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'Road to Change' tour talks gun violence, voting in Gainesville

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When the panel left and the chairs were folded, a 3-year-old girl danced about the room in her sandals and pink dress.

As the little girl bounced around without a care in the world, the music continued to play and her mother continued to worry.

Less than an hour before she began dancing, the room at the Gainesville Woman's Club echoed with survivors' accounts of the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

Margaret Hamer, a local "spokesmom" for the group Moms Demand Action, brought her daughter only after the panel finished their discussion.

"The reason she is here today is because I don't want her to be that 16-year-old telling those stories," Hamer said. "As a mother, sitting in that crowd, listening to those kids weeping, I don't want my kid to have to be up there."

The club hosted more than a dozen young speakers at 5 p.m. Thursday as the March for Our Lives Florida bus tour traveled

through Gainesville. The evening was divided into two sections: a series of speeches and stories from children and young adults, then a panel discussion involving the audience and their questions.

"Vote them out!" was the rallying cry of the evening. Every speaker — be it 11-year-old Aagneya Singh Banerjee or Robert Schentrup, brother of Parkland victim Carmen Schentrup — called out the current Florida representatives for their inaction on gun violence prevention.

"One day, I will take your job," Banerjee said of Florida representatives, earning a supportive roar from the crowd.

Liz Stout, a survivor of the Parkland massacre, delivered a speech detailing the shooting and the struggle of life afterward.

"I graduated, but today, I have a hole in my heart that my senior year had been ruined by a mindless and unstable murderer," Stout said.

Aalayah Eastmond, another Parkland survivor, read a poem she wrote about the shooting. A few lines were:

"Truth is, I hid underneath his dead body. Truth is, I wish I didn't."

"Truth is, nobody deserves

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Chris Day / Alligator Staff

Avery Augspurg, 11, holds a sign that pleads for safety in his school during a protest outside of Rep. Ted Yoho's office. The rally was part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students' "Road to Change Tour" that stopped in Gainesville on Thursday.



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'Butterfly King' remembered

Lincoln Brower dedicated his life to studying monarch butterflies. See how his family and colleagues described him, **pg. 5**

Former, current and future UF swimmers compete in national competition.

Olympic gold medalist Caeleb Dressel among the competitors, **pg. 15**

OPS workers protest at UF President's mansion

Part-time employees at UF demonstrated against what they say are unfair practices, **pg. 8**

Autobuses, roll out

Gainesville could have driverless buses as soon as Aug. 20, **pg. 8**

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Local Events / News in Brief

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The UF Campus Teaching Observatory hosts a free view of Mars

Mars will reach the closest distance from Earth on Tuesday. At the minimum distance of 0.38 astronomical units (57 million kilometers), the planet will shine as a reddish bright object low in the sky to the southeast, easily visible with the naked eye in the constellation of Capricornus. Weather permitting, the UF Campus Teaching Observatory is planning to have a special public session Friday between 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. to view Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and other objects. Several telescopes will be setup including the historic 8-inch Alvan Clark refractor. The view through a telescope will reveal its disk (24.3 arc seconds diameter) and some surface features. For more information visit the Public Night webpage at astro.ufl.edu/public/aug.html. This is a free public event courtesy of the UF Department of Astronomy.

'Immigrants of Gainesville' exhibit

Photographer Renee Hoffinger will talk about photos and stories in her "Immigrants of Gainesville" exhibit at a reception from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Emmanuel Mennonite Church located at 1236 NW 18th Ave. The exhibit is co-sponsored by Welcoming Gainesville and will continue through November.

GFR opens its newest fire station

Fire Station 1, located at 525 S. Main St., is across Southwest Fifth Avenue from its previous home. The station is now operational, but Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) will host an official open house and dedication ceremony Aug. 11 at 8:30 a.m. and invites the community to attend and tour the station. The new fire station houses 12 firefighters and four emergency response units, including a chief officer, and it is the city's busiest station. GFR operates nine fire stations throughout the city, with 179 personnel and had more than 24,000 responses last year. The facility has updated computer dispatching and sta-

tion alerting equipment. There is room for two additional vehicles and for more firefighters to be added during the station's expected 50-year lifespan. The station was designed to meet the most stringent of environmental standards, including electric vehicle charging, and it is expected to be awarded its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) designation later in the year. The two-story concrete block and steel building is more than 22,000 square feet, with most of this space given to apparatus bays designed to house existing fire response units and rapid opening doors to improve response times. The interior spaces include a community and training room, dormitories, full kitchen and offices. Please send direct media inquiries to Chip Skinner, assistant public information officer, at 352-393-7842 or skinnerc@cityofgainesville.org.

Foundations Academy

The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department (PRCA) is pleased to offer another year of Foundations Academy. The after-school program takes place from Aug. 20 through May 31 and is available at four locations: Albert "Ray" Massey Recreation Center, Eastside Community Center, Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Porters Community Center. PRCA has adopted the Florida Recreation and Park Association initiatives for programming to include education, health, economic development, environmental sustainability and community building. Participants will be involved in various recreational and educational activities such as tutoring, tennis, art and crafts, basketball, board games, bowling, volunteerism, citizenship and more. The fees for Foundations Academy are \$18.50 per week for city residents and \$27.50 per week for those living outside of the city limits. The after-school enrichment program is available Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Scholarships are available at all locations. For additional program information, please contact Mary Harker, program coordinator, at 352-393-8438 or harkermm@cityofgainesville.org.



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AP NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Florida Tri-Rail commuter train strikes, kills man

A commuter Tri-Rail train in Florida has struck and killed a man.

Tri-Rail spokeswoman Bonnie Arnold tells news outlets that the "trespasser" was fatally struck Sunday afternoon by a southbound train in northeast Miami-Dade. The man was pronounced dead at the scene. Authorities have not released his name.

There were more than 100 passengers on board the train at the time of the crash. Arnold says none of the passengers reported any injuries. A bus shuttled riders between the Golden Glades Interchange and Hollywood stations following the crash. Miami-Dade Police are investigating the crash.

Senators ask feds to probe company running Florida tolls

Sen. Bill Nelson is asking for a federal investigation into a company that manages the Sunpass toll system in Florida, accusing the company of mismanagement. Nelson and Sen. Gary Peters of Michigan on Monday requested the Federal Trade Commission to investigate Conduent State & Local Solutions.

State transportation officials in Florida blame the company for an upgrade to the system that resulted in delayed and inaccurate charges.

Sunpass suspended posting charges in June for what was supposed to be a week during the upgrade, but charges didn't resume posting until a month later. Florida officials recently suspended paying the company until the problems are resolved.

The request from the senators says the company has burdened consumers with onerous toll charges.

CORRECTION: The Alligator ran a story titled "'Road to Change' brings gun debate, voter awareness to Gainesville" on Tuesday, July 24. In it, Robert Schentrup is identified as the father of a Parkland shooting victim. Schentrup is the brother of the victim. The Alligator apologizes for this error.

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'Road to Change' leads demonstrators against gun violence

Photo Story by Chris Day



Alex Wind, 17, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and the project strategist for "March for Our Lives," leads the rally outside of Rep. Ted Yoho's office.



Lauren Cohen, 14, leads protesters in chants advocating for votes against gun violence.



Kirsten McConnell, 17, leads the crowd in chants such as "Votes beat Money" and "School zones not war zones."

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Roughly a dozen registered to vote



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Amit Dadon, a student from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, answers questions in the Gainesville Woman's Club during the "March For Our Lives - Road To Change" event on Thursday.



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Tom Bergan, David Finley, Ingrid Fernandes and Gracey Jean-Bernard stand behind a booth for "March For Our Lives - Road to Change."

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to die under gun violence. Truth is, I almost died under gun violence. Truth is, America is gun violence."

