

Michael Frazier II led Florida on Tuesday night to its program-record 25th straight home win. Read the story on page 13.



PEDRO BRAVO CASE

Murder trial delayed as lawyers prepare

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Pedro Bravo appeared before another new judge for his sixth case management hearing Tuesday.

In the second row, eight Aguilar's sat in an Alachua County courtroom for the eighth time in 16 months.

"We've been diligent about taking depositions, and that's ongoing."

Michael Ruppert
defense lawyer

They drove five hours to hear Bravo's third lawyer give yet another number: His list of witnesses in the murder case has topped 100, and it's still climbing.

Tuesday was the deadline for depositions in the case against Bravo, the 20-year-old former Santa Fe College student accused of kidnapping and killing UF student

Christian Aguilar in 2012.

But defense lawyer Michael Ruppert said he wasn't ready.

"We've been diligent about taking depositions, and that's ongoing," he said.

Although his team has taken samples, swabs and pictures of evidence, he asked Judge Ysleta McDonald for 30 more days to determine the experts he needs.

State attorney Brian Kramer filed a motion that would require Ruppert to provide a list of witnesses, experts and physical evidence by a certain date.

"We are asking the court to set those dates and set this matter for trial," Kramer said.

McDonald decided to organize a special hearing for the motion before the next case management hearing on Feb. 18.

These results didn't surprise

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Rockin' Out

Michelle Gray, a 21-year-old UF anthropology major, practices flintknapping exercises in preparation for a study abroad trip to the Mochena Borago Rockshelter in Ethiopia this February.

UF women's basketball player charged in robbery conspiracy

She is now suspended

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A prominent UF women's basketball player was suspended indefinitely after Alachua County Sheriff's deputies took her into custody Friday.

Christin Yuri Mercer, of Douglasville, Ga., faces charges of conspiring to commit a robbery after deputies served a warrant for her arrest, according to court records.

The charges were filed Dec. 18.

The basketball player was released Friday from the Alachua County Jail on her own

recognizance.

Her arraignment is set for Jan. 30, according to court records.

Mercer's suspension leaves Florida shorthanded.

The Gators were already down to only eight active players before Mercer's arrest.

With seven players now available to play, Coach Amanda Butler will be hard pressed to recoup Mercer's presence on the floor, as shown by Florida's recent 82-68 loss to Southeastern Conference foe No. 12 Louisiana State University.

Prior to the arrest, Mercer was second on the team in points with 11.8, and third in

rebounds with 5.8 per contest.

The 6-foot sophomore forward didn't make the trip to Baton Rouge, La.

Her presence was sorely missed, as Florida was outrebounded 50-29.

In games Mercer has missed this season, the Gators have been outrebounded by an average margin of 40.4 to 33.4.

With Mercer out of the picture for now, Florida is left with only two legitimate rebounders.

Redshirt junior Kayla Lewis and freshman Ronni Williams, who has been dealing with foul trouble all season, are the team's remaining options. Mercer's is the first arrest during Butler's tenure as coach.

Flu shots available again at student health center

► THEY HAD RUN OUT NOV. 21.

LYNNA LAWRENCE
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The UF Student Health Care Center reordered a limited amount of flu vaccines for students in response to severe local cases.

The SHCC ran out of flu shots Nov. 21 and did not intend to purchase more. It reversed this decision in response to local flu-related hospitalizations, including 12 flu-related deaths at UF Health Shands Hospital since October, said Catherine Seemann, communications coordinator for the SHCC.

"We are definitely working to fulfill whatever requests we can based on what vaccine we can get our hands on," she said.

Seemann also said she recommends checking local pharmacies for vaccine availability.

The SHCC is careful not to order a surplus of vaccines in an effort to conserve student health fee dollars, Seemann said. Any vaccines that are ordered this season cannot be used the following flu season and must be thrown out if not used.

Seemann said the SHCC will try to gauge and accommodate demand.

"If it goes really, really fast then again we'll do another search for more vaccine," she said.

Serra Abak, an 18-year-old UF computer science freshman, said she believes the SHCC's efforts to restock vaccinations is important despite any added cost.

"Flu vaccinations should never go out of stock," Abak said.

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High-end thriffts at an affordable price

Join Pledge 5 Foundation for cheese and wine at its grand opening of Thrift 5 Boutique at 4 p.m. Friday. Thrift 5 Boutique is a thrift store dedicated to offering 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.

Roe v. Wade Anniversary Show

The Gainesville Chapter of National Women's Liberation is hosting an event to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973. It will be held Saturday at The Backyard at Boca Fiesta & Palomino, 232 SE First St. Doors open at 9 p.m., and the show will start at 10 p.m. Entry fees range from \$5 to \$15. The event will feature local female-led bands.

Opening of the new Judaica Suite in the Smathers Library

Designer Kenneth Treister and curator Rebecca Jefferson will talk about the new Judaica Suite in the Smathers Library and offer guided tours on Monday. The presentations and tours will be at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the Smathers Library

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Grand Reading Room on the second floor. The reading room will showcase rare and valuable materials from the Price Library of Judaica. Attendees can also see the Haggadah Exhibition and listen to a klezmer trio featuring UF musicians. Musical presentations will be featured between tours, and light refreshments will be served.

"Surfing Florida" exhibits to close Jan. 20

Hurry into the Florida Museum of Natural History to see the surfing exhibits, including stories from the UF Surf Team before they catch a wave out of town on Monday. UF students with valid Gator 1 Cards receive free admission to these exhibits celebrating the state's famous coastal waters.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate honors victim's family, supports bike repair stations

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With one bill approved, two resolutions unanimously passed and three newly appointed permanent replacement seats set in place, Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting

was productive.

Seventy-five senators were present Tuesday night to unanimously pass the Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Self-Service Bike Repair Stations On Campus.

Senate President Pro-Tempore Elliot Grasso explained that the reso-

lution supports the new self-service bike stations provided by Student Government that allow students to make simple bike repairs without having to travel to the Reitz Union.

"They purchased two bike repair stations ... It's basically a stand you put your bike on with a bunch of

tools attached to it, and you can do all the maintenance-type stuff you need," he said.

Grasso said the two stations are located in the Springs and Murphree areas because they are on the east and west sides of campus and will be convenient for students.

Additionally, Senate unanimously passed the Resolution Honoring Kim Lindsey and Family. Lindsey, who fell victim to domestic violence in October, is survived by her three daughters, Savannah, Sofia and Sarah Lambert.

Sarah Lambert, a UF student who attended the Senate meeting, said she was touched that the author of the resolution, Elianne Vazquez, wrote the legislation and pushed it through Senate.

"The fact that somebody was willing to step up and have the entire university support us ... was amazing," she said. "I really cannot express my gratitude. It means so much that me and my sisters aren't alone in this."

Senate Bill 2014-1003, which approved funding for the student organization Women in Science Engineering, was also passed unanimously.

The bill, sponsored and authored by the Senate Allocations Committee, allocates \$844.50 to WiSE for programming, advertising, fliers and food.

Sen. Davis Bean, chair of the allocations committee, said the funding bill for WiSE was passed unanimously because the organization's presentation to the committee was so well prepared.

"They came to the committee, they rocked the presentation, they wowed the committee, and it ended up passing unanimously," he said. "Everyone on the committee approved."

Bean mentioned that the allocations committee was able to cut some costs in the organization's proposed budget by suggesting that WiSE use the free rooms provided by the Inter-Residence Hall Association instead of paying to use the Reitz Union room.

Daniel Mentz, Quentin Peterson and Meisam Sedighi were voted as the new permanent replacement seats for Building Construction, Fine Arts and Graduate, respectively.



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Elliot Grasso, Senate President Pro-Tempore, presents the Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Self-Service Bike Repair Stations On Campus on Tuesday night.

Excerpt From Senate Bill 2014-1001 — Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Self-Service Bike Repair Stations on Campus

"Whereas, the self-service bike repair stations provide students with repair tools and an air pump to perform easy repairs, maintenance, and adjustments on their bikes; and whereas, the stations come equipped with stainless steel cables and tamper-proof fasteners to securely attach the tools and air pump, which results in little to no maintenance cost."

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Reddit co-founder to come to UF campus for talk on Friday

Two cyber celebrities will speak

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Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Entrepreneurship Club will be hosting a chat Friday between two cyber celebrities about their experiences with their companies.

