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HILLSBOROUGH WON'T GIVE UP ON THE RAYS

The Hillsborough County Commission votes down a motion to officially disband the working group that began courting the Tampa Bay Rays. Commissioners said killing the group would end any chance of the team moving to Ybor. **Local, 1B**

Calls raised to protect factories

Tampa authorities order remodeling work to stop on the Santaella Cigar Factory building after they say the developer failed to pull the proper permits. The shutdown has prompted people with an interest in historic preservation to seek more safeguards for Tampa's century-old cigar factories. **Local, 1B**

Sheriff: DNA solves 1983 rape case

A Hernando County detective uses genealogy analysis to identify a suspect, who died in 1998, in the rape of a 12-year-old girl in 1983. Investigators also found the man's name connected to several rape cases from his home state of Wisconsin. **Local, 1B**

County makes deals on bed tax

Hillsborough expects to reap thousands in tourism tax revenue after reaching agreements with room-rental apps similar to the deal it made with Airbnb. It's still working on a deal with TripAdvisor. **Business, 3B**

DeSantis: Fix Fla. water

The new governor issues an order to fight algae, find a science chief, speed up a reservoir.

BY JENNY STALETOVICH
Miami Herald

Two days after he took office, Gov. Ron DeSantis unveiled sweeping measures to clean up Florida's troubled waters Thursday, including spending \$2.5 billion and launching more aggressive policies to address algae choking Lake Okeechobee and

polluting the state's coasts.

The newly minted governor, who angered environmentalists on the campaign trail by dismissing climate change as a significant threat, also promised to establish a resiliency office to address looming dangers.

"The people of Florida wanted to see action and this was action

that was requested regardless of your party," DeSantis said in a morning briefing at a Florida Gulf Coast University field station in Bonita Springs, north of Naples. "This is something that can unite all Floridians."

Included in an executive order: increase water monitoring around the state and estab-

lish a task force to address blue-green algae, a growing threat worsened by pollution and a warming planet that now regularly fouls rivers flowing from a massive lake half the size of Rhode Island; clean up septic tanks; ban fracking, and focus on more green infrastructure.

DeSantis also ordered con-

struction sped up on a 17,000-acre Everglades reservoir in farm fields south of the lake and said he would work with federal officials to end polluted discharges.

"I'd like to see no discharges," he said. "We're working with the White House and as difficult as it is, working with the Army Corps

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A regular Joe, this Mr. Arians



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Bruce Arians during his introduction in Tampa on Thursday. He becomes the 12th head coach in franchise history.

New Bucs coach shares history, philosophy with Joe Maddon.

BY RICK STROUD
Times Staff Writer

TAMPA — Start with the eyewear, the horn-rimmed glasses. You know he is a man of vision.

Then there is the white goatee. He has a passion for fashion, style and swagger.

He's from a small, blue-collar eastern Pennsylvania town that is a cultural melting pot. A man of the streets who is as comfortable in the barroom as the boardroom.

On the field, he is a non-conformist, a contrarian. He colors outside the painted white lines.

You may not know new Bucs coach Bruce Arians. But you have met him before.

Arians is the closest thing the NFL has to Joe Maddon.

They play from the same sheet of music, as the former Rays manager would say.

"When I look at him and talk to him, I think, 'Did

we grow up together?'" said Maddon, about to enter his fifth season as the Chicago Cubs manager.

"Was I not aware that we were best friends and I just didn't remember? I'm sitting there wondering is there something in the water when you grow up in that neck of the woods that do you just react the same way internally to certain situations?"

"It's really odd, but we really do. We think a lot alike."

Last Friday, as Arians, 66, arrived from his lake house in Georgia to interview with the Bucs, Maddon, 64, sneaked him in through the kitchen of Ava, the South Tampa restaurant Maddon co-owns with Michael Stewart. They went past the bar and into a private hideaway dining room. It was just the two of them for an hour, talking about their philosophies until they were joined by Bucs general manager Jason Licht and director of operations Mike Greenberg.

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In Sports

Columnist Martin Fennelly writes on Christine Arians, the woman behind the new coach. Plus, ex-Bucs, including Tony Dungy, come out to wish Arians well.

Vinik back to first love

Jeff Vinik sees great market potential, so he's reopening his hedge fund.

BY RICHARD DANIELSON
Times Staff Writer

TAMPA — As if he doesn't have enough else going on, Tampa Bay Lightning owner Jeff Vinik is getting back into the hedge fund business.

Vinik, 59, unveiled plans Thursday to relaunch his money management firm, Vinik Asset Management, which he ran from 1996 to 2013. Since shutting down the fund, he has focused on the Lightning and Water Street Tampa, the \$3 billion real estate development project planned north of Amalie Arena near downtown Tampa.



Lightning owner Jeff Vinik returns to money management.

So why now? "Maybe it's because I'm about to turn 60, and there's something with round numbers with me," said Vinik, a career money manager who bought the Lightning when he was 50. "I love picking stocks. I love competing with the market. I've already spent three, four, five hours a day on it the last few years because I enjoy it so much, and I just got that itch. I want to get back in the big leagues of money management."

Vinik said he sees opportunity as the markets have turned increasingly to "pas-

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President Trump tours the U.S. border with Mexico on Thursday in McAllen, Texas.

Associated Press

In his border visit, Trump weighs wall funding options

Three weeks into the shutdown, the president seeks a solution — with Congress or without.

Washington Post

McALLEN, Texas — Driving home his assertion that illegal crossings have created a national humanitarian and security crisis, President Donald Trump took his case for a border wall to this city in the Rio Grande Valley on Thursday, one of the busiest regions of the southern border and the epicenter of his administration's controversial family separations.

The visit came one day after Trump abruptly walked out of

budget negotiations with Democrats in Washington to end the government shutdown, now at the end of its third week and with no end in sight.

At a U.S. Border Patrol station, where he attended a roundtable on immigration and border security, Trump continued to urge Congress to provide funding for the construction of a border wall, which he maintained would eventually be paid for by Mexico "many, many times over" through a new trade deal that

has yet to be ratified by Congress. "I didn't mean, 'Please write me a check,'" Trump said of his oft-made claim that Mexico would pay for the wall.

During the 2016 campaign, Trump's campaign sent the *Washington Post* a memo detailing its plan for Mexico to make "a one-time payment of \$5-10 billion" to pay for the border wall.

Even if approved by Congress, the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade deal would not necessarily contribute more money to federal coffers, as countries do not "lose" money on trade deficits.

Trump also blamed Demo- » See BORDER, 8A