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Firefighters down hot dogs in inaugural charity event



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Lt. Sean Withers from Gainesville Fire Rescue won the championship belt for eating the most hot dogs (eight) by himself. Withers and other members of GFR were awarded first prize during the competition. Together, they consumed 25 hot dogs.

By Jessica Curbelo
Alligator Staff Writer

Eight men sat along a wooden table. Ninety-six hot dogs waited in front of them. Behind them, a golden trophy and a belt fit for a champion. They were eating to win.

At the first annual “Sausages for Safety” event, two teams of firefighters were not only eating to win, they were eating for a cause. The hot dog eating contest, hosted by Mayflower Cellars and First Magnitude Brewing Company on Saturday, was organized to raise money for the upkeep of Kiwanis Gainesville Fire Rescue Safety City, a free facility for children to learn about safety.

The event took place from 2 to 6 p.m. at First Magnitude on Southeast Veitch Street. Safety City did free bicycle helmet fittings for children and worked with the Gainesville Fire Explorers to put together an obstacle course called “The Kiddie Combat Challenge.”

Red Cross had a table where kids could draw on a pillow case with markers and then fill it with supplies like tissues, Band-Aids and flashlights. Rosemary Jones, the Red Cross representative, said the kit is meant for children to start thinking about disaster preparation.

For 3-year-old Max, the firetruck was her favorite part. Gainesville Fire Rescue brought the firetruck, and kids had the opportunity to sit in the truck and have their pictures taken.

“I think it’s amazing,” Emi Melker, Max’s mother, said. “I came to visit with friends. I was worried there wouldn’t be enough for Max

to do while we hung out, but she loved it. It’s educational while having fun.”

Just past 5 p.m., almost 50 people gathered inside the venue to see the main event: a hot dog eating contest between Gainesville Fire Rescue and Marion County Fire Rescue.

Each team had four members, and each member had a plate stacked with 12 hot dogs in front of them. They had five minutes on the clock. The goal was to eat as many hot dogs — buns included — as possible.

Contestants quickly learned to soak the buns in glasses of water, otherwise the bread would dry out their mouths and slow them down. Hot dogs disappeared, consumed quickly in an attempt to win the trophy, decorated with a hot dog on top, of course.

As the piles dwindled, volunteers brought out plates with six more hot dogs. Competitors shook their heads, threw their hands up in the air, groaned and continued eating. At 10 seconds left, the crowd cheered them on.

Jon Pilgrim, owner of Mayflower Cellars, announced the winners.

GFR’s team, named “Just Try and Ketchup,” won with 25 hot dogs eaten. MCFR’s team, “Hot Dog Furies,” ate 18 hot dogs.

Lt. Sean Withers from GFR, after eating eight hot dogs, received the grand champion belt for eating the most.

“I wanted to clear my plate,” Withers said. “I wanted to win, so I just kept shoveling them in. To tell you the truth, I’m a little disapp-

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Jay Pharoah to perform stand-up tonight at Accent event

By Carly Rogers
Alligator Contributor Writer

The Accent Speakers Bureau chairman said students were so excited about Tuesday’s event, they were asking for details as the posters for it were being hung up.



Pharoah

Comedian and “Saturday Night Live” alumnus Jay Pharoah will be performing a stand-up act tonight from 8 to 9 at Uni-

versity Auditorium, located at 333 Newell Drive next to Century Tower. The doors will open at 7 p.m.

“We went through some options, and when I got to Jay Pharoah, it was a no-brainer,” chairman Gregory Wolf said. “He’s an excellent talent, he’s hilarious, he’s super creative and he’s someone everyone can relate to.”

Anticipation for the event doesn’t end in Gainesville. Some students are making plans to come back to campus just to catch Pharoah’s act.

“I’m really excited to see Jay Pharoah,”

said Dylan Pinard, a UF aerospace engineering major. “I’m not in Gainesville for the summer, so I’m coming from home and staying with a friend to see his show.”

Students may receive up to two free tickets per Gator 1 Card. Tickets have sold out, but there will be a stand-by line prior to the show, according to a Facebook announcement.

Wolf said Pharoah will receive \$52,000 for performing.

Pharoah is most famous for his time at “Saturday Night Live,” where he gained fame doing impressions of different celebrities,

including former President Barack Obama, Drake and Jay-Z. He was there for six years, but he left about one year ago to star in movies and do a stand-up comedy tour.

“Accent doesn’t usually do a Summer show, so we thought that it’d be a really good idea to bring somebody to do a high-energy show that everyone can come together and enjoy,” Wolf said.

More information about the event can be found on the event’s official Facebook event page and on the Accent website.

Fall 2018 recruiting preview

A look at the biggest incoming freshmen and transfers for the UF football, volleyball and soccer teams, **pg. 14**

UF student copes with father’s deportation

Viviane Charlestin assumed her father was at work one summer day in 2003. He was actually in a detention cell, **pg. 5**

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Florida Museum hosts free Creative B movie 'Dracula'

The Florida Museum of Natural History is hosting a screening of "Dracula," released in 1931, at the museum Friday at 7 p.m. Visitors will have the chance to discuss the film with a panel of scientists, artists and special effects experts. The museum and Creative B will screen the movie and explore the balance between science and art with an expert panel. The panel discussion starts at 7 p.m., followed by the movie.

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Organizers said event meant to encourage hands-on safety tips

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pointed with eight.”

Withers does plan to defend his title next year and beat his record of eight hot dogs.

Safety City was created by GFR and the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville and opened in 2002. The 2-acre facility is located at 1025 NE 13th St.

Safety City requires no entrance fee and includes a pavilion, a fire station building, working crosswalks, streetlights and more. Children, usually brought on field trips, can learn about topics such as fire safety, bike and pedestrian safety, electrical safety and how to call 911.

“If we go out and we just talk to kids, they might remember a small percentage of what we say,” Krista Ott, coordinator for Safety City,

said. “If we involve them a little bit, they’ll remember a little bit more, but we know if we get them hands-on doing what we’re doing, they’ll remember it much greater.”

Pilgrim hopes to build on this year’s momentum and have “Sausages for Safety” grow and include more organizations. He and his wife, Kerry Pilgrim, co-owner of Mayflower Cellars, first thought of the event when their business opened two years ago.

“Mayflower Cellars made its name with house-made sausages,” Jon Pilgrim said. “It took one summer to know that we should do a hot dog eating contest. I feel like any business that cares about the community should help local charities.”

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Above: Members of Marion County Fire Rescue wait to begin the first annual “Sausages for Safety” hot dog eating competition on Saturday afternoon. Each competitor began with a plate of 12 hot dogs during the contest.



Left: Children participated in a “Kiddie Combat” obstacle challenge during Saturday’s “Sausages for Safety” fundraiser.

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UF researchers study moths as prey

By Dana Cassidy
Alligator Staff Writer

New evidence shows moths with elongated tails and hindwings have a better chance of escaping a bat attack.

In a study published July 4 in *Science Advances*, researchers at UF and Boise State University teamed up to find out why tails help moths escape bats.

“(This study) is really kind of a major step forward in trying to understand how insects and their primary predators, bats, are able to interact with each other and get away from each other,” said study supervisor and associate curator of lepidoptera and biodiversity at the Florida Museum of Natural History Akito Kawahara.

Kawahara said the yearlong study took place at both UF and Boise State in Idaho. UF’s research focused on understanding the evolution of tails on moths. He said if tails are important tools for escaping bats, over time, more moths would tend to have these features.

The team tested four hindwing shapes in real time battles between moths and bats to see which moths were the most successful at escaping.

