

Mackenzie Caquatto struggled in two events as an all-rounder in Florida's win Saturday at UCLA. Read the story on page 16.



Woman found dead in local hospital parking garage

► HER ESTRANGED HUSBAND LATER COMMITTED SUICIDE, POLICE SAY.

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Gainesville Police is investigating both a suspected murder that took place early Monday in a parking garage at North Florida Regional Medical Center and a subse-

quent suicide.

At about 9 a.m., officers responded to a call reporting a dead woman on the third floor of the parking garage, according to a GPD news release.

Officers found 37-year-old Casey Renee Wilsey of Bronson, Fla., dead in her car, likely from a stab wound to her torso, according to the release.

Police reported that Walker Gage Wilsey, 46, the woman's estranged hus-

band, attacked Casey Renee Wilsey in her car sometime between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. He then fled the scene in a pickup truck.

"There was a cop on every single corner."

C.J. Wittus

UF criminology senior

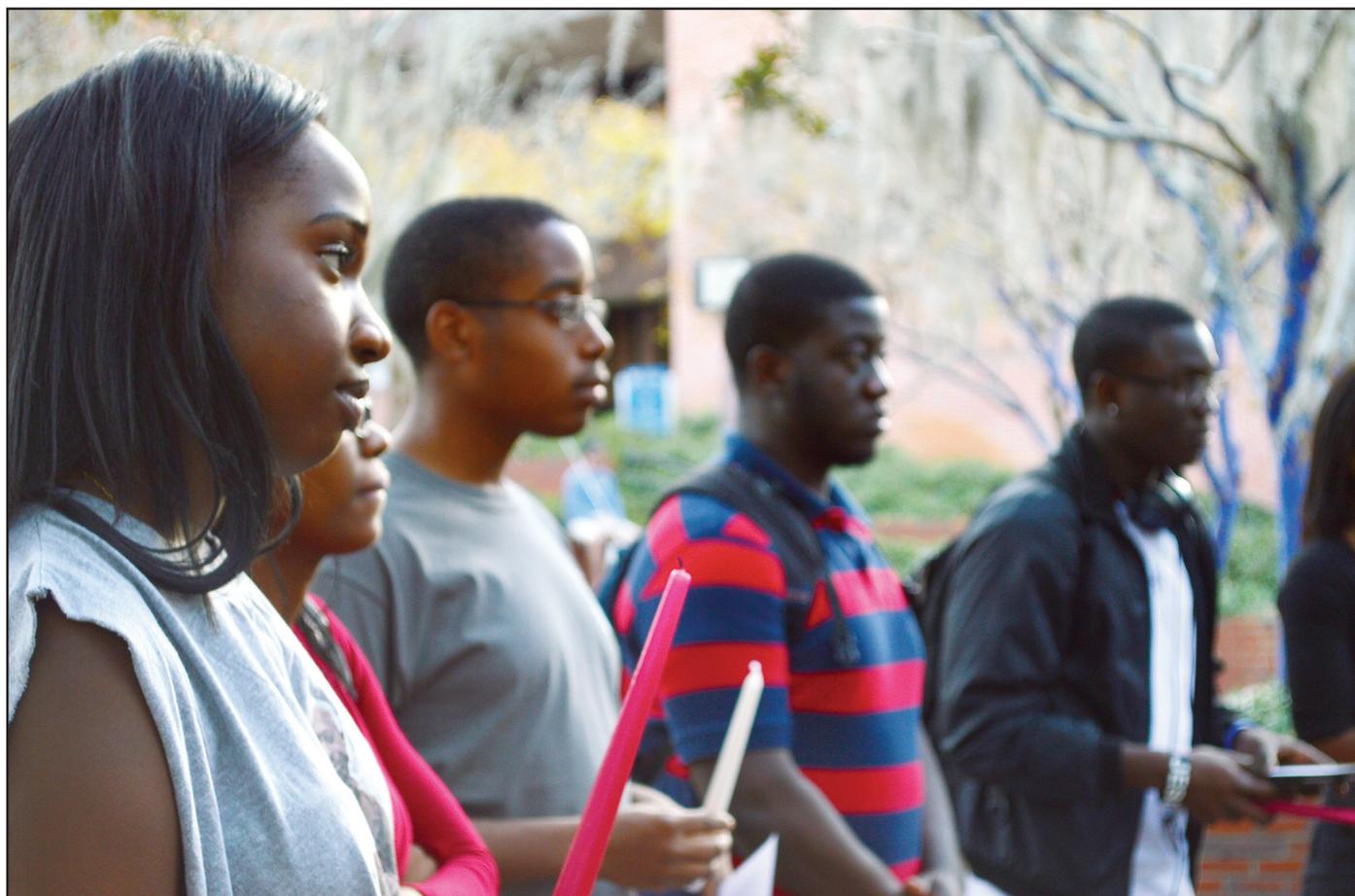
The department asked several Florida law enforcement agencies to check out the multiple addresses listed on file for Wilsey.

At about 3:30 p.m., the Daytona Beach Police Department discovered Wilsey dead at a home in Daytona Beach, according to the release.

Police reported he committed suicide.

UF criminology senior C.J. Wittus said he was on his way to AT&T to meet his managers when he noticed something was off.

From 62nd Street to Interstate 75, "there was a cop on every single corner," he said.



Cassidy Whitson / Alligator

Unshaken

Shawama Jean-Gilles, 20, Sarasha Guillaume, 19, and Roldyne Dolce, 18, look onto a ceremony honoring Haitian earthquake victims. Monday marked the four-year anniversary of the disaster. Read the story on page 5.

CAMPUS

UF counseling center balances demand, staff

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As the demand for counseling services increases, the UF Counseling & Wellness Center has developed new ways to serve the needs of the Student Body.

The center's administration officials increased the number of individual annual



Alonso

counseling sessions by more than 350 to combat the demand, but they've also looked to technology to fill the gap.

CWC clinical psychologist Jennifer Alonso said the center typically has a waiting list twice a year. Midway through both the

Fall and Spring semesters, counselors usual-

ly reach workload capacity and begin a waiting list, which they try to cap at 50 students to ensure that everyone receiving treatment receives an adequate number of sessions.

"That is our gut problem," associate director Shari Robinson said. "Once we get to the end of the semester, we get saturated. All of our counselors are completely full."

She said the average full-time counselor

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Student fees to increase this Summer

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Students can expect to dole out extra cash for the upcoming Summer B semester after UF's fee committee voted to increase student fees.

Jeanna Mastrodicasa, assistant vice president of student affairs for UF and chair of the university's fee committee, said the activity and service fee was raised 84 cents, and the student health fee was raised 82 cents. The athletic fee wasn't changed.



Mastrodicasa

Mastrodicasa said the extra revenue from student fees is largely going toward raises for faculty. While some UF personnel are paid through state funding, salaries of employees at campus organizations like GatorWell and the Department of Recreational Sports are made up of fees.

For the first time in roughly six years, the university mandated that all staff receive raises, including a 3-percent salary bump for auxiliary staff effective in October — but that meant the organizations had to come up with the cash on their own.

"It's just the way that the money works," Mastrodicasa said. "It's part of running a business."

Along with the required raises, she said fees were also raised because of a

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"Goliath: Life and Loathing in Greater Israel"

Come out to Little Hall, Room 121, at 5 p.m. to hear journalist Max Blumenthal discuss his new book, "Goliath." The event is hosted by UF Society of Professional Journalists.

Cinema Verde seeks eco-fair vendors

Cinema Verde's fifth annual Environmental Film and Arts Festival is seeking vendors for its eco-fair, which will be held on Feb. 15. The festival features more than 30 films on topics including food, water, waste, energy, animals, sustainable life, business and government. Vendor applications and information are available online or via email at penny@cinemaverde.org.

Fourth Annual Run for Your Heart 5K

On Feb. 2, the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists' Operation Heart is hosting a 5K to encourage cardiovascular fitness in the community as part of American Heart Awareness Month. The run starts at 8 a.m. at Westside Park, 1001 NW 34th St. Registration is \$15 before the race or \$20 the morning of. All proceeds go toward the organization's efforts to provide blood pressure and cholesterol screenings to the Gainesville community. For more registration information, go to the event's Facebook page or email ASPOperationHeart@gmail.com.

High-end thrifts at an affordable price

Join Pledge 5 Foundation for cheese and wine at its grand opening of Thrift 5 Boutique Friday at 4 p.m. Thrift 5 Boutique is a thrift store dedicated to bringing you second-hand, high-end antiques and artwork at an affordable price. The store is located at 18b SW Second Ave. Hours of operation will be Wednesday through Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight. For more information, visit pledge5.org.

