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Thousands of items donated to 'Food for Fines' program

By Amanda Rosa
Alligator Staff Writer

A package of fruit cups, two cans, a pack of soap and box of macaroni and cheese gathering dust in Valentina Eslava's kitchen cabinet since Hurricane Irma got her out of paying a \$250 parking citation fee.

The 19-year-old UF health science freshman jumped out of bed Monday morning and rushed to UF Transportation and Parking Services after learning UF President Kent Fuchs' April Fools prank to forgive campus parking tickets was true. By 8:30 a.m., her parking citation was forgiven.

"I came out of the office jumping," she said. "I was so happy."

Eslava's ticket was one of 90 citations excused on the first day of "Food for Fines," a program that forgives UF parking tickets and citation fines issued in the last year in exchange for a donation of five items to the Field and Fork Pantry between April 1, 2017 to Sunday, said AnaLee Rodriguez, the Transportation and Parking Services marketing specialist. By Wednesday, 625 citation holders donated

nonperishable foods and toiletries.

Rodriguez said people without parking citations decided to donate as well, adding to more than 3,000 donated items by Wednesday morning.

Eslava was running late to class on Valentine's Day and parked her scooter in the blue diagonal lines next to a handicapped parking space. By the time her three-hour class ended, she was fined for \$250.

She originally planned to take on extra shifts at Southwest Recreation Center to pay for the citation by Friday, but Fuchs' announcement on Monday that his prank was true came just in time.

"I'm a big believer that everyone could be forgiven, so that's exactly what he did," Eslava said. "It was a week of amnesty."

Rodriguez pitched the "Food for Fines" idea to UF's social media team in January, she said. Once Fuchs heard of the idea, he asked if it would be a part of his April Fools joke this year.

"This is a really good time to donate and fill up that pantry when it's a little bit empty," she said.

Two parking service employees

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Amanda Rosa / Alligator

Isobel Vincent, 2, picks up diapers at the UF Transportation and Parking Services office Wednesday. Employees donated two boxes to her and her parents after her father, Michael Vincent, a 33-year-old UF PhD musicology candidate, tweeted at UF President Kent Fuchs about the "Food for Fines" program.

Kilwins chocolate store to open in Gainesville

THE SHOP WILL OPEN SUNDAY AT CELEBRATION POINTE.

By Robert Lewis
Alligator Staff Writer

To Emily Fradet, Kilwins means Christmas. Fradet, a 19-year-old UF psychology sophomore, said she visits the sweets and ice cream store during the holidays in St. Augustine with family and friends.

This Sunday, a Kilwins store will open at 4949 Celebration Pointe Ave. in Celebration Pointe, a mixed-use development near the intersection of Interstate 75 and Archer Road, said Ralph Conti, one of the development's partners.

Kilwins will be the first eatery to open in the development, with others, such as MidiCi The Neapolitan Pizza Company, planned to open in a couple of months, Conti said. The Regal movie theater, which is opening Sun-

day, will also sell food, as well as alcohol, Conti said.

Conti said Kilwins is a good fit for Celebration Pointe.

"They're a very unique brand. They've been around a long time, and they have a following, so we're excited to have them," Conti said.

Ron Brunette, a Kilwins spokesperson, said the chain of about 130 stores makes its own chocolate and ice cream in Michigan and Ohio. Other items, such as fudge and caramel apples, are made fresh in the store, he said.

"We strive to make every single location unique," Brunette said.

Fradet said she looks forward to enjoying Kilwins' caramel apples again soon.

"It's kind of different from a regular ice cream shop," Fradet said. "It has a family atmosphere. It's welcoming."

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Alter Ego Fitness donating equipment to YMCA

By Nicole Cruz
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Steve Szanca received a call in March from a man saying he had some equipment to donate to the North Central Florida YMCA.

It wasn't until the man sent him pictures of the professional equipment inside a gym that Szanca realized how much it would benefit the organization.

The call came from 34-year-old Kyle Gold, president of Alter Ego Fitness, a gym located at 101 SE Second Place. Gold said Alter Ego is expecting to close its Gainesville location by the end of May, and instead of selling its equipment and office supplies, it's giving everything to the YMCA located at 5201 NW 34th Blvd.

"I didn't realize he was with a gym,"

Szanca said about the phone call with Gold. "As we learned more about the scope of the donation, we quickly became very excited."

Szanca said the donation of up to \$200,000 includes cardio machines, free weight sets, weight machines, artwork, furniture and art that was in the gym.

Gold said downtown Gainesville's Sun Center, the building Alter Ego Fitness is located in, was bought by a South Florida company six months ago. The new building owners increased the cost of rent for the space, and the gym was no longer able to sustain its business.

When Gold realized the fate of the location, Alter Ego Fitness decided to uphold its values in serving the community and donate everything to the

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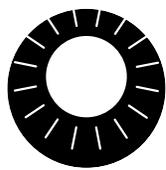


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What Were You Wearing? Exhibit

The "What Were You Wearing?" art exhibit is being displayed until April 30 on the third floor of Ustler Hall Library. STRIVE at GatorWell and the American Student Medical Association have collaborated with anonymous UF student survivors to show the outfits they wore during their attacks. An opening reception will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Ustler Hall Atrium. For more info, call 352-273-4450.

GamerNights

The GatorNights' theme today is gaming experiences. Activities will feature stuff-a-Pokémon, 8-bit art and human foosball. The movie "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" will play. GatorNights is always Friday and always free for UF students with their Gator 1 Card at the Reitz Union from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Open jam and art show

The Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., will hold an open jam and art show from 8 to 11:40 p.m. Friday. The center encourages people to play some songs they know, riffs or progressions they've been working on or just feed entirely off the moment and co-create something new with strangers. The open jam comes with all the accoutrements, drum kit, bass and guitar amps, microphones and room on the board.

Florida Museum Plant Sale

The Florida Museum of Natural History will host a sale with more than 175 species of difficult-to-find and pollinator-

friendly plants from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Accent, host, native and nectar plants as well as edible plants from Natural Treasures Farm & Nursery will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the museum's "Butterfly Rainforest" exhibit. For more information, call 352-273-2057.

UF Bug Week scavenger hunt

To celebrate UF's annual Bug Week, the Florida Museum of Natural History will hold a free scavenger hunt from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Teams will be given bug-related clues for a chance to win prizes. Visitors may also touch live insects at the UF entomology department's Bug Zoo near the "Discovery Zone" exhibit. For more information, call 352-846-2000.

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

Join members of the campus and community from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Harn Museum of Art to edit and create Wikipedia pages related to art and feminism and underrepresented peoples in the arts. No experience is required. Interested people can bring their laptops. For details, visit artandfeminism.org/our-story.

Gainesville High School Theatre

Gainesville High School will present Disney's "Peter Pan Jr." showings at 7 p.m. April 12 to April 14, at 7 p.m. April 19 to April 21 and at 2 p.m. April 21. Tickets, which can be picked up at GHS Auditorium Box Office one hour before each show, cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. The GHS auditorium is located at 1900 NW 13th Street. For more information, call Sarah Shepherd at 352-213-8666.



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Walk the Talk for Epilepsy

The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida will host its annual Walk the Talk for Epilepsy at Veterans Memorial Park, located at 7400 SW 41st Pl., April 28. The event will raise awareness and funds to benefit Floridians impacted by epilepsy. Registration will open at 8 a.m., with the walk following at 9 a.m.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to jtavel@alligator.org. To request publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after the above events, and keep them to 150 words or fewer. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

Correction

In an article published Wednesday titled "Student senators announce effort to expand free printing across UF campus," The Alligator incorrectly reported Action SG would live stream the State of the Campus Address and Senate meetings. The Senate Information and Communications committee will be in charge of live streaming Senate meetings, and Action SG will live stream the State of the Campus Address.

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St. Francis Pet Care to build new clinic to meet demand

THE ORGANIZATION HOPES TO START CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

By Jessica Giles
Alligator Staff Writer

With 800 cats and dogs running around, St. Francis Pet Care is organized chaos.

