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# Conflicting protests converge downtown

## About 140 people turn out to support Israel, peace in Gaza conflict

BY CHELSEA KEENAN  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

The chant "am Israel chi" filled the air as about 100 people marched down University Avenue on Monday.

Their chant, which means, "The nation of Israel lives," rang out as the rally continued down University Avenue, starting at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and ending at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza.

Participants waved signs while they walked, which read "We Stand with Israel" and "Israel wants Peace," only to encounter another protest demanding peace on both sides.

Sandy Baum, a UF English senior, helped organize the march alongside the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center.

"I thought, we need to do something now," she said. "We wanted Gainesville to stand up for Israel."

Baum said they marched in support for Israel and to stand up for those who were affected by the attacks by Hamas.

UF biological engineering senior Lee Ravid said the attacks hit close to home.

Ravid was born in Israel but has attended UF for the past

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

Protesters supporting peace in Gaza and others supporting Israel in the regional conflict come together after separate protests to discuss their differences as rain pours at the band shell at Bo Diddley Community Plaza Monday afternoon.

# Mayor Hanrahan to make State of the City address

■ DOWNTOWN SPEECH WILL SUMMARIZE GROWTH, DISCUSS PLANS FOR SUCESSFUL FUTURE.

BY MORGAN COLLINS  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan will make her annual State of the City address Wednesday at 8 a.m. in front of the Hippodrome State Theatre.



■ UF wideout David Nelson (left) has earned the trust of his coach, and the junior more than doubled his career receptions this season. See Story, Page 14.

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### Fla. denies rate increase for hurricanes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The state insurance commissioner Monday again denied State Farm Florida's proposed average 47.1 percent rate increase for homeowner coverage against hurricanes and other property losses.

Commissioner Kevin McCarty previously denied the increase but State Farm, Florida's second-largest property insurer, appealed. An administrative law judge also denied the increase last month, sending the matter back to McCarty.

State Farm Insurance Co. now has 30 days to take the case to the 1st District Court of Appeal.

ing budget shortfalls for the city, he said.

City Manager Russ Blackburn is working on a budget plan and asking different city departments to find programs and services that can be cut in order to relieve budget tension.

This upcoming fiscal year is the third year in a row that the city

manager has had to schedule cuts.

A meeting is scheduled next month for Blackburn to present a budget plan to the mayor and the rest of the Gainesville City Commission.

Despite budget problems and the slackening economy, the city has many accomplishments, which Hanrahan will highlight during her speech, Woods said.

"There is still much to be excited about in Gainesville," he said.



Hanrahan

■ To see a photo gallery and video footage of Monday's Gaza protest, see our Web site at [alligator.org](http://alligator.org).

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

#### Celebration Begins

Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Join the Black Graduate Student Organization, New Student Programs and ACCENT Speakers Bureau as TV host and author Keith Boykin speaks about "Diversity Without Division — Building an Inclusive Campus."

### Gator Disc Golf Club Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m. The group will meet at the Reitz Union food court to discuss upcoming tournaments, club activities and practice rounds. Beginner, intermediate and advanced players are welcome.

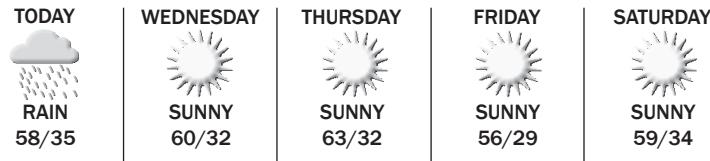
### "No More Hamas" Student Rally

Thursday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A peaceful demonstration against Hamas on Turlington Plaza.

### Peace Corps & the Environment

Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m. The Hub, International Center. Returned Peace Corps volunteers will share their experiences. A recruiter will be available to answer questions. Open to all majors. For more information contact [peacecorps@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:peacecorps@ufic.ufl.edu).

## FORECAST



#### "Speaking for Nature" by Michal Meyer

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 11:45 a.m., Turlington 3312.

Sponsored by the Center for European Studies as part of the Graduate Student Brown Bag Series. Snacks and sodas will be provided.

#### Spring Rush Begins

Spring rush takes place all week and ends Friday, Jan. 16. More information about the Interfraternity Council and its fraternities can be found at [www.greekgator.com](http://www.greekgator.com).

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#### NATIONAL

#### Senate to seat Burris

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to put the scandal-tainted

standoff behind them, Senate Democrats accepted Roland Burris as President-elect Barack Obama's Senate successor on Monday and said they expect to swear in the new Illinois senator this week.

"He is now the senator-designate from Illinois and, as such, will be accorded all the rights and privileges of a senator-elect," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said in a joint statement.

At a news conference in Chicago, Burris called himself honored and humbled to be the state's next junior senator. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve," he said and added: "I recognize that my appointment triggered a challenging time for many."

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# Inmate clean-up project saves county tax dollars

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Jail inmates in Alachua County saved local taxpayers more than \$4,000 in December.

Instead of hiring companies to provide handiwork services around the county, the

inmates worked 340 hours and saved the county \$4,450.60.

From January through November, the inmate squads performed 6,038 hours of labor saving a total amount of \$79,037.42 in tax dollars for those months, according to a news release from the Alachua County

Sheriff's Office.

Since the inmate projects began in October of 2007, the county has saved a total \$92,356.50.

In December the inmates cut trees and brush debris at the Gainesville

Regional Airport.

