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LOCAL
Roam towing fee to rise

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Illegally parking at a friend's apartment complex "just for a minute" now has an even more expensive consequence.

The Gainesville City Commission voted 5-2 to raise the rates of roam towing at its last meeting, which raised the rate from \$76 to \$100 for light-duty vehicles.

Mayor Ed Braddy and Commissioner Randy Wells voted against the measure.

This is the first significant rate hike since 1994, when the roam towing rate was \$70, Commissioner Todd Chase

said. Since then, towing companies argued, expenses have gone up.

"The students definitely feel that \$76 is pretty high as is."

Cory Yeffet

UF Student Body President

At the meeting, UF Student Body President Cory Yeffet spoke against the decision, which was made in the last five minutes of the commission meeting.

Yeffet said he would support raising towing fees if it were backed up with financial data,

but he called this jump "unsubstantiated and arbitrary."

He voiced concern that rising fees would "increase predatory practices" of local roam towing companies.

"The students definitely feel that \$76 is pretty high as is," he said. "Especially compared to the cost of getting your car towed regularly if it breaks down."

UF's Student Senate has been vocal against towing fee raises in the past. They passed a resolution against rising fees in 2012, when the tow rate hike was last discussed, according to Alligator archives.

UF student leads pedestrian warning-sign initiative

WARNING SIGNS WILL BE BUILT.

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Collin Zeng has stopped people from getting hit by cars before. The area of Southwest 20th Avenue near Winn-Dixie is where he warns people not to step into the road and cross.

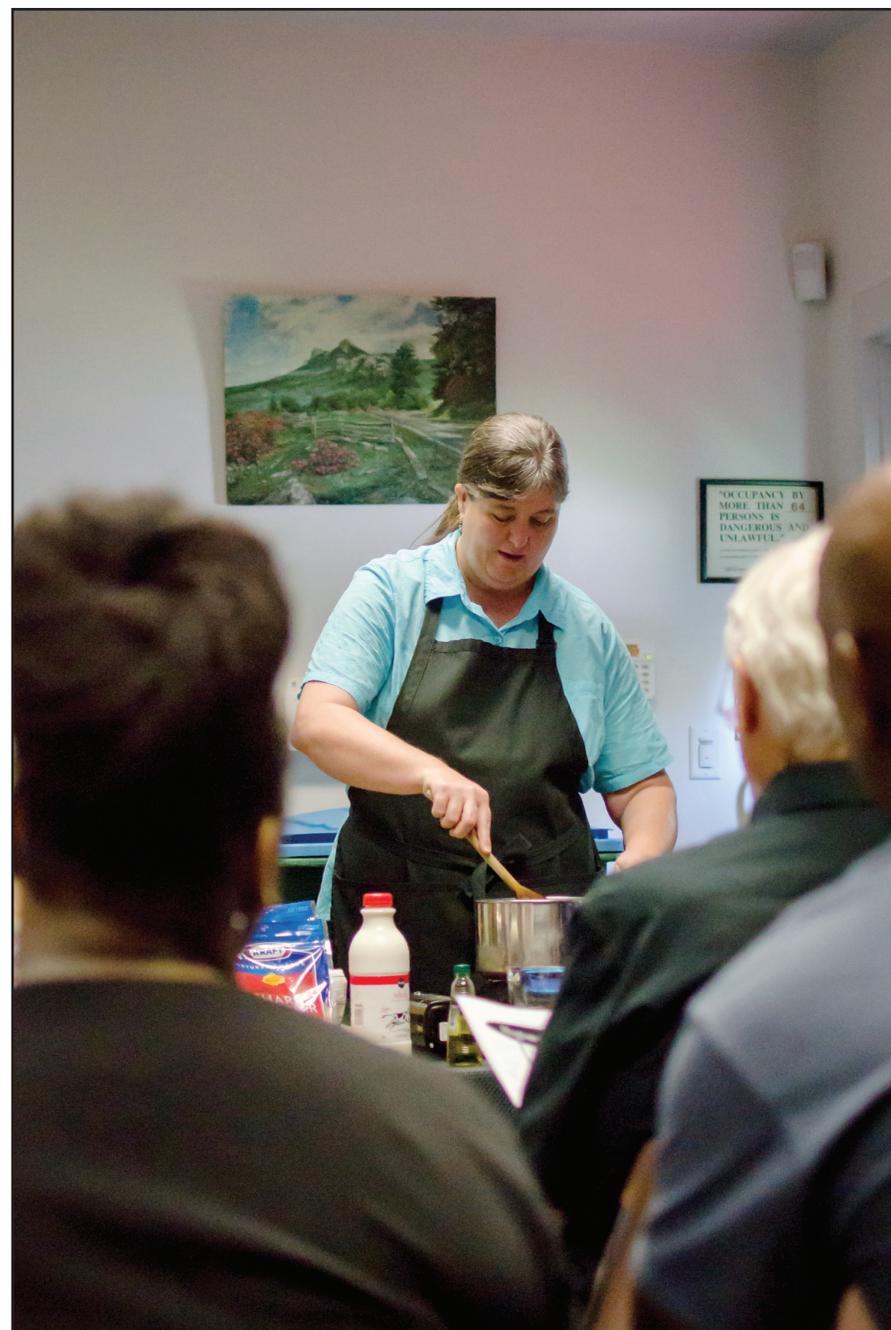
"Ever since I moved here a year ago, it's been an issue," the 19-year-old UF biology sophomore said. "People were jaywalking all the time."

Zeng was fed up with the lack of an established place to cross near the bus stop. First, he emailed the Gainesville City Commission. After a few weeks of no reply, he started a petition to the Alachua County Public Works titled "Build a crosswalk near RTS Stop 810 on SW 20th Ave."

"I met another person who emailed the city about it, and we found out that we both got ignored," he said.

The Change.org petition gained momentum within a few days. After the first day of being on the site, it had 50 signatures. Within

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Julian Pinilla / Alligator Staff

Granny's Cooking

Stefanie Samara Hamblen, 57, prepares macaroni and cheese during her cooking demonstration, "Better Than the Blue Box," at the Archer County Library.

Supreme Court birth control decision divides Gainesville residents

Local activists speak out

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Gainesville residents are split on a recent decision from the U.S. Supreme Court that exempts birth control options from mandated business health insurance coverage.

The Supreme Court announced

on Monday its decision on *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores Inc.*, ruling that family-owned corporations aren't required to provide insurance coverage for contraceptives in an effort to respect individual religious freedoms.

Steven Willis, a UF law professor, said some corporations argued against requirements to provide



Willis

contraceptives, such as the morning after pill and intrauterine devices.

An IUD "generally prevents conception but it can also prevent implantation, which would be in a lot of people's religious views an abortion," he said.

The Rev. David Ruchinski, a

priest at St. Augustine Church on University Avenue, said the ruling enables a family-run business to exercise the same rights that are guaranteed to everyone else under the Constitution.

"That's why there's the freedom of religion clause in the Bill of Rights," he said.

But the court's decision has also been met with heavy criticism.

"It's an interesting time right now in America in regards to birth

control and policy," said Dustin Arceneaux, director of education at Planned Parenthood of North Florida.

Arceneaux said birth control options have a lot of positives, aside from conventional use, including preventing ovarian cancer and endometriosis. People were counting on the Supreme Court to rule in favor of the birth control options, he said.

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Discover how the wild wolf became man's best friend at the Florida Museum of Natural History's newest temporary exhibit, "Wolf to Woof: The Story of Dogs," on display through Sept. 1. This exhibit reveals the fascinating history of dogs, their connection with wolves and what makes them man's best friend. UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card receive free admission.

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See Southeast Asian Butterflies at the Florida Museum's Butterfly Rainforest

Visit the Butterfly Rainforest

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exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History through Aug. 14 to discover an exotic assortment of butterfly and moth species and see their extraordinary features as part of the theme "Butterflies of Southeast Asia." Daily butterfly releases are held at 2 p.m. with additional weekend releases at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., weather permitting. UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card receive free admission.

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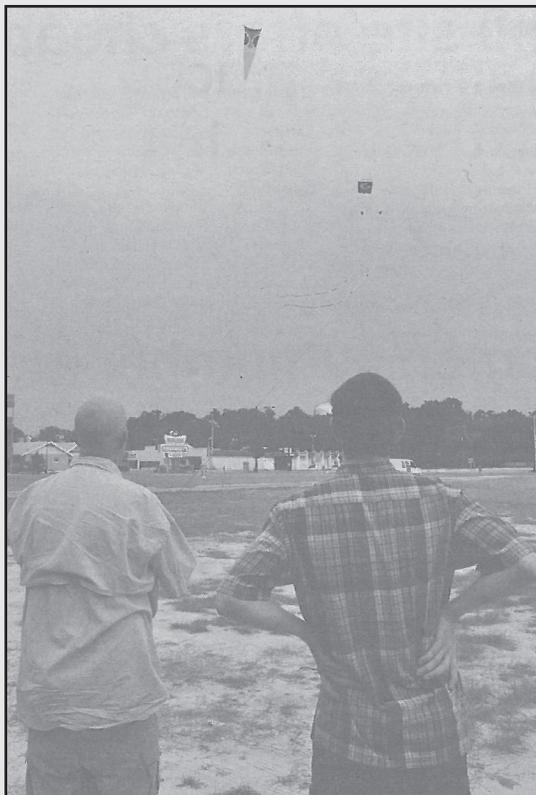
.. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..

June 30, 1977

A so-called "Deep Throat" bill grabbed its last gasp on June 29. The bill would have created campus committees with the purpose of censoring films and coursework before it could be presented to students. The idea for the bill came when a University of West Florida professor showed the porn film "Deep Throat" as an examination of how to define pornography. Then-Gov. Reubin Askew vetoed the bill.

