice was served. Friends turned on each other, relatives engaged in feuds, and others lashed out against complete strangers in fury.

Regardless of what people think transpired on the fateful Feb. 26, 2012 night, justice was served in some degree.

The justice served was not in relation to Zimmerman or Trayvon Martin. It was not justice in relation to how media outlets swayed their audiences. The justice served lies in how Florida's justice system, for the second time — the first being the Casey Anthony trial — worked as it was supposed to.

I believe Zimmerman deserved punishment for provoking the fight that led to Martin's death by following him after a police dispatcher instructed Zimmerman not to. I believe Anthony murdered her child.

I also believe that the prosecution in both cases was not able to prove Anthony or Zimmerman's guilt beyond any reasonable doubt to an unbiased jury.

Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty. That's one of the most basic tenets of our justice system. Verdicts are not delivered as "guilty" or "innocent." Ver-



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dicts are read as "guilty" or "not guilty." The burden of proof falls upon prosecutors. The defense isn't required to prove innocence. Zimmerman's attorneys knew and

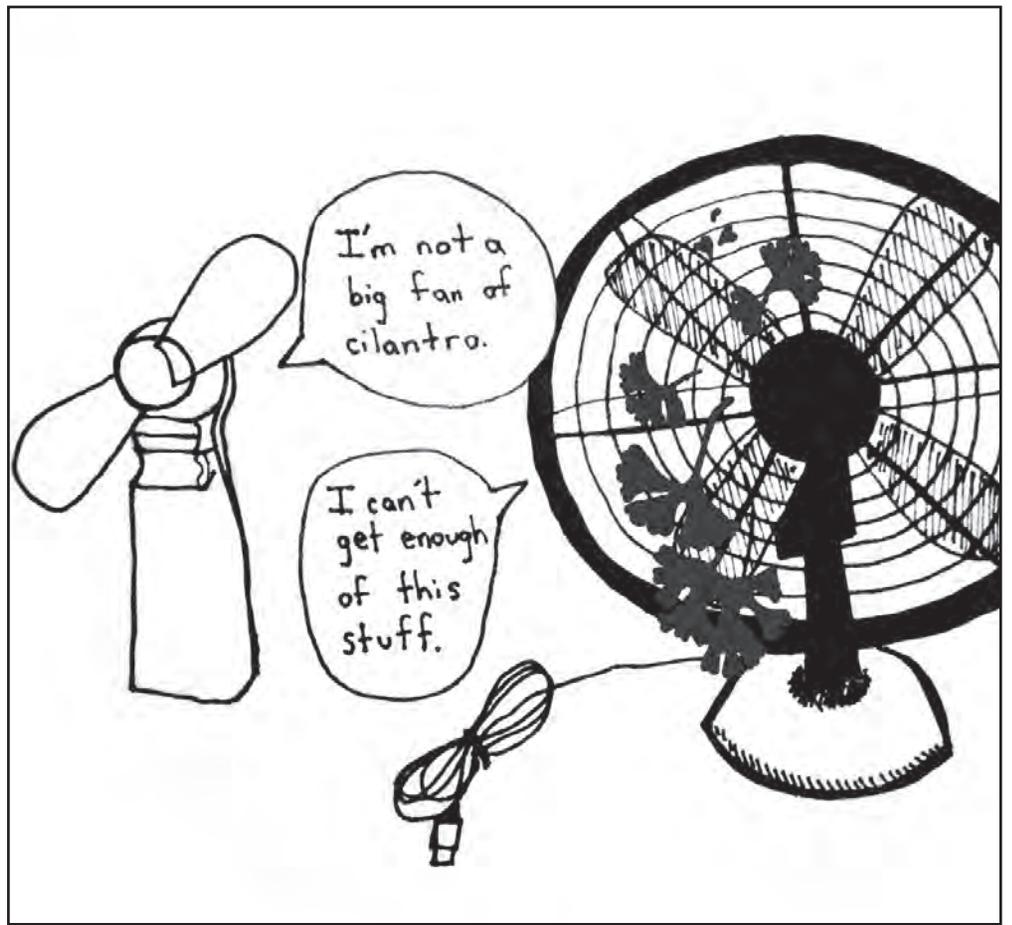
used this, just as Anthony's did.

Part of why the burden of proof fell exclusively to the prosecution in this case was because of the terribly worded and horribly conceived "stand your ground" law, in which the primary imperative to flee potentially dangerous situations if possible to do so safely is removed.

As The Wall Street Journal reported: "Defense attorney Mark O'Mara urged jurors not to make assumptions in a case riddled with uncertainties. 'You can't fill in the gaps,' he told them. 'You can't connect the dots for the state attorney's office.'"

In short, because of the laws in effect, and the lack of undisputed evidence, an acquittal was pretty much the only verdict that could be fairly reached when "fairly" applies to the functions of the legal system.

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## STATE

# UF junior awarded Miss Florida title

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Miss Florida is a Gator — again.

Myrrhanda Jones, a 20-year-old UF telecommunication junior and UF Delta Delta Delta sorority sister, won the Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant Saturday night.

She was crowned by Miss Florida 2012, Laura McKeeman, who graduated from UF. Jones will compete for the Miss America title in September.

"I'm so proud to represent the Gator Nation," she said.