According to the study, the attacks were able to be seen using high-speed videography. The videos showed moths with longer tails and hindwings have a higher escape rate.

“There’s so many new things we are discovering with this new technology,” Kawahara said about high-speed videography. “Ten years ago, 20 years ago we probably wouldn’t (have) been able to do some of this work in the way we did because we didn’t have the tools we do now.”

The same team released another study in 2015 that showed moths with tails survive bat attacks better than those without, said co-author and Boise State doctoral student Juliette Rubin.

Rubin said her favorite aspect of the study was the process of data collection, watching and videoing the bats and moths duke it out in the live “dogfight” room.

“It was always fun to collaborate with the Florida team, and it was neat for us to meld our worlds together,” said Rubin. “Seeing the interactions (of the bats and moths) unfold in real time is really impressive.”

Kawahara and Rubin emphasized the importance of the 160,000 moth species in our world as they are an important component of the natural environment.

“It’s important to broaden our understanding of the natural world,” said Rubin. “As the world and biodiversity changes, we’ll (be able) to understand how things have evolved to our present day.”

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Trump picks Kavanaugh for court

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump chose Brett Kavanaugh, a solidly conservative, politically connected judge, for the Supreme Court Monday night, setting up a ferocious confirmation battle with Democrats as he seeks to shift the nation’s highest court ever further to the right.

A favorite of the Republican legal establishment in Washington, Kavanaugh, 53, is a former law clerk for retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. Like Trump’s first nominee last year, Justice Neil Gorsuch, Kavanaugh would be a young addition who could help remake the court for decades to come with rulings that could restrict abortion, expand gun rights and roll back key parts of Obamacare.

“He is a brilliant jurist, with a clear and effective writing style, universally regarded as one of the finest and sharpest legal minds of our time,” Trump said in his prime-time televised White House announcement. He added: “There is no one in America more qualified for this position, and no one more deserving.”

With Kavanaugh, Trump is replacing

a swing vote on the nine-member court with a staunch conservative. Kavanaugh, who serves on the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, is expected to be less receptive to abortion and gay rights than Kennedy was. He also has taken an expansive view of executive power and has favored limits on investigating the president.

Speaking at the White House, Kavanaugh pledged to preserve the Constitution and said that “a judge must be independent and must interpret the law, not make the law. A judge must interpret the Constitution as written.”

A senior White House official said Trump made his final decision on the nomination Sunday evening, then phoned Kavanaugh to inform him. The official said Trump decided on Kavanaugh because of his large body of jurisprudence cited by other courts, describing him as a judge that other judges read.

On Monday, Trump phoned retiring Justice Kennedy to inform him that his former law clerk would be nominated to fill his seat. Trump signed Kavanaugh’s nomination papers Monday evening in the White House residence.

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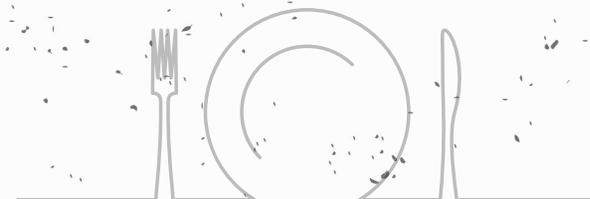
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Fifteen years later, UF student fights against father's deportation

By Victoria Chin

Alligator Contributing Writer

Viviane Charlestin remembers wearing a red dress when her family drove to West Palm Beach on a hot day in 2003.

Her mother, Ruthe, said they were visiting Viviane's father before he left for a vacation. Viviane and her siblings waited in a dark, gray room with prison-like windows.

Her older sister came out of another room crying and wouldn't tell Viviane why.

It wasn't until Viviane was 11 years old when she found out her father, Villiance, was being held in jail that day, before being deported to Haiti.

"I didn't even realize he was in jail. All I knew as a kid (was) Dad wasn't there," 20-year-old UF English major Viviane said. "I figured he was at work because that was the situation most of the time."

When Viviane and Ruthe heard about the U.S. government separating families who are crossing the border illegally to seek asylum in the U.S., Viviane said her mother cried the entire day.

"I hope that people just learn how difficult (immigration) is and the effect that it has on family," Viviane said. "It's affecting the kids the most. And it's really sad because their parents came here for them, and now you're taking them away."

Before Villiance was deported, the Charlestin family moved to Fort Pierce after their house in Orlando was foreclosed. Six kids shared the two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment. Viviane's parents slept on the living room floor.

Villiance picked oranges in the morning and ran a car mechanic business in the evening. Viviane remembers her father being strong, proud and hardworking.

When Viviane was 4, her father's friend needed help moving a car overseas. In the process, the two were questioned about their documentation. Villiance's visa had expired, and he was jailed.

Villiance told Viviane his first days back in Haiti were filled with tears. He felt like he was losing time.

As the family's sole provider, Ruthe worked for a housekeeping company before it was shut down and got a job at McDonald's. She hated it but knew someone had to pay the bills.

After two years, the family eventually moved into a duplex-style home through Sec-



Courtesy to The Alligator

Viviane Charlestin (right) poses with her father, Villiance, for a selfie in Haiti in June.

tion 8 housing. Ruthe paid \$300 a month there but still couldn't afford the rent.

"We didn't see it as like, 'Oh, government housing is bad. You're on welfare,'" Viviane said. "We saw it as, 'We get a house, like, a big house. Two bathrooms!'"

Ruthe received about \$500 each month in food stamps, but the family still went hungry some nights. Ruthe pawned her wedding ring for food money and sold a necklace her son bought her for Mother's Day to pay for the light bill.

Their neighborhood on 23rd Street was unsafe. Frequent gang violence forced Viviane and her siblings to stay inside after school.

Ruthe studied English at night school and reviewed a CD and booklet every day before becoming a U.S. citizen in 2012. During this time, the family moved back to Orlando with no plan.

Ruthe got a well-paying housekeeping job, but the Charlestins went homeless again in 2013 until Viviane found an apartment for the family near Oak Ridge, Florida.

Viviane attended Oak Ridge High School before convincing her mom to move into low-income housing in Gainesville to be closer to her sisters, who were attending UF.

Through it all, the family preserved their culture by cooking Haitian food, going to a

Haitian Baptist church, speaking Creole and celebrating Haitian holidays. The family remained in contact with Villiance, but phone calls to Haiti were laborious at the time.

On June 19, the Charlestins flew to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, and Viviane saw her father for the first time in 15 years.

Villiance met his family wearing an orange, short-sleeved button-up shirt with jeans and black boots. He had buzzed-cut gray hair and wrinkles. Viviane did not recognize him at all.

"I felt like our conversations were just dry and fake," Viviane said. "He knew nothing about me. He missed every graduation, he missed every birthday. Not because it was his fault, but just in general."

Villiance was unemployed, and the only person sending him food or money was Ruthe.

"The job he wants to do is be a mechanic, and that's what he's good at," Viviane said. "That's what he learned."

But many people do not own cars in Haiti, nixing the need for mechanics.

Sometimes, Villiance is homeless. Other times, he lives with family. Ruthe paid about 1,000 gourdes for a rental house for their visit, where Villiance would be able to live for the rest of the year.

While visiting Haiti, Viviane and her family only had electricity every other day for an

hour. Water came in plastic bags, and ice-filled coolers were used to keep things cold.

"It's really crazy to see how even (about) 10 years after the earthquake, it's gotten worse," Viviane said.

They visited initially to get a waiver from Haiti's U.S. Embassy for Villiance to come home. However, the embassy in Haiti told them to go to America to get the waiver. But they had been told in America to go to Haiti to get the waiver.