Corey Fisher, a volunteer at the pet clinic for homeless or low-income individuals, said there's limited space and hundreds of pets to care for, forcing volunteers to get creative with their resources. It means dragging around chairs so owners can sit and using rooms for purposes they weren't created for, the first year UF veterinary medicine student said.

"We'll use the bathroom as an exam room for cats," he said. "The only time it becomes a problem is when someone really needs to use the bathroom and there's a cat in there."

Soon, the cats will have their own room in a new 2,100-square-foot clinic. The organization plans to start construction within the next three or four weeks and hopes to host a grand opening in September, said Galey Gravenstein, treasurer for St. Francis Pet Care. The new clinic will sit directly behind the St. Francis House, located at 413 S Main Street.

Inside, there will be three private rooms — one for cats, one for aggressive dogs and an operating room — as well as one large room with six exam areas. The organization has raised \$310,000 of the \$320,000 needed for the building, Gravenstein said.

"We are beyond excited," she said. "It has really filled a spot in the community"

St. Francis Pet Care, which opened in 2007, is staffed entirely by volunteers and offers free veterinary services to homeless people, disabled veterans and low-income residents. Its services include basic exams, consultations, flea and heartworm treatment and microchipping. The clinic also partners with UF to send pets to be spayed and neutered.

The center has operated out of a small rental unit, at 501 SE Second St., since it moved out of the main St. Francis House building in 2011.

On Tuesdays, when the clinic is open, the building feels like it may burst, Gravenstein said. She watches her feet to avoid stepping on any toes or paws.

The new clinic will not only expand the physical space, but also the scope of the clinic's services. They hope to set up an operating room where they can spay and neuter pets onsite, perform dental cleanings and conduct minor surgeries, she said. Volunteers are also hoping to open the clinic twice a week instead of once.

Gravenstein said PetSmart Charities and other companies have donated money or services, including Walker Architects, which designed the building; CHW, which engineered it; and Charles Perry Partners Inc., which will build it.

Gravenstein said she is thrilled the new building will help the team offer more quality care to pet owners who need it most, she said.

"They need this unconditional love," she said. "That dog or cat is purring or wagging their tail and licking on them in just total adoration no matter what."

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Courtesy to The Alligator

Vera Mathews (left) holds Nate, and Yvette Mathews holds Bella as they pose for a photo at St. Francis Pet Care.



WALKER ARCHITECTS

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The new 2,100-square-foot clinic will be directly behind the St. Francis House, located at 413 S Main St.

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Eastside High School alumnus wins on Food Network show

By Sabrina Conza
Alligator Contributing Writer

Noam Biltzer's mom was shocked when she turned on the TV and saw her son live his childhood dream.

Her son kept her in the dark for almost nine months as he applied for, filmed and won an episode of Food Network's "Chopped."

"My family always joked about me being on the show," said Biltzer, who's the Chef de Cuisine at the restaurant Proof on Main in Louisville, Kentucky.

The 2011 graduate of Gainesville's Institute of Culinary Arts at Eastside High School won the title "Chopped Champion" and \$10,000 on an episode that premiered Tuesday. The episode will air again 9 p.m. Thursday.

"I was in complete shock," the 25-year-old said. "I was basically frozen for a few hours afterward and didn't really realize what had happened."

His episode of the show, which was filmed in October, was centered on meat. Biltzer and the other chefs cooked with wild boar, antelope and venison.

He prepared seared wild boar loin with alligator and truffle glaze for the appetizer. The main course was seared antelope with rare heart and charred dandelion greens, and a venison sausage fritter with moose milk creme anglaise.

Despite being unfamiliar with the meat, Biltzer was able to win because he had a

strategy: He kept it simple and focused on making good food.

After middle school, Biltzer moved from South Florida to Gainesville to pursue his passion at The Institute of Culinary Arts, a magnet program at Eastside High School.

Although he was a failing student, he turned his grades around at the institute and graduated with a 4.0 GPA, he said.

He credits chefs Pamela Bedford and Billie DeNunzio from the institute with helping him advance his skills.

Bedford said Biltzer was one of her first students at the institute because she started working there when he was a freshman, so the two grew together.

Biltzer stood out from the beginning, she said.

"I was just really impressed with his level of maturity and his dedication to food in general," Bedford said.

She said Biltzer called her two weeks before the episode aired to tell her to watch.

Before the episode, she was nervous he hadn't won, so she convinced herself he lost to avoid disappointment.

At 11 p.m. when she found out he won, she screamed in excitement.

"My husband said, 'Hush! You're going to wake up the kids,'" she said.

Biltzer said he would recommend for other chefs to go on "Chopped" if they're willing to work hard.

"It's a lot harder than what people might think," he said. "There's no real preparation."



Courtesy to The Alligator

Noam Biltzer, 25, a 2011 graduate of the Institute of Culinary Arts at Eastside High School, won the "Chopped Champion" title and \$10,000 on Food Network's "Chopped" episode that premiered Tuesday.

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Oaks Mall Plaza to be sold this month

By Rachel Porter
and Meryl Kornfield

Alligator Contributing Writer
and Staff Writer

The Oaks Mall Plaza will be sold on April 26, according to a notice of sale the U.S. Bank National Association submitted to the Alachua County Circuit Court.

Rushmore Properties, which owns the plaza located at 6711 W. Newberry Road, owes the banking association about \$14 million from a loan issued in 2006. On March 6, a final judgement of foreclosure was issued on the case that was first filed in August, according to court records. The Oaks Mall Plaza is adjacent to the Oaks Mall but is separately owned.

The judgement was handed down about a week before Toys R Us, one of the anchors of the plaza, announced it would close. Other properties in the shopping center include Starbucks, Jason's Deli and Super Optical Express, according to the website of Southern Management and Development, who formally managed the property.

For Dave Walker, a co-owner of Bearded Browncoat Comics & Games, the possible foreclosure doesn't affect the everyday business of his one-month-old comic book shop. As of now, he still

sends his rent check to a court-appointed management company, Crossman & Company, instead of Southern Management and Development.

The bank's attorney, Kevin A. Reck, filed an emergency motion against the borrower, Rushmore Properties, and Southern Management and Development for not providing information and documents to Crossman & Company but withdrew the motion against the management company on Thursday. Reck did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Southern Management and Development also did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

John Crossman, CEO of Crossman & Company, said their goal is to clean up the property and begin marketing to new tenants.

"We love Gainesville," he said. "We love that property as well, it's one of the main entrance points to the city."

Crossman is listing vacant spaces in the plaza including a movie theater.

Walker expects the theater and other vacancies will fill eventually.

"Things come and go, and I'm sure the movie theater will open again," he said.

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NYT best-selling author speaks about women in astronomy

By Tamarra Thal
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Dava Sobel remembers a conversation with a woman who thought the work the women did in the movie "Hidden Figures" was "cute."

This showed a level of internalized misogyny many women have, she said. Sobel even sees it in herself.

Despite this, women should still pursue careers they are passionate about and refuse to let men take their credit away, Sobel said.

About 200 UF students, faculty and public members came to see Sobel, the No. 1 New York Times best-selling author of "Galileo's Daughter," Thursday night at Ustler Hall. The event was sponsored by the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences using private foundation funds, said Mary Watt, an associate dean of the college.

"I feel very fortunate that I was able to put my interest in science together with my love of writing," Sobel said. "It's difficult, in a strange way, but it's fun."

Sobel also discussed the groundbreaking achievements of women in astronomy such as Williamina Fleming, who devised a system for classifying stars in the Harvard College Observatory.

Rachel Kalicharan, a 19-year-old UF biology sophomore, said science fields are typically white male-dominated, so it's challenging to be seen as credible in the field as a woman of color, noting her Indian ethnicity.

"Sometimes the accomplishments of women can be downplayed or discredited, and this can make you downplay your work," she said. "What (Sobel) said makes me feel like my achievements are credible."