"Trouble the Waters" film screening and symposium

Producer and filmmaker Tia Lessin will present a public screening Wednesday of her film, "Trouble the Waters," which focuses on the impacts of Hurricane Katrina, at Pugh Hall at 6 p.m. Following the movie, she will answer questions about the film's creation and production as well as the social impacts of the hurricane in New Orleans and throughout the Southeast. The event will be followed by a reception. She will also present a symposium about the issue at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Ustler Hall.

Tin Can Tourists Rally

Tin Can Tourists is an all-

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make-and-model vintage trailer and motor coach club. The open house will be held Saturday at Prairie Creek Lodge, 7204 SE County Road 234 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be an opportunity for the public to get an up-close look at classic trailers. Entry is \$5 per vehicle. Tin Can Tourists will donate the proceeds to the Alachua Conservation Trust.

Yulee Railroad Days vendor applications open

Vendors of handmade arts and crafts and entertainers: Welcome to the annual Yulee Railroad Days, which will be held March 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information about applying to the festival, visit sites.google.com/site/archerhistorical-society/home. The event is sponsored by the Archer Historical Society Inc.

Weekly Wellness Walk

Burn calories, get healthier and meet new people by joining the Weekly Wellness Walk at the Santa Fe College track on South Road near the baseball field. We'll meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday mornings for the next nine weeks. There is no cost to participate and no age limit. We will start off with some aerobic and stretching exercises, a bottle of water and a few health tips. Call 352-870-9100 for additional information. The event is sponsored by the Alachua County Medical Society and Alachua County Medical Alliance.

Backyard Birding Tour tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the Alachua Audubon Society's Backyard Birding Tour. It will be held Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at Wild Birds Unlimited at 4212 NW 16th Ave. At the event, six of Gainesville's premier backyard birding habitats will be open to the public. Local experts will be available at each site to discuss their successes in landscape, hardscape, water features and feeding tips, which will attract a variety of birds to their backyards. This event occurs during winter to coincide with the arrival of migratory species of birds.

UF students receive free admission to the Florida Museum

Students with a valid Gator 1 Card now receive free admission to the Butterfly Rainforest and other fee-

based exhibits year-round, sponsored by UF Student Government. The museum is located at 3215 Hull Road, just south of the Southwest Recreation Center in the UF Cultural Plaza. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

See deceptive butterflies at the Florida Museum's Butterfly Rainforest

Visit the Butterfly Rainforest exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History from Jan. 1 through Feb. 14 to discover a variety of butterflies that deceive to survive as part of the theme "Mimicry, the World of Deception." Daily butterfly releases are held at 2 p.m. with additional weekend releases at 3 and 4 p.m., weather permitting. UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card receive free admission.

CORRECTION

A photo caption in Monday's Alligator misidentified Boomer the pit-bull, who is not a rescue or a adoptable dog, but actually a longtime pet.

Got something going on?

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SeaWorld profits up

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. said Monday that it expects to report 2013 revenue of about \$1.46 billion for the year, which it says would mark an annual record for the theme park operator.

SeaWorld said the results were driven by record fourth-quarter attendance at its parks in San Diego, Orlando and San Antonio.

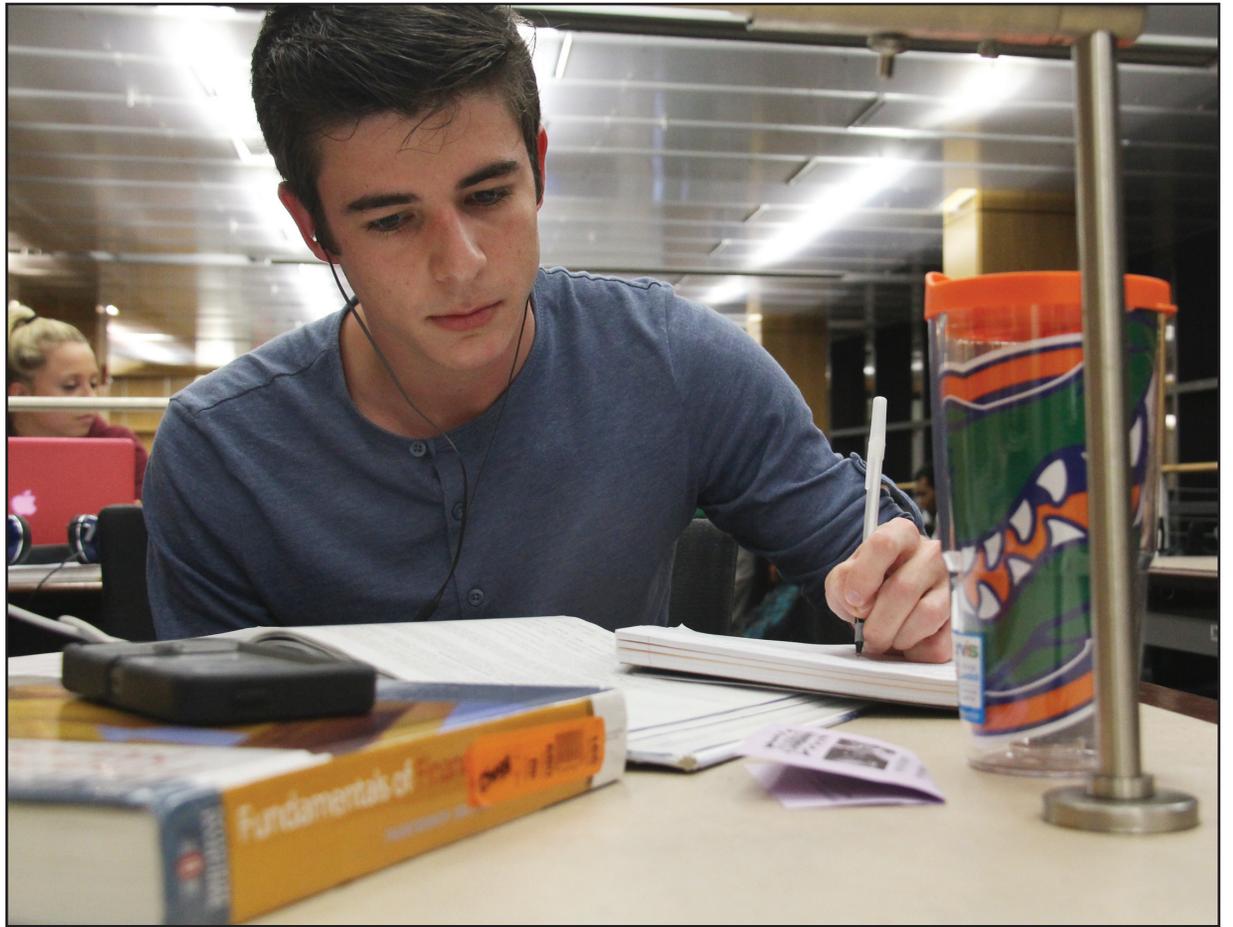
The Orlando-based company made the announcement amid increased scrutiny of its business following the critical documentary "Blackfish," which was released last year. The movie explores what may have caused a 12,000-pound orca named Tilikum to kill veteran SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau in 2010.

The documentary argues that killer whales, when in captivity, become more aggressive to humans and each other.

The movie raised some concerns that attendance at its park would suffer and prompted several recording artists to pull out of a concert series at one of its parks.

SeaWorld has defended its practices. It took out newspaper ads that said the marine park company hasn't taken a wild killer whale into captivity for 35 years due to its successful breeding program.

It also said that SeaWorld doesn't separate killer whale mothers and calves and that the company has invested \$70 million over the past three years in its parks' killer whale habitats. The company also characterized the film in a statement this summer as "shamefully dishonest, deliberately misleading, and scientifically inaccurate."



Megan Reeves / Alligator Staff

Book Worm

Nick Arena, a 19-year-old UF accounting freshman, reads a textbook at Library West on Monday afternoon.

CAMPUS

#GatorFollowTrain boosts morale among students, alumni

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Despite a losing football season and rival Florida State University's championship win, UF students, alumni and fans have turned to social media to strengthen the Gator Nation.

Using the hashtag #GatorFollowTrain, users have been reaching out to fellow Gators to gain Twitter followers and following others doing the same since the beginning of January.

It is unclear where the trend began, but the effort to connect Gators gained exposure as prominent accounts like

university athletes, Albert the Alligator and the official UF Twitter account became involved.

"It was one of the bigger social media things I've seen in a while in terms of a hashtag event," said Bruce Floyd, UF social media specialist. "It was fun to actually be a part of that."

