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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

#BetterUF helps generate platforms for Fall SG elections

ARIANA FIGUEROA
Alligator Staff Writer

Mashli Fleurestil recognizes the diversity of UF's Student Body, but as one black student out of 50,000, she feels that minorities are under-represented.

So Fleurestil, 19, picked up a marker and scribbled her suggestion on Swamp Party's white poster board outside the Reitz Union:

"More minority parties."

"I think everyone deserves the opportunities to be known, and that's what UF is about," the biology sophomore said.

As the only major registered political party, members of the Swamp Party set up posters on Turlington Plaza and at the Reitz on Monday to collect ideas from passing students for its Fall 2014 campaign platform. The biannual "platform generation"

"We've gone more toward making UF better for students."

Katie Backstrand

Swamp Party spokeswoman

will continue today. The other four registered parties did not choose to campaign.

A common topic was seen on all poster boards: more safety and lighting in lieu of recent assaults on

campus. One student wrote, "Lighting, UF is too dark at night."

The Swamp Party filled about six poster boards, front and back, with student suggestions.

Swamp Party spokeswoman Katie Backstrand said the party's platform will be released in the next few weeks. The Swamp Party is using the hashtag #BetterUF to make changes that students want.

"We've gone more toward mak-

ing UF better for students," she said.

Another dominant request was more food choices such as Five Guys, Taco Bell and Burger King.

Nate Reiff, a 19-year-old UF finance sophomore, suggested a Zaxby's be built on Fraternity Row.

"You have to take a bus to get to the nearest restaurant," he said.

Fall elections are Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.



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Watching and Waiting

Santa Fe College students Jayden Roth, 19, (left) and Max Hughson, 19, look at chrysalises at the Life Cycle Metamorphosis Exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History on Monday.

UF College of Dentistry welcomes new dean

PATRICK PINAK
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The UF College of Dentistry announced Dr. Isabel Garcia as its new dean Monday.

Garcia will head the college in February and will be the seventh permanent dean of the college.

"The college is recognized as a national leader, and so there's the potential to build



Garcia

on a tremendous legacy," Garcia said.

Garcia has served as the deputy director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research in Maryland since 2007 and has worked with the institute since 1995.

She has helped oversee the institute's \$400 million budget and staff of more than 400 scientists and administrators. She said her experience in leading and managing a large, complex organization will make her a good fit as dean of the college.

"The main difference is that where I work now, we are focusing on the education

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Fields stay lit at night for students

► STADIUM LIGHTS STAYED ON UNTIL 3 A.M. OVER THE WEEKEND.

ARIANA FIGUEROA
Alligator Staff Writer

UF's campus could become a bit brighter at night.

In response to the recent assaults on campus, at least 10 athletic fields kept their lights at full capacity until 3 a.m. over the weekend.

"This was a cooperation between campus administration, University Athletic Association and Student Affairs sports recreational group," said Donna Winchester, UF director of strategic communications.

Winchester said there has been mention of adding lights, but that could take time. The cost and the decision to continue lighting them was unknown.

"It's not something that could happen in a day," she said.

As evening exams continue for the upcoming weeks, students are being encouraged to walk in well-lit areas and take advantage of Student Auxiliary Nighttime Patrol vans and the Walk Safe Student Escort Program.

Danielle Bernard, a 19-year-old UF sociology sophomore, avoids specific dark areas on campus.

"I never walk there because I expect it to be dark," she said.

Anderson Hall makes her uneasy because of the lack of lighting and people. She usually walks with a group near that area.

"Being aware of my surroundings is the best thing to do," Bernard said.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Free Screening and Q-and-A Session

"The Last Mountain" chronicles the David vs. Goliath struggle of a small but passionate group of West Virginians in its fight to stop massive coal corporations like Massey Energy from destroying communities through mountaintop-removal coal mining. This film showing is particularly relevant in light of the Gainesville City Commission's upcoming vote Thursday on a new coal policy for Gainesville Regional Utilities. See the free film "The Last Mountain" today from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE Second Place, with a following Q-and-A session with Appalachian Voices' Matt Wasson and Ann League.

Leadership Opportunity for Students

Florida Alternative Breaks is looking for passionate UF students to lead its trips. The organization partners with community efforts around Florida, the Southeast and select international locations to create social and environmental change. As a site leader, you get to act as a friend, mentor and fellow volunteer to a group of participants focused on making a difference in the global community. No experience? No problem. Check us out on Facebook or at leadershipandservice.ufl.edu to learn more and apply! Applications are due Wednesday.

Write your own Constitutional Amendment

Want to change things for the better? Come to the Library West colonnade Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and write your own constitutional amendment. See what others would like to change too. There will be free pocket constitutions and cake. A voter-registration table will also be set up.

Author to Speak at Civic Media Center

The Civic Media Center at 433 S. Main St. presents local author Shira Glassman on Wednesday night at 7:30. Glassman is the top-selling author at Prizm Books, a publisher focused on LGBTQ+ themes in the young adult and new adult markets. She will present her latest book, "Climbing the Date Palm," and discuss how local labor activism such as the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force, Occupy Gainesville and the RTS bus drivers union inspired the workers' rights subplot of the book. The event is free and open to the public.

Florida-Friendly Landscape Tour

The Alachua County Master Gardeners will be offering a tour of Florida-friendly landscapes in the historic Duckpond neighborhood. The event starts with a presentation on Florida-friendly pollinator plants. The event is Saturday from 8:15

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a.m. to 1 p.m., starting at the Thelma Boltin Center, at 516 NE Second Ave. Parking is limited. Carpooling, cycling or walking is encouraged. Free tours of local landscapes will be provided. These landscape sites will have Alachua County master gardener volunteers as guides. Preregister at least three days prior to the tour by calling 352-337-6209.

4-H Round-Up

Alachua County 4-H is having a free 4-H Round-Up open house Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the UF Horse Teaching Unit, located at 1934 SW 63rd Ave. The open house is presented by the UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Office. The open house will give those who would like to volunteer or learn about 4-H programs the opportunity to get information. There will be activities, camps, projects, a youth fair, a livestock show and more. 4-H is free and open to people ages 5 to 18. For more information, contact Alachua County 4-H agent Matt Benge at 352-955-2402.

Sal de Pacha: A Latino Film Festival Celebration

As part of the Gainesville Latino Film Festival, the Florida Museum of Natural History will display "Sal de Pacha" ("Salt of the Earth") Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to illustrate the importance of salt in human lives. Visitors can learn about the properties of salt and view seldom-seen Andean artifacts from the museum's South American ethnographic collection at this bilingual family event. For more information, visit flmnh.ufl.edu/calendar/grid/sal-de-pacha.

Third Annual Elephant Appreciation Day

Two Tails Ranch in Williston presents its third annual Elephant Appreciation Day on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. It will feature live elephant demos, exotic animal exhibits, music, food and more. Admission is \$10 per person, and kids under 3 are admitted free. More information is available at allaboutelephants.com.

Family Day at the Matheson Museum

Celebrate the birthdays of Christopher and Sarah Matheson at Family Day at the Matheson Museum on Sunday. This event will feature a "paint out" by members of the Gainesville Fine Arts Association, storytelling by Turbado Marabou, a presentation by UF's Mad

Science Club, an exhibition by the Gainesville Area Bee Club and a lesson and performances by the Gainesville Old-Time Dance Society. For more information, call 352-378-2280 or email info@mathesonmuseum.org.

Transitions Study Abroad Re-Entry Colloquium

Transitions, a 6-session study-abroad re-entry colloquium offered by the International Center, is an opportunity to explore the different aspects of returning from study abroad in an in-depth way. Topics to be discussed include exploring feelings about study abroad, integrating study abroad into a future career, intercultural development and opportunities to go abroad again. Any student who studied abroad during the 2013-2014 Academic Year (including summer 2014) is eligible to apply. Applications and more information can be found at ufic.ufl.edu/SAS/ReEntryColloquium.html. Applications are due Oct. 1.

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Flasks for Fido

From left, Nick Lee, Zared Schwartz, and Eliot Gunn, all 19, sell painted flasks Monday on Turlington Plaza. The UF chemistry preprofessional club is sponsoring the drive to raise money for Paws on Parole, a group that helps rehabilitate abused dogs.

CAMPUS

Changes to the MCAT make pre-med decisions unclear

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More than 700 UF undergraduate students applied to medical schools across the country last year, and with a new version of the Medical College Admission Test debuting this Spring, questions have been raised about which test version current undergrads should take.

The new MCAT will debut this April and includes additional test topics, a nearly doubled testing period and updated test questions in order to coordinate with current college prerequisites and modern medicine.

"I think it will be beneficial to add those subjects. Especially biochem because it laid the foundation for the upper level classes I'm taking now."