July 3, 1984

The age of underclassmen legally raging at frat parties came to an end by federal mandate in 1984. The U.S. Congress told states that if they didn't raise their minimum drinking age to 21 within two years, then they would withhold funds. The governor was considering doing it to prevent the loss of \$75 million in highway funds. If they didn't get that money, they would either have to stop the expansion of the interstate system or pull the money from elsewhere, like the education budget. — KRISTAN WIGGINS



April Dudash / Alligator

Dean Jordan, left, and the Gainesville kiting community fly kites in an empty lot.

A protest is scheduled at Hobby Lobby

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"Planned Parenthood is hoping that employers will stand with their employees and provide them these options," Arceneaux said.

On Aug. 1, a demonstration is scheduled for the opening day of a new Hobby Lobby in Gainesville to protest the Supreme Court's decision.

Michela Martinazzi, a lead organizer with UF Students for a Democratic Society, decided on Monday to hold the demonstration. She said she's against the Supreme Court's decision because "women entering the workplace

will have their boss dictate whether or not they will have birth control."

The 22-year-old UF alumna said Students for a Democratic Society will be joined by the Alachua County Labor Party and is reaching out to the Occupy Gainesville movement to participate.

"It's just a first step to a series of reactions."

Michela Martinazzi

UF alumna

"I hope this leads to more successful events and more people join throughout the country," Martinazzi said. "It's just a first step to a series of reactions."

There isn't infrastructure for a crosswalk

CROSSWALK,

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the first week it had 85.

The petition was addressed to county transportation engineering manager Brian Singleton, who came up with a compromise.

"We reviewed the requests last week, and due to there not being a sidewalk on the north side of Southwest 20th Avenue, we can not put a crosswalk in," he said. "The correct infrastructure just isn't there."

The List of Priority Projects approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area for the next five years does not mention a sidewalk project for that area, either.

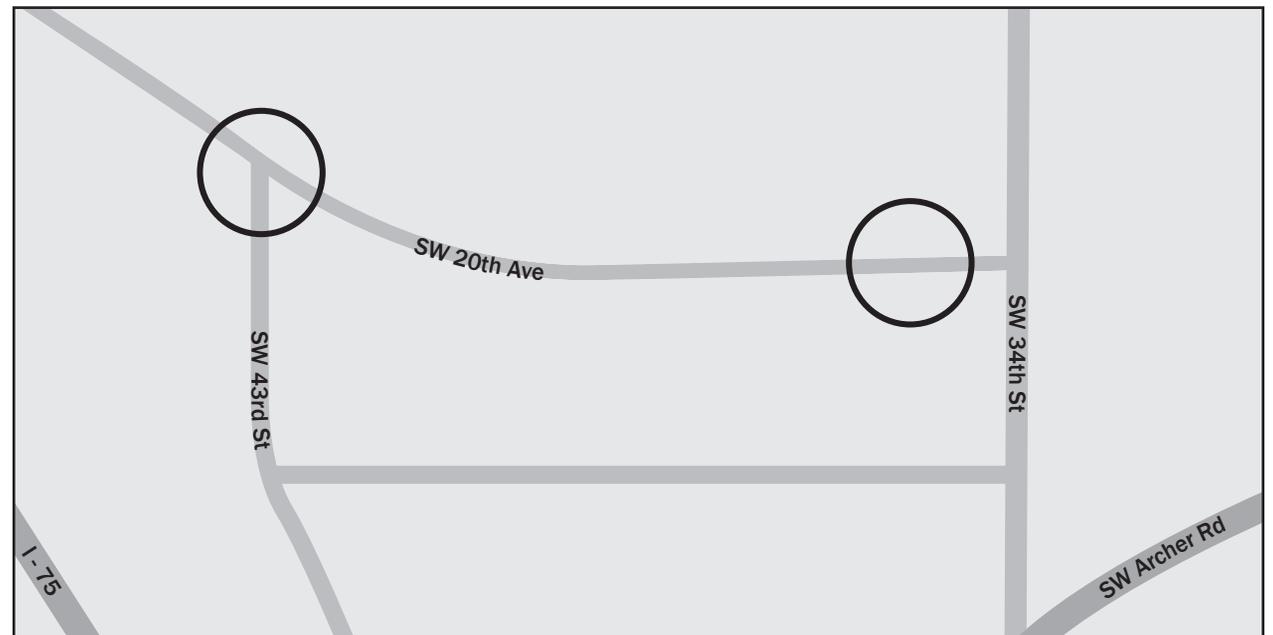
"A crosswalk for that area would be really nice," said Sean Lan, a 20-year-old UF nutrition junior. "That area is pretty congested, especially around rush hour. It takes a long time to even make a turn into The Estates."

Southwest 20th Avenue is listed on Gainesville's List of Priority Projects

as a road operating at an unacceptable highway level of service, with a Level of Service score of F, meaning that the drive down the road is not smooth and steady.

The public works department is scheduled to place signs indicating pedestrian crossing the week of July 7 on the corner of Southwest 20th Avenue and Southwest 34th Street.

"I feel good about (the signs)," Zeng said. "Even if some people ignore it, at least one person will see it, and it will make the city safer."



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Office supply store closes, leaving hole in art community

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Bill Carlson patrolled the 14 aisles of office supplies and furniture, art supplies and picture frames of Central Florida Office Plus for 30 years.

The 57-year-old employee had been with the local office supply store longer than any other worker.

"I've known every delivery driver that has come through this area, and they're like family," he said.

Carlson has done everything from inventory to deliveries to helping out on the floor.

"I'm kind of the catch up person," he said. "If people don't get things done, I finish it up."

He said he stayed there so long because it was a place where he knew he wasn't going to have any problems. It offered job security.

As of Tuesday, Carlson was one of 21 employees who lost their job when the office supply store closed down.

The owner, 63-year-old W.T. Chesnut, said he hates that the store is closing. He said he was 8 years old when his father opened it 56 years ago.

"It's a part of me," he said.

The store started as a hub for office supplies and furniture, but to students, it was the place to go for all of their art supply needs.

Chesnut said it does create a problem for the students and artists in the area.

"We are Gainesville's art supply store," he said. "We really feel that we have served a need in Gainesville and that need is going

to be a little bit hard to fill."

Joshua Giron, a 24-year-old UF architecture junior, said after class ended, his classmates sometimes went as a group to purchase supplies because the store was so close to campus, and they couldn't find the things they need at other stores.

"Since the summer courses are so demanding, we go a couple of

times during the week because we have a new project every day," he said. "It's a very strong resource for us that we need, and without it, it's going to be rough."

Chesnut said he feels terrible about leaving a hole in Gainesville.

"We supported it for as long as we could afford to," he said.

Costs went up and sales down, Chesnut said. Even with the sup-

port of the local art community, the cost of the business was still based on office supplies and office furniture.

"Those sales have declined with the advent of both the big-box competition and the Internet," he said.

Chesnut said the students the store served have added a lot to his life.

"We have enjoyed watching

over the years kids that came in here from their first experience at buying maybe an art fundamentals kit through seeing some of their work at some of the art shows," he

"We really feel that we have served a need in Gainesville, and that need is going to be a little bit hard to fill."

W.T. Chesnut

Central Florida Office Plus store owner

said.

As for the employees, Chesnut said they should be able to find jobs without any trouble.

"They're all very qualified people," he said. "They're a fantastic group."

The assistant manager, 26-year-old Daniel Lehn, worked with the store for four years. He said he does not know where he is going to go, but he is not worried.

"I feel like it's a good opportunity for myself to get something else," he said.

Chesnut said he is thankful to everyone who has supported the store throughout the years.

"The most important assets we've always had are the employees that work for us, the customers that they take care of and the vendors that have done a great job of supplying us," he said. "Those three things have made it worthwhile."

He said he will miss all of the employees.

"The bottom line is we all love one another," Carlson said. "We'd do anything for one another."



Julian Pinilla / Alligator Staff

Central Florida Office Plus, located at 10 Northwest 6th St., closed its doors Tuesday after 56 years of business. The store was a hub for local artists and office workers.

Zimmerman's lawsuit against NBC dismissed

► HE FILED FOR DEFAMATION.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — A Florida judge on Monday dismissed the defamation lawsuit filed by George Zimmerman against NBC and three reporters, saying the former neighborhood watch leader failed to show the network acted with malice.

Judge Debra Nelson said the malice standard was appropriate because Zimmerman became a public figure after he shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Sanford in February 2012, generating a national conversation about race and self-defense laws.

Zimmerman was acquitted last year for Martin's shooting. He said he shot Martin in self-defense when the teenager attacked him. Martin was black. Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic.

Zimmerman "voluntarily injected his views into the public controversy surrounding race relations and public safety in Sanford and pursued a course of conduct that ultimately led to the death of Martin and the specific controversy surrounding it," said Nel-

son, who presided over Zimmerman's criminal trial last summer.

In his lawsuit, Zimmerman said NBC's editing of a story on the shooting made it sound as if Zimmerman voluntarily told an operator that Martin was black. He was actually responding to a dispatcher's question about the Miami teen's race. Zimmerman said the broadcasts made him seem like a racist and exposed him to public ridicule and threats. He was seeking damages for emotional distress and mental anguish.

Zimmerman also said he was defamed when an NBC reporter said he uttered a racial slur during the call with the dispatcher. Zimmerman denied using a slur and law enforcement analyses of the call have been unable to conclude what he said and so defamation can't be proved on that case either, the judge said.

NBC News spokeswoman Ali Zelenko said in a statement that the network is "gratified by the court's dismissal of this lawsuit, which we have always believed to be without merit."

Zimmerman still owes his defense attorneys \$2.5 million. Any award he could have gotten from the lawsuit was expected to help him pay those bills.

CAMPUS

Miss UF dethroned as Miss Florida, loses to FSU student

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Miss UF walked off the Miss Florida pageant stage on June 21 with a crown and a smile that could light up a room, but after five days, the crown was no longer hers.

