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YEAR-TO-DATE
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8 A.M.: 82°
2 P.M.: 92°
5 P.M.: 89°
CHANCE OF RAIN: 60%
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◆ **FLORIDA CASES UNDERSCORE** a trend in law enforcement: Cops are utilizing Facebook to help solve crimes. **B1**

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◆ **AS THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY NEARS**, Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are promising immigrants they won't follow President Obama's deportation record. **A3**

◆ **DONALD TRUMP AND HIS TEAM** have started preparing for his likely presidential election battle with Hillary Clinton. **A3**

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◆ **ORLANDO'S FIRST MATCH** of the 2016 Copa América tournament ends in a draw for Costa Rica and Paraguay. **C1**

◆ **NEWLY ACQUIRED PREDATORS** defensive lineman Logan Harrell knows a thing or two about defense. He is the godson of former UF and Steelers linebacker Jack Youngblood. **C1**

◆ **WEST ORANGE'S LAUREN MATHIS** (softball) and Hagerty's Joe Sheridan (baseball) are the Sentinel's players of the year, but find out who is joining them on the all-area teams. **C9**

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TOP STORY

3rd graders skip FSA, face retention

BY LESLIE POSTAL
Staff Writer

Some Central Florida parents who had their third graders skip Florida's standardized reading test now find their children threatened with being held back, even if they are strong readers who finished the school year with good report cards. The parents, part of the "opt out" movement opposed to high-stakes

Students threatened with being held back after parents have them 'opt out' of tests

testing, are furious. They are convinced school districts are not following state law and are instead retaliating against families who refused to take part in the Florida Standards Assessments. They did so as an act of civil disobedience to protest what they

view as the state's over-reliance on an unproven standardized test. "There's no reason for a third grader with straight As to be retained," said parent Rhonda Nickerson, whose 9-year-old daughter may be barred from fourth grade at a Seminole County elementary

school. "What are they going to do with her in third grade again?" Nickerson's daughter did not take the FSA. Her report card shows the girl earned As in all her academic subjects. But it also reads, "Student Retained in Grade 3." Nickerson, like other parents interviewed for this story, asked that the name of her daughter not be

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MORE THAN JUST GRADUATION DAY



JOE BURBANK/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Winter Park teenager John Michael Night is consoled by his mother Vickie during an interview on Wednesday. John Michael achieved 1 of his 2 goals after suffering a brain-stem stroke: he walked at his graduation.

Winter Park teen earns victory with few steps to get diploma

BY KATE SANTICH | Staff Writer

Years from now, when most of the details of a high school graduation slip away, those in the auditorium of Winter Park's Trinity Prep Saturday will be hard-pressed to forget a young man who mustered every bit of strength and courage to take a few precarious steps.

John Michael Night — the star lacrosse player who suffered a bizarre, devastating brain-stem stroke nearly six months ago, leaving him with locked-in syndrome — rose from his wheelchair, braced by a trio of friends, to accept his diploma.

His 124 fellow graduates, family and teachers roared their approval, even as they wept. "Momma, we made it," John Michael wrote in remarks he asked the principal to read.

This was, after all, a teen who went from athletic excellence — winning a lacrosse scholarship to Georgia's Mercer University two weeks before his stroke — to being unable to move anything but his eyes.

"A lot of people don't survive the type of stroke he had," says his mother, Vickie Jones Night. "Sometimes

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Sanford Burnham short on job promises

Wages also sagging as company leaves state

BY MARY SHANKLIN AND NASEEM S. MILLER
Staff Writers

The Orlando area's biggest government-backed project — the Sanford Burnham institute — is likely to fall short on its job promises before it attempts to exit Florida later this month, records show.

On June 30 — the deadline to deliver on jobs — Sanford Burnham intends to hand over its operations to the University of Florida, in partnership with the University of Central Florida.

When the California-based research center won more than \$360 million of incentives to open an Orlando center in 2006, it agreed to create 303 high-paying jobs over a decade. Most recent reports show it is 66 jobs short, with wages sagging and more downsizing expected.

In all, the tab for local and state incentives is expected to be more than \$1.5 million per job to lure an operation that is soon to become part of a state institution.

"...the target goal for 303 jobs to be created at Lake Nona by 2016 is somewhat higher than has actually been achieved," said Deborah

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Ali's death closes chapter on larger-than-life personality

COMMENTARY



GEORGE DÍAZ
Sentinel Columnist

■ **Ali's legacy leaves no doubt he was 'Greatest of All Time,' C1**
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I once watched Muhammad Ali fly.

"Levitate" to be more precise. It was all a magic trick, of course. The ultimate bamboozlement for a man who put on the Greatest Show on Earth.

I had gone to see him working a memorabilia show in Dayton, Ohio, in 1988. My boxing connections led to a more amazing story to tell that day.

"Why don't you hop in the van, and you guys can chat on the way to the hotel?" his manager told me. I tried not to gasp. He was offering

a magic carpet ride with my ultimate idol.

Ali — then in the early stages of Parkinson's Disease — spoke in loud whispers, but still got a zing in at then-heavyweight champ Mike Tyson when I jokingly asked Ali if he would want to fight him.

"Too ugly," Ali said. We got back to the hotel, a Holiday Inn of all places. He did a few magic tricks — one of his favorite pastimes over the years — for the audience of one sitting on a

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Muhammad Ali took time for a photograph with columnist George Díaz circa 1989.

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What To Do Today

HIPPIEFEST TAKES OVER DAYTONA

Catch some classic rock and roll at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach tonight at 7:30 as The Turtles, Mark Lindsay (of Paul Revere & The Raiders), Chuck Negron, left, (formerly of Three Dog Night), The Cowsills, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap and The Spencer Davis Group all perform. **MORE LOCAL EVENTS, B2.**

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