They also painted and cleaned the inmate holding area in the Criminal Justice Courthouse, cleaned the firing ranges and removed debris from the Santa Fe College Institute for Public Safety.

— KATIE EMMETS

## LOCAL

# UF trounces Florida colleges in specialty plate sales

**By MATTHEW BEATON**

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF has another title to add to its heap.

Florida drivers bought 113,562 specialty license plates in 2008, topping sales for any other plate type.

UF trounced the other Florida colleges and universities in specialty plate sales. Florida State University finished second in school sales and fifth overall with 75,707. FSU was followed by Miami with 29,355 and Florida A&M with 20,961.

According to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, this was the third straight year UF led in statewide specialty license plate sales. In 2007, the university sold 105,361, and in 2006, it sold 90,436.

"I think that the success of the athletic programs, (has increased plate sales) as well as the statewide interest in the university," said Courtney Heidelberg, deputy director of communications at the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Specialty plates are available for an extra \$27 at Florida tax collectors' offices.

**"I think our alumni are very loyal to their institution. This is one more way they can show their loyalty."**

**Nina Kaharl**  
Florida Fund spokeswoman

"Twenty-five dollars of that is the specialty plate fee which goes to the University of Florida,"

Heidelberg said, "and the other two dollars is a processing fee that goes back to the state."

The state of Florida collects license plate fees, and the money is later distributed to the charity or university for which the plate was bought.

A UF foundation called The Florida Fund decides how the license plate money is spent.

"It does not go to any particular department," said Nina Kaharl, spokeswoman for the fund.

The university's promotional ef-

forts may also contribute to its consistent leading sales.

Kaharl said UF sends birthday postcards to alumni reminding them that it's time to renew their plate and suggesting that they consider a UF plate.

"I think our alumni are very loyal to their institution. This is one more way they can show their loyalty," Kaharl said.

Following the UF tag, the "Protect the Wild Dolphins" specialty plate was second in 2008 sales. It sold 80,797.

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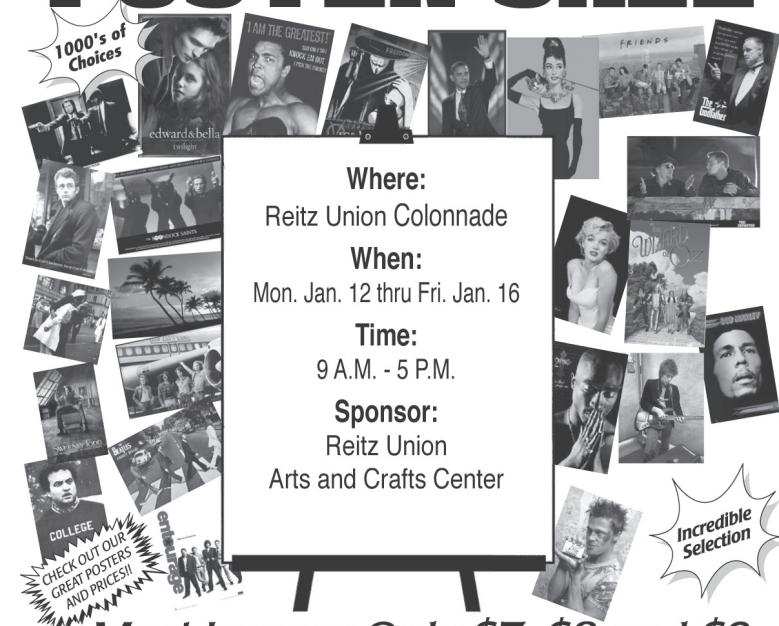
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# Meeting dispels myths about adoption process

By FAITH REAVES

Alligator Contributing Writer

When Bobby and Sarah Finn discussed the all-important topic of having children, they decided they wanted to adopt.

To learn more about foster care and adopting, the couple attended the Children's Home Society's adoption orientation on Monday night in downtown Gainesville.

There are a lot of children that don't have a good home and deserve one, Bobby Finn said.

Although Children's Home Society handles international adoption, private adoption and foster care, the mid-Florida division, which includes Alachua County, only provides foster care adoption services.

Six people attended the meeting led by dependency specialist Amy Mills.

Mills said the orientation is the first step in becoming an adoptive parent. After orientation, families must complete a pre-service training class and participate in a home study before being approved and matched with a child.

Last year, 187 children were adopted in the mid-Florida division.

Jennifer Anchors, an executive director of the mid-Florida division, said that while 150 to 200 children are adopted per year on average, more children are entering the system.

Anchors said the rise is a result of multiple factors, including the economy.

When people are struggling financially and do not properly know how to cope, children are more often abused and neglected, she said.

Mills said she expects the numbers to continue to increase.

Although people may face more financial obstacles, more families are looking to adopt, said Anchors.

She said the growth is due to enhanced public knowledge on adoption and expects the boost to continue. For example, the belief is being dispelled that all forms of adoption are expensive.

Although private and international adoption are costly, Mills said that foster care adoption doesn't cost anything.

The state covers the expenses, Mills said.

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# Outbreak source found

## ■ SALMONELLA LINKED TO TAINTED PEANUT BUTTER.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — The salmonella bacteria that has sickened more than 400 people in 43 states has been conclusively linked to peanut butter, Minnesota health officials announced Monday.