On Thursday night, the Miss Florida pageant officials visited 20-year-old Elizabeth Fechtel at her home in Leesburg to inform her that she was not the real winner of the Miss Florida crown, according to a press release.

The real winner of this year's pageant is 21-year-old Victoria Cowen, a student at Florida State University.

The mixup was related to an error in the vote count of the judges' final scores.

Fechtel was notified as soon as everything had been verified and confirmed by an independent auditing firm, said Miss Florida executive director Mary Sullivan.

The mistake was due to a judge changing his mind on his score sheet, which wasn't noticed in the initial counting of the scores, according to the Miss America Organization's statement posted on its blog and Facebook page.

Although Fechtel couldn't be reached for comment, she wrote in a blog post that both the Miss America and Miss Florida organizations made the right and fair decision of

contacting the rightful winner in her case.

"I could not be more proud of Elizabeth for how she has represented the Miss University of Florida pageant and the University of Florida as a whole," said Miss UF Pageant Executive Director Leslie Morgan in an email. "She has handled a trying situation with poise, dignity and grace and has exemplified all that Miss UF should embody and more."

Despite being dethroned for Miss Florida, Fechtel still holds the Miss UF crown.

"A title does not define me. It opens doors, but it does not dictate who I am and where I am going."

Elizabeth Fechtel

Miss UF

She will continue to make appearances and work with Florida Blue Key and the Miss UF Pageant and promote her platform that encourages community leadership in students, Morgan said.

Morgan said Fechtel's next appearance on campus is scheduled for the beginning of the Fall semester.

"I was Miss Florida for a glimpse, but more importantly, I have been Elizabeth Fechtel since day one," Fechtel wrote on her blog. "A title does not define me. It opens doors, but it does not dictate who I am and where I am going."

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Editorial

Hobby Lobby case filled with hypocrisy

Christian conservatives call the Supreme Court ruling granting three family-owned businesses the right to refuse to pay for certain forms of contraception for their employees based on their beliefs a victory for religious freedom.

In actuality, it opens a dangerous precedent and ignores the hypocrisy of the businesses that fought for the right to deny reproductive health care resources for female employees. One of the businesses in particular, Hobby Lobby, has some inconsistencies worth noting.

According to Mother Jones, "Documents filed with the Department of Labor and dated December 2012 — three months after the company's owners filed their lawsuit—show that the Hobby Lobby 401(k) employee retirement plan held more than \$73 million in mutual funds with investments in companies that produce emergency contraceptive pills, intrauterine devices, and drugs commonly used in abortions."

Basically, Hobby Lobby has poured millions into funding the contraception makers whose products they're protesting on the grounds of religious beliefs. But wait, there's more! Hobby Lobby also depends on overseas child labor to produce many of its goods. The Week, an online political publication, wrote, "a huge number of American companies outsource labor to China, and thus help prop up this shameful status quo. But very few of these American companies simultaneously trumpet themselves as 'Christian businesses,' arguing in court that providing employees with health insurance covering contraceptives violates their religious beliefs."

Sorry, we missed the part in the New Testament where Jesus said, "Let the children come to me...with tacks, dirt-cheap horseshoe candle holders they made for \$9.77 per day."

NBC stated that the burden of paying for necessary contraceptive measures won't be automatically placed upon female workers — women enrolled in the health care insurance marketplace may still access preventative health care services and contraceptives. But the ruling, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg commented in her dissent, opens the door to a dangerous debate: How will the Supreme Court decide in the future, as a result of this ruling, which religious beliefs are "worthy of accommodation"? The overwhelming criticism of the Hobby Lobby case is that it's only a matter of time before businesses begin employing the religious freedom argument to get out of paying for vaccinations or blood transfusions.

So this message, then, is for all "Christian" business owners who choose to employ "religious freedom" only when it's convenient: You will not get out of providing necessary health care measures for your employees so easily. American citizens are angry, and a White House spokesman confirmed yesterday that the Obama administration is prepared to take action.

So what can you, as a concerned citizen, do? Protest outside your local Hobby Lobby. A Gainesville Hobby Lobby is scheduled to open on 6111 W. Newberry Road, Suite B on Aug. 1, and already, a peaceful protest is scheduled. More information is available on the open Facebook event, titled "Gainesville Hobby Lobby Grand Opening Protest."

Religious freedom is, of course, a core value in our society: It's the reason America was founded. But, as Nancy Pelosi said, "It's just not her boss' business."

Reader response

Today's question: Have you ever had your car towed?

Friday's question: Did you get stuck in the Southwest 34th street shooting traffic?

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Column

Late Periods: Keep calm and carry on

I always look forward to my annual doctor's appointment. I went to one a couple weeks ago, and it was a welcome reminder that my blood pressure is good and my allergies still suck. It was enjoyable, that is, until my doctor insisted on running a pregnancy test.

Sure, I hadn't had my period for a few months, but I chalked that up to stress messing up my body's cycles. I had even taken an at-home test — just to be sure.

But the chance, however small, that I might be pregnant sent me into a spiral of worry: What if my at-home pregnancy test was wrong? Can I really go nine months without drinking? How much do DNA tests cost? My parents are going to kill me. I can't have a child. I am a child.

Despite being on the pill and using a condom every time I had sex, I was still worried. I might have even sent some choicely worded texts to my best friend about how "Satan's spawn might be growing in my womb."

In the end, I was worrying for nothing. The test came back negative. You're welcome, mom and dad. My doctor said my period was just late due to lower estrogen levels caused by stress-related weight loss.

But the experience reminded me of so many other pregnancy scares that college-induced promiscuity has made too real for my friends, my classmates and myself.

If you have a uterus and you have even been near a penis, you've probably gone through a similar baby-related frenzy. Anytime my period is late, I convince myself it's because I'm pregnant, regardless of how biologically impossible that might be.

There are a lot of legitimate medical explanations for a late or missed period — stress, weight gain, weight loss and increased exercise to name a few. Conveniently, these are also side effects of a typical college lifestyle.

Sorry, freshmen. Now you have to wonder if your body is telling you you're pregnant or if you're just worried about failing organic chemistry. So, a PSA to the Summer B newcomers: Chances are, you'll be an unwilling participant in your very own pregnancy scare at least once over the next three to five years.

You can tell yourself that it won't happen, but sure



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enough, come your first Spring Break, you'll be taking a pregnancy test alone in the Target bathroom. Not that it happened to me. Sorry, mom and dad.

It's okay, though. Pregnancy scares happen, and they're possible no matter how much protection you use. Take myself as an example: Your first scare is the

hardest. Once you get through that, you'll learn what will best help you get through any future pregnancy freak-outs

Everyone is different, but I like having ice cream and a friend with me. One of my best friends never tells her partner about the scares. Everything is up to you.

If you do find yourself in a pregnancy-scare situation, don't panic. You're probably still going to, regardless of my advice, but you'll have your answer — for better or for worse — in the time it takes to go to the convenience store, pee on a stick and wait for the result.

While you're waiting for your fate to be decided in the form of a thin blue minus or plus mark, consider stocking up on some condoms.

If we can learn anything from these scares, it's that protection is a must.

The only totally effective form of birth control, though, is abstinence. If you are having vaginal sex, however, use a contraceptive method to cut down on your risk, or these scares will be a monthly occurrence.

In the end, everything comes down to what the pregnancy test says. If you are pregnant, good luck. As the child-hating soul I am, I wouldn't wish that on anyone. Be sure to discuss your options with your partner and a medical professional.

But if the test comes back negative? Congratulations. Go ahead and get "I'm-not-pregnant-so-fetal-alcohol-syndrome-isn't-my-problem" drunk.

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Column

'Activist' America should stay out of Iraq – among other things

America is suffering from what political scientist Greg Weiner calls "narcissistic polity disorder."

International developments occur because of — and in spite of — American foreign policy. The whole world is viewed as an American interest. All foreign policy developments must coincide with our worldview because our best interest is at stake. This is, of course, an arrogant worldview and is outright impossible to reinforce.

Our nation does not have the infinite resources and unrelenting willpower to keep alive this lofty ideal, an ideal that crystallized itself in the Cold-War era. Either way, America is all too willing to accept her janitorial role.

With the crisis in Iraq comes the shouts of the interventionists for American presence in the region. Their intent and criticisms of the president are clear, but their endgame is not. Even more muddled than their plan of action is their view of history. The war hawks believe that the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq would have had a different outcome if only the country would have listened to them more intently. Ironically, America is forced to accept the conse-

quences of our campaigns as a result of listening to the hawks for too long.

They attribute the fall of Iraq by the Islamic States of Iraq and Syria to the administration and their fellow citizens who want to diminish America's standing in the world.

The contradictory nature of their squawking is their belief that this crisis — a crisis brought about predominantly by an American intervention in the Middle East — can be solved by another intervention in the Middle East. There is no validity to their claims that new action would produce a positive outcome.

The roots for the Iraqi crisis can be attributed to history-old conflicts between Sunni and Shiite Muslims and the Kurds. In effect, Iraq is caught up in the flames of a religious civil war. ISIS is a radical Sunni militant organization that rose to power as a result of the incompetence and alienation of the Shiite lead al-Maliki government. If our nation intervenes, which is what is likely to occur, America will be caught up in a conflict that has not and cannot be won.



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The Sunni-Shiite conflict is at the center of Middle Eastern strife. The whole region is at war with itself. Nothing, not even an erroneously described group of 300 "military advisers" can assuage the situation. The sad reality is once an American adviser — in actuality, active combatant in the region — is killed in action, the stakes will be insurmountably raised.

This country no longer fights out of necessity: Rather, we fight for credibility, and a battered credibility at that. For too long, our country has taken the brunt of international crises for naught. Intervention in Somalia during the Clinton presidency did not better the country. Intervention from behind in Libya did not leave the country in better standing. And now we are forced into another engagement with a country we should have left a while ago.

