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**CHINA**

Landslides leave 44 missing, 18 dead

Heavy rains from the strongest storm to hit China this year have caused flooding and landslides that have killed 18 people so far and left at least 44 missing, officials said.

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Major rhino poaching ring busted

South African police said Wednesday that they have arrested 11 suspected members of a major rhino poaching ring which they said had been linked to many rhino poaching incidents.

**PERU**

Earthquake strikes near Peru’s coast

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.9 was reported near central Peru’s coast. The U.S. Geological Survey says the tremor hit at 3 a.m.

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**Fall Arts Preview**

Goal set to expand into community

**JESSICA MENDOZA**
Staff Writer

Under the new direction of Dr. Orlando Jacinto Garcia, the FIU School of Music, known for having internationally renowned faculty and a diverse student population, has set a goal to expand across the campus and community.

The School of Music plans to base concerts outside the FIU School of Music campus - from the FIU North Campus to the Design School of Music and community.

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**Program gives students first hand experience**

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When second year medical student Hanady Alale left Cuba six years ago, she promised her grandmother she would never give up her dream of becoming a doctor.

Now, with the instruction of her professors at FIU’s College of Medicine and guidance from Leon Medical Center’s new clinical rotation program, she should be well on her way to realize that dream.

The launch of this brand new program was announced on Monday, Sep 20. It will provide students with an opportunity to work hands-on in a professional setting alongside experienced physicians in their outpatient centers treating the elderly.

Not only can this be a good experience for medical students, it also will help alleviate a strain on health-care in Miami.

The center feels that since part of the population of baby boomers is soon to enter into Medicare, the need for geriatric doctors will only increase in the years to come.

“This program will elevate the level of comprehensive care ... it will provide a strong academic foundation,” said Benjamin Leon III, president of LMC.

He went on to explain the importance of the “emotional needs of the patient” in such an application and believes that the program will provide students with a unique and personal experience.

The clinical rotation will provide students with
Program to ‘set national standard’

We have opened our doors to FIU students who may ultimately care for us and our children. We have as much to gain from them as they have from us.

Benjamin, Leon Jr., Chairman
Leon Medical Center

Students enjoy ‘very needed’ variety

According to Guerra, the new Parking and Transportation and Public Safety offices are not open, but are expected to be fully online by the end of the fall semester.

Since its opening in fall, Business Services is still developing ideas that seek to improve students experience at Market Station. A “punch list” has been in the works to add “additional interior signage, installation of cameras, and additional furniture,” said Guerra. Ongoing road construction will equip the parking facility with two entrances that lead to 8th street. All of these developments, including aesthetic modifications, is projected to be complete in the upcoming months.

“We have a few milestones that take us into early spring,” said Guerra. Whether students are looking for a jelly-glazed donut or a place to surf, the web, PG5 is adding a variety of choices that the student body has been longing for.

“This was very needed because there’s a lot more variety now, and it’s an upgrade that FIU needed,” said Marketing major Nicole Smith.

Guerra and the Business Services team want to assure students that their voices are being heard, and that PG5 along with other University venues is still being worked on to better serve their interests.
The drowsy side effect of many allergy medications and cough syrups have now become the main effect parents are looking for to relieve themselves from the wrath of their misbehaving children, not taking into consideration the harm they will inflict in the future. Continuously administering medication to a child solely for their sedative qualities can lead to a variety of health problems. 

According to a study done by Dr. Shan Yin, in 1,439 cases of pharmaceutical drugs being maliciously used on children between 2000 and 2008, 14 percent of children suffered injuries and 18 children died. The fact of the matter is, giving a child medication that is not needed to help cure an illness is child abuse, and dangerous enough to lead to death. Even though a parent might not be inflicting physical pain upon his or her child, drugging the child with antihistamines and cough syrup is not conducive to his or her health. Also, the types of drugs aren’t limited to those found at the local CVS.

