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Taxidermist Newt Mattson chose a peaceful scene for this two-headed calf, born earlier this year on an Okeechobee dairy. The calf only lived a few minutes.

Two headed calf born on Okeechobee dairy farm

By Katrina Elskén
Okeechobee News

When a rare two-headed calf was born at an Okeechobee dairy, and died just minutes after birth, the owner started to dispose of it.

"We had it in the back of the truck and were going to get rid of it. I stopped and said, 'how often do you see that?'" recalled Keith Rucks. He decided to preserve the unusual

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Teacher 'merit pay' negotiations continue

By Katrina Elskén
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County School District's Race to the Top Grant funding has been stalled by the negotiation process but both the district personnel and the teachers' union representatives indicated they are making some progress.

Early last week, there was concern that the district could lose the federal grant funding if they did not meet the Sept. 30 deadline for approval of the teacher evaluation process. The two sides did not come to an agreement at their Sept. 28 meeting, but the Florida Department of Education has given them a little breathing room by freezing the funds.

"The Department of Education won't remove us from the Race to the Top, but they will not allow us access to the funds until we complete the requirements," Okeechobee

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Woman's trust cost her over \$6,000

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Bruce Bennett is an elderly and very trusting woman and, because of that, someone she thought of as a 'trusted friend' may have robbed her of over \$6,000.

Mrs. Bennett, 90, claims a total of \$6,340 in cash was stolen from her closet.

"It has hurt me bad—very bad. She took my money to give to her boyfriend," Mrs. Bennett alleged.

But, as it often is when cash is stolen, there isn't much a local detective can do to help Mrs. Bennett.

"I can't do anything with the case. I can't prove that lady took the money. The lady admits to knowing it was in the shoe," said Detective Bettye Taylor of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD). "I've interviewed everyone. The suspect came in, gave us a statement, and said she didn't do it."

On June 3, Mrs. Bennett and her friend went to a local bank where her friend told a bank teller that Mrs. Bennett wanted \$4,000 in cash. Mrs. Bennett, who lives alone since her husband died several years ago, said she was talking to some-

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Okeechobee News/Eric Kopp
Bruce Bennett was shocked to find that several thousand dollars she had hidden in a jacket was gone.



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International Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers paying on the spot for valuables this week in Okeechobee

By Debi Lambert
STAFF WRITER

Okeechobee-area residents are in for a rare treat when the International Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers (IGSDB) host an event here, from **October 3rd - 8th**, at the **Holiday Inn Express**. The company has identified this region as prime territory for purchasing your precious metals—especially gold and silver. The IGSDB estimates that local residents have millions of dollars worth of valuables that they no longer need or want. That is where the IGSDB comes in—they specialize in buying those items from local sellers in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

Items like gold coins, scrap gold, sterling silver and tea sets also diamond rings are in high demand right now, and IGSDB is purchasing massive quantities of them on behalf of their global network of collectors, dealers and refineries.

Currently on an international tour, IGSDB has included **Okeechobee** on its list of stops for this week. Residents are urged to mark their calendar for this special opportunity to meet one-on-one with gold, silver and diamond specialists.

Because of IGSDB's low overhead, extensive resources and massive volume, the company is often able to pay out more than other dealers and retailers. Many customers are surprised at how much they are offered for seemingly small amounts. "I had two bent herringbone necklaces, a class ring, and some outdated earrings that I brought to a show. I walked out with \$425 in less than 15 minutes," said a satisfied guest.

Providing an economic boost to each region it visits, the IGSDB projects to pay out \$350,000 at each event—a testament to the high volume of items they purchase and the prime prices being paid. Offers are made based on rarity, numismatic value, condition and market value.

Company spokesman Matthew Enright says, "We just paid \$4,700 for a loose 1.25-carat diamond. Our mission is to pay local residents on the spot for sterling silverware, fine jewelry, coins and precious metals—especially silver and gold." The company has seen a huge influx of gold lately. "Customers have been scrambling to cash into the record-high value of gold," adds Enright. For those who are unsure if their items are genuine gold or silver, or simply costume, company will test it for free. "The best strategy is to bring all items to the show for a free evaluation from our specialists. It always amazes me how a small handful of gold and silver can turn into hundreds of dollars in just a few moments. We test, weigh, and buy items right on the spot," Enright says.

At a recent show, a small-town dentist had a nice pay day. "I have been collecting dental gold for years from patients who didn't want their extracted teeth. It really added up—my check is for over \$31,000!" While most people

don't have buckets of dental gold at their fingertips, they do have \$750 worth of scrap gold scattered throughout their homes or mismatched earrings.

In addition to scrap gold, fine jewelry and diamonds, coins are a big hit. Offers will be made on all coins dated 1970 and earlier—gold coins, silver, silver dollars, half dollars, quarters, nickels and dimes. Enright explains, "U.S. coins made before 1965 are worth more than their legal tender amount because they contain 90% silver. Rare dates and mint marks can make them even more valuable. We recently paid \$78,000 for an amazing coin collection. One couple brought in a rusty coffee can filled with silver coins, sawdust, and a dead spider. The can had been in the basement for years. We were happy to send them home with a check for more than \$700!"

Okeechobee-area residents should start collecting their valuables now to bring to the free event, which runs **Monday - Saturday**. Deals will be made and money will be paid on the spot. Attendance is expected to be high, but no appointment is needed. Enright encourages everyone to take advantage of this special opportunity to meet directly with specialists from the International Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers. He concludes, "It's a great chance for people to cash in their old diamonds, jewelry, coins and scrap gold. This is a seller's market, so don't miss out!"