Tamarra Thal / Alligator Contributor

About 200 UF students, faculty and members of the public came to see Dava Sobel, the author of the No. 1 New York Times best-selling novel "Galileo's Daughter," Thursday night at Ustler Hall. Sobel's other novels include "The Glass Universe" and "Longitude."

The "Food for Fines" program ends today at 5 p.m.

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and a supervisor pitched in as well after Michael Vincent, a UF musicology PhD candidate, replied to Fuchs' tweet announcing the program.

"Thank you! My family could use items like these. I hope someone brings size 4 diapers!" the 33-year-old tweeted.

Vincent and his wife, Rebecca Perthes, 36, a UF mental health counseling graduate student, struggle to keep up with the need for diapers for their two-year-old daughter Isobel.

The couple often finds themselves with \$20 in their bank account trying to balance paying rent and buying a \$10 pack of diapers, he said. Food banks rarely supply diapers, Vincent said.

The employees noticed Vincent's tweet and bought Isobel boxes of Luvs and Pampers.

Vincent and Isobel picked up their donation at the office Wednesday afternoon. As Isobel climbed on top of the boxes, Vincent thanked Rodriguez to reaching out. Rent is going to be a little easier to pay this month, Vincent said.

"We feel really blessed that we got them because they will really help us this month with our expenses," he said. "We don't have that stability every month."

Although she doesn't know if the amnesty program will return next year, Rodriguez said she's happy to show students how much the parking services employees care.

"It's heartwarming to see the reaction we're getting from outside people with donations, but also our own staff members," she said. "They're getting in the spirit of donating. So that's all I can ask."

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Amanda Rosa / Alligator

UF Transportation and Parking Services collected more than 3,000 perishable goods as of Wednesday as part of "Food for Fines," a program that forgives UF parking tickets and fines from April 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018, in exchange for a donations.

Several of the gym's staffers will transition to the YMCA

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local non-profit YMCA, Gold said.

"It worked out," Gold said. "We got to do something nice on our way out."

Gold said the equipment won't be the only thing from the gym moving to the

YMCA. As part of Alter Ego Fitness's exit strategy, a few staff members, including the general manager, front desk manager, a few trainers and some class instructors, will also be transitioning to work at the YMCA.

The YMCA community and people who use the facility are excited for the new

equipment, said Nancy Walsh, who volunteers on YMCA's board of marketing and communications and has been a member for 20 years.

In December 2016, the North Florida YMCA almost closed due to financial troubles, but about 400 donors contributed a total of \$1.2 million to keep the gym afloat,

according to Alligator archives.

"It feels great to have a donation so big come our way when we have had struggles early on,"

Walsh said. "This donation is just one more step in the right direction."

Editorial

As you speed walk to your 12:50 p.m. class because you woke up late, you finally reach the corner of West University and 13th Street. You're sweaty and 20 minutes late when the Hub comes into sight. Will being five minutes late to lecture actually make a difference? You did bring a reusable traveling mug, after all. You go to the Starbucks counter, give them your typical order — a grande French vanilla iced latte, double the syrup with caramel drizzle and an extra shot of espresso — and they stick on the label.

A few minutes later, the very nice and cute barista calls your name and hands you your drink. The barista gives you a smile and hangs onto your drink a little longer than expected. Was it a sign? Was the barista hinting at something?

Maybe the barista left a message on the label, you think. As you walk away, you force yourself to keep going until you're out of sight. Heartbeat quickening, you turn your mug and, in messy handwriting, you see ...

Darts & Laurels

President Donald Trump recently announced as high as a 10 percent tariff on paper that comes to the U.S. from Canada. The tariff — a tax placed on certain items imported from designated countries — can have far-reaching implications. It could raise the cost of paper as much as 32 percent.

Newspapers are feeling the hurt, along with farmers. Tampa Bay Times Chairman and CEO Paul Tash wrote the increase in imported paper will result in the company spending \$3 million more a year on newsprint. It's a cost that will result in cutting jobs and, ultimately, stories of the community being left untold.

The cost of journalism is one worth paying in order to keep a democracy in check. For that reason, we award **Trump a dart**.

Our society undoubtedly has an issue with sexual assault. In recent months, we've seen hundreds of men and women join the #MeToo movement, a viral social media campaign that allows survivors to share their stories.

It is often during moments like these, in which awareness is at its peak, that changes in culture happen. This is why sexual violence awareness matters, now more than ever. We are proud to see our fellow UF community recognize that.

On Wednesday, seeing the signs and hearing the chants of about 200 people who marched in Gainesville to protest sexual violence was encouraging. Afterward, they held a rally and allowed survivors to tell their stories.

We recognize sharing survival experiences for most is heartbreaking to say the least. For being brave enough to fight sexual assault, we award a **laurel to all survivors and those who participated** in the Take Back The Night rally.

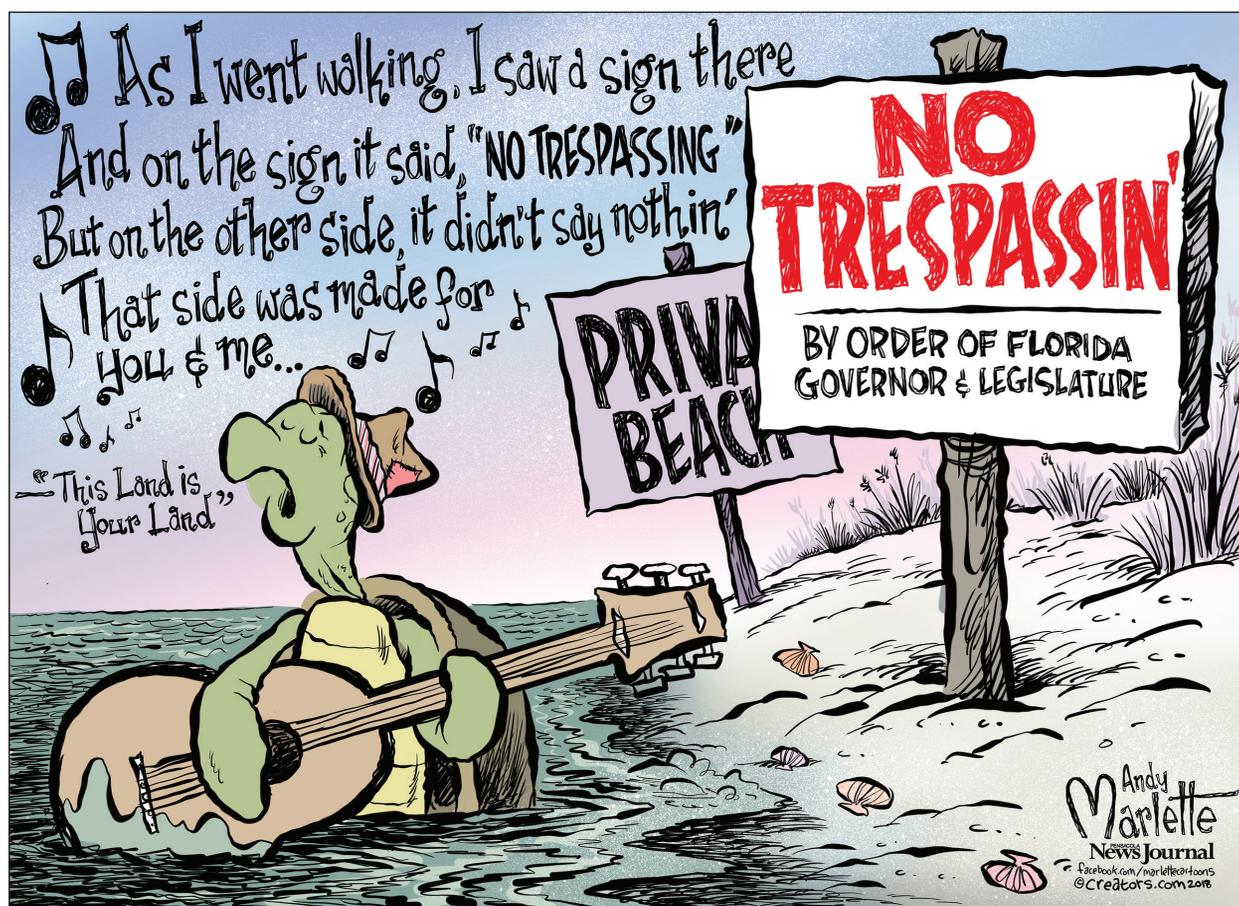
Few people actually change the world. Even fewer change it both while they're alive and dead. Wednesday marked the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., a man who continues to inspire progress even 50 years after he was killed.