Floyd, who runs the university's Twitter account @UFlorida, said he tweeted "O hai #GatorFollowTrain!" when he first noticed the trend, when Jan. 3.

He then continued to interact with users, asking how many followers people had gained so far and attempting to spread the movement to other social media platforms

such as Instagram and Vine.

Floyd said he thinks the trend gained momentum when the UF account entered the discussion, thanks to the account's prominence.

"The UF motto is, 'The Gator Nation is everywhere,' and social media really encompasses that."

Maya Iyyani

UF psychology junior

There have been more than 13,000 tweets including the hashtag, according to Twitter analytics website Topsy.com.

Lauren Moore, a 20-year-old UF public relations senior, began participating in the

Gator Follow Train after she saw the UF account tweet about the trend.

"I thought it was really cool to see everyone from around the world tweeting the Gator Follow Train because they're Gator fans, or they are Gator alumni or Gator students or hopeful Gator students," she said.

Maya Iyyani, a 20-year-old UF psychology junior and Florida Cicerone, said social media has been important in connecting past, present and future Gators.

"The UF motto is, 'The Gator Nation is everywhere,'" she said, "and social media really encompasses that."



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SG makes free New York Times program reappear on campus

► USA TODAY DID NOT COME BACK.

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Coffee? Check. Bagel? In hand. Morning newspaper? Get it on campus.

UF students can once again start their mornings by reading free copies of The New York Times.

Under the leadership of Student Body President Christina Bonarrigo, UF's Student Government reinstated the campus newspaper readership program for the Spring semester. It will cost \$13,500, according to the contractual agreement.

Bonarrigo said bringing the program back was her personal project. She worked during Fall to reinstate it, and the agreement was signed in mid-No-

vember.

"It was important because it was something students had expressed interest for, and I wanted to make sure to maintain the service to students," Bonarrigo said.

Papers will be delivered every weekday through April 23 except on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and during Spring Break.

Students can also read the news online, as the readership program also includes 325 digital academic passes for each day. Each pass is good for 24 hours, and students must use their UF emails to sign up.

UF Society of Professional Journalists chapter president Ayana Stewart said she's glad the program is back. She previously saw many students reading the Times in class.

"I know that it's definitely something that students take

advantage of," said Stewart, a 20-year-old UF journalism junior.

The campus readership program previously included USA Today as well. The program was suspended in May 2012 due to an outstanding debt of nearly \$30,000, according to Alligator archives.

This past Summer, the Student Senate amended the fiscal year 2013-2014 activity and service fee budget and reduced the allocation for the readership program by \$23,000. The new amount, \$27,173, was designated for digital subscriptions.

Also this Summer, the Senate approved the 2014-2015 activity and service fee budget, which eliminated funds for the program entirely.

Bonarrigo said she's not sure what the future of the program holds because that's up to the next SG executive officers.



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

UF Student Government has reinstated the availability of free issues of The New York Times after a brief suspension stemming from an outstanding debt of nearly \$30,000.

STATE

Ex-cop accused in shooting

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — An argument over texting in a Florida movie theater Monday triggered a retired Tampa police captain to fatally shoot a man sitting in front of him, as about 25 horrified moviegoers looked on, sheriff's officials said.

"Somebody throws popcorn. I'm not sure who threw the popcorn," said Charles Cummings, who, as a birthday treat, was about to watch the movie "Lone Survivor" at The Grove 16 Theater.

"And then bang, he was shot."

Curtis Reeves, 71, has been charged with second-degree murder, and it's not immediately clear whether he has retained an attorney.

Pasco County Sheriff's officials said the shooting happened when Reeves asked 43-year-old Chad Oulson to stop

texting at the theater in Wesley Chapel, a suburb about a half hour north of downtown Tampa.

Reeves and his wife were sitting behind Oulson and his wife. Oulson told Reeves that he was texting with his 3-year-old daughter, Cummings said.

"It ended almost as quickly as it started," said sheriff's spokesman Doug Tobin. The sheriff's office says an off-duty Sumter County deputy detained Reeves until police arrived.

Authorities said Reeves took out a gun, and Oulson's wife put her hand over her husband, and that's when Reeves fired his weapon, striking Nicholas Oulson in the hand and her husband in the chest.

Oulson and his wife were taken by ambulance to a Tampa-area hospital where Chad Oulson died, Tobin said. His wife's injuries weren't considered life-threatening.

Committee has four students

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student enrollment dip from 2013-2014. With fewer students taking courses, revenue from credit hours also drops. Enrollment is projected to decrease again for the 2014-2015 school year.

She said by state statute, the university's fee committee is only allowed to raise local fees by 5 percent yearly. This year's cap totaled \$1.66.

The committee, which met twice in October, voted on presentations from campus organizations asking for a percentage increase, she said.

She said four students and three faculty members make up the committee, with Mastrodicasa acting as a tie-breaker. The students are recommended by the Student Body president, and the vice president of student affairs makes the faculty recommendations. UF President Bernie Machen has the final say for appointments.

She said because UF's athletic department has a history of being successful, the committee rarely asks for a fee increase. UF's \$1.90 athletic fee is relatively small compared to FAMU's \$13.97, or University of West Florida's \$20.88.

Hayden Kemp, a 21-year-old UF po-

litical science senior, said the 82-cent and 84-cent increases might not seem like a lot, but with tuition and other expenses growing, the costs add up.

She said although the faculty deserves raises, if the fee increase benefited students instead, she would happily pay it.

"It just means more money students are going to have to pay," Kemp said.

Activity and Service Fee: 84 cents

- To be allocated to Student Government for operations for the "big four" entities (Student Government, Student Activities and Involvement, the Reitz Union, and Recreational Sports).

Health Fee: 47 cents

- To be allocated to the Student Health Care Center for operations.

Health Fee: 30 cents

- To be allocated to the Counseling and Wellness Center and to GatorWell Health Promotion Services.

Health Fee: 5 cents

- To be allocated to the Dean of Students Office to fund additional support for the Care Team.

Online counseling options introduced to help ease demand

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meets with about five clients a day.

Once the waiting list is closed, students who contact the CWC seeking assistance are informed that no regular appointment times are available and encouraged to make use of group therapy, the Disabilities Resource Center or licensed psychologists in the surrounding Gainesville area, Alonso said.

"It is troubling that some students are not able to be seen regularly," she said.

UF finance sophomore Caroline

Sorel, 19, sought assistance at the CWC last Fall after the rigor of her classwork made her stressed and anxious.

"So much of students' lives now are online socially, even with classes. Having this online is convenient for them."

Brian Shaw
CWC counselor

She said the center was unable to offer her an appointment for four weeks.

"It was disappointing because I couldn't see someone when I needed them most," Sorel said. "They are

not effective if they can only see you per three to four weeks."

When Kate Logan, a 21-year-old UF elementary education senior, went to the center for an assessment appointment, she was told individual counseling had a long waiting list. However, staff referred her to an outside provider that accepted her insurance.

"I had a good experience," she said. "UF was very helpful with helping me find an affordable provider."

Alonso cites insufficient funds as one of the core reasons for the CWC's inability to meet clinical de-

mands on campus.

During the 2011-2012 school year, 83 percent of the center's funding came from tuition health fees.

Last year, the center served 4,736 students — 450 less than 2012.

In order to serve more Gators, staff introduced new online counseling options during the 2012-2013 school year.

Self-help program The Desk offers interactive resources for students facing typical concerns that plague students during their college years.

Therapist Assisted Online, known as TAO, allows students to

speak to counselors through weekly video chat sessions and complete daily mood logs on an iPhone app.

It is the first of its kind to be developed and researched at the college and university level in the U.S.

The seven-week program includes self-led interactive exercises and discussion forums.

Brian Shaw, a counselor at the CWC, said setting up a meeting time each week can be challenging for busy students.

"So much of students' lives now are online socially, even with classes," he said. "Having this online is convenient for them."

Alachua County sets new flu shot record for K-12 students

▶ ABOUT 13,000 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN VACCINATED.

LYNNA LAWRENCE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Even though this flu season has brought an increase in life-threatening cases to Alachua County, the health department provided vaccinations for a record number of the county's children.

About 13,000 K-12 students in the county's private and public schools have taken advantage of free flu vaccinations, "the most

successful vaccination campaign in the history of the program," said Paul Myers, administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County.

Although figures are still being gathered, Alachua County Public Schools spokeswoman Jackie Johnson said school board officials "have not seen any sort of a spike in flu or flu-like illnesses among our students," a factor she credits to the vaccination program.

Myers said the overall number of reported infections is comparable to past years.