She went to Miss Florida this year as Miss Palm Coast and competed against 46 other women from all over the state. The contestants competed in four categories: private interviews, swimwear, evening gowns and talent performances.

Jones wore a black jersey-knit gown with minimal rhinestones chosen by her dad.

"It was the image I wanted to portray for myself for Miss Florida," she said.

Delta Delta Delta member and UF political science junior Kelsey Torgerson, 20, said it's an honor to be Jones' sister.

"We're just so proud of her and all of the positive images she's going to bring to the state," she said.

Jones started participating in pageants in 2009, so she could perform baton twirling on stage and potentially win scholarship money.

Last week that dream was realized when she won a prelimi-

nary talent award and \$21,300 by the end of the week.

"It meant the world to me that I finally had won a talent award," she said. "At that moment, I didn't care about what happened on Saturday. I didn't care about finals any more."

Jones also won the community service-based Quality of Life Award for her work with Comfort For Kids Inc., the nonprofit she founded.

When she was 12, Jones was in an accident that took the life of her younger sister, whose favorite stuffed animal was a monkey named Clarice.

"I started passing out stuffed animal monkeys to get through my grieving process," she said.

In the pageant, each contestant was required to have a platform — an issue in America she cares about and wants to address. Jones' was Comfort For Kids Inc.

She never lost sight of that mission.

Saturday night, the competition narrowed down to Jones and Kalen Dennis, who was Miss River City 2013.

"I was so at peace in that moment, and then they said, 'And the first runner-up is Miss River City,'" Jones said. "My first thought was 'Thank you, Jesus.' I was left on this earth for a very good reason, and I feel like I'm finally doing what I'm supposed to be doing."

Jones said her goal for the year as Miss Florida is to recruit sponsors for the Miss America Organization and to raise awareness about the Everglades.

# Thunderstorm forces cancellation of Matt and Kim's Swampfest set

## SGP wouldn't say cost

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Alligator Contributing Writer

As gray clouds rolled over Flavel Field, eager concert-goers crowded in front of the band shell for Swampfest, hoping the weather would hold.

But it didn't, and Matt and Kim never played.

Rhythm-and-blues group AHMIR opened the show without incident.

By the time Cults came on, people stood shoulder to shoulder,

swatting at bugs and wiping sweat from their necks.

At 8:45 p.m., a Swampfest representative announced that Matt and Kim would be postponed until at least 30 minutes after the most recent lightning strike.

Some people left, but others stuck it out. As it began to rain, and then pour, people started to seek shelter in their cars, under umbrellas and under tents.

"Some creative people went as far as to take the cardboard trash bins and make a makeshift shelter," said 21-year-old UF mechanical and aerospace engineering senior Brandon Chandra.

University officials and police canceled the concert for safety reasons at about 9:30 p.m., Student Government Productions Chairman Daniel Levin said.

UF biology junior Michael Bank, 20, traveled from Boca Raton to see Matt and Kim.

"I'm grateful that they tried to bring Matt and Kim, but at the same time it was kind of irresponsible to do it in the summer," he said. "Everyone knows there are frequent thunderstorms, but ... that's just part of putting on an outdoor concert."

At about 9:45 p.m., Matt and Kim offered a meet-and-greet for those who waited in the rain.

"They really wanted the fans to know that it wasn't their fault that they couldn't play," Levin said. "They were really bummed."

Matt and Kim are still being paid in full.

SGP would not disclose the amount.



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Madeline Follin, lead singer of Cults, performs at Flavel Field Friday during Swampfest 2013; the Rhythm-and-blues group AHMIR also performed. The two bands opened for Matt and Kim before the show was canceled because of thunderstorms.

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# Perry to host public forums

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State Rep. Keith Perry will host a town hall meeting at the Millhopper Branch Library, 3145 NW 43rd St., Thursday at 5 p.m.

At the meeting, which is the first of a series, Perry said he will give an overview of what happened during the spring legislative session, highlighting changes that will affect UF as well as the city. The meeting will also include time for questions from residents, he said.

The event is important for staying in touch with constituents, Perry said.

"It really is helpful for me because we all get into our own world, our own professions," he said.

However, he said students typically haven't shown up at similar

events in the past.

"Typically, we haven't had students at them," he said. "A couple high school students last year but no college students."

He may schedule a town hall meeting on campus in the future.

Caroline Anderson, Perry's district secretary, agreed that while the town halls are "helpful for meeting people where they're at," they don't always reach students.

She said Perry is trying to speak at more student-friendly venues.

He spoke at Santa Fe College after the legislative session ended, she said, and a UF student intern is currently working to strengthen student relations at UF.

"We are doing things to go to students instead of expecting them to go to us," she said. "[Perry] does really want to go and reach out to the students."

## LOCAL

# Child burn victims head to camp

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Fourteen-year-old Earl Gardner spent his Sunday morning learning the ins and outs of a fire truck.

"Does that thing move?" Gardner asked, pointing to the ladder on top of the truck.

"Yes, it does, actually," answered Edward Evans, a driver operator for Gainesville Fire Rescue. Evans pointed to the top of the truck.

"That right there oscillates ... and we can control that from right there," he said.

Gardner gazed at the ceiling as if he were imagining the ladder at full extension.

"It's fun," Evans said with a grin.

Gardner was one of 42 children headed for Camp Amigo, a camp for North Central Florida burn survivors between the ages of 6 and 18.