Reddit's co-founder, Alexis Ohanian, will speak alongside Grooveshark's co-founder and chief technology officer, Josh Greenberg at 7 p.m. Friday.

The event, in Weimer Hall's Gannett Auditorium, is free and open to all UF students.

Ian Mitchell, president of the Entrepre-

neurship Club, said he was looking forward to hosting Ohanian and Greenberg because of their important innovations in the Internet realm.

Reddit is an online social and entertainment news website that puts users in control of the website's content.

Grooveshark enables users to stream music, create their own playlists and upload their own music.

Mitchell said there is a common misconception that entrepreneurship is all about creating apps and making a profit, when in fact, entrepreneurship can help elicit social change.

Mitchell said he hopes that the event will make "people aware of deep issues we have in our society, like copyright laws and freedom of speech."

"I like the community. It has people worth listening to."

Sebastian Restrepo

21-year-old UF industrial engineering senior

Mitchell said the club anticipates the event to fill up quickly, so it is advised that students arrive early to secure seats.

Students who are unable to fit in the auditorium may watch the talk in rooms nearby also in Weimer Hall.

At the end of the chat, students will have the opportunity to ask Ohanian and Greenberg questions.

Ohanian will be signing his new book, "Without Their Permission," which will be available for purchase.

Sebastian Restrepo, a 21-year-old UF industrial engineering senior, said he considers himself a Redditor and uses the Reddit app in his downtime.

"I like the community," Restrepo said. "It has people worth listening to."

He said he had not previously heard of the event, but now he will definitely attend.

Juliana Guitelman, a 19-year-old UF psychology sophomore, said she will also attend the event.

"I'm really excited to meet Ohanian and ask him questions," she said. "Reddit is awesome."

UF students vote to pick furniture for future Reitz Union

KEVIN SATHYANATH

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As part of the Make it Reitz campaign, students are invited to voice their opinions this week on which chair they might be sitting in after construction is completed.

Students have 17 different chairs to choose from, organized in the recreation area in front of the Career Resource Center.

Hannah Farrell, the Reitz Union Marketing Coordinator, was in charge of setting up the display and finding out the student opinions.

The procedure for voting at the site was created by Farrell and inspired by traffic lights.

"The green represents your top choice, the yellow your second favorite and the red your least favorite choice," she said.

The promotion lasts until Friday evening. Students can complete the survey in the mornings and evening sessions or online at makeitreitz.com/vote. Voting online lasts until Jan. 24, and people can vote multiple times.

About 250 people voted Monday on-site, and about 80 people

completed the survey online, she said.

However, not all of the chairs made it to the end of the week. No. 3, which received many negative votes on Monday, was removed after a person fell off of it, Farrell said.

Mike Koester, a UF mechanical and aerospace engineering senior, said he uses the space about two to three times a week to study.

"It is good that the student's choices are being taken into account," he said.

Hannah Wilson, a UF telecommunication freshman, said she will miss the footrests in the older chairs. She uses the area very often to work and socialize.

"This is definitely a good step for the Reitz to take," she said.

**Reitz Union Construction Update
as of October 2, 2013
(makeitreitz.com)**

Demolition facts:
total construction and debris = 238.44 tons
total concrete = 1349.48 tons
total metal = 102.84 tons
recycled = 92 percent



Matthew Martyr / Alligator

Graphic design freshman Matthew Flannigan, 19, casts his vote for chairs to go in the renovated Reitz Union. His favorite is No. 11 because it's "comfortable and convenient" with built-in desk and outlets.

South Miami to pay \$90K settlement

► A BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS RUINED.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The city of South Miami will pay \$90,000 to a man whose daughter's 15th birthday party was ruined when police officers handcuffed him and took him to a patrol car.

The city recently agreed to settle the case which began in December 2009 during a birthday party. South Miami police responded to a noise complaint that evening. They returned a short time later. Julio Sanchez was arrested, but later let go.

The lawsuit was first filed in state court in February 2011 and moved to

federal court in November 2012. Sanchez sued the city for battery, false arrest and civil-rights violations.

The city agreed to settle the case after a federal judge ruled that a portion of the noise ordinance was unconstitutionally vague.

U.S. District Judge Cecilia Altonaga struck down the part of the city's noise ordinance that made a noise illegal if it would "annoy" anyone on a nearby street, sidewalk or adjacent building.

Altonaga wrote that "the noise ordinance is clearly unconstitutional, and tellingly the city does not provide any argument addressing Mr. Sanchez's contentions and analysis contained in the motion concerning the noise ordinance's unconstitutionality."

During the birthday party in 2009, South Miami police received a noise

complaint, according to the lawsuit.

An officer was sent to the scene and asked Sanchez to turn down the music.

Attorney Ray Taseff said Sanchez complied but police received another complaint a short time later. An officer told Sanchez the party must end. Sanchez eventually turned off the music. Taseff said his client asked the officer if the party could continue inside. When Sanchez asked for the officer's name and badge number, he was arrested.

South Miami Mayor Phillip Stoddard attempted to add more specific language to the noise ordinance, but city leaders rejected the proposed changes.

"The police ruined my daughter's party and robbed my family of the special memories that a quince party creates," Sanchez said in a release from his lawyer.

Aguilar family not surprised

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Christian's father, Carlos Aguilar.

"I think what we heard today was the outcome that everyone was expecting," he said.

Aguilar said he thinks the trial will be set for May or June. But the delay doesn't worry him.

"I'm very confident that the state attorney and local authorities ... have enough support to convince any jury that this person committed that crime and that he's convicted with the sentence he deserves," Aguilar said.

Bravo's charges include homicide, kidnapping, lying to police, mishandling human remains, providing false reports, tampering with physical evidence, and poisoning food and/or water with the intent to kill or injure a person, according to court records.

He was arrested four days after Christian went missing, and he remains in the Alachua County Jail.

New restaurants add flavor to University

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Two new Asian restaurants are spicing up University Avenue.

Bahn Thai opened Friday in the former Bella Donna's location at 1023 W. University Ave. Small House Traditional Chinese Cuisine opened during Winter Break in the former Farah's location, at 1120 W. University Ave., both close to Karma Cream.

Bahn Thai is owned by a husband-and-wife team, Aung Chun and Moe Marlar-Chun. Both were medical professionals in Burma and Jamaica before they took over Bahn Thai from its former owners three years ago.

"Cooking healthy meals is important to us," Marlar-Chun said, attributing her background in the medical field as the inspiration for preparing healthy dishes.

Bahn Thai opened for business on Friday at its new location and served a full house the same night.

"We decided to put the sign out, and everyone just came in," Marlar-Chun said. "I was surprised."

The most popular dish so far is the Pad Thai, and about half of the customers who've come so far are vegan or vegetarian, Marlar-Chun said.

Megan Ely, an 18-year-old UF zoology freshman, is hooked on the new Thai restaurant.

"I love the family atmo-

sphere here," Ely said. "The owners know me by name now. It's nice."

At Small House, the Szechuan spicy boiled fish filet is the most popular menu item, said Sherry Huo, a manager at the restaurant.

"Everything on the menu is what Chinese people are very familiar with in their home country," she said. "As good as homemade — that's the goal here."

"Cooking healthy meals is important to us."

Moe Marlar-Chun

Bahn Thai owner

Huo said the restaurant keeps vegans and vegetarians in mind while keeping the menu interesting.

"We use vegetables many Americans are used to, and we cook them in ways they've never experienced before," she said.

Lake City resident Robert Morgan is already a regular at Small House.

"I have made friends with some of the international students here," Morgan said.

Huo said the proximity to UF campus is good for Small House. She said groups of Chinese and international students visit every day for lunch.

"It warms my heart to see that they can make this place like home," Huo said. "They can come here and get a meal they really enjoy eating that tastes like home."

Cough syrup intoxication turns battery

Man was released Tuesday

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Alachua County Sheriff's deputies arrested a local man Monday night who became belligerent after drinking bottles of cough syrup and large amounts of caffeine.

Deputies arrested 41-year-old Larry Laverne Montgomery on charges of domestic battery, according to an arrest report.

At about 10:30 p.m., deputies

responded to a call that a man was yelling at several cars in the parking lot of Bellamay Grand Apartments, at 2625 SW 75th St., according to a report.

