

**FEATURE FRIDAY:**

'Come back stronger'

Parkland is returning to normal, but nothing is forgotten

By Romy Ellenbogen

Alligator Staff Writer

Julia Tiplea knows grief.

In October, she mourned the death of her friend who was fatally shot in the Las Vegas concert shooting. She couldn't go back to Las Vegas, where she grew up, to visit the vigils, light candles or lay down flowers.

But on Feb. 16, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas alumna carefully lit long white candles with her brother at the foot of a stage with 17 angel statues, adding to the sea of warm orange light flickering through Pine Trails Park. Her parents laid down the roses her dad had given her mom for Valentine's Day.

Now, flower piles have grown in thick stacks to nearly cover the crosses. The browned petals are brittle from baking in the Florida sun, and candles have melted into wax piles. Red marker ink runs down handwritten cards, forced off the page by the spring rain.

The city is different. People walk around wearing maroon and silver Stoneman Douglas T-shirts. Donation boxes for victims are at the local Publix. Manicured lawns have maroon and silver flowers shaped into hearts or the letters "MSD."

Kids know, too. At Pine Trails on a sunny day in March, a woman walked alongside the piles of flowers and cards with a young boy wearing a backpack half his size.

"That's Joaquin," he said, pointing at a candle with an attached photo of smiling 17-year-old Joaquin Oliver, a victim of the shooting.

She watched the kid make his way alongside the flowers and candles, passing cards with tiny painted handprints.

"What does it mean that there's a lot of stuff?" the woman asked the boy, who was wandering ahead. "That there's a lot of people that love them, right?"

Yet at the park, away from the 17 wooden crosses and Stars of David under their blue tents, children played soccer. Parents and friends sweat on the sidelines.

They'll pass out water bottles, maybe orange slices, and go home like they've done before.

The city won't forget, but things are shifting to a new normal. A normal where banners from around the nation declaring support hang on the school's chain-link fence alongside advertisements for local dentists and restaurants.

"Parkland won't really ever go back to what it was," said Tiplea, a 19-year-old UF marine science sophomore. "But it'll come back stronger."

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When Tiplea transferred to Stoneman Douglas in 2014, she felt overwhelmed.

Even though Parkland is about 20 times smaller than Las Vegas, the school of about 3,000 was nearly triple the size of her old high school. She eased herself into Stoneman Douglas, joining the cheer team and making friends in class.

When she reflects on high school, she still thinks of junior year in the

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Taylor Marks / Alligator Staff

Julia Tiplea, a 19-year-old UF marine science sophomore, hands out "UF stands with MSD" T-shirts Thursday to fundraise for the trip to Washington, D.C., where a group will march Saturday.

Comedian John Mulaney to perform at UF next month

HE IS BEING PAID \$85,000 TOTAL.

**By Meryl Kornfield
and Jessica Giles**

Alligator Staff Writers



geous" tour. Doors will open at 7 p.m., and Mulaney will perform at 8 p.m., Accent chairperson Shelby Buchanan wrote in an email.

The comedian has produced Netflix comedy specials and appeared on Saturday Night Live. Buchanan said his successful career makes him relevant.

"He is becoming one of the most prolific and prominent stand-up comedians in the U.S.," she said.

This is the first time SGP and Accent have collaborated on an event since 2010, when

John Legend performed at UF, said Alex DesRosiers, the SGP chairman. Accent paid \$60,000 to Mulaney, while SGP contributed the remaining \$25,000.

Students with a UFID can pick up to two free tickets between noon and 5 p.m. April 18 at the Accent office, located on the third floor of the Reitz Union. Remaining tickets will be made available to the general public at the Phillips Center box office at noon on the day of the event, Buchanan said.

Alec Shearf, a UF computer engineering freshman, had considered buying a bus ticket to Jacksonville or Hollywood to catch Mulaney perform on tour, but now he just plans on skip-

ping calculus.

The 18-year-old, who is a member of Theatrical Strike Force, a UF student acting group, is thrilled to see Mulaney perform at UF not only for the laughs, but also to see a comedian who has served as an inspiration for him.

"I became a really big fan of him," he said. "I think he's one of the reasons I got into doing comedy myself."

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DRESSEL BREAKS 50 FREE RECORD

UF senior Caeleb Dressel shattered the record for fastest time ever in the 50-yard free on Wednesday, pg. 15.



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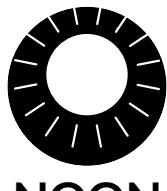
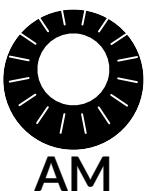
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Local Events / News in Brief

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City of Gainesville officials anticipate severe weather conditions, including temperatures below 45 degrees during evening hours, will continue today. The anticipated temperatures will lead to the continued activation of the city's Cold Night Shelter Program, and it is expected to remain in effect until overnight low temperatures rise above 45 degrees. St. Francis House and GRACE Marketplace at the Empowerment Center will provide CNS services to people in need of shelter as long as overnight temperatures remain below 45 degrees. The CNS program providers serve additional persons in need of shelter so that families and individuals desiring shelter will have a warm place to stay. St. Francis House provides temporary shelter that is appropriate for families, women and children. GRACE Marketplace primarily serves individual adults. Centers also offer other services including food, showers and laundry.

Libraries closed for Easter

Alachua County Library District will be closed for Easter all day April 1. All branches will be closed. Book drops at branches and online services through the Library District's eBranch at acib.us will be available. All 12 branch locations and two bookmobiles will resume their regular schedules April 2. For more information, visit acib.us or call 352-334-3900.

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National Library Week

During National Library Week, April 8 to 14, Alachua County Library District joins libraries nationwide to celebrate the many ways libraries lead their communities with the transformative services, programs and expertise they offer. Celebrations include National Library Workers Day on April 10 and National Bookmobile Day on April 11.

Fulbright Awareness Month

The UF International Center will hold Fulbright Awareness Month until April 12. Multiple informational sessions for students, scholars, faculty and staff will provide opportunities to learn about the Fulbright application process and

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Local artists bring life and color to downtown parking garage

By Jessica Giles
Alligator Staff Writer

Sarah Whitmire poured herself a steaming cup of tea to warm her orange-and-blue-stained hands.

Bearing the chilly Thursday morning and bundled in layers of jackets and paint-splattered jeans, the artist carefully dotted handprints and streaks of paint along her mural in the Southwest Downtown Parking Garage.

"You are the magic," the mural reads.

The 37-year-old Gainesville artist never plans out what her paintings will look like, she just waits to see where inspiration will take her, she said. Surrounded by other local artists creating on the walls around her, the message came to her.

"I want to remind people that they are the magic," she said, "that they have it all inside themselves."

Whitmire has seen the creativity come alive at the Southwest Downtown Parking Garage, located at 105 SW Third St. Through the help of the Urban Revitalization Project, the space is being transformed from solid gray concrete walls to five floors of murals, said Guido Montenegro, program director of Urban Revitalization Project.

There is space for artists of all ages and skill levels to create and explore using supplies donated by members of the community, Montenegro said. About 50 artists are currently working on the project, a majority of them local. They began painting the first floor March 16 and will be finished by March 30. Monten-

egro hopes to have it completed by the end of the summer.

"I wanted to facilitate local artists that wouldn't normally have the opportunity for exposure and the opportunity to paint," he said.

Urban Revitalization Project is a nonprofit organization that renovates overlooked public spaces with the help of local artists. Montenegro said this is the largest project his organization has done. Although the artists aren't being paid, it isn't stopping them from filling every wall with their work.

The diversity of the artists is reflected in the paintings. No two walls look alike. Some of the art comments on complex issues in society, while other walls sport drawings of nature scenes and animals.

When Whitmire looks around,

she is overwhelmed by each artist's distinct style.

"I think for most people, they're going to be surprised at how much talent that we have right here," she said.

One of the murals stopped 30-year-old Natasja Bevans dead in her tracks.

Walking past the garage she thought she saw a familiar face out of the corner of her eye.

There, immortalized in paint, was her friend, Mandisa Haarhoff, a UF graduate student and Fulbright Scholar. She whipped out her phone and snapped a photo.

"If you ask anybody who's downtown, they know Mandisa. She's just a really amazing spirit, and it's pretty cool that she's going to always be on a wall," Bevans said.

Jenna Horner, the artist who painted Mandisa's portrait, was in the garage from 9:30 a.m. Wednesday to 3 a.m. Thursday, coating the wall with shades of blue and purple.