Some of the children, like Gardner, stopped at Fire Station 2 on Southwest Archer Road on Sunday morning to await a charter bus that would carry them to their destination: the Billy Jo Rish State Park in the panhandle.

Joyce Welch, the Gainesville coordinator for Camp Amigo, said the camp experience builds

confidence and self-esteem in the children.

"They get a chance to see other kids that have been burned," Welch said. "It's just a real eye-opener for them."

Gardner, who was burned as a first grader in 2007, has attended Camp Amigo for the past four years.

He said he's kept in contact with three friends since last year's camp and is excited to see them.

*"It's nice to see something positive come from something that can be so traumatic."*

**Tracey Higdon**

*President of Gainesville Professional Firefighters*

The camp provides a place to spend time with other children who have been through similar situations, said Tracey Higdon, the president of Gainesville Professional Firefighters International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2157.

"It's nice to see something positive come from something that can be so traumatic," he said. "Some of these kids have scars, and when you go to a regular school, sometimes kids are mean. And for this week, they don't have to worry about that."



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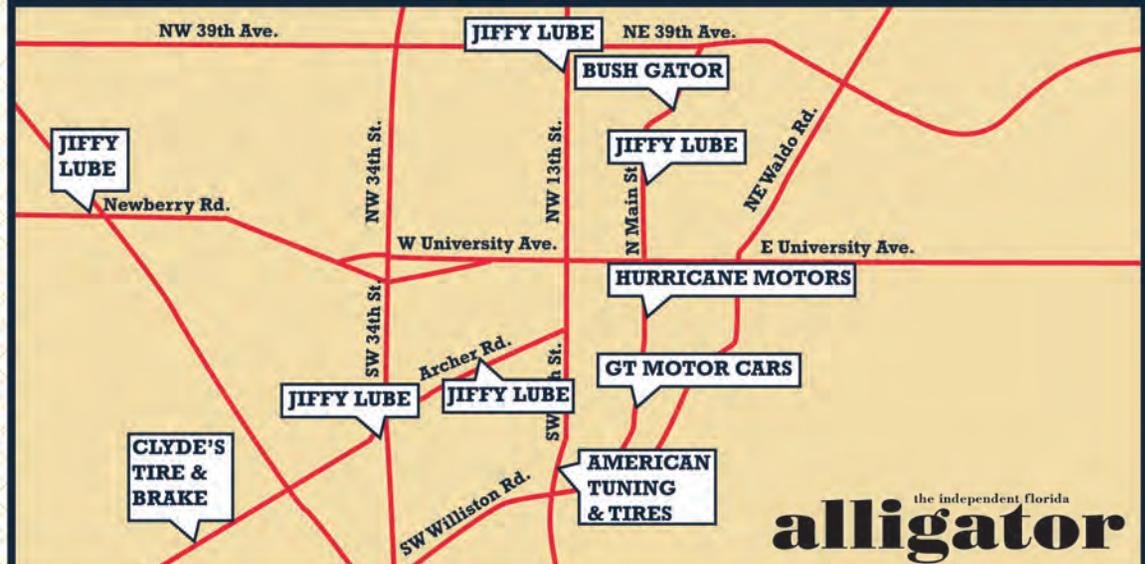
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close to UF. \$1100/mo begins August 2013. Well-maintained by landlord. 2 parking spaces, W/D, no pets. Call Carolyn 352-538-3556 7-30-13-20-2

### Live Across from UF! Walk to Midtown!

Studios, 1 & 2 Bedrooms Apartments W/D Available\* Call Today 371-7777 7-30-13-20-2

### \* 2 BEDROOM HOUSES & APARTMENTS\*

Close to UF & Downtown. Starting at \$660/mth. Call 870-2760 8-14-11-24-2

2BR/2BA w Study, Screened porch, end unit (Rockwood Villas) \$750/m, close to UF, I-75, shopping and bus; partially furnished, W/D, 904.874.5774 8-29-13-30-2

1BR \$500. ADORABLE, SPACIOUS, SPOTLESS, GREEN SPACE, PRIVATE PATIO; ONE STORY; NEAR DOWNTOWN & CAMPUS. QUIET; PREFER GRAD OR MATURE PERSON; NO DOGS; 1807 NW 10TH ST. AVAILABLE NOW; 352 284 3873; POSTJ@BELLSOUTH.NET 7-30-13-19-2

### RIGHT PLACE RIGHT PRICE!

1br from \$350 2br from \$475 Close to I75,Oaks Mall, Santa Fe, RTS 75, CALL TODAY 352-332-5070 9-3-13-20-2

### 8 BLOCKS TO UF

Large 2BR apt. W/D, Island kitchen. Lots of parking. \$750/mo Call 339-4862 8-14-13-21-2

### BRIDGELIGHT

1 BR Loft Style Apts. Minutes from UF, Shands & VA Hospital Starting at \$550 Office hrs. M-F 10:00-6:00/Sat. 10:00-3:00 3006 SW 23rd St. 352-377-5221 www.bridgelightapts.com 8-14-13-20-2

## 2 For Rent unfurnished

### ARBOR

Minutes from UF, Shands & VA Hospital 1BR/1BA starting at \$550. 2 BR/2.5 BA starting at \$680. Office Hrs. M-F 9:00-6:00/Sat. 10:00-3:00 2411 SW 35th Place 352-372-0118 www.arborgainesville.com 8-14-13-20-2