When deputies arrived, Montgomery told them he drank cough syrup, several Red Bull energy drinks and a large amount of coffee. He was acting extremely intoxicated and yelling randomly, according to the report.

Montgomery's daughter came



Montgomery

out of the apartment to try to calm him down. He grabbed and held her hair, pulling out a black knit hair cap in the process, according

to the report.

Officers booked Montgomery into the Alachua County Jail at about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday.

He was released at about 2 p.m. Tuesday after meeting a \$2,500 bond.



Silvia Rueda / Alligator

Spring Chicken

A new Chick-fil-A opened next to the Fresh Food Company dining hall near Broward Hall on Tuesday morning. The restaurant has proven to be a popular food choice among students on campus.

Florida Players theater company to include musical in lineup

► "SPRING AWAKENING" IS THE FIRST MUSICAL IN TWO YEARS.

LELAND HENRY

Alligator Contributing Writer

A UF club is putting the spotlight on its new venture in hopes of drawing a greater audience. The student-run theater company Florida Players' spring season now features a musical, something that has not been done by this club in two years.

"Putting on a musical requires a lot more from a director," said Kim Yeoman, a 21-year-old UF scenic design senior and production manager for the Florida Players. "They need a choreographer, a music director and an accompanist. It's a big challenge for a student director."

The Florida Players chose to include "Spring Awakening," a rock musical, in its lineup of three shows for the semester.

Producing a musical may be a challenge, but Yeoman said she believes the director can handle it.

"I am most concerned about the logistics of finding musicians and getting the band together."

Janiel Myers

theater senior and director of "Spring Awakening"

However, this risky choice will greatly impact the Florida Players' budget.

Katina White, a 19-year-old UF theater sophomore and treasurer for the Florida Players, said that more of the budget, which is about \$40,000, has been allotted to the musical

than to the other two shows.

"We have budgeted a large chunk of money for the rights and the score," White said. "The props, sets and costumes will also cost more than they do for the straight plays."

Janiel Myers, a 21-year-old UF theater senior and the director of "Spring Awakening," foresees a different challenge going into this show, which will include live music.

"I am most concerned about the logistics of finding musicians and getting the band together," Myers said. "We are still in the process of looking for people."

NATIONAL

FTC: Florida group surrenders \$3.6M to settle fraud claims

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday that a group of defendants in Florida have agreed to surrender assets totaling about \$3.6 million as part of a settlement agreement related to an alleged mortgage relief scam.

The defendants also will be permanently banned from providing

mortgage relief and debt relief services to consumers.

In 2012, the FTC charged 11 companies and five people with running an illegal mortgage relief scheme that operated under various names, including Prime Legal Plans. The action was part of the Distressed Homeowner Initiative, a multi-agency federal enforcement crackdown.

The FTC said that the mortgage

relief scheme used a fake nonprofit called Reaching U Network and several other companies to lure consumers with false promises that enrollment would save their homes from foreclosure or result in lower mortgage payments. The defendants charged consumers as much as \$750 a month in illegal advance fees but offered little or no help.

Aside from alleging that the

scheme deceived consumers, the FTC charged that it violated the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule's ban on advance fees for mortgage relief and that the defendants made numerous calls to numbers listed on the national Do Not Call Registry.

The FTC received a court order shutting down the operation and freezing the defendants' corporate

and personal assets pending settlement of the case.

A \$25.1 million judgment imposed on Derek Radzikowski, Jason Desmond, Prime Legal Plans LLC and five other corporate defendants will be suspended when the defendants surrender an estimated \$3.5 million in assets. Desmond's wife must also turn over \$110,000 that she received from the scheme.

Opinions

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Editorial

Does 'stand your ground' apply in Tampa shooting?

Sadly, this week's headlines were dominated by two tragic shootings. On Tuesday morning, a 12-year-old boy opened fire at a middle school in New Mexico, wounding two students. According to Reuters, it was the second shooting to take place in a U.S. middle school in three months.

Even closer to home, in a Tampa movie theater Monday, a 71-year-old retired police officer, Curtis Reeves, shot a fellow moviegoer in the chest after an argument erupted over cellphone use during previews. Authorities said a man was trying to contact his 3-year-old daughter when the ex-officer confronted him. According to witnesses, the man using his phone threw a bag of popcorn at Reeves, and Reeves proceeded to brandish a gun.

As authorities investigate the Tampa shooting, Florida news outlets are already beginning to speculate: Will Reeves' lawyers try to mount a "stand-your-ground" defense?

The obvious, overwhelming response is, are you crazy? The victim allegedly threw a bag of popcorn at Reeves — hardly an imminent threat of death or serious injury. And the fact that Reeves is an ex-police officer plays a significant role in the investigation, the Tampa Bay Times said.

According to the Times, "A defense attorney could argue Reeves is well-versed in stressful standoffs and has expert judgment on when deadly force is necessary. On the other hand, a prosecutor could argue that as a former officer, Reeves should have known how to de-escalate the situation."

All in all, however, Reeves' defense team would be hard-pressed to build a convincing argument that his decision to open fire was absolutely necessary.

The shootings we saw this week open the same debate we have had time and time again in this country when violence at the hands of gun users results in the injury of children and the death of citizens who simply tried to text in a movie theater.

Of the New Mexico shooting, Reuters reported, "It comes amid a contentious national debate on gun control that intensified after a gunman shot dead 20 students and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, in December 2012. Following that attack, President Barack Obama called for sweeping new gun control measures."

"Most of Obama's proposals were defeated in Congress, but his administration proposed new regulations this month aimed at clarifying restrictions on gun ownership for the mentally ill and bolstering a database used for firearms background checks," Reuters said.

While the details of the New Mexico shooting are still hazy, one thing is certain: security needs to be heightened in public, enclosed spaces such as arenas, stadiums and — yep — small movie theaters.

Of course, this argument is hardly groundbreaking. The familiar wave of liberal rage will be met with a conservative blow-back, and nothing will result. It's hard not to grow weary.

But should we stop pushing for a cultural change in the way this country handles firearm ownership?

We don't think so.

Reader response

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Column

What voters need in 2014: skepticism

It's far too easy to be cynical nowadays — especially when it comes to your opinions about politics and the government.

Can you blame someone for being skeptical about campaign promises, legislative initiatives and politicians' actual ambitions? When you watch the IRS scandal, the Benghazi scandal, the botched Obamacare rollout and the blown-out-of-proportion Bridgegate scandal unfold, you begin to feel cynical yourself.

But this newly found cynicism is not necessarily a bad thing. In a culture of too-good-to-be-true promises and too many out-of-control expectations, a dab of skepticism may not be negative.

At the beginning of the football season, when some said that the Gators would win the whole shebang in a glorious fashion, don't you think we should have managed that expectation?

Skepticism, especially when talking about politics, brings with it reserved expectations and certain weariness — which will come in handy during the 2014 election cycle.

When talking about the role of government in our lives, skepticism shifts the conversation from "What should the government do?" to "What can the government do?" More specifically, "What can the government actually do well?"

Government simply cannot do everything — but it tries. Obamacare now controls one-sixth of the economy. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg believed the government should control your eating and drinking habits. And if you want free birth control, just ask the government for it.

We should cast doubt upon a government that cannot control its spending, cannot control its bureaucracy and cannot use our taxpayer dollars efficiently. Having this doubt in what government actually has the ability to do tears away at the long-held liberal belief that government can and thereby should do everything. I would say that discrediting this liberal belief is completely healthy and quite reassuring.

Now, I'm not saying that there is no place for government in society. Government does have a place. Government is in place to protect us in foreign and domestic affairs, to make the marketplace free and competitive and — to a degree —



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care for those who have fallen on hard times. And the government should work well and produce efficient pieces of legislation and plans of action — I completely reject the culture of nihilism that some politicians hold.

But when you go beyond that basic rendering of what the government should do, political programs and institutions will produce disastrous results.

New York Times columnist David Brooks penned an article that describes the new movement on the right as skeptical reformism. This is a winning strategy for those on the right and for the country. The skeptical reformers do believe that the government has a role to play in society. They see what the government does both efficiently and inefficiently. In order to make government work, the reformers want to make government institutions work effectively while maintaining the belief that government simply cannot and should not do everything.

The skeptical reformers would manage people's expectations. Do you think a skeptical reformer would have promised a complete overhaul of the health insurance marketplace, promised exuberant enrollee numbers and made untrue promises?

