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LOCAL

City prepares for below-freezing cold

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In an effort to help Gainesville residents prepare themselves for the recent sub-freezing temperatures, local organizations are providing tips and resources to confront the harrowing weather.

Gainesville Regional Utilities issued a list of cold-weather tips to keep homes safe and energy efficient.

To prevent frozen water pipes, residents are advised to keep water continuously flowing and to cover exposed pipes, ac-

ording to a news release.

GRU also advised homeowners to purchase carbon monoxide detectors and to look out for that "rotten egg" smell, which usually signals a gas leak. If there are signs of irregular gas levels, residents should leave the house and call 911, according to the release.

To cut down on utility costs, residents are encouraged to keep their thermostats at 68 degrees. If kept above the recommended temperature, homeowners could see a hike in their next utility bills by a few percentage

points per degree.

Instead, residents should layer up with blankets and extra clothing, said GRU conservation specialist Amy Carpus.

"You don't want to keep pushing that thermostat up and get a higher bill when you could've just thrown on an extra sweater," Carpus said.

She also added that space heaters should be used briefly to warm a room up rather than relied on as the primary source of heat.

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To prevent kale greens from freezing, 27-year-old resident Travis Mitchell coordinates an emergency harvest before the bitter cold front hits Gainesville. Ana Fajardo, a 20-year-old UF public relations student, volunteers to help.

No more lines: TRiP registration now online

► IT ELIMINATES THREE-HOUR WAITS.

BEATRICE DUPLY

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Student access to adventures just got easier at UF.

Students interested in participating in the Travel and Recreation Program will no longer have to wait in line to register for the excursions.

Online exclusive registration for TRiP programs will open Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

Veronica Adoriso, a 19-year-old UF sustainability and business sophomore, went on TRiP's excursion to Foster Falls, Tenn., last semester. Adoriso said to register for her trip to the falls she waited more than four hours in line while it rained.

"Now it's more convenient. Everyone has a chance to sign up," she said. "If you always had class on the registration time and day, then you were out of luck."

Previously, students looking to register for TRiP waited in lines lasting more than three hours outside the Outfitter in the Reitz Union, said Jackie Matthews, a program coordinator for the TRiP Outfitter and Free Bike Repair.

"We wanted to make our registration more inclusive," Matthews said. "There is a computer in the Outfitter for students' convenience, if they want to pop in and sign up for TRiP."

TRiP excursion manager Danielle Irwin, 21, said students can read about trips open for registration on the new webpage, studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/TRiP, which is part of the Student Activities and Involvement site.

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Local woman arrested after trying to headbutt police officer

She said she drank Ciroc vodka

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Gainesville Police arrested a local woman early Monday morning after police said she tried to headbutt an officer who pulled her over for drunk driving.

Police arrested Toccara Oscarsha Kleckley,

32, on charges of battery and assault on an officer, driving under the influence and resisting an officer, according to an arrest report.

At about 1 a.m., an officer driving to the Alachua County jail requested backup for a "reckless driver" driving in front of the police car, according to the report.

An officer stopped the car, which was driv-



Kleckley

en by Kleckley. Another officer then arrived at the scene and asked Kleckley to perform field sobriety tests, according to the report.

Kleckley agreed and told the officer she had been drinking Ciroc vodka earlier in the night.

When Kleckley could not complete parts of the test, the officer arrested her. Kleckley tried

to headbutt the officer and spit on the officer's face, according to the report. Officers had to tackle Kleckley to the ground and led her, kicking and flailing, into the car.

Officers had to strap Kleckley in a spit mask and foot restraint. On the way to the jail, she began speaking to someone or something, "possibly Jesus," according to the report.

Officers booked Kleckley into the jail at about 1:30 a.m. Monday, where she remained as of press time in lieu of a \$90,000 bond.

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Homeless Mass. man not hard-rock band's drummer

GLOUCESTER, Mass. — He wasn't asked to play a few licks on the drums, but police in Gloucester quickly determined that the homeless man they found at a city business wasn't who he claimed to be.

When officers responded to the business Thursday to assist employees with the man, he claimed he was the drummer for the 1980s-era hard-rock band Whitesnake.

The Gloucester Times reports that a quick check of records indicated that was not true.

The man, who had no known address, had been asked to leave an apartment building earlier in the night when he was found sleeping in the doorway.

The unnamed man was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

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Back to the future? Time travel missing on Twitter

WASHINGTON — Time travelers, if they really exist, seem to be keeping their adventures to themselves.

Researchers with perhaps a bit too much time on their hands conducted an extensive Internet and social media search for evidence of time travelers going back in history and then bragging about it online.

And they came up empty. No real life Dr. Who or Marty McFly from "Back to the Future" tweeting secrets a bit early.

Spurred by idle chat during Thursday poker games, an astrophysicist and his students at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich., searched for mentions of Pope Francis and Comet ISON before they popped into reality. Francis was elected pope last March, and ISON was first detected in September 2012.

The idea: If someone mentions Pope Francis in a 2011 tweet, Facebook post or blog item, then they must have come back from the future with special knowledge.

But no one posted anything prescient.

And last September, the researchers asked people to tweet "#Icanchangethepast2" — but do it before August, a month earlier. Again, no one did.

The disappointing results, rejected by three physics journals, will be presented Tuesday at the American Astronomical Society conference in Washington.

If someone went back in time and said something to hint about the future, it would prove the concept of time travel, said astrophysicist Robert Nemiroff.

He said this was merely summer fun that cost nothing to do.

"This wasn't a major research push," Nemiroff said Monday at the astronomy meeting. "This was typing things into search engines.

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Billions of dollars are spent on time travel movies and books and stuff like that. This probably costs less than a dollar to check on it."

Nemiroff said this isn't his normal field, and he didn't much believe in traveling backward in time before — and believes less in it now. "Unless I go back (in time) and publish lots of papers," he joked.

Other scientists didn't take it too seriously either.

Harvard astronomer Avi Loeb said in an email, "As anyone who uses online dating knows, the Internet is the last place to find the truth about the physical reality."

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NC politician writes resignation letter in Klingon

INDIAN TRAIL, N.C. — Call it a politician boldly going where no one has gone before.

On Thursday, David Waddell used the Klingon language to write his letter of resignation from the Indian Trail Town Council in North Carolina.

Waddell says he opted to use Klingon, the language of a warrior race on the "Star Trek" TV shows and movies, as an inside joke. Mayor Michael Alvarez is calling the letter unprofessional.

Waddell says he is resigning at the end of this month. His four-year term expires in December 2015.

Waddell says he also needs to devote time to mounting a write-in campaign on the Constitution Party's platform against U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan (D — N.C.).

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Group unveils Satan statue design for Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY — A satanic group unveiled designs Monday for a 7-foot-tall statue of Satan it wants to put at the Oklahoma state Capitol, where a Ten Commandments monument was placed in 2012.

The New York-based Satanic Temple formally submitted its application to a panel that oversees the Capitol grounds, including an artist's rendering that depicts Satan as Baphomet, a goat-headed figure with horns, wings and a long beard that's often used as a symbol of the occult. In the rendering, Satan is sitting in a pentagram-adorned throne with smiling children next to him.

"The monument has been designed to reflect the views of

Satanists in Oklahoma City and beyond," temple spokesman Lucien Greaves said in a statement. "The statue will also have a functional purpose as a chair where people of all ages may sit on the lap of Satan for inspiration and contemplation."

The Satanic Temple maintains that the Oklahoma Legislature's decision to authorize a privately funded Ten Commandments monument at the Capitol opened the door for its statue. The Ten Commandments monument was placed on the north steps of the building in 2012, and the Oklahoma chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has sued to have it removed.

Similar requests for monuments have been made by a Hindu leader in Nevada, an animal rights group and the satirical Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

The push by the Satanic Temple has rankled elected leaders in this conservative state known as the buckle of the Bible Belt, who say such a proposal would never be approved by the commission.

"I think you've got to remember where you are. This is Oklahoma, the middle of the heartland," said Rep. Don Armes (R- Okla.).

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Florida panther released into the wild dies

► IT HAD BEEN RESCUED IN 2011.

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LA BELLE, Fla. — An endangered Florida panther that was rescued as a kitten has died less than a year after being released back into the wild, officials said Monday.

The young male panther's radio collar alerted officials Friday that the animal was not moving and could be dead, said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman Carli Segelson.