Jake Rubin
UF microbiology senior

For students applying to UF's College of Medicine, director of admissions Leila Amiri said the school has no test preference because the current test is being eliminated altogether.

"We look more closely to what they do outside of their MCAT scores," Amiri said. "We evaluate on the student's overall application."

Previously the three-hour-plus exam focused on biology, general chemistry,

organic chemistry and physics. Now students are also expected to know biochemistry, psychology and sociology for the six-hour-plus exam.

"The science that underlies the medicine as well as the way medicine is practiced in this country has changed dramatically in the last 20-plus years," said Owen Farcy, Kaplan test-prep director.

The new types of questions and test-taking skills will focus on research, experimental design, graphical analysis and data interpretation, and Farcy said it will require "a lot more stamina and focus for students who are taking it."

"Really what we recommend is that the student takes the version of the test that they think they will be the most comfortable with and the best prepared for," Farcy said.

Amiri said UF will not change its prerequisites to supplement the new subject material because the current liberal-arts requirements cover those areas already.

Jake Rubin, a 21-year-old UF microbiology senior, took the original MCAT in May.

"I think it will be beneficial to add those subjects," Rubin said. "Especially biochem because it laid the foundation for the upper level classes I'm taking now."

The final version of the old exam will be administered in January.

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CRIME

Police Roundup: loitering; grand theft; aggravated battery

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A Gainesville man was arrested for loitering and prowling after officers observed suspicious behavior at about 2 a.m. Monday.

Gainesville Police Officer Rob Narayan observed Willie Strawder, 28, standing between parked cars in a dimly lit residential parking lot, according to a report. Strawder noticed Officer Narayan's patrol car and began to walk away quickly before he was stopped in a Subway parking lot at 1000 W. University Ave.

GPD spokesman Ben Tobias said Strawder admitted he did not live in the area and did not own any of the vehicles he was near. Strawder failed to provide reason for being in the area.

Without Officer Narayan even asking him, Strawder denied looking into the car windows and said he was looking for a place to sleep.

After being read his rights, Strawder told GPD officers he was looking for a Dumpster, even though the parking

lot only contained parked cars, according to a report. Strawder's bail is set at \$2,000.

A Gainesville man was arrested for grand theft of a motor vehicle early Sunday after he failed to return a rental car.

Enterprise reported the vehicle stolen Saturday after Kenari Myles Gardner, 21, did not return it on the date listed on the contract.

When first approached by GPD, Gardner said the vehicle belonged to a friend of his named "Bash" and said he could retrieve "Bash" from inside of a club with law enforcement's permission.

He then told officers that he "ain't even gonna lie" and that the vehicle in fact belongs to Enterprise.

Gardner was then handcuffed and transported to Alachua County Jail. His bail is set at \$10,000.

A Gainesville man was pistol-whipped during an altercation at about 10 a.m. Monday.

The victim told the Alachua County Sheriff's Office he was fighting off two men in front of his home when one man hit him over the head with a chrome-plated revolver.

The victim said the men kept saying, "You know what's up," throughout the fight.

He told police he broke free and ran toward a neighbor's home. The two men – Devon Mackey and Malcom Towns – fled in their vehicle.

Shortly after the incident, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division located the two men on Southeast Hawthorne Road.

Mackey was arrested for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Towns was arrested for possession of ammunition by a convicted felon after officers said he was not directly involved in the fight.

State approves \$69 million for spring restoration projects

MELISSA SMITH

Alligator Contributing Writer

individual spring systems and fixing low-flowing rivers.

Mark Wray owns eight Florida springs in the Santa Fe River System, including Ginnie and Blue springs. Wray said evaluating water quality is the state's biggest issue.

"What's truly hurting the springs is agriculture, bar none," Wray said. "That's what we have to get a handle on. Nitrates and pesticides are having a huge impact."

"It's an awesome thing to see conservation happening around Florida."

David Lee

UF environmental engineering senior

The Santa Fe River System, which includes 81 private and state-owned springs around northeast Florida, currently holds an Outstanding Florida Water designation from the DEP.

According to the department's website, this designation is intended to protect the naturally exceptional quality of the water by prohibiting direct and indirect discharges that could lower the water's quality.

"The state knows what the issues are; they just need to start fixing them," Wray said. "Hopefully this money will help."

David Lee knows Florida's springs.

The 22-year-old UF environmental engineering senior has led a handful of Travel and Recreation Program journeys through the state's waterways since January of last year.

So when the state legislature announced a \$69 million surge in springs funding, Lee was pleased.

"It's an awesome thing to see conservation happening around Florida," he said. "It allows us to continue to do what we love and take people out and teach them about the environment."

The Joint Legislative Budget Commission approved the multimillion-dollar conservation plan proposed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on Wednesday.

Approval of the funding increase greenlights the department's 27-project plan to rejuvenate the springs, bringing the total amount of springs-conservation investments to more than \$100 million in the past two years.

Projects scheduled in the springs restoration plan include assessing water quality in



Megan Reeves / Alligator Staff

Nathan Gulbis, 23, talks with his friend Wes Hay, 23, while snorkeling at Ginnie Springs on Sept. 1. The two drove from St. Petersburg to celebrate Labor Day with friends.

She was one of 50 applicants

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and training of researchers," Garcia said, "and one of the college's missions is the development and training of future oral health providers."

Garcia was selected out of more than 50 applicants after a nationwide search by UF. The search began in December after the previous dean, Dr. Teresa A. Dolan, stepped down in the Spring of 2013.

Dr. Robert Burne, who was on the search committee, said Garcia was recommended from a highly competitive list of national and international applicants.

"She's an exceptional individual," Burne said, "and she's trained as a dentist, so she has a very good understanding of what it means to be a dentist."

Burne, the chair of the UF department of oral biology and associate dean

for research, said the committee had to reopen the search in March after it chose four out of about 40 applicants, none of whom were selected.

Garcia was then selected to head the college by UF Health President David Guzik.

Garcia, a graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University and University of Michigan, has received awards including the National Institutes of Health Director's Award for Mentoring and the U.S. Public Health Service Jack D. Robertson Award for outstanding long-term dedication and service to improve the nation's oral health.

"The college and university as a whole is known to be highly collaborative and so there are lots of partnerships existing across the colleges, centers and institutes," Garcia said, "and obviously I'm interested in these opportunities and how I can help to expand them."

Sierra Leone: WHO too slow to help doctors with Ebola

► FOUR DOCTORS HAVE DIED SO FAR.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Sierra Leone accused the World Health Organization on Monday of being "sluggish" in facilitating an evacuation of a doctor who died from Ebola before she could be sent out of the country for medical care.

Dr. Olivet Buck died Saturday, hours after the U.N. health agency said it could not help evacuate her to Germany.

Buck is the fourth Sierra Leonean doctor to die in an outbreak that has also touched Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal. The West African outbreak has been blamed for more than 2,400 deaths, and experts say it is out of control. The U.S. has called an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council for this week to discuss the crisis.

At a heated news conference Monday, a

Sierra Leonean government official read a statement saying Buck is the second doctor from that country to die because negotiations on evacuation dragged on. Dr. Sheik Humarr Khan, the country's top Ebola expert, was being considered for evacuation when he died of the disease in July.

"In both the cases of late Dr. Khan and Dr. Buck, we have observed a sluggish willingness by WHO in facilitating medical evacuation of Sierra Leonean Ebola-infected doctors for advanced treatment abroad," said a statement from a presidential communications task force read out by Deputy Minister for Political and Public Affairs Karamoh Kabba.

He said the two doctors died while their fates "hung in negotiations."

But WHO responded Monday that it can only evacuate its own staff, and that given the number of health workers becoming infected, the solution is not to evacuate them all anyway. Some 300 health care workers have been infected so far, about half of whom have died.

Home football tickets on sale, new pricing hopes to meet demand

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General admission tickets for the remaining home games are now on sale with new prices.

"If it were my parents, they would be more likely to show up."

Valery Young

UF recreation and event management junior

General admission tickets prior to this season were set at \$50 per game. This year, the UAA is using a new method to determine game prices.

Dan Apple, assistant communications director for the UAA, said the new prices will help meet the supply and demand for more high profile games.

Tickets for the University of

South Carolina and Louisiana State University games will be set at \$85.

The homecoming game against Missouri will be priced at \$50, and the last home game of the season against Eastern Kentucky will cost \$25.

Valery Young, a 20-year-old UF recreation and event management junior, said the change will draw more people to the games.

"If it were my parents, they would be more likely to show up," she said. "They will definitely sell more tickets."

At the game this Saturday against Kentucky, 88,000 of the about 90,000 seats were filled in the Swamp.