By taking a step back with our new skepticism, we become able to properly govern and properly manage our expectations. We realize what agencies and institutions we have and what they should and shouldn't do. We see the world and our government as it is, not as what it should become. Then we will be able to tackle gripping national problems, devoid of promising unrealistic expectations like defunding Obamacare and having the ability to keep your health care plan.

Now for the larger question at hand: How many points will the Gators score in the 2015 BCS National Championship?

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Column

Gov. Rick Scott's Christie-headlined fundraisers yet another questionable antic

The political news of the last few days has been dominated by details of a scandal involving senior members of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's Republican administration. Recently uncovered emails revealed a plot among senior members of the governor's staff to cause major traffic jams in Fort Lee.

Members of Christie's staff conspired with employees of the New Jersey Port Authority to close access lanes to the George Washington Bridge as retribution for Mayor Mark Sokolich's refusal to endorse Christie for re-election.

Although no evidence has been presented directly implicating the governor in the alleged scandal, the thuggish behavior of his staff members could seriously damage Christie's hopes for a presidential run in 2016.

None of these troubling developments seems to have left an impression on Florida's own Gov. Rick Scott.

The National Journal reports that Christie is expected to attend fundraising events for Scott in Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando on Saturday.

These fundraiser events are part of Scott's reported goal of raising \$100 million for his re-election bid this year.

It is understandable that Scott would want to align himself as closely to Christie as possible. Despite the Fort Lee scandal, details of which are still emerging, Christie remains quite popular. A recent survey found that 55 percent of voters still hold a favorable opinion of Christie, compared with 44 percent who view him unfavorably.

In contrast, Scott remains one of the least popular political figures in the United States, with an abysmal approval rating of 33 percent.

A recent poll from Public Policy Polling found that the governor trails presumptive Democratic nominee and former Gov. Charlie Crist by 12 points, 50 percent for Crist to 38 percent for Scott.

Scott's unpopularity stems largely from several policy decisions made by his administration, including rejections of federal funding for a high-speed rail system and an expansion of Medicaid.

Scott has also been criticized for supporting a bill that would require all beneficiaries of welfare programs in the state of Florida to undergo random drug screening. Scott touted the initiative as a way of saving money



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and reducing abuse of the welfare system.

Of the 4,086 people required to take drug tests as a result of the new policy, only 108 — about 2.5 percent — failed. In addition, the Miami Herald found that the program, rather than having a positive impact on the state budget, actually resulted in a net cost to the state of about \$45,000.

It seems unlikely that Scott is concerned about his popularity ratings or his reputation as an enemy of Florida's middle- and working-class families.

After all, Scott used \$73 million of his own money during his first election bid in 2010 to erase his unseemly past from the public discourse.

Scott resigned as CEO of Columbia/HCA, a large health care provider, just before the company agreed to the largest Medicare fraud settlement in the history of the program. Under Scott's watch, Columbia/HCA billed Medicare for non-prescribed treatments, claimed advertising costs as 'community education' expenses and engaged in a number of other fraudulent moneymaking tactics.

The company eventually settled with the federal government and repaid over \$1.7 billion in fines. Scott was able to avoid criminal fraud charges and jail time, instead using his vast and ill-gotten fortune to launch his successful gubernatorial bid.

Scott's crusade against nonexistent fraud in the Florida welfare system after overseeing one of the largest private-sector fraud schemes in recent memory is the pinnacle of hypocrisy.

Rick Scott has demonstrated his brazen lack of integrity and concern for the well-being of Floridians during his tenure in both the private sector and as governor of Florida.

His willingness to associate with a fellow governor currently under investigation by the FBI in order to raise more money from wealthy donors underscores the misplaced priorities of the governor and his administration. In November, Floridians will have the opportunity to reject Scott's anti-middle-and-working-class agenda by voting him out of office.

If the actions of the governor during the past several years generate the outrage they deserve, no sum of money will be enough to ensure his political survival.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks to UF student lobbyists

Kudos to the approximately 30 UF students who lobbied legislators in Tallahassee on Thursday to support in-state tuition for foreign-born students who meet Florida residency requirements and graduated Florida high schools.

State Sen. Dwight Bullard spoke at a press conference along with other legislators in support.

Thank you.

Philip Kellerman
Gainesville resident

UF should condemn Ringling Bros. Circus

It's no surprise that the words bully and bullhook are so similar.

Ringling Bros. Circus exists through bullying animals. Bullhooks are heavy batons with a sharp metal hook on the end — picture a fireplace poker.

Elephants are beaten into submission with these cruel devices.

These keenly intelligent, active and

social animals spend the vast majority of their lives in chains.

They learn to obey or pay the painful consequences.

Even though female elephants stay with their mothers for life, and males until their pre-teens, Ringling rips these infants away from their frantic mothers, ties them down with ropes by all four legs, gouges them with bullhooks and shocks them with electric prods to break their spirits and make them give up all hope and submit.

They'll spend their lives balancing on pedestals and jammed in fetid boxcars, traveling from one town to the next.

Why would an institute of higher education support this cruel industry?

Students who care about animals should rise up and demand that UF tell the circus FU.

Jennifer O'Connor
staff writer for PETA Foundation

UWire

Society quick to judge Robertson

In late December, Phil Robertson, family patriarch of the hit A&E show "Duck Dynasty," was suspended for controversial comments he made about

black people and gay people to the men's magazine GQ. The statements made by Robertson, however, ended up saying more about society's cultural reaction to someone voicing an unpopular opinion than it did of Robertson's individual beliefs.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech," and this basic sentiment allows us to draw two conclusions. The first is that A&E was well within its constitutional right to suspend Robertson from the show. A&E is a private network that can choose to suspend, fire or otherwise punish an employee who presumably violates his or her contract with the network. So those decrying the downfall of the First Amendment might want to pump the brakes.

The second conclusion that can be drawn is about hypocrisy of those on the anti-Christian side — a safe categorization, seeing as Robertson based his statements on the Bible — came out saying A&E didn't go far enough and that it should have fired Robertson and his family for their beliefs. Unfortunately for those worrying about the downfall of human rights at Robertson's hands, the First Amendment has nothing to do with being offended. It doesn't say, "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech ... 'unless your feelings get hurt or you disagree in any way.'"

Before gay marriage became the widely accepted cultural movement it is today, those in support of it faced the same "just stop talking" sentiment critics are now throwing at people such as Phil Robertson. How easily people forget the value of being able to express their opinions when those opinions become culturally popular. How easily they toss around the word "bigot" without realizing it has a far more widespread application than they care to admit.

"Bigot," according to Merriam-Webster, is a person who is intolerantly devoted to his or her own opinions and prejudices.

Just as those who disagree with Rob-

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UWire

ertson on the issue of gay marriage want to change freedom of speech to only include the things they find palatable, they also want to change the word bigot to only apply to those with religious convictions.

And "prejudice," according to Merriam-Webster, is a preformed opinion, usually an unfavorable one, based on insufficient knowledge, irrational feelings or inaccurate stereotypes.

Having clarified prejudice, we can now more accurately define a bigot as someone who is intolerantly devoted to his or her own negative opinions. But is it not bigoted to decide anyone who doesn't support gay marriage is hateful and intolerant? Attacking Phil Robertson for his choice to exercise his own freedom of speech and his own freedom of religion allows people to misuse the word bigot and pervert a constitution they claim is being perverted and misrepresent a religion they've taken just enough time to learn about so they can make a comment about whether Robertson should eat shellfish.

At all costs, the people calling those who oppose gay marriage bigoted have to keep going. Because those who like to use the word bigoted conveniently spend so much time attacking the rest of the population that they haven't looked in the mirror long enough to realize that their behavior and language makes them exactly the boogey man they're scared of — people intolerantly devoted to a preformed negative opinion about an entire group of people.

So maybe it's time to take a step back and look at our own behavior. Before deciding someone is a redneck or a bigot for not agreeing with a culturally popular opinion, we should look at how we express those beliefs. Before calling people names like a nation of third graders, we should take a minute to evaluate whether those words come from our own place of bigotry.

After that, we can talk about the shellfish thing.

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LOCAL

Firefighters rescue construction worker

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Gainesville Fire Rescue pulled a construction worker out of a collapsed trench Monday afternoon after a 14-foot wall of clay and sand trapped him.