The lethargic panther was found on private land in Hendry County and taken to a veterinary clinic, where it died Saturday, Segelson said.

The panther had been in the same general area for the previous five days, but the cause of death wasn't immediately clear, Segelson said. It was in an area with abundant deer and wild hog populations, and its movements were typical for a male panther.

A necropsy is planned at the wildlife commission's laboratory in Gainesville.

The panther and its sister were rescued by wildlife officials in September 2011 in Collier County after their mother was found dead. They were raised in captivity before being released separately last year.

Instead of releasing the male in southwest Florida, where the core population of panthers are found, officials took it to Palm Beach County, to the eastern edge of known panther breeding grounds.

Young males can be attacked and killed by larger, older panthers securing their territory, and officials wanted to give this panther more space to roam in an area with fewer competitors.

Florida panthers once roamed the entire southeastern U.S., but only about 160 remain in the wild, and it's rare for the big cats to be cared for in captivity and then released.

This is the second panther death reported in 2014. A panther that had been roaming a Naples neighborhood was killed last week after colliding with a car involved in a multi-vehicle crash.



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One Up

Allen Alford, left, and Joshua Goldner play Magic: The Gathering at the Alachua County Public Library on Monday. The gaming event The Level Up Table Top Games includes a variety of card games and takes place Mondays at 4 p.m.

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#Selfies on CRC Open House agenda

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The Career Resource Center is ready to help students with their resumes, outfits and even their selfies.

For the first time, the center's annual Open House, to be held Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CRC, will feature a booth for Pre-Showcase Selfies.

Dana McPherson, assistant director of marketing and communications for the center, said the center is hoping students will post the photos on their social media profiles with the hashtag "#IamShowcase."

The goal of the event, McPherson said, is to prepare students for Ca-

reer Showcase, which will take place Jan. 21 and 22.

She said she expects about 200 students to attend the open house, which will include workshops on Gator CareerLink and resume building and a series on professional dress hosted by Dillard's.

"We're using this open house as a tool," she said. "The workshops we're offering this year kick off next week and all of our professional development events."

With Career Showcase a week after the open house, Bruna Bouhid, a 22-year-old international studies senior and marketing intern for the center, said the event may help students get organized before the big

"As students, we procrastinate. . . We do need to spend some time beforehand preparing."

Bruna Bouhid

CRC marketing intern

day.

"As students, we procrastinate," she said. "We do need to spend some time beforehand preparing."

Bouhid said she expects the most popular event to be on resume building.

"There are so many things that are said about resumes," she said. "It will be really helpful to have an extra set of eyes to look at it."

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Researchers develop healthier tomatoes, improved packages

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UF researchers have been working to create a better-tasting tomato and a way to keep it fresh longer.

Harry Klee, a professor in the horticultural sciences department at UF, said the ultimate goal of his roughly 12 years of work was to create a tastier tomato and to benefit consumer health.

"We think that if we make stuff that tastes pretty good, it'll improve diets," he said.

Klee said he and other researchers are hoping that a seed company will pick up the two varieties of hybrid tomatoes they developed.

Sean Eason, a 21-year-old UF English se-

nior, said he likes the current taste of tomatoes but said the research is a good thing.

"If healthier eating tastes better, I suppose more people will be more into it," he said, "and that's always a good idea."



Klee

In addition to the tomato research, four years of research by UF and the University of California, Davis, on "modified atmosphere packaging" is coming to an end.

Jeff Brecht, a UF research foundation professor, was involved in the project and said that the goal was "to get fresher, ripier foods."

The new packaging method works because it is made with a semi-permeable layer that allows oxygen to move out of the packaging. As the plant respirates, the packaging will allow the oxygen and carbon monoxide to separate, slowing down the metabolism of the fruit or vegetable, as well as the fungi that may be on it.

Although this packaging may drive up food costs, Brecht said graduate students will be surveying people to see how much more or less they would be willing to pay for the packaging.

Darin Jagnarine, a 19-year-old UF biomedical engineering sophomore, said he wouldn't mind paying a little extra for foods in the new packaging.

Info from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

- Today, about 700,000 acres of tomatoes are produced, making the tomato the leading greenhouse vegetable grown in the U.S.
- Florida tomatoes are available from September through June.
- Florida produces 45 percent of the U.S. value of fresh market tomatoes, with a value of \$631 million.
- Alachua County alone was responsible for \$92 million of agricultural products at the time of the last census in 2007.
- In 2010, Florida ranked seventh among the states in the U.S. with agricultural exports topping \$3.1 billion, according to Euromonitor International.

Execution date set for killer of guard, Miami couple

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MIAMI — A man convicted of abducting and killing a Miami couple and later stabbing a prison guard to death is set to be executed after nearly four decades on Florida's death row.

Askari Abdullah Muhammad, previously known as Thomas Knight, is scheduled to die by lethal injection Tuesday at Florida State Prison in Starke barring a last-minute, successful appeal.

Gov. Rick Scott signed the death warrant after the Florida Supreme Court in December rejected Muhammad's challenge to chemicals used in the state's execution procedure.

Muhammad, 62, was first condemned to die for the 1974 killings of Sydney and Lillian Gans. Then known as Knight, he had worked for Gans at a paper bag company before abducting him in the business' parking lot with a rifle. He ordered Gans to drive home to pick up his wife and then go to a bank to withdraw \$50,000.

Inside the bank, Gans asked a manager to alert authorities. Both the FBI and local police were able to follow the car for a while, including use of aircraft, but lost track of it for a short time in a rural part of southern Miami-Dade County. Trial testimony showed that's when Muhammad shot the couple in the back of the head and tried to hide by burying himself, the rifle and the money in mud and weeds.

Muhammad was found a short time later and arrested. While awaiting trial, he and 10 other inmates escaped from the local jail, leading to a nation-

wide manhunt including a Top 10 fugitives listing by the FBI.

Although he was not charged, authorities say Muhammad was involved, after his escape, in the fatal October 1974 shooting of liquor store clerk William Culpepper during an armed robbery in Cordale, Ga. Another clerk was shot and wounded, according to local authorities.

The FBI finally arrested Muhammad on New Year's Eve in 1974 in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. In his possession were three stolen weapons: a sawed-off shotgun, a .38-cal. revolver and a 9 mm handgun.

After his conviction in the Gans case, Muhammad in 1980 fatally stabbed Correction Officer Richard Burke with the sharpened end of a spoon as he was being escorted to the prison shower.

Muhammad was sentenced to die for Burke's killing in 1983.

His execution has been delayed for so long because of numerous appeals and rulings in the Gans case, including a 1987 federal appeals court tossing out his death sentence because he hadn't been allowed to put character and background witnesses on the stand during the penalty phase.

The decades have worn heavily on the Gans family as they await justice. Their daughter, 72-year-old Harriet Shapiro, said it will be a relief when it's all over.

"Even though I have no hatred in my heart, and I don't live with anger, I would be very happy to see him dead and stand there when they kill him," Shapiro told The Miami Herald in a recent interview.

Congressman returns after drug bust

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — A Florida congressman who pleaded guilty to cocaine-possession charges last year is returning to Congress.

Republican Rep. Trey Radel says he's looking forward to representing his southwest Florida constituents

in Washington again after taking a leave of absence and undergoing treatment in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

In November, Radel pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of cocaine possession and was sentenced to a year of probation. He admitted to purchasing 3.5 grams of cocaine from an undercover officer

in Washington on Oct. 29.

The House Ethics Committee is investigating his conduct.

The 37-year-old freshman has resisted calls from several GOP leaders, including Gov. Rick Scott, to resign. Last month, Radel pledged to regain the trust of his constituents by redoubling his legislative efforts in the capital.

Number of spots on trips won't increase

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Registration and payment for upcoming TRiP excursions will now be completed on the webpage, although registration is not available yet.

"It's simpler to go online and do it right when you're thinking about it," said Irwin, a sustainability and the built environment senior.

She said students don't have to worry about going to the Outfitter and running out of time to register.

Irwin added that although more students are expected to apply online, the number of spots available on trips will not increase.

A list of the 2014 trips and prices are listed on the group's website. The dates for trips will be released following drop/add period, when the availability of TRiP

leaders is finalized. Some of the excursions include paddling down Silver River, mountain biking in San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park and climbing Sand Rock in Alabama.

"We were there until 11:30 or midnight just because of the line."

Destiny Kucko

UF natural resource conservation senior

UF recreation, parks and tourism senior Destiny Kucko, a 21-year-old TRiP leader and education manager, said students can still come in and ask questions, but online registration will end some late nights for TRiP employees.