"Based on the current pace and sale of tickets, it is anticipated we will sell out for several of the remaining home games," Apple said.

Tickets for the remaining games will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Florida offensive lineman Max Garcia (center) hands out tickets to the season opener against the University of Idaho to student season-ticket holders Aug. 27.

UF under scrutiny for alleged unethical animal treatment since '11

► ONE PUPPY, ONE RABBIT, AND 22 GOATS HAVE DIED SINCE 2011.

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Twenty-two goats, one rabbit and one puppy have died as a result of negligent care on behalf of UF, according to a complaint issued Monday by animal rights group Stop Animal Exploitation NOW.

In two complaints issued to the U.S. Department of Agriculture since August, Stop Animal Exploitation NOW details several incidents beginning in 2011 that violated the Animal Welfare Act.

"We believe the public has a right to know what goes on in those laboratories," said executive director Michael Budkie.

The first report, filed by UF in January 2012, involves the death of 22 goats due to severe anemia. In the 2011 incident, staff and graduate students performing studies on the goats failed to treat or euthanize them after the study was completed.

As a result, three died spontaneously and 19 were subsequently euthanized.

In another report, filed by the university in October 2012, a New Zealand white rabbit was found dead hanging out of its cage door after it wedged itself between the bars due to fear from a fire alarm.

In the most recent complaint, Stop Animal Exploitation NOW cites a May 2013 UF report documenting a veterinary technician who neglected to administer appropriate treatment to a dog diagnosed with glaucoma.

Although the UF-prescribed treatment was intended to be daily, the veterinary technician failed to deliver it as instructed.

The technician was suspended and resigned before the completion of the investigation.

The Stop Animal Exploitation NOW complaint further details a May 2012 USDA inspection, which found that a beagle puppy was not fed properly and was then euthanized due to severe weight loss.

UF reported the incidents to the National Institute of Health, however, Budkie said the institute

doesn't have the power to fine UF for deaths.

Stop Animal Exploitation NOW hopes the USDA will take action against UF and fine the university \$10,000 per infraction.

"What we are seeing here is a long-term pattern of failure to follow what are really very basic federal regulations," Budkie said.

"Why should we believe that they are capable of doing science? What does that say about how everything else is being done?" he added.

UF has been under fire before. In a 2013 complaint issued by animal rights group Eleventh Hour for Animals, a macaque monkey wasn't treated for a broken hip and was then euthanized in 2010.

"There's a great deal of carelessness," said Eleventh Hour for Animals founder Camille Marino.

She said she is glad these infractions are coming to light but suspects worse issues are at play.

"I am so unconcerned about these minor welfare violations because it gives people the impression that the other 99 percent of what they are doing is humane," Marino said.

He continued, "Nothing could be further from the truth. The experiments that they are doing within the guidelines of the law are far more heinous and disturbing than any of these violations."

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes wrote in an email that the university "took appropriate measures to prevent reoccurrences, which may have included additional training, updating protocols and disciplining employees or students."

UF's animal care and use program has been accredited since 1966, and "UF veterinarians oversee animal care and strive to always provide a healthy, safe environment for the animals," according to the statement.

Still, Budkie, who has filed several successful complaints in the last year, said he wants to see the negligence pattern come to an end.

"This facility should face serious consequences for the deaths of these animals," he said in a press release. "It's clear that the UF officials who are responsible for supervising animal experiments are not doing their jobs."

WORLD

Gazans rush to enjoy life after ruinous war

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — After a ruinous war, Gaza is rushing back to a veneer of normalcy at astonishing speed. Street cafes and beaches are packed with people until late at night. Families crowd the few public parks. Wedding halls are booked solid.

Gazans who endured 50 days of devastating Israeli bombardment are now eager to enjoy some life. Far from a celebration, however, Gazans themselves acknowledge the revelry is only to thinly mask trauma and widespread despair.

Many complain that none of the gains they hoped for from the war have been realized.

"We go out just to steal a moment of joy," said 33-year-old bank employee Rami Ali, sitting with friends at a seaside cafe. "We don't know what will happen tomorrow; we might have another war."

The burst of liveliness is startling. Cafes on the streets or on Gaza's Mediterranean beaches are main venues for nightlife because under Hamas, there are no cinemas or theaters.

In the three weeks since fighting ended, coffeehouses have been thronged with men, women and families. Commercial streets are choked with shoppers.

The Hamas government appears to have been caught off guard. Last week, authorities banned street parties, saying they were acting out of respect for the families of the dead. That put an end to bachelor celebrations traditionally held in the streets ahead of weddings — but not other forms of nightlife.

The war was the longest and

deadliest of three Hamas-Israel wars in less than six years. More than 2,000 Palestinians, including 500 children, were killed, 11,000 wounded and close to 100,000 made homeless out of a population of 1.8 million.

Entire blocks were flattened. Some 50 families were wiped out, with at least 300 women killed, and up to 1,500 children were orphaned, according to Mona al-Shawa of the Palestinian Center for Human Rights.

"We are a people with an exceptional ability to endure, but the most painful thing is the feeling that you are living in an oppressive world and no one is taking your side," al-Shawa said. "What defines being a Gazan is the feeling of oppression."

Seventy-two people were killed on the Israeli side, including six civilians, in a war that erupted on July 8 when Israel launched a massive aerial bombardment of Gaza in response to heavy rocket fire by Hamas and other Gaza militants.

Even amid the rush for enjoyment, Gazans grimly note that none of Hamas' stated objectives — lifting the blockade and allowing the opening of an airport and a seaport — was achieved.

The only positive outcome was that Israel extended the limit for fishermen to operate off Gaza's shores from three to six miles, bringing greater hauls of seafood in the markets.

Mahmoud Daher, director of the U.N. World Health Organization's office in Gaza, said he has seen a rise in domestic violence, which he attributes to the sense of frustration.

"There may not be a single Palestinian in Gaza who thinks the future will be brighter," he said.

Editorial

Scott's policy on transportation rife with hypocrisy

If there's one thing Gov. Rick Scott claims to stand for, it's lowering taxes.

In May 2013, Scott boasted about having cut taxes in Florida "24 times." By May of this year, the number of tax cuts has reached 40, according to tweets sent out by Scott's campaign.

Leaving aside the dubious accuracy of these claims, which Politico and other fact-checking organizations have explored extensively, it's clear that Scott wants to portray himself as a fiscally responsible, anti-tax conservative.

Those who believe Scott show a desire to improve the finances of ordinary Floridians might be surprised to hear about his new plans to install toll lanes on Florida's major highways.

Scott is undertaking this massive infrastructure project, which the Tampa Bay Times says could be the largest in Florida history, without any approval from the legislature or from voters.

Unsurprisingly, one of the motivations behind the creation of these toll lanes is the corrupt 'crony capitalism' that has become a hallmark of Scott's administration.

A report from the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting found that the projects were inspired by studies from the Reason Foundation, a libertarian think tank that has received funding from major toll-lane developers. These developers stand to earn millions of dollars — if not more — from the toll lanes.

The Times also reported that Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad is a former employee of one of these major developers. During his time as head of the DOT, Prasad has approved billions of dollars in toll-lane projects, including funds that have gone directly to his former employer.

Supporters of the new toll lanes argue that they will make travel more efficient for Floridians. However, it seems unlikely that efficient transit is Scott's priority, given his recent history with similar infrastructure projects.

In 2011, Scott declined to accept federal funding for high-speed rail projects and argued that the initiative "would be far too costly to taxpayers." Scott made these claims despite widespread agreement that high-speed rail would have boosted the economy and made faster and more convenient transportation.

Scott did eventually provide tepid support for high-speed rail projects, but only after ensuring that Florida East Coast Industries, a private company with connections to Scott's former chief of staff, Adam Hollingsworth, would be constructing them.

The high-speed rail project, All Aboard Florida, has subsequently applied for a federal loan of \$1.5 billion, so Scott's claims about the unmatched superiority of private enterprise and the free market ring pathetically hollow.

This controversy is just the latest confirmation of what all Floridians should already know: Scott is interested in serving corporations and the wealthy, not Florida voters.

The costs and benefits of particular government initiatives to Florida taxpayers are irrelevant to Scott, so long as his corporate allies and campaign donors reap the ultimate reward. Florida undoubtedly deserves better.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think UF should be sued for the lab animal deaths?

Monday's question: Will you miss Sarkara Sweets cupcakes?