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- Scrap Gold & Silver
- Diamonds



City to consider new park at next meeting

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee may soon have a new city park. At their meeting on Tuesday, city councilmen will discuss a proposed park on Taylor Creek at S.E. Sixth Avenue and S.E. Seventh Street. Councilmen will also look at the city's 10-year water supply facilities plan and a drainage project.

The proposed park would have a beach volleyball court, a chickee, picnic tables, a children's wading pool and other playground features and docks.

In accordance with Florida Statutes, the councilmen will consider an ordinance that

If you go ...

What: Okeechobee City Council
When: 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4
Where: City Council Chambers, Okeechobee City Council, 55 S.E. Third Ave.

will coordinate the city's comprehensive plan with South Florida Water Management's water conservation plans and establish a 10-year water supply facilities work plan. Under the proposed ordinance the city cannot issue development orders or permits unless Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) states that it can provide an adequate pota-

ble water supply. All new development must connect to OUA water and sewer, if available. When existing developments change ownership, if OUA water and sewer are available, they must be utilized.

Councilmen will also consider approval of funding for the S.W. 21st Street storm sewer project. This project includes removing existing storm sewer lines and installation of new drainage features and is expected to cost \$586,856.73. Of that total, 75 percent would be paid by a grant.

At the Jan. 18, 1955 meeting of the city council approval was given for the closing for a section of N.W. Third Ave. However, the appropriate ordinance to close the street

was never recorded with the clerk of the court. Therefore, councilmen will vote on the appropriate ordinance Tuesday night.

The mayor is scheduled to proclaim the week of Oct. 5 as International Walk to School Week in the city.

Deputy City Clerk Melisa Jahner will be receive Certified Municipal Clerk accreditation.

The council is scheduled to consider a request from Okeechobee Main Street for temporary street and sidewalk closings on Dec. 9 and 10 for the Annual Christmas Festival and Parade.

Okeechobee Main Street plans Halloween Festival

The Seventh Annual Halloween Festival will be held at the Agri-Civic Center on Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Activities will include a costume contest, haunted house, kid's korrall and over 40 booths of games, candy and prizes.

Admission and parking are free to the public!

The Annual Halloween Festival is hosted in collaboration with Okeechobee Main Street, Inc., The Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, the Board of County Commissioners, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office and the City of Okeechobee Police Department and is provided as a safe alternative to door-to-door, trick-or-treating.

Any business or individual who would like to set up a booth at no charge, volunteer or donate candy, prizes or monetary donations should contact Cindy Birdashaw at the Main Street Office (863) 357-6246.

Candy collection boxes are currently at the following locations: WOKC radio station, SeaCoast North, SeaCoast South, Katie's Pet Parlor, Ultimate Gamer, Pueblo Viejo, Okeechobee Golf and Country Club, Bank of America, Toni's Chic Boutique, Rustic Style and Cabins and TD Bank. Donations are graciously accepted and very much appreciated!

Okeechobee Weather Forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 84. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 61. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 86. Northeast wind around 10 mph.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. East northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Farm Bureau to hold Annual Membership meeting

Okeechobee County Farm Bureau Annual Membership meeting is being held Thursday, **Oct. 13**, from 6-8 p.m., at the Civic Center on Hwy. 98N. Members are being asked to bring a covered dish of salad, vegetable or dessert. Steaks, drinks and rolls are being provided by the Okeechobee County Farm Bureau. Please RSVP by Oct. 5, to the Farm Bureau Office by calling 863-763-3101.

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Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!

Lake level

- There is no one optimum level for the lake. It needs highs and lows to be healthy. If you talk to the biologists, most will say the 11 to 14 feet schedule is probably the best for the fisheries. When the lake gets low in the dry season, the vegetation grows around the edges and then when it is higher and that area is flooded, it provides cover for the young fish. Before the dike was built, the lake spread out over a much larger area. The dike contained it and so the water gets deeper and if it is too deep, it drowns out the vegetation and leaves the fish no where to spawn and no cover. The 15-17 ft. schedule they had back in the early 80s nearly destroyed the fisheries. The droughts helped the fish populations come back because it created the needed spawning areas around the edges of the lake. From the photos I have seen in the paper lately of fishing tournaments, it looks like the fishing is good right now. If the problem is getting the boats out there, then why not look at building longer ramps or digging some deeper navigation canals.

Trash

- My husband and I enjoy going to public places in the county such as Nubbin Slough, Lock 7 and along the Kissimmee River. But more and more lately we are disgusted by the amount of trash that is left in these public places. There are beer bottles, dirty diapers and even bags of trash that appears to come from someone's home just thrown on the ground. Obviously these people were not raised properly. There is no reason to leave trash all over these lovely places where others go to enjoy nature. Okeechobee County has mandatory garbage pickup. All they have to do is leave their bags of garbage in front of their homes by the road on trash day. We all already pay for this service. Please do not litter in our county parks. We go there to see the water, the birds and the alligators—not your trash.

Stop ethanol use

- The government should not be making laws requiring us to use ethanol in our gas tanks. Ethanol harms our engines and also is a poor use for corn, a food crop. If more corn is used for ethanol, that is less that can be exported that depend on the United States for their food supply. A reduction in exports is bad for the country, which already has a trade deficit.

- Every dollar we spend on Ethanol is one less dollar that the foreign countries get from their oil to use for tearing down the USA!

- Ethanol can be made from many sources, such as material left from squeezing oranges and I believe even from sugar cane. If it weren't for government controls we could grow all the corn we want to and ship whatever amount we want to other countries and still have enough for our own cornflakes, without people seizing every story and opportunity to increase prices.