"But the severity of the cases is

"Particularly when you're talking about living in very close quarters, whether it's in a dorm, apartments or fraternity or sorority houses, the flu has a great opportunity to be transmitted."

Paul Myers

Alachua County Florida

Department of Health administrator

what has us concerned right now," he added.

Since October, UF Health

Shands Hospital has reported 12 flu-related deaths. Five of those patients were under 40 years old, a greater number than usual, Myers said.

Due to the increase in deadly flu cases shown in younger patients, Myers said, it is especially important for UF students to get vaccinated.

"Particularly when you're talking about living in very close quarters, whether it's in a dorm, apartments or fraternity or sorority houses, the flu has a great opportunity to be transmitted," Myers said.

Lindsey Jones, a 19-year-old UF psychology sophomore, said she gets the flu vaccine regularly. She received her vaccine from a local Walgreens this month.

"I was really scared," Jones said. "The news has been reporting a lot of deaths in this area."

Briana Minich, a 19-year-old UF biology sophomore, said she was initially afraid she'd have a bad reaction to the vaccine.

But Minich said her close friend has had flu-like symptoms in the last week. After seeing her friend sick, Minich said she's more inclined to get the shot.



Megan Weeren / Alligator

#Cheesepocalypse

Velveeta macaroni and cheese boxes line Publix shelves on Archer Road Monday afternoon. Internet users dubbed a current shortage of Velveeta cheese products a #cheesepocalypse.

CAMPUS

Vigil remembers Haiti earthquake

LOURIANNE APOLLON and ABIGAIL DOUPNIK

Alligator Contributing Writers

Club Creole, the Haitian student association on campus, held a candlelight memorial Monday night to commemorate the four-year anniversary of the 2010 earthquake that killed more than 220,000 people and left 1.5 million homeless.

"It may not be in people's minds anymore, but we wanted to remember the many affected by it," said Malissa

Alinor, a 20-year-old UF sociology junior and president of Club Creole.

The event included a candle lighting ceremony, a poem recital and a rendition of the Haitian national anthem.

One of the students in attendance, James Fertil, a 19-year-old UF political science freshman, was in Haiti during the earthquake.

"I was doing my homework, and the house started to shake," he said. "The last thing I remember is that I just ran outside."

Fertil said the ceremony was a moving event to remember lives lost.

"I feel like we were connected about something that happened in the past," he said.

But the effects of this tragedy are not just relegated to the past, said Ben Hebblethwaite, assistant professor of Haitian Creole and French.

"Four years later, we are working with a society that has been transformed by that natural disaster," Hebblethwaite said. "It's woven into the fabric about dialogue about Haiti."

Ocean sensors to track sharks

▶ THE SENSORS WILL BE WITHIN A MILE FROM SHORE.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE — Sensors will be dropped into the Atlantic Ocean off northeast Florida to help researchers track great white sharks.

Shark experts at the University of North Florida will be alerted whenever a great white shark that's been tagged with a tracking device

swims within a few hundred yards of one of the sensors. Researchers tell The Florida Times-Union that devices will be placed on buoys within a mile from shore.

Last year, scientists tracked a 16 ½-foot great white near shore off Jacksonville Beach. A 14-foot great white was caught and tagged within sight of an Atlantic Beach park.

Researchers say data from the tracking devices show that some great white sharks spend more time close to shore than they previously believed.

Class graduates from UF online animal shelter medicine program

▶ UF WILL LAUNCH A MASTER'S DEGREE CONCENTRATION IN SUMMER.

BEATRICE DUPUY

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After completing the first online certificate in shelter medicine in the world, UF graduates are ready to unleash their newfound skills on homeless pets.

About 30 veterinarians and veterinary students recently graduated from UF Maddie's Online Graduate Certificate Shelter Medicine Program.

Terry Spencer, Maddie's clinical assistant professor of shelter medicine and distance learning director, said the program started in 2012 to provide students with the skills needed to assist shelters with the health and welfare of homeless animals.

"When I graduated in 1995, no one even mentioned shelter medicine," Spencer said. "Now it's really burgeoning."

"So many new advances have been made in ways to raise the level of care and welfare of animals. It's a matter of getting information out to the people on the field."

Amie Burling

Maddie's Shelter Medicine resident

Classes provided by the program cover topics such as diagnosing infectious diseases common in shelters, recognizing animal cruelty and identifying problematic animal behavior.

Students are not required to be enrolled at UF.

Degrees cost about \$5,000 and take about a year to complete if a student took one class a semester, she said.

"They can't get this training anywhere else," Spencer said. "What they learned in these courses has changed how they handle animals."

Past students range from veterinarians with private practices assisting shelters in their area to students being employed by shelters in different countries, Spencer said.

Ken Sieranski, a 26-year-old UF Maddie's Shelter Medicine intern, was a part of the first group of students to graduate in December with the online program.

"I would love to see this program spread across the country," he said. "Students can get a foundation that is not offered anywhere else."

The online graduate program was started with the help of Maddie's Fund, which provided more than \$5 million for the UF's Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program in 2008.

Amie Burling, Maddie's Shelter Medicine resident, said more veterinarians need to be educated on shelter medicine.

"So many new advances have been made in ways to raise the level of care and welfare of animals," Burling said. "It's a matter of getting information out to the people on the field."

Spencer said she expects many students to proceed with their studies for a master's degree concentration in shelter medicine, which UF will launch this summer.

She said the information students retain from the online graduate certificate program will help animals receive a positive outcome from shelters.

"If you were to think of the No. 1 cause of mortality for animals, it's having lived in animal shelters and homelessness," she said. "We can do something about this."

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Editorial

MTV's 'Teen Mom' is effective advocacy journalism

In 2011, the creator of the MTV reality shows "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom" wrote an article for CNN defending the show's value in response to media critics claiming the two shows glamorize teen pregnancy.

"Three years ago, I was flipping through a magazine when I read an article that stopped me cold," wrote Laura Dolgen, MTV's senior vice president of series development on the West Coast. "Jamie Lynn Spears' pregnancy was a lead story in the news, but this piece talked about the 750,000 other teenage girls who get pregnant each year in the U.S., the ones who were not from wealthy, famous families."

Viewers who follow "Teen Mom" and "16 and Pregnant" — not, we might add, parents and older critics who never bothered to watch the shows — know that MTV isn't glamorizing teen pregnancy at all. The shows offer honest and often bleak portraits of the lives of young women who choose to keep their babies after accidental pregnancies.

The show examines how the women's lives play out after the babies are born: screaming matches with parents, drug problems, lawsuits against the fathers, struggles to finish school and difficulty managing their personal finances are all commonplace problems for the girls in each episode. Glamorous, right?

According to The New York Times, a new economic study of Nielsen TV ratings and birth records show that areas with a high viewership of MTV programming saw a rapid decline in the rate of teen births. The study focused on the period after "16 and Pregnant" was introduced in 2009. Although correlation doesn't necessarily mean causation, researchers who reviewed the study said the conclusion seems sound.

Despite sensationalized claims that copycat pregnancies were inevitable, Dolgen maintained that she created the show to illustrate a cautionary tale to young American women, and she refused to allow copycats to appear on the show. Besides, young women, as these numbers show, are much more observant and intelligent than the mainstream media gives them credit for. While so-called pregnancy pacts make for juicy feature stories, the reality is that MTV has sparked an important national discussion: one among teens about the importance of contraception and responsible sexual health.

Even the Media Research Center begrudgingly admitted that MTV didn't shy away from the gritty details of the lives of "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom" subjects. Although MTV isn't exactly NPR or PBS, the network that brought young adults the beloved trashy reality shows "Jersey Shore" and the long-running "Real World" series has used its influence to deliver smart advocacy journalism packaged as a teen-friendly reality show — complete with sketchbook fonts and a cute intro song.

Sure, the show isn't perfect. The antics of "Teen Mom" and "16 and Pregnant's" stars appear regularly on the covers of tabloids, but it's fundamentally wrong and unfair to assume that all — or even most — young American women aspire to achieve reality-TV fame.

Reader response

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Column

This year, resolve to create attainable goals

For gyms, the most wonderful time of year follows closely after Christmas.

Memberships are sold to blindingly eager people who are convinced this New Year is just the turning point they need to change.

But the significance of the New Year is an illusion. It's not what's going to propel you into a new way of living.

By March, the gym is still going to be collecting monthly fees for that membership you no longer use.

Instead of making lofty goals at the beginning of the year that just end up turning into ways you feel you have failed at life a couple of months later, decide to make changes for yourself at your own pace.

Though a festive occasion may seem like a great way to ring in your resolutions, it can emphasize more of the spirit and the idea of change rather than the actual follow-through.