"But we can fix it."

The panel outlined just how it would "fix it."

Andrew Garfield, a panel member and president of the UF Never Again group, said voting was the only way.

According to the panel, only one-fifth of eligible 18- to 29-year-olds exercise their right to vote.

Garfield tried to inspire students to increase that number by saying youth have the power to change the world.

About a dozen people became newly registered voters after the speaking event, said Tom Bergan, a member of the "Road to Change" team. He said the Florida tour has registered more than 200 people just this summer.

Earlier that day, voters and protesters alike rallied outside the offices of Rep. Ted Yoho, state Sen. Keith Perry and state Rep. Chuck Clemons around 11 a.m. simultaneously.

The three congressmen being protested by the March for Our Lives movement are all Republicans and affiliate themselves with the National Rifle Association. Perry received an "A" rating from the group, while Yoho received \$1,000 from the group in funding.

Prior to the event, Perry said he wasn't sure why they were only protesting Republicans.

"We elect people to go up and represent (the people) in Congress, so engagement in a civil manner is critically important," said Perry.

At Yoho's office, protesters gathered outside the building in 90-degree weather. People of all ages carried signs that read "VOTES BEAT MONEY" and "Put Children 1st! NOT the NRA, NOT the GOP."

UF freshman, March for Our Lives activist and Stoneman Douglas alumnus Kevin Trejos said he has spoken to many congressmen since the attack at his school.



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Libertarian Party member Chris Rose II (right), 29, waves flag with the words "Come and Get It" printed next to a firearm with 21-year-old Taylor Wyatt Foland (left). The two protested across the street from the Gainesville Woman's Club during the "March For Our Lives" panel.



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Madison Gore, an 18-year-old UF political science freshman, hangs with friends by her protest sign outside the Gainesville Woman's Club.

"I'm here because I want Ted Yoho to know that when I become a constituent in less than a month, that I do not support his policies, and I will gladly vote him out," Trejos said.

The protest continued on for the next hour, with no appearance from Yoho.

Student leader for March for Our Lives Jovanna Liuzzo said Chuck Clemons met with her and another student leader, Ryan Servaitis, before leaving through the back door.

Liuzzo said Clemons was originally supportive of the student protesters attending. She explained they discussed his support from the NRA and finding solutions to gun violence nationally

and locally.

"I'm grateful that I got the chance to speak with him, but he can't have words that are misleading," Liuzzo said. "He (told us) that he wants to hear student voices and that he encourages my presentation, while contradicting that and (leaving) right after."

Liuzzo said she has not heard from Clemons since then.

Despite the silence from leaders, Trejos said he will keep participating in marches like Thursday's until change is made.

"I will be protesting now. I will be protesting next week," Trejos said. "I will be protesting as long as our politicians don't represent us and our values."

GPD: Man charged with grand theft for unpaid bar tab

By Jessica Curbelo
Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police arrested a 19-year-old UF student early Saturday for allegedly running out on an expensive bar tab.



Davis

After racking up a bill that reportedly amounted to \$367.06, Finnegan Davis attempted to pay his tab at Fat Daddy's bar, located at 1702 W. University Ave., around 1:30 a.m. The general manager tried to charge the student's Visa card, but it declined.

The manager reportedly called over one of the bar's security guards, who attempted to keep Davis at Fat Daddy's while law enforcement was called. The security guard had turned away from Davis when he heard a fight start behind him.

Davis allegedly ran from Fat Daddy's and across West University Avenue to UF's campus, leaving his card at the bar. A University police officer, who reportedly saw Davis run from the bar, detained him near Library West.

The manager and security guard from Fat Daddy's were brought by another UPD officer to where Davis was arrested. According to the arrest report, both of the witnesses identified Davis as the man from the bar.

Davis was allegedly drunk when he was arrested. He didn't admit to stealing \$367.06 worth of alcoholic drinks or running from the bar, according to the report.

He reportedly only told officers he meant to pay his debts and that he would pay them. Davis was taken to Alachua County Jail where he was later released Saturday afternoon, according to jail records.

The Alligator reached out to Davis for comment, but he declined.

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'Butterfly King' Lincoln Brower remembered

BROWER BEGAN
STUDYING BUTTERFLIES
IN 1957.

By Dana Cassidy
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Former UF professor emeritus and renowned expert of the monarch butterfly Lincoln Brower died July 17 at the age of 86.

Brower's wife, Linda Fink, confirmed July 20 that he passed away at their home in Roseland, Virginia, due to Parkinson's disease.

"He was always a pretty happy fellow and ... a life of the party," said Brower's son Andrew, a professor of biology at Middle Tennessee State University. "Whatever room he came in, everybody liked him and respected him a lot."

Brower dedicated his life to studying the monarch butterfly, observing their migration

patterns and advocating for their protection. He produced eight films, two books and more than 200 scientific papers throughout his career.

"He was very humble and enthusiastic, interested in everything, a very gracious gentleman — just a wonderful human being," said UF professor emeritus of biology and Brower's former colleague Jane Brockman.

Brower was born Sept. 10, 1931, in Summit, New Jersey. Andrew Brower said his father's interest in butterflies began around the age of 12 or 13.

Brower received his bachelor's degree in biology from Princeton University in 1953 and began studying butterflies while earning his Ph.D. in zoology at Yale University in 1957. He went on to teach at Amherst College in Massachusetts from 1958 to 1980 before coming to UF in 1980.

Andrew Brower said his father's favorite part of teaching at UF was being able to educate graduate students.

"He loved interacting with students who were enthusiastic about natural history like he was," Andrew Brower said.

Brockman said Brower was devoted to the education and communication of natural history and chemical ecology, the study of chemistry and biology's interactions in the environment. She said Brower developed an active research program within the department and upgraded the research capabilities of the university.

"He was a really wonderful addition to our department," Brockman said.

One of Brower's most notable research projects had to do with the butterflies' migration. He discovered that butterflies in the Northeast fly thousands of miles to the mountains of

central Mexico during the wintertime.

This was a fascinating discovery because the butterflies had never been to Mexico but shared the lineage of ones that had traveled during a previous migration cycle, said Brockman.

Brower's passion for the monarch sustained throughout his career. Toward the end, he focused on conservation efforts, such as educating and helping local Mexicans in the wintering region in a quest to save the forestry of the butterfly.

Andrew Brower adopted his father's love for the insect, and he also has taken to studying butterflies.

He believes his father's legacy and efforts will leave a lasting impact in the field of science.

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UF students renew interest in Roe v. Wade

THE LANDMARK CASE MAY BE
UP FOR DEBATE IN THE SUPREME
COURT.

By Lauren Mackey
Alligator Contributing Writer

With the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh for justice of the Supreme Court earlier this month, people are speculating that Roe v. Wade might be overturned.

The 1973 court case legalized abortion nationwide. If it were to be overturned, the regulation of abortion would be up to the states.

"I'm really excited for the possibility that Roe v. Wade is overturned — I really hope that it actually happens," said Kevin Aponte Lemos, a UF mathematics junior

and the pro-life chair of UF Young Americans for Freedom.

Lemos' opinion is based on his moral convictions from being raised Catholic, he said.

"My faith is pretty important to me, and I believe in the sanctity of all human life," Lemos said, "and I think that from a biological perspective, a fetus is a human, so it should have the same rights that other humans have."

However, overturning Roe v. Wade would indirectly lead to the deaths of women and children across the country, said Mariam Mohamed, a UF women's studies senior and the vice president of UF Generation Action.

Having an abortion is 10 to 14 times medically safer at any given point in a pregnancy than it is to carry a pregnancy to

term, she said.

"There is no possible good outcome from restricting access to a procedure like this that is so important in this world," she said.