Workers were on site by a stormwater vault at 800 SE Fourth St. when the wall of the trench collapsed and pinned a worker to the vault, said Gainesville Fire Rescue Lt. Don Campbell.

Fellow construction workers used their hands and shovels to free the man from the dirt, which weighs about 100 pounds per cubic foot, Campbell said.

Firefighters and members of GFR's technical rescue team arrived at about 4 p.m.

to find the worker mostly freed from the sand and clay. They latched a backboard to a ladder to remove him from the hole.

"That was really the only way we could get him out without causing the trench to collapse any farther," Campbell said.

Firefighters pulled the worker from the hole within minutes, and he was rushed to UF Health Shands Hospital under a trauma alert.

The instability of the ground caused a tricky situation for rescuers, said Deputy Chief Jeff Lane. An overhang of dirt and debris could have collapsed at any moment.

"(Members of the technical team) had to accept higher risks than they are normally comfortable with," he said.

Gov. Scott taps Hispanic man as running mate

► SAME LEGISLATOR APPOINTED AS LT. GOV.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Florida Gov. Rick Scott, already in a potentially tough fight for re-election, made history Tuesday when he appointed the first Hispanic to the position of lieutenant governor.

Ending a guessing game that stretched on for nearly 10 months, Scott named Miami-Dade Property Appraiser Carlos Lopez-Cantera to the post. Lopez-Cantera will also be Scott's running mate in the November elections.

Lopez-Cantera, a Republican and an ally of U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., called the appointment an honor.

"It's just an opportunity that could not be ignored or denied because I'll be representing the entire state," Lopez-Cantera said.

The job of lieutenant governor is largely ceremonial, but Scott said he plans to use the 40-year-old former legislator to help push through his legislative agenda during the session that starts in March.

More importantly, the selection of Lopez-Cantera brings both ethnic and geographical diversity to the Republican ticket in November. Lopez-Cantera was born in Madrid, but was raised in Miami.

"He checks all the boxes for the governor," said Al Cardenas,

former head of the Florida Republican Party and chairman of the American Conservative Union. "He's a young, Hispanic, talented office holder with a beautiful family and a great record."



Lopez-Cantera

Scott brushed aside any talk that his selection would aid him politically in a race where polls have shown him trailing Democrat and former Gov. Charlie

Crist.

"I picked someone who is going to help get our state back to work," Scott said.

Lopez-Cantera downplayed his heritage, saying he didn't want to be defined by that but joked that "there will be a little more Cuban coffee in the governor's office."

Democrats portrayed the selection of Lopez-Cantera as a cynical move to detract from Scott's support for policies such as his initial support for an Arizona-style immigration law or last year's veto of a bill that would have allowed some young undocumented immigrants to apply for a temporary driver's license.

"This is exactly the kind of pandering choice that has made Rick Scott one of the most unpopular governors in America," said Florida Democratic Party political director Christian Ulvert.

Lopez-Cantera will be sworn into his new job on Feb. 3.

Kanapaha Gardens sells bamboo

The cheapest pot is \$45

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The 32nd Kanapaha Botanical Gardens bamboo sale is underway.

During the sale, which runs through February, 14 varieties of bamboo are "dug to order" from the garden's surplus supply, said Chief Supervisor Adam Maxwell.

The least expensive bamboo plant, a 5-gallon Chinese Goddess, costs \$45. The most expensive is \$385.

All of the funds from the sale

will go toward maintaining Kanapaha Gardens, which is a non-profit organization.

The gardens, at 4700 SW 58th Drive, maintains the largest public collection of bamboo species in the state, according to its website.

Maxwell said the ideal bamboo owner has a home instead of an apartment because the plants grow tall and require sunlight.

"If you have a yard, we definitely have bamboo that would fit it," Maxwell said.

As for maintenance, gardens director Alexis Caffrey said there

isn't much to worry about.

"Bamboo is one of the easiest plants to take care of," Caffrey said.

Katlynn Cunningham, a 19-year-old UF public relations sophomore, said she's had good experiences with bamboo maintenance in the past.

"If it doesn't require a lot of work, I'm down," she said.

Bamboo sizes and types for sale at the Gardens are listed at kanapaha.org. Customers should call the gardens at 352-372-4981 to place orders.

The gardens will also host a workshop for beginning bamboo owners on Saturday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.



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The 32nd annual bamboo sale is underway and will run through February at the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. The nonprofit is selling pots of bamboo ranging from about \$50 to about \$400.

UF students pedal coffee with GoJoe

► CUSTOMERS CAN ORDER WITH AN APP.

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From now on, UF students will not have to wait in line or leave their seats at the library to grab a cup of coffee.

A new coffee delivery service called GoJoe began to deliver cups of coffee to their first customers on UF's campus Tuesday.

Spencer Muratides, a 22-year-old UF real estate graduate student and the founder of GoJoe, said that for this week, the company is currently using 100 testers who signed up during a tabling session in November.

These testers can send a text message with their locations, and within about seven minutes, a GoJoe employee will arrive on a bicycle with hot coffee.

The business will be open to anyone on campus beginning next week and will be accompanied by an app, he said.

"The app will allow you to drop a pin at your location, pay for the order and tip for the delivery all at once," Muratides said. "The goal is for customers to be able to stick their arm out the door and grab a coffee."

Customers can order a 16-ounce coffee for about \$3.

GoJoe currently brews and delivers coffee from its sponsor, The Swamp Restaurant, at the corner of West University Avenue and Northwest 17th Street.

The company offers a free cup of coffee to unsatisfied cus-

tomers and uses 100 percent biodegradable cups, Muratides said.

"At the end of each day, we want to give back to the students," he said. "That's why I started this company."

Muratides said the idea came to him when he was at a coffee shop at the Hough Graduate School of Business on UF's campus.

"It was only open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and it was always so busy," he said. "I would see people walk away from the line because they were so tired of waiting."

The business filed to officially become a limited liability company at the end of October. Ten employees now help run the business.

Each driver carries a 30-pound coffee tank with a nozzle in a backpack, a sleeve of cups and a fanny pack filled with creamer, sugar and stirrers.

The tanks GoJoe uses were custom-created for the business with parts from Italy and Canada, Muratides said.

"The tanks were engineered to create a layer of creme in each cup to give the coffee a more-smooth flavor," he said. "We've had people tell us that you don't even need to add creamer to our coffee."

Kelsey Torgerson, a 21-year-old UF political science junior, said she buys coffee on the go about six days a week and is looking forward to GoJoe.

"GoJoe would be a great and feasible alternative," Torgerson said in an email. "A cup of coffee delivered right to my seat — now that is what I call first-class service."



AP Photo

Hump Day

Dressed as a shepherd, Daniel Carroll, left, waits near a camel before the start of the Three Kings Day Parade on Sunday in Miami. The parade honored the visit of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus.

CAMPUS

UF service to be tracked with hashtag

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A UF organization is hoping to use social media to serve the Gainesville community.

The Center for Leadership and Service is working with Student Government to launch #UFgivesback, a campaign that will help track students' community service work.

Community Involvement and Service Director Kathryn Bonti said students will be taught how to connect volunteer work with technology they already use.

"We know students are doing service," Bonti said. "We just haven't had a way to track it until now."

She said UF hasn't been a strong contender for the President's Community Service Honor Roll for Higher Education, which is a national award, in several years because CLS

"Get off campus, experience Gainesville and give back to the community you've been adopted into."

Daniel Sibol
CLS community engagement coordinator

staff suspects students don't report all their community service hours.

Now, when students post information about their community service work to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #UF-

givesback, the CLS can use analytics to track their efforts, Bonti said.

"We really want to get people to see that there's a larger community that you can be a part of," she said.

Daniel Sibol, CLS community engagement coordinator, said though most students are only in Gainesville for four years, it's important to get involved early.

"Get off campus, experience Gainesville and give back to the community you've been adopted into," he said.

On Friday, program volunteers will gather on the Plaza of the Americas from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to give out cotton candy, popcorn and information about how to get involved.

STATE

Shooter in fatal Tampa theater fight 'must have just snapped'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — Chad Oulson was described by friends as a man who loved dirt bikes and his baby daughter.

Curtis Reeves was a retired Tampa police officer with numerous commendations who liked riding his motorcycle with his wife.