"We were there until 11:30 or midnight just because of the line," Kucko said.

Homeless, hungry locals can get shelter

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"It uses a lot of electricity," she said, "and anything that could be flammable anywhere near it could be a risk."

Local apartment complexes are sending out similar warnings to residents. University Club Apartments encouraged tenants to keep water dripping and to purchase insurance to cover any possible damage. Canopy Apartments informed

its residents not to be alarmed by the smell of burning dust, which results from increased use of the heater.

Elsewhere in Gainesville, organizations are working to make sure Gainesville's homeless population stays warm. The St. Francis House and the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry implemented its Cold Night Shelter program Monday night.

The program, which is activated when night temperatures are lower than 45 degrees, provides shelter and food for those in need as well as motel vouchers for additional space.

From October 2012 to March 2013, about 2,200 people took advantage of the program, said John Wachtel, Gainesville's neighborhood improvement coordinator. Wachtel is expecting many people to take advantage of the program this week with the recent below-freezing temperatures.

"The colder the nights, the more people that come in," he said.

Those interested should visit the St. Francis House, Wachtel said.

"They'll make sure you get taken care of," he said.



AP Photo

In the Jacksonville area, Mae Smith, left, and Sid Smith Jr. use hydraulic splitters to split oak and hickory tree trunks to sell as firewood.

LOCAL

New Roberts' Stadium Club garage offers Midtown parking

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With the opening of the Roberts' Stadium Club parking garage, the battle for parking in Midtown may be a thing of the past.

After a few months of construction, the garage officially opened Dec. 18 and is now available to students and residents to use.

It offers 75 regular parking spaces and four handicapped parking spaces, wrote Susan Schoen, the building's property manager, in an email.

Parking prices start at \$3 for the first hour and increase every half-hour to a price of \$9.75 for the whole day. Guests are allowed to leave cars overnight until 6:30 a.m.

Special parking options for football season will be available in the Fall to give customers a "safe, secure and out-of-the-weather" parking location, Schoen said.

The building currently has two restaurants, a clothing store and a jewelry store leasing space.

However, employees in the building have to pay to park in the garage, Schoen said.

Alix Kissinger, the manager of Henri Girl — a clothing store in the building — doesn't park in

the garage and continues to use a street parking pass for that reason.

"We looked into rates, and they're pretty pricey," Kissinger said. "They mentioned swipe cards, and they were on the expensive side."

However, Kissinger said she thinks the garage will help attract customers.

"I think we will (see an increase) now that it's open, especially since we always have a lot of people calling, asking where they can park," she said. "I think all the signs they have will help get the word out that the parking garage is open, and people will be more likely to park there and come in and shop."

Kissinger said overnight parking options were a good idea for those who want to leave their cars somewhere safe.

Some students expressed mixed feelings about the garage.

Shane Coll, a 19-year-old UF computer science freshman, said he doesn't see himself using the parking garage.

"It's easier just to walk," he said. "There's no reason to park there. It's so close to campus."

Dylan Abeles, an 18-year-old UF aerospace engineering freshman, said the garage could be convenient.

But he agreed that it's easier to walk than park in the garage.

"It could be worth it if you get

a good spot," he said. "But if I'm not in a rush or anything, I'd just park on campus."

The garage was the last part of the luxury condo and retail complex to be completed in Summer.



Matthew Martyr/Alligator

Students and residents can now park in a new garage on Northwest First Avenue and Northwest 18th Street. The garage is an extension of the Roberts' Stadium Club. Parking starts at \$3 for one hour.

Cancer survivor supports underfunded research with nonprofit

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JACKSONVILLE — Two years ago, Patrick McLaughlin of Jacksonville was in the Mayo Clinic for minor nasal surgery.

But routine preparatory tests turned up something potentially far worse. A lesion on his pancreas led to a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, which, for 85 percent of people, kills

within six months.

"It is one of the worst cancers one can have," said McLaughlin, now 66. "There are not a lot of people (survivors) running around."

After surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment, he is one of the survivors. So he decided to support other people who get the same devastating diagnosis by helping found a Jacksonville-based nonprofit, the Florida Pancreas Cancer Coalition Inc., to raise funds for Florida-based pancreatic cancer research.

"I did a lot of soul-searching," he

said. "I can speak for people who can't speak for themselves."

In the early months of the new year, the fledgling, all-volunteer coalition will have his attention.

The goal is to support local research, "where our local neighbors can...actually see and experience where their money is going and what it is accomplishing," according to the website. The group plans to have periodic meetings with patients, their families and friends to discuss common issues.

McLaughlin and other board

members are planning their first major fundraiser in March, the Culhane's Celtic Open golf tournament.

Since the coalition has not yet received official nonprofit status from the IRS, the event will be presented by a partner organization, the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival.

All proceeds will go to pancreatic cancer research at Mayo.

Mayo has not sponsored or endorsed the coalition but is "grateful that they want to raise funds for Mayo Clinic for pancreatic cancer

research," said clinic spokesman Paul Scotti.

McLaughlin said there is enough "world-class research going on" statewide for Florida-focused fundraising. But he fretted that only 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's budget goes to pancreatic cancer research, despite the high fatality odds.

Howard Crawford, an associate professor of cancer biology who is on Mayo's research faculty, said it's simply harder to deal with than many other cancers.



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Editorial

No Rose for You: ABC, it's time to revamp 'The Bachelor'

Last night, the new year saw a new crop of screaming, swooning female hopefuls on "The Bachelor," which began its 18th season on ABC. The premise of "The Bachelor" and its sister show, "The Bachelorette," represents something both modern and weirdly primal: Cameras, boom mics and Chris Harrison follow a group of 20-somethings as they compete fiercely for the affection of a mate — presumably so the winner and said mate may become engaged and begin a life together.

Each season is purported to be "the most dramatic yet," "historical" and "like nothing viewers have seen before on 'The Bachelor.'" Over its 18-season run, the show has operated along a formula that relies on tired, gendered stereotypes. When seasons like this one center on a group of women vying for one man's affection, these gendered stereotypes become even clearer: The women are continually portrayed as hysterically emotional, hell-bent on procuring a husband. The female contestants are constantly pitted against one another, and phrases such as "I'm not here to make friends," and "The claws are starting to come out," are tossed about frequently.

The male contestants on "The Bachelorette" are much luckier: They're rewarded for letting vulnerability shine through their masculine exteriors. The ones who tend to win have a level of sensitivity normally found only on the pages of Nicholas Sparks novels. Indeed, the male "Bachelorette" winners are rewarded for balancing their masculine and feminine sides for the benefit of viewers, while the women on "The Bachelor" seem to display only exaggerated acts of femininity: They cry at the drop of a hat, they become immediately emotionally invested in the man they've only just met, they engage in screaming fights with each other, and they spend hours preening before group dates.

We can only hope that the network's casting choices and editing are to blame for the way women are portrayed on "The Bachelor." Season after season, the majority of them have vague, ubiquitously feminine careers: hair stylists, makeup artists, yoga instructors, models, dancers, "entrepreneurs" and "consultants." They, as Jezebel pointed out, seem to subsist solely on fruit, nuts and Diet Coke. Occasionally, women with personality and apparent intellect are featured on the show: lawyers, oil-field account managers, girls who cite "Atlas Shrugged" as their favorite book and one, this season, who broke the fruit-and-nut loving mold by naming Flamin' Hot Cheetos as her favorite snack.

However, those women are eventually weeded out, and women of color rarely make it to the final rounds. No, the majority of "The Bachelor" winners are thin, white and hopelessly two-dimensional — or they appear to be.

While we would never dream of suggesting ABC pull "The Bachelor" forever — it is, after all, the guilty pleasure of all guilty pleasures — it's time the network considered hiring new producers. Female contestants, just like the male contestants, should be afforded the same amount of depth and development.

Reader response

Today's question: Will you start parking at Roberts' Stadium Club?