College students, especially at UF, need better access to consent education, multiple birth control methods and the morning after pill, Mohamed said.

The Gainesville chapter of the National Women's Liberation is currently pushing for a vending machine on campus that students could purchase the morning after pill from, she said.

"The idea that you can only get Plan B from the UF infirmary from 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and not on games days and just whenever the clinic is open," Mohamed said. "That's not enough."

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Election prep: Part 3

Monday was the last day for Alachua County residents to register in time to vote in the primary elections. However, if you're already registered, the primaries that take place Aug. 28 are your only chance to let candidates know how you feel.

In our latest installment of our four-part election preparations, we'll be looking at candidates for the Alachua County School Board, the Florida attorney general and Alachua County judge for Group 2. Please note these editorials are **not** an endorsement of any candidate.

Alachua County School Board

Districts 1, 3 and 5 are all up for grabs this November. Current District 1 representative April Griffin is running against Tina Certain. Griffin was first voted onto the school board in November 2010 and has served as its vice chair since November 2017. Griffin is an accountant with 23 years of experience working with Gainesville Regional Utilities. Both candidates are graduates of UF.

One main difference between the two is their opinion on the One Mill tax, a property tax used to fund arts and technology programs as well as guidance counselors. Certain opposed the tax because she said she felt it benefited advantaged students in magnet programs. Griffin supported the tax. One Mill was approved in a 2016 ballot measure with 77 percent of the vote.

District 3 has two candidates — Judy DeJesus McNeil and April Barefoot Tisher — looking to unseat incumbent Gunnar Paulson. Paulson has been the chairman of the board since his election in 2013 and recently voted in favor of allocating nearly \$895,000 for state-mandated school resource officer programs.

District 5 pits newcomer Paul Wolfe against incumbent Rob Hyatt. Hyatt is a retired music educator, having spent 38 years teaching students. Wolfe is running on a platform that includes getting rid of excessive standardized testing in schools.

Attorney general

A pair of Republicans, a pair of Democrats and an Independent are vying to replace the outgoing Pam Bondi. Ashley Moody and Frank White represent the Republican side of the race. Moody sports an endorsement from Bondi while White has presented support from a handful of Florida House members.

The two Democrats squaring off against each other are Sean Shaw and Ryan Torrens. Shaw is currently suing Torrens for accepting an "illegal campaign contribution." Shaw, a Levin College of Law graduate, has called for a repeal of the "stand your ground" law. One of Torrens' main focuses is ending predatory lending.

The lone Independent on the ballot will be Wellington attorney Jeffrey Siskind. He said he decided to run in an effort to reduce gun violence in the wake of the Parkland shooting.

Alachua County judge, Group 2

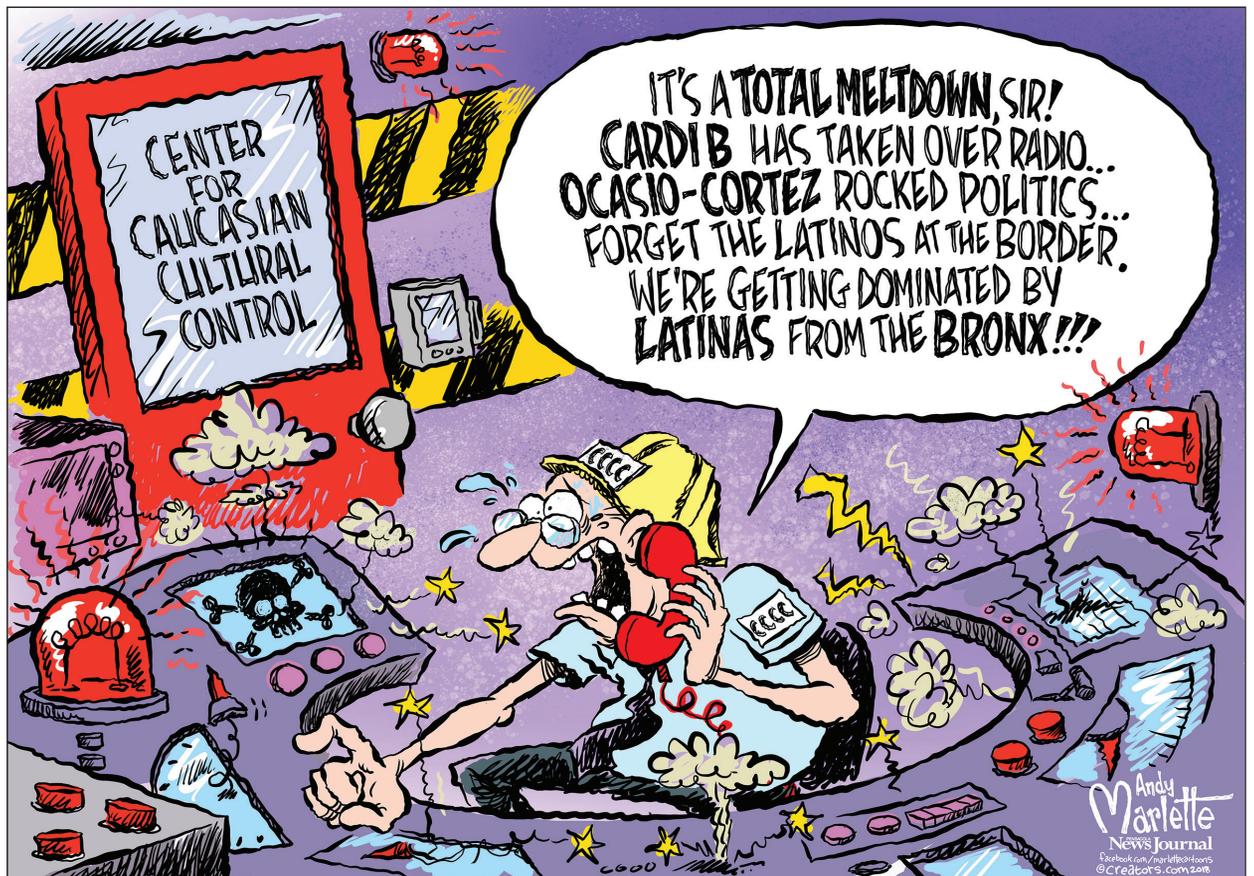
Four candidates are up for the position Aug. 28: Craig DeThomasis, Meshon Rawls, Darla Whistler and Jon Uman. DeThomasis is a UF alumnus and an adjunct lecturer at the Levin College of Law. Rawls is also a Levin College of Law alumnus and served as a public defender for seven years.

Whistler is the third of the Levin College of Law graduates. She has served as a federal prosecutor in Gainesville's district since 2007. Uman is the only candidate who doesn't hold a law degree from UF. After graduating with his bachelor's degree from UF, he went on to study at George Washington University Law School and has been working in state and federal courts since 1988.

We at The Alligator urge you to learn more about these and all other candidates for local, state and national office before heading to the polls in August and November. Florida residents can register to vote at registertovoteflorida.gov.

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Column

A look at disability in the 21st century

On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. It recently passed its 28th anniversary, which means it's been almost three decades of the official reshaping of society's accommodation, perception and admission of disabled people.

However, in the scheme of history and government, that's not a very long time for such immense legislation to be implemented, studied and adjusted for millions of people. Plus, there are still so many issues and elements of confusion.

First, there is the question of what defines a disability. When first enacted, the act had a somewhat limited idea of what it was. In 2009, the ADA Amendments Act became effective Jan. 1. This expanded the people who can get necessary care by broadening the meaning of disabled. But still, it's very vague and open to interpretation.