\$500, 1 Bed Apartment Walk or Bike to Campus Utilities Incl, Wood Floors Call 352-610-1669

8-1-13-10-2

\$850, 3 Bed House, walk or bike to campus, Central AC, Wood Floors, a must see! Call (352)363-1868 8-23-13-16-2

Unfurnished for Rent 3 blocks to UF 2 Bedroom Apartment Security Entrance Cental Heat/Air Landlord pays water. \$625 per month Call Carol 352-359-3341 7-30-13-8-2

2/1 CUSTOM UPGRADES THRUOUT LIKE NEW APPL & W/D SW SECTION WITHIN 1 1/2 MI OF UNIV & SHANDS SORRY NO PETS \$650/MO PLUS SECURITY CALL JOE @ 727-423-9463 7-30-13-8-2

### LARGE 1BR/1BA APT

Close to UF. 1103 NW 4th St. \$500/mo + \$300 sec. Pets ok. Call 352-332-8481, 352-359-1644, or 352-214-9050 8-30-13-19-2

### AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

2 large rooms in large quiet house. Perfect for grad student. 5 mins to UF. Laundry facilities available \$500/mo share utilities. Call 352-284-0979 7-30-13-8-2

Near UF Beautiful 4BR/2BA House, Fla. Room, inground jacuzzi, W/D, all tile floor, 2 car attached garage, storage shed. Walk to grocery & shops. Avail. Aug. 1 \$1,299 904-534-6982 or carmenllontop05@gmail.com 7-18-13-5-2

HISTORIC APTS Downtown Pleasant St Historic District. 1-3BRs. Ceiling fans, porches, wd flrs, some w/ W/D. ALSO we have 2 & 3BR homes. Cats ok, no dogs. 1st, last, sec. aprleve@aol.com Call/text 352-538-1550 8-14-13-11-2

3 BEDROOM, 2 story house with wood floors, clawfoot tub, fenced yard, w/d hook-ups. Close to UF. 312 NW 7th Terr. \$1150/mth. Call 870-2760 or 371-3260 8-21-13-12-3

\*\* Huge! 5b 3ba House 1 mile walk or bike to UF. Huge rooms on 1 acre. Perfect roommate space. Pool, Decks, Fireplace, 3500sf, Parking, Huge Kitchen. A must see inside. Call 352-256-7270. \*\* 7-23-5-2

### GRAD STUDENTS

1/1 CONDO CAMPUS EDGE Walk to campus. Large, corner unit, upgraded. 2 pvt balconies, W/D. Avail Aug 1st. \$650/mo. 407-877-4087, rauschmail@gmail.com 7-25-13-5-2

4BR 3BA 2500sq' home for rent. Walk/bike to UF. \$1600/mo. Pets okay; no breed restriction. Large shaded, fenced lot. Quiet cul-de-sac. W/D included. 352-262-2538 Norma 7-30-13-5-2

Campus Edge: 3/2 with washer/dryer. Will be newly painted. Available August

\$1200

Call or text Tina with Exit Realty Producers 352-317-0938 www.exitrentals.net 7-30-13-5-2

## 3 Subleases

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## 4 Roommates

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1BR in a 2BR/1.5BATH for \$300 Monthly Grad Student or Mature Upperclassman Tanglewood Apartments - 5 Minutes to UF Private Entrance, Bus Route, Laundry, Kitchen, Basketball & Tennis Courts, Utilities, Internet included 443-939-6198 8-14-13-24-4

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY PERFECT FOR GRAD STUDENT. 2 ROOMS, PRIVATE BATHS. 5 min to UF, laundry facilities available. \$500/mo, share utilities. Call 352-284-0979 7-30-13-20-4

1BR/bath in Mill Pond. \$580/mo, Shared furnished kitchen, dining area, living room & laundry. Alarm System, Utilities, Internet, Pool, Tennis Courts, included. Bus Route 5&43, Email marcela.suter@gmail.com 7-18-13-5-4

1BR/bath in a 2/2 at Mill Pond. \$580/mo, Shared furnished kitchen, dining area, living room & laundry. Alarm System, Utilities, Internet, Pool, Tennis Courts, included. Bus Route 5&43, Email marcela.suter@gmail.com 7-25-13-5-4

1 BR or both in a 2BR/2.5BA furnished townhouse near University & NW 8th St. 12 mo. lease \$395mo. + 1/2 utilities. 305-982-7218 8-8-13-8-4

## 5 Real Estate

Sell your house, condo, acreage, mobile home and much more in the ALLIGATOR CLASSIFIEDS! Reach thousands of possible buyers! Mastercard and Visa accepted over the phone, by fax, email or **CHECK OUT PLACING YOUR AD THRU OUR ONLINE AT [www.alligator.org](http://www.alligator.org)**. or please call 373-Find (373-3463)

### NEW CONDOS-WALK TO UF

For Info on ALL Condos for Sale, Visit [www.UFCONDOS.COM](http://www.UFCONDOS.COM) or **Matt Price, University Realty, 352-281-3551** 8-14-25-5

4 BR 3 BA 2500sq' home for sale. 1626 NW 10 Terrace Walk/Bike to UF. Available immediately. \$195,700 Large shaded lot. Pets okay; no breed restriction. Great rental investment. 352-262-2538 Norma 7-30-13-5-5

Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

**6 Furnishings**

Got a new couch?. Sell your old one in the Alligator Classifieds. Call 373-FIND (3463) to place your ad today.