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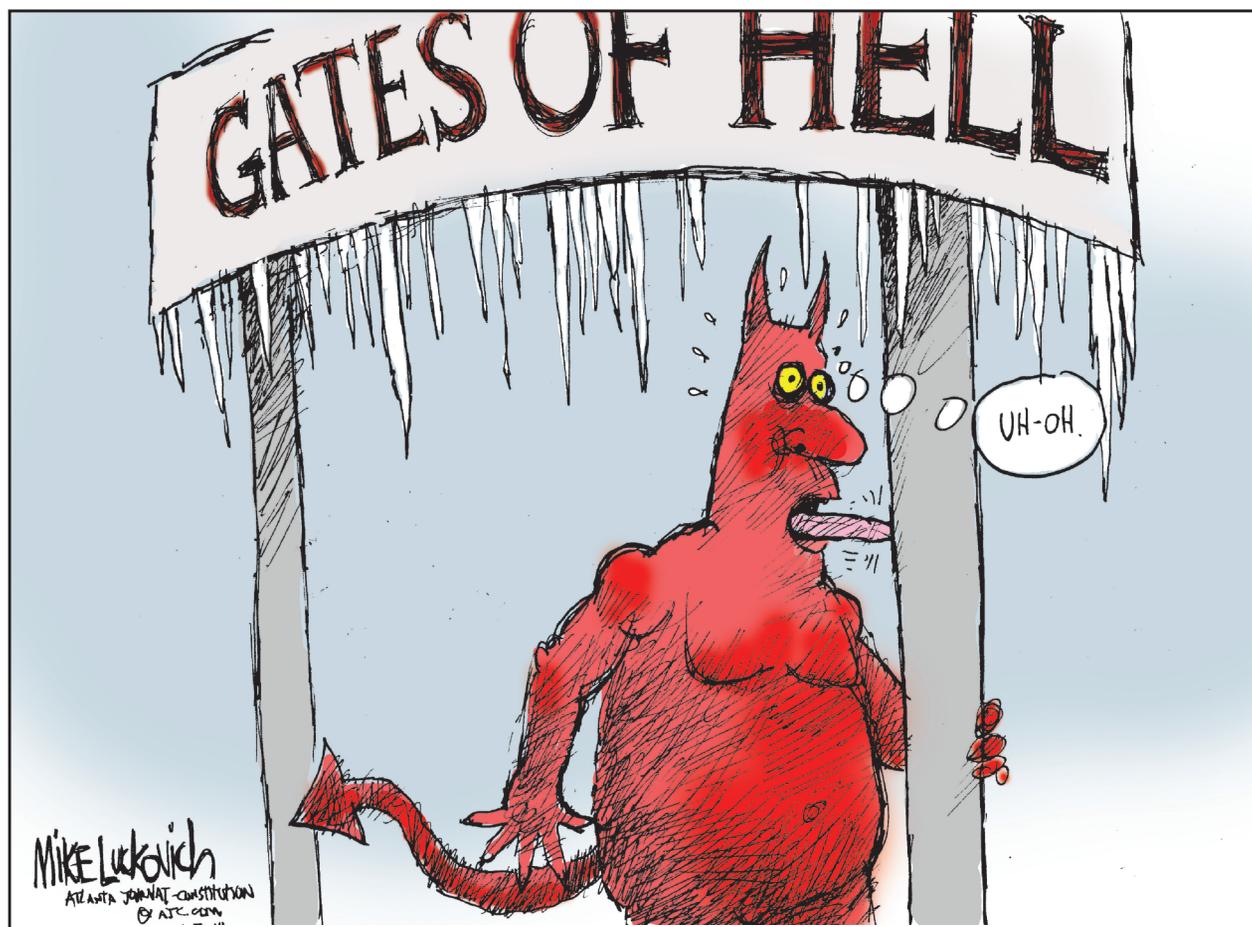
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Column

Hamba kahle Madiba: Goodbye, Mandela

South Africa was to be my birthplace. Zambia, where I was eventually born, didn't have the best maternity care in southern Africa in the early 1990s, and my parents were advised to move. Eventually, things worked out, and there was no need for my mom to go to Durban, South Africa.

Over Winter Break, South Africa's greatest son, Nelson Mandela, was buried. Perhaps you saw the funeral coverage or the movies, but I was exposed to his magic another way.

Madiba, as he was known to his beloved people, was a young lawyer in 1962 when he was arrested and faced the death penalty on charges of sabotage against the apartheid government of South Africa. In a four-hour speech from his dock, he kept his cool, saying he was "prepared to die" for "the ideal of a democratic and free society."

Mandela was sentenced to life in prison. His political group was banned and moved its headquarters to Zambia. For the next few decades, the city of my birth, Lusaka, hosted Mandela's political organization. Lusaka experienced turmoil in the coming years as white apartheid supporters violently targeted the black activists who worked in exile.

And then, finally, the day arrived. The year was 1990. The agony of 27 years made the occasion that much sweeter.

I was yet to be born, but my parents tell me that Lusaka erupted that day. A joyous frenzy overcame the city as news spread that Madiba was released. The pictures published the next day were moving — the valiant son of Africa, who had now gone gray-haired, walked out of the prison gates, his fist raised.

Shortly after being freed, Mandela began to spread global awareness against the South African apartheid system. His first stop was Lusaka, to give thanks to the city that sheltered his political and biological families during his 27 years in prison.



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When Nelson Mandela has personal ties to your birthplace, you can get lucky. I grew up hearing of how my mom wept when her prayers were answered with Madiba's release and how my older brother's first formative childhood memory was of watching Mandela's

presidential inauguration — Mandela had invited his former prison guard to the ceremony!

But interestingly, the bandwagon wasn't always full. The U.S. supported the apartheid government for decades. Mandela was only taken off our terrorist watch list in 2008.

President Ronald Reagan justified allying with the apartheid regime by saying, at the time, that South Africa is strategically "essential to the free world in its production of minerals."

Even on campus, the cruelty of apartheid is yet to be realized.

Our Student Senate is voting on a resolution calling for UF to "build upon its partnership" with the State of Israel. Considering how Israel is known for its ongoing abuse against its Palestinian subjects — while enjoying impunities like those apartheid South Africa enjoyed in its heyday — such a proposal is embarrassing.

"Our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians," Mandela said.

Cozying up with Israel won't ruffle many feathers, reminiscent of how our misguided ancestors had little issue with cozying up with black apartheid.

Madiba's long walk has come to an end, and a time will come when we, too, will leave. Before we go irreversibly astray, should we not learn from the past?

Zulkar Khan is a microbiology major. His column runs on Tuesdays.

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Column

New Year's resolution for America 2014: Economic equality

Another year has come and gone. America began 2013 facing a number of difficult political and societal challenges, including an unemployment rate of 7.9 percent, increasing rates of economic inequality and poverty, and the ever-looming specter of global climate change.

Unfortunately, and perhaps unsurprisingly, the federal government failed to seriously address many of these vital issues in 2013. The current Congress is on pace to be the least productive in American history, with only 55 bills passed into law over the past year.

The Senate did pass many important pieces of legislation in 2013, including comprehensive immigration reform and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. However, it seems as though these bills were neither considered by the Republican-controlled House, nor did House leaders propose any constructive alternatives to the Senate bills.

Naturally, Speaker of the House John Boehner claimed without hesitation that the House had "done [its] work" during the past year.

In fact, Boehner thought so highly of the House's performance in 2013 that he decid-

ed to give his fellow legislators 13 extra days off this year. The House will be in session for 113 days in 2014, compared to 126 days last year.

Americans did not share Boehner's positive view of Congress' effectiveness in 2013. According to an AP poll, Congress finished the year with a disapproval rating of 83 percent among Democrats and 87 percent among Republicans.

President Obama and his administration also had a difficult 2013. The flawed rollout of the Affordable Care Act, the president's signature health care reform bill, increased skepticism about the capacity of the federal government to meet the needs of the American people.

President Barack Obama finished the year with some of the lowest approval ratings of his five years in office. The same AP poll found that 46 percent of Americans approve of the president's performance while 50 percent disapprove.

Our country faces challenges that grow more daunting every day, and many of them can only be resolved with bold action on the part of our government. The most important of these issues, and one that has



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major implications for American society, is the increasing rate of economic inequality in the U.S.

Economic inequality in America continues to grow as the ultrarich get wealthier, and middle-class incomes stagnate.

According to recent estimates, average income for the wealthiest 5 percent of Americans has risen about 17 percent during the last 20 years. During the same period, middle-class incomes have grown by less than 5 percent.

The problem of economic inequality has grown even more dramatically during the last few years. From 2009 to 2012, about 95 percent of all income gains went to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans.

Many economists argue that the growing disparity between the rich and everyone else has dire negative consequences for the American economy, which is largely fueled by consumer spending. As incomes shrink or stagnate, middle-class Americans have less money to spend on consumer goods, leading to an overall decrease in gross domestic product.