The family started Villiance's case in 2008, but it was canceled because his phone was often stolen, making communication with his case workers difficult. Viviane said everyone except Ruthe gave up on bringing him back long ago.

"We're just going to have to move on with it and just accept the fact that he can't stay here anymore," Viviane said. "And it's a really sad realization, but at the same time, it's almost like we're numb to it."

The family started the expensive process of filing for Villiance's visa again when they returned to the U.S. on June 29.

"For one application paper, it's \$300, another is \$250, and it's just money that my mom doesn't have," Viviane said.

Viviane said she would like to volunteer to help other first-generation Americans and their families. She thinks Americans should treat immigrants better.

"They're not stealing your jobs," she said. "They're taking the jobs that you don't want."

Not enough people understand how difficult the immigration process is, Viviane said. People try their hardest, but sometimes they still can't get in.

"Of course, people are going to sneak in because they want a better life," Viviane said. "It's because they want to come here for their children, even it means in five days they get deported, but their kids are safe. They're willing to take that risk."

Viviane's oldest sister is now getting her doctorate at the University of Notre Dame. Her other sister plans to become a teacher.

Viviane wants to work in the film industry to change the perception of Haitian culture in the media.

"I really just want to put Haiti on the map and hopefully make it successful enough that I can give my mom everything and more..." she said, "and hopefully even write her story."

Advocates speak out against Filipino war on drugs

By Kelly Hayes

Alligator Contributing Writer

Filipino President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs has led to the deaths of thousands of people, catching the attention of student groups at UF.

A public forum was held in a Reitz Union classroom Sunday afternoon to discuss Duterte's human rights violations and how to stop the unjustified deaths.

Since 2016, more than 26,000 people have been killed in Duterte's violent war on drugs, Malaya Movement Coordinator Yves Nibungco said. The 12 people that attended talked about the threat of Duterte's war against the Filipino people — particularly poor, indigenous populations.

"The common scenario is that (Filipino citizens) are accused of being drug users with no trial and are killed in police operations with no due process," Nibungco said. "They have no way of defending themselves."

The forum was organized by UF's Asian American Student Union and included

speakers from the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines (ICHRP) and the Malaya Movement.

"There's a huge population of Filipinos here in Florida," Nibungco said. "We believe it is important to bring awareness here."

Nibungco explained how people in the states can help, including calling their U.S. representatives. He said it is important for U.S. residents to join in outreach to support the growing resistance of Filipino people.

"We are concerned about our tax dollars being spent in the Philippines in the form of military aid," Nibungco said. "About \$5 million goes to train the law enforcement directly participating in Duterte's war on drugs. We believe people should be aware of that."

For UF sustainability studies senior Priya Pershadsingh, 20, the presentation was informative, inspiring and even a bit shocking.

"I actually have a really close friend who is from the Philippines, and he doesn't really talk about situations like this," Pershadsingh said. "It was really eye-opening."

City to review tree canopy

By Anais Roache

Alligator Contributing Writer

The City of Gainesville has announced a tree team to develop an urban forest management plan to act as a roadmap that will enhance the city's current tree canopy, which is the layer of tree brush that covers the city when viewed from above, and maximize its ability to provide benefits for all citizens.

The tree team will also be working with Gainesville Regional Utilities on tree-trimming operations so certain areas won't fall victim to tree limbs falling on power lines, affecting electricity during hurricanes and large thunderstorms.

Chip Skinner, public information officer for the City of Gainesville, said the team has been in planning since the city's Blue Ribbon report, which called to put citizens at the front of the city's decision making process.

"The team will be able to open up our eyes and put us on the flip side, into the citizens' shoes," Skinner said. "Instead of just being a city employee, we're taking into account (citizens') feelings and thoughts on different processes as well."

Skinner said the biggest issue currently fac-

ing the urban forest is development along Archer Road and people who do not adhere to the current mitigation process of the city's tree canopy, which calls for replacing trees that have been removed with new ones.

Despite these obstacles, Skinner said he feels the city is still doing well in terms of tree cover, as it has been considered a "Tree City USA" for more than 30 years, a status given to cities that meet certain standards of urban forestry management.

City arborist Matthew Mears said the city's tree canopy offers a number of benefits to citizens like providing shade, clean air, ground water and even a sense of place.

"When I think of Gainesville, I think of its really beautiful and thick tree canopy, and I think it'd be quite a different place if there were no trees for sure," Mears said.

Mears said community members can get involved with the development of the management plan by attending public meetings with the city's Tree Advisory Board once a month.

"It's really important for the community to get involved because the urban forest is a benefit to everyone and it affects everyone," Mears said.

Editorial

Two common myths of journalism

Are we missing anything? How much does the thing cost? When and why did the thing become an issue? Who does the thing affect and how?" Those are all questions we ask ourselves here at The Alligator when researching, writing and publishing a story.

There are several misconceptions in the public about the decision-making process that goes on behind the scenes at any publication. We believe that some of these misinterpretations about what the media does, and how it does it, often leads to further mistrust of our institution.

Therefore, in the spirit of a neat meme making the rounds on social media, we will attempt to dispel two common news media myths our readers may believe that seem obviously false to journalists. As always, please feel free to engage us on the topic on Twitter @TheAlligator and tell us where you believe we're right and wrong.

The objective of this endeavor isn't to point at media consumers and laugh like Nelson from "The Simpsons." Rather, we believe it is our — both The Alligator and the news media in general — duty to make our process more transparent.

1.) Balance does not always equate to the truth and is not always necessary or right. For example, if 97 percent of scientists agree that humans significantly contribute to global warming, then it'd be ethically irresponsible to give the 3 percent of scientists who disagree equal time in a story on the topic.

Getting 97 percent of any community to agree on something is, in our opinion, nearly impossible in the modern climate of discourse and contrarianism.

That's not to say that a minority viewpoint shouldn't be covered. People in America have fought and died for the rights of those in the minority. But the opinions covered deserve proper context, perhaps in saying, "So-and-so is in the minority in their opinion. Only X percent of people in their occupation believe this."

A false balance of any subject — implying that both sides of an issue are equally valid when they aren't — is how you end up with issues like "whataboutism" and false equivalence.

2.) Objective journalism isn't a real thing. True objectivism implies that writers or editors have never formed an opinion on anything relating to the issue they're covering.

This isn't to be misconstrued as all journalists and newspapers "having an agenda." Our business is finding out the truth and telling people's stories and not in perpetuating a personally motivated political ideal.

Sure, some of the larger 24-hour media outlets have shifted more toward opinion and forced roundtable discussions where most sentences spoken begin with "I think..." Yes, you're currently reading an editorial, which is a personal point of view. But the local news sources of the U.S. don't have massive budgets to spare of political castaways spewing bad hot takes.

Please don't misconstrue any of this as us trying to brush off allegations of bias with a simple, "Everybody does it!" It is just to say that reporters are people too, and that's a pretty important prerequisite in gathering information about — and disseminating it to — other people.

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Column

Don't settle for a situation that only hurts

I'm an introvert through and through. As a person who is an avid listener, I haven't always been the best at speaking up for myself. For me, part of the silver lining of having a chronic illness has been finding a voice beyond one that's on paper or in print. I've learned to be an advocate for others and myself.

I'm writing this column after leaving a doctor's office that I'm not going back to. This isn't the first time this has happened.

Doctors take an oath to do no harm. However, I've been traumatized by many doctors. This sounds dramatic. However, during a visit to the doctor, my heart rate and blood pressure can rise. Sitting on the medical table can give me flashbacks to times of physical and mental pain brought on by doctors I have seen in the past.