**BED - QUEEN - \$120 ORTHOPEDIC**  
Pillow-top, mattress & box. Name brand, new, still in plastic. Call 352-372-7490 will deliver. 8-14-13-25-6

**BED - FULL SIZE - \$100 ORTHOPEDIC**  
Pillow-top mattress & box. New, unused, still in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver. Call 352-377-9846 8-14-13-25-6

**MICROFIBER SOFA & LOVESEAT - \$400**  
Brand new still packaged w/warranty. Must sell. Can deliver. Retail \$1600. 352-372-7490 8-14-13-25-6

**BED - KING - \$200 PILLOWTOP**  
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**6 Furnishings**

**SOFA & LOVESEAT 100% Italian leather.** Brand new in plastic w/warranty. Retail \$1800. Sacrifice \$700. Call 352-377-9846 8-14-25-6

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**\*\*BEDS - ALL BRAND NEW\*\***  
**\*\*Full \$100 Queen \$125 King \$200\*\***  
Orthopedic pillow-top sets. Brand name matching sets not used or refurbished. Still in plastic, direct from factory! 352-333-7516. 8-14-25-6

**BED- QUEEN New orthopedic pillowtop mattress and boxspring set.** Brand name, brand new, still in plastic with warranty. Can deliver. \$130 352-377-9846. 8-14-25-6

**BEDROOM SET- \$300 BRAND NEW**  
Still in boxes! 5 pieces include: Headboard, Nightstand, Dresser, Mirror, Chest. Must sell, can deliver. 352-377-9846. 8-14-13-25-6

**BED SALE SETS**  
● TWIN \$49 ● FULL \$69  
● QUEEN \$89 ● KING \$99,  
COME TO OUR STORE AT  
4390 SW 20TH AVE, 352-376-0953 7-23-13-5-6

**6 Furnishings**

**NEW QUEEN PLATFORM BED, HIGH QUALITY SYNTHETIC LEATHER WITH NEW PLUSH MATTRESS ONLY \$499 COME TO OUR STORE AT 4390 SW 20TH AVE, 352-376-0953 7-23-13-5-6**

**BED SET PILLOWTOPS IN PLASTIC**  
● TWIN \$89 ● FULL \$89  
● QUEEN \$99 ● KING \$199  
COME TO OUR STORE AT  
4390 SW 20TH AVE, 352-376-0953 7-25-13-6-

**7 Computers**

Selling computers, parts, or repair services or just looking for that new rig? Look in the Alligator Classifieds. Call 373-FIND for more information.

**COMPUTER & LAPTOP REPAIRS**  
Network specialists  
We buy computers and laptops  
Working and Non-working  
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**8 Electronics**

Sell your old stereo, cell phone, and more in the Electronics Section of the Alligator Classifieds. 373-FIND

**9 Bicycles**

In the market for a new set of wheels or just looking to add a second to that collection? Want personalized handlebars or a fitted seat? Check in the Alligator Classifieds

**10 For Sale**

●UF Surplus On-Line Auctions● are underway...bikes, computers, furniture, vehicles & more. All individuals interested in bidding go to: SURPLUS.UFL.EDU 392-0370 8-14-13-25-10

**GOATS FOR SALE**  
Charlie - 352-514-9858 8-14-25-10

**10 For Sale**

Guitars and Musical Instruments New, Used and Factory Refurbished Check Us Out Before You Buy!! Leonardo's Music, Micanopy, FL 352-450-0928 Leonardos302.com 8-14-13-25-10

**11 Motorcycles, Mopeds**

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Great Scooters, Service & Prices!  
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★★SCOOTER REPAIR★★  
New Scooters 4 Less has LOW repair rates!  
Will repair any make/model. Close to UF!  
Pick-ups avail. Cheap oil changes!! 336-1271  
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★★★★Road Rat Motors★★★★  
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Rent for a day, week, month or semester. Now renting Buddy scooters too! 352-336-1271 www.gainesvillescooterrentals.com 8-14-13-25-11

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**12 Autos**

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●Trucks, Vans - Titled only●  
Call KT 352-281-9980 or 352-215-3191  
8-14-25-12

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ALL VEHICLES \$0 DOWN!  
NO CREDIT CHECK!!!!  
VEHICLES \$800 AND UP!  
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ALL VEHICLES \$0 DOWN  
OVER 150 VEHICLES IN STOCK!  
CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S, & VANS!  
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BUY FOR BLOWOUT  
PRICES & SAVE BIG!!!!  
VEHICLES STARTING \$800!!  
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88 LINCOLN TOWNCAR \$1999  
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00 DODGE INTREPID \$2999  
00 CHEVY CAVALIER \$3999  
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03 CHEVY MALIBU \$3999  
04 DODGE INTREPID \$4999  
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NO CREDIT CHECKS!!!  
CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S & VANS!  
30 DAY WARRANTY!!!  
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06 PONTIAC MONTANA \$7999  
04 GMC ENVOY \$8999  
04 HONDA ACCORD \$8999  
352-375-9090 8-14-25-12

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04 FORD F150 \$8999  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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**12 Autos**