Across the nation, crowds gathered to honor his work, including at UF, where the Century Tower carillon tolled 39 times to commemorate each year of King's life. Perhaps the most significant demonstration took place in Memphis, Tennessee, where thousands rallied at the National Civil Rights Museum, which is housed in the old Lorraine Motel where King was killed.

King was one of the most important voices in the civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s, and his powerful words still resonate today. He dreamed to live in a world where people are judged for "the content of their character," not their skin color or other superficial reasons. We still haven't accomplished that, so the fight for equality must continue. To **everyone** who took some time out of their hump day this week to pay a tribute to King, we present you a **laurel**.

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Column

Gainesville is not as welcoming as it claims to be

Two years ago, Gainesville declared itself a welcoming city. However, a recent incident with the Gainesville Police has shown it may not be all that welcoming.

An undocumented woman from Guatemala reported abuse to the police. Her boyfriend was suspected of kicking and hitting her as she tried to leave the apartment. The man was arrested.

Speaking about the victim, witnesses in the apartment and the man arrested, GPD spokesperson Officer Ben Tobias told the Gainesville Sun "we have clear evidence to prove that they are illegal. If they are, we will report them to ICE."

Reporting a victim of abuse to Immigrants and Customs Enforcement is essentially saying it's OK to abuse people because they're undocumented. It will increase fears the police are out to get them. Undocumented people have the right to feel safe in their communities.

This incident shows while Gainesville has a liberal and accepting atmosphere on the surface, police may not be as friendly as they seem in the "hot cop" photo or while playing basketball with kids on the street.

Police cannot be everywhere at once, and sometimes they rely on tips about crime. By overzealously taking on immigration enforcement even though it's not meant to be in their purview, GPD is scaring people from reporting crimes. What's next? Will hospitals report undocumented immigrants who come in with an injury? Will an undocumented person be reported to ICE for calling the fire department? These are resources that belong to the public, not just to American citizens.

This isn't the first time a local police force has taken a report of a crime as an opportunity to turn someone in to ICE. In fact, such incidents might happen more often than they get noticed by journalists. According to CNN, earlier this year, a man near Seattle reported a trespasser on his property and was arrested after the police showed up and found an outstanding ICE warrant for the caller. ICE warrants aren't held to the same standard as any



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other criminal warrant. They are issued by the agency itself and not independently reviewed.

These incidents break trust with the community. Often people will question a victim's motives when they do not immediately report a crime to police. They might say reporting to the police doesn't hurt, and it may be the only way for police to know which crimes to investigate. Incidents in which police arrest the victims or turn them in for an unrelated crime just create more reasons for people not to report

police.

There are many different crimes out there, and two illegal acts are not necessarily equally severe. Murder and money laundering, for example, or fraud and selling marijuana. In these cases, most of us believe one is worse than another.

To be undocumented is to not have appropriate papers and doesn't mean anything more than that. Legally, it's more comparable to a parking ticket than a violent crime. Undocumented people deserve public resources, like police and education, as much as anyone else.

The fact Tobias thought reporting an undocumented victim to ICE was mandatory speaks volumes. It's not actually about what's best for the community, but rather about a vendetta against undocumented immigrants. The undocumented people in this story were not reported to ICE, after public backlash. According to a Facebook post by Mayor Poe, the police department will not be reporting to ICE any more, but the story still raises questions about what police policies exist across the country.

We respect jurisdiction in all other situations, why not this one? There are crimes that fall under different enforcement agencies. Undocumented Americans are a part of our communities. Ideally, a police force should make their top priority keeping the community safe, including everyone in it.

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

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

Column

So you want to get more funding for the CRC and the CWC?

I was quite disappointed to see the feature Friday article from last week detail the blight of insufficient funding for the Disability Resource Center on campus. The article made reference to the decision by the local fee committee not to increase funding for the DRC back in October, which brought back

a lot of bad memories, as it was that very same meeting in which the committee turned down an opportunity to increase funding to the Counseling & Wellness Center.

As you might recall, back when the news first broke about the decision, I wrote a rather aggressive letter to the editor lambasting the decision, and I received a notable amount of aggressive pushback from people who may not have fully understood how the committee worked. Now that The Alligator has brought attention to yet another consequence of that fateful meeting, I thought it would be fitting for me to talk about the local fee committee and how it exists in the context of funding the DRC, CWC and other entities on campus.

There is next to no information out there on the internet, but here is what I know about the committee to the best of my understanding. The committee is comprised of eight members: four faculty and four students. The Student Body president nominates the students in the summer, and the Senate confirms them. This past year, they all happened to be high-ranking members of the executive branch.

The committee approves or denies proposals in relation to various per-credit fee increases. If the committee approves a proposal, it goes to the university president for approval after consultation with the Student Body president with final approval by the University Board of Trustees, according to section 1009.24 (11) of the Florida Statutes.

Last October, the CWC and DRC both sent in proposals for fee increases in order to get more funding. The students on the committee voted down the proposals, among others. Their reasoning?

"Those who supported the motion to zero



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out all fee increase requests, do so under the notion that we as students believe that there is an alternative solution to fixing the lack of resources in each department without increasing the cost of tuition and fees. We believe that college affordability is of the utmost importance and decreasing the overhead on the health fee could resolve these issues with directly appropriating a larger proportion of these funds to the services they are intended to provide."

So, clearly, the students had their own ideas to fix the issue, namely decreasing the overhead on the health fee. In brief, it's a 13 percent charge by UF against all expenditures of auxiliary organizations such as the CWC and DRC. The money collected goes toward funding other parts of administration that don't bring in money, such as public safety and human resources.

Essentially, the students voted against funding the CWC, DRC and other organizations because they wanted to try to get money another way. So what happened? Frankly, I have no idea. We certainly haven't seen any front page news about either entities receiving more funding.

It is imperative for us to know what became of the executive branch's effort to get increased funding for the CWC and DRC, because we all need to be on the same page in order to most effectively pursue alternate solutions.

I know no one wants to be the person who says, "It's time to raise student fees," but even if raising student fees is the last resort, we need to have transparency in order to know if it indeed is time to do so.

I've set up a meeting with the director of the CWC and the director of the DRC in order to get a better understanding of the funding sources of both entities to see if there are other solutions for us to pursue.

Questions, comments or concerns? Email me at: zchou@ufl.edu.

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Column

Why did digital downloading die?

A recently released Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) report revealed physical music sales surpassed digital downloads in 2017 for the first time since 2011. The difference is only 2 percent, but it is still significant. It is an indicator of the two factors that killed digital downloading: the rise of vinyl and the dominance of streaming.

The most interesting part about this new data is total physical sales are dropping; they are just dropping slower than digital's current nosedive into oblivion (which fell 25 percent last year). Providing that critical sales push was vinyl's 10 percent growth, a trend that has only been gaining speed in recent years.

Vinyl's rise should be directly related to the same events that initiated digital downloading's fall from grace. Ten years ago, iTunes was king. For \$0.99 a song, you could pick and choose your favorite tracks from albums and create unique playlists composed of only hit singles. However, when Apple increased the price of a downloaded song to \$1.29, everything changed. That amount apparently crossed the line in the mind of the consumer, and digital downloading has only continued to drown as superior alternatives arise.

The first superior alternative was the revival of vinyl. As the world becomes more and more digitized, we face the odd dichotomy of acquiring more stuff more easily, yet in the end, having fewer physical things. Now, all of our photos, books, music and movies can be ours without physically owning them. Our libraries of entertainment are now intangible, stored on hard drives and clouds across the country. Such abstract ownership makes content much more accessible, but deprives consumers of the satisfaction of actually owning a physical item.