I've been dismissed and given the opposite of care. I've left offices in tears, in agony not only from the pain I went in for, but also from the pain of being unheard. I've been chastised and spoken down to. I've been called crazy and told I'm faking. I've been shot down, just to find out later I was right in knowing something was wrong only after being heard when an older adult is in the room or when another doctor took the time to listen and believe me.

Even when I've spoken up, doctors haven't listened. That's where I've learned there's more than one pathway in life. I just have to make a new path in another direction.

My journey is full of branches. It's a crazy tree with weird limbs. Some are short blunt points, signs of new ideas or attempts that didn't work out. Setbacks have helped me grow roots to help anchor the tree that I'm still trying to nurture. Sometimes, like during the lowest lows at the doctor's office or in the hospital, I feel like



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I'm wilting and can't support myself. Other times I'm able to stretch out and grow.

This has come partly from knowing when to walk away. When something isn't going as it's supposed to, whether that be in a friendship, relationship, job or classroom, it's important to speak up against injustice or something that's causing more harm than good. This is the way things can change.

Don't settle for a situation that only hurts.

However, not settling doesn't mean everything is immediately fixed. It can feel like a never-ending fight.

I've been seeking an answer to new symptoms that started in February. It's been months, but it could be years. In the world of medicine, you can find reports of stories from patients who waited years for a diagnosis.

"I want people to read about how they matter and how one person can make a difference."

Sophie Feinberg
Alligator Columnist

In life, your gender, race or socioeconomic status can affect everything. It can affect your health care, education, opportunities and more.

In dealing with less than ideal situations, I am even more driven to be a journalist who can write articles that can be available to anyone. I want to report on stories that help other people learn and be aware. More than anything, I want people to read about how they matter and how one person can make a difference.

In the isolation of sickness, reading articles on stories of injustice in medicine has given me knowledge for my journey, and I hope to do that for others.

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Column

Silly cereal industry, Trix aren't for kids

Walking down the breakfast aisle of the grocery store, a rainbow of boxes scrolls past. Mascots like Tony the Tiger and Lucky the Leprechaun jump out from each rectangle. The obvious conclusion is that a lot of these cereals are aimed at kids. Turn those boxes over and you'll find most of them are high in sugar and, for some, extremely high. Improving public health isn't a simple topic, but one common sense move is obvious: We should stop marketing sugary cereals to children.



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kids is unethical. Lucky the Leprechaun, mascot of Lucky Charms, was created in 1963 to give the cereal a friendlier, more youthful face. The shape and color of the marshmallows changed to appeal to young consumers. These tactics were used because children aren't won over by nutrition labels. They convince their parents to buy cereals that are the most fun, have the most color and excitement and have the catchiest theme songs.

Children are not persuaded by nutrition labels. They can't be expected to understand them — especially when portion size doesn't accurately reflect how much a typical person eats. Worse, kids are already eating two to three times the daily recommended amount of sugar, according to nutritionist Dawn Undurraga. Parents are further misled when thinking cereal is "part of a complete breakfast" when really that statement only means it shouldn't be eaten alone. Cereal is no more part of a complete breakfast than a slice of cake is part of a complete dinner.

Let's start with the more obvious: A diet high in sugar is not healthy. The American Heart Association (AHA) has continually adjusted sugar intake recommendations downward. We're slowly starting to realize that fats are not the biggest culprit. Sugar intake has been shown to contribute more to obesity than fats. Not only does sugar harm you in a direct way when eaten in excess, it leaves less room in your diet for healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy products.

Eating lots of added sugar early in life is linked with obesity, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes, according to the Cleveland Clinic. Those are factors that lead to heart disease in both children and young adults.

The new AHA guidelines call for less than 25 grams of sugar per day for children between 2 and 18 years old. One serving of Lucky Charms, for example, contains 10 grams of sugar. That doesn't leave much more room for sugar consumption in the rest of the day. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), most people eat more than 30 percent of the serving size listed on the nutrition facts label. That turns 10 grams into 13 grams. Marketing targeted at children aims to further increase that amount.

Let's take a look at why marketing to

The Federal Trade Commission only acts to prevent commercial speech to enforce the law, e.g., preventing Camel cigarettes from marketing to children because kids aren't old enough to buy cigarettes legally. Because Uncle Sam won't step in to help, we should solve this sugar overdose by educating parents to the harmful effects of sugar and ask marketers to think and act ethically. Unfortunately, those are the only ways out of this Trix rabbit hole.

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Column

How to quit sucking: the problem with plastic straws

Americans have recently discovered the harm of plastic straws to the environment and the animals that inhabit it. Overnight, it seems that many young people have begun urging each other to stop using the thin drinking tubes.



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When I first heard about this movement, I didn't understand why straws were any worse than other plastic pollution. I figured all plastic was bad. Why are we singling out straws? This week I set out to find the reason so many environmentalists were warning us about these seemingly innocent tools.

The first thing that makes straws a bigger challenge than other plastics is that we often don't think to recycle them. They can't be recycled — they're too small to be processed by the machines at recycling plants. Americans use 500 million straws per day and their average life span is 20 minutes. Because plastic never fully biodegrades, the straws will live the majority of their life littered somewhere or will make the journey to a "continent" that is a third of the size of North America: the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

When animals are swimming in more plastic than water (One study predicts pollution will outweigh marine life by 2050), they can inhale it or eat it. According to onegreenplanet.org, up to 50 percent of sea turtles ingest plastic. This can cause them to get sick and die or be unable to digest food. When we lose one part of the ecosystem, it affects many other species — including humans! People should take the endangerment/ex-

inction of animals personally. It might not directly affect you, but it will at some point. It's just cruel that an innocent animal should have to suffer because of our actions.

It's a bit ridiculous that we are so addicted to a product with literally no purpose. When did we become too lazy to lift a glass up? Straws are one of the top 10 items found in beach clean ups. Straws serve little to no purpose and are handed out excessively by restaurants and bars. It's hard to believe we still use them when it costs zero dollars to just drink out of a cup.

There are compostable plastic straws, but these are meant to be broken down at a facility — not by the ocean. Paper straws can be a good alternative, but they quickly turn to mesh. Your best option, if you're looking to give up straws, is to buy a reusable metal or wooden straw. Or you could always just take the lid off your drink and go strawless.

Not using a straw might seem like an inconvenience, but we have to draw the line somewhere. I think we are accustomed to a level of luxury that isn't sustainable. For me, living in a second-world country taught me about living with less unnecessary comforts. Giving up straws to protect the wildlife from consuming them and dying seems worth it to me.

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Above: Campers learned about Native American innovations and artifacts during Monday's "Archaeology Rocks!" event.

Below: Young campers from Baby Gator listen as speakers from the Florida Public Archaeology Network talk about stone tools and hunting technology during Monday's "Archaeology Rocks!" event.



Above: Eager campers wait to have their questions answered following the presentation.

Below: Campers listen carefully as a member of the Florida Public Archaeology Network gives a slideshow presentation on different rock types.




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Law enforcement trains, employs newest K-9 officers

By Jessica Curbelo
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When Gainesville Police officer Ed Ratliff and his K-9 partner, Ace, patrolled along Southeast Eighth Avenue, they weren't expecting to find their first suspect as a solo team.

Ratliff and the German shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix had been working solo for two months since their certification in April. Late on June 16, Ace spotted him first.

Laying in the bushes, a man accused of robbing a Dollar General with a handgun had covered himself in leaves. Once Ace alerted him, Ratliff noticed the man's shoes sticking out from the bushes. He called for other officers and waited for them to arrive before approaching the man and apprehending him.