A new generation is growing up with the idea of inclusion and giving people the aid and accessibility they need from the start. But society is prone to putting people in boxes with labels, which makes them not "normal." This can lead to ostracization or discrimination. Because of this, people might feel dissuaded from fighting for accommodations in public, at work, in school or beyond.

Another issue is defining a "reasonable" disability and figuring out how, and if, people get the help they need under the act. There's not a clear split between what does and does not count as a significant impairment. From my perspective, the answer is never clear or guaranteed. But running things on a case-by-case basis leaves uncertainty for those who are applying for help and those interacting with those applying for help.

Some people see a wheelchair and automatically associate it with disability. On the other hand, people with invisible illnesses might be attacked for using help they need. Recently, there have been a few news stories about people wrongly being called out for being a "normal" person using handicapped-accessible parking or varying wheelchair use.

In my experience, I have benefited under the ADA by receiving an individualized education plan in school before college due to my medical condition. Decades ago, that may not have happened. Now, I am grappling with my future as an



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undergraduate student and wondering what my health will allow.

With the internet and handheld media, awareness can spread faster than ever. Technology also allows for improvements in accommodations.

Despite advancements, I still feel like some ideas are stuck in the past. When advocating for a disability, I think a struggle is that it can be fluid. The pain or expectations that can be met differ each day or even by the hour.

This adds an element to needs that I don't think is always considered. Disability isn't just sight, hearing or mobile impairment. It can also be learning disabilities, chronic illness or mental health that change from situation to situation.

There is a wide array of personal stories about disability. There are also changing ideas about what a disability is and how it is defined and treated in health care.

Advising from medical professionals is a key element in getting help. However, this creates hurdles. In medicine, there are differences in access to and the status of care based on socioeconomic status, location and more. It is up to others to decide if someone is handicapped enough to receive a diagnosis that gets someone the ADA documentation they need. This can create an environment where people are hard on themselves for not being "sick" enough for help but floundering without it. Furthermore, it can be hard to get people in the medical field to believe pain or find its cause. Diagnoses can take years.

Media and education can make a huge difference by raising awareness and telling stories about how just listening and making slight adjustments allows for inclusion. It also shows that disability is not one thing. Most importantly, it is certainly not a case where it means people are automatically an inspiration, incapable or less than someone else.

I think the main point of handling disabilities in society should be understanding and clarifying. It shouldn't be a time-consuming fight for people who are already adjusting to a society that doesn't always accommodate them and, if they have to fight for it, it should be on easily discernible grounds.

Sophie Feinberg is a UF journalism junior. Her column comes out Tuesday and Thursday.

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Column

Marriage in the age of Trump and the 24-hour TV news cycle

National politics in the U.S. tend to drive people to different ends of the political spectrum. We can't help but be drawn into the cyclone of outrage. It draws in everyone with a connection to TV or Twitter with a siren song — the talking heads on cable news essentially say, "Don't worry. Don't re-examine your position on immigration. Your instincts are right. Instead, get mad at these other guys." What you may realize is that your associates and loved ones have radically different views. Stick to your position, but know that making a political point isn't worth a ruined friendship.

There has been a flurry of news articles published about how President Donald Trump is ruining peoples' relationships. "Can social psychologists explain why

Trump is ruining my friendship?" is seen in the Los Angeles Times. "He Likes Trump. She Doesn't. Can This Marriage Be Saved?" is seen in The New York Times. "Trump presidency is destroying marriages across the country" is seen in the New York Daily News. What gives? Is Trump such a force of nature that he can split America in two at the marriage?

Yes. Sort of. Trump's election has deeply divided a country that was ripe for division. The political climate is inching back toward the polarization we saw in the 19th century (think battles over women's suffrage, racial strife, the Civil War), according to Christopher Federico, a University of Minnesota professor of psy-



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chology and political science. Set sometime between age 18 and 25, a person's political inclinations rarely change over the course of their life. If your marriage or friendship happens to get between your politics — pulled in opposite directions — chances are it will snap.

But that's painting a grim picture of politics and a pessimistic picture of your spouse. While it is our natural tendency to want to find information that justifies our previously held beliefs, something "sciencey-types" call a confirmation bias, that bias can be overcome. If Trump versus former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is killing your marriage, ask yourself this: "Do I know the

programming schedule of MSNBC by the hour? Do I know the same for Fox?" Examine your side of the equation to understand that you may also be to blame for the relationship's deterioration, no matter how bad you believe Trump, Clinton or whoever is.

Many are looking at their Republican and Democrat friends, husbands and/or wives and evaluating if their relationship is truly worth it. The real question is whether politics are truly worth it. The smile-and-wave, baby-kissing hand-shakers will drop the charade and go back to their nice homes with families they love (most of them, anyway). You should, too.

Stephan Chamberlin is a UF political science junior. His column comes out Tuesday and Thursday.

Column

Addiction is a symptom of mental illness, not a personality flaw

Pop star Demi Lovato's drug overdose has triggered an ongoing debate over whether addiction is a choice or a disease.

Clearly, when someone picks up drugs or alcohol for the first time, they are making a "choice," but we need to put these situations into context rather than analyze them at face value.

Consider how much pain someone must be feeling to push past their own knowledge of the dangers of drugs and use them anyway. Everyone knows how destructive opioids are. We are constantly reminded from a young age. Anyone who has chosen drugs has calculated that the potential damage of the drug does not outweigh the agony they are already experiencing.

People make the argument that someone like Lovato who has access to psychi-

atric professionals and has chosen drugs is suffering from a lack of character rather than mental illness. Mental illness is an all-encompassing problem. Lovato's reluctance to get the proper help she needs is a symptom of her health problem rather than a cause. Why would someone who is thinking rationally deliberately put themselves in danger? People who use drugs aren't thinking rationally, and it's not always their fault. Lovato has been open about her bipolar diagnosis.

Supporting people with mental health issues has drastically risen in popularity. Everyone talks about the "stigma" towards mental illness, but it's often those very same people who contribute to the problem. People want to help those with



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psychiatric issues, but the truth is these illnesses don't present themselves in a socially acceptable way.

Mental illness manifests itself in its victim in an ugly way. Because there aren't physical symptoms, people have a hard time separating the disease from the personality. But there is a difference. People with mental health issues often feel that they are replaced by an entirely different person when they experience episodes. Once the episode passes, they might not agree with things they've said while under the attack of their own brain. If you reject people once they start to suffer from their disease, there's no point in advocating against the stigma. You are the stigma.

I think the misunderstanding we have toward people with mental illnesses stems from the normalization of it. You're not depressed because you had one bad day. You're not bipolar because your mood changed. And you do not have obsessive-compulsive disorder because you like a clean room. Millennials' eagerness to participate in a community that they don't actually belong in detracts from those with real problems.

The choice to use drugs to self-medicate is being made by a brain with compromised critical thinking. People with addictions are victims of their own bodies. Even if you disagree, placing blame won't help anyone.

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OPS employees protest against Fuchs, policies

By Dana Cassidy
Alligator Staff Writer

A deafening applause erupted after Jeremiah Tattersall said UF's permanent preeminence demands permanent employees.

Tattersall and around 40 OPS workers, UF students and civilians protested the discussed mass firing of OPS workers at the university outside of UF President Kent Fuchs' mansion Sunday.

Tattersall, lead organizer of the Alachua County Labor Coalition and former UF other personnel services (OPS) worker, said the university treats OPS workers poorly, refusing to offer them benefits, paid leave or job security.

The university was shut down for four days during Hurricane Irma in 2017. OPS workers did not receive any compensation during this break, but permanent workers did, Tattersall said.

UF's reasoning behind not paying OPS employees was that it was "illegal" due to policy, Tattersall said. However, Alachua County Public School's temporary workers did receive pay for the mandated off days.