**CASH PAID \$300 AND UP!!!**  
 ANY CONDITION-RUNNING OR NOT!!!  
 FREE TOWING & SAME DAY PICK-UP  
 NO TITLE NEEDED. Call Brandy 352-771-6191  
 8-14-13-25-12

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 Free Appraisals ★ Top Cash or Trade  
 40 years in Business  
 OZZIE 352-318-4007  
 8-14-25-13

**UF GRAD PAYS MORE**  
 for gold jewelry, scrap gold, Rolex, diamonds, guitars, etc. Top \$\$\$\$. Get my offer before you sell! Call Jim 376-8090 or 222-8090  
 8-14-25-13

The American Cancer Society  
 Road to Recovery Volunteers Needed!  
**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED**  
 to transport cancer patients to treatment.  
 Flexible schedule.  
 Training and liability insurance provided.  
 Please call  
 352-240-5062 if interested.



St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville, and we are looking for help from volunteers like you.  
 St. Francis House 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.cfcxmail.com  
**To make a donation by mail,** please send checks payable to St. Francis House P.O. Box 12491 Gainesville, FL 32604

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 ANY CONDITION-RUNNING OR NOT!!!  
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 8-14-13-25-13

**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 and 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

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
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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 Kelcee Griffis, Managing Editor/Online at kgriffis@alligator.org



**Daytime Advertising Production**  
 The Independent Florida Alligator Advertising Production Department is accepting **student applications**. Duties include graphic design and organizational layout.

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

**14 Help Wanted**



**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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**\$300 A DAY POTENTIAL**  
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Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida is conducting a research study for women 20-40 yo on birth control pills. Compensation given. For details call Bonnie Coats at 273-9014 12-4-13-71-14

**CUTTING-EDGE UF RESEARCH STUDY**  
 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 Call: 352-392-2945 7-30-13-50-14

**SUMMER WORK GREAT PAY**  
 \$14.50 base/appt -FT/PT openings  
 Customer sales/service all ages 17+  
 CALL NOW 352-505-9105 8-14-13-26-14

**RGIS, LLC PT Hourly Work**  
 Flexible schedules  
 \$8/hr to start, apply online at RGIS.com 6-14-13-7-14

**ASSISTANT/TUTOR**  
 Looking an energetic student (math or education major) to tutor girls ages 7, 10, 12 in math/algebra part time as well as providing clerical assistance at a 35 year old publishing company. The position can be part or full time over the summer. Tutoring will be sporadic based on the girls activities over the summer and the down time will be spent doing office support. Please apply online at www.gleim.com/employment. 8-14-13-25-14

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**14 Help Wanted**

**STAY IN GAINESVILLE**  
 A 35 year old publishing company in Gainesville is looking for the following candidates:

- Admin Asst
  - Software Developer
  - Linux Administrator
  - Customer Service/Sales Reps
  - Marketing/Sales
  - Accounting Editor
  - Accounting Assistant
  - Flight Instructor/Marketing
  - SAT/ACT coordinator
- Full or part time. Please apply online at www.gleim.com/employment. 8-14-13-25-14

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**ACROSS**

1 Oxymoronic shrimp type  
6 Sets, as a price  
10 Overcast  
14 Opera solos  
15 Chop \_\_\_  
16 The stuff of legends  
17 Fish organs  
18 Subjects for Monet  
20 Pocketed, as a pool ball  
21 Broke the Tenth Commandment  
22 Sounded like an donkey  
24 Wimp  
28 Tanzania's \_\_\_ es Salaam  
29 Thomas More's perfect world  
30 With 41-Across, thing sometimes resisted  
33 Words welcoming speakers  
37 Pre-Easter season  
38 Like someone needing a lot of attention  
41 See 30-Across  
42 Gourmet's prefix  
43 \_\_\_ Moines  
44 Self-described "short, stocky, slow-witted bald man" of "Seinfeld"  
46 Bankbook cred.  
48 Taste, e.g.  
49 Barn dances  
54 Lame excuses  
56 Absorbs, as a loss  
58 "Love Actually" actor  
61 State whose motto is "Friendship"  
62 Kin of -trix  
63 Willy of "Free Willy," e.g.  
64 Embellish  
65 Umpire's call  
66 Turns green, say  
67 Quintet of assassins?

**DOWN**

1 Sprees  
2 Awful Heep

3 Hundred Acre Wood creator  
4 Refused to cooperate  
5 Covert WWII agcy.  
6 Vote by \_\_\_ of hands  
7 Like Cary Grant characters  
8 Excited, with "up"  
9 Part of TBS; Abbr.  
10 Flower with sword-shaped leaves  
11 Legendary bird  
12 Noah's boat  
13 "You betcha!"  
19 Midterm, say  
21 2011 Polanski comedy with an ironically violent title  
23 "The Lost Boys" actor Corey  
25 Go on a shopping spree  
26 Because  
27 David who directed four Harry Potter films  
29 Log-in needs  
30 Hooligans

31 Newly employed person  
32 Goad  
34 Alejandro's aunt  
35 ER VIPs  
36 Giant star Mel  
39 Astronomer who discovered Uranus  
40 "Mustn't do" thing  
45 Trivial Pursuit category; Abbr.  
47 Stereotypical professorial attire  
49 White with age  
50 1/16 of a pound  
51 James and Jones of jazz  
52 Greek vacation island  
53 Fixed look  
55 Poke  
57 IRS identifiers  
58 Publisher wearing p.j.'s  
59 108-card game  
60 Bearded beast  
61 \_\_\_ kwon do