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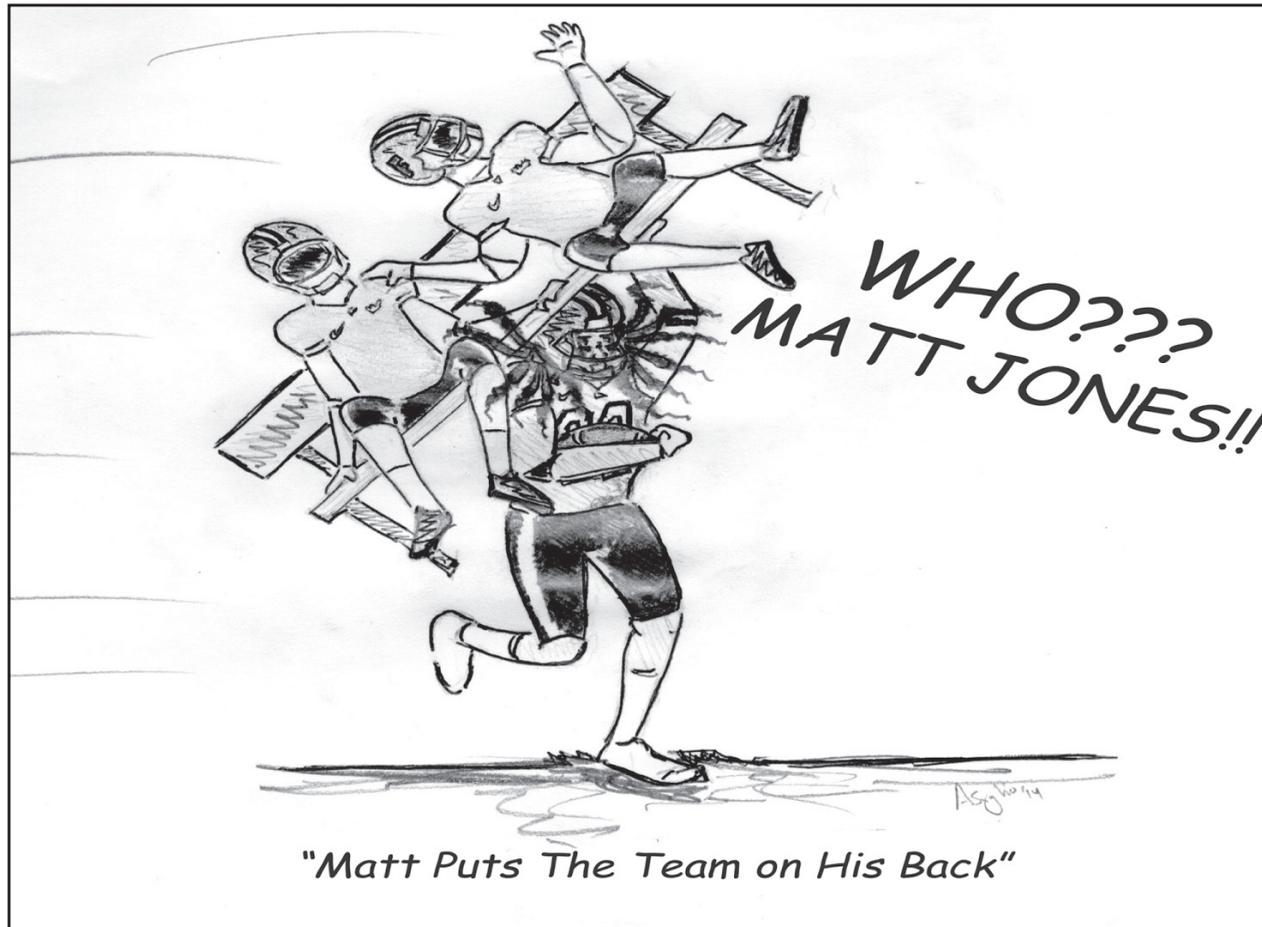
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"Matt Puts The Team on His Back"

Column

Talking about mental illness is a must

When legendary actor and comedian Robin Williams died about a month ago, hearts broke around the world. Social media erupted with grief-stricken statuses and tweets mourning the loss of such a beloved and talented person, someone whom many of us remember from some of our favorite childhood movies like "Hook" and "Aladdin."

Most of us expressed shock and dismay that someone with so much externally expressed energy and passion was suffering so much on the inside.

While Williams' death was a tragedy for all who knew and loved him, it also served as an important reminder about the devastating effects of untreated mental illness. Amid the pain and anguish, Robin Williams' suicide shed light on this issue, which is so important yet often ignored.

The connection between Williams' death and his battle with severe depression dominated the headlines for weeks. People all across the country felt empowered to share their own experiences with depression, bipolar disorder and other mental health conditions. Suddenly, everyone upset about his death became instant advocates for mental health, criticizing the stigmatization of mental illness and demanding a more comprehensive mental-health care system.

Finally, a national conversation about mental illness began, a conversation that was well overdue.

But when the media frenzy around Robin Williams' death calmed down, so did the impassioned pleas for mental-health awareness. Once the issue was no longer trending on Facebook or Twitter, no one wanted to discuss it, and the conversation was over nearly as quickly as it had started.

We cannot allow the issue of mental illness to continually be ignored. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, about 13.6 million Americans are living with serious mental illnesses, including depression or bipolar disorder.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., and more than 90 percent of people who die by suicide had one or more mental illnesses. These are frightening statistics.

Mental illness does not discriminate. It can affect anyone at any time, and the results can be shattering.

The alarming facts about mental illness prove that we



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owe it to ourselves, our friends, our families and our communities to make mental health a priority. Right now, it clearly isn't.

Access to mental-health care is extremely limited and costly. According to the Washington Post, it's more difficult to get access to a mental-health professional than any other type of doctor. Even when services are available, many insurance companies do not consider mental illness to be a primary health concern.

Even more troubling is that in times of economic decline, funds for mental-health care are cut significantly. During the recession, states dropped a combined \$1.8 billion from their mental-health care budgets. The cuts in Florida have been particularly drastic, now ranking a pathetic 49th in mental-health care funding nationally.

Under these circumstances, it's hardly surprising that many people with a mental illness decide not to seek treatment. The effort of finding mental-health services combined with the overwhelming cost is enough to discourage most people from pursuing medical care, even if they are experiencing tremendous pain and suffering.

We cannot wait for the death of another beloved public figure to inspire us to take action.

To help combat the sad reality of our country's inadequate mental-health care system, it's up to all of us to express our support and offer encouragement to those who are dealing with mental illness. We must not allow anyone to try to face that battle alone and suffer in silence, something that happens all too often in America today.

We must continue to share our personal experiences with mental illness and also offer to listen to the stories of others. If we truly want to make a difference and shape the future for the better, we have to keep talking. The conversation about mental health must continue.

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Letters to the Editor

#BetterUF platform generation ends today

Dear UF students,

This campaign season, Swamp Party is driving platform generation in a more all-encompassing, student-focused direction. Yesterday, Swamp Party candidates were on Turlington Plaza and in the Reitz Union area with white boards, markers and a new twist:

#BetterUF. Students had the opportunity to fill in what they would like to see Student Government change on the UF campus. The first day of this new approach was very successful. We encourage students to stop by Turlington Plaza and the Reitz today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the last opportunity to write about how they would like to #BetterUF.

For example, a student might write: "I want

to see increased nighttime safety in order to #BetterUF." SG has responded to this issue by bringing the new transportation system Uber to campus in order to ensure students have a safe and reliable way of getting home.

#BetterUF will allow the Swamp Party to reach out to every student demographic and see what he or she wants us to do.

Students are also encouraged to tweet

@UFSwamp and share their ideas for the Swamp Party if they are unable to stop by one of our stations.

We would love to see as many students out there with ideas — no matter how big or small.

Go Gators!

Katie Backstrand
UF Swamp Party spokeswoman

Column

New Dora sends wrong idea

Recently, Nickelodeon's hit children's show, "Dora the Explorer," had a major makeover.

Dora, the show's protagonist, was previously a vaguely androgynous 5- or 6-year-old child who regaled America's toddlers with basic Spanish-language lessons and a couple of cute catchphrases — most famously "Swiper, no swiping!" Her new look has transformed her into a preteen, complete with all the accessories and mannerisms a girl is supposed to take on when she enters puberty.

Dora's new persona includes makeup, a traditionally feminine outfit with frills and a troop of fun new girlfriends to take on the city together. The show even has new pre-teen boy characters to play potential crushes and a massive line of "Dora and Friends: Into the City!" products to rake in cash for the creators.

What was once an educational, wholesome children's program has become "Sex and the City" marketed to a preteen audience.

In some ways, the changes make sense. Dora has been on the air since 2000. She's growing up, right? It's time for a makeover.

It's no surprise the show's designers turned Dora into a character who typifies the gender roles and heteronormativity that characterize American culture. Most other current children's TV shows are also dripping with sexism and fail to include diverse aspects of gender and sexuality.

So why the fuss about Dora?