The men's lives collided in a movie theater altercation that left Oulson dead and Reeves in jail. Oulson was texting his daughter's daycare, friends said, and Reeves got mad. Authorities said Reeves shot and killed Oulson with a handgun after the men exchanged words.

"He must have just snapped," neighbor Joe D'Andrea said of Reeves, describing him as a friendly, stand-up guy. "I'm trying to put all of this together."

Reeves' personnel files from the police department show he led other agencies in gun safety training and received numerous letters of commendation for his leadership.

Still, Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco said Tuesday: "It didn't matter what he had

done previously in his life. You don't shoot someone over a texting incident."

During Reeves' first court appearance Tuesday, Judge Lynn Tepper ordered the 71-year-old held without bond on a second-degree murder charge pending a bond hearing.

Pasco County Sheriff's officials said Reeves initially asked Oulson to stop texting at the theater in Wesley Chapel, a suburb about a half-hour north of downtown Tampa.

Sheriff's Detective Allen Proctor wrote that Reeves spoke to Oulson during the movie previews, then got up and informed management.

When Reeves returned to his seat, "additional words were exchanged," and Oulson threw a bag of popcorn at Reeves, the report said.

After officers read him his rights, Reeves told the detective that Oulson struck him in the face with an unknown object, and that's when he removed a .380 caliber gun from his pants pocket.

The report said Reeves fired the gun and struck Oulson once in the chest and that he

"was in fear of being attacked."

The sheriff said at a news conference that Reeves' son — who was off duty from his job as a Tampa officer — was walking into the theater when the shooting happened. Nocco said Reeves briefly struggled with an off-duty deputy but released the weapon. The gun was jammed and unable to fire again.

Pasco Sgt. Steve Greiner was among the first officers in the theater. When asked about Reeves' demeanor, Greiner replied: "He was very calm. He was seated in the chair, looking at the screen."

At the hearing, Judge Lynn Tepper said she found the evidence significant enough to warrant the no bond order.

Reeves faces life in prison if convicted. He only spoke once during his court appearance, to say "yes, ma'am" to the judge when she asked him if he could afford to hire his own attorney. Reeves, who appeared in court via a video link from the jail, appeared to be wearing a bulletproof vest without a shirt underneath.

Reeves' attorney, Richard Escobar, argued

that his client should be released because of his deep ties to the community.

"The alleged victim attacked him," Escobar said, adding that Oulson threw something, possibly popcorn, at Reeves. "At that point in time, he has every right to defend himself."

The judge said that throwing "an unknown object does not equal taking out a gun" and shooting someone.

Escobar said Reeves has lived in the Tampa Bay area almost his entire life and worked at the Tampa Police department for more than two decades until his retirement in 1993.

Reeves' home in Hernando County lies north of the movie theater. Neighbors said that Reeves and his wife moved to the rural subdivision about 10 years ago.

Everyone in the neighborhood knew that Reeves was a retired police officer, said D'Andrea, the neighbor.

"He was a stand-up guy in the neighborhood," D'Andrea said. "I would not think he was the type of guy to do something like that."

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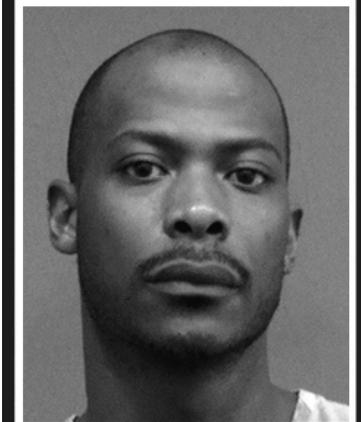
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| 6 Raul Castro's country | veggie brand that originated in Florida | 31 Flashy Flynn | sigma |
| 10 Irate | 2 Perón and Gabor | 33 Sends to the canvas | 51 Not wimp out |
| 14 Sheeplike | 3 *Like newly shaved legs, per some razor ads | 35 Greek vowel | 53 Sacro- ending |
| 15 A long way off | 4 Wishes one had 5 Many "Glee" characters | 36 Squabbles | 55 Continually |
| 16 Lily variety | 6 Half-__: coffee order | 37 Recipient of many returns: Abbr. | 57 Quaker pronoun |
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| 20 Acting the quizmaster | 9 Burning crime | 47 Mouth moisture | 60 Laudatory poem |
| 22 Mink kin | 10 Principe's island partner | | 61 Reason for contrition |
| 23 Like some simple questions | 11 NHL great Bobby | | 62 Shaggy ox |
| 25 Dress like a king or for the ring | 12 Tough thing to be stuck in | | |
| 28 "I'd rather not" | 13 What mom has that dad doesn't? | | |
| 30 Say convincingly | 19 Links goal | | |
| 32 Brother | 21 Worked on, as a bone | | |
| 34 Higher limb | 24 In the past | | |
| 35 Vase-shaped jug | 26 *One checking crossings | | |
| 36 "The Treasure of the ___ Madre" | 27 Incense | | |
| 38 ___ Balls: Hostess treats | | | |
| 39 Dog breed, a type of which begins the answers to starred clues | | | |
| 41 Dawn to dusk | | | |
| 42 "Better luck next time!" | | | |
| 44 Chooses | | | |
| 45 It may be massive or massaged | | | |
| 46 ___ sax | | | |
| 47 Narrow strip | | | |
| 48 Lode deposits | | | |
| 49 Greg's sitcom wife | | | |
| 52 Impersonating | | | |
| 54 Thin-layered rock | | | |
| 56 Nancy Drew, e.g. | | | |
| 59 *Seemingly unfitting name for Wrigley Field vines | | | |
| 63 British Columbia neighbor | | | |
| 64 Jim Davis pooch | | | |
| 65 Optic layer | | | |
| 66 Go along | | | |
| 67 Make (one's way) | | | |
| 68 Automatic "P"? | | | |
| 69 Yields (to) | | | |

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Frazier's shooting secures record home streak

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The last time the Gators had a home winning streak of 24 games, Billy Donovan was coaching Joakim Noah, Corey Brewer and Al Horford to two straight national championships.

But on Tuesday night, the longtime coach just needed Michael Frazier II to defeat Georgia 72-50 and extend No. 7 Florida's (14-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) home winning streak to a school-record 25 games.

The sophomore guard, who came into Tuesday night's contest leading the SEC with a 48.1 three-point shooting percentage, finished his performance against the Bulldogs with a career-high 21 points. He shot 7 of 16 from the floor, including 5 of 12 from

beyond the arc.

However, if it wasn't for his coaches and teammates urging him to shoot more, Frazier would have finished the night with a dismal three-point shooting night.

"I can see Michael Frazier sometimes he misses a couple and it's like he's keeping inventory. You know the guy is shooting 50 percent from the three-point line. Keep letting them go, it will all even itself out."

Billy Donovan
UF coach

Georgia (8-7, 2-1 SEC) held the Florida sharpshooter to 1 of 8 behind the arc through the first 32 minutes of the game.

"I can see Michael Frazier — sometimes he misses a couple and it's like he's keeping inventory," Donovan said. "You know the guy is shooting 50 percent from the three-point line. Keep letting them go, it will all even itself out."

Although the Gators had a 17-point lead with 7:32 in the game, Donovan kept harping on Frazier to let loose when he had the chance. With the encouragement from the bench and his teammates on the court, Frazier evened out his night by hitting four straight threes in just fewer than four minutes.

Frazier said he couldn't have had this type of turnaround in a game last year because he has gained confidence through experience.

"I probably would have stopped shooting and really just defer," the 6-foot-4 guard said. "But I think that's why I'm starting to mature as a player (and) kind of let the last shot go. I'm still getting better at that, but it's all part of the process of maturing."

Florida as a whole matured offensively by turning the ball over just eight times, which tied a season low. The Gators complemented the low number of turnovers with 18 assists, which was just one shy of tying a season

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Michael Frazier II prepares to shoot during Florida's 72-50 win against Georgia on Tuesday in the O'Connell Center. Frazier finished with a career-high 21 points.

GYMNASTICS

Mixed results for freshmen in first meet

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Claire Boyce and Silvia Colussi-Pelaez may not be close in height, but Florida's two freshmen are close. They see a lot of each other, both at practice and when they get home.

"We're around each other all the time," Boyce said.

"I mean we live together,

we were on pretty much the same schedule last semester, and so we really try and stick together and be there for each other because there is only two of us, so we've got to be close."