- I have long been against adding ethanol to fuel. Ethanol provides far fewer BTUs of energy than petroleum fuel (makes a hidden energy tax in every gallon), increases the amount of water in fuels (alcohol is hygroscopic, it attracts water, which then accumulates at the bottom of fuel tanks and causes corrosion) and makes fuel less stable over time (problem for vehicles not used regularly, such as boats, lawn mowers, collector cars). Ethanol also dries out rubber hoses and gaskets, particularly in older model vehicles; this can lead to fuel leaks and maybe even fires. Further, these reasons do not even touch upon the political boondoggle of ethanol subsidies which we all pay for in taxes.

Debit card fees

- I saw on the news that some larger banks plan to start charging a \$5 a month fee to use your debit card, starting the first of the year. I think that is going too far. If they start charging to use the debit card, I will either start carrying cash or else find a new bank. They need to rethink this plan now, before they lose all their customers.

Stop for school buses

- I think everyone needs a Huge reminder of what those yellow then red lights mean on the school buses! At my elementary school stop, I have people flying through the lights and if my son had to cross the road, he would have been dead yesterday.

Reflections from the pulpit

Don't die wondering...

By Elder Cary McKee

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2Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come." (II Corinthians 5:17)

Now I want you to read it again, and again, and again. Now here is the question of the day, really the question of your life, are you a new creation? Hopefully you saw one in the mirror this morning, but if you are not sure, don't die wondering!

The head football coach at Wheaton College in Illinois is a man named Mike Swider. I heard him share this story of many years ago, when he was competing in the Iron Man Triathlon in Hawaii. Of course extreme events such as this one draw a wide variety of people along with a wide variety of motivational sayings, slogans, banners, and T shirts. Mike said he was just nearing the end of a particularly grueling stretch of the race, when he began to close in on a man with these words printed in large letters across the back of his sweat filled shirt, DON'T DIE WONDERING! Of course that saying can get our competitive juices flowing as it applies to our athletic endeavors and maybe even inspire us to get up off the couch. But it has application in our spiritual lives that carries much more weight than that.

One day every one of us, should the Lord tarry, is going to die. It may be quick and unexpected, or it may be when you are old and feeble. It may be tomorrow, or it may be in 50, 60, or even 70 years, but we all have in common the fact that we will one day take our last breath here on earth. One day your friends and family are going to gather, some preacher is going to say a few words, everyone is going to cry, they are going to lower you into the ground, drop some dirt on you, and everyone else is going to go someplace and have fried chicken and potato salad along with your favorite dessert. At that time all of the important decisions in your life will have already been made, your earthly life lived, your impact made, your legacy left, and your destiny decided. What will happen to you at that point? Don't die wondering!

Now I would like to ask you a question that will lead you to not having to won-

der at that point, have you truly been born again? Well you might say, I prayed a prayer once when I was little. You might even say I got baptized when I was a kid. You might even say yes, I believe in God, or that we always went to church when I was younger. But none of those things answers the question—have you truly been born again. Let's refer back to II Corinthians 5:17. When you prayed that prayer, did it change you? Are you a new creation? Has the old passed away and has the new come, or did you just go right on living the same way you always did, confident because your mama keeps reminding you that you got saved when you were 6. But your momma can't answer that question for you. A relationship with Christ is real and personal and it will change you!

So are you a new creation? If you were suddenly taken over by the most, vile demon in hell, do you think it would change you? Well of course it would. If today, the Holy Spirit of the Most High God came into your life, do you believe that would change you? YES! There will be without a doubt, a change in your life if you are a new creation. It will be evident not only to you but to all around you.

Do you wonder where you will end up? Well don't die wondering! You can know today! Acts 4:12 reminds us that there is no other way to not wonder, other than to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. How can you do that, you simply receive Him. John 1:12 says that as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God. How do I receive him? Salvation is free, but you must let go to take hold... Like a man swinging from one trapeze bar to the next, you must let go of one to take hold of the other. To take hold of the Lord with both hands I must let go of my sin. Turning away and taking hold... that is called repentance. (Acts 3:19-20) I would challenge you this morning to simply say, Lord I need you, this world has nothing for me. I know I am a sinner, I am carrying around the weight of my sin, please take it from me and wash me clean, I want to follow you. If you mean business with Him then He means business with you. Don't die wondering, if you are not his child, today could be the day of your salvation.

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Woman of the Year in Ag nominations open

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) has issued a call for Floridians to submit nominations for the 2011 Woman of the Year in Agriculture Award.

The award, given by the Department in conjunction with the Florida State Fair Authority, recognizes one woman each year who has made a significant contribution to Florida agriculture. The award has been granted to 27 women since 1985, including Jo Ann Smith (1985), Vina Jean Banks (1999) and Ann Holt (2010)

The 2010 Woman of the Year in Agriculture, Ann Holt, was recognized for her contributions to the sweet corn industry over the past 40 years, her membership in numerous agricultural associations and non-profit groups and overall leadership in the agricultural community, especially in educating Florida's urban residents about the benefits farming brings to the state.

Nominees for the award must be at least 25 years of age, be active in the agriculture industry and have resided in the state of Florida for the past 10 consecutive years. In addition, she must serve her community in some professional and/or civic capacity and have made some unique or outstanding contribution to the agriculture industry.

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2011 Woman of the Year in Agriculture Award is Nov. 15. The recipient will be announced in early December and honored at the Salute to Women in Agriculture lun-

cheon on Feb. 13 at the 2012 Florida State Fair in Tampa.

For more information about the program or to download the 2011 nomination application, visit <http://www.florida-agriculture.com/agwoman/>.