"If it wasn't for Ace, we wouldn't have found him," Ratliff said. "I was really happy, like a proud dad."

Ace, almost 2 years old, is one of seven dogs in GPD's K-9 unit. For about five months, the dogs and their handlers train together before being certified to do patrol work by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Ratliff said.

GPD officer Joshua Meurer and his dog, Ranger, were most recently certified June 28. The 18-month-old puppy was flown in from Germany four months before.

"He wouldn't sit still when he got here," Meurer said. "He was running around the house. He had never seen a screen porch before, so he ran at it and bounced off the screen. He just shook it off."

When looking for K-9 candidates, people search all over the world for dogs that display a high drive to go after and find things. The dogs should have the ability to listen and to use their noses — instead of just their eyes — to look, Meurer said.

At GPD, five of their dogs are dual-purpose while the other two are single-purpose. Officer Rob Rogers' dog, Nero, is a dual-purpose dog trained to sniff out narcotics and apprehend individuals. In about three or four months, Ranger will also be dual-certified.

In the meantime, Ranger and the rest of the GPD unit train 10 hours every week, more than the mandatory amount, according to Rogers.

The unit trains at "the barn," a nickname for the fleet operations facility where the city of Gainesville services all city vehicles.

The large fenced-in field being next to the parking lot makes "the barn" a good place to train, Rogers said. There's space to train and hide scents for the dogs to find — without worrying about anyone being harmed.

All seven dogs have obedience training where they're expected to remain at their handler's side as they turn, walk and run around the field. They are also expected to lay down at a hand gesture and stay in the position until they're given another gesture.

The dogs being trained for certification each had individual obedience training. Before they were certified, Ranger and a visiting K-9 from St. Johns County Sheriff's Office had to lay down in the middle of the field, without their handler, while two officers walked around the dog to see if they would stand up or ignore them.

In another exercise, an officer shot blanks off to the side while the dog walked next to his handler, testing to see if they would respond to the sound of the gun. Cpl. Jeff Kerkau said it's important to train them not to go after gunfire because the person shooting the gun may be another officer.

Cpl. Dylan Hayes-Morrison, Ares' handler, said, "I could've never anticipated how difficult being a K-9 handler is. It's impossible to really recreate scenarios, so every call is a challenge. The pressure falls on us. We can't just say, 'this person is too dangerous.'"

The dual-purpose K-9s also had to search through the parking lot full of cars to find a



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GPD dogs walk with their handlers during obedience training. Part of the training makes sure the dogs will remain next to their handlers when running or walking.

narcotics scent that was planted before they arrived. The handlers brought out each dog by themselves to sniff at the cars and alert them, either passively or actively.

Dogs like Nero have an active alert, letting their handlers know they've found something by scratching at it. Other dogs sit down instead and stare, not letting their handlers pull them away until the spot's been checked.

At UF, the police department employs four bomb dogs. Because they're detecting explosives and don't want to accidentally set them off, their dogs have passive alerts.

Boomer the bomb dog, a black Labrador with a habit of nibbling grass when he's bored, is trained to detect about 22 different odors. Along with Boomer, UPD has two other Labradors and a German shepherd.

Officer Dale Holmes, Boomer's handler, said the Labradors are better for crowds since they're not stereotyped as police dogs.

"With a dog that's a little bit less scary," Holmes said, "we can get up and close to a person through crowds without being too scary and making people move away from him. I want to be able to get close to somebody."

Since GPD doesn't have bomb dogs, UPD brings in their dogs if there's a situation around Gainesville that may involve explosives.

The bomb dogs are trained to identify the spot of the explosives as accurately as possible. Like a gradient, the strength of the scent helps the dogs narrow down the location. The closer they get to the scent, the stronger it gets. Once the scent starts to weaken, they know they've passed the area and backtrack.

Like most K-9 dogs, Boomer is rewarded with a toy after he identifies a scent, encouraging him to alert his handler for specific scents. Each dog has their own reward toy, and Boomer and Holmes enjoy playing tug-of-war with a rolled-up cotton towel.

"He loves coming into work," Holmes said. "Every day is play time."

At the end of the day, the K-9 dogs go home with their handlers. Several officers said their dogs can tell when they're off the clock.

GPD Cpl. Kerkau said it's important to let their K-9s just be dogs at home. Kerkau's dog, Roo, knows the work day is over once his work collar is off and hung in the garage.

Ratliff, who takes his dog on family walks with his fiancée, said, "When we pull into the neighborhood, Ace almost sighs because he knows we're home."



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Ares and Cpl. Hayes-Morrison pose outside of the building where the unit meets up before going to training at "the barn."

CRIME ROUNDUP

GPD: Man tried to eat evidence

By Devoun Cetoute

Alligator Staff Writer

When a man was stopped by Gainesville Police after a chase Saturday, he allegedly tried to eat a small plastic bag of cocaine.

Javontea Black, 22, was charged with grand theft auto, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, not having a valid driver's license, aggravated fleeing and attempting to elude a police officer.

The officers knew Black was traveling from Alachua to Gainesville with an active warrant from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. Alachua Police was able to tell GPD that Black was driving a silver Honda with a black hood, according to the report.

The warrant from ACSO was for battery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and elderly abuse. It was issued April 18 with a \$105,000 bond, according to the report.

He is also facing charges from APD for a crime he committed Saturday for grand theft of a firearm and two counts of possession of a weapon or ammo by a convicted Florida felon for a \$100,000 bond, according to the Alachua County Clerk of Court website.

On Saturday around 10:40 p.m., GPD

officers ran the license plate of a silver Honda Civic on Northwest 13th Street, according to the report. When the plate was ran, officers saw it was reported stolen July 2 out of Hillsborough County.

The officers signaled Black to stop as he turned on Northwest 23rd Terrace, according to the report.

Black refused to stop and made multiple turns before he attempted to drive between two buildings and hitting a mailbox, according to the report.

When the car came to a stop, the back and front seat passengers ran from the car, according to the report. Black tried to leave through the front passenger window, but he was taken into custody.

During the search, a GPD officer found a small plastic case in Black's pants pocket which had drugs, according to the report. Black had also spit out a small plastic bag containing powder cocaine.

Black suddenly said the cocaine was thrown into his lap by one of the passengers in the car and he tried to eat it when the officers were behind him, according to the report.

Black remains in Alachua County Jail in lieu of a \$305,000 bail.

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Woman charged with unarmed burglary

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A woman was found sleeping on a man's couch after burglarizing his home on Northeast Fifth Avenue on Saturday, then gave her 19-year-old daughter's name when she was arrested by Gainesville Police, according to the arrest report.

Janice Williams, 34, was charged with unarmed burglary to an unoccupied conveyance, burglary of a dwelling, grand theft from a dwelling and giving false name or ID to law enforcement officers.

The victim was arrested June 27 and taken to Alachua County Jail, according to the report. When he was arrested, he called his sister and told her to come and get the keys to his apartment so she could check on it.

On Friday around 2:30 p.m., the victim's nephew went to the apartment, took a shower and left, according to the report. He locked the front door but believed he left a window open in one of the bedrooms.

On Saturday around 4:30 p.m., the victim's sister went to check on the apartment and found Williams asleep on the living room sofa, according to the report.

Williams was allegedly sleeping next to two bags of household items containing about \$75 worth of food, about \$150 worth of men's clothing and random items from the kitchen and bedroom. The sister checked with the nephew to make sure the apartment was in order and all the food was in the kitchen when he left.