The hawks do have a point that an American force in Iraq would have stunted the increase in violence, though the trade-offs would be American lives and the participation in an unwinnable, unsolvable engage-

ment for years.

It is time that the world becomes responsible for itself. America should not have a moral obligation to intervene in every conflict. Going back to the kidnappings by Boko Haram in Nigeria, Sen. John McCain was calling for intervention in a country not vital to America's interest. Intervention would have been a moral decision, but the costs would have been too high and done too little, making it a feel-good but unrealistic endeavor.

The policy of our foreign affairs should not be narcissistic or even morally obligated.

Maturity and discretion must rule the day. Regional conflicts must be dealt with in the region. ISIS, prior to the arrival of our advisers, did not pose a great threat to America, compared to that of other Middle Eastern countries and Eastern Europe, all things considered.

More harm than good will be done as a result of action. And our credibility is not the only thing at risk in the new Iraqi conflict.

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Column

Adoption possibilities

Two weeks after adopting Archer, our eight-week-old boxer puppy, my boyfriend and I came home from the UF Small Animal Hospital without him.

He was our first puppy, and we had plans for him. His illness started as kennel cough, a highly contagious upper respiratory disease that plagues dogs in shelters, and the veterinarian gave us antibiotics to treat him for it.

Stacey Marquis
Speaking Out

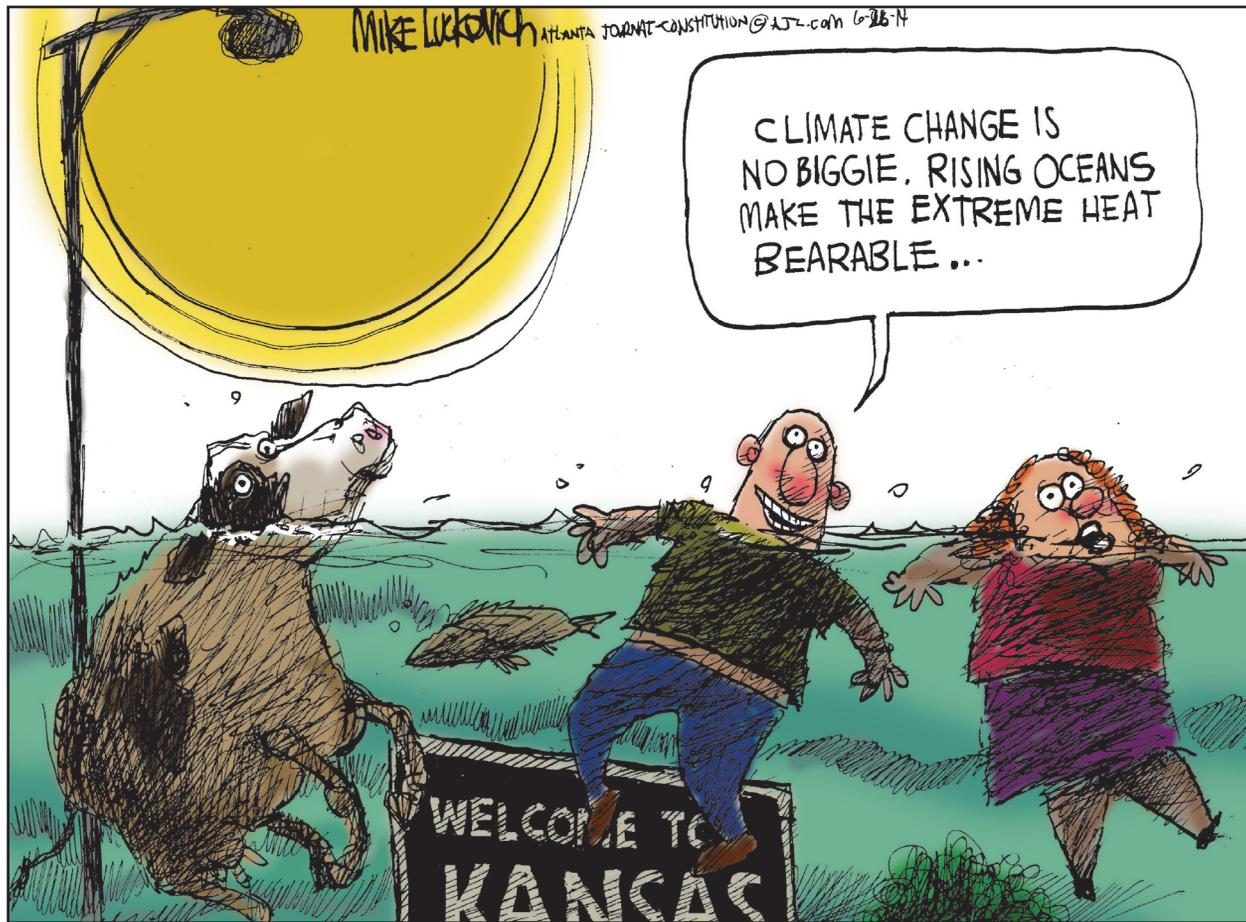
A week later, the kennel cough progressed to pneumonia, and the doctor told us that Archer would not recover. We kissed him and held his tiny paws for the last time on a metal table in an isolation room, while blood ran down his nose and his eyes stared blankly.

If you're going to adopt a puppy, you need to consider every possible scenario beforehand. Visit veterinarians in the area before you adopt and ask questions. Ask the shelter what the dog has been eating, if it has any allergies and what warning signs to look out for. The ASPCA is an excellent resource regarding the adoption process.

If the dog hasn't eaten for an entire day, take it to the vet. If the dog is being unsocial, take it to the vet. If the dog throws up, take it to the vet. I'm sure you're beginning to see a pattern here: If anything seems remotely off about the puppy, don't take any chances — just bring it to the vet.

It sounds expensive, but \$200 in preventative care is easier to digest than \$1,000 in emergency vet bills and a lifetime of heart-break.

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Police accuse woman of using counterfeit bills at local store

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An Ocala woman was arrested after trying to scam three Gainesville Wal-Mart stores by depositing \$220 worth of counterfeit bills onto a debit card.

Officers arrested 19-year-old Creshaun Michelle Cohen on charges of petit theft, using a counterfeit bill and scheming to defraud and obtain property, according to a Gainesville Police Department arrest report.

On Saturday, at about 4:45 p.m., GPD went to the Wal-Mart at 3570 SW Archer Road, where Cohen tried to deposit \$200 onto a Wal-Mart VISA debit card belonging to Briana Hayes, according to the report.

Half of the cash was found to be counterfeit. Four were \$10 bills with the same serial number, another four \$10 bills shared a different serial number and two other \$10 bills also had matching serial numbers.

A search of past transactions on the card showed Cohen deposited \$100 on the same day at about 2:39 p.m. to the same card. According to the report, \$40 of that cash had the same serial-number strain.

Police also found two additional receipts at a Wal-Mart located at 1800 NE 12th Ave., where Cohen deposited \$100 cash onto the card on Saturday at 4:07 p.m.

The bills also contained the same strain

of serial numbers.

Cohen also made another deposit at the 5700 NW 23rd St. Wal-Mart location with the same card on Saturday at about 3:39 p.m., where \$40 of the \$100 deposit was found to be fake, according to the report.

The faulty bills had the same serial numbers as the others. Footage from the store shows Cohen depositing the money in a transaction.

After questioning, Cohen admitted to getting the money from a friend, knowing the bills were fake, according to the report.

In total, \$220 of counterfeit bills were found.

Officers booked Cohen into the Alachua County Jail on Saturday at 11:31 p.m. As of press time, her bond is set at \$85,000.

Tips for detecting counterfeit cash

Paper: Real bills have red and blue fibers embedded throughout. Counterfeit money has printed red and blue lines.

Serial Numbers: Real cash has evenly spaced and distinctive style on its serial numbers. Counterfeit bills may have serial numbers that differ in color or shade of ink from the Treasury seal or are not uniformly spaced.

Portrait: Real money has a lifelike portrait that is distinct from the background. Counterfeit cash portraits are usually flat and lifeless.

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Matheson Museum volunteer Sharon Bauer, right, tells UF student Erika Hagarty, 23, about her favorite postcard on display at the gallery.

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UF app provides option to tour campus without leaving home

LINDSEY COOK-SAUCIER

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF is now offering a virtual alternative to a Cicero-led tour.

The free app, named the University of Florida Tour, gives virtual tours of the 2,000-acre campus and stops at 18 prominent locations.

It came out on Google Play Store and Apple's App Store on Wednesday.

By the fourth day of release, it had been downloaded 354 times, Allison Mondell, public relations coordinator for UF Information Technology, wrote in an email.

The app can give a guided

walking tour using the GPS on a mobile device, and it also provides links to schedule an official tour.

"I think it's nice that you can see the building and have all the information about it right in front of you."

Emily Peoples

17-year-old incoming health science freshman

The app developer and project manager were unable to be reached for comment.

Emily Peoples, a 17-year-old incoming health science freshman, said the app was a helpful tool.

Before her first class, she wants to walk around campus with the app.

"I think it's nice that you can see the building and have all the information about it right in front of you," Peoples said.