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**JUMBLE CROSSWORDS**  
by David L. Hoyt 7-16-13

**ACROSS**

1. Personify  
5. Proposal  
6. Fossil resin  
7. Administer

**ANSWER**

DOYBEM  
FREF  
MABRE  
ROGEVN

**DOWN**

1. Develop, progress  
2. Water  
3. Sturdy  
4. Millionth of a meter

**ANSWER**

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**Sports QUIZ**  
by Chris Richcreek

- Name the only switch-hitter to compile at least 300 home runs and 300 stolen bases in his career.
- Which was the last major-league team to use six different starting pitchers in a World Series?
- Name the two schools that played in the first college football game, in 1869.
- When was the last time in franchise history before the 2012-13 season that the Los Angeles Clippers had at least an 11-game winning streak?
- In 2013, brothers Jared, Eric and Jordan Staal played together for Carolina, the fourth brother trio to do so in a game in NHL history. Name two of the first three.
- Who was the last male athlete before Will Claye of the U.S. in 2012 to medal in both the Olympic long jump and the triple jump?
- How many times did golfer Greg Norman finish either second or third at the Masters?

**Answers**

- Carlos Beltran, who reached the mark in 2012.
- Pittsburgh, in 1971.
- Rutgers defeated Princeton.
- It was the 1974-75 season, when the franchise was based in Buffalo.
- The Bentleys (Chicago, 1940s), the Plagers (St. Louis, 1970s) and the Stastnys (Quebec, 1980s).
- Japan's Naoto Tajima, in 1936.
- Six times - second in 1986, '87 and '96; third in '89, '95 and '99.

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AS STEIN ON TV

# All-Star Game lacks flair despite playoff implications

I remember the worst night in All-Star Game history well.

I tuned in to the 2002 contest, excited to see six of my favorite Yankees play, including the entire New York infield (which blew my 9-year-old mind).

The game dragged on into extra innings, and because both managers wanted every player to get an opportunity to play in the game, both teams ran out of players to pitch by the 12th frame.

Commissioner Bud Selig decided to end the game, causing the first tie since 1961, when the game was called due to rain.

Ending the game in a tie was an embarrassment for both Selig and Major League Baseball, but the way the league tried to remedy the problem presented another issue.

Now, the All-Star Game "means something." The winning side gets home field advantage in the World Series.

But adding the home field advantage incentive doesn't make the game more interesting, and it makes no sense come playoff time.

What incentive does Jose Fernandez, the sole representative from the woeful Marlins, have tonight? Miami needs the angels from "Angels In The Outfield" to even get out of last place. They don't care who gets home field advantage.

Fernandez likely has one thing on his mind at Citi Field tonight: I hope I don't get hurt.

And why does a player like Fernandez get to impact the playoffs that he almost certainly won't be a part of?

If the Pirates storm into the World Series with 115 wins under their belts, they deserve home field advantage.

But if they play a Rays team that limped in with 85 wins, and the American League



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wins tonight, then Tropicana Field will be hosting a majority of the World Series games.

How is that fair?

Why does the All-Star Game need to have playoff implications?

The players don't seem to care as much. There isn't a major rivalry between the two leagues. The game might "mean something," but I don't think Robinson Cano is going to bowl through Yadier Molina Pete Rose-style. They have their all-star bonuses. They just want to have fun and stay healthy.

I almost enjoy the Home Run Derby more. You know why? There's no pressure.

Each game from April through September has pressure. Pennant races last until the last day of the season. The All-Star Game should be a time to relax and enjoy ourselves.

Maybe something should be done to make the game easier to follow.

Players shuffle in and out of the lineup so quickly that it's hard to keep track, even though almost all the players are household names.

But hey, maybe the game hasn't changed and I did. Maybe I'm just older and more cynical.

But I know the addition of home field advantage hasn't helped the All-Star Game at all. I'll tune in, but not because it will matter in October. I just want to watch some baseball.

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Baltimore's Chris Davis follows through on a three-run home run against the New York Yankees on June 29 in Baltimore. Davis is the American League's starting first baseman.

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## Junior transfer ready to play after sitting out first season

**LANDON WATNICK**  
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What Billy Donovan hoped to be a developmental year for Damontre Harris turned out to be the opposite last season.

Harris, a 6-foot-10 center who transferred from South Carolina, knew he would be ineligible to play during the 2012-13 season because of NCAA transfer rules. But injuries and illness prevented the junior from practicing for the majority of the year.

"I really feel bad for Damontre because I really felt like last year was a wasted year for him," Donovan said Wednesday. "He really needed a year of individual instruction, player development, those kind of things."

Donovan hoped Harris would be the perfect practice opponent for starting center Patric Young, but that never came to fruition.

In October, Harris dislocated his shoulder and suffered a labrum tear when a teammate fell on him during practice.

He underwent surgery a week later and did not participate in any full-contact drills for about four months. Donovan said Harris lost

a significant amount of weight because he could not partake in any weightlifting.

Harris was cleared to return to practice on Feb. 28, but he suffered a high ankle sprain less than

a week later.