"We've been pressuring the University of Florida to reclassify OPS workers as permanent workers," Tattersall said. "If we want to stay (as a top 10 university), then we have to have employees that stay (at UF)."

The protest began at 2 p.m. when a bus filled with OPS workers



Dana Cassidy / Alligator Staff

Demonstrators gather outside UF President Kent Fuchs' mansion on Sunday afternoon to protest against potential mass firings and poor benefits.

pulled into the parking lot. Alumni, children and professors also attended the event.

More than 10 individuals spoke at the event, each one explaining their reason for protesting. The group also chanted while holding up signs that read "We demand \$15 & Union Rights."

Reagle, who would not share her first name, left her OPS position at the Florida Museum of Natural History last week. She said she felt strongly about speaking out because everyone else in her position

was too afraid to.

"The (museum) environment is very toxic. Everyone's depressed (and) anxious because they don't know what's going on," Reagle said of the mass firings.

UF associate professor in the Department of History Paul Ortiz said Fuchs should value the voices of the OPS employees and support them in becoming permanent workers.

The services temporary employees provide are essential to the campus community, Ortiz said, and it pains him to see people not being

paid adequately.

"We are all in this together," Ortiz said. "We've got to make sure everyone feels that they're a member of the Gator Nation, and they don't feel that if they're treated unfairly."

The protest lasted over an hour and concluded with the protesters moving from the grass on the edge of the parking lot to the front gate of the mansion to see if Fuchs would make an appearance.

He did not.

Tattersall and Ortiz hope the pro-

test will encourage UF to give clear instructions to department heads on what exactly needs to be done to keep employees from being unnecessarily fired. He explained that to succeed in the future, Fuchs and university officials need to engage more with the community.

"If you need someone to work a position for more than a year, or 17 in some cases, then that's not a temporary position," Tattersall said. "Make it permanent."

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Researchers seek public opinion on driverless buses

By Vincent McDonald
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Gainesville residents will be able to board a driverless Regional Transit System bus as early as Aug. 20. Until then, a team of UF researchers wants your opinion on it. One might approach you at a crowded bus stop to get it.

Researchers from UF's Transportation Institute are visiting busy bus stops, like Rawlings Hall, to distribute QR code-covered slips of paper and spread the word about their new online survey.

Launched July 16, the survey collects data on public perception of the self-driving "Gainesville Autobus," both before and after people start interacting with it. The city first revealed the autobus last May, which is part of a pilot program funded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The autobuses will only be driving on a section of Southwest Second Avenue, starting in downtown and turning around at Innovation Square, according to a video by UF Transportation. Only autobuses will be on this route, and it is planned for the route to extend from Depot Park to UF over time.

Anh Le, a 21-year-old biochemistry senior, said she knew the autobus was being discussed but wasn't aware it would be operational as soon as August.

She said she has mixed feelings about

the autobus and that unemployment could be a potential setback of its program.

"[The autobus] would decrease the manpower you would need," she said, "so more people would lose their jobs."

Pruthvi Manjunatha, a postdoctoral researcher and project manager of the study, said researchers will analyze the general trend of Gainesville residents' opinions and demographic information, like age. Researchers will also look at how public opinion changes after the autobus starts running.

Using a theory called the technology acceptance model, the team will investigate what factors positively or negatively affect people's opinions of the autobus. Once the analysis is complete, the researchers will send the results to the city, he said.

"We also need to see what doesn't work so that the people who are implementing this project can know what to change," Manjunatha said.

Manjunatha said he is excited to see people's thoughts about the autobus roll in.

"What happens, especially in the engineering community... we're so good with mathematics and models and technology [that] we often forget who we are designing this [for]," he said. "It's about the public and the people."

The survey for autobus opinions is at tinyurl.com/rtsautobus.



Vincent McDonald (left) / UF Transportation and Parking Services (right)

"Autobus only" signs (left) are appearing at bus stops across Gainesville. A projected launch date for the driverless buses (right) is Aug. 20.

'Lost boy' no more: A UF graduate's trek from refugee to doctor

By Dana Cassidy
Alligator Staff Writer

Jacob Atem doesn't know when his birthday is. As someone who was born in a place with no hospital in South Sudan, he said every day is his birthday. When he was around six years old, his parents were killed during the Second Sudanese Civil War.



Atem

He shared his story in a USA Today opinion piece July 22. He was one of 20,000 young boys who were forced to flee their

homes in Sudan. These children, known as "lost boys," had to travel more than 1,000 miles before arriving at the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya.

Atem earned his Ph.D. in environmental and global health at UF. He is a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Humanitarian Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

"Public health, I find, was a better way to serve my people not only in America but in South Sudan," Atem said. "(It's) my way to contribute to society."

Atem said he wasn't able to focus in school prior to arriving at the refugee camp due to extreme hunger. Additionally, educators

there weren't properly trained, and 50 students would have to share a single book.

These experiences inspired Atem to co-found The Southern Sudan Healthcare Organization in 2008. The goal was to create a clinic and provide health supplies, services and education to those in South Sudan.

"We take health for granted here in America," Atem said. "I'm helping the people of South Sudan and the refugees who are already vulnerable to different kinds of diseases."

Up to 3,000 patients enter the clinic, which was built in Maar, monthly. The thousands of patients who enter come in to give

birth or be treated for malaria, dysentery or sexually transmitted diseases, Atem said.

His story has inspired other UF students like junior public relations major and media chair for Students Organize for Syria (SOS) Marya Zaidi.

Zaidi, 20, said Atem shared his journey with her and others when he gave a talk to SOS at the university.

"His story is very inspiring and should be shared with everyone," Zaidi said. "His life now emphasizes education and service, and I really look up to that."

SOS is an activist group dedicated to raising awareness and support for the refugees in Syria.

Zaidi said she believes it's important to remain compassionate toward others, and turning our back on refugees goes against the basic values of the American ideology.

"I personally believe that as a human, it is our duty to help other humans in need, especially those suffering from inhumane, violent acts of war and crime," Zaidi said. "It is absolutely important that we stick to (our) country's foundation and fight for freedoms and equality for all."

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Woman charged with grand theft

HILL WAS ONE OF FOUR REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN A BID TO STEAL BAGS FULL OF CLOTHING.

By Jessica Curbelo
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Gainesville Police arrested four women Sunday night for attempting to steal more than \$1,000 worth of clothing from Burlington Coat Factory.



Hill

Angela Hill, 45, Latoya Smith, 39, Larneshia Perry, 26, and Kenyausha Tobler, 28, reportedly walked into the store at around 7:40 p.m.

The women allegedly took large trash bags and hid them before walking into Burlington, located at 2643 NW 13th St. According to the arrest report, they filled the bags with clothes they took off the shelves. The women used three tools to take alarms off the clothes.

While in the store, they then allegedly hid the full bags in different spots and walked out of the store empty-handed.

According to an officer report, the women got scared and hid the clothes. Hill later told officers they intended to fill the bags with clothing and shoes and walk out without paying.

Altogether, the clothing they attempted to take from Burlington was worth \$1,767.03. More trash bags were found after Hill's car was searched. Many of the items inside the bags didn't have price tags, but the clothes that did have tags totaled \$3,900.

According to the arrest report, Hill told officers the women went to other stores earlier Sunday and repeated the same thing.

She also reportedly said they've stolen from Burlington in the past. GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said the previous incident at Burlington occurred Wednesday.

Alachua County Jail records show Hill is the only one currently being held for a charge of grand theft. Her bond is set at \$25,000.

Perry and Smith were both released Monday afternoon. Tobias said the fourth woman, Tobler, was only issued a sworn complaint because she was pregnant.

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Candidate's campaign brings backpacks to Gainesville kids

JEFF GREENE'S CAMPAIGN STOPPED TO GIVE OUT MORE THAN 100 BACKPACKS.