The professional mural artist is seizing the space to comment on social issues, particularly race. Her wall follows the theme of a river and will incorporate two portraits and quotes from former President Barack Obama and Langston Hughes.

"I wanted to make a pretty deliberate statement about humanizing and unifying people," the 26-year-old said.

Although she's used to working alone, she's been energized by the other artists and the differing stories they choose to tell on their walls.

"So many people have so much to say," she said.



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Alachua artist Sarah Whitmire, 37, participates in the beautification of a municipal parking lot, located at 105 SW Third Street, by painting a mural whose working title is "You are the Magic."



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Jenna Horner, 26, a local artist from Gainesville, prepares to continue to work on her mural inspired by the poem, "The Negro Speaks of River," on Thursday afternoon.

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Board of Trustees to vote on \$50 million baseball stadium

By Elliott Nasby
Alligator Staff Writer

The UF Board of Trustees will vote on continuing with designs of a \$250 million central energy plan and construction of a \$50 million baseball stadium today.

The board met Thursday in Emerson Alumni Hall and split up into different committees to decide what should be voted on by the full board today. Things on

the table to be passed or crossed off include the construction of a 10,000 capacity Gator baseball stadium and the design of a campus-wide central energy plan.

UF Athletic Director Scott Stricklin said the stadium could be ready as soon as the 2020 season, along with renovations to Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

"We have such incredible weather here and such a great baseball program," he said. "The one thing we're really missing is

a facility that matches those two things."

UF spokesperson Steve Orlando said Stricklin negotiated the location with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to build on some of the institute's fields, but the stadium's exact location hasn't been announced as of Thursday.

Trustees also discussed a future central energy plan to fully update UF's 50-year-old power grid, removing the need for a third-party energy provider in the process.

UF should move forward with the project, said Charlie Lane, UF's chief operating officer. Duke Energy, UF's current utility provider, plans to shut down its central electricity and steam facility by 2022, forcing UF to consider other options.

The project is expensive because it requires building an estimated \$155 million central energy plant and a complete reworking of UF's thermal infrastructure, another \$55 million, Lane said. The

plan would reduce greenhouse gas emission by 20 percent.

The trustees will allow facility services to continue with the project's design phase, but they wanted more information before narrowing down funding options.

"We're not ready to go and invest in this kind of money," said Vice Chair Mori Hosseini.

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UF's CWC held second-annual mental health awareness week

By McKenna Beery
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Every time John Kim goes to his group therapy sessions for depression at UF's Counseling and Wellness Center, he sees people just like him.

The UF microbiology and cell science senior said the center continued to help him get in touch with a psychiatrist and find a therapist. The process also helped him realize he was not alone — others struggled as well.

"So many people think that mental health is a bad word, but mental health is just as important as physical health," Kim, 21, said. "You go to the doctors for a physical check-up every so often, so why not seek a mental health checkup?"

From the 2013-2014 school year to 2016-2017, there was a 17.6 percent increase in students served at the CWC, said Ernesto Escoto, director of the CWC. More students seeking mental health help is partly due to a decreased stigma among the younger generation, he said.

"Increasing awareness among mental health and educating others about existing resources remains instrumental," he said.

In an effort to continue halting the stigma, the CWC held its second-annual UFisAWARE, a mental health awareness week, which aims to bring attention to these issues and to direct students to campus resources.

Escoto said about 26 percent of UF students participated in some form of mental health treatment prior to attending college.

Therefore, they are more familiar with mental health care and likely follow up in college.

There have also been advances in counseling and psychiatric care, he said.

Amanda Lawson-Ross, a clinical assistant professor and organizer of UFisAWARE week, said the stigma about seeking help is gradually lessening.

"I love seeing students speak openly about mental health and know that it can be healing to do so," Lawson-Ross said.

For the awareness week this year, the CWC provided more information about mental health and resources, Lawson-Ross said. Some events included a mediation session and painting a mural.

UF President Kent Fuchs participated in an awareness event Monday in which green flags

were planted on the Plaza of the Americas lawn to raise awareness for the week.

Fuchs said some people wrote about their own experiences with mental health on the flags. One of the flags told about how someone lost their uncle to suicide and another was about counseling sessions.

Fuchs said for a number of years, both nationally at universities and at UF, there has been a steady increase of students who reach out to counseling and wellness centers to take advantage of the offered services.

"I'm really pleased that we reach out to the whole university community," he said, "and just make mental health a topic that, first off, people are aware of, and also just remove the barriers that many of us have as it being a taboo subject."

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Former county manager charged with battery

HE TOUCHED AND TRIED TO KISS A WORK ACQUAINTANCE.

By Robert Lewis

Alligator Staff Writer

A former county manager was charged with simple battery after authorities said he tried to kiss a work acquaintance.

On June 10, 2017, Lee Niblock,



Niblock

who was then Alachua County Manager, tried to kiss an acquaintance at a professional meeting and said he loved it when she showed off her legs, according to court records.

Niblock, 64, arranged a meeting with the woman at Volta Coffee, Tea & Chocolate, located at 48 SW 2nd Street, to discuss a future job, according to a sworn complaint.

Niblock, who was fired as the Alachua County Manager in Au-

gust 2017, was fired Monday from his job as city manager of Marco Island and is under investigation in Marco Island for battery, according to The Gainesville Sun.

During the meeting, which he later called a date, Niblock offered to drive the woman places for her potential job, according to the complaint.

He touched her thigh and lifted the hem of her skirt as they drove on US 441 toward Micanopy, according to the complaint. Niblock said he loved it when she wore skirts and showed off her thighs. The woman pushed his hand away, according to the complaint.

When Niblock brought the woman to her parked car, he put a hand on her thigh and her shoulder. He leaned in for a kiss, but the woman ducked and he kissed her temple.

Gainesville Police charged Niblock with simple battery on Tuesday afternoon, according to court records. Niblock could not be reached for comment.

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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Jadeon Lie, a 22-year-old UF accounting and finance junior, participates in the recycling games events held Thursday afternoon by the UF EcoReps on Plaza of the Americas. The event aimed to educate students about composting and proper recycling during the month of sustainability. The UF EcoReps are a part of the Inter Residence Hall Association Environmental Concerns Committee.

Turtles get new tumor treatment

By Rachel Porter

Alligator Contributing Writer

When Daley and Percy, two green sea turtles, were brought into the Turtle Hospital in Marathon, Florida, they had multiple external tumors ranging from the size of a pencil eraser to a baseball around their fins and necks.

The turtles arrived at the hospital Oct. 20, 2017, after leaving other facilities in the state for their treatment, said Bette Zirkelbach, the Turtle Hospital manager.

They became the first of their species to receive a new tumor-removal treatment. A UF team of veterinarians began treating the turtles Dec. 10 using electrochemotherapy, a type of chemotherapy applied using electric pulses, said Kyle Donnelly, the lead investigator and a UF veterinary medicine second-year resident. The turtles had fibropapillomatosis, a viral disease commonly found in green sea turtles, which sometimes causes tumors to form on the soft tissues of the animals.

The virus was recognized in the 1980s and has been a serious problem worldwide for turtles since, Donnelly said.

Following the tumor removal, both turtles have shown improvements, despite Percy being a bit stubborn.

"Percy seems like a perky turtle even when she's really sick covered in tumors," Zirkelbach said.



Courtesy to The Alligator

The turtles arrived at the hospital Oct. 20 with multiple external tumors ranging from the size of a pencil eraser to a baseball around their fins and necks.

Zirkelbach said the Turtle Hospital couldn't determine the gender of Percy but knew Daley was male.

As the two are monitored at the hospital, Daley is becoming more social. He can be seen nearly jumping out of his containment and climbing the walls when someone drops him a piece of lettuce.

Electrochemotherapy delivers chemotherapy through electrical pulses to the animals' cells, Donnelly said. This allows for the cancerous cells to better absorb the chemotherapy drugs.

"Hopefully, this treatment that we're working on can avoid a lot of those negative side effects," Donnelly said. "We're cautiously optimistic that it's all going well."

As opposed to electrochemotherapy, the side effects from surgical removal of tumors in turtles can include tumors growing back and a significant blood loss, she said.

Veterinarians will monitor the turtles' recovery for about a year, Donnelly said. Once they are back to full health, they plan to release the turtles back into the wild.