Before leaving the apartment, the sister watched Williams open the driver side door of her Ford SUV without her permission and take her purse, according to the report. Williams left before officers arrived, and a check of the SUV found items on the ground that were previously inside the vehicle.

The victim was told what happened and said he did not know Williams and did not give her permission to enter his apartment or take any of his

things, according to the report.

Williams was found at 1500 NE First Ave., according to the report. After being read her Miranda Rights, Williams said she had gotten permission to sleep at the apartment before the victim went to jail.

The nephew told police he saw Williams two days before, according to the arrest report. He said he told Williams the victim was arrested and that she didn't know, which contradicted what she told police about having the victim's permission.

An officer spoke to another witness Sunday around midnight. The witness told officers that Williams falsely used her name instead of Williams' real name. She said Williams is her mother and did not give her permission to use her information.

Williams has an active warrant in her name for possessing and using drug paraphernalia, according to the Alachua County Clerk of Court website.

Williams remains in Alachua County Jail in lieu of a \$9,000 bail.

Man charged with sexual battery in Dillard's dressing room

By Jessica Curbelo

Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police arrested a 19-year-old Lake City man Thursday for allegedly sexually battering a minor at The Oaks Mall.

Jeremy Dixon and the girl were reportedly friends at the time. On April 22, they went shopping at the mall on Newberry Road. While in Dillard's, the girl said she wanted to try on some dresses and went to the changing room.

Dixon reportedly followed her inside. When she said she didn't feel comfortable changing in front of him, Dixon replied that he would "see it anyway." According to the report, the girl was confused by his statement but started

to change into the dresses.

She told officers that she left her jeans on because she was so uncomfortable with Dixon in the room. At one point, Dixon allegedly stopped her from changing and began to kiss her. The victim said she tried to stop him, but he continued and started groping her breasts and kissing her neck. He stopped for a moment, and she began changing again.

Again, Dixon reportedly stopped her and began to kiss her, unbuttoning her pants to take them off. The victim tried to hold her pants up and told Dixon to stop, but he didn't listen and pulled her pants down from her waist. The victim told law enforcement that she was scared and froze, not knowing what to do.

After he forcibly pulled her pants down, Dixon allegedly began to perform oral sex on the victim. Eventually, she was able to get him to stop by saying that her parents had arrived to pick her up. Dixon then left the changing room, according to the report.

Dixon was reportedly standing at the door and said she wasn't allowed to tell anyone because he would get in trouble.

A short time later, they were both picked up by the girl's parents. According to the report, Dixon spoke to the victim afterward and again told her not to tell anyone. He allegedly stated that he was already under investigation in another county for a similar situation with another minor.

GPD arrested Dixon on Thursday afternoon, more than two months after the events happened. Dixon reportedly told officers that he was aware of the girl's age.

He said that he followed her into the dressing room and stayed there after she told him that she was uncomfortable. As she was changing, he did begin to kiss her and use his fingers to rub her vagina. Dixon allegedly said that he then put his mouth and tongue on her vagina. According to the report, he left the changing room before telling the victim not to tell anyone because he would be in trouble.

According to Alachua County Jail records, Dixon is charged with sexual assault on a minor. His bond is set at \$100,000.

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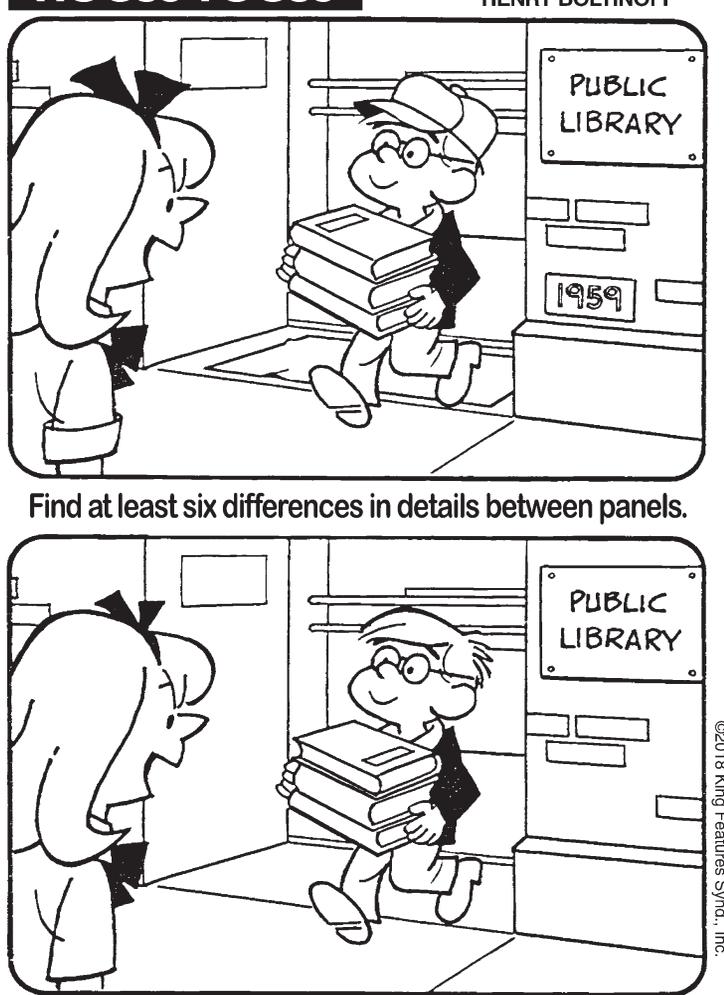
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Top incoming recruits/transfers rundown for fall sports

An Alligator Sports Staff Report

There are many incoming freshmen and transfers joining UF Athletics for the 2018-19 season. With the first sporting event of the 2018 fall sports season under one month away (soccer exhibition match at Florida Gulf Coast on Aug. 7), it's time to get acquainted with some of the new faces of the Florida Gators. Sports writers Chris O'Brien, Andrew Huang and Mark Stine highlight newcomers to watch for the upcoming football, volleyball and soccer campaigns.

Chris: Dan Mullen, in his first cycle in which he arrived late on the scene, pulled in a decent recruiting class for the Gators this year. Let's take a look at some of the newcomers that are expected to have the biggest impact:

Wide receiver **Jacob Copeland**, a stocky six-foot, 192-pound receiver, has a chance to be the best recruit in the 2018 class. No writers have had a clear look at the Pensacola product since he stepped on campus in Summer B, but his high school tape speaks for itself. Over his prep career, he collected 85 receptions for 1,648 yards and 14 receiving touchdowns – all in the span of three years.

Coming in as a transfer from Ohio State, wide receiver **Trevon Grimes**



The Associated Press

Wide receiver Van Jefferson transferred to Florida from Ole Miss for the upcoming season. He is expected to be eligible immediately after a scandal befell coach Hugh Freeze and the Rebels in Oxford.

has the potential to be the best player every time he steps on the field. He's got crisp route-running, electric speed and a vertical jump that should help him high-point lots of balls. Expect to see Grimes be a focal point this year.

Another wide receiver transfer, this time out of the mess that Hugh Freeze caused at Ole Miss, **Van Jefferson** figures to have a big impact as well. He's a little thin, only listed at 181 pounds, but has some of the

sharpest route-running I've ever seen. Grimes' routes are adequate, but Jefferson runs his on a tee. He has extremely quick feet and I foresee him lining up in the slot often this season.

Quarterback **Emory Jones** is intriguing. He's one of the highest-rated QB recruits to come to UF, but he's a little undersized and looked raw over spring. Look for him to have a 2006-Tebow-like role this year, mixing him in some run-pass

options with either Feleipe Franks or Kyle Trask.

