



The Gainesville Sun

Thursday, January 14, 2010

www.gainesville.com

75¢



GROOVIN WITH THE GROOVALOOS, SCENE

Charges dropped against Singer

The former Medical Manager Corp. CEO must pay \$2.5 million.

By Anthony Clark
Business editor

The U.S. Attorney's Office on Wednesday agreed to drop charges against former Medical Manager Corp. CEO Michael "Mickey" Singer of Alachua,



Singer

with the federal fraud conspiracy trial against other former executives scheduled to start next week.

Singer must pay a \$2.5 million settlement and

prosecutors will drop any efforts to seize proceeds of his company stock sales as part of the agreement approved Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Charleston, S.C.

John Kang, of California, and John Sessions, of South Carolina, will be tried on charges of fraudulently inflating the company's earnings by \$16.8 million from 1997 to 2001 to meet earnings expectations and increase stock prices. The jury was selected Tuesday and the trial starts Jan. 19.

Charlie Hutchinson and Franklyn Krieger, both of Tampa, were granted a change of venue and will be tried in

SINGER on Page 4A

Are men more evolved? Study brings debate

The Y chromosome is evolving far faster than the rest of the human genetic code.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Women may think of men as primitive, but new research indicates that the Y chromosome — the thing that makes a man male — is evolving far faster than the rest of the human genetic code.

A new study comparing the Y chromosomes from humans and chimpanzees, our nearest living relatives, show that they are about 30 percent different. That is far greater than the 2 percent difference between the rest of the human genetic code and that of the chimp's, according to a study appearing online Wednesday in the journal Nature.

These changes occurred in the last 6 million years or so,

EVOLVE on Page 4A

Parents sue FHSAA

The parents of a home-schooled Keystone Heights boy have sued the Florida High School Athletic Association for preventing their son from playing soccer for Oak Hall School.

PAGE 1B

Tens of thousands feared dead in Haiti

» CAPITAL CITY IS IN RUINS AS RESCUERS LOOK FOR SURVIVORS

» U.S., WORLD SEND AID TO HELP WITH DISASTER



Bougher



Safiullin

» UF SEEKING INFORMATION ON TWO STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An injured girl lies on the side of the road Wednesday as she is attended to the day after an earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Here are some tips on the best ways to help:

■ Donating cash to established relief organizations is the best way to help.

■ If you decide to donate supplies, contact an established relief organization first.

■ For a list of area organizations taking donations for Haiti, see Page 4A.

UPDATES ONLINE: Follow the story online with updates both local and global at www.gainesville.com

SHARE: Are you organizing relief or have you visited Haiti and wish to share your pictures or memories? The Sun will be compiling a list of relief efforts and also serving as a clearinghouse for reflections and community discussion. E-mail it to news_city@gvillesun.com.



REUTERS VIA NEWS.COM

Destroyed buildings are seen in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, after a major earthquake hit the capital.

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets

Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers desperately searched collapsed buildings as fear rose that the death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake could reach into the tens of thousands.

The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western

Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Tuesday's earthquake brought down buildings great and small — from shacks in shantytowns to President Rene Preval's gleaming white National Palace, where a dome tilted ominously above the manicured grounds.

Hospitals, schools and the main prison collapsed. The capital's Roman Catholic

HAITI on Page 6A

Haiti profile

Population: 9,035,536

Official languages: French, Creole

Ethnic groups:

Mulatto and white: 5%

Black: 95%

Religions: Protestant: 16%

Roman Catholic: 80%

Roughly half of the population practices voodoo

Literacy rate

52.9%

Population below poverty line

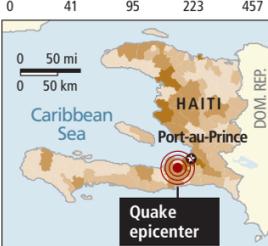
80%

GDP per capita: \$1,300

Widespread unemployment and underemployment; more than two-thirds of the labor force do not have formal jobs

Population density, in thousands

0 41 95 223 457



SOURCES: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; CIA World Factbook; ESRI; USGS



DOUG FINGER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Candy Ganyo stops to pray with Hermeline Blanc, a UF senior and internal vice president of the United Haitian Students of Florida, at UF's Turlington Plaza on Wednesday. Blanc teamed with Club Creole to collect donations. She hasn't been able to reach her family in Haiti.

Officials can't reach two UF students currently in Haiti

By Nathan Crabbe
Staff writer

Two University of Florida professors working in Haiti are safe and being evacuated today, but officials were unable to reach two UF Documentary Institute students there.

Jon Bougher and Roman Safiullin are shooting a documentary about the work of an aid organization called Planting Peace. Documentary Institute director Churchill Roberts was unable Wednesday to contact the students,

STUDENTS on Page 5A

TODAY: Partly sunny. 5% chance of rain.

HIGH 66 LOW 43

TOMORROW: High: 72 Low: 56 15% chance of rain. 5-day forecast, 6B

BUSINESS 3B CLASSIFIED 2D COMICS 4D

CROSSWORD 5B LOCAL 1B LOTTERY 2A

INDEX OBITUARIES 4B OPINION 8A PEOPLE 2A

SPORTS 1C SUDOKU 7D TELEVISION 9D

© 2010 The Gainesville Sun Gainesville, Florida, Vol. 134, No. 183, five sections

For Home delivery call: 378-1416 Toll Free: 1-800-443-9493