Alachua County Public Schools opt to not arm school employees

By Amanda Rosa

Alligator Staff Writer

The Alachua County School Board unanimously voted Tuesday to opt out of the Florida program to arm volunteer school employees, including some teachers.

After Gov. Rick Scott met with Parkland shooting survivors March 9, he signed SB 7026, a \$400 million bill known as the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act."

The bill aims to keep guns out of the hands of anyone under 21 years old or who has a mental disability.

It also establishes the "Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program," which would allow school employees to opt into being a "school guardian," or someone who can carry a gun on campus to use in the event of a shooting. The program is named after the Stoneman Douglas football coach who died shielding students from bullets during the Valentine's Day shooting.

The program will only be available in school districts where the school board members and the sheriff's office approve it. In Alachua, the county school board members agreed teachers should focus on teaching. Members also expressed concerns over the amount of training school employees would undergo, said ACPS spokesperson

Jackie Johnson.

As of now, only law enforcement officers are permitted to be armed on Alachua school campuses, she said.

"All the vote does is maintain the current policy we have in place," Johnson said.

Every Alachua County school is assigned a campus police officer, although some schools near each other shared an officer, Johnson said. The Gainesville Police Department will now assign an officer to patrol each school campus full time.

School administrators got active shooter response training last summer, and ACPS maintains strong, constant communication with law enforcement, Johnson said.

"We have a lot of safeguards in place, and we're looking at additional things to add," Johnson said. "The board just felt that arming teachers is not the way to go."

Scott also approved prohibiting the sale of bump stocks, which are devices that make a semi-automatic weapon fire like an automatic weapon, and establishing an Office of Safe Schools in the Department of Education. The law allocates \$99 million for improving school safety, including \$1.1 million for Alachua County, according to Alligator archives.

Chris Bell, a UF political science, history and Spanish senior, said the

school board made the right decision. Bell, the founder of the student group Gators Against Gun Violence, said the guardian program is a ridiculous idea.

"I don't think the solution to guns is more guns, especially in a school," Bell, 22, said. "It is not within a teacher's job description to fend off shooters and threats."

Although Bell agrees with increased funding for security methods and mental health programs, he said the law sidesteps around the root of the issue — guns.

"I think all of these are Band-Aid solutions to a really larger problem," he said.

Not all Florida school districts and sheriffs' offices have decided if they'll apply the program yet. Below is a box with those who have, according to the Tallahassee Democrat:

School districts that will not allow staff or teachers to carry guns

Broward	Seminole
Duval	Miami-Dade
Hillsborough	Pasco
Leon	Pinellas
Palm Beach	

School districts that will implement the program

Hendry	Putnam
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Editorial

Despite promising yourself you wouldn't procrastinate on your homework this week, you find yourself deep in the aisles of Target with your roommate.

You came to buy bananas, but your cart already has 10 items, none of which you actually need and none of which are bananas. "Well, at least this is a stress reliever," you reason to yourself.

A little embarrassed by the hodgepodge of useless products you collected on your raid, you decide self-checkout is the best option for you. Several scans in, you get an error message. This one, however, is one you've never seen before. After clicking "cancel" about 30 times, the screen reads ...

Darts & Laurels

A little more than a month after the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, another took place. Tuesday morning, a 17-year-old student at Great Mills High School in Great Mills, Maryland, shot two other students before the school resource officer was able to engage him and stop the threat.

According to CNN, Austin Wyatt Rollins shot a female and male student before he was later pronounced dead. The female, who Rollins had a prior relationship with, was in critical condition with life-threatening injuries as of Wednesday morning. The male who was shot is in stable condition.

Although Rollins' actions were truly unforgivable, we won't give him a dart. Instead, we award our first **dart to the politicians** who continue to block stricter gun control in our country. Young people with this type of disturbed mind should not have access to a gun of any kind. It's time we start taking guns seriously and limiting who has access to them nationwide. It's time we stop disasters like this from happening.

In an effort to advocate for gun reform, people across the country will participate in the March For Our Lives protests Saturday. About 20 UF students have been raising money to organize a bus trip so more than 100 students can attend the march in Washington, D.C. They are determined to have their voices heard.

If **you plan to march**, we'd like to award you with our first **laurel** of the week. Whether close to home or traveling to a larger protest, we commend you. Your bravery and determination will make a difference, and the whole nation is thankful for you.

Last week, the Islamist militant group Boko Haram kidnapped dozens of girls from a school in Nigeria. The girls were released Wednesday of this week with the attached warning, "Don't ever put your daughters in school again."

Kidnapping girls who are pursuing an education is not new for the group. In 2014, they kidnapped nearly 300 girls from their boarding school in Chibok. One hundred of them have yet to return home.

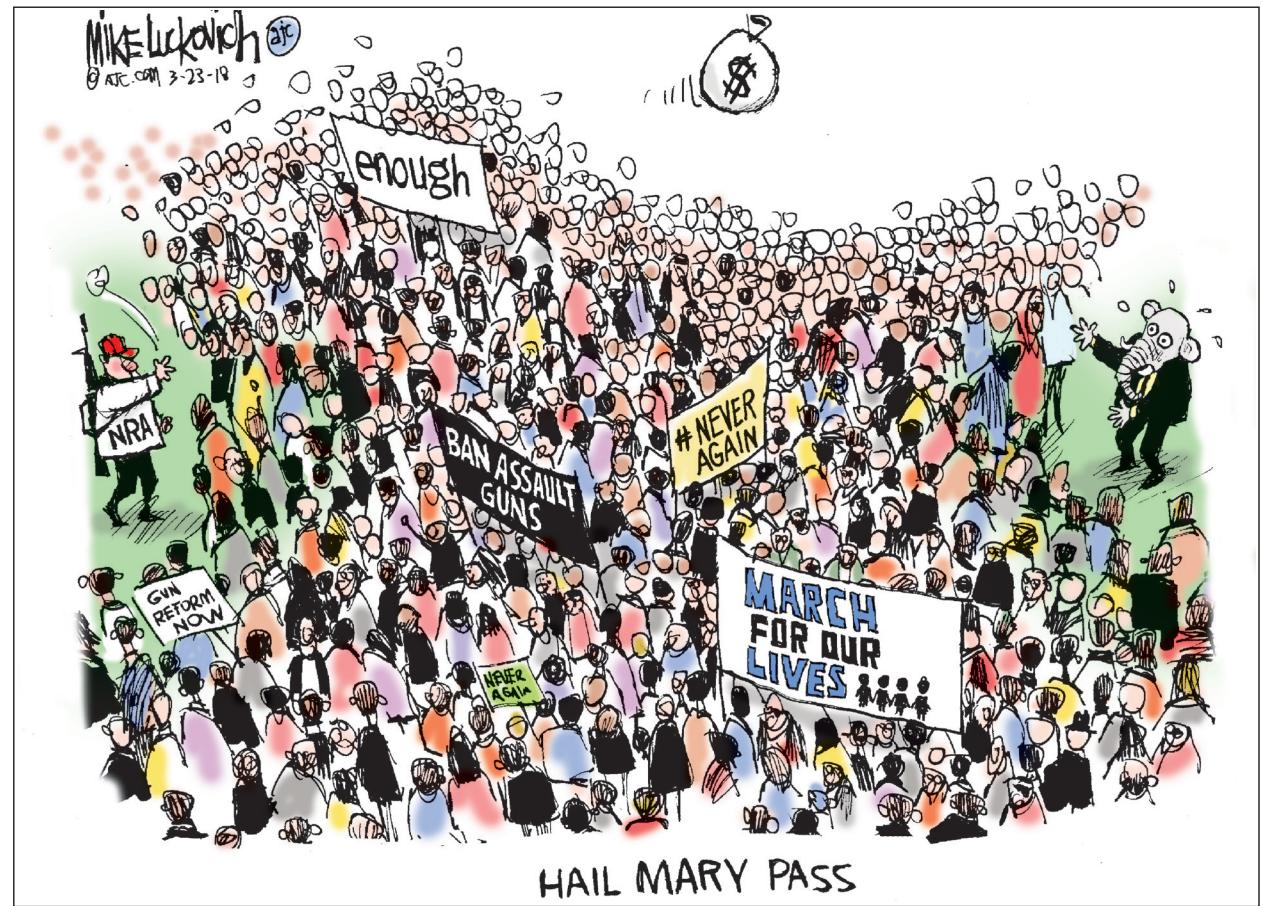
According to the Associated Press, Informational Minister Lai Mohammed told journalists in the capital, Abuja, the girls were released "through back-channel efforts and with the help of some friends of the country, and it was unconditional."