There are a number of government policies that would help confront the problem

of economic inequality. The most obvious of these is to raise the federal minimum wage from its current level of \$7.25 an hour. If the minimum wage had increased over time at the same rate as inflation, it would currently be \$10.70 an hour.

Raising the minimum wage would reduce economic inequality by boosting working-class incomes. It would thus promote consumer spending, strengthen job creation and lift hundreds of thousands of minimum-wage workers out of poverty.

Given the divided nature of our government, it seems unlikely that such progressive solutions to our political challenges will be enacted this year. However, in November, Americans around the country will have the opportunity to cast ballots for members of both the House and Senate.

The 2014 elections will allow voters to remove legislators who have obstructed political progress during the last two years and replace them with individuals who will act on behalf of all Americans. Our country must empower leaders who will work to confront the challenges we face, and the upcoming elections present just such an opportunity.

Elliot Levy is UF political science and public relations junior.

Guest column

On timing: It's not my turn yet

Were you that kid in elementary school who had a hard time waiting your turn to go up on the swing set? Were you that kid who refused to eat your vegetables, even though you were most likely to get dessert if you did?

Were you that kid who just wanted everything yesterday? As a young adult born in the 1990s and raised as a millennial, I am not surprised to see kids wanting things right this instant, if not sooner. And as somebody on the autism spectrum, I admit to feeling as though I am more entitled to such rewards — regardless of whether I legitimately deserve them.

But in a society in which nearly all middle-class Americans are offered a shower of opportunities to shine in the spotlight — even if they just breezed their way through school — there has to be some sort of boundary.

As an English and communications student at the University of Florida, I am extremely grateful to be in the heart of the Gator Nation. However, my initial educational goal was to attend a top fine-arts program in musical theater with hopes of performing on Broadway — and hopefully doing so debt free, despite the \$240,000 price tag.

Even at a performing-arts high school, I did not feel confident in my work. My singing and acting were fine — although I wish I'd selected better monologues — but my dance abilities were never up to par. I knew I would be rejected but became overconfident to avoid looking like a fool holding up a letter reading "Dear Mr. McKibbin, We are sorry to say that we cannot offer you a space in Carnegie Mellon's BFA program."

I'd be perfectly happy with my verdict if many of my peers were in the same boat. Unfortunately, every one of my friends in musical theater got accepted somewhere: Point Park University, Boston Conservatory, Elon University, Tisch School of the Arts or Emerson College. If I were to read another "Got into

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[insert BFA program here]" status on Facebook, I would throw my laptop onto the pavement from my second-story bedroom.

But does it really make a difference?

Does it really matter if I got into Carnegie Mellon University's drama program — one famous for producing stars like Billy Porter, Josh Gad, Patina Miller, Christian Borle, Judith Light and Cherry Jones? Honestly, it's not like I was rejected from its computer science program. Unlike computer science, where you need to have good credentials in order to get a job, theater is a real crapshoot.

There are people who have talent who never finished or even attended college or acting school. Just look at Sutton Foster, LaChanze, Anne Hathaway and Kelsey Grammer. And if that's the case, it looks like where you go to school doesn't seem to make a difference. It's all about timing, luck and talent.

So quite frankly, even if my Broadway debut doesn't come when I finish my undergraduate degree, I won't mind. It's not my turn yet. I had to wait a long time for my turn before. I couldn't talk until I was three. I wasn't toilet trained until I was five. I never took Algebra I before my freshman year of high school, when everybody in my class took the same course in seventh or eighth grade.

I'm used to being behind my peers. Do I like it? Hell no! I'm just used to it. But until I get my turn, I can just suck it up, take more acting classes, sing in choir, take more dance lessons and audition for as many shows as my schedule allows. When the time is right, maybe I can reapply to Carnegie Mellon.

Or better yet, maybe I can just move to New York and see what happens from there. There's no deadline, which means I should wait my turn. If we didn't have to wait our turns on the swing set as children, we might not have enjoyed the experience as much and may have moped in the sandbox instead.

David McKibbin is a UF English freshman.

UWire

Portion problem: America's ongoing struggle with obesity

A recent United Nations Food and Agricultural report ranks the U.S. behind only Mexico

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associate professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and staff scientist at Children's Hospital Boston, told the Harvard Political

Review that "children with large portions served to them eat a lot more and are not great at compensating by eating less of other foods." Exacerbating the problem is the fact that "foods targeted to children in general tend to be high in calories, high in fat, low in fiber, and often served in very large portion sizes."

Once kids grow accustomed to eating large portions of food placed in front of them at a table or pitched to them through advertisements for prepared food it becomes routine behavior. A study at Yale's Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity found that 40 percent of children ages 2 to 11 ask their parents to go to McDonald's at least once a week. It is this kind of habitual behavior that they carry on a subconscious level to adulthood, where many then find it a tall order to break out of the cycle of blind binging.

A gravitation toward greater portions is also fueled by the myriad exterior circumstances. Chin Jou, lecturer of history and science at Harvard and former fellow at the National Institutes of Health, told the Harvard Political Review that "people eat out of boredom, for the social aspect of it, to celebrate, or alternatively, when they are depressed."

Along with stronger ban legislation, measures that can be taken to cut portions include labeling serving-size information on prepared foods to more realistically inform buyers about their consumption, as well as mandating that restaurants meet certain serving-size regulations.

Avika Dua is a writer for the Harvard Political Review. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

Former Gator football player charged in gambling case

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TAMPA — Former NFL and UF player Donald "Reche" Caldwell has been arrested by Tampa police on charges of operating an illegal gambling house and bookmaking.

Police say Caldwell was one of three leaders of the operation.

Five other men are facing a variety of charges, including probation violations, possession of a controlled substance and illegal gambling.

The 34-year-old Caldwell was a standout wide receiver at Florida and was chosen in the second round of the 2002 NFL draft by the San Diego Chargers.

He also played for the New England Patriots and Washington Redskins. His younger brother Andre Caldwell is a receiver for the Denver Broncos.

Jail records show Caldwell is free on \$4,000 bail in the gambling case. Court records Monday didn't list an attorney for him.

CAMPUS

Student's company not short on generosity

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Following suit of charitable companies like Toms, a UF student has created a clothing company that donates shorts to children in need for every pair sold.

Robert Felder, a 19-year-old UF business management sophomore, said he started Bearbottom Clothing with the intention of selling quality shorts as well as giving clothing to those in need. For each pair of shorts sold, Felder donates a pair to children in Bangladesh.

"I want people to buy them because of the quality of the shorts," said Felder. "But I also want them to know that they'll be helping children."

Felder, who said he is self-taught in website design, launched the site, bearbottomclothing.com, last week. The website offers seersucker and twill shorts for men in a variety of colors. All shorts on the website are \$30.

He said he only sells men's shorts because he's just beginning his line, but he's looking to expand in the future.

Felder said after traveling to Bangladesh three years ago and seeing the conditions some of the children lived in, he wanted to do his part to improve their quality of life. He recalls driving past a pool of mud where children wearing nothing but shorts played with garbage.

"That was the image that really stuck with me," he said.

For now, the shorts he donates will be given to the children of workers in the factory that produces the shorts, located in Bangladesh. Felder, who has visited the factory, said the employees

work in good conditions, but the donations are welcome.

Although the shorts sold are adult-sized, Felder said the donated pairs will be specially made for young children. After a certain number of shorts are sold, he will ship a bulk donation.

He said because other charities already donate shirts and shoes, shorts seemed like a logical choice.

"If you're gonna donate something to people in need, it should be some-

thing that should last," he said.

He said his goal is to donate 10,000 pairs this year, which will allow him to expand the donations to schools and other organizations in the country.

Joey Schatt, a 19-year-old UF telecommunication sophomore, said it's great a UF student found a way to help out a cause.

"I wish more people around campus would get involved in community service," Schatt said.



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UF business management sophomore Robert Felder, 19, recently launched an online company that sells shorts and donates to children in Bangladesh.

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Marshall Criser III, son of the former UF president that Criser Hall is named after, started Monday as chancellor of the State University System.

Criser, who had been president of AT&T Florida, previously served on UF's Board of Trustees and graduated from UF with a business administration degree. His new position as chancellor makes him the chief executive and administrative officer of the university system, which oversees UF and 11 other universities.

