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Vote counting drags on amid protests



Fueled by tweets from President Donald Trump, protesters gather outside as the Broward county canvassing board continues to count votes on Friday. **See PHOTO, 10A**

National attention is once again on Broward, Palm Beach counties

By **SEYLER SWIGER, LARRY BARDENWAL, LINDA TRISCHITTA AND RAFAEL OLIVERA**
South Florida has been!

Claims of fraud, angry protests and contentious skirmishes spread Friday as vote counting dragged on in Broward and Palm Beach counties, drawing the nation's eye back to Florida with shades of the infamous 2000 presidential re-count.

Fueled by tweets from President Donald Trump, dozens of protesters stormed Broward County elections office, directing a chant of "lock her up" at Brenda Snipes, the county's supervisor of elections. Demonstrators in Palm Beach County demanded that every vote be counted.

Facing a deadline of noon Saturday to submit the first unofficial results, canvassing board members continued

Scott uses governorship to advance Senate hopes

By **ANTHONY MAN**
South Florida has been!

He is the candidate with everything to lose right now — and the public official with broad ability to influence the outcome of his own election.

Gov. Rick Scott's dual roles highlight the conflict facing an important government figure with official duties that can directly impact his personal political ambitions.

In the coming days he and his staff will influence major decisions come in

the likely recount of his U.S. Senate race with incumbent Democrat Bill Nelson.

Critically, he's Florida Secretary of State Ron DeSantis's boss, and Scott is a member of the three-member state Elections Canvassing Commission, which is responsible for certifying the results of the election.

On Saturday, DeSantis determines if machine recounts of ballots will be conducted in close elections. On Nov. 13, the

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Broward County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes. **See STOCKER/OLIVERA**

Elections chief Brenda Snipes' history of trouble

By **DAN SWENEY**
South Florida has been!

When Brenda Snipes took over the Broward Supervisor of Elections office in 2003, she was the figure with years of administrative experience who would steady an office that was reeling from what Gov. Jeb Bush called "incompetence" and "misfeasance."

On Friday, following a court agreement with a lawsuit brought by Gov. Rick Scott that Snipes had violated public records laws, she filed herself the largest of similar suits for her record from office, and for the same reasons.

For 15 years, Snipes has

served as Broward County's elections chief with mixed results. Long lines and vote centers that continued long after polls closed marred elections in 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010 and, of course, this year.

Among other issues: A court ruled she had broken election law when she delayed ballots from the 2016 election 12 months after it, issued of the 23 months required by federal law.

A medical marijuana amendment was left off some ballots in 2016.

Election results in the 2016 primary were posted

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Are there any 4-star eateries in greater Fort Lauderdale?

Greater Fort Lauderdale has many very good restaurants — particularly modest, family-run ethnic eateries — and a surprising number of mediocre, overpriced ones. But



professionally for nearly three years and I have yet to award a top rating of four stars, awarding medals/contending to any restaurant in Broward County.

Michael Mayo

Fatal wildfire scorches California town

Celebrities among 157,000 evacuees in state, officials say

By **DON THOMPSON AND GILLIAN FLAGLER**
Associated Press

PARADISE, CALIF. — A powerful wildfire in Northern California incinerated most of a town of about 30,000 people with

ple died, including several who were found in burned vehicles.

Only a day after it began, the blaze near the town of Paradise had grown to nearly 20 square miles and was burning out of control.

There was really no said, explaining that crews gave up attacking the flame and instead helped people get out alive. "These firefighters were in the rescue mode all day yesterday."

Bute County Sheriff KERRY HENSON said his office

state officials put the total number of people forced from their homes at 157,000. Evacuation orders included the city of Malibu, which is home to 12,000, among them some of Hollywood's biggest stars.

President Donald Trump issued an emergency declaration Friday



An aerial rendering of 2000 Ocean, Hallandale's latest tower, which will have a beachside butler at your service.

Hallandale Beach glass tower to have beach butler service

2000 Ocean will be made up of 64 homes and an oceanfront restaurant

By LISA J. HUBBARD
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Construction has begun on a 18-story glass tower in Hallandale Beach that will feature 64 homes, two pools, an oceanfront restaurant and a poolside/beach butler service.

Named 2000 Ocean, for its address at 2000 S. Ocean Drive, the tower will rise on the site of the former Regency Health Spa. KAR Properties, a New York-based developer, bought the 1.3-acre for \$36 million in 2014.

It is expected to be completed in 2020, according to project spokeswoman Bianca Morales.

The 64 condos will range in size from 2,000 square feet to 5,832 square feet, with prices starting at \$1.4 million, Morales said.

There will be half-floor residences from the 8th to the 12th floors, with three bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, floor-to-ceiling glass walls, and east and west terraces.