The answer is complicated. When I heard about the Dora makeover, I was saddened. It wasn't because of the loss of the old Dora — the peak popularity of "Dora the Explorer" missed my generation by a few years — but because Dora getting older required a complete, socially acceptable makeover.

American media and social norms put a lot of pressure on girls to conform to the ideal female stereotypes they have created. There are expectations for a female's body, her career path and which milestones she should reach at certain points in her life.

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When we enter college, we face pressure to conform to what the media wants us to

become in our later years.

Our society's cultural norms say every woman should be a young, powerful 20-something who has her future planned out and goes out with her girlfriends every weekend.

Society tells us females must adapt to the norm if we expect to be acknowledged and have our voices heard. We have to say the right things, act the right way and even eat the right foods.

The change isn't all bad. College is the perfect time for young adults to discover themselves and, sometimes, to become something new.

Despite the transitory nature of the teenage and college experiences, I'm upset with the media and the pressure of society having so much influence over young women. We are sometimes forced into roles that we haven't chosen — roles with which we are uncomfortable. We may regret who we become out of a feeling that we need to fit in and obey the rules.

The media is a powerful and valuable tool, but the pressure it puts on women to adapt to a lofty ideal often results in discontent and a loss of self-confidence for countless American females.

The media's influence is so great that even 10-year-old girls watching "Dora and Friends: Into the City!" may feel pressure to start remaking themselves into the perfect preteen in order to be noticed.

With that kind of power, what impact might the media have on a generation of young college-aged women trying to shape their own adult lives?

To what ideal will American women seek to conform: the one the media has created for us or our own?

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UWire

African hostility, US fear will not solve Ebola crisis

Imagine you are a citizen of one of the African countries where the Ebola virus has spread so far: Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone.

Sierra Cymes
UWire

The U.S. is scared of the virus seeping into the States.

Africa is scared of the international aid.

First of all, the U.S. needs to pipe down.

If the virus did enter the country, our medical infrastructure would quarantine the problem almost immediately.

This outbreak is not a threat to the U.S., and it is despicable to me how much attention we give to it.

It is a threat to our fellow humans, not to our own safety. It's so unlikely to become as much of a problem in America as it is in Africa it's almost a nonissue.

And in Africa, the people need to believe we are on the same side, working toward the same goal.

Along with making the African fear of treatment worse, scientists and medics should not have to be protected by the U.S. armed services while doing their job.

There is no approved cure for Ebola other than treating the symptoms as they appear.

The cases that have increased chances of survival are those where the disease is identified early.

Predictably, the mortality rate in this 2014 outbreak in Africa is worse because of the fear of treatment.

In order to combat this, understanding needs to be reached among all of us.

It's an awareness of what's going on. It's an honest humanitarian outreach from the U.S. and an acceptance of help from the Africans.

Sierra Cymes writes for The Rocky Mountain Collegian. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

UWire

Standards for football players on, off the field must match

By now you've seen it. Ray Rice's left fist swinging at his fiancée. Her head hitting the railing. Rice dragging her unconscious body from the elevator.

In the eyes of the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell, that series of images was worthy of a two-game ban, upgraded to an indefinite suspension only after the video footage created public outcry.

University of California, Los Angeles coach Jim Mora saw it as a chance to teach his players.

"I talk to the team about just about every social issue that comes across the wire," Mora said Thursday after practice. "There's great learning opportunities there. And if we can find an opportunity to teach our guys the right way to do some-

thing, then we do that."

Mora's approach is the right way to handle such situations, but it doesn't seem like a common one among his colleagues in the NFL. Too often in sports, the emphasis is placed on winning, with everything else pushed aside. Off-field issues and arrests often result in the punitive equivalent of a time-out in the corner as long as players keep performing on the field.

Take the San Francisco 49ers, where Mora served on the coaching staff from 1997 to 2003. Defensive tackle Ray McDonald was arrested Aug. 30 on suspicion of felony domestic violence. His punishment from the 49ers? A start in the first game of the season.

Jed York, the 49ers' CEO, said

Kevin Bowman
UWire

he will give McDonald his due process before doling out a team punishment, which makes sense. It upholds the "innocent until proven guilty" mantra. And technically, a team can't suspend a player if he hasn't been proven guilty, though it can still bench or release him. But that sends the wrong message.

It gives off the idea that the 49ers and the NFL community care more about the three tackles McDonald gave the 49ers in their first game than the fact that he was arrested for allegedly assaulting his fiancée. That's not the message Mora wants. He made that clear last season.

When offensive tackle Torian White was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault last November, Mora immediately suspended him from the team. There was no waiting for due process. Even though White was never convicted, he was dismissed from the team.

Mora isn't alone in the college world in taking swift punitive action. UCLA's Week 3 opponent, University of Texas, has been mired in its fair share of off-field issues this offseason as new coach Charlie Strong has been demanding higher standards from his players.

After Texas wide receivers Kendall Sanders and Montrel Meander were arrested and charged with felony sexual assault, Strong immediately suspended them and dis-

missed them from the program.

Sanders played a key role for Texas last year and figured to be an important member of the offense again this season. Strong, who dismissed five players this offseason from the team and suspended three indefinitely, has taken a stand that the men he coaches need to be just as good off the field as they are on.

Athletes need to be held to higher standards, the same standards that all other "common" people are held to. The quality of the player comes second to the quality of the person.

College coaches are starting to figure it out. Now it's time for the pros to get on their level.

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STATE

Bondi announces plans to appeal same-sex marriage cases

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Attorney General Pam Bondi announced Friday she will be filing appeals in several same-sex marriage cases across the state.

Bondi will act as a defendant in four cases overturning the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

Bondi, who has not intervened in previous rulings, decided to intervene now "to promote an orderly and consistent resolution of pending challenges to the voter-approved constitutional provision on marriage," according to a statement.

She asked judges across the state to stop ruling in same-sex marriage cases until the U.S. Supreme Court makes a decision on the constitutionality of the ban.

Director of UF LGBT affairs, LB Han-

nahs, doesn't expect Bondi's involvement to change the day-to-day lives of the LGBT community, but hopes it will continue to raise awareness on the issue, especially with the upcoming gubernatorial race in November.



Bondi

"It kicks up support for the issue and makes it something that people are paying attention to," Hannahs, 30, said. "I think it's just a waiting game now."

Terry Fleming, co-president of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, said Bondi's involvement only delays the inevitable.

"It certainly looks like the ultimate result of these cases will be that same-sex couples

will be allowed to marry in Florida," he said. "But if she wasn't appealing the cases, same-sex couples would be marrying today and we wouldn't have to wait for the Supreme Court to decide."

Fleming, who is a veteran, said the delay is also an issue for couples like him and his husband, who were married in another state and now can't access their marriage rights and can't transfer Fleming's veteran benefits to his spouse in Florida because of the ban.

"There are some same-sex couples whose legal decision-making is contingent on Florida providing full rights to LGBT couples," he said. "There are couples that cannot wait based on the circumstances of their lives."

"Justice delayed is justice denied," he said.

Cases Bondi is acting as a defendant on:

Danielle Brandon-Thomas v. Krista Brandon-Thomas

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Miss America's cup

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The new Miss America says there are more important things for people to worry about than her little red cup.

That was the message Monday from Kira Kazantsev, of New York, as some social media users panned her use of a plastic cup during the talent portion of Sunday night's pageant finale in Atlantic City.

Kazantsev told The Associated Press she realizes everything she does now will be scrutinized and commented on. But she says she performed Pharrell Williams' "Happy" while tapping a cup on the floor because that's what she wanted to do, regardless of what anyone else might think.

"There are so many more important issues in this world that people should be worried about than my plastic cup," she said Monday morning after taking the traditional dip in the

Atlantic City surf the morning after winning the crown.

