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Steve Jobs
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Steve Jobs, the Apple founder and former CEO who invented and masterfully marketed ever-sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology, from the personal computer to the iPod and iPhone, has died. He was 56.

Apple announced his death without giving a specific cause.

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Southwest Florida high school students

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Upon graduation, many students are not college- or career-ready, say business leaders, university presidents and superintendents who attended education summit in Bonita Springs



ABOVE: Collier County Schools Superintendent Kamela Patton, right, speaks on a panel of area superintendents and university presidents during the education summit on Wednesday at the Hyatt Regency in Bonita Springs.

RIGHT: Gov. Rick Scott waits to speak at the education summit. **Lexey Swall/Staff (2)**



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Southwest Florida students are not college- and career-ready, at least according to the way institutions now measure student success.

That's the conclusion business leaders, university presidents and local superintendents came to Wednesday at the News-Press Education Summit at the Hyatt Regency in Bonita Springs.

"Are they right now?" Lee County Public Schools Superintendent Joseph Burke asked of students' preparedness. "Clearly they are not."

Southwest Florida superintendents from Collier, Lee, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte counties participated in a

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panel with the presidents of Florida Gulf Coast University, Hodges University and Edison State College. Panelists said to prepare students for the globally-competitive workforce, education must focus more on science, technology, engineering, mathematics and less on standardized tests.

Gov. Rick Scott, who spoke earlier in the day, echoed that sentiment, saying educational standards in the state aren't high enough.

"We've been talking about this for 10 years, and less than 20 percent of our four-year graduates are getting STEM degrees," he said.

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Lee County Nine men arrested in child porn case

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Nine men were arrested on child pornography charges Wednesday in Lee County after task force investigators said they discovered hundreds of incriminating photos and videos on their computers.

The 10-month investigation, headed by the Fort Myers office of the FBI's Innocent Images Task Force, culminated in the county-wide sweep from Cape Coral to Lehigh Acres.

"The evidence is strong, and it's real," Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott said in a press conference Wednesday afternoon during which he announced the arrests.

"I'm talking to seasoned detectives ... and they're telling me that what they've seen here is sickening. It's heavy stuff," he said.

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Nation

Senate Democrats rewrite part of President Obama's jobs bill

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are rewriting portions of President Barack Obama's jobs bill to include a new 5 percent tax on income above \$1 million — a proposal sure to be blocked by Republicans. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Wednesday he is changing the plan to make sure the nation's wealthiest families pay their fair share, picking up on a theme the White House has promoted throughout this year's budget battles. The changes won't affect any of Obama's proposals to cut payroll taxes or provide money for teachers, firefighters and infrastructure. **PAGE 14A**

World

Vindicated: Ridiculed Israeli wins chem Nobel

JERUSALEM — When Israeli scientist Dan Shechtman claimed to have stumbled upon a new crystalline chemical structure that seemed to violate the laws of nature, colleagues mocked him, insulted him and exiled him from his research group. After years in the scientific wilderness, though, he was proved right. And on Wednesday, he received the ultimate vindication: the Nobel Prize in chemistry. The lesson? "A good scientist is a humble and listening scientist and not one that is sure 100 percent in what he read in the textbooks," Shechtman, 70, said. In 1982, Shechtman discovered "quasicrystals" — atoms arranged in patterns that seemed forbidden by nature. **PAGE 17A**