Three full-floor penthouses, measuring nearly 2,000 square feet, will take up the 14th to 16th floors, with five bedrooms and five bathrooms.

A two-story Sky Duplex Villa will top off the project, with a private pool, and an outdoor kitchen and shower. The



3,363-square-foot villa has six bedrooms and 4 1/2 bathrooms, and includes staff quarters and views of the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway.

All homes will have private elevator entrances, and 2000 Ocean will offer personalized interior design services by the Italian brand Misotti.

Amenities on the first four floors will include the Spa Pavilion, which will have massage therapy in private treatment

rooms, a yoga studio, a hammam, and an ice room.

The two pools will offer views of either the ocean or the Intracoastal Waterway, and an on-site restaurant will serve all-organic ingredients and provide residents complimentary wheatgrass shots on demand.

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'Impossible Burger' coming to local chain

Vegan sandwich to be added to Hurricane Grill & Wings menu

By BOB HUBBARD
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The plant-based, vegan Impossible Burger is becoming impossible to avoid.

Since its July 2016 introduction in New York City, the meatless product many aficionados say best replicates the flavor, appearance and texture of a real hamburger has been introduced in 3,000 restaurants in the United States.

On Monday, that number will increase by 16 when the Impossible Burger is added to menus of South Florida-based Hurricane Grill & Wings, according to an announcement this week by the parent companies of the two brands.

Hurricane Grill & Wings, with nine locations in the tri-county region, will join nearly 800 other South Florida restaurants offering the burger, including chains Duff's Sports Grill, Dave &; Buster's and dozens of standalone restaurants.

Outside of Florida, White Castle introduced its version, called the Impossible Slider, in 140 of its restaurants in April, then in September expanded its availability to all 27 company-owned locations. Restaurant news website Eat24.com in April called the White Castle version "one of the country's best fast-food burgers, period."

Beginning in 2018 the Impossible Burger will be available at supermarkets, according to an announcement Thursday by Impossible Foods, the Silicon Valley company that developed the meat substitute.

Hurricane Grill's parent, FAT Brands, which finalized its acquisition of the company in early July, introduced the Impossible Burger at its Fatburger chain on the West Coast, said Gregg Tomberlin, president and chief operating officer of FAT Brands' Casual Dining Division.

"It did well and received well" at Fatburger, Tomberlin said. Last spring, FAT Brands expanded it to its Buffalo Cafe chain in the Atlanta area, and "it also did well there."

Those brands' success with the product convinced FAT Brands to introduce it at Hurricane Grill & Wings, which was founded in Fort Pierce in 1995 and now has 39 locations statewide, Tomberlin said.

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The company is accepting 20 types of recyclable items, including coffee brewers. To celebrate America Recycles Day, Staples also offers \$2 back in rewards for each recycled ink and toner cartridge. Go to staples.com/staplesfortheplanet for the deal.

—Doreen Christensen

French seize Ryanair jet just before takeoff

By ANGELA CHARLTON
Associated Press

PARIS — Storms, strikes, computer failures — you can now add "your plane has been seized by the government" to the list of things that can delay your flight.

In France, 149 passengers were preparing to take off for London late Thursday when French authorities ordered their Ryanair Boeing 737 impounded. The budget carrier owed money and it was "negotiable that the state was forced" to evict the plane, the civil aviation authority said.

The passengers had gone through passport control and

security and were about to walk on the tarmac to board the plane when airport authorities told them to turn around, passenger Boris Hebburn said.

"The airport staff told us there was an issue with the plane," he said in an email.

No Ryanair staff members were available, and the only communication from the airline was two text messages saying simply that the departure was delayed, and a €375 voucher for food — "less than what a sandwich cost at the airport canteen," Hebburn, 35, of France, said.

The passengers were put on another flight that brought them to London's Stansted airport — five hours late.

The jet, meanwhile, was released Friday after Ryanair paid a bill of \$625,000.

The scene unfolded at the Bordeaux-Mérignac airport in southern France, where authorities say the airline was ordered to pay back funds that the European Union had declared to be illegal subsidies. Ryanair had no comment.

French aviation agency spokesman Eric Bernard said regional authorities who originally gave subsidies to the Irish-based carrier had been trying since 2014 to recover the money, and went to final warning in May. After six months without a response, it decided to act.

SEE BUNGER, JOB



RYANAIR AIRLINE'S BOEING 737 AIRCRAFT WAS SEIZED FOR 16 HOURS IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE, AFTER THE AIRLINE WAS ORDERED TO PAY BACK FUNDS THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION HAD DECLARED TO BE ILLEGAL SUBSIDIES. (AP/WIDE WORLD)