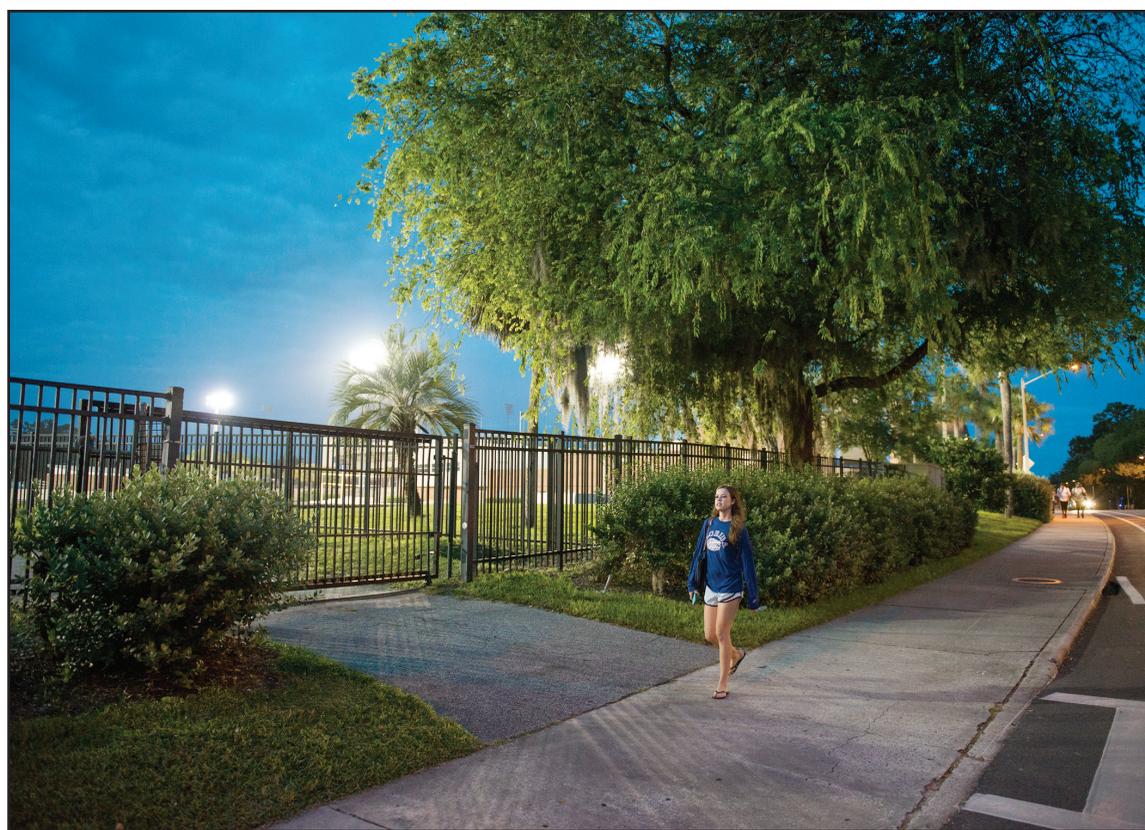
"I hope people understand that's just part of who I am, and I wanted to present myself that way I wanted to," she said.

Her pageant causes include eliminating sexual assaults in the military and preventing domestic violence. The Hofstra University graduate plans to attend law school with the \$50,000 scholarship she won in the pageant.

Kazantsev said her talent portion was inspired by the 2012 movie "Pitch Perfect," in which Anna Kendrick's character auditions for an a cappella group by performing rhythmically with a cup.

She said she is not particularly concerned with the online reaction to her own performance.

"It's unconventional; and sometimes people aren't as open to change as some would like," Kazantsev said.



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Light It Up

UF psychology freshman Kelly Delgado, 18, walks by James G. Pressly Stadium on Monday night.

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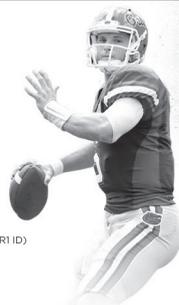
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Judge: Petraeus lawsuit can proceed

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WASHINGTON — A federal judge ruled Monday that a Florida woman can pursue her lawsuit alleging the government invaded her privacy in the scandal over former CIA director David Petraeus.

U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson said Jill Kelley of Tampa can move ahead with claims that the FBI and Defense Department violated her privacy when officials leaked information about her to the news media.

In 2012, Kelley complained to the FBI when an unknown person, later identified as Paula Broadwell, Petraeus' biographer and mistress, sent her harassing emails. Kelley's name and some of the harassing emails were leaked to the news media amid



Berman Jackson

the sensational disclosures about Petraeus, a former Army general.

The leaks also linked Marine Gen. John Allen, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, as being under investigation for allegedly inappropriate communications with Kelley.

According to court filings by Kelley's lawyers, the government falsely told one news outlet the emails between Allen and Kelley were the equivalent of phone sex. The lawyers argued it was likely that Kelley's treatment was motivated by sexual discrimination.

The Pentagon's inspector general

exonerated Allen, who subsequently retired.

On Monday, Jackson threw out more than a dozen allegations in the lawsuit filed by Kelley and her husband, Scott, but allowed a single claim to move forward — a charge that the FBI and Defense Department violated the Privacy Act. The act is a post-Watergate law designed to protect people from unwarranted invasions of privacy by federal agencies that maintain sensitive information about them.

In a statement, Kelley said she and her husband are pleased with the judge's decision.

"We have asked our attorneys to move forward quickly with discovery, to uncover the relevant facts and motivations from all the government officials involved," she said.

Police: Protocol followed in detention of 'Django' actress

► SHE WAS STOPPED WITH HER BOYFRIEND.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Police said Monday they followed proper protocol when they demanded identification from an actress and her boyfriend while investigating a 911 call alleging lewd conduct in a parked car.

Actress Daniele Watts, who appeared in "Django Unchained," said she was unjustly handcuffed and detained Thursday after refusing to provide identification and walking away from officers responding to a report of lewd conduct in a car along Ventura Boulevard.

Watts said in an interview Monday that she and her boyfriend, Brian Lucas, were kissing in the car and fully clothed, with nothing improper going on.

She and Lucas wrote about the incident on Facebook and posted photos of a crying Watts in handcuffs. Lucas said he suspects onlookers assumed Watts to be a prostitute and him a client because she is black and he is white.

Los Angeles police Lt. Andrew Neiman said citizens are required to identify themselves if requested to do so by an officer who has reasonable suspicion to believe an offense may have been committed.

In this case, he said, reasonable suspicion was created by the 911 call, and Watts and Lucas fit the description and location described by the caller.

Celebrity website TMZ posted audio of the exchange between Watts and police. Neiman and Bill McCoy, a spokesman for the couple, said the audio is authentic, though its origin is unknown.

On the recording, a police sergeant is heard telling Watts, "Somebody called, which gives me the right to be here, so it gives me the right to identify you by law."

Neiman said it is unlikely that a recording of the 911 call will be made public. The results of the LAPD's internal investigation of the matter, which could take several months, are also unlikely to be released, he said.

Watts said the officer's demeanor was an emotional trigger for her because of personal and historical experiences of racial profiling by police.

"I can understand how people would say that I'm being a drama queen and that I created this situation for publicity," she said. "To a certain degree, you can say they're correct in that if I'm going to be in the public eye, I'm going to stand up for what I believe in, and I don't believe I committed any crime where I deserved to be in handcuffs."



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National Chicken Lover's Day

UF finance seniors Ricardo Lopez and Rajiv Mehta, both 21, wear yellow to collect free quarter-chicken meals Monday evening at Pollo Tropical in Butler Plaza to celebrate National Chicken Lover's Day.



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FOOTBALL

Notebook: Driskel prepared for road contest against Alabama

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Quarterback Jeff Driskel was not ready to play when he stepped onto the field for the first non-garbage time snap of his career.

He did not know how to prepare and did not take it seriously that he was one injury away from being "the guy" at Florida.

Then John Brantley went down shortly before halftime and Driskel took the reins on Oct. 1, 2011, against Alabama whether he liked it or not.

The opponent was no slouch — the colors here remain the same, different players donning the Crimson and White — with Driskel presumably a bit more prepared than he was last time.

"They weren't good," Driskel said of his memories from that night.

"Definitely underprepared. Didn't know how to prepare at that time to play anybody, especially Alabama as good as they were.

"Just going in not knowing what you're doing is not a good situation. I'm not going to let that happen again. I'm going to do

whatever I can this week to prepare and be as ready as I can. I know that's best for the football

team. So, that's what I'm going to do."

Driskel said Monday that his

lack of preparedness hurt him on both the mental and physical sides of the game.

He made a mistake resulting in a bobbled snap, was rolled up on and injured.

Now things are different for Driskel.

He is the man in charge of Florida's new-look offense and he is ready to instruct his understudy on how to be ready at the drop of a hat.

"Going in as the starting quarterback, you know what you've got to prepare for, you know what you're getting into," Driskel said.

"At that time, I didn't know how close I was to playing. You don't realize you're one snap away from playing. That's where I went wrong as a freshman. I'm going to let Treon (Harris) know, 'I could go down any play. You might have to go in and play well, so be ready to do that.'"

The student meets the teacher yet again: Will Muschamp would not be where he is today if not for Alabama coach Nick Saban — he admitted as much Monday.

Muschamp coached under Saban at both LSU and again with the Miami Dolphins, learning both how to teach the position as

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UF quarterback Jeff Driskel drops back in the pocket to attempt a pass during Florida's 36-30 triple-overtime win against Kentucky on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Wise reflects on 800 wins

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It was nearly three decades ago when she embarked on her head-coaching career, barely a year removed from playing college volleyball and with zero experience as a coach.

