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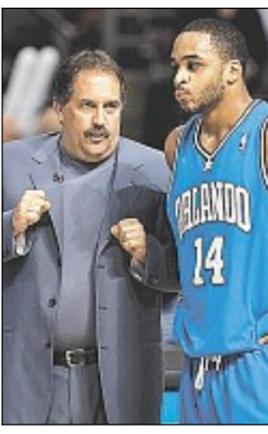
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Get real with Bill Maher.



SPORTS



Magic look for answers against Detroit Pistons

The Orlando Magic hope to break their playoff losing streak against the Detroit Pistons, which spans nine games dating back to 2003 and is the fourth longest such streak in playoff history. It's do-or-die time for the Magic, down 2-0 in the second round, in tonight's pivotal Game 3 at Amway Arena at 8 p.m., **1D**

WEATHER

Sunny, highs near 85
Chance of rain 0 percent. Winds 7-25 mph. Overnight lows near 70, **10A**

NATION & WORLD



Lincoln penny, nickel may take on steely sheen

It costs more than a penny to make a penny. Surging prices for copper, zinc and nickel have prompted some in Congress to suggest bringing back the steel-made pennies of the World War II era. Nickels may get a steely makeover, too, **4A**

SPACE

Crew arrives at KSC for countdown test

Shuttle Discovery's next crew of astronauts arrives at Kennedy Space Center after giving the orbiter a good once-over from the air. The crew is in town for a four-day Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test, **4B**

Next shuttle launch

May 31: Shuttle Discovery on a mission to deliver and install the biggest piece of the Japanese space agency's Kibo lab at the space station, launching from Kennedy Space Center.
Launch time: 5:02 p.m.

COMING UP



Moms have their day

Mother's Day recipes for kids, and a look at what's cooking with gifts for Mom, **THURSDAY in LIFE and BUSINESS**

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Work starts on port intelligence center.

BUSINESS, 1C

The race goes on



BARACK OBAMA
49%
56%

MAY 6 PRIMARY RESULTS
INDIANA
92% of precincts reporting
NORTH CAROLINA
99% of precincts reporting



HILLARY CLINTON
51%
42%

Obama wins convincingly in N.C.; race too close to call in Indiana

BY CHUCK RAASCH
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — A more confident Barack Obama clawed closer to the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday, even as rival Hillary Rodham Clinton was clinging to a lead in Indiana she hoped would keep her fading hopes alive.

For the moment at least, the

CAMPAIGN 2008 ANALYSIS

Democrats' presidential marathon moves on, and the ultimate choice between Obama and Clinton could still be decided by party leaders.

Obama's convincing victory in North Carolina, which he followed with a speech aimed

more at the general election, may not have been the clincher, but it certainly kept Clinton on the precipice of contention. She hoped to ease back from that drop with a split decision, but the vote in Indiana was too close to call at 10 p.m.

Clinton remains the underdog, and primarily was resting her hopes on the possibility that a win in Indiana would give pause to some undecided su-

perdelegates — party elected officials and luminaries — who might have been brought to Obama's cause had he swept both states.

Speaking in Raleigh, N.C., Obama was conciliatory toward Clinton and her supporters, and trained his criticism on the November election and presumptive Republican nominee John McCain. Obama claimed **See RACE, 7A**

Glenn wants shuttles' lives extended

Missions, space station valuable

BY EUN KYUNG KIM
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WASHINGTON — For legendary astronaut and former U.S. Sen. John Glenn, the video clips brought back memories of old friends. For the rest of the nation, they provided a glimpse

of NASA's glory days. The clips were among 100 hours of historic space footage, newly restored in high-definition, released publicly Tuesday at a Capitol Hill ceremony to help mark the 50th anniversary of NASA.

During the event, Glenn called for extending the work on the International Space Station and extending the life of the space shuttles beyond what NASA is planning.

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and Glenn lamented the decreased funding for NASA programs — and for science and technology projects in general — during the past few years.

Glenn called for continued work on the International Space Station beyond 2015, when the nation plans to pull the plug on its commitment.

Glenn said he also would like to see the life of the space shuttles extended.

"The shuttles may be old, but they're still the most complex vehicle ever put together by people, and they're still working very well," Glenn said.

He said the few billion dollars it would cost to extend the shuttle's life by a year or two would be worth it to make Americans less dependent on the Russians during the gap between the shuttles' retirement and the first Orion flight. ■
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Cyclone Nargis' punch echoes Katrina's blow

BY JIM WAYMER
FLORIDA TODAY

In many ways, Cyclone Nargis mirrored Hurricane Katrina.