We award a **dart** not only to the **military group**, but also to the **bystanders** who continue to let this type of mindset exist in the world. No girl should ever be told she can't attend school or be forced to decide between her life and her education.

Helping to slowly restore our faith in both humanity this week, however, was Gail Johnson. After being elected to the City Commission At-Large Seat 1 on Tuesday, she became the first black woman to be elected citywide in at least 21 years.

We would like to award a **laurel** to **Johnson** for her immense success in breaking the glass ceiling and changing the norms that have been in place in Gainesville for nearly two decades. We will also give her opponent, **Harvey Budd**, a **laurel**. It's not always easy to accept a loss, but Budd took it with honor and conceded. He told The Alligator, "She outworked us, and she deserves it." We wish both the best.

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Column

Wait, so what is Student Government Senate?

I ask myself the question posed in the headline all the time. I suppose it'd probably be good for me to have it out there somewhere on the internet for the poor souls who miss out on our Student Government Preview tabling.

I always knew I wanted to be involved in SG, so as soon as I knew I would be attending UF, I went snooping around The Alligator's website for an answer to this question.

So, here it is. The most important thing our Senate does for UF is setting the budget. I've had the pleasure of reviewing many current and former senators' resumes, and people love to mention that our Senate controls a \$20 million budget.

This isn't exactly accurate, though. It's just the nine senators who are given a spot in the budget committee. If you happen to find yourself in the right place at the right time and favored by the right people, you get to be part of the committee that manages the money, which is split between the "big four" entities: RecSports, the Reitz Union, SG and Student Activities and Involvement.

Aside from the budget committee, there are nine senators who receive spots on the allocations committee, which doles out \$50,000 every year to organizations that are not on the budget cycle.

The rest of the senators don't get to touch a single dollar. That doesn't mean, however, we just sit around and do nothing. Senators are usually the ones behind a lot of the outreach that SG does, like the tabling during the school year (independent of executive branch events), including the tabling during Preview.

Any senator can also write a bill or resolution. Though bills are typically written by the allocations committee to give organizations not on the budget cycle money, they encompass any legislative change to our



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laws, known as codes, or our constitution.

For example, when my party (Inspire Party) wanted to mandate live-streaming of Senate meetings, we wrote a type of bill called a "code revision" to make it happen. Resolutions are just statements of our Senate, representing the Student Body. Depending on the strategy behind them, they can either do nothing, or they can bring attention to a deserving issue and hopefully lead to some tangible change.

Senators are also expected to work on the behalf of students. You could actually be represented by as many as 23 senators, based on where you live and your classification. For example, I represent the 1,000 or so students in the Murphree Area and am also represented by six College of Liberal Arts and Sciences senators, too.

There has been a lot of bipartisan progress in reaching out to our constituents. One senator established a Listserv this past semester for all the people that live in his district, a particular zip code, which has allowed for all the senators of that district to communicate with their constituents directly for the first time. As a housing-affiliated senator, I've used Listservs in the past to reach out to all the residents in my area as well, and that's led to some initiatives for me to work on during my term. A couple of my columns will be dedicated to bringing to light these success stories, giving credit where credit is due.

I hope this trip into SG informs you greatly. There's plenty more to come, which is great, because a column a week is quite a lot of words in a year.

Zachariah Chou is a UF political science sophomore. His column focuses on Student Government. He's a sen-

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Column

A study finds black men in American still face pervasive systemic racism

Last week, the New York Times published a story about a study that had harrowing implications for black boys and cements the idea of white privilege and racism creating unfair disparities in our society. It seems, even if he is raised in a wealthy family, a black boy is trapped in poverty. Now it's time to get beyond simple descriptions of inequality and think of how we got here and what's next.

Reports about inequality existing are not new, but many people justify them by describing class as the real problem or stating differences between races are somehow inherent and deserved. The civil rights movement did not end all racism. The fact that inequality exists isn't surprising — where and why is what's most interesting. The Times' article confronts assumptions of racism like the idea that black people might have different cognitive abilities. It sheds new light on the importance of fathers in the neighborhood, not in the individual home.

The scope of the study — made up almost entirely of Americans in their late 30s — is what makes it most damning. This shows you can't just boil all inequality down to class: ultimately, a poor white boy still has more privilege than any black boy. White boys raised in a poor family have a chance of rising up the class ladder, but black boys are much more likely to stay poor in adulthood. It had surprising findings about women: black women and white women raised in similar households do not have an income gap.

We need more reporting and research that goes beyond what we already know, not only showing there are disparities, but how entrenched they are in our society. What we have currently is what some would call equality of opportunity: the opportunities exist, but certain communities just don't go for them or aren't smart enough



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to get them. As the theory goes, because schools are integrated, if black children aren't doing well in school, it can't be because they're getting a subpar education. This idea is wrong. This is not enough to achieve true equality. In an ideal world, I wouldn't be able to predict the next Congress will be overwhelmingly white and male. I also shouldn't be able to predict it's harder for a black child to exceed — or even maintain — their parents' socioeconomic status. Race is the main factor to explain these disparities.

Still, the study leaves much to be desired with other groups, like Asian Pacific Islander Americans, whose perceived advantage was not investigated. Instead, it bought into the cheapness of the model minority myth without thinking about the impact of past immigration policies. There are other structural factors to take into account when thinking about which Asian Pacific Islander American ethnicities do well and which don't, and all are still impacted by structural racism.

When former President Barack Obama was elected, I remember hearing statements like, "You can't play the race card when a black man is president." Still, it appears black men are hardest hit by racism — with a black man raised by millionaires is just as likely to end up in jail as a white man growing up in a household making \$36,000. Even though things may have improved, this study reveals how far there is to go before there is true equity, when perhaps we won't have to worry about the most qualified person getting the job or whether one child is born with a higher chance of being incarcerated than another.

Nicole Dan is a UF political science and journalism senior. Her column focuses on race and culture.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor from Chris Chiozza's grandmother, "Grandma Bunny"

I wish to thank the UF professors, staff, coaches and their staff members, students, alumni and fans for their support, friendship and the excellent education my grandson, Chris "Cheez" Chiozza, has received. He has grown into an exceptional

young man due to all of you who have supported him. I especially want to thank Coach Mike White and his staff for their dedication to his advancement in the sport he loves. My husband and I met so many wonderful fans over the last four years, many of whom

became dear friends. In August of 2014, we looked forward to the day Chris would be an alumnus of UF. Now that hope is to be fulfilled in May 2018 at graduation, and we kind of wish it was a little further off. Thanks to all.

- Mary "Grandma Bunny" and Granddad Frank Chiozza.

Mary "Bunny" Chiozza is the grandmother of UF men's basketball player Chris Chiozza.



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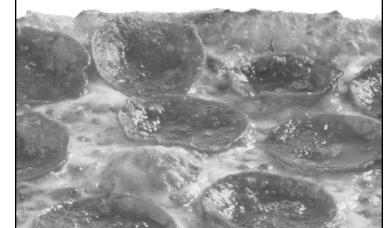
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Column

Music leaks are now the norm, but justifying them can get messy

One week after his in-depth interview touched on the issues of monetary and corporate influence on the music industry, Julian Casablancas' new album leaked online. Casablancas' band, The Voidz, is set to release their second album March 30. The album met the fate nearly all anticipated releases face these days: leaks.

The first leaking victim was Bob Dylan in 1969, but the practice didn't become widespread until the advent of the internet in the mid-'90s. According to sites like Pitchfork, album leaks are just "an established part of the game."

To me, the most fascinating part of a leak is reading the rationale fans conjure up to justify their listening.

"I can listen to a leak because I already pre-ordered the album and am seeing the band live this summer!" This rationale is among the most commonly used, but does it check out?

I read this as, "I spent more money on this artist than the average listener, thus I deserve to listen to the leak, and it is not wrong for me to do it because I am immune to any moral opposition."

But how much money or investment is necessary to be able to listen to a leak with a clear conscience?

This thinking quickly becomes subject to arbitrary rules and a never-ending spiral of ever-changing rationales for each listener. It's introducing subjective moral guidelines into something, in itself, technically immoral. It's saying, "because of my history and actions, I play by a different set of rules of morality than you," which

can become a very dangerous idea when translated into other, more serious, contexts.