Federal officials said the outbreak may have contributed to three deaths. State health and agriculture officials said last week they had found salmonella bacteria in a 5-pound package of King Nut peanut butter at a nursing facility in Minnesota.

Officials tested the bacteria over the weekend and found a genetic match with the bacterial strain that has led to 30 illnesses in Minnesota and others across the country.

"The commonality among all

of our patients was that they ate peanut butter," said Doug Schultz, a spokesman with the Minnesota Department of Health.

While the brand of peanut butter couldn't be confirmed in every case, the majority of patients consumed the same brand, he said Monday.

The peanut butter was distributed only through food service providers and was not sold directly to consumers. Officials are concerned the peanut butter is still being used, and Kassenborg urged institutions to toss it out.

A woman in her 70s at a northern Minnesota nursing home died after contracting salmonella, although epidemiologist Stephanie Meyer of the state Health Department said it wasn't clear whether the illness or underlying health problems caused the death. The woman was not at the facility where the bacteria was initially found.

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## NATIONAL

# In final press conference, Bush laments mistakes

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — With rare public emotion, George W. Bush sat in judgment on his controversial, consequential presidency on Monday, lamenting mistakes but claiming few as his own, heatedly defending his record on disasters in Iraq and at home and offering kindly advice to a successor who won largely because the nation ached for something new.

By turns wistful, aggressive and joking in his final news conference, Bush covered a huge range of topics in summing up his eight years in the White House — the latest in a recent string of efforts to have his say before historians have theirs. Then the White House said he would do it again Thursday night in a final address to the nation.

Reaching back to his first day in office, he recalled walking into the White House and having "a moment" when he felt all the responsibilities of the job landing on his shoulders. Barack Obama will feel

that next week, he said, his tone gently understanding.

He was full of supportive words for Obama — the nation's first black president — and talked of being deeply affected while watching people say on television that they never thought they would see the day, many with "tears streaming down their cheeks when they said it."

"President-elect Obama's election does speak volumes about how far this country has come when it comes to racial relations," Bush said, seeming almost awestruck.

He brushed off any suggestion that he'd found the job of president too burdensome — or that Obama would find it so. "It's just pathetic, isn't it, self-pity?" he said. "And I don't believe that President-elect Obama will be full of self-pity."

At the same time, Bush showed his skin is not so thick as all that. "Sometimes the biggest disappointments will come from your so-called friends," he advised

Obama. Bush's former press secretary, Scott McClellan, released a scathing tell-all book last year that still stings around the West Wing.

Asked one last time by reporters about the major controversies of his presidency, Bush had a ready answer for each:

— On the dismal economy he leaves behind for Obama, Bush said, "I inherited a recession, I'm ending on a recession. In the meantime, there were 52 months of uninterrupted job growth." The 2001 recession began in March, two months into his presidency, but economists agree the seeds were sown long before.

Bush also defended himself against economic attacks from his own party on the huge government bailout of Wall Street financial firms. He said, his voice rising, "If you were sitting there and

heard that the depression could be greater than the Great Depression, I hope you would act, too, which I did."

— On the five-year-old Iraq war, the issue that will define his presidency, Bush said history will judge his actions but it is a fact that violence diminished and everyday life became more stable after his decision in 2007 to send an additional 30,000 American troops into the fight.

— He vigorously took issue with critics of the federal response to Katrina, the hurricane that devastated New Orleans. Gesturing and speaking with feeling, he said, "Don't tell me the federal response was slow when there were 30,000 people pulled off roofs right after the storm passed," he said. "Has the reconstruction been perfect? No. Have things happened fairly quickly? Absolutely."

— The president claimed progress toward peace in the Middle East, though any hopes for an accord soon have been dashed by,

among other things, a bruising offensive by Israel in the Gaza Strip.

— Most angrily, Bush dismissed "some of the elite" who say he has damaged America's image around the world. "No question, parts of Europe have said that we shouldn't have gone to war in Iraq without a mandate, but those are few countries," he said.

The president's actions after the Sept. 11 attacks — such as establishing the prison for suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, approving tough interrogation methods that some say amount to torture and instituting information-gathering efforts at home decried by civil rights groups — were compounded by global outrage at the 2003 invasion of Iraq, particularly later when the alleged weapons of mass destruction that were the main justification for war turned out not to exist.

"In terms of the decisions that I had made to protect the homeland, I wouldn't worry about popularity," he said.



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## Editorial

# Greedy Gators

## BCS gear shouldn't cost us limbs we can't spare

**W**hen you're a Gator, you can almost always bet on Christmas coming twice a year.

Reaching the pinnacle of the college football world means championship rings for the team, a spectacular new trophy for UF — not to mention a smörgåsbord of memorabilia to the delight of loyal fans.

The stores in town?

Let's just say their eyeballs have been replaced with dollar signs for the next couple weeks as hordes of faithful Gators look to upgrade their wardrobes and collect anything and everything from a flag for the car to the ever-popular shot glass.

We think it's safe to assume if the Gators had ended the season on a more Auburn-esque note, fans wouldn't exactly be diving under couch pillows for an extra 25 cents to snag a set of championship golf balls.

The Editorial Board supports the local merchants in their efforts to grab a slice of the BCS pie. Heck, don't be surprised when you see us walking around campus decked out from head to toe in the freshest of championship gear.

All we ask is that the stores in and around Gainesville refrain from exploiting the not-so-deep pockets of The Gator Nation. Sure, we know that you have to "get yours" too, but we caution you to expect a follow-up editorial if word on the street is T-shirt prices have hit 30 bucks a pop.