For more information about the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com or follow Commissioner Putnam on Facebook, Twitter, or Google+.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

Sept. 26-27, 2011

			Med #1	Steers	Hfrs
Cows			200-250	160-185	126-142
Breaking	45.00	66.00	250-300	150-176	122-135
Cutter	45.00	66.00	300-350	130-150	116-130
Canner	52.00	55.00	350-400	122-140	110-126
Bulls			400-450	116-132	105-124
1000-1500	61.00	76.00	450-500	114-128	104-116
1500-2000	58.00	78.00	550-600	111-124	100-110
	Monday	Tuesday	600-650	110-119	97-111
Calves	555	995			
Cows	97	195	Med #2	Steers	Hfrs
Str	9	13	200-250	125-165	115-128
Hfrs	4	13	250-300	125-150	110-126
Bulls	5	16	300-350	115-137	104-120
Yrlings	42	40	350-400	114-131	100-116
Mix	37	124	400-450	106-125	97-110
Total	749	1396	We're not having those		

big fall runs yet. Don't know if we will or not. Calf prices stayed about steady, lighter weights and heifers were \$1-3 lower. Cows and Bulls keep falling a little bit every week, off \$1-2 this week. Lykes Bros. topped the calf market this week with a high of \$1.90, bought by D&S. Seminole Tribe and Legg Cattle topped the cow market with a high of \$66, bought by Central. Graham Angus bull sale, on Friday, Oct. 14.

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Water Conservation Day

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave, will host a Water Conservation Day in conjunction with South Florida Water Management District as part of the morning worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9.



Sales:

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Community Events

OCIA to plan MLK celebration

OCIA (Okeechobee Community Improvement Association) will have its monthly meeting on Monday, **Oct. 3**, at 7 p.m. at the Douglas Brown Community Center. We ask any person, organizations, churches, groups, etc. who would like to attend, to come and join us. We are planning the 2012 M.L.K. Jr. celebration and we are asking for any suggestions or assistance with making this celebration a success. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the following: George Roberson, president, at 863-610-0973; Bertha Boswell, vice-president, at 863-763-4823; or, Rita Jones, secretary, at 772-380-3518. Your help is appreciated!

Democratic council to meet

The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Council will be meeting in a workshop session on Thursday, **Oct. 6**, at 6 p.m. in the Beef O'Brady's meeting room. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to attend.

ConKerr Cancer sit & sew

ConKerr Cancer's mission is to provide children with cancer or other life changing illnesses a feeling of warmth, love and a smile through the simple gift of a pillowcase. Our next ConKerr Cancer "sit & sew" will be held on Tuesday, **Oct. 4**, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This will be held at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue. Bring your sewing machine and fabric and sew with other ladies in our community who want to help make a difference to a sick child.

Shrine Club plans dinners

Back for another season, the Okeechobee Shrine Club offers a delicious spaghetti dinner every Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. starting on **Oct. 4**. The dinners now offer SMOKE FREE dining. Music is provided from 5 to 8 p.m. for your listening and dancing pleasure. All proceeds go to Shrine benefits which include the Shriners Hospital, the Shriners Burn Center and scholarships. For more information, contact the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Hospice plans yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's yard sales in October will be Wednesday, **Oct. 5** and Thursday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday Oct. 19, and Thursday, Oct. 20, from 8am until noon. The yard sale is located at the corner of SE 4th Street and SE 3rd Ave. Donations are accepted Monday thru Friday 8am to noon. For information call 467-2321 or see their web page www.hospiceofokeechobee.org and click on Events tab.

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one else and was not paying attention to what the woman was doing.

The two women returned to Mrs. Bennett's home where the friend 'hid' the cash in an orthopedic boot in Mrs. Bennett's closet. Mrs. Bennett said the woman then gave her \$1,800 in cash and, apparently, kept the rest.

Several days later Mrs. Bennett looked in the boot only to find that the cash was gone.

Then, on June 23, Mrs. Bennett and her friend returned to the bank to get some more cash.

"I didn't ask her to go, she just went because she wanted to," said Mrs. Bennett.

She withdrew \$4,140.71 and took it home where she hid the money in a jacket in her closet. About two weeks later, Mrs. Bennett went to the closet only to find her money was gone.

She then called the woman, who had befriended her about 11 or 12 years ago, and asked her about the missing money. She denied taking it.

"But, no one's been in my closet but she and I," Mrs. Bennett said. "And, there's no one here but when I'm here."

However, said Detective Taylor, there were apparently other people in and out of Mrs. Bennett's home during the time the money was supposedly hidden in her closet.

"She had neighbors and another lady who has a key to her house, and had her grandkids sleep over. She had multiple people in there," said the OCPD investigator. "The problem is, we don't know who else was in there and who got into her shoes or her jacket. I feel bad—I hate it when I can't resolve something."

Unfortunately, because they live alone and are often times lonely, the elderly can become easy prey.

"They're lonely. They're the ones who get preyed on, and I don't know how you stop that because they're so vulnerable," said local attorney Tom Conely, who often helps the elderly with their wills and other personal

matters. "They're lonely and they want a confidant. But, sometimes that confidence is misplaced."

Mr. Conely said when he deals with elderly people he likes to talk to them one-on-one and in a quiet fashion. He said this allows him to feel sure that they know what they're doing and what they're talking about. He said he also wants to know what medications they're taking.

When asked how the elderly can be protected from those who thrive on taking advantage of them, Mr. Conely said he didn't know.

"There's almost no answer to that, because even if I counsel them that's not going to stop it from happening again—they're still vulnerable," he said. "It would certainly help them if they had a confidant to speak with, like an attorney or accountant."

