

TODAY IN

Florida history

In 1840, survivors of the Seminole massacre at Indian Key were rescued. Sources: Florida Historical Society and Tebeau-Field Library of Florida History. The Web site is http://www.florida-historical-soc.org.

TODAY IN

U.S. and world history

In 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers. In 1934, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling striking down the government's attempt to ban the controversial James Joyce novel "Ulysses." In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans. Ten years ago: Ten days before he was to be put to death for the murder of a police officer, black activist and radio reporter Mumia Abu-Jamal won a reprieve from the original trial judge in Philadelphia. Five years ago: Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore selected Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman as his running mate; Lieberman became the first Jew on a major party's presidential ticket. One year ago: Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi signed an amnesty for minor criminals.

People etc . . .

LOS ANGELES

Anderson sued

Former "Baywatch" Pamela Anderson is being sued for breach of contract for allegedly not making herself available for promotional events. United Licensing Group Inc., which is arranging for the manufacture of the



Anderson

star's perfume, clothing and other merchandise, claims Anderson has not been sufficiently available at signings, shoots and trade shows, according to a Superior Court lawsuit filed Thursday. United Licensing claims it has a five-year contract but that Anderson repeatedly decided against licensing proposals.

LOS ANGELES

Abdul sits out show

Scheduling conflicts will keep Paula Abdul from appearing in the new Fox TV talent contest "So You Think You Can Dance," her publicist said. Abdul will be too busy promoting an "American Idol" DVD and



Abdul

working on the show's new season, publicist Ken Sunshine said in a statement Friday. She had planned to appear as a guest choreographer in several episodes of "So You Think You Can Dance."

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

'Passion' re-enactment

Hollywood actor-director Mel Gibson has been asked to re-

create the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in the streets of Sydney if the city is selected to host a major Catholic gathering in 2008, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Gibson's staging of the Stations of the Cross, a live interpretation of Christ's final hours, would be part of a bid by the city to secure the Catholic Church's World Youth Day in 2008, the Sydney Morning Herald reported.

The crucifixion re-enactment — similar to scenes from Gibson's hugely successful film "The Passion of the Christ" — would begin with the Last Supper staged at Sydney's landmark Opera House at sunset, and would end with the crucifixion of Christ at St. Mary's Cathedral, according to bid documents the newspaper said it obtained.

Names in the news

SEYMOUR TO GET FUNNY: Jane Seymour, known to TV viewers for her 1990s series, "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," has been signed to star in the WB's new comedy "Modern Men." Seymour will play Dr. Stangl, a life coach who helps three men in their 20s at different stages in their romantic lives. **COMEDIAN SPLITS FROM WIFE:** Actor-comedian Eddie Murphy's wife filed for divorce Friday, citing irreconcilable differences, his publicist confirmed.

Birthdays today

Humorist Garrison Keillor is 63. Singer B.J. Thomas is 63. Country singer Rodney Crowell is 55. Actor Wayne Knight is 50. Rock singer Bruce Dickinson is 47. Actor David Duchovny is 45. Actress Charlotte Lewis is 38. Actress Charlize Theron is 30. — from wire reports

Space watch

Launches
► Atlas 5, launch window: 7:54 a.m. to 9:39 a.m.
Space shuttle sightings
► Monday, 6:07 a.m., four minutes, W to N.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

LOTTO			FANTASY 5			MEGA MONEY		
Sat., Aug. 6	16-22-25-28-39-53		Sat., Aug. 6	3-4-17-28-36	Fri., Aug. 5	15-21-25-41		
Wed., Aug. 3	4-11-21-30-32-46		Fri., Aug. 5	15-20-22-32-34		Megaball: 8		
Sat., July 30	19-22-24-29-30-34		Thurs., Aug. 4	1-8-13-32-34	Tues., Aug. 2	2-8-14-33		
Wed., July 27	7-9-26-32-40-51		Wed., Aug. 3	2-3-11-24-32		Megaball: 7		
					Fri., July 29	13-24-29-31		
						Megaball: 16		
Payoffs for Wed., Aug. 3:			Payoffs for Fri., Aug. 5:			Payoffs for Fri., Aug. 5:		
Correct	Winners	Payoff	Correct	Winners	Payoff	Correct	Winners	Payoff
6 numbers	rollover	\$10 million	5 numbers	1	\$237,714.20	4 + Megaball	rollover	\$2M
5 numbers	62	\$4,813.50	4 numbers	224	\$171	4 numbers	8	\$2,824
4 numbers	3,636	\$66.50	3 numbers	8,187	\$13	3 + Megaball	62	\$796.50
3 numbers	73,126	\$4.50	2 numbers	89,645	Ticket	3 numbers	1,390	\$106
*Rollover amounts refer to next drawing			Florida State Lottery information www.flalottery.com			2 + Megaball	2,397	\$43
CASH 3			PLAY 4			2 numbers	20,460	\$5
Sat., Aug. 6	5-0-4	Fri., Aug. 6	3-6-2-5			1 + Megaball	45,564	\$3.50
Fri., Aug. 5	7-4-0	Fri., Aug. 5	5-2-6-9			Megaball	48,515	Ticket
Thurs., Aug. 4	3-4-6	Thurs., Aug. 4	1-1-1-0					
Wed., Aug. 3	2-1-2	Wed., Aug. 3	5-2-9-4					