Running back **Dameon Pierce** is also an interesting case. He looked spry in the spring and has great cutting ability and speed, but his position is loaded with great players in front of him like Jordan Scarlett, Malik Davis and Lamical Perine. An injury or two would put him right in the mix and he has the ability to make an impact.

After Florida lost kicker Eddy Pi-

ñeiro to the NFL, it needed to land a kicker in the recruiting class. **Evan McPherson** is that kicker. He's no Piñeiro, but he's the real deal. The Gators should have a satisfactory special teams unit this season.

Defensive backs **Trey Dean** and **Amari Burney** could make an impact on a unit young and thin on players. Offensive tackles **Richard Gourage** and **Noah Banks** should be featured on an offensive line that will be rotation-heavy. Finally, JUCO tight end **Lucas Krull** was a late addition to the class. He's a hulking 6-foot-7, 255 pounds and was relatively unknown until he decided to switch from baseball back to football.

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Andrew: The 2017 season marked the end of an era for Gators volleyball. After leading UF to the national championship match, star players Rhamat Alhassan, Carli Snyder, Shainah Joseph and Caroline "CK" Knop ended their college careers as Florida legends.

The Gators face the harsh reality of life without them in 2018 but can rest easy knowing that **Thayer Hall** has arrived, signaling the beginning of the next era of UF volleyball. Hall's resume is impeccable: 2017-18 Gatorade National Player of the

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Belgium coach could be first to win for other nation

The Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Two wins from becoming the first foreign coach to win a World Cup, Roberto Martinez always will be known as Frankie to his former boss.

"He reminded me of those wonderful what I call zoot-suited American vocalists, like Bobby Darin, Frankie Avalon, Frankie Valli," Everton chairman Bill Kenwright said. "And I christened him Frankie from the first day I met him."

Martinez had more hair then. Now balding, the Spaniard has led Belgium to a World Cup semifinal against France on Tuesday night, three days before his 45th birthday. All 20 previous World Cup-winning coaches were born in the nation they led to the title.

"He's a genius tactically," said American goalkeeper Tim Howard, who spent three seasons with Martinez at Everton. "He always finds a weakness in the opponent. He prepares his teams to break down the op-

ponent. No game is the same — he changes tactics every game."

Belgium beat five-time champion Brazil 2-1 in the quarterfinals when Martinez switched to a new formation — a 4-3-3 with star forward Romelu Lukaku on the right wing. If Belgium gets past the French, The Red Devils would play England or Croatia on Sunday with the chance to win their first World Cup title.

Englishman George Raynor's Sweden team advanced to the 1958 final at home but lost to Brazil, and Ernst Happel of Austria led the Netherlands team to the 1978 final, an extra-time defeat to host Argentina. Martinez hopes to succeed where they failed by employing a two-year process to ensure "this is a team, this is not a group of individuals."

"There's more feeling of trust in each other," midfielder Kevin De Bruyne said.

Martinez is familiar in the U.S. from his work for ESPN as an analyst at the 2010 and 2014 World Cups, the last two European

Championships and the 2013 Confederations Cup. He insisted the network install a screen that showed the overhead tactical camera.

"Roberto only wanted to watch that," said Amy Rosenfeld, ESPN's senior coordinating producer for soccer. "We always had a setup where everybody else could see the main feed, and Roberto had a separate monitor where he could just watch the entire game from his high end zone. That's how he could consume the match, interpret the match, look at shape, look at formation, look at vulnerabilities, passing lanes."

Martinez impressed colleagues with his focus, especially after the Seine flooded ESPN's set in Paris two years ago.

"Rats that I think were living in the Jurassic era emerged, and we could not get rid of them. These things could have been in the fourth race at Belmont — these were enormous rats," Rosenfeld said. "The rats are running past Roberto — he doesn't miss a beat. He's doing his analysis, one take usu-

ally, it may have even been live. There was a rat chewing on Roberto's laces."

In Britain, he remains somewhat of a mystery, at least his name. While he pronounces it Mar-TEE-nez, English media often stress the first syllable and say MAR-tin-ez.

He grew up in the Catalonia city of Balaguer and left the youth system of his hometown club at 16 to join Zaragoza. He played for a series of small clubs and became known for his move to third-tier Wigan for the 1995-96 season along with Jesus Seba and Isidro Diaz, a trio quickly dubbed the "Three Amigos."

He quit as a player at 33 when Swansea offered the manager's job in February 2007, and in his first full season earned the club a promotion that put it back in the second tier for the first time since 1983-84. Martinez moved up to the Premier League with Wigan in June 2009 and after a bizarre

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Former UF forward Devin Robinson had his second-straight 20-point outing in the NBA Las Vegas Summer League last night.

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Mark My Words

Blake Snell's All-Star snub is because of where he plays

Blake Snell has been one of the most dominant starting pitchers in all baseball through the 2018 season. During his third season in



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the crop consists of established, elite talent, Snell deserves a nod over at least one of these All-Star mainstays.

Jose Berrios of the Minnesota Twins and J.A.

Happ of the Toronto Blue Jays were both selected to the AL All-Star roster instead of Snell. Both Berrios and Happ are not featured in the Leagues' top-10 in ERA, WAR among pitchers or strikeouts. Snell appears on all three lists.

However, it seems that because Snell doesn't play routinely in the national spotlight for a blue-chip club, his All-Star ability is going unnoticed by much of the country. The Rays only posted one All-Star selection in Wilson Ramos, a catcher in a league without great depth behind the plate.

All of the AL's starting pitcher selections play in markets much larger than Tampa. The Yankees, Red Sox and Indians lead the majors with five All-Stars, and each contributed two pitchers along with the World Series champion Astros.

Of course, the selections of the Yankee's Luis Severino, the Red Sox's Chris Sale, the Astros' Gerrit Cole and the Indians' Corey Kluber and Trevor Bauer are undisputed.

However, Snell has posted a better earned-run average than all of them (2.09), as he leads the AL in that statistic. He's also second only to Severino in the MLB in wins (12) and 10th in the AL in wins above replacement regardless of position (4.3). Even though

Happ (10-5) headline their respective rotations but have both struggled as of late. They've each lost their last two starts, giving up at least three earned runs in their respective outings.

Berrios (8-7) and Happ (10-5) headline their respective rotations but have both struggled as of late. They've each lost their last two starts, giving up at least three earned runs in their respective outings.

Snell (12-4), on the other hand, has four-straight victories and hasn't relinquished more than one earned run in each of those starts.

The hot arm is who the American League should be going to in the All-Star game. Snell has been pitching better than both Berrios and Happ lately and would be comfortable on the mound with Ramos behind the plate.

Perhaps if the Astros' Justin Verlander isn't available in time for the contest on July 17, Snell will find himself with his first All-Star selection by replacing the injured right-hander.

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Please... stop giving coverage to Tiger Woods



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Since 2018 began, out of 12 tournaments, only three times has he finished better than 10th. He has yet to win a tournament, and he's missed the cut twice.

But here's the problem: when I turn on the TV, there's only one name I see. Tiger Woods.

No matter what channel or network, it's always the same. You turn on ESPN, Tiger Woods. Golf Channel, Tiger Woods. FOX Sports, NBC Sports, CBS, Tiger Woods.

Shame on the networks. It's a pity that they care more about money than the people who actually should be receiving attention.

At the Quicken Loans National two weekends ago, I couldn't tell you off the top of my head who won, but I could damn sure tell you that Tiger finished fourth.