In addition, Harris battled strep throat last season. Doctors initially thought they would have to perform surgery on him because they believed he had an abscess in

his throat. Instead, Harris went on antibiotics for about six weeks to treat the condition.

Harris also dealt with legal issues. He was arrested the morning of Feb. 20 for failing to appear

in court on a traffic citation stemming from last July, according to Alligator archives.

With five-star forward Chris Walker's academic eligibility still in question, Florida hopes Harris will provide depth in the front-court next season.

As South Carolina's starting center in 2011-12, Harris averaged 6.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per contest. He finished tied for second in the Southeastern Conference with 2.3 blocks per game, trailing only Kentucky's Anthony Davis (4.7).

*"He's doing much, much better now,"*

**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach



Alligator File Photo

Damontre Harris poses for a picture during Basketball Media Day on Oct. 10 in the Florida Basketball Practice Complex. Harris sat out the 2012-13 season after transferring from South Carolina.

### FIRE JOE MORGAN

## Clowney meets Godzilla: predictions for the SEC season

Mike Gillislee grabbed headlines at last year's Southeastern Conference Media Days after predicting that he would rack up 1,500 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2012.

OK, they were goals, not predictions. But for the sake of this column, just bear with me.

Although Gillislee fell short of both marks, he enjoyed a successful season as a first-time starter, becoming the first Florida player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season since 2004.

In the spirit of Gilly's confidence and ambition last year, I will make some bold predictions regarding how the SEC will play out this season ahead of this week's SEC Media Days.

And just like Mike, I'll also probably fall a little short. So, uh, cut me some slack.

I'll go with eight predictions because that's the number of consecutive national titles the SEC will have won at the end of the 2013 campaign.

1. South Carolina's Jadeveon Clowney will sack everyone and everything. Even you. Nobody is safe. Why are you still sit-

ting there? Run!

2. Johnny Manziel will finally come around — again! — and realize Gators coach Will Muschamp was right all along. College Station is a bad place to be, especially considering that the Heisman Trophy winner has nowhere to go but down. (Also, the nearest Zaxby's is 72.3 miles away in Spring, Texas. Wait a minute. There are two Zaxby's in Spring! What the hell is he still doing in College Station? Also, Josh Beckett and Jim Parsons are from Spring.)

When Manziel tweeted his desire to leave Aggieland in June before promptly deleting the post, he was likely finally beginning to feel the pressure. You can only ride the kind of high he's been living on since December for so long before everything evens out.

Losing Kliff Kingsbury and Luke Joeckel (Go Jags!) will hurt, and it doesn't help that the biggest target in college football is painted on Johnny Football's back. Good luck in Round 2 against those SEC defenses. You're going to need it.

3. Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray will represent the SEC in New York at the Heisman Trophy presentation in December.



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no telling how the Bulldogs' new-look defense will fare in 2013, but the Murray-led offense is poised to put up numbers as big as Clowney's hit on former Michigan running back Vincent Smith.

4. Clowney will also be in New York come December. He'll either be up on stage with Murray or emerging from New York Harbor Godzilla-style and wreaking havoc on the Big Apple. I lean toward the latter. Actually, I'll be running from it.

5. The Gators are a year away from Atlanta. There's plenty to like about their incredibly talented defense, but I believe the group needs a year to come together and mature under the leadership of new defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin. As for the offense, the rushing attack will be one of the SEC's best, thanks to a much-improved offensive line

Murray will shine in his senior season surrounded by a variety of playmakers such as Todd Gurley, Malcolm Mitchell and Keith Marshall. There's

and a bevy of talented ball carriers. As for Jeff Driskel and the pass-catchers, I'll believe it when I see it.

6. LSU will win 10 or more games. Also, death and taxes.

7. James Franklin will leave Vanderbilt after an eight-win season to take a better job in another conference (Texas should wise up and grab him before USC kicks Lane Kiffin to the curb). Franklin has been scary good with limited resources at Vandy, earning back-to-back bowl berths and winning nine (!) games last season. He's too good to stay in Nashville much longer.

8. Alabama will win its third straight national title. He might be Satan himself (What's up, Tim Davis?), but Nick Saban is simply the best. After the Crimson Tide wins the crystal football, people will debate whether the SEC is actually the nation's best conference or if the league merely earns its prestige as the home of a modern dynasty. Of course it's the former, but Skip Bayless and Stephen A. Smith need something to yell about.

Contact Joe Morgan at joemorgan@alligator.org.



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### Muschamp, players to speak

The annual Southeastern Conference Media Days begin today in Hoover, Ala. UF coach Will Muschamp and players Jeff Driskel, Dominique Easley and Jon Halapio will represent Florida at the event.

### Former Gator, US fall to Japan in World Cup

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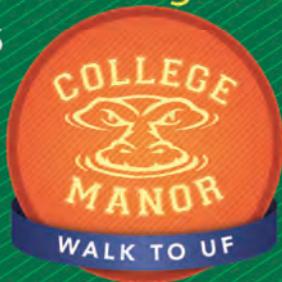
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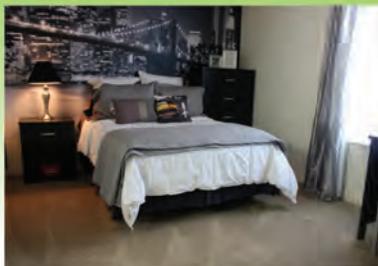
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