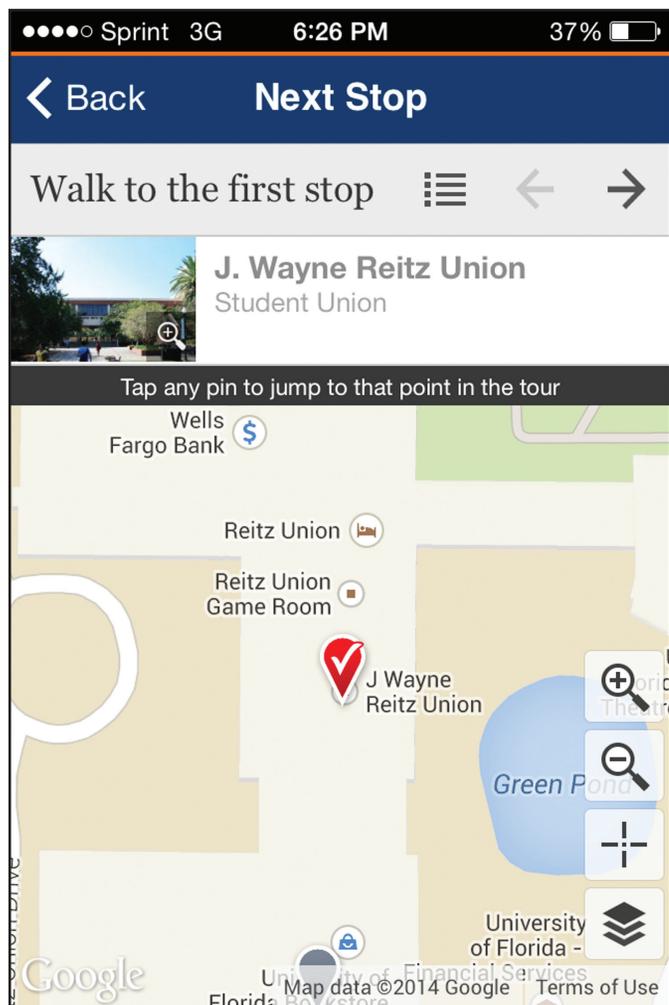
Abhijith Chandrashekar, a UF alumnus, moved to California after graduating with a degree in computer engineering.

He downloaded the app out of curiosity.

"It came up on my Twitter feed, and I thought, 'well it's been awhile since I've seen the campus,'" he said.

He graduated in May of 2012, and now, two years later, simply wanted to see his old stomping grounds. He said the app has a nice interface for the most part but could have been better.

He gave it three stars out of five on Google's Play store.



Screenshot

UF's new virtual tour app, called the University of Florida Tour, caters to prospective students, parents and alumni.

159 new laws to take effect in Florida today

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TALLAHASSEE — Florida will have 159 new laws take effect today that address issues as diverse as spiny lobsters and poetry to abortion and the budget.

Among the most noteworthy are laws that will seek to protect children and others from the most dangerous sex offenders. The package of bills was among the first the Legislature sent to Gov. Rick Scott during the 60-day session that ended in May.

The laws are designed to keep the most violent sexual offenders locked up longer and close loopholes in a law that allows the state to send predators to a high-security treatment center even after they've finished their prison sentences. More offenders will be subject to potential civil commitment, and prosecutors, detectives and victim advocates will be part of the team that reviews their cases.

"The sexually violent predator package was part of the broader movement to have a better child welfare system in place in the state of Florida," said Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Shalimar, who helped push through the package. "No other state in America has a 50-year mandatory minimum prison sentence for violent sexual offenders."

Another law seeking to protect children overhauls the Department of Children and Families. It shifts the way the department investigates and responds to cases by clearly stating that protecting a child from abuse is paramount and more important than keeping a family together. It also pays for 270 additional child protective investigators to reduce caseloads and establishes a response team to quickly investigate child abuse deaths when the child had previous dealings with the system.

Another law will create a state-wide pilot program to pay for foster children's driver's education classes, license fees and car insurance so to better prepare them to be able to seek jobs when they turn 18 and leave the system.

The children of immigrants in the country illegally will be able to receive in-state tuition at state universities after Scott changed his position on the issue. Another bill will give tuition breaks to honorably discharged veterans and waive professional licensing fees for them.

Local school boards will have the responsibility of selecting textbooks, whether or not they are on a state-adopted list and will have to put in place policies that allow parents to object to the books they choose.

Another new law that took effect June 20 expands a voucher program that gives corporate tax credits to companies that provide money for poor families to send their children to private schools.

Among other laws, there will be increased criminal penalties for spiny lobster poachers, people leaving the scene of an accident that causes injury and people who illegally sell prescription drugs. Electronic cigarette sales to minors will also be illegal in Florida. Another law prohibits sending text messages soliciting products to residents on the state's "no sales solicitation calls" list.

And Florida will now have a new definition for its late-term abortion ban. Abortions will be illegal in Florida at any point in a woman's pregnancy if her doctor determines that the fetus could survive outside the womb. The previous law banned abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy. An exception can be made if the mother's life is at risk.

And new laws will establish a Florida Tourism Hall of Fame and the position of state poet laureate to promote poetry in Florida.

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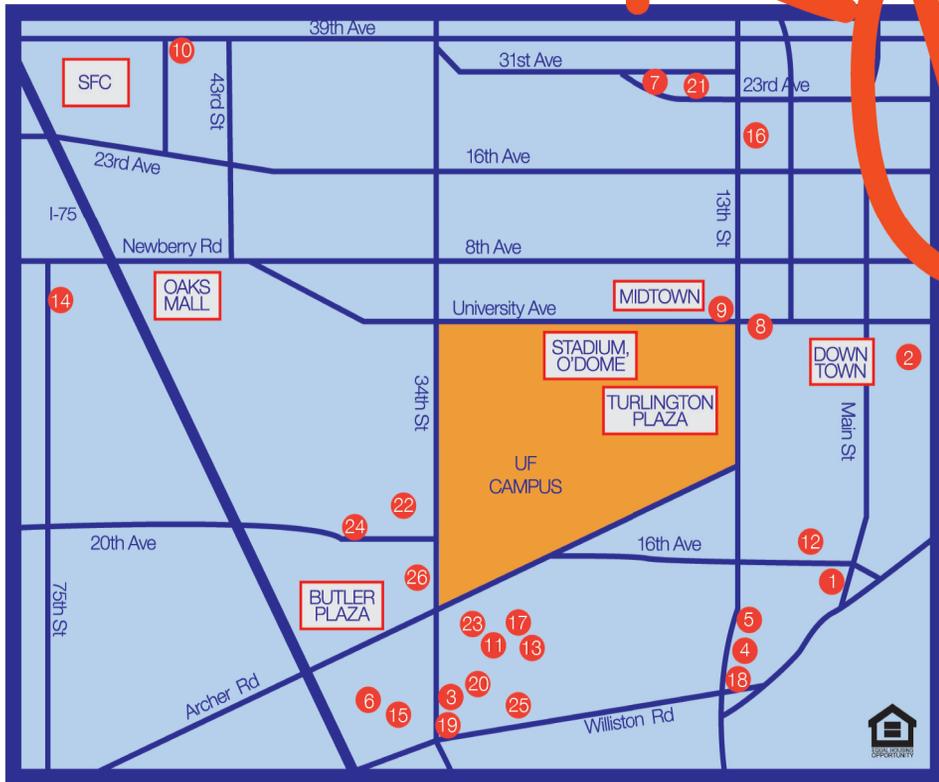
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Alachua family provides stable housing for retiring horses

HANNAH FELL

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In the countryside of Alachua, past the place where the street signs turn from green to blue, is a tiny one-way road leading into the Retirement Home for Horses at Mill Creek Farm.

At Mill Creek, the land seems infinite. Miles of green grass continues into a pinpoint, thousands of trees grow to the sky and 128 horses roam in fenced-in stables. This place is a retirement home where horses can live the rest of their lives in peace after spending years in service or neglect.

"When you come through the gate as a four-legged animal, you meet a life of luxury."

Mary Gregory

Retirement Home for Horses at Mill Creek Farm owner

On Saturdays, the home is free to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and cars can park in the grass outside the entrance gate.

It was a cloudless Saturday afternoon when people of all ages walked through the gate, eager to see the horses. The air had a faint smell of manure, but no one seemed to mind the smell as they fed the horses whole carrots.

A little boy ran through the gate and walked up to a horse with a carrot that was bigger than his arm.

At first, when Dakota the brown horse opened her mouth,

the boy backed away, scared. But he tried again, stretching his tiny arm through the fence posts. He jumped, and Dakota made the carrot disappear in one bite.

The boy smiled as he waddled to the next horse, his light-up shoes blinking with each step.

Mary Gregory and her 5-year-old rescue dog, Annie, sat in the driver's seat of a golf cart parked in the shade and watched as people walked through the entrance of Mill Creek, wandering from horse to horse.

"When you come through the gate as a four-legged animal, you meet a life of luxury," Gregory said as she pet Annie's tan fur coat. "Isn't that right?" she said, leaning toward Annie, who panted in the heat.

Mary Gregory grew up in England at a time where horses in drawn carriages roamed the streets. In England, horses retired after years of service. She said that if she ever had the money, she would open up a retirement home for horses.

So in 1983, she and her husband, Peter, opened the Retirement Home for Horses at Mill Creek Farm.

Peter Gregory unexpectedly passed away in March. He had visions for the farm's future, but they were left unfulfilled. But he died doing something he loved: taking care of horses.

After his dad's sudden death, Paul Gregory took three shirts, packed a single suitcase and drove from Fort Lauderdale to Gainesville.

He left behind his job as a realtor to start his new life of taking care of horses.

"This place is so addictive," he said. "You stay here, look at all the land and never want to leave."

Last February, the Gregorys bought enough land to take in 28 more horses, but the land sat untouched and untamed.

Gregory knew that he had to fulfill his dad's vision for Mill Creek. Last Friday, workers installed a well. Volunteers helped clear the land and install a fence.

"Every day you work here, you can make a difference in an animal's life," he said, pausing for just a moment. "Or even someone else's life."

The best view of the entire property is at the top of a hill, where there's a tiny bench and a small tree. The spot is a memorial for Paul's dog, Sally, who passed away a few months ago.

Whenever an animal dies at Mill Creek, it is buried in the Field of Dreams, and Mary plants a tree in their honor. In her lifetime, she has planted 300 trees.

Although the work is hard and losing animals is always sad, the Gregory family wants to continue to help horses and share what they do with the community.