And who prevents such a translation? Morality and ethics are not subjective; there are objective truths of right and wrong, regardless of whether you like it. As for the leaking of the music itself, I'm not sure what the ethics of it are. Does it depend if you are the initial stealer/leaker? What about just the average listener? My concern is not with the individual's ethical positioning in leaks but more so with the listener's reasoning of it all.

Here's my verdict: Don't even try to rationalize your listening to a leak. Don't try to put yourself above others just because of your own arbitrary reasons. You are consuming the leak and standing on the same moral ground as everyone else who does so.

Look at objective actions. You and everyone else are listening to it. Who cares what each of your rationales were? Who cares about what your intent was? Focus on actions. Upon listening, did you copy the leak onto a CD and sell it? That's a completely different path to take. Does listening to it then spur you to purchase the album and support the band? Now that's the opposite result, economically.

The point is an individual could do anything with a leak, and these possibilities vary in their own ethics, but listening to the leak is what it is.

Andrew Hall is a UF management senior. His column focuses on entertainment.

More than 100 UF students will march in Washington D.C. on Saturday

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school gym for cheer practice and senior year eating lunch in the debate room with friends.

"Douglas just kind of stands out to me now, looking back, just the fact that it's a close-knit community," she said. "It's a special place."

Learning about the shooting paralyzed her. Tiplea, who missed the initial calls from her dad and texts from Parkland friends while in the shower, could do nothing but cry.

Message after message poured in, asking about her brother Luke. Tiplea didn't know how to react. She called her dad, who was at work in another city and couldn't get to the school.

Tiplea and her parents texted her brother, who hid in a closet, listening to the gunfire but untouched by it. As he updated them on his location, she thought how lucky they were they could talk. The cell phone service was always bad in school.

Despite losing her friend Quinton Robbins in the Las Vegas shooting, Tiplea felt the Parkland shooting was more personal. Her brother was in the building. The shooter was arrested outside of her neighborhood.

Still in Gainesville, Tiplea tried to sleep that night but couldn't. She didn't know who had lived or died. When people didn't respond, she didn't know if it was because they had dropped their phone running or if they were a victim.

She stayed up, texting her friends about their siblings, trying to piece together what had happened and who had been hurt.

The next morning, Tiplea and a friend made the five hour drive home in silence, both trying to process around what had happened.

At home in Parkland, she stayed up until 1:30 a.m., talking and crying

with her family in their living room as they held each other close.

"Time just feels like it's been almost standing still and flown by," she said.

The names of those who died came out late Thursday night: Carmen Schentrup, the younger sister of a former classmate of Tiplea's; Coach Aaron Feis, who greeted Tiplea and other students with a "good morning" each day as he opened the gates; Nicholas Dworet, who she remembered swimming in the lane next to her each practice at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex.

This year, Dworet was the swimming team captain, posing for a photo with her brother, a sophomore on the team.

"Seeing his name really hurt," she said.

While she was home, her family tried to maintain a sense of normalcy. They went to Church by the Glades and her younger brother's soccer game. It felt good to be outside, she said. She saw old friends of hers who also came back to Parkland to grieve. Though she was happy to be reunited, it was sobering to meet at the memorial for the 17 victims.

Over Spring Break, when she came home again, the town still felt different. Everyone knows what happened. Even if they don't directly talk about it, the mourning hangs thick in the air, ever-present.

Tiplea didn't go by Stoneman Douglas during Spring Break. It's eerie seeing the lines of cars with hazard lights flashing, all the people around the memorials, seeing the well-wishes and cards tied to the chain-link fence next to regular school signs.

"It's been a rough few months, I won't lie," she said. "I want to make sure no one ever has to feel the way I'm feeling."

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A young boy lays down a flower at the victim's memorials outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on March 3.

It's not that she wants to forget. Tiplea just wishes she could go a day without thinking about the Parkland shooting, thinking about the terror in familiar hallways.

Every time she opens Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, she sees her friends posting about Stoneman Douglas, the March For Our Lives and the Never Again movement. While Tiplea has immersed herself in it as part of the UF Stands with MSD group, she wishes she could have her old daily routine back.

"It's just hard to kind of get back

to your regular life when something like this happens in your community," she said.

She and other Stoneman Douglas alumni from her graduating class have organized a bus trip to Washington, D.C., a vigil on campus and T-shirt sales as part of the UF Stands with MSD group. The group raised about \$18,000.

It helps her feel like she's making progress.

About 12 hours before Tiplea and 112 other UF students would board two buses and head to Washington, other leaders in the UF stands with MSD group passed out T-shirts and joked about how badly they needed to pack.

Alyson Moriarty, a UF biology freshman who went to Monarch High School in Coconut Creek, handed out shirts between flipping through her red Smokin' Notes Biology 2 packet. She had an exam that night at 6:30 p.m., moved from Friday so she could march.

She'll carry a white poster board with black text saying, "When is the last 'I Love You,'" and a drawing of a text message saying "There's a shooter. I love you."

Until she started working to organize students, Moriarty felt like she wasn't allowed to feel anything but pain.

"I felt like I couldn't really smile or anything," she said.

But nearly a month later, Moriarty laughed with Jaimie Ivers and Brandon Taylor, two other leaders in the UF Stands with MSD group, about being unprepared for Washington's cold weather and what snacks they'd packed.

Ivers, a Stoneman Douglas alumna and Tiplea's roommate, didn't return home to Parkland until Spring Break. Back in the town she'd lived in all her life, she couldn't bring herself to go to the memorials at Stone-

Douglas or Pine Trails. It was too hard.

Still, Parkland was eerie, and although she didn't go inside Douglas, in a small town like Parkland, where Douglas is the center of the city, passing it was unavoidable, she said.

"The attitude, just the entire atmosphere is entirely different," Ivers, a 20-year-old UF public relations sophomore, said. "It's all anyone can talk about."

In the few days after the shooting, Ivers kept crying. Seeing the high school students who spearheaded the March For Our Lives — students who she'd had drama classes with — inspired her to take action.

"I needed to get over myself and get my s--- together and help everyone," she said.

As others passed out T-shirts, Tiplea rushed back and forth from her apartment to the post office, shipping out shirt orders that came in from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and all across Florida.

On Saturday, in the nation's capital, she'll march alongside other UF students and Douglas alumni, one of the anticipated hundreds of thousands of attendees.

She doesn't have a sign for the march yet. By Thursday night, she still hadn't packed. But, still, she feels ready.

Tiplea doesn't know what future will come after the march but thinks there will be change.

She knows her friends, family and hometown will never forget. But she feels things slowly becoming okay again, as OK as things can be after tragedy.

"Relief will just come with time, and I'm going to give it that time," she said.



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Seventeen angel statues face outward at the memorial at Pine Trails Park in Parkland, Florida. The statues were put up for the vigil on Feb. 15, the day after the shooting.

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Gainesville residents, officials prepare for March For Our Lives

**By Robert Lewis
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On Saturday, Gainesville residents will join a worldwide movement for gun reform.

As part of March For Our Lives, the local movement is one of 832 currently planned across multiple countries. UF mathematics and microbiology and cell science freshman Heather Yu decided to organize the Gainesville march after noticing others popping up in big cities. Yu expects about 1,000 to attend, including an 11-year-old whose mom contacted Yu through Facebook.

Yu said she created a Facebook page at 2 a.m. on Feb. 18 and contacted as many student organizations, local high schools and UF students as she could.

"I just hoped that it would catch on," the 18-year-old said. "Since I'm a freshman, my sphere of influence is very limited."

Mayor Lauren Poe, District 3 City Commissioner David Arreola

and several Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School alumni will speak at Bo Diddley Community Plaza at 111 E. University Ave., Yu said.

Gainesville Police Department will be monitoring the march to keep participants safe, GPD spokesperson Officer Ben Tobias said. As of press time, GPD will not close any streets for the march, but that could change depending on the number of protesters, Tobias said. He's expecting about 300.

He said the department will have undercover police officers and may call in officers scheduled to be off duty if they feel there is the need.

"Our first priority is keeping everyone safe and giving them the ability to express their First Amendment rights," Tobias said.