Many times, added the local attorney, the elderly will encounter an unscrupulous 'friend' who will make out a will for them. Then, the friend tells them to sign it and they do so because of their misplaced trust.

But for a will to be legal, he added, there must be two witnesses and neither witness can benefit from the will.

The OCPD detective suggested that the elderly leave their cash in the bank and only take out what they need on a daily basis. She went on to say that the elderly should be very cautious about what documents they sign and that they shouldn't sign anything until someone else, preferably an attorney, goes over it.

"They're (the elderly) susceptible to 'friends' who want to help them," said Detective Taylor. "I just think they played on her (Mrs. Bennett) fears and she made some bad mistakes."

Mrs. Bennett has not only lost someone she considered a friend and a large amount of cash but she's been left, alone, to pay for her mistake. Financially, she indicated, she's getting by.

"I'm doing the best I can," she said. "But, it about killed me."

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October is national Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Each October much awareness is generated regarding Breast Cancer awareness, early detection and fundraising in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to the American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer is the second most common cancer in women and the second deadliest. Although the death rates from Breast Cancer have been going down, most likely due to early detection and improved treatments, the odds of a woman having invasive breast cancer sometime during her life are a little less than 1 in 8, according to the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society's guidelines for improved chances of early detection and successful treatment of Breast Cancer, include:

- Annual mammograms for women 40 and older;
- Clinical breast exams at least every 3 years for women in their 20s and 30s and annually for women in their 40s and beyond;
- Breast self-exams; and,
- MRIs for women at high risk (women who are at high risk have at least a 25 percent lifetime risk of breast cancer).

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. A screening mammogram is used to look for breast disease in women who do not seem to have breast problems. A mammogram

can also be used when women have symptoms such as a lump, skin change, or nipple discharge. This is called a diagnostic mammogram. Diagnostic mammograms are also used to follow-up abnormal screening mammograms.

Your physician can write an order for you to receive a mammogram. Raulerson Hospital's Radiology Department performs digital mammograms in the outpatient building just north of the Hospital (blue-roof bldg). To schedule your mammogram, contact 1-877-331-7027. Raulerson Hospital's Radiology Department is accredited by the American College of Radiology in all five imaging modalities. We look forward to providing services that help provide early detection.

To learn more about women's health issues, join us for the 2011 Women's Health Luncheon, sponsored by Raulerson Hospital. The luncheon will be held on Friday, Oct. 7, at Indian River State College's Williamson Conference Center (in the Raulerson Hospital Auditorium). Seating will begin at 11:30 a.m. and women's health presentations by Dr. James Bradfield and Dr. Philip Moyer will begin at noon. The event is free, to RSVP contact: 1-800-449-8642.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Raye Duesinger

Blood Roundup planned

Nurse on Call Manager, Judy Craft, presents Okeechobee Blood Roundup's Raye Duesinger with a check in support of this year's efforts to get 600 units of blood on Nov. 19 and 20. Prizes will be awarded to the groups bringing in the largest number of donors.

KOA to host Annual Boots and Pearls Gala

Okeechobee KOA will host the 6th Annual Boots & Pearls Gala on Friday, Oct. 14, beginning at 6 p.m., with a social hour. Dinner at 7 p.m. with music and dancing by Chris MacArthur and The Florida Cracker boys. Tickets are available at Eli's Western Wear. For information, please call 863-763-2984.



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creature by having it mounted by a local taxidermist.

The Holstein calf was born with two complete heads, two backbones that joined just above the tail head, four legs and one tail.

Mr. Rucks said they had no idea there was a problem with the calf until the cow went into labor. With the cow showing signs of distress, the dairy called in veterinarian "Doc" Jim Harvey. When he examined the cow, he realized the baby had two heads. He performed an emergency Cesarean section to save the cow's life.

The calf was alive when it was born, said Mr. Rucks. It was breathing, but it died after a few minutes, he said.

At first their concern was primarily for the cow, Mr. Rucks explained. But when he started to dispose of the calf's body, he decided it should be preserved.

Mr. Rucks said his wife is not in favor of keeping the mounted calf in their home.

"We might put it somewhere for people to see," he said.

"It's pretty rare," he said. "Jim Harvey had never delivered one before."

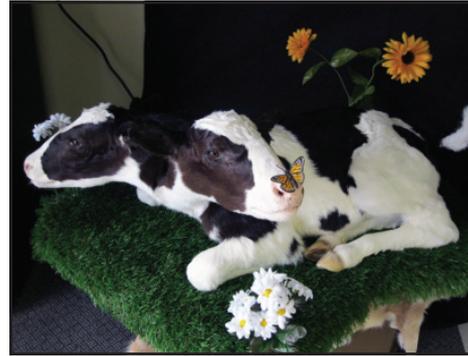
Local taxidermist Newt Mattson said it was the first domestic bovine he has worked on, although he has mounted wild animals such as a Cape Buffalo.

The finished mount presents the calf lying down but awake. One head looks toward some flowers while the other head focuses

on a butterfly that has landed on its nose.

Courtney Davis at the Okeechobee Extension Office said two-headed calves are the result of twins that fail to separate completely. It is similar to Siamese twins in humans. The condition, known as Polycephaly, is a congenital defect, which can be caused by environment or genetic factors, she explained. While there are no statistics available for the incidence of two-headed calves, the incidence of all congenital defects in calves is about .2 to 3.5 percent, she continued.

She said two-headed calves do not live very long. There was a recorded case of one that lived for several weeks, and even fed with both heads. "But all recorded cases have died as babies," she said. "You don't see any two-headed cows."