Some parents opt to use street drugs which pose an even greater risk when ingested by children. I can fathom how any “good” parent could bring themselves to drug the child they supposedly “love” in hopes of them passing out for a few hours so they don’t have to deal with them. Many cough medications like Robitussin or Tamiflu, contain codeine and promethazine, which cause drowsiness, but with prolonged use may cause more serious problems like addiction. Codeine and promethazine are highly addictive drugs if taken for long periods of time and a child can easily form a physical and psychological dependence on these substances, according to an article on Drugs.com. It’s a form of child abuse that goes relatively unnoticed because it’s not easy to prove and not taken as seriously as it should be.

When I hear a baby crying, or when I’m all alone with a two-year-old child throwing a terrible tantrum, the first thing that comes to my mind is to find out what’s wrong and soothe the child, not medicate him or her. I can make silly faces, check to see if his or her diaper is wet, feed him, play with him or just let the child cry.
Free admission to museums yields culture

Among the perks available to academic staff at the Smithsonian, university employees are provided with free admission to museums. This benefit is a cornerstone of the Smithsonian’s mission to make its vast collections accessible to all, regardless of age, background, or economic status.

The Smithsonian’s free admission policy is unique among major museums and has been in place since the early 1970s. It is a testament to the institution’s commitment to public service and its belief that access to knowledge and culture should not be limited by financial means.

The policy applies to all Smithsonian museums, including the National Museum of Natural History, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Museum of American History, and many others. It covers both the Smithsonian’s Washington, D.C. locations and its field facilities, such as the National Zoological Park and the National Air and Space Museum.

Free admission is not only a benefit for employees but also extends to their immediate family members, including spouses, children, and parents. This inclusive approach ensures that the Smithsonian’s resources are shared widely and that the public can explore the wonders of science, history, art, and culture without the burden of entrance fees.

The policy has been widely praised for its inclusivity and has set a precedent for other museums and cultural institutions to consider offering free or reduced-price admission. In addition to enhancing access to knowledge, the policy also supports the Smithsonian’s educational and outreach programs by providing opportunities for learning and engagement.

Despite its broad coverage, the free admission policy is not without its challenges. The Smithsonian still generates significant revenue through donations, grants, and membership programs, which are essential for the institution’s operations and ongoing research projects.

In conclusion, the Smithsonian’s policy of free admission to museums exemplifies its dedication to public service and its commitment to making the world’s cultural and scientific treasures accessible to all. By providing free access, the institution continues to strive for inclusivity and educational excellence, fulfilling its mission to inspire and engage the public in the study of our world and our place in it.
ROAD BREAKTHROUGH
Golden Panthers look to improve offense

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Despite winning their first two games against Navy and Morgan State, Maryland is also coming off a 31-17 loss against No. 21 West Virginia last week. During that game, Maryland’s quarterback Jamarr Robinson was sacked eight times. Sacking the quarterback has been something that Geoff Collins’ defensive squad has not had trouble doing. During last week’s game against Texas A&M, the Golden Panther’s defense accounted for six sacks in the first half alone. But Cristobal wants to see more from the defense. “We are demanding a lot more. We know we can get even more out of our defense. Even though they’re playing at a high level, there are certain things and wrinkles that coach [Geoff] Collins is going to continue to add to our defense. Even though they’re playing at a high level, there are certain things and wrinkles that coach [Geoff] Collins is going to continue to add to our defense.”

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK
Team looking to end stronger

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Two games into the 2010 season, head coach Mario Cristobal has watched his team come close against team’s in Bowl Championship Series conferences and come up short on the scoreboard. In a 19-14 loss to Rutgers on Sept. 11, the team battled the Scarlet Knights on offense, but could not score the go-ahead touchdown on fourth fourth quarter drive opportunities. Against Texas A&M on Sept. 18, FIU turned in a sturdy defensive performance en route to a 20-6 lead on the fourth quarter, but TAMU was able to score three late touchdowns on long bursts while the Golden Panthers were stopped on fourth and goal in an attempt to push the contest into overtime. They would lose the game 27-20.

“We had a decent start moving the ball against Rutgers and also were able to do some things vs. [Texas A&M],” coach Mario Cristobal said. “But it has to be consistent and we have to score more.”