By Gillian Sweeney
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Seven-year-old Gabriela wore her new backpack and a Jeff Greene sticker on her shirt as she ran around the picnic tables at Depot Park with her 6-year-old brother Justin.

The children had just received free backpacks and stickers from the campaign of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jeff Greene. Workers began handing out the backpacks Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Carina Hernandez, mother of Gabriela and Justin, said she came to the event to get bags for her four children. All of her children are enrolled in public schools throughout the Gainesville area.

"I really appreciate them giving out

backpacks, I really do," Hernandez said. "It helps a lot."

More than 100 backpacks were given out, event organizer Katy Burnett said.

Greene said it was the campaign's third trip to Gainesville, and the campaign will travel to Tampa next.

"It's not the place with the most voters," Greene said. "If you're trying to be efficient you probably wouldn't come here, but you know this is an important, a very important, part of Florida. You know our best university is here."

The children walked away with colorful bags to use at school when it starts again in the coming weeks.

"It's a little, tiny gesture," Greene said. "What I really want to do is I want to make a big change, a permanent, big change in Florida for every family."

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UF employees to take final step in new ethics training program

By Ethan Hughes

Alligator Contributing Writer

In 2016, the Florida Board of Governors passed legislation requiring public universities to form centralized compliance offices and ethics training programs for all employees.

On Wednesday, UF will meet the final requirement, said Gary Wimsett, UF's director of Compliance & Conflicts of Interest.

The university's nearly 30,000 employees have until Oct. 15 to complete a new ethics training program called "Compliance: A Collaboration for Success."

The deadline for universities to meet the requirements is in November, he said. This program, which is overseen by Chief Compliance Officer Elizabeth Ruszczak, was the last requirement UF had to meet.

"I think one of the fundamental underpinnings of this is that we feel like everybody here has a responsibility to create and maintain a safe learning environment both for faculty and students," he said.

The training is on an online system and takes about 20 minutes to complete, and it must be retaken every two years.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said he thinks requiring employees to retake the training is appropriate because laws and regulations change frequently. Without training, employees could accidentally make an illegal or unethical decision.

Wimsett said the content of the program is largely based on sections of the Florida Code of Ethics, a chapter in the statutes that establishes laws for state employees. The sections mostly deal with conflicts of interest and gifts.

Conflicts of interest arise when employees' financial interests interfere with their ability to fulfill their obligations to UF, he said. Gifts are illegal to accept if they are designed to influence a public employee's behavior.

"We answer to the taxpayers," Orlando said. "We're the stewards of their money, and we're working in their name, and so we need to be mindful of that. We need to remember that, as public employees, we need to be transparent."

Wimsett said another goal of the program is to introduce employees to the services and policies of UF Compliance & Ethics, such as the compliance hotline.

The hotline allows employees to report concerns anonymously, he said. Employees



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UF employees have until Oct. 15 to complete the new program. University officials say the remainder of its workers will do so by Wednesday.

should report all suspected wrongdoing by calling 877-556-5356 or going to the UF Web Reporting System.

"It's such a big piece and so much going on that we really depend upon people letting us know if they see problems out in our university community that we can investigate," he said.

He said UF's non-retaliation policy protects employees from being fired or punished as revenge for accusations.

This will be covered in the training program, which consists of PowerPoint slides

with assessment questions at the end, Wimsett said. Some of the slides will include scenarios to help explain complicated concepts.

Wimsett said the goal is to improve safety for students and employees.

"Just a lot of ways of looking out for each other through the laws, policies and regulations that if we're all just a little bit more sensitive to them and a little bit more aware of them, and we also feel like there's a place we can go to get problems resolved," he said. "That helps create this safe learning environment for everybody."

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 by Linda Thistle

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Muslim veil
- 6 Behind us
- 10 Fashion's de la Renta
- 15 Self-... personally mindful
- 16 Trade show
- 17 Eclipse shadow
- 18 Synagogue scroll
- 19 Paella morsel
- 20 In poor taste
- 21 *LeBron's sport
- 24 Cereal mix
- 27 NASDAQ locale
- 31 Play a part
- 32 *Insect used in genetic research
- 37 Hither partner
- 38 Plural medical suffix
- 40 NYC gallery district
- 41 Lewd material
- 42 Primary source of income ... and words that can precede the two parts, respectively, of the answers to starred clues
- 47 Part of town, in slang
- 48 Street
- 49 Branch of mechanics concerned with forces in equilibrium
- 52 Loving
- 55 Frying liquid
- 56 *Glazed morning snack
- 59 Watery expanse
- 60 Fracas
- 62 Hammer head
- 63 Blender selection
- 65 Diva's delivery
- 66 *Form a queue
- 68 Teen anti-DWI gp.
- 69 Didn't stay
- 70 Of a battery terminal
- 71 Small ocean landmass
- 72 Mid-month date
- 73 Pathetically tiny, as a sum of money
- 74 Tourney ranking

DOWN

- 1 Boater or bowler
- 2 "Letters From Jima": 2006 film
- 3 Pickle container
- 4 Many Yemenis
- 5 On ___ of: for
- 6 Quarter of a bushel
- 7 Wheel connection
- 8 Squabble
- 9 Mausoleum
- 10 Expenditure
- 11 Word before fry or potatoes
- 12 Network with its HQ in Ottawa
- 13 18-Across holder
- 14 Bit of sunlight
- 22 Title of respect
- 23 Hole-making tool
- 24 Chinese chairman
- 25 State school near L.A.
- 26 Immortality
- 28 Tick-borne illness named for a Connecticut town
- 29 Mouth-puckering
- 30 Explosive for Wile E. Coyote
- 33 Springsteen's "Born in the ___"
- 34 Physicist's particle
- 35 Divinity sch. degree
- 36 Watch chain
- 39 Senate position
- 41 Lead actress
- 43 Put up with
- 44 Art style seen in Miami's South Beach
- 45 Pakistani language
- 46 Friendly horn sounds
- 49 Horn of Africa native
- 50 Like big wedding cakes
- 51 Flat on one's back
- 52 Once-a-year flower
- 53 Pine dropping
- 54 Wandered (about) Italian salami city
- 58 Obeys
- 61 Diner grub
- 64 Three-pronged Greek letters
- 66 Beat a hasty retreat
- 67 Tissue layer

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Weekly SUDOKU

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CLUE

- Open with a key
- Award: "Best ___"
- Respond
- ___ peddle

ANSWER

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DOWN

CLUE

- African country
- Sideways
- Type of raisin
- Light ___

ANSWER

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CLUE: This city is home to about 5 million people and is nicknamed the "City of Joy."

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AWARDS

alligatorSports Awards: Game of the Year



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UF third baseman Nicole DeWitt slides into home base during the Gainesville Super Regional against Texas A&M. The Gators defeated the Aggies on a walk-off homer by freshman Jordan Matthews.

Alligator Staff Report

Of the hundreds of meets, matches and games that UF athletics participated in over the 2017-18 season, only five made the final cut as nominees for the Gators' best game of the campaign.

Our panel of Evan Lepak, Chris O'Brien, Mark Stine, Brendan Farrell and Andrew Huang rummaged through the long list of matches and games and made selections from the basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball schedules as finalists for Game of the Year in this staff report.

Evan: When I think back about some of the most exciting games in the 2017-18 Florida athletics year, there's one that continues to replay in my head.

When the **then-No. 7 UF men's basketball team took on Gonzaga** at the PK80 Invitational in Portland, Oregon, I was expecting a good game, but what unfolded before my eyes on that Black Friday had me thinking Final Four for this Gators squad.