UF Volleyball

Mary Wise is the first person to admit her initial unfamiliarity with the job that she was suddenly at the helm of, even if she did not quite realize it more than 30 years ago.

"Have you ever been 21?" she said, laughing. "I didn't even know what I didn't know."

But Wise knew volleyball, and that was all that mattered.

She was 22 when she coached her first collegiate match at Iowa State, one of two instances during her 33-year career that Wise said she would never forget.

The other was Friday in Los Angeles

when she reached win No. 800 of her career after sweeping Southern California.

"You know, I was asked if I remembered the 700th or the 600th," Wise said. "I remember number one, but I will definitely remember 800."

The Gator alumnae showed up in droves — either to watch their former coach make history or to reminisce on their own time with Florida.

The reason did not matter.

It only mattered to Wise that her former pupils were there, basking in the moment and sharing it with her, too.

"I think what really made it special was how many of our former players were in the stands at USC," Wise said. "That group, they were a part of a whole lot of wins. So we really did get to share it."

There were representatives present from each decade of Wise's tenure at Florida — most notably Kelly Murphy, who is currently a U.S. National Team

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New faces make impact for Florida in West Coast games

UF SPLIT WEEKEND MATCHES.

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In games four and five of its streak of six straight away games, the Gators took away a lot of positives from its West Coast weekend.

On Friday in Palo Alto, Calif., No. 6 Florida (5-2) had the opportunity to face off against No. 4 Stanford (6-0-1).

In a very evenly matched game played at a high level by both teams, Florida would eventually fall to Stanford on an overtime penalty kick.

Coach Becky Burleigh said despite the loss, she saw many positive things from her team that they can continue to build and improve upon.

"I think we took a lot from that experience," Burleigh said.

"The mood of the team after that match

was very upbeat and that showed on Sunday."

And it certainly showed on Sunday.

Florida flew into Albuquerque eager to avenge its loss two nights earlier.

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Becky Burleigh

UF coach

And it did so in dominant fashion. Florida beat New Mexico 4-0, equaling their highest goal output of the season.

Sophomore Savannah Jordan scored twice on the day, putting her at five goals for the year — a team high.

Junior Lauren Smith added her first goal of the season, and sophomore Brooke Sharp contributed with her second goal of the year as well as her second assist.

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Mark Parrish will run as an individual at the Mountain Dew Invitational on Saturday. *Read the story on Page 15.*

Alhassan honored by SEC

UF freshman middle blocker Rhamat Alhassan was named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week Monday. Alhassan recorded 12 blocks and a .575 hitting efficiency clip this weekend.

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Wise won 19 SEC titles in 24 years

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member, Kari Klinkenborg from the mid 2000's era and even Kim Hale from 1991, during Wise's first year at UF.

Some former players could not be at USC with Wise, but they managed to communicate their well wishes in other ways.

"My phone blew up with text messages," Wise said. "I still love staying in touch with those players. ... We stay here and we win because of those talented players."

Wise's career achievements are astounding, and some of them justifiably groundbreaking.

She was the first collegiate volleyball coach to win 100 consecutive games and the first female head coach to reach the NCAA National Championship.

She was also the first coach to win more than 90 percent of a program's matches during the first 16 seasons of a career, and did it all while reaching 500 wins faster than any Division I female coach.

Somehow, Wise's career milestone of 800 wins pales in comparison to her past accolades.

Did it ever cross her mind, back when she was a 22-year old head coach at Iowa State, that she would be where she is today?

"No. At the time did I even think I would be in coaching for this long?" Wise said, smiling. "I was making \$13,000 thinking I was living the good life. I had just graduated from Purdue. But again, a different era. You're not going to hire somebody with no experience (today)."

Now, Wise has more experience than she ever could have hoped for. Twelve Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year awards, two National Coach of the Year awards, and nineteen SEC championships later, Wise remains one of the most

highly regarded collegiate volleyball authorities in the nation.

After finally reaching win No. 800 and year No. 23, how many more of each can Florida expect

from its prolific coach?

"I think you stay in places when there are no push factors," Wise said. "And when you're at Florida, there are no push factors."



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UF coach Mary Wise reacts after a point during Florida's 3-1 loss to Texas on Sept. 6 in the O'Connell Center.

Karina Gutsche played against Lobos after MCL sprain

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The Lobos had no answer for Florida's high-powered offense.

In all, Florida played 21 players in Sunday's match.

The roster is made up of 25.

Once again, the Gators' depth played a huge role for them in a decisive victory.

"We used a lot of players in that match (against New Mexico)," Burleigh said. "It was great for some of the younger players to get some experience in a situation like that too, and to come away with a shutout and a 4-0 victory on the road, it was just a good ending for the weekend."

Florida also received contributions on Sunday from a new but familiar face.

Senior Karina Gutsche made her first appearance for the Gators this year after suffering a sprained MCL in a preseason practice.

She started every match at center defensive back in 2013 and will play a big role in strengthening an already talented Florida back line.

Redshirt sophomore Valerie Tysinger also played at

goalkeeper in the second half of Florida's victory over New Mexico, making her third appearance of the season behind starter Taylor Burke.

Tysinger had six saves in the win over the Lobos, and now has nine saves in just 90 minutes of action this season with no goals allowed.

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Becky Burleigh
UF coach

She and Burke together recorded the shutout on Sunday.

"I think Val has been really, really good in practice and really consistent," Burleigh said.

"I think she has deserved that opportunity and continues to deserve more opportunity, so we're really fortunate to have a situation where both goalkeepers are very competent in what they do."

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Parrish to race in Florida's lone home cross country meet

He is competing as an individual

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While he will not run as part of Florida's cross country team on Saturday, senior Mark Parrish looks to continue the success he saw at UF when he competes independently at the 26th Mountain Dew Invitational in Gainesville.

Parrish, who exhausted his four years of cross country eligibility last year, will be noticeably absent for a deep Florida squad that aims to repeat on the years of success they've seen at their lone home meet of the season.

Coach Paul Spangler is just happy to see Parrish back out there, even if it is not with his men's team — a team that has claimed the team title nine times out of the last 10 years at the Mountain Dew Invitational.

"With the collegiate system, you can race unattached," Spangler said.

"And a lot of athletes will do that, even if they're redshirting or if they're post-collegiate, which is why Mark can compete."

Parrish has only improved as his career progressed.

He broke the school's 8k record at the Wisconsin adidas Invitational, stopping the clock at 23:34, one second faster than the mark set by Jeremy Criscione in 2008.

He broke his personal best 10k at the 2013 NCAA South Region Championships with a time of 29:44.24 and was crowned the NCAA South Region Cross Country Champion, a first for the program since Steve Zieminski carried home the award in 2004.

And he has not slowed down. "Mark Parrish has looked phenomenal in practice," Spangler said.

"He looks the fittest I've ever seen him."

And while Spangler wants nothing but success for Parrish, it

is clear that the coach is focused on the training his current runners are doing.

Redshirt sophomore Mac Reynolds, determined to improve on a solid freshman campaign, opened the season strong by winning his first collegiate race at the Western Carolina Invitational on Aug. 30.

With his previous highest fin-

ish being fourth with 15:31.60 at the FLRunners.com 5k last year, Reynolds eclipsed that mark by nearly 18 seconds in Cullowhee, N.C., with a time of 15:13.75.

"I'm very pleased with the job Mac did, he's somebody who came in here as a freshman and worked extremely hard every single day," Spangler said.

"We saw a little bit during track season, him starting to break through to the next level, and now we are starting to see the results of his hard work with much more consistent performances."

For the women's team that finished third at last year's Mountain Dew Invitational, improvement will be expected for the young team.

The Gators are without their two runners who finished in the top six last year: Agata Strausa, who graduated, and then-sophomore Julie Macedo, who is away from the team this year for personal reasons.

Instead, the team will rely on dynamic performances from freshman Lauren Brasure, redshirt freshman Becky Greene and sophomore Taylor Tubbs.

Tubbs and redshirt junior Macy Huskey were the only two Gator women still on the roster to finish in the top 20 at last year's Mountain Dew Invitational, coming in 13th and 17th, respectively.