At 3 p.m., the Gregorys close the gate, and people walk away smiling and laughing. They open their car doors, drive away and talk about the next week, when they'll see the horses once again.



Hannah Fell / Alligator Staff

Christie waits for someone to feed her a carrot at the Retirement Home for Horses at Mill Creek Farm on Saturday. The farm is free and open to the public on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Supreme Court bans gay conversion therapy

► THE THERAPY IS UNPROVEN.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for enforcement of a first-of-its-kind California law that bars psychological counseling aimed at turning gay minors straight.

The justices turned aside a legal challenge brought by supporters of so-called conversion or reparative therapy. Without comment, they let stand an August 2013 appeals court ruling that said the ban covered professional activities that are within the state's authority to regulate and doesn't violate the free speech rights of licensed counselors and patients seeking treatment.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year that California lawmakers properly showed that therapies designed to change sexual orientation for those under the age of 18 were outside the scientific mainstream and have been disavowed by most major medical groups as unproven and potentially dangerous.

"The Supreme Court has cement shut any possible opening to allow further psychological child abuse in California," state Sen. Ted Lieu, the law's sponsor, said Monday. "The Court's refusal to accept the appeal of extreme ideological therapists who practice the quackery of gay conversion therapy is a victory for child welfare, science and basic humane principles."

The law says professional therapists and counselors who use treatments designed to eliminate or reduce same-sex attractions in their patients would be engaging in unprofessional conduct and subject to discipline by state licensing boards.

Liberty Counsel, a Christian legal aid group, had challenged the law, as did other supporters of the therapy. They argue that lawmakers have no scientific proof the therapy does harm.

Meanwhile, the Texas Republican Party this month endorsed reparative therapy, adopting policy language recognizing "the legitimacy and efficacy of counseling, which offers reparative therapy and treatment for those patients seeking healing and wholeness from their homosexual lifestyle."

LOCAL

Alachua locals dispute reasons behind recent bear sightings

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Alachua County residents and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission disagree about what is to blame for recent bear sightings around the Barr Hammock Preserve.

Conservationists and residents living near the preserve blame the sightings on a surge of visitors coming to the area. But the FWC said it's the residents who are likely attracting bears into their neighborhoods.

Barr Hammock Preserve — located just north of the Alachua County and Marion County line, near Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park — is home to many different kinds of wildlife, including Florida black bears. But recently, residents living nearby the preserve said they have seen bears and signs of bears in their neighborhood.

Sandy Douglas, 60, who lives near Barr Hammock, said a bear destroyed her bird feeder and knocked over garbage cans throughout her neighborhood.

"If you live in this area, that's something you have to live with," Douglas said.

Her feeder was mounted on a pole, but she said the pole was completely bent over and the feeder was smashed in half. She said she hasn't put the feeder back up, but when she does, she won't leave it out at night anymore.

"If you live in this area, that's something you have to live with."

Sandy Douglas
Alachua County resident

Denisse Abreau, a 35-year-old who also lives near Barr Hammock Preserve, said she believes the recreational part of the preserve needs to be shut down.

After sundown about a month ago, she came home to a bear rummaging through her garbage in her driveway. After hiding in her home until it left, she came outside and found her recycling bins scattered around her yard.

Her neighbor, Marc Meisel said when Barr Hammock Preserve's sole focus was conservation, there were no bear issues at all. But since the preserve placed added emphasis on recreation, the constant human contact with bears has caused them to start entering neighborhoods.

Christin Burford, the director of the Creating Animal Respect Education Foundation, said that is exactly what is happening.

She said residents have expressed concerns to the county, but no action has yet been taken to resolve the issue.

"At least take the neighbors seriously," she said.

However, Karen Parker, a spokeswoman for the FWC, said biologists believe human traffic would not drive the bears into neighborhoods.

Instead, she said the bears were likely attracted to bird feeders and garbage left by residents.

"If you have 'attractives' in your yard, guess what? Bears will come," she said.

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Gators shutout in NBA draft, set to play in summer league

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When the 2014 NBA Draft was all said and done on Thursday, not one Gator was selected.

Not Patric Young, a projected mid-second round pick and the No. 36 prospect on ESPN's Chad Ford's Top 100 list.

Not Scottie Wilbekin, the reigning Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and a third-team All-American selection.

Not Casey Prather or Will Yeguete, who along with Young and Wilbekin combined for 120 career wins as a group and finished their collegiate campaigns with a Final Four berth.

Despite it being the first year since 2010 without a UF player being selected, three former Gators landed spots on NBA summer league teams with the hope to latch onto a roster spot.

Young accepted an invitation to play with the New Orleans Pelicans summer team, which begins play on July 11 against the NBA D-League Select Team in Las Vegas.

The Pelicans, who finished 12th in the Western Conference with a 34-48 record in 2014, obtained just one player — Louisville guard Russ Smith — via trade during the draft.

Even with the opportunity to make the roster in New Orleans, it may be a long shot for Young to secure a spot.

The Pelicans return Anthony Davis and Ryan Anderson at power forward, Jason Smith and Alexis Ajinca at center, and they also traded for Houston Rockets big man Omer Asik on Thursday in exchange for a 2015 first round draft pick and \$1.5 million.

Wilbekin will have stints with both the Memphis Grizzlies in the Orlando summer league and the Philadelphia 76ers in Las Vegas this summer, according to his agent Matt Ramker.

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Alligator File Photo

Scottie Wilbekin (above) went undrafted along with fellow Florida teammates Patric Young, Casey Prather and Will Yeguete. Yeguete is the only one of the four Gators to have not signed with an NBA summer league team.

Women's lacrosse moves to Big East Conference

ALC WAS DISSOLVED.

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With the dissolution of the American Lacrosse Conference, Florida is moving to the Big East.

It was announced Thursday that Florida would be joining the Big East for the 2015 season after much debate about where the Gators would land at the end of the 2014 season.

The Gators spent five seasons in the ALC since the program started in 2010.

"We're very excited for this next step for Florida lacrosse," coach Amanda O'Leary said in a release. "We enjoyed the high level of competition in the ALC, and are looking forward to the new challenges the Big East will provide."

"We've built a legacy of success during our first five years and that's something we look to continue while compet-

ing in the Big East."

Florida and rival Vanderbilt will be moving to the conference together. The two teams join Cincinnati, Connecticut, Georgetown, Marquette, Temple and Villanova to round out the conference with eight teams.

With the move, Florida faces the challenge of playing stronger competitors.

The Gators finished 2014 with a 18-3 record and completed the season as ALC regular season and tournament champions. In five seasons in the ALC, UF racked up four straight ALC regular-season titles, brought home two ALC tournament titles and made four straight NCAA Quarterfinals appearances.

"We're excited to welcome Florida and Vanderbilt as affiliate members of the Big East Conference," said Chris Schneider, Big East Associate Commissioner for Olympic Sports. "Both programs have proven histories of success and will reinforce the strength and high level of play Big East women's lacrosse is known for."

FOOTBALL

Fan Advisory Council finalized

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With a football program that grows further out of touch with its fanbase as the days go by, the University Athletic Association announced on April 14 that it was going to employ an innovative way to respond to the qualms of supporters.

Thus, the Fan Advisory Council was born. It features 13 people with current plans to meet quarterly, getting together for the first time in early-to-mid August.

"I feel like no matter if you're male or female or what color you are, people just come together no matter what for Gator football."

Alicia Zurita
UF advertising major

The council is composed of one recent graduate, four fans from the lowest donor levels in the UF booster club system, two from the highest donor level and four from the remaining five donor levels in between.

The final two spots are filled by current UF undergraduates, one of whom is senior Mitchell Barnes. The 21-year-old finance major from West Palm Beach didn't grow up a Gators fan, in fact, his allegiances were placed further south

with the University of Miami.

Sun Life Stadium may have only rarely been filled with fans when Barnes attended Hurricanes games in high school with his family's season tickets, but something about Miami home games shapes the main idea he'll bring to the table when the council meets for the first time.

"One thing that really sticks out in my mind when comparing Miami to Gainesville is that there's just such an open tailgating environment (in Miami)," Barnes said. "In Gainesville it's interesting because there's not so much of an open area for tailgating and even with that, a lot of campus is relatively closed off for tailgating."

Barnes would like to see the school develop an area much like what Ole Miss has in "The Grove," which is a consolidated spot on campus where thousands join together pregame. He sees the scene on campus during fall Saturdays as too spread out.

Besides Miami and Florida, he's seen games at Tennessee, Georgia, Vanderbilt, LSU, Florida State and Georgia Tech. That puts him in stark contrast with Alicia Zurita, the other student and one of four women on the committee.

Zurita is an 18-year-old advertising major from Deltona, Fla., who grew up watching Gator football games with her dad. She was un-

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Tyler Murphy may no longer be a Gator, but alligatorSports looks back at his best game at UF on page 19.

Tweetable

"Just arrived at US Cellular Field to throw out the first pitch before tonight's @whitesox game! Gonna bring the heat!"

Jonathan Bostic, former UF linebacker

UF places second in Learfield Cup

The Florida athletics program finished second for the fifth time, and has finished in the top-10 in each of the last 31 national all-sports standings.

WORLD CUP

Klinsmann concerned about ref, Altidore ready to return

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALVADOR, Brazil — U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann is worried about the Algerian referee assigned to the Americans' second-round World Cup match against Belgium on Tuesday.

FIFA announced Sunday that Djamel Haimoudi will work the game. Haimoudi is a veteran of the last two African Cups of Nations and worked a pair of group-stage matches at this year's World Cup.

Klinsmann said Monday the French-speaking referee will be able to communicate better with the Belgians, comes from a nation that was in the same first-round group with Belgium and is from a country eliminated by the U.S. at the 2010 tournament.

"Well, we hope it's not a concern," Klinsmann said at a news conference. "Is it a good feeling? No."

Belgian coach Marc Wilmots dismissed Klinsmann's comments.