Making goals with all of the pomp and circumstance are often done more for the benefit of impressing other people than for making a personal commitment to yourself.

Don't give the New Year the power to be an excuse for you to put off making yourself a better person.

Once you've decided to make new habits, make sure they are reasonable and are for you alone.

If your resolution involves some kind of diet routine, please keep it to yourself.

No one wants to hear about how many calories are in the food you're eating; that subject has gotten as tiresome as mustaches on things and bacon in sweets.

I like to make my goals small, specific and achievable.

I also tell myself not to expect too many noticeable results in a short time.

Studies differ on how long it takes to make or break a habit, from three weeks to more than 200 days, but

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basically, it may be a challenge to one's Netflix-speed-adapted expectations.

I also try to be honest with myself when I am making

goals.

It's weird, but you can lie to yourself, be really gullible and believe what you tell yourself.

Instead of telling myself to go to every single class period this semester, because, honestly, I know that will never happen, I've made a resolution to go to the classes that take attendance and take advantage of the allotted excused absences.

If I went with the first resolution, I would never succeed, and I would just feel like I've failed myself.

Not every resolution has to sound like it came from a self-help book or an inspirational poster hanging in a guidance counselor's office.

Goals can be fun and seemingly silly.

I made a point a couple of years ago to start giving people the compliments I used to think but keep to myself.

People like hearing that you like their shoes, hair or smile. I mean, they don't tell me that I am creeping them out.

Though it's Jan. 14, and you may have already forgotten or abandoned your resolutions, or you never made any this year and think it's too late, it's not.

Of course, society probably needs people to not follow through with their resolutions.

Otherwise, fast-food restaurants would close, the economy would crash, and lifestyle magazines would be pulled off the shelves.

If you don't want to be the American stereotype, it's never too late.

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The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Column

Homeless people aren't ducks

My mom had an interesting habit. Every morning, she'd take the previous night's leftover rice and dump it in a corner of our lawn for the neighborhood ducks.

And boy, the ducks loved her. After snapping up all the rice, they trotted around the door for an hour or so, hoping my mom would come out again. And they never forgot to — this is what got my dad upset — excrete all over our front porch.

Slowly, my sympathies shifted to my dad. Every morning, after hosing the poop stains off the porch, he came in and pleaded with my mom to stop feeding the ducks: "You're only encouraging them to come more often!"

Once my mom halted the daily meals, the birds stopped loitering in our yard. They were able to scavenge food from elsewhere. After all, ducks are used to the wilderness.

My dad's logic is often applied to homeless people. Increasingly, the needy are likened to ducks: "If you keep giving 'em meals, they'll keep coming. Let them fend for themselves."

This logic — I use the word "logic" loosely — of demanding the poor to "toughen up" isn't just held by some Ayn Rand followers fond of hating on panhandlers.

Take Florida, considered the "most dangerous state to be homeless" by countless media outlets. In Orlando, you can be thrown in jail if you give food to too many homeless individuals too often. This is no joke; volunteers were arrested in an Orlando park in 2011 for handing out meals to hungry folks.

Tampa one-upped O-Town with new laws prohibiting homeless people from sleeping or storing their stuff in public spaces. This comes at a time when existing homeless shelters are at full capacity.

Let's put aside city ordinances and focus on something more basic. Since Adam and Eve, we've pretty much agreed that human beings depend on each other, for better or worse. Living in a society means we have each other's backs in rough times.

Homeless people aren't ducks. Actually, they're not even much different from you and I — with just one unlucky stretch of unemployment in our future careers, we could join the homeless.

If you've ever had a chance to see the folks who sleep in downtown Gainesville, you'll recognize that many of them suffer from chronic illnesses and substance abuse. For others, domestic violence has wrecked their lives.

Instead of building comprehensive rehab centers, government officials have opted to criminalize poverty.

But laws don't come down from the heavens. After hearing last year about how some South Floridians complained about a group of nuns who publicly feed hungry folks, Miami residents became "afraid of the homeless" crowding on a sidewalk, according to the Miami Herald. It's time we look inward. We can't just blame politicians.

The homeless have become untouchables. This new caste system, the envy of my Hindu ancestors, is entirely our doing. Rarely do we, including myself, take a break to think about how unimaginably grueling conditions are where the poor folks are kept.

As the age-old saying goes, "A society is measured by how it treats its weakest members."

Should we then not aid those brothers and sisters of ours who shuffle around in castaway corners and shadows not too far from us?

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UWire

In a 'Games' world, is '12 Years' too soon?

The film "12 Years a Slave" was painful and poignant, slightly heartwarming and incredibly heartbreaking. It resonated in a way only a film about race can. But therein lies the problem.

Don't get me wrong; I enjoyed "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire." The second Hunger Games movie left me satiated. Still, using box office numbers as a measure of a film's success, there is a massive gap between "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and "12 Years a Slave" that is less than heartening: Over the course of its nearly three-month run, "12 Years a Slave" grossed about \$39 million, a smidge more than half what "Catching Fire" made on opening weekend.

Keeping in mind the massive critical acclaim for everything from the film's cinematography to the acting, not to mention the harrowing true story itself, we may be tempted to ask: Why hasn't "12 Years a Slave" been a runaway success?

Some would counter that it is. To be fair to Hollywood, America and Brad Pitt, the parallel between "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire's" box office performance and that of a film like "12 Years a Slave" is slightly unfair: The former is an action film based on a critically acclaimed book series published within the past decade while the latter is a serious drama based on Solomon Northup's first-person account of his experience published more than a century prior. Still, that's not to say the same phenomena isn't present in the box office performance of other contemporary films.

"Captain Phillips," "Gravity," "Blue Jasmine" and "Prisoners," comparable films that have come out around the same time period, have done markedly better than "12 Years a Slave." Even compared to the reception of other historical films of recent memory — "Lincoln," "JFK," "Schindler's List" and even "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" — "12 Years a Slave's" numbers simply don't compare.

It is incredibly unusual for a movie about slavery to be produced, much less received with critical open arms.

"Django Unchained," a recent exception to the unspoken moratorium on slave films, was less a serious drama and more a quintessential Quentin shoot-em-up film that just happened to focus on black folk during the time of slavery. The last time any work of this magnitude was created was in 1977, when "Roots" first aired on television.

This large time gap in cinema about black slavery, coupled with the fact that this sort of film tends to do better abroad than in the U.S., begs the question: Is America simply not yet willing to confront the memory of slavery?

Race has long been, and continues to be, a sensitive subject in the hearts and minds of the American public. Discussion of race in our political discourse is confined to the outskirts of mainstream media — read: the wonderful folks over at MSNBC — and Americans are so obsessed with being colorblind that liberals and conservatives alike can be known to reject frank discussions of the issue.

Tyrik Lacruise
UWire

The GOP seems to think that racism is dead, and to address issues affecting minorities is to "play the race card." We are so squeamish about race that "12 Years a Slave," a film set in the U.S. about American slavery, was created by an Englishman. It's plain to see that we — both American film viewers and film producers — aren't ready for an honest discussion of our most painful memory as a society. The question is, when will we be?

Part of the problem is that the effects of slavery in America, one of the last industrialized nations to abolish the institution, are still felt strongly today. For Americans — black, white and in between — the memory of the institution is made worse by the persistence of its racist legacies. One only needs to look at political discourse in certain circles — read: the far right — to realize that issues of racial animosity and the perceived inferiority of African Americans, a result of hundreds of years of societal subjugation, are as pertinent today as they have been in the past.

There is a reason why the GOP has a large demographics problem and why Mitt Romney lost 83 percent of the "non-white" vote in 2012. There is a reason why efforts at preventing voting fraud seem to disproportionately affect minorities and why stop-and-frisk programs have delved into little more than thinly veiled racial profiling.

There is a reason why the Trayvon Martin case was so incredibly divisive. There is a reason why the Voting Rights Act, passed 100 years after the abolition of slavery, remains necessary to ensure the enfranchisement of minorities, especially in the Deep South, the setting of "12 Years a Slave." There is a reason why, immediately following the overturning of this landmark law, Republican legislatures took divisive actions to show the Supreme Court that its determination was dead wrong.

To be fair, while we haven't seen a frank movie about slavery in recent decades, we have seen a few great films about race in recent years, including "The Butler," "Fruitvale Station" and "42."

Still, we haven't gotten to a comfortable point in our discourse, and achieving that goal takes more than a film from Steve McQueen or a rousing speech from Hillary Clinton about the memory of Trayvon Martin. To truly move past race in this country, we need more than the great image a black president gives us; we need more than an elected black senator from New Jersey. We need to be able to talk frankly without pretense or offense. We need to be able to discuss the effects of race in the present as much as in our collective past.