At UF's first meet of the season, the 5-foot-6 Boyce and 5-foot-2 Colussi-Pelaez took different paths. Boyce competed in the beam (9.850) and floor (9.825) events, while

Colussi-Pelaez exhibited on uneven bars and floor.

"It was a really great thing to be a part of," Boyce said.

"I didn't want to have expectations, because I just wanted to see and be in the moment."

Colussi-Pelaez, who spent most of the fall training with the Spanish national team to compete at the 2013 World Championship, struggled in



Boyce

adjusting to collegiate competition.

"It's just two different worlds, the elite level and the college level,"

Colussi-Pelaez said.

"I exhibited for the first meet also because it's my first

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Roper looks to improve quarterbacks

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Florida's list of starting quarterbacks the past four seasons has been a who's who of wasted talent and missed opportunity.

With John Brantley, Jacoby Brissett, Jeff Driskel, Tyler Murphy and Skyler Mornhinweg all getting a chance to take the helm, the Gators have not finished better than 88th in the nation in passing offense — falling to as low as 118th in 2012.

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A second year under offensive coordinator Brent Pease did

not alleviate the passing woes — Florida finished 109th in passing offense in 2013 — so Pease was fired, to the delight of many Gators fans.

Now, coach Will Muschamp is looking to Kurt Roper, who was hired as offensive coordinator on Dec. 26, 2013, to reverse that trend. Muschamp's job depends on it.

"You are what your record is," Muschamp said. "I'm a 4-8 coach, and we've got a 4-8 ball club. We need to work hard to get better and improve in every facet."

Luckily for Muschamp, Roper has a history of coaching up quarterbacks.

As the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Ole Miss, the 41-year-old helped Eli Manning become the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Year and the No. 1 pick in the 2004 NFL Draft.

At Duke, where he was the offensive coordinator under David Cutcliffe, he coached Thaddeus Lewis and Sean Renfree. Both went on to make NFL rosters.

"Kurt Roper's name kept coming up," Muschamp said. "I did a lot of research, talked to a lot of people, found out a lot of things looking into his background ... He did a fantastic job there developing Eli Manning as his quarterback."

But the proverbial cupboard at Florida may be bordering on empty.

Driskel entered 2013 as the starter

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Offensive line coach Mike Summers plans to utilize early enrollees to improve the offensive line. [Read the story on page 14.](#)

Murphy, Silberman announce destination

Former Florida quarterback Tyler Murphy and offensive lineman Ian Silberman have enrolled at Boston College, according to media reports, joining former UF offensive coordinator Steve Addazio, who coaches BC.

Poll question

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Early enrollees look to make quick impact for reeling Florida

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National Signing Day is fewer than three weeks away, and despite Florida currently having 20 commits — including nine early enrollees on campus — there is still a lot of work to be done on the recruiting trail.

In the past month, the Gators lost the top running back and wide receiver prospects from their class — Dalvin Cook and Ermon Lane, respectively. They replaced the loss of Cook by swaying running back Brandon Powell away from Miami, and he arrived on campus on Friday — just in

time to enroll early.

Lane decommitted from UF on Friday evening. The best replacement for him would be JUCO wideout Eric Lauderdale, who also has offers from Arizona State and Oregon.

The two Pac-12 Conference schools may have the upper hand in the four-star prospect's decision. He will visit Tucson, Ariz., this weekend and Eugene, Ore., the following week.

Another replacement, three-star wide receiver Isaiah McKenzie, will take his official visit to Gainesville this weekend.

Of the nine early enrollees currently on campus, only a few can make an impact immediately in 2014.

Three offensive linemen — Drew Sarvary, Kavaris Harkless and Nolan Kelleher — have already enrolled.

With the Gators returning just five players with starting experience along the offensive line, the young linemen may need to take reps early.

"We have what we have, and we're going to make the best out of those guys," offensive line coach Mike Summers said. "I just came out of a situation where we didn't have a lot of depth and were able to be fairly successful.

"I'm concerned that at some point we need to build depth, and we need to develop young players into experienced players, but I'm also encouraged by the players that are on this team."

As a JUCO transfer, Savary adds maturity and experience to the line. The 6-foot-5, 310-pound lineman finished the 2013 season at Tyler (Texas) Junior College, but he originally hails from Tallahassee.

The offensive linemen in UF's 2014 class have a mix of versatile and one-position guys.

Summers said that in his 30-plus years of coaching, sometimes moving players around the line sometimes pays off but doesn't work in every case.

"I've been in years where we haven't had very much depth, and tackles have had to play guard, and centers have had to play tackle and we've had to mix and match," he said.

"But certainly, I think our development happens faster if we can find the best position for each guy and we can develop them

in that position."

Prospects of note: Five-star athlete Adore' Jackson out of Gardena, Calif., is still considering Florida.

He is more likely to choose USC or UCLA so he can stay closer to home.



Sarvary

However, he could end up at Florida and make an immediate impact playing either defensive back or wide receiver.

Offensive tackle Damian Prince, from Forestville, Md., is one of the most talented tackles in the 2014 class. He was offered by Florida as well as Maryland and South Carolina.

Florida could have the upper hand here. Prince will take his final official visit to Gainesville on the Jan. 31 — just five days before National Signing Day. His friendship with cornerback Jalen Tabor, another early enrollee, could also be a factor.

Coaches on the move: It was announced Tuesday afternoon, per various sources, that Florida State defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt would join Mark Richt's staff as defensive coordinator.

Pruitt is an excellent recruiter and could make four-star defensive end and UF target Lorenzo Carter to a lock to go to UGA. Pruitt may also attempt to grab some recruits from Florida State's highly ranked class.

In addition, longtime PSU assistant Larry Johnson will reportedly be joining Urban Meyer as the defensive line coach at Ohio State University.

That could swing four-star defensive tackle Thomas Holley, a PSU commit, to the Buckeyes as well.



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Offensive line coach Mike Summers speaks Monday afternoon in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Summers has three offensive-line recruits who enrolled for the spring semester.

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Offensive coordinator takes over after three-quarterback season

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but struggled early before suffering a season-ending fractured fibula in the first quarter against Tennessee on Sept. 21, 2013.

Murphy, his replacement, left the program after the season and announced on Tuesday that he was enrolling at Boston College, joining former Florida offensive coordinator Steve Addazio with the Eagles.

Mornhinweg struggled in three late-season starts, and he will likely be jumped on the depth chart by early-enrolling quarterback Will Grier.

Grier, a Davidson, N.C., native, may be the most talented signal-caller Roper has to work with in the spread-based, up-tempo offense he is bringing to UF. He put up video-game numbers at Davidson Day High and looks to translate those skills to college.

"You knew Will was real talented and was going to be heavily recruited," Roper said of seeing Grier at camps while he coached at Duke. "He has a great mindset. I think he has a great quarterback demeanor, and then, I tell you what, he was accurate. He can

throw it. He has a fast arm. I look for a guy that when he turns it loose, his arm speed is really con-

sistently fast."

Although Grier may have the talent, Driskel has the experience.

Muschamp said on Monday that the junior is expected to be ready for spring practice. Roper said he

tried to recruit Driskel out of high school, and he is excited to work with the quarterback now.

"He's a guy that I tried to get in on early as a junior," Roper said.

"You knew Will was real talented and was going to be heavily recruited. I think he has a great mindset.

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Kurt Roper

UF offensive coordinator

"I thought he was an outstanding talent."

Muschamp said every position is open after last year's poor results, and Roper is waiting until the team gets back on the field to make a final decision.

"I don't want to develop opinions sitting and getting somebody else's thought on a guy or watching tape," Roper said. "I want to develop those opinions on the grass."



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Tyler Murphy looks to pass during UF's loss to LSU in Baton Rouge, La., on Oct. 12, 2013. Murphy, who started six games for Florida in 2013, enrolled at Boston College after transferring in December 2013.

Colussi-Pelaez struggled

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meet ever, and they wanted to get me out there and see how I performed."

After sustaining a fall on the uneven bars, Colussi-Pelaez admitted she did not have the best performance, but she hopes to gain a spot on the Florida lineup against Auburn.

"I just kind of got ahead of myself and was thinking about the end so I had a fall," Colussi-Pelaez said. "I'm really hoping to work really hard on my consistency and be able to make the lineup."