"If we start going into this, it is looking for excuses ahead of the match," Wilmots said. "So to us, if it happens, too bad. We will shut up and return and try to get qualified again. This is football.

"I rarely talk to referees. That is one thing. The three referees in the group stage, I never talked to them. And a referee is not there to talk, but to referee."

Haimoudi, 43, worked at the Africa Cup of Nations in 2008 and 2012 and refereed Italy's third-place win over Uruguay at last year's Confederations Cup. At this World Cup, he officiated the Netherlands' 3-2 win over Australia and Costa Rica's 0-0 draw with England.

"We know that he did already two games so far, and he did them very well, so we wish that he continues his refereeing the perfect way he's done so far," Klinsmann said.

"I understand FIFA. It's difficult always to choose the right referee for the right games, and it's always being kind of tricky for FIFA, but it is what it is," he added. "We give it absolutely the benefit of the doubt. We respect the decision, and we're going to be spot on in the game and hope that everything goes well."

U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati, a member of FIFA's ruling executive committee, did not want to discuss Klinsmann's thoughts, saying merely: "I think he said everything that needs to be said on

that."

Two years ago, the Court of Arbitration for Sport said Haimoudi "claimed to have been assaulted" by Al-Hilal team president Mohammed Al-Birair during an African Champions League semifinal. The CAS upheld Al-Birair's appeal and overturned a four-year suspension imposed by the Confederation of African Football in January 2012, ruling "it is not convinced to the standard of 'comfortable satisfaction' that the appellant was the assailant responsible for the incident."

"We respect the decision, and we're going to be spot on in the game and hope that everything goes well."

Jurgen Klinsmann
U.S. coach

The last time an African referee worked a U.S. match at the World Cup, the Americans complained when Koman Coulibaly of Mali disallowed an apparent go-ahead goal in the 85th minute of a 2-2 draw against Slovenia four years ago. Coulibaly never explained his decision.

Jozy Altidore is available to play for

the United States in Tuesday's World Cup second-round game against Belgium, but it does not appear the forward is ready to return to the starting lineup.

Altidore strained his left hamstring in the Americans' opener against Ghana on June 16 and didn't play in their next two games.

"We don't know how much because we need to see how he's going, but he's available," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said Monday. "How many minutes? We will see that during the game."

Altidore had been working out on his own, jogging around the field at the Americans' training camp at Sao Paulo Futebol Clube. Klinsmann said he has to determine "how much work is in his legs."

Aron Johannsson replaced Altidore at forward for the remainder of the game against Ghana. But Klinsmann switched from a 4-4-2 formation to a 4-5-1 against Portugal and Germany with a fifth midfielder instead of a second forward.

Altidore has 23 goals in 71 international appearances and is the top forward on the American roster.

"Just having him with us tomorrow is huge," Klinsmann said.

USA U18 team breezed through the World Championships

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The Grizzlies appear set at the point guard position, with sixth-year veteran Mike Conley averaging 33.5 minutes and 17.2 points per game in the 2014 regular season. But Wilbekin could be a valuable No. 2 option on a team that has yet to win a Conference Finals game.

If Wilbekin were to make it on the 76ers' roster, he would be competing against Michael Carter Williams, the reigning NBA Rookie of the Year who averaged 16.7 points per game and a team-best 6.3 assists per contest, for the top point guard spot. But after going 19-63 in 2014, spots on the Philadelphia roster are bound to be open.

Prather will also be heading to Las Vegas as he will be working with the Atlanta Hawks summer league.

After having a career year in his final season at Florida — averaging 13.8 points on a .603 shooting clip — the Jackson, Tenn., shooting guard is ready to prove that he wasn't a one-year wonder.

The Hawks return two shooting guards who averaged more than 10 points per contest in 2014 — Kyle

Korver (12.0) and Louis Williams (10.4) — and also have 23-year-old John Jenkins and second-round selection Lamar Patterson in the mix.

Will Yeguete was the only senior to have not inked a deal with an NBA summer league team. The Bordeaux, France, native is expected to return to Europe to play professionally.

Donovan coaches U18 team to gold: Two days before the NBA Draft, UF coach Billy Donovan was at the helm of the USA U18 team.

After bringing home gold medals with the 2012 USA U18 team and the 2013 U19 team, Donovan led the 2014 USA U18 team to a 5-0 record in Colorado Springs, Colo., to bring his coaching record to 19-0.

"I think that as a coach in this kind of event, you're only as good as your players," Donovan said in a release. "I've been very fortunate that in the past three years, I've coached some great guys, great kids and have some great coaches working with me."

In five games, the United States outscored its opponents by an average of 54.8 points per game, defeating each team by at least 34 points.

Council has nine men, four women

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able to attend a UF game in person before coming to college because of the cost involved, but jumped on the opportunity to get affordable student season tickets and was able to bring her father to a game.

"I'll never forget the first time I walked in and just sat in the student section," Zurita said. "I was just like 'Oh my gosh, this is awesome.'"

When she spoke with alligatorSports, she was "speechless" when told that she was the only female student named to the council, something she was previously unaware of. Zurita also adds variety to what is, racially, a homogeneous cross

section of Gator fans. She is of Puerto Rican descent and the only non-Caucasian member of the council.

"I feel like no matter if you're male or female or what color you are, people just come together no matter what for Gator football," Zurita said. "I guess it's awesome that I could be a voice if any of the female students have something, now they have someone they can come and talk to."

She wants more fan interaction and engagement during the in-game experience and an increased social media presence for fans during the actual game. Her idea was for a "tweet your seat" feature so images of fans could appear on the GatorVision boards during games.

The primary obstacle in the way of that for the UAA is the fact that the quality of cellphone service and in-stadium Wi-Fi is poor. Connectivity concerns are one of the most common complaints about the in-game experience in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The school is trying to combat the issue by upgrading the stadium's antennae systems.

So UF is trying to reach you after all, John Q. Gator fan. The UAA hopes the council will help it directly get to know the organic needs of the fanbase.

The FAC's primary goal is to give the athletic department ideas to get fans to come early and stay late. Time will tell what impact it will have.



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Gators Ronald Powell and Dante Fowler, Jr. celebrate a 30-10 victory against Arkansas on Oct. 5, 2013, in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The UAA set up the Fan Advisory Council to give UF fans more of a voice.

ALLIGATOR AWARDS

What was the best individual performance of the 2013-2014 season

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Two weeks ago, we here at alligatorSports presented you fans with the five most memorable UF games from the 2013-2014 season, and you responded by voting which of the five was the best of the best (check results below).

Today we offer another installment of the Alligator Awards: Best individual performance.

This time around, we narrowed the nominees down to four (two men and two women) and we'll let you decide which one takes the crown. Be sure to vote online at alligator.org/sports and check back next week for the final results.

Bridgette Caquatto at the NCAA Championships (gymnastics):

As the final competitor in the NCAA Championships, Bridgette Caquatto needed at least a 9.95 on her floor exercise to boost Florida into a tie for first place alongside Oklahoma.

In the biggest stage of her young

career, the sophomore out of Naperville, Ill., came through in the clutch for the Gators by earning exactly a 9.95, which tied a career best and sealed UF's second straight national title.

"I had no idea what I needed going in, but the minute I came down (off the podium) and landed and they flashed the score, it was crazy," Caquatto said.

Tyler Murphy against Arkansas (football):

Back in the day when Tyler Murphy was still enrolled at UF

(he transferred to Boston College after the season), the redshirt junior quarterback lit up the Razorbacks by completing 16 of 22 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns.

In his first home start after taking over for the injured Jeff Driskel, Murphy guided the Gators to a 30-10 victory, which was the final win for Florida on the season.

"I'm getting a lot more comfortable," Murphy said. "It feels good."

Scottie Wilbekin against Dayton (men's basketball):

After suffering three straight Elite

Eight losses, Florida needed a career performance by Scottie Wilbekin to break the streak and advance past Dayton into the Final Four.

In the Gators' 62-52 victory, Wilbekin tied a career high with 23 points on 6-of-14 shooting, including 3 of 5 from three-point range. The senior point guard also added three assists and three steals without turning the ball over once.

"The struggles that we went through this year have just made it that much more fun and brought us that much closer together," Wil-

bekin said.

Delanie Gourley against Florida A&M (softball):

The Gators began their championship run with a bang after Delanie Gourley no-hit the Rattlers in the opening game of the NCAA Regionals.

In a shortened five-inning contest (UF run ruled FAMU 8-0), Gourley struck out seven and only surrendered one walk.

She recorded Florida's 15th no-hitter in program history and the first ever during the postseason.

alligator awards best game results

50.8%



Florida vs. Kentucky, men's basketball, Result: UF won 61-60.

40.7%



Florida vs. Alabama, softball, Result: UF won 6-3.

5.1%



Florida vs. Auburn, men's basketball, Result: UF won 71-66.

3.4%



Florida vs. Northwestern, lacrosse, Result: UF won 9-8.

0%



Florida vs. Georgetown, women's basketball, Result: UF won 67-65.

alligator awards best individual performance



Bridgette Caquatto
At the NCAA Championships: 9.95 on floor exercise



Tyler Murphy
Vs. Arkansas: 16 of 22, 240 yards, 3 TD



Scottie Wilbekin
Vs. Dayton: 23 points, 6 of 14 shootings, no TO



Delanie Gourley
Vs. Florida A&M: 5 innings, 7 strikeouts, 1 walk

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FOOD

Reitz — The former center of student activity on campus, the J. Wayne Reitz Union, has been under construction since summer 2013. The \$75 million renovation is expected to be completed by Fall 2015. Free printing is still available in the ground floor computer lab, as well as the free bike repair station, TRiP, Subway and the P.O.D. Market. The Career Resource Center is located upstairs, along with the bookstore and food court.