We've got a long way to go. Although the box office performance of "12 Years a Slave" is a sign we aren't there yet, the existence of the film suggests we might be on our way.

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LIFESTYLE

As California changes laws, UF transgender policies evolving

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California became the first state to enact a law concerning transgender student rights on Jan. 1. As more universities strive to be more inclusive, UF's policies for its transgender students are still developing.

The California law states that any public school programs and facilities for grades K-12 must be open to all students, meaning they may use any restroom or locker room they feel comfortable with, regardless of gender identity.

UF's non-discrimination policy currently promotes equal opportunities for all of its students, including those of all gender identities and expressions.

"Policies and practices don't always align as neatly as they could," said LB Hannahs, UF director of LGBT affairs. "And I think often when we make big policies, the on-the-ground changes we need to make can be difficult."

Some students say these changes, however minor, are necessary to promote a better campus environment for all students.

Andrew Sun, a 21-year-old UF political science senior and director for the pride mentor program for incoming LGBT students, said more

unisex bathrooms on campus would be a start.

"If you don't look male or female, you can get kicked out of the bathrooms," he said, "and there are a lot of people that that happens to on a daily basis."

Sun said that the lack of gender-neutral housing on campus can make transgender and other gender-affiliated students uncomfortable.

"In order for you to not live with an assigned sex, you have to have a medical condition," he said.

Sun said he personally faced the challenge of living with a roommate whose gender he did not identify with during his sophomore year.

In an effort to combat situations like these, 22-year-old UF women's studies senior Marla Munro, former president of Gators Coalition for an Inclusive Campus, worked last year to promote gender-neutral housing, which would allow students to choose roommates of any gender.

The coalition has since dissolved, but she said her team raised campus discussion and paved the way for a new committee called Open Housing to be created in UF's Housing and Residence Education Department.

"Gender-neutral housing makes the environment a little more friendly and inclusive," Munro said.



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California became the first state to enact a law under which students can choose bathrooms and locker rooms based on their gender identity. UF is still working on policy changes for transgender students.

Colorado marijuana law ignites discussion in Gainesville

► SOME FLORIDIANS ARE PUSHING FOR MEDICINAL MARIJUANA.

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With a new year comes change, and Colorado is following suit by turning over a different kind of leaf.

On Jan. 1, Colorado became the first state to legally allow licensed pot shops to sell the drug. Many residents in Gainesville are supporting Colorado's new law and participating in securing a similar future for Florida.

Morgan and Morgan law firm partner and marijuana advocate John Morgan said Colorado didn't see any significant changes when the law passed.

"They legalized it, and the world didn't end. There were no lightning bolts coming from the sky, and not one person got crazy on marijuana and robbed a bank," said Morgan, chairman of United for Care, an organization sponsoring a petition to put medical marijuana

legislation on the state ballot.

Though the petition still has to pass through the Supreme Court, Morgan said he's confident about it.

"If it gets on the ballot, it's going to pass," he said. "Our attorney general is going to see she's living in the Dark Ages."

Representatives from United for Care have recently been visiting UF's campus to collect signatures from supportive students.

One of those students is Alex Gimble, a 19-year-old UF political science sophomore who said he hopes to see Florida follow in Colorado's footsteps.

"I definitely support it and think the way they implement it — in particular, the way the taxes go toward education — was done well," he said. "I think there's a timeline on it as things start to normalize. It'll start to happen in stages, like most social changes, and eventually will be adopted across the country."

Gimble said he thinks that those who don't support legalizing marijuana are concerned about the industry becoming too large-scale.

The regulations permit residents older than 21 to purchase one ounce of marijuana every time they enter a pot shop and tourists of the same age to buy a quarter of an ounce, according to the Colorado legislation.

Kristen Burns, president of the student club National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML Gators, said the benefits of legalized marijuana are numerous.

"They legalized it, and the world didn't end. There were no lightning bolts coming from the sky, and not one person got crazy on marijuana and robbed a bank."

John Morgan
lawyer

"The crime rate will go down substantially," she wrote in an email. "There will be a huge influx of tax money to help the economy, and people will have access to a drug that is safer and less harmful than alcohol and tobacco."

Burns said she believes it could be legalized in Florida if those who are educated continue to spread their opinions.

"The issues lie in the misled people who perpetuate the myths surrounding marijuana use," she said. "The 'reefer madness' mentality is still present in some older members of the community, so re-educating these people with correct information is crucial."

Although some residents provide lists of positive aspects of legalization, others are opposed to the idea.

Ronald Akers, a UF professor in both the sociology and the criminology and law departments, said that new laws are often synonymous with unexpected repercussions.

The legalization in Colorado will be no different, he said.

"Any time you pass legislation ... there's going to be unintended consequences, and often, they are going to be negative," he said. "I don't know if it is intended. One consequence is almost certainly that there will be more marijuana use."

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New service brings groceries to Gainesville doorsteps

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At-home delivery isn't just for takeout anymore. Three Gainesville men recently launched Lazy Delivery, a service that can bring items such as groceries and toiletries from the store to a customer's doorstep within an hour.

The creators, 23-year-old Marc Charbel, 24-year-old Manuel Zelaya and 23-year-old Daniel Zelaya, run the fleet of 12 employees who race around town collecting and delivering orders.

"Nothing like this exists in Gainesville, so we thought that the Gainesville community could really, really benefit from this," said Manuel Zelaya.

It takes a few steps: Sign in online, order items, indicate where the items should be delivered and confirm. It costs \$7 for a scheduled delivery of up to 10 items from one store, and it includes stores like Wal-Mart, Target, Sears, CVS and Walgreens.

For students like Christy Marcroft, a 19-year-old UF history freshman, the service is a stress reliever.

"It's hard to go to the grocery store and bring the groceries on the bus on the way back," Marcroft said.

She said freshmen living on campus will probably benefit the most from the service.

"They probably don't have a car, and some of them are probably too nervous to take the bus," Marcroft said.

The company's management team agreed its business model was inspired by students' needs, but it can also help other residents, such as busy parents.

"You're buying time to have more time to study or see your kid at the soccer game," Manuel Zelaya said.

He said a Lazy Delivery app will launch by Friday.

Deer that attacked Fla. woman moved Vinny put her in the hospital

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRING HILL, Fla. — A deer named Vinny was removed from a Tampa Bay-area wildlife sanctuary where he gored a woman in the eye.

The Tampa Bay Times reported

that Vinny was removed from Survival Outreach Sanctuary in Spring Hill on Monday by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. It wasn't clear where the deer would be taken.

On Friday, the 75-year-old sister of the sanctuary's owner was at-

tacked by the deer. Doctors removed the woman's right eye. She remains hospitalized.

A week before the deer attack, one of the sanctuary's lionesses dug out of her cage. Savannah never made it off the sanctuary's fenced-in property, but her escape attempt made national news. The sanctuary's owner received a misdemeanor citation for improper caging that allowed an animal to escape.



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The Most Magical Race On Earth

A record field of 26,000 runners start the 2014 Walt Disney World Marathon Sunday in Lake Buena Vista. The 26.2-mile race through all four Walt Disney World theme parks culminated a weekend of running events that also included a half marathon, 10K, 5K and kids races. Runners from 60 countries and all 50 states participated.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 Like many bar brews	1 Brewer's oven	35 Supplier of software hidden in 16-, 23-, 45- and 54-Across	46 Like a hermit
6 2013 World Series champs, familiarly	2 "Good job!"	36 Bit of sunlight	47 Personal shopper's asset
9 PC problem solver	3 Ripped to shreds	37 Pooh-pooher's sound	48 For the bond-issue price
13 Garlicky sauce	4 Shrine to remember	6 Old-timey photo hue	49 Bearded Smurf
14 Stinky Le Pew	5 Dot on a domino	39 Tycoon Onassis	52 "Grand" ice cream maker
15 Storybook baddie	6 Old-timey photo hue	40 Prefix with -lithic	54 Went unused
16 Recycled sheets for scribbling	7 Spot with regular and guest columnists	42 On point	55 TSA employee
18 Senior's big dance	8 Gen-_: millennial preceder	43 Hustlers chasing rustlers	
19 Rain heavily	9 First-rate		
20 Dry as the Gobi	10 Long-legged wader		
21 Perfect spots	11 Chum		
22 Org. headed by the U.S. Comptroller General	12 Tailoring borders		
23 End-of-filming cast event	14 Fencing defense		
25 "Alley _"	17 Poked at like a cat		
26 Under lock and _	21 Lobed organ		
27 Pervasive glow	24 Wrinkly little dog		
28 Used a rotary phone	25 Keats' " _ on Melancholy"		
30 Fried rice ingredient	26 Historical novelist Follett		
31 Spider's trap	29 Suffered a blackout		
34 Scandal-ridden Texas-based corporation	30 Cyclone center		
35 Pirate's "yes"	32 Ice cream treat		