For FIU, close losses are no longer enough. Cristobal and the Golden Panthers need to improve offensively and defensively to have a chance to win the Atlantic Ten. The Golden Panthers will look to upset Maryland after two close losses. Cristobal said. “But it has to be consistent and we have to score more.”

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WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

FIU opens conference play at home after road trip

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After a 6-6 start in non-conference play, the woman’s volleyball team is ready to open up conference play at home, when the University of Denver (6-6) comes into town on Sept. 24, and the team hosts the North Texas (8-7) team on Sept. 25. This will be the first time this season that FIU will have the comforts of home, and it comes at a good time.

FIU played in different invitational competitions so far, among them the Hurricane Invitational in Coral Gables competitions so far, among them the Hurricane Invitational in Coral Gables.

The Pioneers will be looking to average last year’s loss to the Golden Panthers, with senior Setter Kresson Vreeman and upstart freshman Brenna Muhle leading a struggling Pioneers team with a 6-9 record coming into this matchup.

Vreeman leads the team in digs with 103, while Muhle leads the team in kills and blocks with 138 and 51 respectively. If the platoon can gang up on Muhle at the net with the attack, and FIU can apply pressure on Vreeman to carry the team defensively, the Golden Panthers could open conference play with a win.

The Mean Green comes in U.S. Century Bank Arena with a winning record (8-7) and two players who can become All-Sun Belt Conference players.

Defensive Specialist Sarah Wiley leads the team in Digs, with an impressive 257. Wiley can just about single-handily keep plays alive for North Texas. While Wiley holds down the fort on the defensive side, Setter Kayle Saey and Outside Huddleston are force to deal with on the attacking side.

Saey leads the team in assists with 652, while Huddleston is contributing 205 Kills. FIU must use Sabrina Gonzalez and Andrea Lakovic to match doubles and close the gap.

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Picking it up

Without graduated stars Yarimar Rosa and Olga Vergun there were questions that surrounded who would pick up the attacking load for this year’s team.

It seems as though it will be a platoon of players, with Una Trikalja, Andrea Lakovic, and Jessica Gehre leading the team in kills with 130, 126, and 125 respectively.

Those kills do come easier when they are being set up by senior setter Natalia Valentin, 2009 All-SBC Conference player who led the Sun Belt in assists per game last season at 11.8 average per game.

Valentin is not far off pace from last season, averaging 10-33 assists per set so far this season. Valentin, along Senior Ines Medved, have a tough act to follow when it comes to conference play.

Last year’s squad with an unblemished 17-0 record in the conference before falling short in the Sun Belt title game.

As far as this season goes, with eight new players including five true freshmen, Natalia Valentin will be instrumental in her leadership of the young group looking to get back into conference contention.

We definitely could’ve been 2-0 but the main reasons would definitely be the finish and the little mistakes that we had.

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TERRIAN SCRUTINY

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GETTING DEFENSIVE

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The team is also tied for ninth in the country in interceptions with five, led by senior cornerback Anthony Gaitor.

Gaitor, who has been a starter all four years with the University, has adjusted quickly to Collins’ new defensive scheme, which lists five defensive backs in his starting formation, including two cornerbacks alongside Gaitor.

“Be a very smart football player, and a player that is very versatile,” Cristobal said. “He gives us the versatility to become a better defense.”

Gaitor was named the Sun Belt Conference defensive player of the week on Monday for his play against TAMU. As a unit, the FIU defense was awarded an ESPN.com Helmet Sticker for it’s play against the Aggies.

Anthony Gaitor has been a big factor in FIU’s improved defense.

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to our defensive scheme to make us better and make our skill sets better,” Cristobal said.

The defensive front will also have to deal with the rushing tandem of Da’Ron Washington and Da’Rel Scott, who have combined for a total of 291 yards rushing each season, scoring a touchdown.

One of the defensive players that have shined so far for the Golden Panthers has been senior linebacker Draven Gaitor.

Gaitor has had an interception in every single game this season.