The Board of Governors, which manages the system, unanimously chose him in November after his interview with a search committee.

"This is a tremendous privilege, and I take it



Criser

very seriously," Criser said in a press release. "I look forward to working hard with other leaders in this state to make our universities the most accountable, accessible and high-achieving in this country."

Performance-based funding and online learning developments Criser will work on.

"Marshall Criser understands business, and he understands our State University System. The Board of Governors couldn't ask for a better chancellor," board vice chair Mori Hosseini said in the release. "I look forward to accomplishing great things together."

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\$425mo walk to Santa Fe downtown campus and close to UF main campus. Near bus and pets ok. Call Russell 305-307-9301 1-15-14-7-2

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Spring/Summer Sublease - January PAID

Looking for a nice guy to take over my lease from January-August

*Fully Furnished, W/D in Unit
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*I will pay all move-in fees

Marysol Ortiz
email: Maddiesolz@gmail.com
phone: 904 343 1976

1-10-4-3

4 Roommates

I'VE HAD IT WITH YOUR LOUD MUSIC!
Is your roommate driving you crazy? Find a replacement in the Alligator Classifieds!

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Male roommate needed, 4 br house, 14 blks from campus. Safe & secure NW neighborhood. Great deck & yard. Clean, Nicely turn, new appl, \$575/mo incl util, w/d. Mario 561.718.5562 1-17-14-9-4

4 Roommates

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NEW CONDOS-WALK TO UF

For Info on ALL Condos for Sale, Visit www.UFCONDOS.COM or Matt Price, University Realty, 352-281-3551 4-23-72-5

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. 4-23-14-72-6

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

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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 4-23-14-72-10

Guitars and Musical Instruments New, Used and Factory Refurbished Check Us Out Before You Buy or Sell!! Leonardo's Music, Micanopy, FL 352-450-0928 Leonardos302.com 4-23-14-72-10

Party Supplies: Complete line of Bar Supplies, glassware, Liquor Pours, Shakers, Professional Cooking Utensils. R.W. Beaty Co. 1120 N. Main St., Gainesville 352-448-3433 beatyequip@aol.com 4-23-14-72-10

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Cash, Check, MC, or Visa
The Alligator Office
1105 W. University Ave.
M-F, 8am - 4pm
By E-mail: classifieds@alligator.org
By Fax: (352) 376-3015

By Mail:
Call 352-373-FIND for information.
Sorry, no cash by mail.
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By Phone: (352) 373-FIND
Payment by Visa or MasterCard ONLY.
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10 For Sale

HORSES & GOATS

FOR SALE
Charlie - 352-278-1925 4-23-72-10



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11 Motorcycles, Mopeds

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4-23-14-72-11

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Great Scooters, Service & Prices!
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Vespa, Genuine, GMW, & More! NS4L.com
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11 Motorcycles, Mopeds

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4-23-72-11

12 Autos

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●Trucks, Vans - Titled only●
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CASH PAID \$300 AND UP!!!
ANY CONDITION-RUNNING OR NOT!!!
FREE TOWING & SAME DAY PICK-UP
NO TITLE NEEDED. Call Steve 352-771-6191
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13 Wanted

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St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville, and we are looking for help from volunteers like you.
St. Francis House 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 Breval at (352) 378-9079 or sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfcxmail.com
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13 Wanted

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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.

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NO TITLE NEEDED CALL 352-771-6191
4-23-14-72-13

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 & other places. Call 352-219-6948
1-10-14-72-13

14 Help Wanted

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Is your roommate driving you crazy? Find a replacement in the Alligator Classifieds!

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

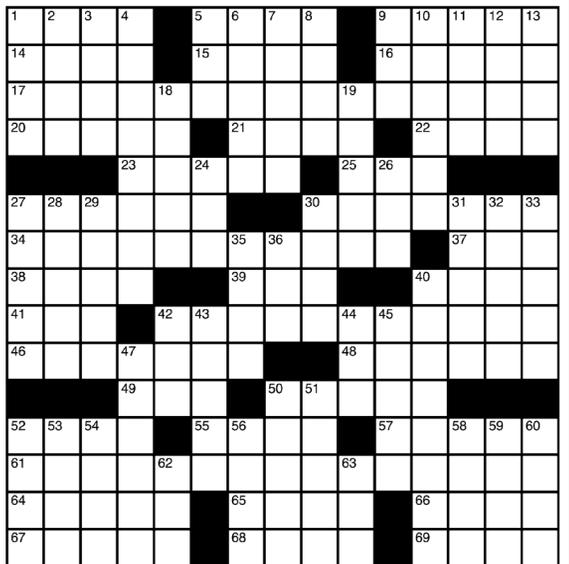
- ACROSS**
1 Like many eBay items
5 Swing, as trees in the wind
9 Butler's belle
14 ___ contendere: court plea
15 Keyboard error
16 Be an omen of
17 Colorado Gold Rush motto
20 Jewelry fastener
21 "___ chic!"
22 Spelling contests
23 Too small, clothing-wise
25 Kwik-E-Mart owner on "The Simpsons"
27 Looks forward to
30 No strangers to the slopes
34 "How stupid do you think I am?"
37 Crooner Cole
38 "Dies ___": Latin hymn
39 Cooler in coolers
40 Zenith
41 Tuna catcher
42 Diet-busting ice cream treat
46 Complaining
48 Delhi money
49 Make a choice
50 ___ minister
52 Give a high-five to
55 City near Santa Barbara
57 Sounded delighted
61 One who's not easily convinced
64 Results from, with "to"
65 Egyptian pyramid city
66 School on the Thames
67 Jockey's straps
68 Tofu beans
69 Claim to be untrue
- DOWN**
1 Offensive to some, for short
2 Gardener's purchase

- 3 Elderly caretaker in TV's "Hot in Cleveland"
4 Pays for one's crime
5 Octane Booster brand
6 "Christina's World" painter
7 Separated
8 Oxen neckwear
9 Dinghy driver
10 Clamor
11 Fever and chills
12 Sneaky tactic
13 Creative pursuits
18 Malice
19 Honshu metropolis
24 Fed. agency that supports other agencies
26 Dental brand suffix
27 Vintner's concern
28 Electrician, now and then
29 Italian violin maker
30 Observed
31 Cry of concession
32 Dwight's spouse
33 Undoes a dele
- 35 Crooner Crosby
36 Color TV pioneer
40 Became visible
42 Marcel Marceau character
43 Playwright Chekhov
44 D-backs, on scoreboards
45 "Poison" shrub
47 Toy weapon
50 Backyard party setting
51 Swanky
52 Hustle and bustle
53 Get licked
54 High-end German car
56 Hooch containers
58 Detest
59 Subj. for a business major
60 Fashion initials
62 "___ making a list ..."
63 Post-WWII alliance

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

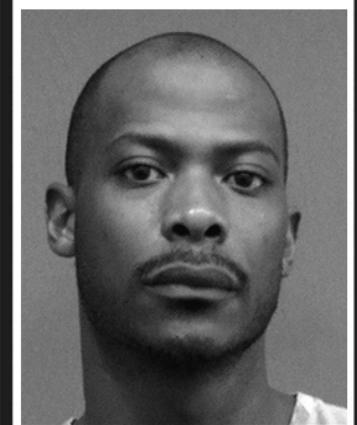
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S P E E D Y G O N Z A L E S
D A R E D H E R A E L K
E N O S C H O S E C M L I
A Y N L I E U R O U E N
F O G H O R N L E G H O R N
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MOST WANTED



Murrell Rutledge
Black Male
(DOB 10/02/73); 5'11",
165 lbs, Black Hair,
Brown Eyes

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for Possession of
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										RACK 4	
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DELIVERY DRIVER

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Thornebrook Chocolates is looking for creative people with good interpersonal skills to make and sell confections. Must be available immediately, around holidays and summer. E-mail inquiries/resume to info@thornebrookchocolates.com. 1-8-14-4-14

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SPRING 2014
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14 Help Wanted

ATTN SMOKERS!!! UF Smoke Lab needs you to participate in study on effects of different activities on craving and smoking. Call Allison at 336-406-3706 or email uflsmokelab@gmail.com 1-17-9-14

Female college student needed as Tutor/Driver Tues & Thurs 3:00p to 8:00p for 12 yr old, some late & weekend hours. Strong math & organization skills needed. Call 352-514-8944 1-10-14-4-14

Software Company seeks part-time IT tech.
Min. 1-2 yrs supporting LAN hardware/software. Working knowledge of Active Directory, TCP/IP, DNS, basic network protocols, etc. Microsoft or Network certification a plus. \$12/hr. Email resume to ritesh.paudel@innovativescheduling.com 1-10-4-14

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16 Health Services

HIV ANTIBODY TESTING
Alachua County Health Dept. Call 334-7960 for app't (optional \$20 fee)

THE TRUE YOU!
Lose 8-15 pounds in 4 weeks
Only \$119!
Gain muscle while you lose fat
Groups forming now. 339-2199
4-23-72-16

Your roommate hasn't done the dishes in How long?! Find a better dishwasher in the Alligator Classifieds.