There's nothing wrong with padding the bank account a little bit and clearing some inventory — just don't get greedy and end up taking our wallets for a whirl.

# Bye-bye Georgie

**T**he Editorial Board knows we aren't perfect — look around hard enough and you're bound to come across some minute error somewhere within our pages. But, unlike the outgoing president, when we admit our faults we would like to think we own up to them. Eight long years and you're halfway there, George.

If only you could've had your suits outfitted with a dry-erase board to constantly update the nation with a running list of corrections. We'll be sure to bring up the idea again the next time a Republican takes office (don't hold your breath).

At the very least our proposal could launch a whole line of Dubya Halloween costumes a la Flavor Flav's oversized hanging clock.

Dare we say post-presidency pet project?

The Editorial Board must admit a small smile crept upon our faces when, at your final news conference of your, cough, illustrious presidential career, you offered the media a bit of truth about some of your decisions.

We really do want to offer you a heartfelt thanks for at least alluding to the fact that you are leaving office in the midst of a major recession. Nice touch admitting the lack of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq was a "disappointment" and conceding that giving a speech under a banner proclaiming "Mission Accomplished" was a bit of a misstep.

Did we forget anything?

George, don't fault us for shedding a tear or two come next Tuesday — but at least we'll own up to the fact that we're crying for the other guy.

# Opinions

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## Column

## Jack Sparrow missing in Somali seas

**W**hile Somali gunboats and high-seas kidnappings have once again moved the most visible pirates back out into the open ocean, the piracy of copyrighted information remains one of the main grassroots responses to the flows of data products deemed legitimate by the controlling global corporate structure.

Unlike that burned Lil Wayne CD you play much too loudly in mom's old sedan, actual pirates are once again disrupting the global supply chain for the first time in a couple hundred years.

Old-school pirates once again dominate the headlines, and thus far 2009 has undoubtedly been the "Year of the Pirate." This week alone, a \$3 million ransom parachuted down to complete the release of the Saudi supertanker Sirius Star and a dead pirate washed ashore with \$153,000 in soaked U.S. currency have vividly completed the saga of the most daring and ambitious act of piracy in modern history. These North African pirates represent a clean break from the romanticized buccaneers who parlayed three movies into almost \$3 billion in worldwide box-office receipts. The world embraced those scoundrels with both arms, yet few in the media have approached actual working pirates with the same enthusiasm.

Real pirates, like their egalitarian cinematic counterparts, still embrace themes of equality and freedom — any ransom paid to them is always split up evenly amongst the whole crew. That sopping wet \$153,000 in the pocket of our unfortunate drowned pirate is currently being dried out by his family in central Somalia, where it will be put directly into the local economy one way or another. A report from BBC News states that this lone dead man was the only one of the pirates to have held on to his loot in the aftermath of the Sirius Star release.

**Tommy Maple**  
[letters@alligator.org](mailto:letters@alligator.org)

Since January 1991, Somalia has been without a functioning government. Eighteen years of crushing poverty and utter mayhem seems to have created the ultimate crucible for the formation of a full-fledged cottage industry in the acquisition of seafaring salvation. Global corporations send 20,000 vessels a year past the Somali coastline, and the starving desperadoes raised in hell on earth should do what, exactly — wave serenely from the shoreline?

An editorial in the London Independent last week drew international fire for daring to suggest that these pirates were anything other than crazed subhuman marauders. Johann Hari states that these Somalis certainly count a number of outright criminals amongst their ranks, but that the men we call pirates are actually functioning as the de facto Somali Coast Guard.

European fishermen seeking to evade strict EU regulations illegally take an estimated \$300 million worth of fish from Somali waters each year. Quite a bit more sinister is Hari's accusation that European countries, using the well-known discounted disposal services of the Italian mafia, have been dumping huge amounts of nuclear and medical waste into unregulated Somali seas since the 1991 collapse.

Perhaps the truth of the matter behind these pirates is more difficult to ascertain than simply splitting the distance between Black Hawk Down and the Pirates of the Caribbean series. If so, I suspect most of us will simply go back to downloading that bootlegged copy of The Dark Knight.

*Tommy Maple is a journalism graduate student. His column appears on Tuesday.*

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## Reader response

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## Letters to the Editor

### BCS system breeds doubt

The BCS is a flawed system that has ruined the mystique of the bowls that existed before 1998.

Kyle Whittingham, head coach of the Utah Utes, would like to schedule his team against "big" out-of-conference opponents, but the only team that accepted the request this season was Michigan.

They beat the team that was ranked at the top for most of the season in Alabama, yet they received little to no respect from the media.

Out of the teams with one loss, Texas' defeat came on the best play of the year, while UF's was the worst occurring in the Swamp by a good, but still developing Mississippi team.

The Atlantic Coast Conference was 6-6 against the Southeastern Conference this year and the Big East Conference had the best winning percentage of any league, even though these conferences are perceived as weak. There is parity in college football that the media continues to ignore.

UF's only challenge for next season is LSU, as the team does not play Alabama or Mississippi during the regular season.

They will not even play the next two best SEC teams until the SEC Championship Game.

Even in the plus-one system, some analysts left off Utah and instead placed Texas, USC, Oklahoma and UF.

An eight-team playoff is the best way to remove the doubts.