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen
The two-headed Holstein calf was alive and breathing when it was delivered by C-section, but it died a few minutes later. The veterinarian was able to save the mother cow.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Humane Society Pet Rescue

Pet of the Week

Sweetie is a Miniature Pinscher with a wonderful disposition. She is a tiny girl with a beautiful red color and would be a great addition to any adult home. She is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104.

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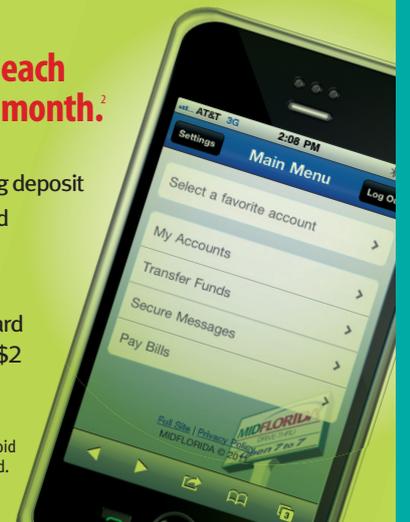
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Students of the Week

Central Elementary School is pleased to announce the names of the Students of the Week for the week of Sept. 19. In kindergarten are: Juan Aguirre, Clayton Thompson, Gaury Duran, Dosselena Flores, Alyna Kane, Priscilla Velasquez; first grade: Alejandro Liberato, Hunter Collins, Vicente Torres, Joshua King, Aiden Christensen; second graders: Corey Brown, Dylan Gabor, Jose Pineda, Melissa Mojica, Stephanie Yanez, Jasmine Nell; third grade: Hubert Jenkins, Yuliana Licea, Aracely Cisneros, Sophia Galleteo, Madison Lamb, Tim Mejia; fourth grade: Jorge Romero, Julian Tinajero, Mason Burke, Raith Sales and Bryan Leal.



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Students achieving excellence

Everglades Elementary School Students of the Week for Sept. 12-16 are achieving excellence in the classroom: kindergarten: Alicia Johnson, Alyssa Stoddard, Nathaly Brandt, Demetrio Flores; first grade: Zane Hawk, Jacob Tumoszcz, Alicia Delgado, Seth Bohannon, Shelby Wooten, Senon Anselmo; second grade: Holt Jones, Maria Hernandez, James Hamilton, Tiadora Sontay-Perez, Blake Joyner, Yadhira Martines; third grade: Rion Ernst, Sophie Carty, Anya Collick, Sadie Lamb, Lila Pendarvis, Maria Campos; fourth grade: Ruby Hernandez, Daniel Meza, Destiny Haney, Alexandria Boone, Josmar Estrada; fifth grade Yessenia Ramirez, Christopher Sarabia, Enoc Leon, Monica Luna and Ariel Girardi (some not pictured.)

Water Conservation Day

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave, will host a Water Conservation Day in conjunction with South Florida Water Management District as part of the morning worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, **Oct. 9**. In addition to local issues, particular emphasis will be given to areas of the world such as Haiti, that have recently faced water challenges.

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Minimal regatta honors memory of Adam Bryant

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

"This has turned into much more than I thought it would," said J. D. Mixon, originator of the Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta.

He wanted to honor his friend, the late Adam Bryant, who passed away in 2004 as the result of spinal cord injury, with a scholarship fund raising event. The event had to be something that exemplified Mr. Bryant, whom Mr. Mixon called a "free spirit." Mr. Mixon wanted it to be an event Mr. Bryant would be proud of.

Mr. Mixon hopes to earn \$6,000 for a scholarship to send an Okeechobee resident to fire fighting school. His friend was a volunteer firefighter for the city and was attending fire fighting school before his accident.

The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee.

"This is all for fun," Mr. Mixon said.

The idea for the minimal regatta was in-

spired by an event he saw in Key West.

A minimal regatta is a home made boat race, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, in Taylor Creek, just south of the City Boat Ramp at 701 S.E. Sixth Ave. Because of the number of boats, the check in time has been moved from the previously announced time of 9 a.m. to 8 a.m.

The only materials that can be used are one 4' x 8' sheet of plywood, 24 feet of 2" x 4" lumber, one pound of nails and one 60-yard roll of duct tape. Paint may be used. Calking, urethane or adhesives may not be used. Decorative materials such as rope and cloth may be used as long as they do not contribute to the structural integrity or water seal of the boat.

Because of the number of entries (55 as of Sept. 23) there are two divisions: 15 and below and 16 and up. Each division will have a prize for the fastest and a prize for the best theme. On the morning of the regatta, there will be activities to keep small children occupied. Taylor Rental is providing a bounce house and there will be a magician on hand.

Parking will be at Grace Brethren Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., and shuttle service will be provided by Gilbert Golf Cars.

Mr. Mixon hopes to make this an annual event. Next year he would like to do it at Okee-Tantie Campground and Marina. He said the boat ramp area at Okee-Tantie would be perfect for such an event.

For more information, call Mr. Mixon at 864-634-1778 or Adam Homer at 863-801-0999.



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These are examples of the type of boat that will compete in the Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta.



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RACE

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Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy explained.

Mr. Kenworthy said they need to reach an agreement on the evaluation process because they can't start evaluating teachers until they have the forms finalized. This means new teachers may not be getting the feedback they need to make improvements, he said. Every day lost will also make it harder for the administrators to adequately observe and evaluate all the teachers, he said.

A key item of contention is teacher retention.

"We would like a guarantee that if a teacher on annual contract receives an 'effective' or 'highly effective' rating, the school board will guarantee to continue their employment the following year," explained Diane Falvo of the Florida Education Association Treasure Coast Service Unit.