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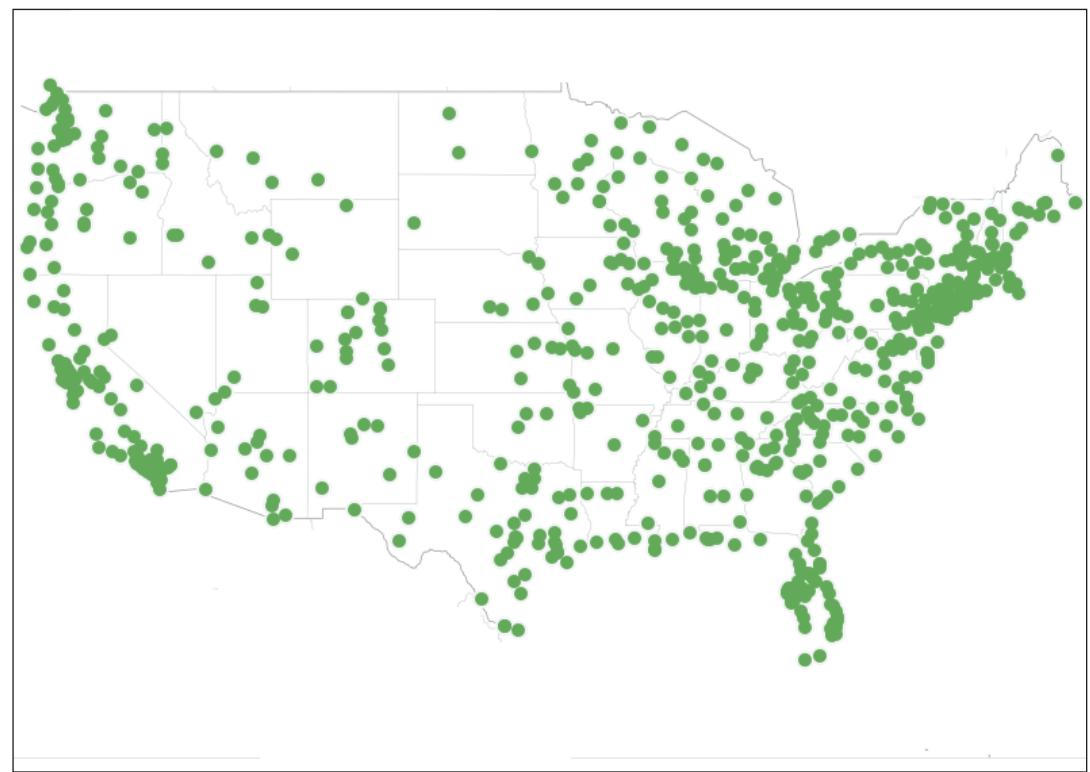
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A group of students sells "UF stands with MSD" T-shirts on Turlington Plaza to fundraise for their 14-hour trip to Washington D.C. for the national "March for Our Lives" event.



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Brandon Taylor, a 20-year-old computer science sophomore, shows signs created for the March For Our Lives event in Washington D.C. on Saturday.



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More than 800 marches for Saturday have been organized worldwide. This graphic shows the locations of the U.S. marches.

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RANKING ROUNDUP



By Alex Camargo
Alligator Contributing Writer

The U.S. News & World Report released its 2019 Best Graduate School Rankings on Monday. The report calculated the 2019 Best Graduate Schools Rankings on two sets of data: expert opinions about the programs and statistics that measure the school's faculty, research and students, according to U.S. News & World Report.

The data gathered for the rankings is from statistical surveys of more than 2,012 programs. The reputation surveys are sent to more than 20,500 academics and professionals, according to U.S. News & World Report. These surveys were conducted in late 2017 and early 2018.

College of Nursing

UF's College of Nursing has increased in U.S. News & World Report's 2019 Best Graduate School Rankings released Monday.

UF jumped from No. 44 to No. 28 in the Doctor of Nursing Practice section — the highest rated out of all Florida universities. Anna M. McDaniel, Dean of the College of Nursing, wrote in a statement the college is proud to have the program move up in the ranks.

"We pride ourselves on educating the best and brightest advanced practice Gator nurses, who translate theory and research to innovation and evidence-based clinical settings as we continually strive to improve patient outcomes," McDaniel said.

College of Education

The UF College of Education's graduate program jumped five spots in U.S. News & World Report's 2019 ranking released Monday.

The college's graduate school comes in at No. 24 for best education schools, up from No. 29 last year. Thomas Dana, the associate dean of academic affairs for the College of Education, said the jump can be attributed to increased funding for research.

"I'm thrilled the College of Education is getting recognition for our excellence across the nation and being ranked so highly," Dana said. "Our research has improved, and the rankings are showing it."

The College of Education's Special Education program has been one of the top-10 education programs. It was ranked No. 5 last year and still remains at that rank.

David Peyton, a UF student in the Special Education Doctorate program, said the increase in rank is great for the school because it will catch the attention of future students and possibly bring more grant money.

"They definitely earned the ranking," he said.

Warrington College of Business

UF's Warrington College of Business' full-time MBA program has increased by six spots in U.S. News & World Report's 2019 Best Graduate Schools Rankings.

The program increased from No. 40 to No. 34 in the Best Business Schools category, which focuses on the college's full-time MBA program. It remains as the highest-ranked business program in Florida. John Kraft, dean of the Warrington College of Business, said the college is continuing its efforts to provide scholarships to get the best students and increase in rank for next year.

The UF full-time MBA program has also increased in the rankings from No. 19 to No. 14 among public schools.

John Gresley, Assistant Dean and Director of the UF MBA Program in the Warrington College of Business, said the program wants to invest time into career services. He also hopes to find quality students and top faculty.

"We believe we will be able to improve in everything and move forward," he said.



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THERAPEUTIC ART

Megan Flynn, 19, is a UF biology freshman who painted on a canvas during Therapeutic Thursday on Plaza of the Americas. Hosted by the Counseling and Wellness Center, the event celebrated mental health awareness for UFisAware Week 2018.

About 100 people attend UF's first Afro-Latinx panel

By Vivian Nguyen
Alligator Contributing Writer

Edward Hiraldo was anxious about how his "nappy" hair would be received by a crowd of about 100 students Tuesday night.

Growing up with Dominican and Puerto Rican roots, it would be the talk of the night if his afro-hair was too puffy or poorly styled.

His hair stood out as his mark of also being black — a quality Hispanics may see as bad.

"I am, truly, in every sense of the word, a minority, and I see it in my face every day," the 21-year-old UF advertising senior said.

Hiraldo was one of five students who spoke about being Latino with African descent at UF's first Afro-Latinx panel titled "I Am Enough: Afro-Latinx Panel." The event was held Tuesday night in Pugh Hall Ocora, said Diego Castillo, the 25-year-old vice president of the Latino Hispanic Organization of Graduate Students.

A crowd of about 100 students and faculty gathered to hear the discussions on identity, representation, navigating higher education as an underrepresented group, racism and colorism within and outside the Latinx community.

"The Afro-Latinx community has a unique experience where, although they may identify as both black and Latino, they may not be accepted by either for various reasons," Castillo said.

Two UF professors were also a part of the panel: Tanya Saunders from the Center for Latin American Studies and Bryce Henson from the African American Studies program.

The panel was hosted by the Latino His-

panic Organization of Graduate Students, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, She's the First UF, Hispanic Student Association at UF, UF Center for Latin American Studies, the UF African American Studies program and UF Hispanic-Latino Affairs, Castillo said.

The event cost about \$300 to cover food and parking reservations, the UF information systems and operations management graduate student said. It was funded by Student Government and the co-sponsors.

"It is important to open the door for dialogue and conversation, especially in this day and age where everything and everyone attacks each other instead of listening to each other," Castillo said.

Shania Stephens, one of the other student panelists, said in high school she was told she was too pretty to be black and was asked if she was mixed. People didn't understand that she could be both black and Latinx. Both of her parents are black and from San Andrés Isla, Colombia, where she was born.

She said Latinx people don't always look like what's portrayed in the media. They come in different shades and sizes.

"I am proud, I am here, and I exist," the 21-year-old UF biology senior said.

Any Hughes, who graduated from UF in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in applied physiology and kinesiology, said she attended the panel because she is Afro-Latina and wanted to see how the audience would react.

"I learned that there are a lot of people that identify and have gone through the same experiences that I have gone through," the 26-year-old said.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Vitamins option
5 Chicago Eight
defendant
10 B.C. law
enforcers
14 Big name in
denim
15 Dental
restoration
16 Cause of some
bad apples?
17 Has to pay
18 Part of a script
19 Cyber
phenomenon
20 Turned tail
22 Like some
underbellies
23 Memphis-to-
Atlanta dir.
24 Big fuss
25 With "the," what a
boxer doesn't
want to hit?
26 Pulse
28 High points
31 Latin I word
32 Prepared, as
eggs for eggs
Benedict
34 Votin' nay
35 Emulate Moses
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black squares do
in this puzzle?