When I was a sophomore in high school, before I even had my first record player, I bought a vinyl copy of the Strokes' album "Is This It." Even though I lacked the means to actually listen to it, I still jumped at the opportunity to buy the vinyl. Why? Because I loved that album so much that



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I wanted to physically own it. I wanted to touch it, proudly display it on my shelf and have a physical copy of something that I adored.

Before long, I got a record player and started assembling a record collection, sparking a new hobby and source of enjoyment in my life. This element of hav-

ing a personal collection is why the vinyl industry is rising; people like to physically look at their music collection, seeing the stacks of their favorite albums get a little higher each year. We are physical creatures who value ownership above most things. The satisfaction and pride that comes from a music library you can touch beats showing your friends your "digital library."

The second and final nail in digital downloading's coffin is now the future of music consumption: streaming. About two-thirds of U.S. music industry revenues last year came from streaming, and it is showing no signs of stopping. Streaming grew 43 percent from 2016, and there are now more than 35.3 million paid music subscriptions in the U.S. alone.

Who in their right mind would pay \$1.29 to download one song to own it, when you can pay \$8 a month and listen to almost every song ever recorded? The innovative business model for streaming simply cannot be matched; it provides consumers with more of what they want and for significantly less. Can it get any better than that?

From where we are right now, it is hard to see anything surpassing streaming from its throne. That being said, people probably said the same thing about the fax machine and pagers. Even better, I wonder if people thought the same thing about digital downloading 10 years ago? The music industry will only become more innovative and revolutionary over time.

With streaming on top for the foreseeable future, it is safe to say that digital downloading is dead, but how are we to know if streaming is not due for the same fate?

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

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Take Back the Night rally brings out crowd of about 200

During the event, students shared stories of surviving assault

Story by Jessica Curbelo
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This wasn't supposed to be Mariam Mohamed's first rally against sexual violence.

She had planned to go to Take Back The Night at Davidson College in North Carolina, which she had previously attended. Instead, she lay in a hospital bed after overdosing on 65 pills.

Two weeks prior to her first suicide attempt, she lost the case against her sexual assaulter.

She said she was assaulted three months into her freshman year at Davidson. After losing the case and filing for a restraining order against the perpetrator, she transferred during her sophomore year to UF.

"It's a double-edged sword, hearing the stories and knowing that it's such a common thing that happens," Mohamed, now a 20-year-old UF women's studies junior, said at the UF rally. "But at the same time, knowing that there are so many people who understand what you're going through is really comforting."

The Take Back the Night rally took place Wednesday night on the Plaza of the Americas. The event was put together by UF's Sexual Trauma/Interpersonal Violence Education, or STRIVE, a group overseen by GatorWell that's dedicated to education on sexual trauma.

During the event, a couple hundred people marched down Union Road toward Southwest 13th Street. They moved down West University Avenue and Fletcher Drive before

leading back to Union Road and the plaza.

Shalini Mirpuri, a peer educator for STRIVE, said the event has been put on by the organization for the past four years but has been held at UF since the 1970s.

"For as long as college has been around, college sexual violence has been around," said Mirpuri, a 26-year-old UF marriage and family therapy graduate student.

STRIVE's budget from GatorWell was used for the event, which cost about \$3,000 to \$4,000 to put on, Mirpuri said.

Jessica Trochez, a 20-year-old UF psychology junior, made a poster in support of survivors that read, in green marker, "Rape is not sex. It is violence."

Take Back the Night is an international march for sexual violence awareness. Trochez's Violence Against Women professor inspired her to attend.

"It's comforting to know that it's not only in this little area in Gainesville that you're acknowledged but also around the world," Trochez said.

After returning to the Plaza of the Americas, an open mic was held for survivors to share their stories. The audience was asked not to record anything said in order to maintain a safe space. Mohamed was one of the people to take the stage and consented to publicly share her story.

"I am able to stand before you today and share my story, not to garner sympathy as a victim or to wallow in my tragic past, but to inspire you to take a stand alongside me," she said, "and empower yourself by making sure your voice is heard."



About 200 people march west on University Avenue for the Take Back the Night March and Rally to End Sexual Violence on Wednesday. The night included poster-making, an open mic portion and a performance from The Sedoctaves.



Lauren Krumbholz, a 19-year-old UF health science freshman, writes on a poster for the Take Back the Night March and Rally to End Sexual Violence on Wednesday.



Angie Suarez, a 19-year-old UF public health sophomore, claps for a sexual assault survivor who told their story at the Take Back the Night March and Rally to End Sexual Violence on the Plaza of the Americas. During the open mic portion, survivors came up to a stage set up in front of Library West to tell their stories.



Janaki Padmakumar, a 20-year-old UF criminology and African American studies junior, marches south on Fletcher Drive for the Take Back the Night March and Rally to End Sexual Violence. "I feel like women should be more empowered to live our lives without being afraid," she said.



Tessa Walters, 20, holds up a two-sided sign that reads "HOLD RAPISTS ACCOUNTABLE" and "STOP RAPE ON CAMPUS" while marching. "Every woman I've known has an experience with sexual assault or harassment," the UF international studies sophomore said, "and more needs to be done about it."



Mary Kenney, a 20-year-old UF psychology sophomore, sings "Pretty Hurts" and "Have Mercy" on the Plaza of the Americas. The event was put together by UF's Sexual Trauma/Interpersonal Violence Education, or STRIVE, a group overseen by GatorWell that's dedicated to education on sexual trauma.



Mary Kenney, a 20-year-old UF psychology sophomore, sings "Pretty Hurts" and "Have Mercy" with The Sedoctaves on the Plaza of the Americas during the Take Back the Night March and Rally to End Sexual Violence. The night also included poster-making, a march around campus and an open mic portion.

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State, local politicians talk about early voting polls at UF

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State Sen. Keith Perry (R-District 8) said he will make it his job to bring early voting locations to colleges and universities as he and other local politicians debated how to get college students to vote early.

"I'm not the smartest guy out there, but I work really hard to get stuff done," the representative for Alachua County told an audience of about 75 at Pugh Hall on Wednesday.

Perry, who read a draft of a bill to the audience, said he will propose it to address the need in November. Current Florida Statutes don't mention colleges or universities as designated early voting locations, but the statues also don't forbid them. A student organization, Gators for Underrepresented Voters, has been trying to change that and started a petition in January to allow early voting on campus. The group partnered with others to host the Let Students Vote forum, where Perry spoke on how to get early voting on campus.

In 2014, the City of Gainesville sent an inquiry letter to Gov. Rick Scott's administration regarding whether the Reitz Union could be used as an early voting center. In an advisory opinion responding to Gainesville's request, Maria Matthews of the Florida Division of Elections said educational facilities are excluded from its list of possible early voting centers, according to Alligator archives.

But not having an early voting polling location may stop students from participating,

said Hannah Daigle, the Gators for Underrepresented Voters public relations manager. She said some may not be able to get to the Supervisor of Elections office downtown or other early voting locations.

"Thirty minutes can be make or break," the 18-year-old said. "Having an early voting location on campus is really the only way to get the voter turnout we're looking for."

City Commissioner David Arreola said he'd be in favor of having shuttles or RTS transportation set up to help students get to voting locations but thinks it would only help marginally.

"I think what you want to see is the most convenient path for the voter," Arreola said.

Jack Golio, a UF political science freshman, said he was surprised at how few early voting locations there are in the county. In the most recent city election, there were three early voting locations.

"I feel like we're not focusing on the right thing, which is lack of funding in early voting locations and this idea that certain people deserve to vote because they can take time out of their day," the 19-year-old said.

County Commissioner Ken Cornell said the county had asked the Supervisor of Elections office about opening a location at UF before. Cornell said he hopes to see an early voting space soon and would propose a county resolution of support.

"However we can help you have that voice be heard louder, this commissioner is in favor of," he said.