Until we get that system, the national championship will continue to be judged by the media and computers rather than settled on the field. Congratulations to the Gators on the win, but doubts will be attached to that crystal ball.

Ali Khan  
Gators Fan

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### Palestinian supporters not ignorant, should speak up

After reading a recent editorial on how Gainesville residents are ignorant about the Israeli-Palestinian

conflict, I noticed that the ignorance was directed toward those that support Palestinians.

In America, we are allowed free speech, and any attempt to silence it is un-American. There are many reasons for people to support Palestinians and speak up about it. After all, the majority of the world finds the United States and Israel in the wrong. Are they ignorant, too?

I would love to see peace in the Middle East, but I do have some concerns with Israeli politics.

Long before this recent war, Israel imposed blockades, checkpoints, restrictions to humanitarian aid, settlement building, dividing walls, electricity shut-offs, etc., that have all created suffering and anger

among many in the world, especially Palestinians. This fuels constant retaliation. People in Gaza are caged in without an airport, port or other means to live a normal life. Even media coverage is restricted.

Is this not enough to compare Israel to other oppressive regimes of the past and to protest? Why doesn't Israel start helping these people instead of creating more enemies? How about helping build schools and hospitals or allowing import of goods?

This would show the people of the world that they want peace instead of continued occupation and oppression.

Peter Nazzal  
Jacksonville resident

## Guest column

# Online proposals no substitution for face-to-face romance

LuckyD0g21: So what are your plans for this weekend?  
SunshineGrl43: I'm gonna hang out with the girls and maybe go see Bride Wars.  
LuckyD0g21: You think you can squeeze me in for a date?

No matter how it's phrased or what online method is used, it's becoming more common for guys to ask girls out online.

I can't help but wonder why.

My friends suggested shyness, a desire to speed up the relationship or maybe just the opportunity presenting itself. Though these are all critical, I think the real core issue is rejection. That, I think, is the harsh reality that makes guys use the online method when asking girls out.

They can ask for a date and if the answer is no, well, it wasn't said to their face, so they've saved their ego. How convenient.

Since when did rejection become so avoidable?

Rejection is something we should face, I believe, fairly frequently. Rejection will make you tougher and make you work for the things you really want. If there's someone you wish to spend time with, no amount of rejection will stop you from getting what you want.

Aside from the obvious, experiencing rejection will influence how you reject others. My personal experience with rejection, though sometimes painful, has proved beneficial.

When I was placed in the position to refuse an applicant for hire, I did it gently and gave her another option, pointing her across the street to another place that was hiring. Who knows — maybe I pushed her through the door that was supposed to be opened by

**Michelle Hips**  
Speaking Out

my rejection of her application.

Avoiding rejection and placing buffers around you to prevent rejection is, quite frankly, weak. Rejection and all the other pains of life make you stronger, so avoiding them is your undoing. Knowing this, I won't accept a proposal for a date when asked online.

Ask me in person, or ask me over the phone and put yourself out there. Show me your courage; show me you're willing to face rejection to get what you really want.

I'm not saying that asking a girl out in person or over the phone where you're more vulnerable will secure your chances of scoring a date. Nope, I can't guarantee that. However, it will make us respect you. It reminds us what you're putting on the line to ask us out:

yourself. It also reminds us ladies that we can't just CTRL+ALT+DEL the conversation like nothing happened.

No, if we turn your offer down we need to do it gracefully and nicely because we are dealing with a person and not some vague online identity. Conversing and dealing with people in person is tough on both parties, but we haven't reached a point in our lives where we strictly deal with people online. We still have to master face-to-face interaction with people, which means we need to practice it.

So put down your BlackBerry or iPhone and say hello to the person next to you — especially if it's a person you're interested in. And instead of asking them for their e-mail address, I suggest starting with, "You wanna get some coffee?"

*Michelle A. Hips is a telecommunications senior.*

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# Gator gear sales low compared to previous title win

## Store owners remain optimistic that sales will increase

**By MORGAN COLLINS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The recent BCS National Championship boosted demand for Gator fan-wear, but some stores said business isn't as good as it was after past title wins.

Taryn Emswiler, 23, the general merchandise manager at the Florida Bookstore on University Avenue, said sales should pick up within a few days and keep steady for several months as UF alumni and other fans trickle into

Gainesville.

But so far, the rush has been smaller than former championships.

"Last time, we couldn't get around the store with all of the people inside," she said.

David Bushnell, 55, owner of Gator Fever I in Butler Plaza, said there have been less T-shirt sales this year compared with the 2006 football championship.

When UF played Ohio State, it hadn't won a football championship game in 10 years and was

cast as the game's underdog.

"We wanted to win," Bushnell said. "We just didn't expect it."

A number of different circumstances affect the amount of shirts sold, he said.

The weak economy has left people with less money to spend, and the location of the championship game also factored into the decline.

Since the game was held in Miami, a lot of people are still out

of town and haven't yet returned to buy Gator gear, Bushnell said.

"If I was a college student, and the game was in a town with a beach, would I come back?" he said.

Also, the 2006 and the 2008 championships had different circumstances surrounding them.

For example, after the 2006 championship, media hype speculating back-to-back championships for the basketball team crossed over into football, driving T-shirt sales up.

Still, the Florida Bookstore and Gator Fever I have sold lots of championship gear, and sales have been up since Thursday's game.