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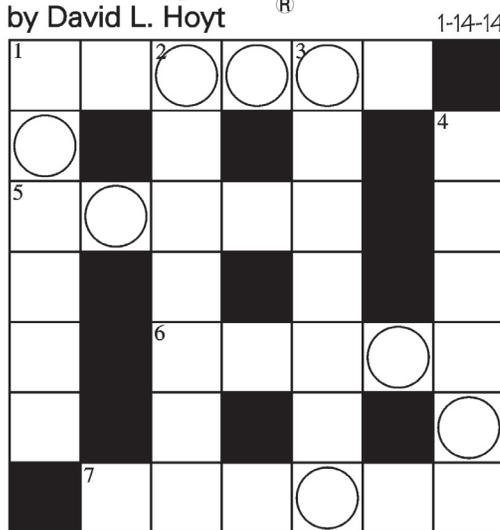
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Roper facing high expectations as offensive coordinator

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Kurt Roper walked into the South End Zone Meeting Room in black slacks, black shoes and a blue Florida Gators jacket. At 41, his glasses and bald head made him look like the cool, yet insightful, college professor.

He answered questions following Will Muschamp's state of the program address in which the lights ironically went dark, a press conference with new offensive line coach Mike Summers and a session with new special teams coordinator Coleman Hutzler that included his preference for New Mexico chili peppers.

His first words at the press conference as offensive coordinator: "Surely there can't be any questions left." With all due respect, Mr. Roper, when the Gators finish 4-8 and have an offense that finishes last in the Southeastern Conference, there will be more questions, and lots of them.

Roper comes way of Raleigh, N.C., where he served as Duke's offensive coordinator under quarterback messiah David Cutcliffe, who famously coached the Manning brothers at Tennessee and Ole Miss.

For a Florida fan base that hasn't had a quarterback to wor-

ship since Tim Tebow, a coach like Roper may be the answer to its prayers.

"You lose a couple of guys in your system and you're in trouble, so you've got to be able to shift gears and change to what fits your personnel," Muschamp said.

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Will Muschamp
UF coach

After seeing the high-octane attacks of Auburn and Florida State in Pasadena, Calif., Muschamp needed to make a philosophical shift from the run-dominated thinking of your father's time to

the spread offenses of your iPhone-wielding younger brother.

Times are changing, and now it appears Florida is, too.

Roper, who has worked with Cutcliffe in some capacity for 17 seasons, has run both a spread and pro-style system.

Brent Pease, UF's former offensive coordinator, never rekindled the success he had at Boise State

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UF offensive coordinator Kurt Roper speaks Monday afternoon at a press conference hosted at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Roper previously coached at Duke, Kentucky, Ole Miss and Tennessee.

Veteran players carrying UF in Prather's absence

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For the second straight Southeastern Conference game, the Gators will be without their leading scorer Casey Prather due to a bone bruise in his right knee.

After sitting out No. 7 Florida's (13-2, 2-0 SEC) overtime win in Arkansas on Saturday, the senior forward is still not healthy enough for tonight's matchup against Georgia (8-6, 2-0 SEC) at 7 in the O'Connell Center.

"He still has issues," coach Billy Donovan said. "He's getting better. He's progressing. When he'll be available to play, I don't know, but he's out (Tuesday)."

Despite missing the 17 points per game Prather brings to the court, the Gators edged the Razorbacks 84-82 behind Dorian Finney-Smith's career-high 22 points and Scottie Wilbekin's 18 points, which tied a career high.

"I would just say that we have an internal confidence as a team when it gets in those types of situations," Wilbekin said. "We just have a confidence we're going to pull it (through) especially after winning so many of those games. It just builds more confidence."

With the additional five minutes of

UF Basketball

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators resting after streak ends

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A midweek bye is just what the doctor ordered.

Coming off their first loss in 10 games, the Gators now have time to rest and tinker with their game this week.

"You have to use your bye weeks really strategically, especially if you're going to put in something new, maybe something you haven't utilized as much that you kind of want to amp up a little bit," coach Amanda Butler said. "Hopefully, we'll get a chance to add a few wrinkles. The rest portion is really important for us, so we'll take two days off of our feet and start watching some film [Tuesday]."

Florida had a rough go on Sunday in Baton Rouge, La., losing to No. 12 LSU 82-68.

In their past two games, the Gators have struggled shooting the ball. Florida has shot a combined 35.8 percent from the field in that stretch, well below their season average of 44.3 percent.

Rather than make specific adjustments to a player's shooting game, the only thing Butler can do is hope for the best.



Butler

"How you shoot the ball is hard to adjust for," Butler said. "I pray about it every night and every morning when I wake up. But other than maybe praying more about us hitting more shots, I don't know how we can adjust to getting better shots."

Shooting is a player-specific entity. That is, what technique works for one player may not work for another.

"We have to have a great understanding of what's a good shot," Butler said. "What's the shot clock got on it? What's the time and score of the overall game? We just need to make sure to make the best decisions. Jaterra (Bonds)'s good shot looks very different than

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Coach Will Muschamp announced the injury status of several Gators on Monday. Read the story on page 16.

Poll Results

Is Kurt Roper at offensive coordinator a good hire for Florida?

79% YES
21% NO

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Gator scores for national team

Gators forward Savannah Jordan scored her third goal of the CONCACAF U-20 tournament in the USA's 10-0 win against Guatemala on Monday.

Frustration mounting as Walker, Gators wait for NCAA ruling

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When asked Monday about the NCAA's handling of freshman forward Chris Walker's eligibility, coach Billy Donovan paused for

about five seconds.

"That's a loaded question for me," Donovan said, looking frustrated.

After another five-second pause, he continued.

"Right now, I have hope and

optimism that a kid that has been totally forthright and honest and truthful and has given everything he possibly could, that the NCAA will do the right thing, so to speak," Donovan said.

"I'm not involved with it. Like I

said earlier, our administration is. I totally trust them to handle it."

The NCAA has left Walker, who enrolled at UF on Dec. 14, 2013, once the fall semester ended, in limbo for about a month as it continues to evaluate his academic eligibility before making a ruling. Since he arrived on campus, Walker, a five-star recruit out of Bonifay, has missed all six of Florida's contests and has only been able to practice with the team.

"[Chris Walker is] athletic and he's willing to learn. He's getting better every day."

DeVon Walker
UF forward

Walker has clearly been annoyed with the process, as he posted on his Twitter account (@cwalkertime23) on Jan. 3, "#FreeSkyWalker!" before eventually deleting the tweet. Gators fans have shared similar frustration about the way the NCAA has handled the situation, and the hashtag has gained traction on social media websites.

Meanwhile, the 6-foot-10, 220-pound Walker has been trying to make up for lost time at practice. More experienced frontcourt players such as Patric Young and Will Yeguete during drills have dominated the freshman hailed by many as a phenom, according to Donovan.

"As practice has kind of unfolded, I think he's realized, 'I'm not

really ready to play,'" Donovan said of Walker. "It's been a humbling experience for him ... in a positive way.

"I may have talent, I may have ability," Donovan continued, imitating Walker's thought process, "but I have no idea what we are doing out there right now and I have no idea what is going on. I don't know how to guard a pick-and-roll. There's actions, there's screenings, there's pressing, this is like foreign to me right now."

"I think it's been good he's had some time to try and play catch-up a little bit right now. I think because of that maybe (he is) disappointed. He obviously wants to play. There is no question about it. But I also think he's looking at it like, 'Wow. I can get better through this.'"

Walker's first month of practice may not have gone as smoothly as he would have expected, but his teammates have seen him gradually make improvements to his game as he awaits a final verdict about his eligibility.

"Freak of nature," sophomore forward DeVon Walker said. "He's athletic and he's willing to learn. He's getting better every day."

Added senior point guard Scottie Wilbekin: "Yeah, he wants to play, but he knows it's a process and he's just kind of biding his time. He has the mindset of just doing whatever he can to help the team. And right now, that's practicing and just making the people who are playing better."



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Chris Walker (middle) watches from the bench during Florida's 74-58 win against South Carolina on Jan. 8 in the O'Connell Center. The NCAA has not cleared Walker to play for the Gators.

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Forward suspended

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Lily (Svete)'s good shot, looks very different than Kayla (Lewis)'s good shot. They've got to make their own plays. That'll be something we'll continue to reinforce this week."