He won Sun Belt Conference Defensive player of the week this week for his performance against Texas A&M.

Gaitor tackled on a forced fumble with his 54-yard interception return for a touchdown against the Aggies.

The senior has been an anchor in the team’s defensive backend.

According to Cristobal, his team has not lost its focus on winning despite the near bid for an upset against their first two BCS opponents, in fact, they’re more motivated now than ever.

“You go one or two ways in losses. You either got your head down or you’re hungry to get that next one because you feel like you’re close. That’s what football team has been, without a shred of a doubt our football team’s appetite has continued to sustain the drives,” center Brad Serini said. “Once we fix the little mistakes that we had, we should be fine.”

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Some nearby eating alternatives offer discounts

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Finding a variety of places to eat around Biscayne Bay Campus isn’t always easy. So many students venture off to the local area searching for different restaurants to feed their appetites. The Biscayne Commons shopping center is featuring three new restaurants that just opened within the past month.

Crimping a serious Italian pasta? Yes Pasta! let’s customers design their own Italian meal, by combining noodles, sauce and add-ons. Yes Pasta! exhibits a modern hip Mediterranean country house with blue and white accents, decorated with Italian ceramics, comfy inside and outside seating, and a small coffee/sandwich bar up front where customers can “grab and go.”

“Students can study or chat at the ‘social table’ – it is very common in Europe,” owner Flaminia Morin said. “They can use free Wi-Fi and eat great Italian food with fresh ingredients imported from Italy.”

They also have a little market area selling gourmet goods, with a collection of preserves such as sun-dried tomatoes, pears, walnuts, white fig and olive ols from Sicily and Tuscany, and Sardinia. Yes Pasta!, offers a 15 percent discount to University students with a valid I.D. Open from Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ceviche & Grille, Corp is a two for one deal. Everything here is made with fresh ingredients,” said owner William Lopez.

Ceviche & Grille, offers outside and inside seating, displaying with modern orange and blue patterns with Peruvian art along the walls. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Have a sweet tooth and want something healthy? Yogen Fruz, a spot hang out a delicious yogurt or fruity smoothie while students study and use free Wi-Fi, with a 10 percent discount.

“A self-served concept is limited, but we have combinations of everything and nobody else has that,” he said. The health benefits are there, we have pro-biotic yogurt and low calories,” said Vice President Francois Kleinberg, brings the traditional favorites: ribs, brisket, pulled pork and shrimp.

Desserts include root beer floats, seasonal cobbler and a smore pie. Bulldog Barbeque has a modern Western look, with Chicago brick-style walls of crimson and mustard colors, stainless steel dining counter and an open kitchen. It is open from noon to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

And for some Mexican fast food, Chipotle is the go-to place when students have a break between classes. Chipotle’s fresh cooked marinated barbacoa beef, juicy pork carnitas, grilled chicken and steak are the meats that are offered.

This place creates guacamole from scratch by not using mixers or food processors. Since they know guacamole is best flavored when it is hand mashed with avocado, freshly diced onions and lime.

Chipotle has unprocessed and un-tampered food. Chipotle is open Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For an authentic Japanese late-night eatery, stop by Hiro’s Yakko San. This restaurant is open everyday from 6 p.m to 2 a.m. except Friday and Saturday until 3 a.m.

This rustic-looking eatery serves beer, sake, and “Japanese tapas” to a late-night crowd. The extensive menu includes a sashimi section, unusual preparations like yakimata tuna, raw tuna over Japanese potato.

They also offer a variety of meats, such as soft barbecue short ribs (yakiniku steak), grilled pork, beef takumi strips seared and thin sliced with garlic yamigaisu sauce. Most selections are under $10 and many under $5.

The emphasis of their different specials is on small plates of authentic Japanese home cooking - comfort food favorites, like shrimp tempura, fried rice with a wide variety of Asian noodles, familiar, but hard to find in most Japanese restaurants in Miami.

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In case you guys haven’t caught on yet, every other week I write about places to check out in New York. This week the column that runs on Fridays. The columnist pays her own way and receives no special treatment.

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