At Gator Fever I, a bestseller is the "Promise Kept" T-shirt, with Tim Tebow's complete, emotional promise of dedication after UF's loss to Mississippi, Bushnell said.

The store received two orders of nearly 1,500 of the shirts over the weekend. As of Monday, only a couple hundred were left.

"It was a great, great game," he said. "Hopefully, there will be another."

### Local News



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#### Bird Break

A black egret rests on a rock in Lake Kanapaha at the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens Monday afternoon. The Gardens' 27th Annual Winter Bamboo Sale will be held through the end of February.

## Diverse group calls for peace

### PROTEST, from page 1

three years.

"(Israel) is my home," she said. "This is where my family lives."

Ravid also said she has friends on the front lines fighting.

"I pray for my friends who are soldiers," she said. "They are fighting for Israel's future and the future of this world."

As the protesters worked their way down University, they received cheers and honks from people driving by.

"The fact that people are pro-Israel expression is a good thing," said Rabbi Berl Goldman.

However, a different chant was heard in the distance as the pro-Israel protesters neared the plaza.

A group called United Voices for Peace waited in response to the approaching demonstration.

The diverse group of about 40 people united Muslims, Christians and Jews, who were protesting for peace and a halt to civilian casualties.

"We want peace, we want justice," said UF senior Nadine Sfeir, a Middle Eastern studies major.

As Sfeir chanted "justice, peace, justice,

peace," tears streamed down her face.

Born in Bethlehem, Sfeir lost her home when she was young.

Her family members were refugees for 15 years before obtaining U.S. citizenship.

"Once they understand, they'll see we're all on the same ground."

**Nadine Sfeir**

Middle Eastern studies major

Sfeir said she was against the killings on both sides and wants the occupation of Israeli forces in Gaza to end.

"Gaza is a baby," she said. "It can't walk, it can't talk, it can't feed itself. And when this baby grows up, it's going to be a monster."

While members of the pro-Israel protest dispersed as the march ended, about 15 students stayed behind to have an open discussion with the members of United Voices for Peace.

Sfeir said the issue was not one of politics but about the loss of life.

"We're all citizens of the world," Sfeir said. "Once they understand, they'll see we're all on the same ground."

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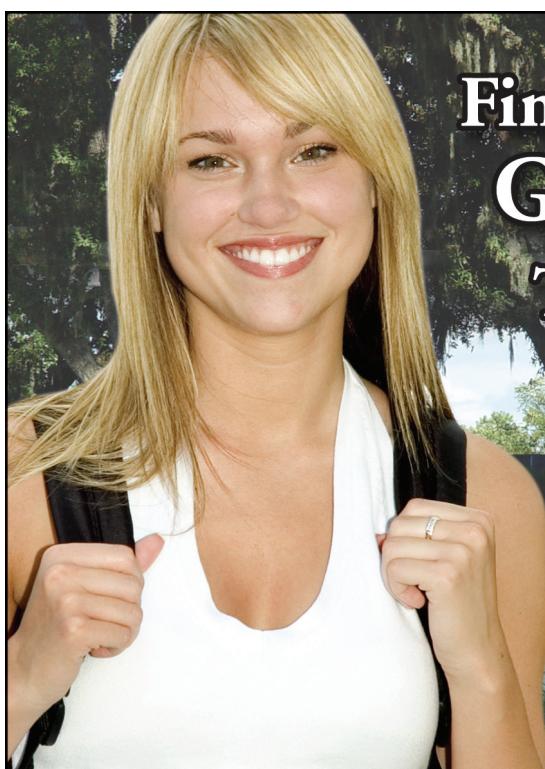
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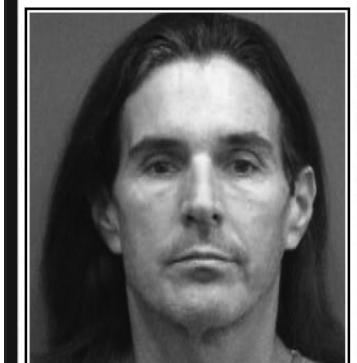
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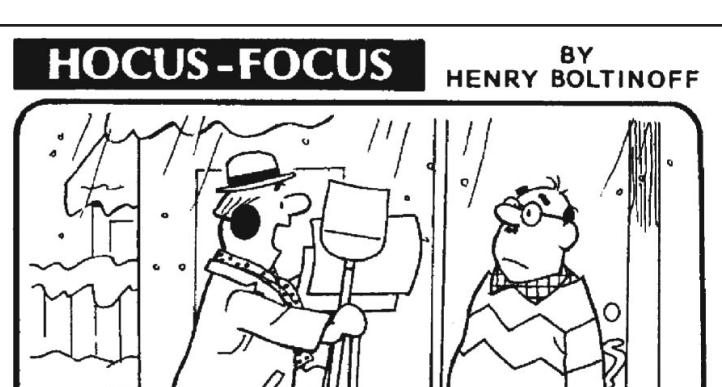
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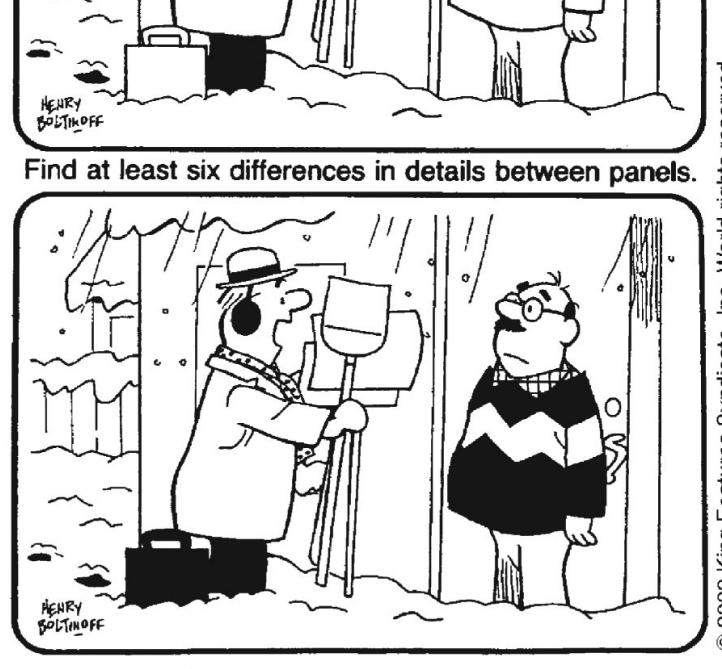
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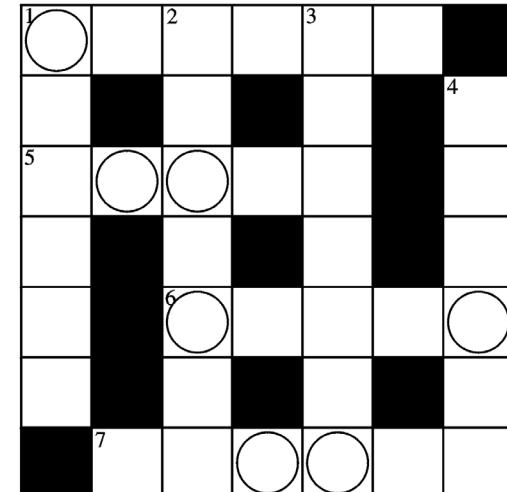
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## Nelson climbs receiver ranks