Hub — Due to Reitz construction, the Hub has become a more popular place for students to meet, study and eat. You can find all the campus culinary favorites (Chick-fil-A, Einstein Bros Bagels and Starbucks) as well as a technology help desk and the UF International Center, which handles study abroad. There are also several group and individual study rooms available.

Krishna — You can find Krishna Lunch on the Plaza of the Americas every weekday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. when UF is in session. Served by local Hare Krishnas, a \$5 donation gets you unlimited access to this “karma-free” vegetarian lunch (with full vegan substitutions).

P.O.D.s — Looking to grab a bite but can’t stand waiting in line? UF has multiple P.O.D. markets on campus that offer options ranging from candy bars to sushi. Some offer Starbucks and KFC. The Hub, Reitz and Rawlings each have a P.O.D., and Beaty Market and Little Hall express have similar options.



▲ Dining Halls — For those with a meal plan, the on-campus options don’t stop at Gator Dining (Gator Corner) and Broward (the Fresh Food Company). Meal plans carry Flex Bucks that can be used at Pollo Tropical, Papa John’s, Croutons, the Camellia Court Cafe in the Harn Museum and Subway after 4 p.m. For those who avoid meat, UF was named the 2014 favorite Vegan-Friendly Large U.S. College by peta2.

Delivery — Lucky for UF students, many delivery companies will bring food right to your dorm room door (or even to certain buildings on campus). Midnight Cookies, Jimmy John’s, Gainesville2Go, \$2 Delivery and 352Delivery are the usual suspects for getting your munchies fast-tracked to campus. Don’t forget to head downstairs to let them in.

▼ Bat Houses — UF is home to the world’s largest occupied bat house. About 15 minutes after sunset, spectators are treated to swarms of the winged mammals swooping through the air as they leave the houses. Don’t worry about the smell, it’s just bat poop, which is called guano.



CHILLING

University Gallery — Tucked away among the Fine Art buildings next to Southwest 13th Street, the University Gallery is a hidden gem that is one of UF’s best-kept secrets. UF professors and artists from around the world put their work on display here each semester. The opening receptions usually have free food and drinks, and if you walk in between classes, it’s one of the quietest spots on campus.

Student Gardens/Ethnoecology Gardens — Students with green thumbs and small dorm rooms can plant their roots at the student gardens. Plots are available to rent on a per semester basis. Located right behind the student gardens is the ethnoecology garden, which is an interactive experimental garden for students to explore the connection between plants and culture. It’s filled with exotic and unusual plants, making it a wonderful place to wander through.

Baughman Center — On weekdays, this beautiful building is a quiet spot to relax or pray. On weekends, you’ll find weddings and special events.

Lake Alice/Trails — Lake Alice is the best spot on campus to spot a live gator. They’re usually 4-foot babies, but treat them with as much respect as their 10-foot parents. There are a few paths nearby that welcome runners, walkers and leashed pets. The Harmonic Woods Conservation Path is a shortcut between

Fraternity Row and Museum Road.

Wauburg — When the Gainesville heat is beating down, a popular option for students is Lake Wauburg. Students can drive, bike or take RTS route 128 bus (on Saturdays only) to the North Park of the lake. One Gator 1 Card per car is required to enter the park, where guests can swim, stand up paddleboard, kayak, canoe and sail. There are also picnic tables and grills available. The South Shore offers students free rock climbing and bouldering, a disc golf course, mountain-biking trails and team-building activities. The whole lake is closed on Mondays.

Hang up a hammock — Two of the best places to hang a hammock are the North Lawn between the Hub and Reitz Union and the Plaza of the Americas in front of Library West. Spots on the Plaza are coveted in Fall and Spring, but a Summer hang is cool and shady. The North Lawn serves as a quieter atmosphere with fewer trees for a more private hang.

New Physics Building activities — One of the best-kept secrets about UF is the lobby of the New Physics Building, which is chock-full of physics experiments. From the plasma ball to the anti-gravity mirror, the lobby serves as a mentally stimulating place to take your family or even your date.

PERKS

Tech discounts - Check with the UF bookstore or Apple’s website for all kinds of student and faculty discounts on Apple gear. For those looking for a monthly plan from AT&T, there’s a 17 percent discount for students at the Gainesville branch.

A2 Fab Lab — The architecture building has several hidden gems for students, such as the ability to try out laser cutters, 3-D printers, a 3-D scanner and a 3-axis CNC router. It costs \$20 per 3-D print for students and faculty and \$15 for arts and architecture students. The architecture printing lab is free for students too, and it has large plotters for larger print jobs.

LYNDA — Lynda.com offers 2,600 instructional courses on topics ranging from Web development and coding to business software. Through a partnership with UF, all of these programs are free for students. Check the website for a list of all of the new skills you could learn.

Microsoft products — UF students can get Microsoft Office Suite for free from the UFIT website, including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. They can be installed on up to five devices, including mobile and tablet devices.

UFApps — For students who want to use pricey software on a budget, UFApps is the solution. It can access programs like Matlab, Solidworks or Serif from any device. For a full list of programs and information on how to connect, check out the UFApps website.

Reitz printing — Currently enrolled students who are in need of a printer can stop by the Reitz Union Printing Lab located on the

ground floor, which is provided by Student Government. With 45 computers and five printers, students can print up to 250 pages for free each semester.

RTS — Due to the size of campus and lack of parking, many students ride Gainesville’s Regional Transit System buses to get around campus and town. If your evening plans involve hitting up Midtown or downtown, forget driving and ride the Later Gator, the late-night bus service provided by RTS, for a safe ride home. Any student with a Gator 1 Card can ride for free.

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UF Cultural Plaza — The cultural plaza contains UF’s Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The museums are free for current students, including the “Wolf to Woof” exhibit and the butterfly garden at the Florida Museum. Student government-funded performances are

often hosted at the Phillips Center, making them free for students.

TRIP — UF’s Travel and Recreation Program, TRiP, is located in the Outfitter on the ground floor of the Reitz Union. TRiP hosts 20-30 adventures each Fall, Spring and Summer semester. Prices range from less than \$100 to \$900 (for international trips) and groups are usually made up of 10 to 20 students. Popular trips include backpacking, skiing, canoeing and hiking.

SNAP — Also known as the Student Night-time Auxiliary Patrol, SNAP is a free, nightly way to travel across campus safely. The 2014 summer service runs from 8:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. every night. All SNAP employees are UF students who have passed a background check and driving test, so it’s safe. Currently, there are two ways to request a SNAP vehicle: The SNAP app is available to download through Google or Apple’s respective stores. Another way to request a ride is to call 352-392-SNAP (7627) and a dispatcher will coordinate a nearby SNAP vehicle to pick you up.

Turlington Plaza — As one of UF’s free speech zones, a lot of action takes place on Turlington Plaza. Walking through here could mean free food, a glimpse of a flash mob or the chance to join a cool club. But most of the time, it’s flyers shoved in your face, very vocal campus preachers or large, graphic anti-abortion posters. Check it out at your own risk, and pick up an Alligator while you’re there.

OAR — An alternative to TRiP, Outdoor Area Recreation offers adventurous students more student-led trips and activities. Any member can suggest or lead a trip, and all trips are available at-cost. Check out its website, ufadventure.com, for more information and trip listings.



▲ Bike Repair — Located in the Outfitter on the ground floor of the Reitz Union next to Subway, Student Government Bike Repair is available to all students free of charge. The hours of service during the summer are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. You cannot drop off your bike and leave it, as workers will strip it for parts.

STUDYING

Smathers Library — A really quiet place to read, study or do homework. The second floor holds the special collections.

► AHA Lab!

The AHA! Innovation CoLab is part of the Center for Media Innovation and Research in the College of Journalism and Communications located in the Flanagan Wing of Weimer Hall. The digital media lab has TVs, a coffee machine and multiple rooms designed for students to work in groups and collaborate on creative projects.



FITNESS

Student Rec — A close fitness option for many students is the Student Recreation & Fitness Center. It features eight racquetball courts, two squash courts, a weight room and a cardio area. All kinds of group classes are available too, including cycling, yoga and kickboxing. Aquatic athletes can swim laps solo or in classes at the pool out back.

O’Dome — Among basketball,

gymnastics and volleyball, the Stephen C. O’Connell Center sees a lot of action. Get a piece of it yourself at the weight room. Check the website for the open hours and bring your Gator 1 Card for admission.

Broward Outdoor Recreation Complex — With a Gator 1 Card, students have access to the basketball, volleyball and tennis courts at BORC. For the more adventurous,

there’s also a skate park and roller hockey rink.

► Southwest — Any student worried about putting on the Freshman 15 should check out the Southwest Recreation Center, UF’s largest athletic facilities. Southwest Rec includes a strength and conditioning room, six indoor basketball courts, two floors full of cardio equipment, an indoor track and various group fitness classes. Any student currently enrolled in classes with a Gator 1 Card may use the facility.



◀ Swamp — Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, or The Swamp, is a famous place to watch UF’s star athletes sweat it out on game days. But on other days, it’s a popular spot for unofficial Gator athletes to run stadiums, which involves running up and down the steps around the field. Other students can be found studying, reading and relaxing on the stairs throughout the day.

Golf — With renovations currently underway, the 80-year-old Mark Bostick Golf Course

is on the northwest corner of campus near the intersection of 34th Street and Southwest Second Avenue. During renovation, the driving range, pro shop and snack bar will only be open during business hours. Course memberships will be put on hold and extended when the renovations are complete.

Running on campus — Worried about running on campus at night? Stay safe by running with a buddy from ROTC Safe Run. Students from the Naval

Reserve Officer Training Corps at UF are available any time between 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to keep pace with you and help you feel safe. If you ever feel unsafe, look for the tall blue lights located around campus, press the button and police will be called immediately.

Flavet Field — Though you’ll find ROTC here most of the time, there is a soccer field available for open recreation. The lights are on from dusk until midnight whenever school is in session.