"The intent of the law is to retain good and great teachers," she said. She added that such a guarantee would help Okeechobee County attract good teachers, even though the small rural county pays less than more affluent coastal counties.

Mr. Kenworthy said the school board opposes this idea because it goes against the "teacher merit pay bill," Florida Senate Bill 736. He added that workers in other professions have no guarantee of continued employment.

The district and the union also disagree on how teacher evaluations should be conducted. Union representatives asked for scheduled formal evaluations. The district proposed one scheduled and one unscheduled formal evaluation each semester for new teachers and unscheduled evaluations for the more experienced teachers.

In addition to the formal evaluations, teachers are also reviewed on multiple informal "walk throughs" in which the administrators visit the classrooms for a few minutes at a time.

"We are opposed to an announced formal observation," said Mr. Kenworthy at the Sept. 28 negotiation meeting at the School Board Office. "Good teaching needs to go on every single day."

He explained that a beginning teacher is not as experienced and that is why they

were willing to schedule some of their evaluations in advance.

"Our fear is there would be an inordinate amount of time spent in preparation for an announced observation," Mr. Kenworthy said.

"We don't want a dog and pony show," he said.

Teacher Lisa Harwass said unscheduled observations may also not be indicative of a normal teaching day. She pointed out that teachers have complained their evaluations have been done on a day they were administering a test. Others have had formal observations on a day the class had a guest speaker, on Valentine's Day when the elementary students were anticipating a party, or on the day before a holiday break, when the students were distracted.

The two sides will go back to the negotiation table on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m. at the Okeechobee School Board Office.

The Race to the Top Grant is federally funded grant program for schools, which, in part, requires that teacher pay be based in part on the measured progress of their students.

Florida schools were not required to participate in the grant program. Okeechobee County's former Superintendent Dr. Pat Cooper and the OCEA at first were not in favor of participating. Ms. Falvo explained that she met with the school district and OCEA representatives and convinced them to apply for the grant funding.

Okeechobee County Schools were approved for a Race to the Top Grant for \$211,575 a year for four years plus an additional \$28,000 a year for three years. The money can be spent to develop the teacher evaluation and student progress criteria that will be used to determine the "merit pay." The funds can also be spent for additional teacher training and professional development to help the teachers improve their skills.

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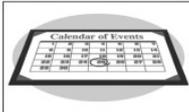
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File # 2010CP-78

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **MILDRED ELBERTA JONES** Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MILDRED ELBERTA JONES, deceased, File Number 2010CP-78, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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| ACROSS | 9 Whack anew | 34 Want-ad abbr. | 48 Exam for a |
| 1 Many a Yemeni | 10 Beethoven's instrument | 35 U.S. Army medal | Wharton Sch. hopeful |
| 5 ___ Rouge | 11 Nincompoop | 36 Martha's vineyard natives, e.g. | 49 Port on its own lake |
| 10 Sch. support groups | 12 "The Mammoth Hunters' author true!" | 43 Gets as a return | 50 No-frills beds |
| 14 "This can't be true!" | 13 Lith. et al., once | 44 Prefix with sphere | 51 Eins plus zwei |
| 17 25-Across's WWII command | 15 French for "sword" | 45 Book, to Bolivar | 52 Gallic girlfriend |
| 18 Algae on the beach | 16 ___ Park: Queens area near Forest Hills | 46 Express, as an opinion | 53 Interest percentage |
| 19 Semaphore user's output | 22 Scold | 47 Japanese aborigine | 54 Pop musician from County Donegal |
| 20 "___ Blu Dipinto Di Blu": 1958 hit | 23 Boca ___ | | 56 ___ Constitution |
| 21 Implement | 24 Ollie North's '80s "affair" | | |
| 22 Nursery bed | 25 "Divine Comedy" writer | | |
| 25 WWII general who became pres. | 26 Inflicted upon | | |
| 28 Devilish tot | 27 Collapsed company chronicled in the 2005 documentary subtitled "The Smartest Guys in the Room" | | |
| 38 "Back off!" | 29 Club for smart guys and girls | | |
| 39 SASE, e.g. | 30 Alerted, as a doctor | | |
| 40 Forever and a day, facetiously | 32 Important | | |
| 41 Not much | 33 "Norma ___" | | |
| 42 Spoken | | | |
| 46 Terminal-to-hotel transport | | | |
| 48 Kind of fingerprint or code | | | |
| 51 "Is it worth the risk?" | | | |
| 55 Title guy asked to "play a song for me," in a Byrds hit | | | |
| 57 Cause of many traveling delays | | | |
| 58 Afternoon socials | | | |
| 59 Davis of "Do the Right Thing" | | | |
| 60 Words before ghost or doctor | | | |

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OHS/Martin County game thwarted by blackout



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Corner Back G.W. Jarrell and the rest of the defense bent but didn't rest in the first quarter of Friday's game in Stuart.

By Charles M. Murphy
 Okeechobee News

An electrical transformer blew and a blackout at the Bob Collins Field in Stuart Friday night postponed the high school football game between Okeechobee and Martin County.

The Tigers led 7-0 with just one minute left in the first quarter when the lights went out. School officials tried diligently to get the lights repaired by calling an electrician and Florida Power and Light but were unable to correct the problem. They finally called the game at about 9:30 p.m.

School officials met for a short meeting and decided to tentatively reschedule the game for Monday, Oct. 10, in Okeechobee with the kickoff scheduled for 5 p.m.

It had been a rough first quarter for the Brahmans as the Tigers were able to win the battle of field position and drove three times inside the Brahman red zone.

The Tigers returned the opening kickoff 35 yards to near midfield and quickly moved the ball. Justin Simmons caught a 25-yard pass on the sideline for a first down at the Brahman 27 on the first play from scrimmage.