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Coming into the season, he was a receiver with nine catches and no touchdowns to his name.

Five months later, he was on the receiving end of the clinching touchdown in the BCS National Championship Game on Thursday night.

It's safe to say junior David Nelson has made some positive strides in the Gators' offense this season.

When he first came to Gainesville, he expected to play right away, and it took him a while to realize that would not be the case.

"He didn't practice very good, and he didn't play very well," coach Urban Meyer said Friday.

But his work ethic improved dramatically over the last two seasons, and his attitude toward his spot on the team is vastly improved as well. He knows it takes a special talent to get on the field as

a freshman.

"You just got to come in here and just do what you can for your team," Nelson said. "Work your way up. Not everybody can be Percy Harvin and play right away."

Two springs ago, after UF defeated Ohio State to win the second football national championship in school history, Nelson went on a cruise, and the ship's passengers confused him with then-quarterback Chris Leak. Most Gators fans would have been hard-pressed to pick him out of a lineup.

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Football



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF wide receiver David Nelson recovers a punt blocked by Carlos Dunlap during the Gators' 42-14 win against Vanderbilt on Nov. 8 in Nashville, Tenn.

## UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Hodge's hairstyles inspire teammates to perform

By MIKE DiFERDINANDO

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Walter Hodge's haircuts have gone through almost as many ups and downs as the UF basketball team this season.

Everything from "GATORS" to "DEFENSE" has been shaved into the side of the senior's head.

But Hodge is hoping his style will lead to a bit more substance for a UF team that has

been anything but consistent.

"It's not about just looking good with a haircut," Hodge said. "I'm doing it for the other guys."

Hodge's hairstyle has changed almost on a game-to-game basis this season — each opponent brings him a new artistic vision.

"It will change. It just depends how I feel," the guard said. "The guys like it. They're always looking for something new."

If defensive back Joe Haden's BCS design during last week's championship game

"It's not about just looking good with a haircut. I'm doing it for the other guys."

**Walter Hodge**  
UF senior guard

looked familiar, it's because the pair share the same barber.

"At the SEC Championship, (Justin) Trattou had a Mohawk, and I liked the designs that he had in his head, and I asked him

who did it so I could get it for the National Championship Game," Haden said.

The man behind the madness is Tony, or as he is known to his customers, "Mr. T," of So Sharp Cuts and Styles.

"Joe and I go together sometimes," Hodge said.

Designs range from team-oriented to personal.

During the basketball team's November trip to Kansas City for the CBE Classic,

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### ON TELEVISION

■ NCAA Basketball: Kentucky vs. (24) Tennessee  
ESPN, 9 p.m.

■ NCAA Basketball: Memphis vs. Tulsa  
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### UP NEXT

■ Check out tomorrow's Alligator for a commemorative edition that looks at the UF football team's national championship run. Inside, look for our 2008 Swamp Stud, full-page graphics and summaries of each game.

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** Assuming Percy Harvin leaves, who is UF's No. 1 receiver next season?

	Percent (Votes)
Both	43% (105)
Neither	26% (63)
Spikes only	23% (55)
Harvin only	8% (19)
	242 TOTAL VOTES

**Previous question:** Will Percy Harvin or Brandon Spikes follow Tim Tebow and stay for their senior seasons? (see right for results)

# Tebow undergoes minor shoulder surgery

**NELSON**, from page 14

"Hopefully I've gotten past that now," Nelson said, laughing. "Hopefully, now that he's been gone for two years, hopefully I've made a name for myself now."