Coach Rhonda Faehn said she was happy with Boyce's performance and plans on keeping her in the lineup for UF's away meet against Auburn on Friday.

"I just kind of got ahead of myself and was thinking about the end so I had a fall. I'm really hoping to work really hard on my consistency and be able to make the lineup."

Silvia Colussi-Pelaez

UF gymnast

"She went out and competed like an upperclassman, like a pro," Faehn said of Boyce, who placed fourth overall in balance beam and tied for eighth on floor.

As far as Colussi-Pelaez's position on the lineup, Faehn is unsure.

"For Silvia, I think it was an eye opener," Faehn said. "She has tremendous potential, and it's a matter of her continuing to learn each time and to not let herself get overwhelmed."

As of Tuesday, Boyce is set to compete on floor and beam at Auburn. Faehn said she could possibly exhibition on bars, too. She added vault is not likely for Boyce because of the risk for injury to her legs, which would take her off floor and beam — her strongest competitions.

Colussi-Pelaez could possibly compete in floor. If not, she will at least exhibition her floor routine, Faehn said.

"We wanted her to exhibition vault at UCLA but she just didn't really have a great warm-up, so we choose not to," Faehn said. "We'd like to be able to see her get out there for that and possibly bars again as well."

Young solid during 'Beard Night'

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high as a team.

The 18:8 assists to turnover ratio was Florida's most efficient of the year.

"We're getting better," Donovan said of his squad's ball movement. "The press helped us a little bit with our assists because we had some open floor situations. The biggest thing is if you look at our guards, (they had) 10 assists combined — 10 assists, no turnovers, which helps."

In addition to the efficient backcourt performance by the Gators, their frontcourt provided the team with key second chance opportunities.

For the first time in SEC play, Florida did not lose the rebounding battle. Each of the teams finished the night with 23 defensive and 11 offensive boards.

Patric Young, who was honored at the O'Connell Center with "Patric Young Beard Night," finished the game with 10 points and nine rebounds — just one rebound shy of his first double-double of the year.

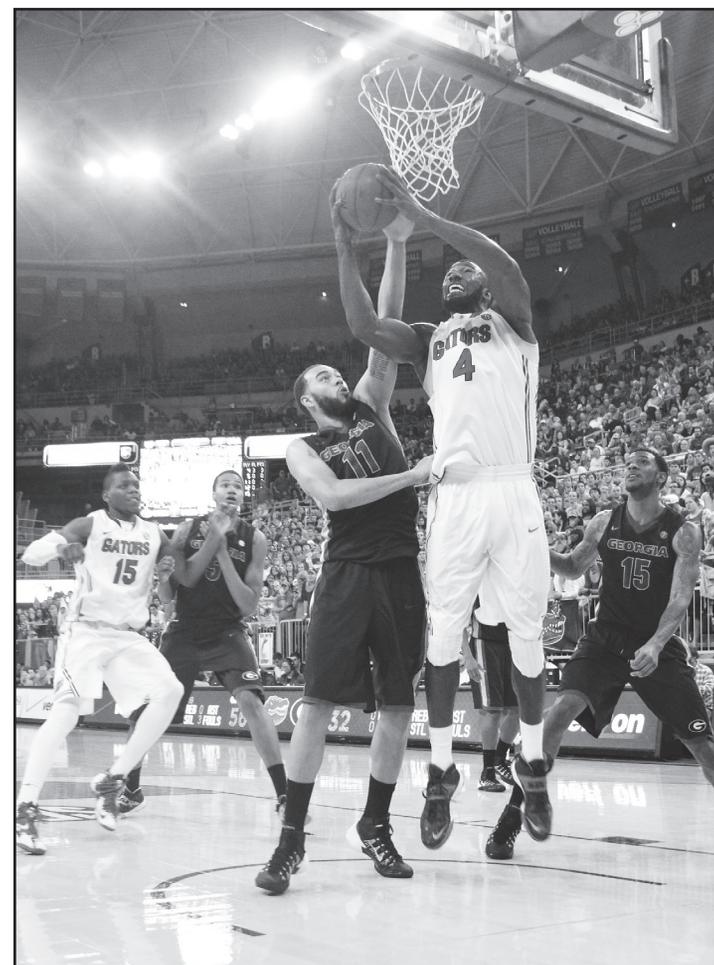
The senior center said the rebounding efficiency of the Gators is vital if they want to play the up-tempo style of basketball that Donovan expects.

"Whenever you can be really physical and a team has to focus more on their defensive rebounding (and) we're being a problem

for them on the offensive glass, it's going to wear their bigs out," Young said.

"And in doing that, we're

playing more our style of play of trying to get up and down the floor, playing hard and like coach Donovan said, 'Being dogs.'"



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Patric Young attempts a layup during Florida's 72-50 win against Georgia in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday night.

SWIMMING

Recruits look to bolster Florida lineup in middle of season

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Two new recruits have joined the Gators men's swimming and diving team. Sophomore Nick Alexiou, a transfer from Virginia, and Enzo Martinez, a freshman from Uruguay, both enrolled for the spring semester and have been cleared by the NCAA to compete.

However, Florida's coaching staff is still deciding whether it wants to use a year of eligibility or have the two swimmers redshirt

this season.

"Both of them come in, and we're not quite as sure what their backgrounds are because the first semester for Nick was in transition," said coach Gregg Troy.

"Enzo is coming from another country, so we haven't decided in fact whether they'll swim or whether they'll redshirt. It depends a little bit on what we see."

Alexiou — a 2013 All-American in the 800-yard freestyle relay his freshman year — is a familiar face for Troy.

The Gators scouted the backstroke and freestyle specialist from Clearwater High.

"They're kind of like dress rehearsals so we're going to go through the same sort of routine that we would at the end of the year."

Gregg Troy
UF coach

Troy said he is thinking about the future of the program and what

Alexiou brings to the table.

With Alexiou having three years of his eligibility remaining, keeping him out this year looks to benefit the program down the road.

UF's class is already strong. Florida landed the top sprinter in the 2014 recruiting class, Caleb Dressel, and now it bolsters its sprinting group with Martinez, a 50- and 100-yard freestyler who swam the latter at the 15th FINA World Championships in Barcelona in the summer.

His only real chance at competing this year hinges on his ability to make an impact in the 200-yard freestyle relay, but his role has not been determined yet.

With only three dual meets remaining on the schedule, the Gators' main focus at this point in the season is on the conference and national championship meets.

"They're kind of like dress rehearsals," Troy said, "so we're going to go through the same sort of routine that we would at the end of the year."

Heat travel to Washington to commemorate championship run Obama presented with jersey

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WASHINGTON (AP) — For President Barack Obama, seeing the Miami Heat at the White House on Tuesday was like déjà vu.

A year after congratulating LeBron James and company on winning their second league title, Obama was doing it again. And so soon.

James, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, their teammates and coaches, earned another White House visit by following that championship win with another last year. They topped the San Antonio Spurs in series that went the full seven games. A big basketball fan and recreational player, Obama described in detail how the Heat rallied from behind with less than a minute on the clock to win Game 6 before clinching in the seventh.

"This group has now won twice but it's gone to the finals three times and, sometimes, it feels like they're still fighting for a little respect," Obama said, adding: "I can relate to that."

The Heat won NBA titles in 2006, 2012

and last year.

During an East Room ceremony, Obama also praised the team's off-court actions. The players visited wounded service members recuperating at an area military hospital before they came to the White House. Obama said it's an example of the charitable work Heat players do year-round, including raising nearly \$2 million last year for charities at home.

"So bottom line is: outstanding athletes, outstanding organization, outstanding team but also outstanding members of their community," Obama said.

He wished them "great luck" for the rest of the current season, "unless they're playing the (Chicago) Bulls," Obama's hometown and favorite NBA team.

Coach Erik Spoelstra presented Obama with a commemorative championship trophy that lists the players' names as well as Obama's. The president also received an autographed basketball and team jersey with the number "44" and "POTUS" on the back. Obama is the 44th president and "POTUS" is an abbreviation for "president of the United States."

"This is a great honor for the entire Mi-

ami Heat family," Spoelstra said. "It does not get old."

The Heat weren't leaving Washing-

ton right away. After back-to-back losses, the team will shoot for a win against the Washington Wizards tonight.



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Chris Bosh shakes hands with President Barack Obama in the White House in Washington on Tuesday during a ceremony where the president honored the team.

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