Florida's fast-paced offense, the one that took the college basket-

ball world by storm early in the season, continued to impress that night, accumulating triple-digits for the fourth time in their first five games.

The Gators would go on to beat Gonzaga in double overtime, 111-105.

A slow first half had UF down 36-29 to a tough Bulldog team that came in nationally ranked.

Things would turn for the better in the second half of play with Florida scoring 49 points, leading to a deadlock at 78.

UF guard Jalen Hudson took off in the second half, scoring 22 points in the period alone.

Hudson would add nine more in the overtime periods, including a three in double OT that gave the Gators a 106-99 lead and effectively put the game out of reach.

Hudson's teammates Chris Chiozza and KeVaughn Allen helped lead the team's offensive charge as well, scoring 26 and 23, respectively.

Chiozza played 46 of 50 minutes and led all Gators with 10 assists. After the game, he was so exhausted that two teammates helped carry him to the locker

room.

Florida's marquee win over the Zags was huge for the team's overall resume, as it would find itself in a tailspin afterwards, losing three straight.

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Chris: The UF basketball double-OT marathon against Gonzaga could be a good selection here, but **Game 3 of the baseball team's Super Regional against Auburn** on June 11 supersedes the basketball matchup.

Although the team ultimately fell short in the College World Series, the path to get to Omaha went the distance, as the Tigers refused to give the Gators anything easy.

Now a Cincinnati Reds prospect, third baseman Jonathan India got things going in the bottom of the first inning with a bomb to left field.

Auburn tied it in the third inning at one apiece, but Florida got it back in the bottom of the fourth with a little bit of trickery. Second baseman Blake Reese and center fielder Nick Horvath executed a

first-and-third play where Horvath fell down on a steal to second, distracting the Tigers pitcher and allowing Reese to score.

Auburn struck again in the seventh inning to even the score at two with a sacrifice fly.

Nine innings wasn't enough to decide the winner-take-all matchup. No, it went all the way to 11 innings.

I'm sure you're familiar with how this story ends, but I'll quickly recap it. Left fielder Austin Langworthy, a Williston native, uncorked a line-drive home run in the bottom of the 11th that just barely got past the right fielder and put UF in the CWS.

I was in the press box for the moment and man, it was chaos. It was such a fun contest to be in attendance for, and something I'll remember the rest of my life. Definitely the game of the year.

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Mark: The UF baseball team provided a brilliant final game in its Super Regional against Auburn, but the better Gainesville finale came in **the softball team's Super Regional victory over Texas A&M.**

The SEC foes split each of the opening two games of the series by a one-run margin, and a bat change by freshman Jordan Matthews may decided the series.

After going 0 for 6 as Florida's designated player in the first two series games, Matthews switched from the 24-ounce bat that she used all season to a 25-ounce bat, similar to one she used in high school.

In the rubber match, she went 3 for 4 against the Aggies' ace, senior Trinity Harrington, and ended her night on the bottom of a dogpile at home plate.

Matthews knocked two singles and scored a run to help put UF up 2-1 heading into the seventh inning.

However, Texas A&M pulled ahead 3-2 after first baseman Tori Vidales blasted a go-ahead home run off Florida right hander Aleshia Ocasio for the second-consecutive night.

Matthews stepped into the box in the bottom of the seventh with two outs, two on and a 2-2 count.

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Huang Story Short

What NBA players have most to prove next season?



Andrew Huang
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Carmelo Anthony has finalized his buyout with the Atlanta Hawks, making him a free agent again. His intentions now are to sign with the Houston Rockets.

That being said, the 2018 NBA free agency season has pretty much seen all the big moves it had to offer: LeBron James to Los Angeles, Paul George re-signing with Oklahoma City, the Kawhi Leonard-DeMar DeRozan swap, and now Anthony's pending spot on the Rockets' roster.

Melo is under a lot of pressure to perform, though, even if Houston's offense is a better fit for him than what OKC's system forced him to be. The 10-time All-Star averaged career-lows pretty much across the board last season, partly because his talents weren't fully utilized within the Thunder offense and partly because he refused to accept that at 34 and with 15 seasons under his belt, he is not the star he used to be.

Anthony's name and reputation - already damaged from a failed stint in New York - was only run through the mud even further a season ago. But he's not the only player facing high expectations next season.

Giannis Antetokounmpo is entering his sixth, and most important, year of his young NBA career.

The "Greek Freak" has shown consistent improvement since being drafted by Milwaukee in 2013. Last season he averaged career highs in points, rebounds and shooting percentage. His 26.9 points per game ranked fifth in the league, while his 10.0 rebounds per game ranked 11th.

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According to a July 22 incident report from Gainesville Police, UF wide receiver Kadarius Toney was found with a rifle in his car.

BOSCH HIRED AS UF SOFTBALL ASSISTANT COACH

Former Syracuse assistant Mike Bosch is the newest member of Tim Walton's coaching staff. Bosch replaces former-assistant Jennifer Rocha, who accepted a position with Oklahoma.

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SWIM

Gators at the USA Swimming Nationals: A weekend roundup

By **Brendan Farrell**
Sports Writer

Improvements from former Gator Caeleb Dressel and current and future Gators marked a lively end to the 2018 Phillips 66 National Championships in Irvine, California.

Dressel, who struggled through the first two days of competition on Wednesday and Thursday, restored order by first winning the 100-meter fly on Friday with a time of 50.50, the best time worldwide since Dressel's 49.86 at the 2017 World Championships. He followed that up with a second-place finish in the 50-meter freestyle on Sunday.

The 800-meter freestyle final on Sunday also saw a quartet of Gators, both current and future, place well and set personal records. Incoming freshmen Robert Finke and Trey Freeman qualified for the finals, placing third and eighth, respectively.

Current Gator Ben Lawless also set a program record in the event with a time of 7:57:56 in his ninth-place finish, while teammate Mitch D'Arrigo finished 24th.

Finke, Freeman, Lawless, and D'Arrigo's personal records were four of eight set

by the program on the final weekend of competition.

Additionally, Kieran Smith's swim in the B final of the 200-meter individual medley was good enough for 14th overall in the event.

As a result of their performances at the 2018 Phillips 66 National Championships, Dressel, Finke, and UF alumnus Conor Dwyer all qualified for the 2018 Pan Pacific Championships in Tokyo in August.

Finke qualified on Wednesday with his second-place finish in the 1500-meter freestyle, while Dwyer made the team after his second-place result in the 200-meter freestyle. Dressel nearly did not make the team with his struggles earlier in the week, but his aforementioned victory in the 100-meter fly secured his spot.

Taylor Ault placed 16th overall in the 1500-meter freestyle, and Hannah Burns finished in 15th the 200-meter individual medley.

Grant Sanders, Kahra Williams and incoming freshmen Miguel Cancel and Vanessa Pearl also ended up qualifying for the finals of their respective events.

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The Associated Press

Former UF swimmer Caeleb Dressel took first in the 100-fly at the Phillips 66 National Championships in Irvine, California. He, along with two other UF notables, will advance to the Pan Pacific Championships in Tokyo.

FOOTBALL

At Stoneman Douglas, football season comes with heavy hearts

The Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. (AP) — The first practice of the new season was over, and the only sound on the campus of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was dozens of football players screaming in delight.

It was 2:15 a.m., and they were having a water balloon fight.

At last, on a campus shaken by tragedy, there was joy.

The Eagles — now ambassadors for a school and community still reeling from the Feb. 14 massacre that left 17 people dead, including assistant football coach Aaron Feis, who was killed while trying to use his body to shield students from the cascade of bullets — took the field for practice at 12:01 a.m. Monday.

Under Florida rules, teams could begin fall workouts July 30. The Eagles didn't wait a minute longer.