After a 12-catch, five-touchdown 2008 where he led the team in yards per catch (19), Nelson will begin next season as one of the top receivers.

There is no doubt he made a name for himself this season, especially with the touchdown catch Thursday coming on one of Tim Tebow's famous jump passes.

Meyer said deciding which receiver would make that catch while designing the play was a painstaking process, one that took a long time to resolve.

"That was a two-hour discussion about who's going to get that play, because you only get one shot

at it, and if you cut it short, go too deep, don't sell it, you're wasting a play," Meyer said. "We knew we were going to call it at a critical time."

Nelson was also quick to deflect credit when asked about the touchdown catch. He said any receiver on the team would have been able to make the catch.

But his number was the one offensive coordinator Dan Mullen called. Why did they decide to go with Nelson in the end?

"That's because he's extremely disciplined and practices his tail off," Meyer said.

That catch was five days ago, and Nelson is ready to start preparing for 2009. He said he is going

to enjoy the national championship victory for a little while but then work toward successfully defending UF's crown next year.

"This is the most important off-season of my life," Nelson said. "Not only for myself, but to get this team ready to go play next year."

**TEBOW UNDERGOES SURGERY:** UF quarterback Tim Tebow, who announced he would return for his senior season Sunday, had arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder early Monday morning.

The surgery was to remove a bone spur and reduce chronic inflammation. Tebow aggravated the shoulder earlier this year after injuring it in 2007.

Team physician Pete Indelicato said in a press release that Tebow should be able to throw again in three to four weeks, and the Heisman winner is expected to recover fully from the surgery.

# Dungy retires after seven years coaching Indianapolis

■ HE WON SUPER BOWL XLI WITH THE COLTS IN 2007.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy has retired after seven years as coach of the Indianapolis Colts, saying this was the right moment.

"These seven years have been better than I could ever have imagined," Dungy, the only black coach to win a Super Bowl, said at a news conference Monday. "I just have to

thank everyone."

He will be replaced by associate coach Jim Caldwell.

Dungy, 53, has spent the past five years debating whether to leave football to spend more time with his family. He said he and his wife discussed the decision.

"We just felt this was the right time," Dungy said. "Don't shed any tears for me. I got to live a dream most people don't get to live."

Dungy is the Colts' franchise leader in victories. He went 85-27 in the regular season and 7-6 in the

playoffs, including the victory over Chicago in the 2007 Super Bowl.

"You don't always get to go out on top," Dungy said, "and it's hard to go out on top."

The plan to have Caldwell replace Dungy was put in place last year when the coach pondered retirement. Caldwell joined Dungy's staff in Tampa Bay in 2001,

then moved with Dungy to the Colts in 2002 as the quarterbacks coach. A year ago, Caldwell was elevated to associate head coach, though he continued to coach Peyton Manning and Jim Sorgi.

"He is ready, he's more than ready," Dungy said. "He's going to do a great job."

Dungy's decision comes a little more than a week after the Colts were eliminated from the playoffs. He spoke to several of his players Monday, including Manning.

"That's the tough part," Dungy

said. "That's been the emotionally draining part of today."

He has spent the past five years debating whether to leave football, each year taking about a week to meet with his family in Tampa.

"I'm going to be a Colt forever," Dungy said, adding that he plans to still spend time in Indianapolis.

The decision ends a tenure in Indianapolis during which Dungy led the Colts to the playoffs all seven seasons, winning five division titles and appearing in two AFC title games.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# AL Champion Rays sign OF Kapler to one-year contract

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG — The American League champion Tampa Bay Rays made another move Monday to bolster their depth and right-handed hitting, agreeing to a \$1,000,018, one-year contract with outfielder Gabe Kapler.

The 33-year-old — who considers 18 his lucky number — came out of retirement last season to bat .301 with eight homers, 17 doubles, 38 RBIs and a .498 slugging percentage in 96 games with the Milwaukee Brewers.

After playing parts of four seasons in Boston, Kapler spent 2007 managing Red Sox Class A affiliate Greenville. He called the year

away from the majors a learning experience that was "really important to my development as a human being more so than as a baseball player."

"I think it just provided me with an opportunity to take a breather and realize that I had a lot of passion for playing left in me," Kapler said during a conference call. "That said, I also learned a lot of lessons about how to be strong mentally, and those lessons carried over into 2008 ... and I expect to be able to build on them in 2009."

The deal with Kapler, a .273 career hitter with 72 homers and 340 RBIs, comes a week after the Rays agreed to a \$16 million, two-

year contract with Pat Burrell.

Kapler's versatility as an outfielder was a factor, as well as his 26 homers and .294 career average against left-handed pitching. He hit .354 with four home runs and 22 RBIs against lefties in 2008.

The amount the Rays could afford to pay Kapler after giving Burrell a deal that vice

president Andrew Friedman said would limit Tampa Bay's spending for the rest of this off-season was a factor as well.

"That was the extent of our flexibility," Friedman said.

Kapler started 43 games for the Brewers. With B.J. Upton recovering from shoulder surgery performed after the World Series, his addition provides some flexibility for manager Joe Maddon.

"He further upgrades us against left-handed pitching. He can play all three outfield spots, and it's further insurance in the event that B.J. is not ready opening day," Friedman said.

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