18 Personals

HIV ANTIBODY TESTING
Alachua County Health Dept. Call 334-7960 for app't (optional \$20 fee)

★Family Chiropractic★
Since 1977. Two blocks from U.F. 373-7070
4-23-72-18

19 Connections

Want to make a connection?
Place your ad here to look for someone to share a common interest with or for your true love

20 Event Notices

IS YOUR BUSINESS, CLUB OR ORGANIZATION HAVING AN EVENT? DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT? PLACE YOUR AD HERE AND GET IT NOTICED!

21 Entertainment

● Rocky Creek Paintball ●
In Gainesville ● It's a Blast!
Call 371-2092
4-23-14-72-21

23 Rides

Trying to get to and from somewhere? Want to cut back on that gas bill? Place an ad in the classifieds to find trip arrangements or show off your bus and shuttle service. 373-FIND

24 Pets

Furry, feathery, scaly...no, not your roommate...pets. Find or advertise your pets or pet products here in the Pets section of the Alligator.

25 Lost & Found

Finders Keepers? If you find something, you can place a FREE FOUND AD in our lost & found section. Be kind to someone who's lost what you've found. Call 373-FIND.

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™
by David L. Hoyt 1-7-14

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Delineate	EITPDC
5. _____ cat	LALYE
6. _____ cold	HATCC
7. Impassive	TODSIL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Komodo _____	ADORGN
2. Carnivorous mammal	LEOCTAP
3. _____ ball	RYCTSLA
4. Hit	DSAEHB

CLUE: France and Spain, for example.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Buck linebacker to enter NFL Draft

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A depleted Gators defense took another hit on Monday. Buck linebacker Ronald Powell will leave Florida to enter May's NFL Draft, the school announced.

"Ronald has informed me that he has made a decision to declare for the NFL Draft," coach Will Muschamp said in a release. "This hasn't been an easy decision for him. I talked

to him several times over the holidays, but it was important for him to come back and look me in the eye and tell me what he wanted to do and why he wanted to do it.

"It's one of the great experiences as a coach to watch young players mature."

Powell is the third player to forfeit a year of eligibility in order to enter the draft, joining cornerbacks Loucheiz Puri-foy and Marcus Roberson.

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Ronald Powell recovers after a play against Miami on Sept. 7, 2013, at Sun Life Stadium. Powell announced that he would forego his final year of eligibility. The redshirt junior recorded 26 tackles and four sacks this season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators establishing lineup before SEC play

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When Florida started the season ranked No. 10 in the nation, freshman Kasey Hill started at point guard over a suspended Scottie Wilbekin. Dorian Finney-Smith was working his way to play with the team, and Damontre Harris was hoping to just stay on it.

The Gators struggled with their lineup consistency due to injuries and suspensions, dropping as low as No. 19 in the national polls.

However, nearly three months af-



Donovan

ter coach Billy Donovan and company opened the 2013-2014 campaign, Florida is back at No. 10 with a restructured squad in time for its Southeastern Conference opener against South Carolina on Wednesday.

Donovan said his team didn't deserve the top-10 ranking in October, and although he wouldn't say if the Gators earned the spot now, he did

say he has seen growth both on and off the court.

"I do think we have a group of guys who are very, very coachable," Donovan said.

"They've accepted their roles. They want to play their roles to the best of their abilities. I think we're an unselfish team. I think they care about one another. I think we have chemistry inside of our team."

Wilbekin and Hill, who both missed time on the floor earlier in the year,

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UF riding hot streak after defeating UK

► FLORIDA HAS NOT LOST SINCE NOVEMBER.

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The last time the Gators lost a game, people's refrigerators were still full of leftover turkey and pumpkin pie.

UF Women's Basketball

Florida's last loss came in the Bahamas to a then-winless Illinois State team.

"We must not be doing a good enough job of emphasizing the right things," coach Amanda Butler said after the loss.

"We're just not taking enough pride in our defense."

Added assistant coach David Lowery at Monday's press conference: "You saw a team that lost to Illinois State that was still searching for its chemistry."

"We had Cassie Peoples who was still trying to get acclimated to things. We were still trying to figure out our rotation. We were going through injuries at that time. We had just lost (Antoinette) Bannister ... we just had a lot going on."

Since that 68-64 loss, Florida has changed completely.

The turnaround started the very next day against a physically imposing Oregon State squad, but Florida grinded out its toughest victory to date, 73-70.

"This was the biggest team we've played against," Butler said after the game. "We were going to have to be really smart about the way we approached the game plan, but when it really came down to it, we had to be resilient."

The Gators have carried Butler's message throughout the ongoing winning streak. Now up to eight consecutive victories, including an 83-73 upset win against then-No. 6 Kentucky on the road Sunday, Florida's greatest asset has been its ability to overcome adversity.

"I think when you go through adversity, it brings you closer," senior Jaterra Bonds said. "We knew we weren't supposed to lose that game (against Illinois State). We didn't come out ready to play. We dug our foot down and won the next game."

What occurred in the Bahamas on that fateful trip did not solely revolve around basketball.

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Coach Rhonda Faehn announced two gymnasts will miss time due to injury. Read the story on page 16.

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Former UF swimmer

Seminoles win championship

Florida State defeated Auburn 34-31 to claim the 2014 BCS National Championship. FSU's win ended the Southeastern Conference's seven-year title streak.

GATORS IN THE NFL

Eagles' Cooper catches TD pass

► PATRIOTS' SPIKES OUT FOR PLAYOFFS.

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With the Wild Card Round of the NFL playoffs in the books, here are a few former Gators who made the most tangible impact for their respective teams this weekend.



Cooper

Riley Cooper, wide receiver: Although the Philadelphia Eagles fell at home to the New Orleans Saints 26-24 on Saturday, Riley Cooper still managed to make big plays.

The fourth-year wide receiver led both teams with six catches and 68 receiving yards. Cooper also notched a 10-yard touchdown catch on a pass from quarterback Nick Foles to give the Eagles a 7-3 lead with 1:48 left in the first half.

Cooper also had a 22-yard reception to start Philadelphia's six-play, 44-yard scoring drive.

Cooper, who was moved up to the starting lineup after Eagles receiver Jeremy Maclin suffered a torn right ACL before the season began, finished the regular season with career highs in receptions (47), yards (835) and touchdowns (eight).

Ray McDonald, defensive lineman: The San Francisco 49ers were the only winning team that saw considerable action from a former Gator this weekend.

Defensive tackle Ray McDonald, a third-round pick in the 2007 draft, notched four tackles and split a sack of Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers with linebacker Aldon Smith in the first quarter en route to his team's 23-20 win over the Packers on Sunday.

The seventh-year veteran has recorded 37 tackles and 3.5 sacks this season.

Spikes placed on IR: The New England Patriots will be without their starting middle linebacker when they face the Indianapolis Colts on Saturday.

The Patriots announced Monday that they placed Brandon Spikes on injured reserve with a knee injury — one that bothered him for much of the season.

Spikes finished the regular season with 86 tackles in his fourth year with the Patriots.

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Prather emerging as offensive threat in senior campaign

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have now played five games in the backcourt together. Florida won all of those matchups.

Casey Prather has emerged as the Gators' go-to offensive weapon after finishing the non-conference schedule with a team-high 17.3 points per game.

The senior forward averaged only 3.1 points per game during his previous three years at Florida.

If Chris Walker receives the go-ahead from the NCAA, he will join Finney-Smith and Patric Young, who averaged 15 points in UF's last two games, in a flourishing frontcourt.

Donovan said with all the pieces finally coming together just before SEC competition begins, it's like the Gators are starting from square one.

"Our team has kind of evolved with the addition of different players, but between suspensions and injuries, the first probably eight ... games we were never really playing with a full roster," Donovan said.