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High school students voice concerns on school safety

By Elliott Nasby
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Brandon Shavers knows what loss feels like after his friend took her life a year ago.

The Buchholz High School junior said it's important to talk to people and see if they're doing OK. The 17-year-old, who wants to be a psychologist, told school administrators mental health checks should be implemented at schools in a discussion on school safety and gun violence Wednesday night.

"That's blood on my hands if I don't say anything," he said.

Fifteen students from Newberry, Buchholz, Eastside and Gainesville high schools took questions from about 35 people at a monthly meeting of the city's Black on Black Crime Task Force at the Kirby Smith Center about topics including the importance of mental health, crisis preparation and see-through backpacks.

John Alexander, the executive director of Reichert House, moderated responses from the panel and said the discussion was organized to talk about campus safety, which has been in the news, from students' perspectives.

Kurtis Brutton, a senior at Gainesville High School, worries police could search students too much and make them uncomfortable if students are required to wear transparent backpacks, he said.

"I feel like it would be an issue for privacy," the 18-year-old said.

Sam Cornell, 18, a Buchholz High School senior, said preventative measures like campus metal detectors or increased police presence are important, but installing emergency tourniquet

kits in classroom buildings would help save lives in the event an active shooter does come onto campus. The first three minutes, the time it may take for paramedics to arrive, is enough time for someone to bleed out, he said.

"If I shut my mouth right now, and we all just sat here for three minutes, tell me that's not a long time," he told the group.

High school shootings are becoming a "new normal," said Cornell, who is working with the school administration to have medical response kits funded. Other schools in Marion County have funded similar programs already, he said.

Jovanna Liuzzo, a junior at Eastside High School, said after the events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, everyone at her school seems sensitive.

"Even just hearing someone yell in the hallway you wonder, 'Oh goodness, what is that?'" Liuzzo said.

The 17-year-old talked to her school principal about arranging open forums to start educating students about what to do in the event of a shooting.

"Because I honestly have no idea," she said. "We talked about it, you know, once in the first week."

Karen Clarke, the superintendent of Alachua County Public Schools, was in attendance and said she wanted to arrange a meeting to continue the dialogue with the 15 students.

Clarke said she hopes each school day will be an uneventful one but has talked to law enforcement about revising safety policies and fire alarm procedures within the coming months.

"This is a subject that you don't want to talk about, but it is there and it is the new normal for us," she said.



RESEARCH ROUNDUP



UF scientist plans to plant food in greenhouse – on Mars.

When Nicole Beisel talks about her research, some people think she's studying science fiction.

"I'll sometimes say, 'I study plants in space,' and people laugh and don't even let me finish because they think it's a joke," said Beisel, chuckling.

At the beginning of this year, the 23-year-old began studying how plant DNA can adapt to environments outside of Earth. She's a part of a team that wants to turn a shipping container into a controlled greenhouse to grow crops on Mars. Beisel is working with researchers from UF's Space Plants Lab and scientists in 10 labs around the world.

To prepare for the possibility of human space travel, researchers want to know if crops can survive on Mars before people arrive, Beisel said.

Beisel, a UF plant molecular and cellular biology first-year doctoral student, is using a modified GoPro, or small video camera, to see a plant's stress level within 15 minutes.

UF Space Plants Lab already monitors a greenhouse in Antarctica remotely, which was installed late last year. It grows crops like arugula, beets and radishes. The hostile environment is a "practice zone" and is similar to the extreme environment of Mars, Beisel said.

"We can try to rescue the plant and give a more successful greenhouse effort, overall, for one day where growing crops on Mars would be really important," Beisel said.

- Hannah Maggiore
Contributing Writer

Company made by UF researchers develops test to identify patients with brain injuries

Doctors now have a quick way to identify patients with traumatic brain injuries while avoiding radiation and reducing costs.

Banyan Biomarkers developed the first blood test for identifying this called Banyan BTI – or Banyan Brain Trauma Indicator, said Nancy Denslow, a UF researcher and Banyan Biomarkers co-founder. The test was FDA-approved to be marketed on Feb. 14. The company is working with hospitals across the country to try to bring the test to emergency rooms and clinics.

The idea for the test was developed around the fact that there was no FDA-approved exam that quickly diagnosed mild to moderate traumatic brain injury.

Banyan Biomarkers was developed by three then-UF researchers – Denslow, Kevin Wang and Ron Hayes – who have been working together to develop this blood test. Hayes no longer works at UF.

Wang said the blood test is used to determine whether adult patients with mild to moderate traumatic brain injuries should stay at the hospital for further treatment.

He said the test is conducted by taking a small blood sample and closely examining it for two types of protein. If the doctor or lab assistant find the proteins, the patient may have brain trauma. The test results appear in 15 to 20 minutes.

Since 2003, the company has received more than \$100 million from the U.S. Department of Defense and the National Institution of Health, Wang said.

- Alex Camargo
Contributing Writer

UF researcher trying to create the optimal pumpkin

A UF researcher is breeding pumpkins to make one that has good flesh and good seeds. Normally, the fruit only has one or the other.

Geoffrey Meru, an Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences assistant professor, started a study at the end of 2016 to look at the nutrition components of various pumpkins and their seeds. He wanted to get an idea of which are the best kinds to move forward within the breeding program. The study was published on March 15.

The study found that pumpkins with naked seeds, which are seeds that lack a coating, would be the best for snacking and oil production because of their large size and amount of oil.

He wants to breed naked-seeded pumpkins with pumpkins that have very healthy flesh to create a fruit that is more appealing to growers.

Of the 35 different varieties of pumpkins studied, the Styrian pumpkin had the biggest seeds with the most seed oil and the Kakai pumpkin maintained qualities that keep a longer shelf life.

"So the end product for a grower would be a pumpkin that he can have, cut, serve the flesh, harvest the seed from the fruit and make oil out of it," he said.

The pumpkins are expected to be in the market in four to six years and will be a similar price to regular pumpkins, Meru said.

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by Linda Thistle

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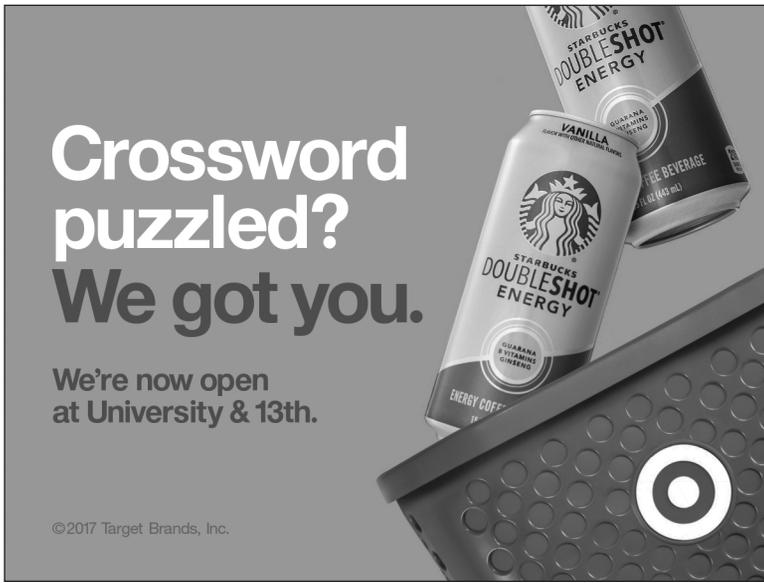
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10 Unlikely
14 Fashion designer Rabanne
15 Cold shoulder or hot corner
16 Elizabeth of "Jacob's Ladder"
17 Wee bit
18 It might be uncured
19 Plant with hips
20 Salute in an old orbiter?
23 Arizona neighbor
24 Former SETI funder
25 Pokémon Go finder: Abbr.
28 Spa supplies
30 African megalopolis
32 Nonstick kitchen product
35 Stadium scene after a big win?
39 Normandy river
40 Foil firm
41 It borders both the Missouri and the Mississippi rivers
42 Fishing parties?
44 Early Disney productions
45 ___ del Carmen, Mexico
46 Distant beginning?
48 Photog's choice
49 Org. offering shelter for some homeless
53 It merged with Chevron in 2005
57 Edward Scissorhands' syndrome?
59 Chain part
62 1975 Pulitzer winner for criticism
63 Old film dog
64 Catty reply
65 ___ attack
66 Flit
67 Cat catchers
68 Seriously reduce