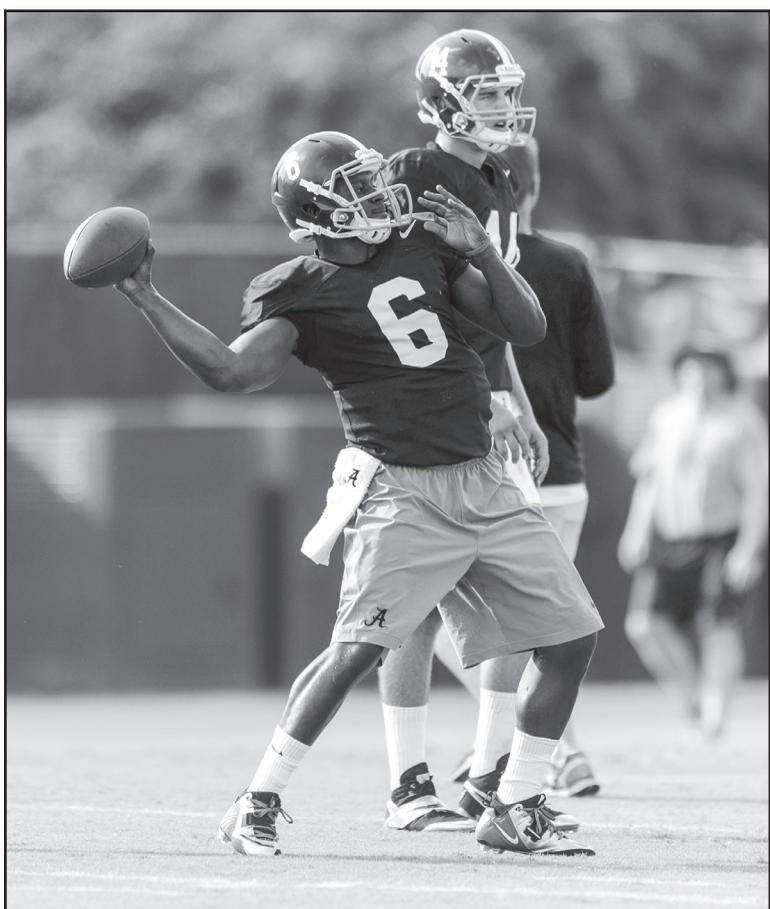


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Mark Parrish runs in the Mountain Dew Invitational on Sept. 14, 2013, on UF's Mark Bostick Golf Course. Parrish will run unattached at the 2014 Invitational, which begins Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notebook: SEC has talent, upsets highlight Week 3



AP Photo

Alabama quarterback Blake Sims (6) throws as he works through drills during practice on Monday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Forget everything said about Georgia being the new frontrunner to win the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division. South Carolina — two weeks after being walloped by Texas A&M at home — pulled out a gutsy 38-35 win at home to stay alive in the SEC East race.

Following all the SEC East games on Saturday, Florida was the top team in the East. Its first-place ranking was earned despite needing triple overtime to stave off Kentucky — a team Florida has beat 28 consecutive years.

That is not exactly encouraging for Florida fans, who will watch their team travel to Tuscaloosa to take on the No. 3 Alabama on Saturday.

Besides Florida, Missouri is the only undefeated team in the East that hasn't been talked about.

Without defensive ends Michael Sam and Kony Ealy — and no Dorial Green-Beckham on offense — the Tigers are quietly beating teams.

Missouri opens SEC play with a road game against South Carolina on Sept. 27. Remember, no one was talking about this team much until the end of last season when they found themselves atop the SEC East and made it to Atlanta.

The SEC West has talent across the board: It would not be surprising if the SEC West champion has two division losses come the SEC Championship in December.

The current AP Poll has five SEC West teams ranked among the top-10 teams — No. 3 Alabama, No. 5 Auburn, No. 6 Texas A&M, No. 8 LSU and No. 10 Ole Miss. The highest ranked team from the SEC East is Georgia, which is somehow sitting ahead of South Carolina at No. 13.

The first four SEC West teams easily have the tal-

ent to contend for a College Football Playoff, but having more losses from playing in a gauntlet of a division could hurt their chances. Ole Miss could surprise people in their matchup at home against Alabama in a few weeks. The Rebels will likely still be undefeated heading into the week six matchup.

Puzzling Losses Put Question Marks Above Teams: Virginia Tech, which went into Columbus, Ohio, and upset then-No. 4 Ohio State in Week 2, completely flopped at home to follow the upset win by inexplicably losing to an unranked East Carolina. The Hokies' loss makes OSU look even worse, and perhaps hurts their chances at getting back in the playoff to represent the Big Ten.

Louisville went on the road to Virginia that came into the game with a 10-game FBS losing streak and lost by a field goal thanks to a muffed punt on their own 25. The Cards were the new favorites to win the Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division following their week one win over Miami.

USC, which beat a talented Stanford team on the road in week three to give them the No. 9 ranking, followed it up by getting upset on the road by unranked Boston College. The Pac-12 now looks even more favorable for Oregon moving forward.

Who Are You?: Notre Dame, which shut out Michigan, did win in week four, but they had difficulty pulling out a 14-point victory over a bad Purdue team in Indianapolis. The notion that the Irish are the one team that can upset Florida State this season looks a little less promising following the underwhelming performance.

And UCLA, 2014's sleeper playoff pick heading into the year, barely beat a Texas team that had been beaten by a combined 65 points in weeks one and two. Not to mention they lost starting quarterback Brett Hundley (elbow) in the first quarter.

GATORS IN THE NFL

Easley grabs interception, Harvin scores TD

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Defensive end Dominique Easley secured his first interception as a Patriot on Sunday when New England beat the Minnesota Vikings 30-7.

Easley's fourth-quarter interception off a pass from Vikings' quarterback Matt Cassel was one of four for the Patriots.

"It happened pretty quick," Easley told The Providence Journal. "Just seeing the ball up in the air, and I did everything I could to try to get to it."

Safety Matt Elam, a 2013 UF graduate, tied his career high and led the Ravens with 10 tackles on Thursday. Baltimore bounced back in the wake of the Ray Rice domestic abuse scandal, to defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers 26-6. Elam's 10 tackles is just two shy of his collegiate high of 12, which he set against LSU in 2011.

Not-So-Perfect Percy: Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Percy Harvin completed a controversial 51-yard touchdown against the San Diego Chargers on Sunday. Harvin's first-quarter touchdown play was called good on the field, though Twitter soon erupted with contradicting opinions.

On Monday, the NFL issued a statement saying the call on the field was incorrect.

"The touchdown was incorrectly confirmed, and as a result, the game was not stopped," said the NFL's release. "Had the game been

stopped for a replay review, the touchdown would have been reversed because Harvin stepped out of bounds at the San Diego 21-yard line."

Though Harvin's touchdown gave Seattle a 7-3 lead, it was not enough and San Diego charged back to claim

a 30-21 victory.

The Power of Three: Three Gators contributed to Sunday's St. Louis Rams win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Rams cornerback Marcus Roberson recorded one tackle and ended up on the

winning side of Sunday's 19-17 close game. For the Bucs, former Gators wide receiver Solomon Patton returned three kicks for 71 yards. Safety Major Wright also logged a tackle.

Gators out of Commission: Of the 32 Gators listed on NFL rosters that had games this past Thursday and Sunday, nine did not play due to injury, temporary suspension or practice squad status.

Broncos linebacker Leren-tee McCray suffered a knee injury in the first quarter of Denver's 24-17 win over the Kansas City Chiefs. New York Jets outside linebacker Jermaine Cunningham remains on injured reserve with a torn Achilles.

Washington Redskins tight end Jordan Reed continues to treat an injured hamstring, which he sustained against Houston during the first game of the season. Reed told CSN Washington that he is frustrated with the string of injuries that have plagued his first two professional seasons. In the past, Reed suffered a concussion and a quad injury.

"All three injuries I've had are just kind of fluke things, it just kind of happens, nothing I could really do," Reed said. "I just got to let (the hamstring injury) take its course and work hard on coming back as I fast as I can."

Despite his absence, Washington defeated Jacksonville 41-10 on Sunday in Maryland.



AP Photo

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Percy Harvin appears to step out of bounds against the San Diego Chargers on Saturday.

Gators gave up big plays to Kentucky

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well as how to evaluate and develop talent.

Muschamp brings Saban's tricks of the trade to Florida like teaching cornerbacks to shuffle step rather than back peddle, how to play pattern-matching zone and the robber variation of cover 3 defense.

"A lot of things, just from total program management," Muschamp said. "We'd talk in terms of evaluation of players and I learned a lot at the Miami Dolphins as well in that situation from our scouting department. But just philosophically, having an idea of what you want to be on offense and defense and special teams as a program. All of the things that I think are critical moving forward and where we're at."

Secondary remedies: There were multiple lapses in coverage, numerous miscommunications and fundamental mistakes leading to Kentucky quarterback Patrick Towles' all-out aerial assault on the Florida Gators Saturday night to the tune of 369 yards.

On the bright side for UF, Muschamp sees all the issues as correctable.

"173 yards on six plays and you can't afford that and win games moving forward in those situations," Muschamp said. "But there were some things that are very correctable from a fundamental technique standpoint of how we play the slot and some things that are all correctable issues, they're not things that can't be corrected."

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