From there the Brahman defense tightened and a dropped pass stopped the drive. Place kicker Eduardo Sandoval missed wide right on a 40-yard field goal attempt to keep the game scoreless.

Okeechobee gained negative yards on

their first drive and a 30-yard punt put the Tigers back in business at the Okeechobee 37. Simmons caught a 21-yard pass and running back Herschel Hester capped a five-play scoring drive with a one-yard touchdown run to make it 7-0.

Okeechobee returned the kickoff to their own 40-yard line but gambled on fourth and five with a swing pass to Khalil Smith. He made the catch but was tackled two yards shy of the first down.

The Tigers completed three more passes for 41 yards to drive deep into Okeechobee territory again but a holding call stalled them at the Brahman 19. Sandoval miss fired on a 36-yard field goal attempt and the score remained 7-0.

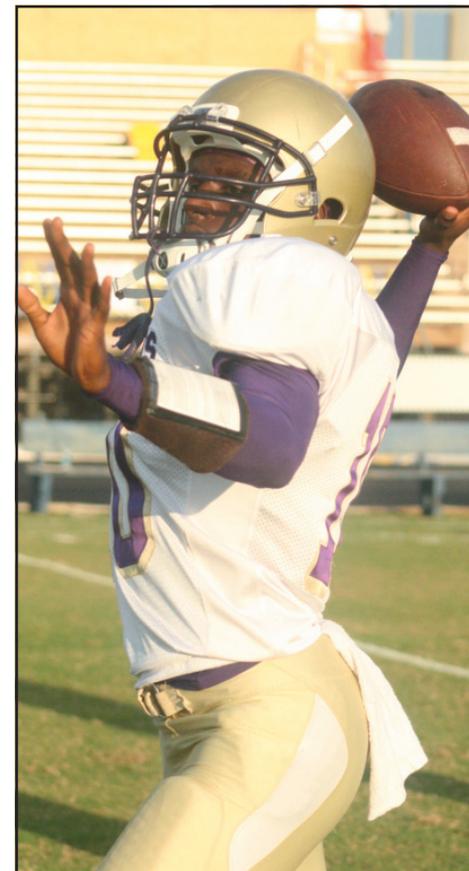
Okeechobee seemed to build some momentum just before the lights went out. Daniel Nunez and Smith ran for 20 yards on three plays to put the ball at the 40-yard line and second down and eight when the power outage struck.

Game notes

Okeechobee played without injured starters QB Jack Radebaugh, who re-aggravated his finger injury and running back Ty'Ronte Files who had an ankle injury.

Ricardo Garza had a tackle for loss and D.J. Washington knocked down a pass attempt for the Brahman defense.

Okeechobee is scheduled to host Forest Hill on Friday, Oct. 7, in their second district contest of the season. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.



D.J. Washington warms up before the game between Okeechobee and Martin County on Friday.

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OHS JV Football plays Fort Pierce

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Brahman junior varsity defense held Fort Pierce in the first half but couldn't keep the Cobras from breaking lose in the second half as they fell 28-0 Tuesday night at Brahman Stadium.

Anthony Scott broke loose for a 40-yard touchdown run and Cobra QB Eddie McKenna hit Nate Newton and Terrance Wilson for touchdown passes in the second half for the Cobras, (2-1).

Okeechobee (1-3) struggled on offense as the Cobras stopped their running game and put a strong pass rush on the Brahman QB Brandon Shockley throughout the game.

George Tillman had several strong runs up the middle for the Brahmans and Tyrone Joseph broke loose for a 25-yard run in the fourth quarter. Myrick Puente recovered a fumble for the Brahmans.

Brahman Coach Daron Washington said he felt his team could have played harder and kept the score closer than 28 points. He told the kids they must be more coachable and use the things they are taught in practice during these games.

"It takes us a few minutes to get going and usually it's too late," he added.

While Okeechobee gave up size and strength up front, Washington said his team can get tougher and be more disciplined. He also would like more consistency from his offensive line.

"Fort Pierce wasn't as talented as I



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Tyrone Joseph (#22) makes a tackle as #98 Walter Morgan and #43 Tyrell Taylor look on Tuesday. The OHS JV lost to Fort Pierce.

thought they were. We had an opportunity to put points on the board but every time we had a chance to do something positive we made a mistake like a fumble, interception or missed blocking assignment."

Washington said he will go back to basics in the next two weeks of practice, improve the team's condition, and get them to commit both mentally and physically to the program.

"Our message will be to take coaching, be disciplined and stay focused. They look at this as recreation time but me and the coaches take this serious," he added.

Billy Jolnert broke a 29-yard run in the first quarter to finish off a 47-yard drive to give the Cobras a 7-0 lead at the half. -Tyrell Taylor had a QB sack for Okeechobee in the first half.

Kane Sarros, Angel Ponce and Tillman were among the Brahman defenders who had strong games.

Fort Pierce Coach Peter Crespo said his team did a good job after a sloppy and flat first half.

"In the second half we came out more aggressive and were more explosive on offense. We had some fresh horses come in and they did their job," he noted.

Crespo said he liked what he saw from Okeechobee as the Brahmans usually put up a tough fight at home.

"They have some big boys and they had a nice ball control offense. I always like to play Okeechobee," he added.

The JV's next game is scheduled for Oct. 12, at St. Lucie West Centennial.



Brahman JV QB Brandon Shockley hands off to Ian Kelley (#20) against an advancing Fort Pierce defense during the JV football game on Tuesday at Brahman Stadium. Fort Pierce prevailed 28-0.



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