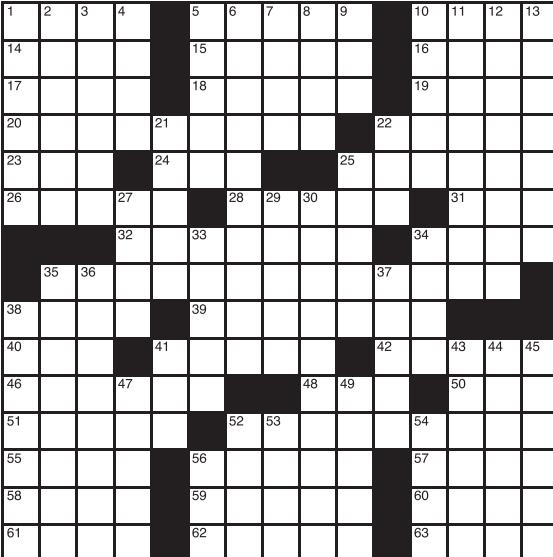
38 Like a breeze?
39 August birthstone
40 "How you doin'?"
41 Lost patience
42 "The Beauty
Myth" author
Wolf
46 Chip off the old
block?
48 Annoyed
exclamation
50 Greek god of the
wild
51 Needed an
eraser
52 Herbs and spices
55 Bill __ Climate
Lab: former
exhibit at
Oakland's
Chabot Space &
Science Center
56 Awaits decision
57 Brief refusal to
"Are you
hungry?"
58 Nineteenth
Amendment
campaigner

59 Rolex rival
60 Gillette offering
61 Book of Mormon
prophet
62 Ready to drop
63 Burn a little
DOWN
1 Daisy component
2 Clean some more
3 Plane, for one
4 Ph.D. hurdle
5 "I feel your pain"
6 Went too far
7 Protected, in a
way
8 Succeed in
getting
9 Word with private
or public
10 Collegian's diet
staple
11 Rift
12 "Money, Money,
Money" musical
13 Exploits
21 Henry __ Lodge:
WWI senator
22 Swedish carrier
25 Surrendered
27 Nashville
highlight
29 "SNL" alumna
Oteri
30 Scout's honor?

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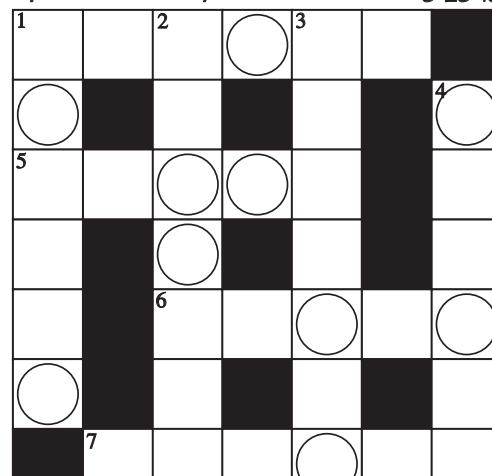
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JUMBLE CROSSWORD

by David L. Hoyt

3-23-18



ACROSS

1. Earth, for example
5. ___ bus
6. Encourage
7. Contaminate

CLUE

1. Lifting device
2. ___ house
3. Lunar ___
4. Type of rental

ANSWER

- LTEPNA
CLLOA
PLIME
FCTINE

DOWN

- EYPLUL
OIUCNAT
ESCELIP
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CLUE: The first ___ was awarded in 1893.

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4	7	1	3	6	5	2	9	8
3	2	6	8	9	4	1	7	5
5	9	8	1	2	7	6	3	4
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Sports

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GYMNASICS

Florida gymnastics team ready for SEC Championships

By Alana Gomez

Sports Writer

Amelia Hundley is excited for a fresh start heading into postseason action. After competing in 10 regular season meets over the past three months, the sophomore isn't anxious heading into the SEC Championships on Saturday. She's ready.

"These last two weeks, the team has been busting their butts off," Hundley said. "We've been working really hard to be prepared for this moment."

In its last meet on March 9, Florida wrapped up regular-season action with a 197.925-196.700 win over Nebraska. UF is ranked No. 5 in the nation and enters the Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis as the No. 2 seed in the SEC, trailing only LSU. Florida has finished third or better in the SEC Championships every year since 2006.

The team is hoping to make up for a second-place finish in last year's meet — losing to LSU by 0.250 — but is heading into Saturday's competition with a humble mindset.

"We don't really go in saying we should win this," Hundley said. "But obviously I think that's the end goal for everyone."

The Gators (8-2, 5-2 SEC) will have to adjust to one facet of the competition, however. The SEC Championships take place on an elevated podium, something Florida doesn't compete on in the regular season.

However, coach Jenny Rowland doesn't think it will be a problem.

"The majority of these athletes have actually competed on podium most of their entire life," she said. "So they actually thrive and

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Emma Green / Alligator Staff

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FOOTBALL

Mullen, coaching staff preaching accountability in early practices

By Benjamin Brandt

Sports Writer

Armored in their bulky pads, Florida's football players ran sideline to sideline at the Sanders Practice Field on Tuesday afternoon. One of the bodies charging across the grass wasn't wearing a helmet, however.

Instead, he was wearing a visor — his staple.

Coach Dan Mullen joined his team in the sprints after several of his players were late to class earlier in the week, which resulted in the entire roster running as punishment.

"I don't control that," Mullen said. "If they don't want to run gassers, then show

up on time for class."

Obviously, Mullen wasn't late for class. And neither were the majority of his players. But accountability has been a major focus as Mullen and UF's entirely new coaching staff have begun to install their system. They want to ensure the standard of Florida football is upheld, a task that requires the commitment of every player and coach.

"I'm part of the team," Mullen said. "If we make mistakes, we're all going to pay the price."

Mullen expects each player on the roster to understand their role. If they fail to fulfill

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In midst of March Madness, don't forget the NBA

Through the month of March, the excitement of high-level basketball consumes everyone.

Little boys and girls across the nation wake up with one thing on their minds — ball.

Husbands and wives forget about their deteriorating marriages and bunch up on their couches to focus on something more important than work and in-laws — ball.

Drunken uncles do pretty much the same thing they always do, which is get drunk, but they do it while watching one thing — ball.

But there is an issue here. While college basketball is a lot of fun because every team is playing for its NCAA Tournament life, another league is playing its most important games of the season as well. I'm talking about the NBA.

People love chirping blasphemous state-



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ments about the league, saying ignorant things like 'the season doesn't even start until the playoffs' and 'the NBA is all offense and no defense until April.'

The first statement is far from the truth. The second statement... is kind of true, but still, chill.

Ten teams from both the Eastern and Western conferences are still fighting hard to make it to the 2018 NBA Playoffs.

And if you've been watching the league as closely as I have (sitting in your underwear at 1 a.m. checking the box scores for the late-night Brooklyn Nets-Sacramento Kings matchup), then you've noticed the uptick in close games.

From the beginning of the month until Wednesday, there were already 62 games de-

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Alfredo Perez and the Florida men's tennis team is taking on Ole Miss today at 5 p.m. at the Ring Tennis Complex in Gainesville.

Elite Eight Entrants

Four men's college basketball teams advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament on Wednesday night. Michigan defeated Texas A&M 99-72, Kansas State upset Kentucky 61-58, Florida State shocked Gonzaga 75-60 and Loyola Chicago squeaked by Nevada 69-68.

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SWIMMING**Dressel shatters record in 50-yard free on Day 2 of NCAAs**

By Sam Campisano
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Senior Caeleb Dressel confirmed what many Florida fans already suspected on Wednesday night.

On Day 2 of the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in Minneapolis, Dressel proved he's one of the fastest swimmers in the world.

The All-American recorded a time of 17.63 in the finals of the 50-yard free, shattering the record of 18.11 he'd set earlier in the day during the prelims.

In the process, Dressel became the first man in NCAA history to win a national title in the 50 free four times.

"He's really good any time he swims (the 50 free), he gets a better feel for it and corrects the things he needs to correct," UF coach Gregg Troy said in a release. "This one was pretty darn good."

Dressel also broke Ryan Lochte's previously held program record of seven individual NCAA championships.