It's an absolute *travesty* that I had to look up the fact that Francesco Molinari won the tournament by EIGHT STROKES. The Italian shot a 21 under, absolutely torching the previous tournament record of 14 under. He carded 21 birdies, an eagle and just *two bogeys* in a showcase of some of the finest golf of the year!

But did you know that?



The Associated Press

Tiger Woods hasn't won a tournament since the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational or a major since the 2008 U.S. Open.

Chances are, you probably didn't because every network is focused on Tiger, who, might I remind you, hasn't won an event since the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational in 2013 or a major since the U.S. Open in 2008.

He's No. 69 in the world golf ranking, yet he garners the most attention from media, and the discrepancy isn't even close.

I previously mentioned that he's a terrible role model, and that's 100 percent accurate. Tiger Woods is not someone you bring home to introduce to your teenage daughter...or even your divorced 45-year-old sister-in-law.

Where do I even begin?

How about his infidelity scandal in 2009, where he had extramarital affairs, in which he confirmed to have relationships with over a dozen different women?

Or how about the treatment of his ex-caddie, Stevie Williams? Williams went on the record in 2015 to say, "It was like I was his slave." After Ti-

ger fired Williams, the caddie aided Adam Scott, who went on to win a tournament shortly thereafter.

Still believe Tiger is a great guy? Okay, one more example. How about when he was arrested as recently as 2017 for a DUI of prescription drugs? If you have a child, is this really the guy you want them taking an example from? Yet, once again, he receives more media coverage than any other golfer.

I truly, *truly* do not understand the love affair between golf fans and Tiger Woods. Is he a top-three golfer of all time? Absolutely. Was he once the most masterful player of his time? Absolutely. Was he fun to follow between 1997 and 2009? Absolutely. But is he fun to watch now? Please, I'd rather watch Keeping Up with the Kardashians over Tiger Woods.

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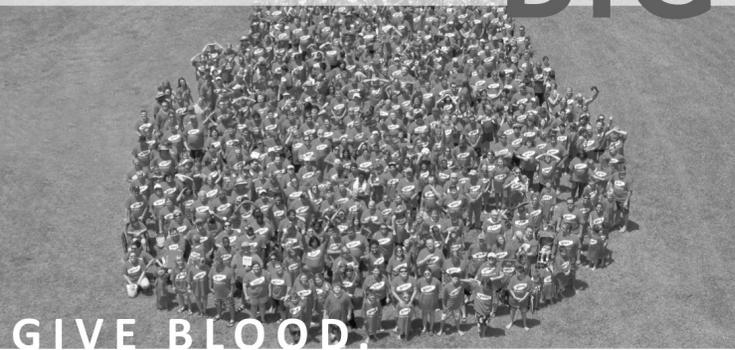
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UF volleyball will be bolstered by the No. 1 recruit in the country

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Year, 2017 MaxPreps Female Athlete of the Year and the No. 1 overall recruit from the class of 2018, according to Prepvolleyball.com. Hall was a three-time South Carolina High School Miss Volleyball (2015, 2016, 2017) and won a gold medal, along with MVP honors, as a member of the USA Volleyball Junior National Team at the 2017 Under-20 Pan-American Cup. We'll also throw in her 2014, 2016 and 2017 AAU Academic All-American honors.

But Florida fans should be just as interested in what the Spartanburg, South Carolina, native will bring to the table as a freshman this fall.

Hall (6-foot-3) plays the same position, outside hitter, as the departed Snyder and Joseph (both 6-foot-1). Snyder led the Gators in points a year ago, capping off an illustrious four-year career in Gainesville. Joseph caught fire as a redshirt senior, earning herself a spot on the 2017 All-America Second-Team next to Snyder. Needless to say, Hall's skill set, athleticism and competitive spirit should be on full display in 2018.

But the void in this team includes Alhasan and Knop, too – the 2017 SEC Player of the Year and a 2017 All-America Honorable Mention, respectively.

Florida needs another star to pair with middle blocker Rachael Kramer. The 6-foot-8 Kramer had a breakout 2017 campaign, earning herself All-America Third-Team honors.

Hall is exactly the player UF needs in 2018.

Mark: The UF soccer team is integrating five newcomers as it prepares for an exhibition match with Florida Gulf Coast on Aug. 7.

The Gators' best addition is perhaps defender **Georgia Eaton-Collins**. She's from Ipswich, England, and has experience playing for the England's Under-19 national team and the Arsenal youth system. She was voted the Arsenal women's Under-20 Player of the Year.

Eaton-Collins' addition is especially critical after the graduation of defenders Cassie Owens and two-time All-SEC talent Kristen Cardano left Florida with little depth in its central defense.

In February, the program announced the addition of junior-transfer **Carina Baltrip-Reyes** from Florida International and three national signees: attackers **Cassidy Lindley**, **Mary Peace** and **Samantha Tobar**.

Peace and Tobar are both in-state recruits. Peace, daughter of former Gators All-American quarterback Wayne Peace, created 25 goals and 21 assists for Lakeland Christian last season and earned Division 1A District 12 Player of the Year honors.

Tobar comes to Florida after playing three seasons at Marjory Stoneman Douglas in Parkland.

Lindley hails from St. Theodore Guerin Catholic in Noblesville, Indiana. She led the Golden Eagles to the 3A Girls State Championship match in her senior season. Lindley also scored two goals and three assists at the 2017 High School All-American Game held in Orlando on Dec. 2.

Peace and Tobar are both in-state recruits. Peace, daughter of former Gators All-American quarterback Wayne Peace, created 25 goals and 21 assists for Lakeland Christian last season and earned Division 1A District 12 Player of the Year honors.

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Defender Georgia Eaton-Collins was voted Arsenal's 2017 Under-20 Player of the Year.

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2012-13 season, when Wigan was relegated while winning its first FA Cup, he switched to more prestigious and ambitious Everton, where he would coach Lukaku and Marouane Fellaini, a pair that has combined for five of Belgium's 14 World Cup goals.

Martinez wasn't thought of as a tactician at the club level. He was fired with one match left in his third season at Everton following

fan protests as the Toffees headed to their second straight 11th-place finish. The Royal Belgian Football Association, which fired Marc Wilmots after a 3-1 loss to Wales in the 2016 Euro quarterfinals, hired him three months later.

Martinez brought in former star Thierry Henry of France as an assistant, wanting his experience as a World Cup and European champion. Players were booed in Martinez's first match, a 2-0 loss to Spain, but the Red Devils are unbeaten in 24 matches since (19

wins). A month before the World Cup, he was rewarded with a new two-year contract running through the 2020 European Championship.

He speaks English and Spanish, looking casual at news conferences, sometimes with several days of stubble. His workrate is impressive. One hour after the 3-2 win over Japan in the round of 16, Martinez texted Kenwright that he already was planning tactics for Brazil. Martinez waits until three hours before kickoff to reveal his lineup to his players.

Kenwright praises Martinez for being "an extraordinarily good man" admired by club employees from top to bottom.

"He truly is, truly, truly, truly, 24-7. I don't say that thinking, well, he'll take an hour off on Sunday. He won't. He takes no time off at all," Kenwright said. "The World Cup this summer has not been about superstars, but has been about teams and particularly their coaches and their managers. And that's why people like (Martinez) and Gareth Southgate stand

out." Martinez has been married for nine years to the former Beth Thompson — they met when he was playing in Scotland — and they have a 4 1/2-year-old daughter Luella. Coaching families always have to be prepared to move. Before the quarterfinal, Martinez was asked at a news conference whether he was interested in coaching Spain. He deflected.

"He can name whatever job he wants," Howard said. "Maybe the U.S. soccer job?"

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