"I think our guys understand, as everybody does, it's almost like, OK, now the season is starting.

"It's two things. One, you've got the season starting somewhat new and fresh, but you build a resume in your first 12, 13, 14

games for some teams."

Will Yeguete said having the ups and downs of the non-conference schedule has helped the team find itself and become more prepared for the start of conference play.

"I think it helps a lot, knowing what to do to get ourselves started and get a win. It's a different season now. We're playing for something and we know it. I think it helps a lot having four seniors on the team."

Will Yeguete
UF forward

He added that experience playing with each other during the first half of the season, as well as the experience of the four seniors, will give the Gators an advantage against their SEC foes.

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"I think we're a really good group. I think we can do something special."

With no more suspensions or current injuries to worry about, Donovan agreed that his team is poised to make a run as long

as his team continues to gel and progress with its cohesiveness.

"The biggest thing for us is that we do have a full complement of players that maybe wasn't the

case in November and the beginning of December," Donovan said. "Although at certain points in time this season (some guys) hadn't played a lot together,

we're getting back to maybe connecting and getting a little bit deeper as a basketball team and getting a little more consistent in the rotation."



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Casey Prather drives down the lane during Florida's 110-88 win against Florida Southern on Nov. 1, 2013, in the O'Connell Center. Prather has averaged a team-best 17.3 points per game this season.

Butler attributes wins to regained toughness

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Things started to cement themselves for the Gators soon after the Junkanoo Jam, both on and off the court.

"We didn't just go over there to play basketball, we went over there to bond as a family," Lowery said.

"We had opportunities to do things outside of basketball. I think that played a huge part in where we are right now. Our kids are totally buying in and really accepting the responsibility to do their part on the floor when they need to do it."

So far, Butler's call for resiliency has seemingly been answered. In these past eight games, four games were decided by 10 or fewer points — all in the Gators' favor. For Bonds, it has been a long time coming.

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David Lowery
UF assistant coach

"In the past few seasons I've been here, we haven't toughed out and won close games," she said.

"For instance, that Georgetown game was a big game. All our post players were fouled out. We could have quit right there. I knew, when it went into overtime, I told everybody, 'We're going to win this game.' I knew we were more conditioned than them and were more ready than them."

Gators name new offensive line coach

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The redshirt junior had a solid comeback season after suffering two ACL injuries in 2012, recording 26 tackles — including seven for a loss — and a team-best four sacks.



Summers

"It's been well documented the hardships he has had to overcome," Muschamp said, "and he has always kept a positive attitude."

Powell displayed the speed and physicality that made him the No. 1 recruit in the 2010 class, according to Rivals.com. He was the most highly touted prospect in Rivals' No. 2 class in the nation — a class headlined by Powell and fellow five-star defenders, Dominique Easley and Sharrif Floyd.

Easley and Powell will join Floyd in the NFL — the latter entered the 2013 draft and was selected in the first round by the Minnesota Vikings. Easley, like Powell, announced he would enter the draft after he suffered an ACL injury in September.

"This hasn't been an easy decision because this is a tough place to walk away from," Powell said in a release. "I never thought it would be this hard to make this decision."

Gators hire coach: While the temperatures in Gainesville dropped below freezing, the Gators brought Summers to Gainesville.

Florida filled its last coaching vacancy Monday afternoon, announcing that the team hired former Southern California offensive line coach Mike Summers to the same position.

Summers takes over for Tim Davis, who was fired along with offensive coordinator Brent Pease on Dec. 1.

"I'm excited to have Coach Summers join our staff," Muschamp said in a release. "He has 34 years of experience, has been an offensive coordinator for 15 years and has coached in the SEC.

"He has a diverse background and has experience in the NFL. He will be a great addition to our staff."

Before Summers joined the USC staff, he coached the offensive line at Kentucky under then-head coach and current UF wide receivers coach Joker Phillips. During Summers' first season, the Wildcats averaged 6.1 yards per carry.

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Ronald Powell
Buck linebacker

He is the second new hire for Florida who coached with Phillips at Kentucky, along with UF's new offensive coordinator, Kurt Roper. Summers also coached at Northern Illinois, Oregon State, Oklahoma State and the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, among other teams.

Florida's offensive line struggled throughout the season. The Gators averaged 3.6 yards on the ground, and the line gave up 27 sacks during the season — including four games with four or more sacks surrendered.

Summers is the third coach who will make his UF debut this season, along with Roper and special teams coordinator Coleman Hutzler.

Lingering injuries ail Gators gymnasts

► TWO JUNIORS TO MISS OPENER.

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Gymnastics season has not even started, but some Gators are already sidelined.

Coach Rhonda Faehn confirmed two injuries for juniors Jamie Shisler and Kiersten Wang on Monday during her first press conference of the 2014 season.

Wang battled a torn groin throughout the fall semester, Faehn said. Even though Wang had made strides to heal her injury, she reinjured her groin during Winter Break.

"If she does make it back ... it would be in the March time period, I would estimate," Faehn said.

This time frame projects Wang to compete in just two regular-season meets and only one meet in the O'Connell Center.

The Gators will feel Wang's absence. Last season, she racked up season bests of 9.90 on floor and vault and 9.775 on uneven bars and balance beam.

She was a key contributor to Florida's title run last year, suiting up for the Gators

in all but two meets in 2013. As a freshman, Wang also competed in all but two meets.

Faehn hopes Shisler will have a speedier return and expects her to compete in about a month.

Last season, the Naples native set a career-best vault mark of 9.825 against Ball State on Jan. 4, 2013.

"I'm looking right now at the health of our team and it's very strong. It's a very long season ... we try to balance out the athletes so that they can remain as healthy as possible and then be as strong as possible toward the latter part of the season."

Rhonda Faehn
UF coach

Faehn said Shisler, who is recovering from a foot surgery she underwent in the fall, is back to training.

"I'm looking right now at the health of our team, and it's very strong," Faehn said.

"It's a very long season ... we try to bal-

ance out the athletes so that they can remain as healthy as possible and then be as strong as possible toward the latter part of the season."

While Shisler and Wang are ailing, another Gator is looking to return to the floor.

Sophomore Bridgette Caquatto is familiar with being out of the lineup before the season even begins.

In her first season as a Gator, Caquatto was recovering from shoulder and knee injuries, as well as multiple stress reactions in her shins.

"That really kind of put her behind the eight ball," Faehn said.

She ended up not competing in half of the team's meets last year. However, Faehn expects Caquatto to make up for lost time in 2014.

"Bridgette Caquatto is doing really really well so far, and look to see her competing a lot," Faehn said.

"Now she has had the whole summer to train ... and has trained really hard all far.

"She will absolutely be competing in three events for us."



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Kiersten Wang performs on the uneven bars during Florida's win against Kentucky on Feb 22, 2013.

SWIMMING

UF looks to improve after early-season victory against FSU

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Florida's win against Florida State on Saturday was a solid start to the spring season, but coach Gregg Troy is already looking toward the Southeastern Conference and NCAA meets.

He has been all season.

"We wanted to make sure that we came into the season and start the year off very fit," Troy said. "It's a long season at the end. We've got a couple real big dual meets at the end of January.

"You've got a full month between the



Luthersdottir

conference and the NCAA meet, and if you haven't laid a good ground work, it's very hard to be good at the conference and still come back and be good at the NCAA meet."

Florida had just come out of a six-week training cycle before the Florida State meet where Troy addressed strength issues to ensure his swimmers would have the power and endurance they will need come February and March.

Despite Saturday's win, he was critical of

the men's work around the walls and said their relay starts were "average at best," but it wasn't his biggest worry.

"The men's concern is it's always good to be competitive in the SEC," Troy said. "It's a great competition, but you don't want to leave too much in the tank if you lose too much there, and we've got 10 guys we feel like are already going to get to the NCAA meet.

"They're very focused on that, so there are some big goals out there. But we've got some other ones along the way. Trying to keep all that together at the same time is going to be tough to do."

Troy called the SEC Championships, which are scheduled for mid-February, a "very highly competitive SEC meet." Florida will face some of the best women's teams in the country, including No. 2 Texas A&M, No. 4 Georgia and No. 15 Tennessee.

The Gators women will need to improve their depth, which has been a weakness all season.

But Hilda Luthersdottir has turned a weak spot into a strength for the Gators.

In September, breaststroke events were question marks for Florida. But in January, her 100- and 200-yard breast both rank in the nation's top 10 times this season.

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