"This is the only thing we have to show our respect," coach Willis May Jr. said. "This is the way we can show our respect to those guys, with our great effort and with our great attitudes. Be leaders within the school. I hope we see all that from these kids this year."

Douglas has had the "midnight madness" practice on opening day several times before, but this was different. A uniformed sheriff's deputy was on campus throughout the evening, his patrol vehicle parked adjacent to the

field during practice. The site of the shootings — the 1200 building — still stands, cordoned off by a chain-link fence. Many want it leveled, but for now it stands because it's essentially evidence, a crime scene.

Players, as they walked out of the locker room in rows of two shortly before midnight, had to stroll past the 1200 building on their way to the field for practice. Barely anyone seemed to look its way.

"Our community is still very much in the traumatized healing process," said Parkland Mayor Christine Hunschofsky, who sat in the bleachers with about 100 other people for the middle-of-the-night practice. "This is not a sprint. This is absolutely a marathon. And we will never forget. No one who was here will ever forget. But we also have to look at a way forward."

And Monday was a small step forward.

But the reminders of Feb. 14 remain everywhere.

There is one locker with a door painted gold in the locker room — it belonged to Joaquin "Guac" Oliver, one of the 17 victims, the boy who adored Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade so much that his family buried him in a Wade jersey. The fence around the 1200 building is partially covered by banners with messages of support from neighboring schools. Inside the cafeteria, where parents reported for the preseason meeting, another banner still hangs. It's from the students of

Columbine High School, where a similar tragedy took place in 1999.

On the field, there are more signs, reminders to play for Feis and how to be "MSD Strong." The shirts most of the coaches wore had some reminder of the shooting. May tugged on a new shirt just before practice, one with "17" in the middle, the reasoning there obvious.

A school that was a sanctuary is now, in many ways, a memorial.

"Are we perfect? Are we happy all the time? How can we be?" said Johanna Feis, the younger sister of the slain coach whose desk remains next to May's inside a cramped football office and hasn't been issued to anyone else on the staff. "I'm not OK at this moment, but we're pushing through, so we are OK."

The Eagles obviously did not want this attention.

They did not want to be asked to play a Canadian team in Georgia on Sept. 1, but now view the trip as a great opportunity. They did not want to see Feis, athletic director Chris Hixon, cross country coach Scott Beigel — all victims on Feb. 14 — honored with the Best Coach award at the ESPYs. They did not want to turn Feis' name into a motivational acronym, the letters in football parlance now standing for "Fearless, Emotion, Intensity and Sacrifice."

They would rather see things go back to normal, whatever that was before the after-

noon of Feb. 14.

"You represent this high school," May told his team just before practice started. "Every time you put that Douglas (jersey) on, make it count for something. Make it mean something. When somebody faces us this year, one thing I want them to know is, you ain't getting an injured Eagle. You're not facing an injured Eagle that's just going to let you roll over them. You better bring the best you got."

The reminders notwithstanding, boys were being boys Sunday night as they waited for practice. They had a team meeting in the bleachers to go over fundraising plans, and whooped for joy when it came time to tape a promotional video.

They returned to the locker room after the meeting to wait for practice, some laying on the hard tile floor, others chilling on benches, virtually everyone on their phones. Music blared. Kids danced. Some coaches had pizza.

It was loud and festive.

It was football season. And for a couple hours, all felt right again.

"I just want to make sure the kids will be OK," said Johanna Feis, who comes to most practices and helps the program with some clerical work like putting together the roster. "It's difficult to be here. But at the end of the day, it's nice that I can go sit in my brother's chair. These kids, they loved my brother so much and they still do. And I think it's amazing. They know they're making him proud."

Volleyball played two thrillers

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The Gators' season hung in the balance along with a trip to the Women's College World Series.

An offering from Harrington jumped off the freshman's bat, sailed through the night sky and disappeared over the left-center field wall.

"It was one of the best series I've been a part of," UF coach Tim Walton said. "That's just one of those holy sh*t moments."

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Brendan: I'm going to have to go with the volleyball Gainesville Regional final against USC. With the strongest team in years, this really felt like the season that the Gators' volleyball team would finally break through and win the first national championship in program history.

Mary Wise, owner of the most wins of any female college volleyball coach, looked poised to claim the one thing that eluded her in her illustrious coaching career.

After breezing through their first three opponents, the Gators met their first real test of the tournament against 14th-ranked Southern California. Though they did win the first set 25-23, the Gators found themselves fighting to keep their season alive after a couple of rough sets left them trailing 2-1.

Like a pair of heavyweight boxers trad-

ing haymakers, the Gators and Trojans alternated points in a thrilling, intense fourth set. Down 24-23 and with the end of an era a point away, Shainah Joseph and Rhamat Alhassan, two members of the team's lauded senior class, responded with a combined three-consecutive points to win the set and send the game into a tie-breaking fifth set.

Despite giving their season one last desperate breath, the Gators got off to a slow start in the fifth set, trailing 9-5. However, a double hit, a kill by senior Carli Snyder, a block and an error by USC left the game tied at nine, and the Gators never looked back, scoring 10 of the match's last 12 points and winning the tiebreaker 15-11.

The five-set, adrenaline-filled game was the third-longest NCAA tournament game in program's history, and it might just be the most memorable. The win would also send the Gators to their first Final Four since 2003, where they would also advance to their first national championship game since that year as well.

Between the stakes of the match and the actual game itself, I'm not sure any other game from this past year can top this.

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Andrew: You might not have seen the Florida volleyball team knock off Stanford in the Final Four of last season's NCAA Tournament. If so, you missed UF's best match of the year.



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The UF volleyball team made it to the championship game for the second time under coach Mary Wise. It defeated both Southern California and Stanford in thrilling matches to advance to the title match.

The stage was as grand as it was historic.

The winner advanced to the national championship game, but there was much more at stake. Florida hadn't made it that far since 2003, and coach Mary Wise – already the only female coach to reach the NCAA title game – was trying to do it again, with the help of a stellar senior class.

The match started out wonderfully for the 29-1 Gators.

They took the opening two sets from the Cardinal, holding the lead for the last 16 points of the first. They finished strong to take the second, winning three of the last four points.

Then the momentum took a sharp turn Stanford's way. The Cardinal gained control of the match, winning the third and fourth sets handily to tie things up. Stanford used a 12-4 run to power through the third, and then opened up a 4-0 lead in the fourth. It did not trail in the period, and extended its advantage to 11-2.

But somehow, the deflated Gators turned it up a notch in the deciding fifth set. They took the lead for good thanks to a 5-0 run and scored four of the last five points to earn their elusive championship game berth.

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Can Embiid, Griffin stay healthy?

But the Bucks lost in the first round of the playoffs in three of the last four seasons, and if it happens again, Antetokounmpo will face the label of an elite tal-

ent who fails to elevate his team to success, much like Anthony Davis before his Western Conference Semifinals run last season.

Then there's Philadelphia's dynamic duo of Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid. Can they make it

back to the playoffs and show up for the big moments?

Will Simmons improve his shot? Can Embiid actually stay healthy? How much further, and faster, can "the Process" progress?

How about Blake Griffin, a rising superstar-turned-yesterday's news, trying to resurrect his career in Detroit?

Like Embiid, Griffin has a history of injuries – but has shown the ability to flat-out dominate when healthy. Griffin has a reputation for not being a winner, and if he can lead Detroit to real suc-

cess in the LeBron-less Eastern Conference, the high-flyer could return to the superstar status he so narrowly missed with the Clippers.

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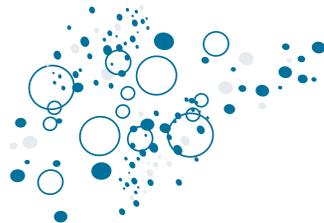
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