Both approached with strong Category 3 winds of about 120 mph. Each traveled up a gradual geologic slope, with little but river delta mud flats to buffer the surge.

But in Myanmar, Nargis — a storm one-quarter the width of Katrina — could have more than 20 times the death toll. A lack of telecommunications in the developing nation meant most never knew it was coming. And afterward, Myanmar authorities reacted slowly.

"There are plenty of warning systems in the region" around the Space Coast, said George Maul, professor of oceanography at Florida Tech. "The issue

More on Myanmar

INSIDE. Missionary taking water purifiers to Myanmar, **6A**

ONLINE. Click through photos or find links to watch a video about the cyclone, see a map of the devastated area or learn about the dangers of storm surge at FLORIDATODAY.com

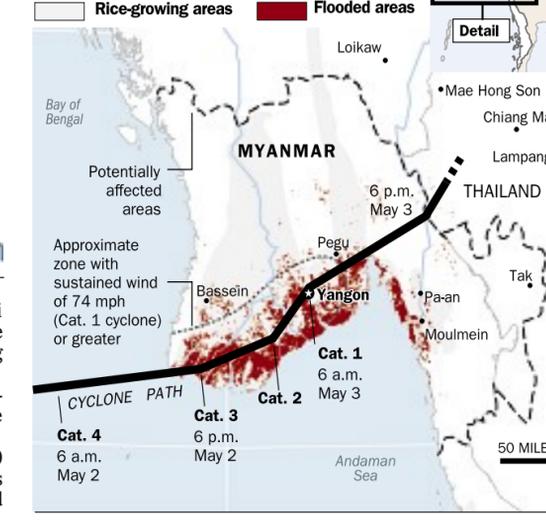
probably is — as with tsunami warnings — getting the message out at the local level and having people act on it."

Maul works to improve tsunami warning systems in the South Atlantic and Caribbean.

Katrina killed about 1,800 people. So far, the death toll is nearly 22,000 in Myanmar, and 41,000 are reported missing. **See NARGIS, 6A**

Villages devastated

The death toll from Cyclone Nargis reached 22,000 on Tuesday, leaving 41,000 others missing. Some villages have been almost totally eradicated, and vast rice-growing areas are wiped out.



Sources: United Nations; Penn State University; University of Georgia-ITOS; Center for International Earth Science Information Network

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The FLORIDA TODAY education team's daily schools blog: floridatoday.com/education

60 jobs cut from schools, no layoff

More budget slashes coming

BY MEGAN DOWNS
FLORIDA TODAY

Brevard's schools chief Richard DiPatri recommended Tuesday that \$3.5 million be struck from the budget in the first round of cuts, a slash that eliminates 60 positions from the district's central office — but results in no actual layoffs.

By the end of May, DiPatri will need to cut another \$17.8 million from the district's \$529 million operating budget because of a statewide revenue shortfall. An additional \$14.6 million will be hacked from the district's capital budget.

In anticipation of severe cuts, the Brevard County School Board froze all central office jobs last summer, including an area superintendent position, which has saved the district about \$106,000 this year, plus benefits.

Since July, if any employees left the district or retired, their positions remained vacant. Those vacant posts are now being eliminated.

Eight of the 60 eliminated positions are recent retirements. Six staff members are being transferred to other positions.

"(Tuesday's) recommendations to the board mean that no one loses a job," DiPatri said. "We are attempting to be as creative as possible to protect the district's core mission of student instruction, while also preserving existing personnel."

The Brevard County School Board will discuss these cuts at its May 13 meeting.

DiPatri's recommendations on how to cut the remaining **See SCHOOLS, 3A**

Give your input

Brevard Public Schools wants suggestions from all school employees and community members on ways to cut the budget. To submit your ideas, go online and follow a link at FLORIDATODAY.com

Myanmar desperate for relief

ASSOCIATED PRESS

YANGON, Myanmar — International aid began to trickle into Myanmar on Tuesday, but the stricken Irrawaddy delta, the nation's rice bowl where 22,000 people perished and twice as many are missing, remained cut off from the world.

In Yangon, soldiers from the repressive military regime were out on the streets in large numbers for the first time since Cyclone Nargis hit over the weekend, helping to clear away rubble. Buddhist monks and Catholic nuns wielded axes and long knives to remove ancient, fallen trees that were once the city's pride.

See MYANMAR, 6A