DOWN

1 Bombarbs with e-junk
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3 Nut with a cap
4 Nonsense
5 Iberian peninsula territory
6 Economist Smith
7 Puerto ___
8 Half an Ivy cheer
9 Dodges of old
10 Agile
11 Uncle on "Seinfeld"
12 Advantages for job seekers
13 Novelist Rita ___ Brown
21 "He's mine, ___ am his": "Coriolanus"
22 Stand snack
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27 Milk sources
29 Prairie skyline feature
31 Buff
32 Name on collectible cards

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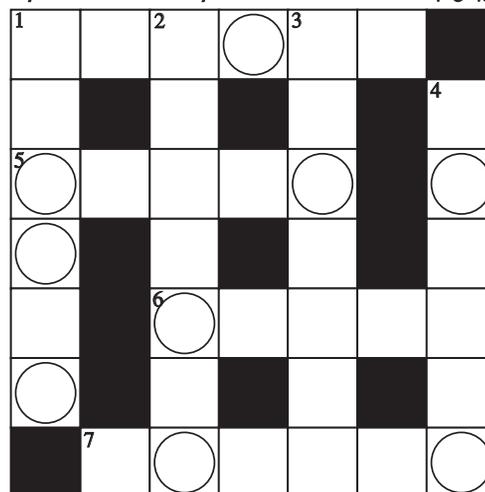
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6. Acknowledge M I A T D
7. Mental wellness L A T H E H

DOWN

CLUE **ANSWER**

1. Prohibit J N I E O N
2. Let go S E E A E R L
3. Bottomless M B Y A S L A
4. Grab, steal H N C T S A

CLUE: This actor loved playing bridge, poker and chess.

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BASEBALL

Gators begin series with Volunteers tonight in Knoxville



The Associated Press

Coach Kevin O'Sullivan has helped lead Florida's baseball team to a 26-5 start so far this season. The Gators begin a three-game series against Tennessee tonight at 6:30 in Knoxville.

By Morgan McMullen
Sports Writer

Florida baseball coach Kevin O'Sullivan felt the need to pump the breaks.

After Sunday's win against then-No. 8 Vanderbilt secured the Gators' first conference sweep of the season, he reminded reporters that the regular season was only a shade over halfway done.

"It's only the beginning of April right now," he said. "The goal is to stay healthy and play like this at the end. If we play like this at the end, we've got as good a chance as anybody."

Staying healthy has been a lucky break for the No. 1 Gators (26-5, 7-2 SEC) so far this season. Through their first 31 games, there haven't been any serious injuries to contend with, allowing O'Sullivan the freedom to juggle his lineup with a full arsenal of players.

That versatility could come in handy this weekend when Florida hits the road to take on Tennessee (18-12,

4-5 SEC) in Knoxville starting tonight at 6:30. While the Volunteers' record may be less than impressive, their home record of 13-7 is nothing to scoff at.

In fact, the Gators could have their work cut out for them taking on an under-rated roster. Here are the three players that fans should be on the lookout for in the three-game weekend series:

Garrett Stallings, RHP:

While freshman lefty Garrett Crochet will take the mound on Friday, Stallings may be the best of Tennessee's three weekend starters. The Chesapeake, Virginia, native is 4-2 in seven starts and has accumulated a 2.98 ERA, rivaling both of Florida's top two starters in Brady Singer (2.74) and Jackson Kowar (2.68). He has only issued four walks this season, the second lowest mark among SEC starters. Though his fastball has consistently been clocked in the high 80s/low 90s, Stallings does most of

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FOOTBALL

Youthful Florida secondary getting its feet wet during spring practice

By Andrew Huang
Sports Writer

The Florida Gators secondary, which has produced five NFL draft picks in the last two seasons, takes pride in the moniker the school has received in recent years: Defensive Back University.

However, that "DBU" label has no meaning without putting the work in, starting with the team's 2018 spring practices.

"Right now, we just take pride in learning the defense, growing the fundamentals and playing with a competitive nature," cornerback coach Charl-

ton Warren said after Wednesday's practice.

Warren was brought on to Florida's staff by first-year head coach Dan Mullen after spending last season at Tennessee. Mullen also hired a new safeties coach in former Eastern Michigan head coach Ron English.

Warren and English have both seen strides in the team's young secondary but said there is still a lot of work to do before the unit is ready to open the season against Charleston Southern on Sept. 1.

The two coaches preach consistency and fundamentals from their players, and English said

he likes the attitude and effort he's seen so far.

"We're getting better," he said. "We need a lot of reps because we're young and inexperienced, but we're getting better."

With just two upperclassmen defensive backs on the roster in juniors Chauncey Gardner-Johnson and Jeawon Taylor, there will be plenty of opportunities for young players to see the field in Florida's secondary.

Sophomores Marco Wilson and CJ Henderson figure to play a big role on defense after receiving significant playing time last fall. Henderson's four inter-

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Off Brandt / Opinion

Villains are a must-have to keep sports interesting

Lost in the craze of college basketball championship games and Tiger Woods' highly anticipated return to the Masters, a particular moment on the baseball diamond stole my attention this week.

The New York Yankees were up by a single run in the seventh inning of their home opener against the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday. Giancarlo Stanton — last year's National League MVP, who New York acquired in a trade with the Miami Marlins this past offseason — struck out swinging for the inning's first out. The strikeout was Stanton's



Benjamin Brandt
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fourth of the game.

Yankees fans were counting.

Suddenly, boos penetrated the wet, cold air in Yankee Stadium as fans vocalized their disappointment in the supposed star.

In the very next inning, Stanton had another chance to prove himself. This time, New York boasted a 9-4 lead. But when he struck out for a career-worst fifth time, the crowd lost sight of its quickly approaching victory and reprised its angry boos as Stanton returned to the dugout.

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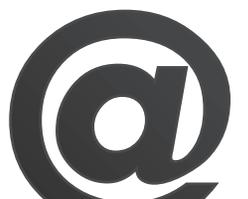
Alfredo Perez and the Florida men's tennis team will be in College Station tonight when it takes on Texas A&M at 6:30.

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This weekend's contest between the Florida and Villanova women's lacrosse teams, originally set to be played Saturday morning, was rescheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m. due to an impending forecast of snow in Philadelphia.

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GYMNASTICS

VITAL SIGNS: Baker using ASL to connect with cousin

By Alana Gomez
Sports Writer

Kennedy Baker awaited her cue on the edge of the mat as her gold eyeshadow and silver eyeliner masked the nerves that vibrated through her body. She swept her hair back and looked around at the sold-out crowd of 9,661 while the sparkles on her blue and orange uniform twinkled under the dim lights of the O'Connell Center.

Her body was still, but she was just moments away from launching her hands into a string of movements and gestures. It was this type of intimate and honest communication that made Kennedy anxious. But for the first time ever, she was sharing that personal piece of herself with a large audience.

It was the Florida gymnastics team's first home meet of the 2018 season against then-No. 1 LSU on Jan. 12. Kennedy — a senior on the team — was also about to perform the national anthem in American Sign Language alongside the UF Signing Gators, an on-campus student organization.

The ramifications of her performance were nowhere near as significant as the time she competed at the 2012 Olympic trials or with the U.S. Senior National Team from 2012 to 2014. Something like this shouldn't have fazed the 11-time All-American. But as she readied herself for the beginning notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner," the Dallas native couldn't help the sling of fears that cartwheeled through her mind.

Unlike her debut as a collegiate gymnast in 2015, where she recorded a top-three score on balance team, her first time signing the national anthem wasn't as smooth.