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SCHOOLS

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first days of school, considering children who moved away over the summer months, but Marty Sanders, the district's top growth official, is clear about what schools face in the months ahead. "We're growing all year long," Sanders said. More than two dozen new portable classrooms — with capacities of about 22 children each — are being delivered this month to handle the influx — but they are far from ideal when considering group learning and technology uses in the classroom, Sanders said. Oak Hammock, a kindergarten through grade eight school in western Port St. Lucie, opens for 1,600 children Monday. Ground breaks on

another K through eight, this one on Cashmere Boulevard north of St. Lucie West Boulevard, later this month. Planning for new schools is one thing; paying for them is another. Later this month, the county planning board will consider raising the education impact fee, an act that ultimately needs County Commission approval. The fee is expected to generate \$250 million to \$450 million in the next two decades. But that represents only a fraction of what officials project is needed to fund growth in a school system expected to reach 42,798 children by October 2007. To meet those funding demands, a renewal of the half-percent sales tax is on the ballot Oct. 18. That tax, which expires in June, would generate another \$250 million

in 20 years. Although capacity and growth are major challenges, St. Lucie County also faces tough sanctions under federal law if it fails performance targets again this year. School board members are facing ever-increasing pressure from community leaders to boost school grades. To help, 14 schools are implementing a new curriculum system designed to give proven lessons to teachers, who are being recruited more aggressively than ever. "I'm optimistic we're going to have a great year and it is a critical year," school board member John Carvelli said. "When the schools improve, we're going to be a part of the economic engine." - margot.susca@scripps.com - Post a comment on TCPalm.com

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George Ward
Herpetological Breeding Research center in Fort Pierce

TOADS

FROM A1
According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, bufos made their first Florida appearance in 1936 when the University of Florida's Agricultural Experiment Station released 200 of them in Palm Beach County to control sugar cane beetles. "It wasn't a very well thought-out program because cane beetles tend to fly and toads don't," said Raymond Goushaw, owner of the HBR. Bufo toads originally hail from wet, hot climates like those found in Central America and the Amazon Basin and early populations acclimated easily to Florida's subtropical weather. Although they are most prolific south of Brevard County and Lake Okeechobee, bufos have started to make their way upstate by burrowing in the pots of plants used in landscaping, Goushaw said. And as the bufo toad population continues to grow along the Treasure Coast, small colonies congregating behind shopping centers and

on the tennis courts of Whispering Pines Park in Port St. Lucie, are becoming an increasing nuisance and potential hazard. Bufo toads will eat almost anything made of protein — even fellow bufo toads — and they enjoy snacking on pet chow, placing them in proximity of pets fed outside. When a curious cat or playful pup puts a bufo in its mouth, a pair of glands behind the toad's ears release a toxic milky substance that can prove deadly for animals under 40 pounds. "I've had people tell me that their animal came in contact with a bufo and within five minutes, it was dead," said Ken Gioeli, a wildlife specialist with the St. Lucie County Agricultural Extension office of the University of Florida. But contrary to common belief, bufos cannot squirt poison impulsively, Goushaw said. The toxin is only released when the toad's parotid glands are squeezed. Palm City veterinarian Michael Coughlan estimates that during the summer, he treats about one pet a week

affected by bufo toad toxins. He encourages pet owners to thoroughly rinse out their dog or cat's mouth if contact with a bufo is suspected. A few years ago, St. Lucie Falls resident David Claeys was walking his fox terrier, Rocky, when the little dog lunged and attempted to gobble up a bufo toad. By the time Claeys got Rocky to a vet, the dog couldn't stand and was convulsing. Rocky survived the incident and eventually died of old age, but Claeys said he is still wary about walking his other dog after dark, when bufo toads abound. "They have no fear," he said. "They'll stand off a dog — they'll eat their food. They're gross." To Ward, the only thing gross about bufos are the people who presumably lick them for the hallucinogenic potency of their poison. "Me myself, I wouldn't lick a toad ... it's pretty heavy-duty stuff," he said. "I wouldn't say it would kill somebody, but it's not fun to play with." - megan.winslow@scripps.com - Post a comment on TCPalm.com

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