The Gators' trademark this season has been the team's ability to have any player step up on any given night.

The recent winning streak was proof of it.

Lewis led the team with 19 points against St. Francis. Cassie Peoples put up 23 against Mississippi State. Against then-No. 6 Kentucky, Bonds scored 23 points.

"You hope you shoot the ball well. You hope you shoot the ball consistently. But if you watch enough basketball, it doesn't matter how great of a shooting team you are. There's going to be nights it doesn't fall."

Amanda Butler
UF coach

In those games, however, Florida shot 55.1, 46.8 and 49.1 percent from the field, respectively.

"You hope you shoot the ball well," Butler said. "You hope you shoot the ball consistently. But, if you watch enough basketball, it doesn't matter how great of a shooting team you are. There's going to be nights it doesn't fall."

The Gators are also without sophomore forward Christin Mercer, who has been suspended indefinitely. Mercer has been an integral part of Florida's success so far this season, as she is second on the team in points (11.8) and third on the team in rebounds (5.8) per contest.

One could argue her absence on Sunday was tough to overcome, as the Gators were outscored by 14 and outrebounded by a 50-29 margin against LSU.

"It's hard to say," Butler said on whether Mercer's absence was a factor in the loss to LSU. "We're just speculating. Certainly, having one less person in the rotation that we're used to ... you've got to account for that."

"I really thought it was just a few folks having an off night. The slow start really hurt us."



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Christin Mercer attempts a shot in Florida's 59-52 win against Arkansas on Thursday in the O'Connell Center.

Finney-Smith logged career-high minutes

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overtime, Florida scored the most points against an SEC opponent since defeating Arkansas 98-68 on Feb. 18, 2012, which was the last time the Gators won in Fayetteville, Ark.

However, Florida State is the only school Florida has faced that has allowed fewer points than Georgia. The Bulldogs also rank among the top 20 in the nation in field goals allowed.

If the Gators are to extend their home winning streak to a school record 25 wins tonight, both Finney-Smith and Wilbekin will have to carry the load on offense as well as burn up some minutes on the court.

Without Prather, who averages 28.7 minutes per game, Donovan was forced to start Finney-Smith for just the second time all season against Arkansas. Finney-Smith stayed in the game for a career-high 42 minutes. Wilbekin, who said he was playing at 80 to 90 percent because of a sprained right ankle, still had to play 35 minutes.

"He's still sore," Donovan said of his senior point guard. "He's still dealing with some issues. He should be able to play (Tuesday)."

Contributing to Finney-Smith's and Wilbekin's extra playing time was the health of center Patric Young. The senior was limited due to tendinitis in his knees and played for just 21 minutes Saturday, including just 1:29 in overtime before fouling out.

Donovan said Young practiced Sunday and Monday and should be a "full go" for tonight's contest.

Florida has been outrebounded in its past two SEC matchups and will need a mobile Young to help Finney-Smith grab more boards. Finney-Smith recorded nine offensive rebounds against the Razorbacks, while no one else

on the Gators collected more than one each.

Donovan said his frontcourt will need to take advantage of more second chance opportunities against the Bulldogs, who Donovan said have more offensive options this season than they did during their two losses to the Gators last year.

"They're getting almost 15 of-

ensive rebounds per game in their first two SEC games," Donovan said.

"With the way they run their offense, they're always going to have their three, four and five relatively close to the basket, and they really do a great job of getting to the backboard and creating offensive rebounds."



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Dorian Finney-Smith (right) defends USC's Sindarius Thornwell (middle) during Florida's 74-58 win on Jan. 8 in the O'Connell Center. Finney-Smith led UF in points in its win against Arkansas on Saturday.

Roper working to improve anemic offense

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that made him a hot-shot coordinator even Nick Saban couldn't wait to hire.

Moving to Gainesville did come with a cost for Roper.

He, his wife, Britt, daughter, Reese, and son, Luke, moved away from Roper's brother Zac, who is the special teams coordinator for Duke. Zac has a wife and two kids as well.

A chance to revitalize a team a year removed from the BCS and a program with as many national championships as Heisman Trophy winners was too good to pass up.

"One of the obvious mainstays in college football," Roper said about Florida. "This is a great university with a history and a lot of championships. The year before they went to the Sugar Bowl, so obviously there's a lot of good football players on this team.

"It's a chance to come and compete for championships."

What Roper has to work with is uncertain, unproven and underperforming talent. Junior quarterback Jeff Driskel comes off a fractured right fibula

he suffered against Tennessee on Sept. 21.

Freshman Will Grier, who worked with Roper at Duke quarterback camps, is an unknown commodity.

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Kurt Roper

UF offensive coordinator

Sophomore running back Matt Jones is missing spring practice while recovering from a torn left meniscus. The search for a major contributor at receiver is ongoing.

The offensive line is missing parts, while the tight ends are missing altogether.

There's much to figure out in 15 spring practices, a summer and fall training camp, but by all indications, the man who learned from one of the best is ready.



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Mackenzie Caquatto sticks a dismount in a quad meet Jan. 27, 2012. Caquatto struggled in UF's season opener.

UF handles falls, injury to start season

► CAQUATTO FINISHED WITH LOWEST SCORE.

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The Gators fell multiple times but managed to stay balanced against the Bruins on Saturday.

Multiple gymnasts made errors and falls in their routines in UCLA's Pauley Pavilion — mistakes that are now reflected in UF's fall from the No. 1 ranking in the country to No. 4.

"Of course we had mistakes here and there, and that was to be expected," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "Looking at it, there were so many new things that happened in our lineups."

Part of that new look was Mackenzie Caquatto competing in all four events for the first time since her freshman year.

The Naperville, Ill., native ended up missing her hand placement on vault, much to Faehn's surprise.

"That was so uncharacteristic, that was really kind of fluky. She's never ever done that and never missed that," Faehn said.

"After that happened, she took kind of a low landing and her legs really took a hit, so that affected her on floor."

Caquatto, a five-time All-American, ended the match with the lowest all-around score of all gymnasts at the meet (37.300), though no UCLA gymnast competed in all four events.

Caquatto's 9.150 on vault was also the lowest score in

that event.

Her 8.40 on floor was the lowest individual score from the entire meet. Florida has not had a gymnast record worse than Caquatto's 8.40 on floor since Gabby Fuchs scored a 8.25 on April 10, 1999.

One Gator who has not seen action in any event this year is Lauren Rose, who tore her Achilles in the 2012-2013 season.

Faehn said Rose was improving and rehabbing in the fall, but the senior is still suffering from Achilles tendonitis.

"It's just an ongoing issue. [Rose] is training but we have to be just really careful with that and take it slow with her."

Rhonda Faehn
UF coach

"It's just an ongoing issue," Faehn said. "She is training, but we have to be just really careful with that and take it slow with her."

Rose has competed with her team nine times, including several exhibition outings, in her three years at UF. Faehn said she hopes to see Rose compete in at least vault this season.

With only two practices before the Gators hit the road to take on Auburn, Faehn has a tall task ahead of her in quickly correcting her squad's imperfections.

Said Faehn: "We weren't expecting them to come out of the gates blasting and being near perfect."

FOOTBALL

Florida recovering from injuries before spring practice starts

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Florida's recovery from an injury-riddled 2013 season is moving slowly.

On Monday, coach Will Muschamp announced the prognosis for several of the Gators' walking wounded.

Running back Matt Jones, who suffered a radial tear of his meniscus against LSU on Oct. 12, 2013, has not been cleared to play for spring football and will require another

surgery to repair the cartilage. Muschamp said an earlier surgery repaired only about 60 percent of the sophomore's meniscus.

"It is a little more lengthy when you hear a meniscus you feel, 'OK; it's just a meniscus, you go in and reattach it and it's fine,'" Muschamp said.

"But this was torn all the way through. It's a little more serious than a regular meniscus."

The Gators will also be lacking at linebacker during spring practices.



Jones

Alex Anzalone, Jeremi Powell and Matt Rolin will all miss the semester with the injuries they suffered in 2013. Powell and Rolin both have torn ACLs, and Anzalone suffered a dislocated shoulder.

In addition, offensive lineman Octavius Jackson, suffering from a chronic shoulder injury, is recovering from surgery.

However, it is not all bad news for UF.

Wide receiver Andre Debose, who missed all of 2013 with a torn ACL, is expected to return for his sixth year at Florida during the spring. Muschamp said he will likely be able to participate in non-contact drills.

Offensive lineman Tyler Moore, who suffered a broken elbow in a scooter accident last season, should be healthy enough to practice in the spring, Muschamp announced.

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