The mistake was a simple one. At the end of the song, Kennedy signed "rocket's red glare" again instead of the correct lyric, "O say does that star-spangled banner."

"I totally spaced and I was like, 'Oh. My. God.'" Kennedy said. "I was so scared because they were recording it. Luckily they didn't post that part on Twitter."

Performing in front of a large crowd wasn't the problem. Kennedy's anxiety came from a deeper place in her heart. It stemmed from the reason she wanted to learn sign language in the first place: a desire to communicate with those not granted the privilege of hearing.

This soft, caring nature will play a large role when Kennedy joins the Gators in Pennsylvania for the NCAA Regionals on Saturday. Instead of competing with her team, Kennedy will act as Florida's number one fan and support system as she sits out with a season-ending Achilles injury. The



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Florida gymnast Kennedy Baker has been taking American Sign Language classes since high school to help her communicate with her deaf cousin Isaac.

task won't be hard for Kennedy who, since high school, has dedicated her time to learning something new that benefitted more people than just herself.

For Kennedy, sign language isn't a hobby. It is an obligation. Many people go their entire lives without being disabled. However, for one member of Kennedy's family, this isn't the case. Kennedy was introduced to the concept of deafness at a young age when she would try to communicate with her hearing-impaired cousin, Isaac, who is about 15 years older than her.

"We told her to look at him when she talked to him," Kennedy's mother, Brenda, said. "I think from that point on she was just kind of interested in deaf people and helping deaf people."

Kennedy acted on that interest in high school. The idea to learn sign language came while watching an episode of "Switched At Birth," a television show where the main character is deaf. Kennedy replayed scenes where the actors communicated in sign language and then repeated the movements with her own hands. Soon afterward, she started taking sign languages classes online.

"She's got a heart the size of Texas," her father, Stephen, said. "She just enjoys that. That's how she rolls."

What began as a hobby eventually grew into a secret exchange

between her and her friends at her gym, Texas Dreams Club, in Coppell, Texas. In between rotations, Kennedy and her teammates practiced communicating with each other using sign language. It even became an outlet for gossip when they were mad at their coach.

"Me and my friend specifically were like 'Oh my God, this is so cool, we have to learn it,'" Kennedy said.

By the time she entered college, Kennedy wasn't satisfied by her progress. She decided it was time to get serious about sign language. She began taking ASL classes at UF the fall of her junior year and was a teaching assistant for the class this past fall. The class has helped her refine her skills in the language and better communicate with Isaac. Having longer sessions to chat with him is something Kennedy looks forward to doing in the future.

"I need to ask him what hearing people could do more to help deaf people and make the world more deaf-inclusive," Kennedy said. "That's definitely a conversation we're going to have."

Teaching yourself a new language takes focus and discipline. It also requires a strong heart and the desire to not give up. This came easy for Kennedy, who — in her career as a gymnast — has fought through various injuries to her back, Achilles, knee and hip.

But Kennedy hasn't let her

proneness to injuries frustrate her. Her cheeky personality, which UF coach Jenny Rowland affectionately refers to as her "little sass", has helped her get through those difficult times.

"By the will of God alone," Kennedy laughed. "You just kind of get used to the pain and just persevere."

One of Kennedy's most impactful injuries happened when she was 12 years old. The growth plate in her left Achilles tendon split, resulting in three surgeries over the span of eight years, including one procedure where doctors made a slit in her heel and inserted three nails. Now, Kennedy faces the reality of another Achilles tear, this time to her right tendon, that ended her senior season early on Feb. 23 in a meet against Arkansas.

However, she doesn't let it bother her. When she thinks about the situation in relation to her cousin Isaac and the type of adversity he faces everyday, she knows there is no comparison.

"I can get over it," Kennedy said. "I'm not gonna be on crutches forever, but deaf people are pretty much deaf for life."

Florida will compete at the NCAA Regional Championships in University Park, Pennsylvania on Saturday.

The Gators will meet No. 8 Washington, No. 17 Arizona State, West Virginia, Penn State and New Hampshire in a competition

that will determine which teams continue on to the NCAA Championships.

UF has won six consecutive regional titles and has advanced to the NCAA Championships in 35 out of 36 total opportunities.

After taking third place at the SEC Championships on March 24, UF will look to redeem itself at the regional by securing one of the two qualifying spots.

As the Gators prepare for the postseason meet, Kennedy's attention will be focused on supporting her teammates, just as she has supported loved ones like Isaac all her life.

"I'm gonna be whatever they need me to be," Kennedy said. "I'm gonna be the cheerleader, I'm gonna be the make-up guru."

For someone who has spent all of high school and college perfecting her skills in a language that doesn't use sound, Kennedy will break all protocol on Saturday and use her voice to show her love for her fellow gymnasts.

"I'm gonna be the loudest one out there," she said.

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Kennedy Baker

Event: All-Around

Class: Senior

Height: 5-0

Hometown: Dallas

Wilson led UF with 10 pass breakups in 2017

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ceptions in 2017 are the most among returning players. His first two picks of the season, against Michigan on Sept. 2 and Tennessee on Sept. 16, were both returned for touchdowns.

Wilson, the younger brother of former UF and current Indianapolis Colts cornerback Quincy Wilson, was second among the team's defensive backs with 34 total tackles and led the team with 10 pass breakups.

"They're guys that have had some success," Warren said of Wilson and Henderson. "And they understand, just like we do, that they have a long way to go to get to where they want to be."

Warren also said that sophomore Brian Edwards and freshman Trey Dean III could make a push for playing time. The 6-foot-2, 183-pound Edwards played in 10 games during the 2017 season, primarily on special teams.

Warren recruited Dean III, an early enrollee at Florida, while he was still with the Volunteers.

"He should be going to his high school prom right now, and he's trying to learn a playbook and manage school," Warren said. "He's given effort, but like I said, I think growing his football IQ, growing his skill set and technique, it's a day-by-day process."

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Cornerback Marco Wilson is expected to play a big role in Florida's defense this season after recording 34 total tackles as a freshman in 2017.

Charleston is batting .302 so far this season

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his damage with well-placed sliders and curveballs.

Benito Santiago, C: The Volunteers have developed a reputation this season for lacking power at the plate. As a whole, Tennessee has three fewer home runs (19) than UF third baseman Jonathan India and right fielder Wil Dalton combined (22). But Santiago is trying to single-handedly fix the Volunteers' lack of hard-hit balls. The senior from Pembroke Pines, Florida, is tied for third in the SEC with 10 doubles and has added three homers to the Volunteers' cause.

Jay Charleston, 2B: The sophomore from Longwood, Florida, is one of just two UT starters currently batting over .300, sitting at .302 for the season. He has hit safely in 20 of his 29 starts. He is 8-for-20 (.400) from the plate in his previous five games, scoring six runs and knocking three doubles.

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It was gleeful to watch.

Less than a week before, Stanton rocketed two home runs in his Yankees debut. And with a measly four-game sample size heading into the series against the Rays, his season batting average of .286 exceeded his career mark of .269.

But New York fans lacked any appreciation and were entirely unforbearing. That's partly why the Yankees are one of the most hated franchises in American sports.

And I love it.

The more Yankees fans give us a reason to hate them and their team, the better it is for sports. The re-villainizing of New York after the years of Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez might be the best

thing that's happened to professional baseball in a while.

We often forget that the green fields and hardwood floors are really just a stage. Every stage needs a story, and every good story needs a villain.

Having a team to root against is just as exciting as having a team to root for. Baseball is simply more fun when everybody hates the Yankees. With more reason

to care, people will watch more games, hoping the three-headed slugging monster of Stanton, outfielder Aaron Judge and catcher Gary Sanchez will crumble miserably.

Yes, it's still April and the marathon-and-a-half that is the MLB regular season has only just begun. Baseball will continue to swing in and out of the spotlight until the fall.

But while you may be watching the NBA playoffs or keeping up with offseason football, the Yankees will only be getting better, and their fans meaner. So when you do pay attention, they will be everything you want to hate and more.

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