He — along with teammates Jan Switkowski, Enzo Martinez-Scarpe and Mark Szaranek — won the 200 free relay with a time of 1:14.39. Dressel now has eight individual national titles (four in the 50 free, two in the 100 free, one in the 100 fly and one in the 200 free relay).

For UF's other participants, Switkowski took home his first individual NCAA championship with a time of 1:39.54 in the 200 IM.

Szaranek also won the bronze in that event with a time of 1:40.27.

Florida closed out the day on a high note when its 400 medley relay team received All-American honors following a fifth-place finish in the event. Dressel, Switkowski, Bayley Main and Maxime Rooney were part of that squad. They set a school record time of 3:03.16.

Florida will be back in action today at 11 a.m. for Day 3 of the meet.

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Florida senior Caeleb Dressel recorded a time of 17.63 in the finals of the 50 yard free at the NCAA Championships on Wednesday, breaking his own record of 18.11 set earlier in the afternoon.

BASEBALL**Liput finding his swing ahead of series with Arkansas**

By Morgan McMullen
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If Deacon Liput had any doubts hanging over his head coming into Wednesday night's game against Jacksonville, he let them all blow away with the gusty winds at McKethan Stadium.

The shortstop entered the matchup hitting a paltry .161 since his reinstatement to the lineup from a 14-game suspension to begin the season. Though he'd come through with a game-winning RBI against South Carolina on Sunday, it was apparent that he was not the same player who'd hit .270 during his freshman campaign.

"Obviously, I didn't get off to the best of starts since I came back," Liput said on March 10. "Baseball

is a tough game as is, so the second you defeat yourself mentally, then you're already defeated going into the (batter's) box."

Liput looked mentally ready on Wednesday though. The junior from Oviedo, Florida, recorded a hit off of every pitcher he faced en route to a 4-for-4 night from the plate. His surge in efficiency comes after being moved up in the batting order from seventh to fifth, a move UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said was a vote of confidence for Liput.

"You can see how I feel about (him) offensively," O'Sullivan said in a release. "I put him right in the five hole because he was seeing

the ball pretty good. He just had not had a lot to show for it."

Though the team has been mum on the exact details of his suspension earlier this season — simply citing off-the-field issues — Liput said he is ready to take the lessons he learned from it and move forward with them.

"Your actions off the field, they weigh on more than just yourself," he said. "It has an impact on everybody outside of that, including teammates, coaches, university, family and everything."

Liput's bat resurrecting from the dead like Frankenstein's monster comes just in time for the No. 2 Gators' (19-4, 2-1 SEC) three-game series against No. 4 Arkansas starting today at 6:30 p.m.

The Razorbacks (16-4, 5-0 SEC) will send junior right-hander

Blaine Knight (3-0, 1.30 ERA) to the mound to counter Florida's Brady Singer to kick off the series. Knight is coming off his worst start of the season last week against No. 6 Kentucky, where he allowed two runs on six hits through 4.2 innings of work.

However, last week's "worst start" moniker is very much a nitpick when it comes to Knight.

Through his 23 innings of work prior to his Kentucky start, he had given up just two runs on 15 hits while striking out 21 batters.

On the other side of the ball, the Razorbacks are no slouches. Seven of the team's nine starting batters are hitting above .300 for the year.

The offense is led by senior left fielder Luke Bonfield and freshman infielder Casey Martin. Bonfield's .524 on-base percentage is good for

fourth in the SEC, while Martin is eighth in the conference in home runs (7).

They'll try to slow down Singer (5-0, 1.97 ERA), who has only surrendered one run on four hits while striking out 15 batters through his previous two outings.

With Liput getting back into the swing of things at the plate, he could be poised to lead a resurgent Gators offense that launched three homers Wednesday night. For now though, Liput said he's just happy to be a part of the team again.

"I've really grown as a person," he said. "I was just focusing on being the best teammate I could throughout my suspension."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS**Florida breezes by 'Bama for fourth shutout this month**

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Senior Josie Kuhlman and freshman McCartney Kessler watched closely as the ball was hit back to them from Alabama's side of the court.

It initially looked like it was going to land on the baseline, but as the ball approached closer, it sailed harmlessly out of bounds.

The duo of Kuhlman and Kessler clinched the doubles point in the Gators' 4-0 victory over the Crimson Tide at the Alabama Tennis Stadium on Thursday night. The win marked Florida's fourth shutout in its last six matches and also increased UF's all-time record against Alabama to 42-1.

The doubles point went smoothly for UF (11-5, 6-1 SEC), as the pair of senior Anna Danilina and freshman Victoria Emma defeat-

ed the Crimson Tide's Alba Cortina-Pou and Ann Selim 6-1. Kuhlman and Kessler soon followed, beating Alabama's Andie Daniell and Kylie Moulin by the same score. The Gators have won five of their last six doubles points.

Up 1-0, Florida continued its strong play into singles action, running through the Crimson Tide (13-9, 0-6 SEC) mostly unchallenged. Danilina readily handled her opponent, Daniell, in a 6-2, 6-1 win. Kessler then defeated Se-

lim 6-2, 6-0. Finally, with the score set at 3-0, Kubicz delivered the clincher for UF, winning 6-1, 6-4 and completing the Gators' 4-0 shutout.

Florida will now square off with No. 15 Auburn on Saturday at 1 p.m. to complete a four-match road trip.

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Florida football team focused on reducing penalties in 2018

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it on or off the field, the team will suffer.

After only three practices — including just one in pads — the Gators are still covering the basics.

"We just got to get fundamentals down," said John Hevesy, UF's co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. "Fundamentals are foundations."

Considering Florida finished last season as one of the three most penalized teams in the SEC, mastering the fundamentals seems like an appropriate first step.

Hevesy attributes penalties, specifically false starts, to insufficient focus and a lack of discipline. His goal is to establish strong habits early so that by August, technically-sound football will be second nature.

As part of their crusade to fundamental excellence, the coaches have attacked every mistake made in practice.

On Tuesday, running back Adarius Lemons failed to complete an agility

drill on consecutive attempts. Assistant coach Greg Knox immediately barked at Lemons and instructed him to perform a series of "up-downs," which — as the name suggests — required Lemons to repeatedly jump up to a standing position after dropping face-down to the ground.

At the same practice, after every player completed the gassers and most had returned to the locker room, Hevesy held behind a handful of players to perform what he called a "three-legged dog." These players crawled up and down the field on two hands and one foot to wrap up their over-three-hour-long practice.

With its detail-oriented approach, the coaching staff understands the finished product lies far ahead. Even before the team's spring game on April 14, the Gators have plenty of work to do.

"Rome wasn't built in a day," Hevesy said. "We got a ways to go."

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Dan Mullen is holding his team accountable this spring, forcing the entire roster to run sprints if a player is late to class. "If they don't want to run gassers, then show up on time," he said.

The Gators' rotation begins at 7 p.m.

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enjoy it."

Both of Florida's losses this season came against SEC opponents. The first was in the team's home opener against LSU on Jan. 12, when UF fell to the Tigers by 0.125. The Gators also came up short against Missouri on March 2, just a week after 11-time All-American Kennedy Baker tore her right Achilles tendon to end her collegiate career.

As the weekend creeps closer,

UF is looking forward to the SEC Championships as a chance for a clean slate.

"The coaches always told us it's an even playing field once you hit the postseason," Hundley said. "It's like a brand new start."

Florida will begin its rotation with LSU, Kentucky and Alabama on the uneven bars at 7 p.m.

"It's another competition, another step in the process," Rowland said. "Gators are ready."

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SEC Gymnastics Championships

Who: Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Missouri

Where: Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis

When: Saturday starting at 3 p.m.

TV: ESPN2

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cided by seven points or fewer.

Competition has been high in quality as well. Look no further than Monday night's game between the Miami Heat and the Denver Nuggets. Both teams are in the thick of the playoff race but haven't solidified their spots in the 16-team tournament yet.

What do two organizations fighting to stay relevant in the post-season picture in mid-March create? Why, only one of the highest scoring games in NBA history.

In the 149-141 double-overtime victory for Miami, eight players scored over 20 points, and the

teams combined for a ridiculous 38 three-pointers.

I'm not saying March Madness isn't exhilarating or any less important than the way people are treating it.

But the No. 3 through No. 8 seeds in the Eastern Conference are separated by only five games in the standings, while the No. 3 through No. 10 seeds in the Western Conference are apart by six games.

Those are some exciting, tight playoff races.

Basketball is love. Let that love extend past March Madness.

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