



GRIT OVER GLAM: JUST WHAT THE LIGHTNING NEEDS

With plenty of goal scorers, Tampa Bay's role of doing the gritty, tough work is ably filled by Ryan McDonagh. He will be needed tonight when the dangerous Calgary Flames visit Amalie Arena. **Sports, 1C**

Deal may avert another shutdown

Negotiators late Monday said they reached a tentative deal over immigration rules and funding for border barriers. The White House didn't comment. **Nation, 3A**

System would rank emergency calls

Pinellas County and cities are considering a plan that would slow the emergency response for the most minor 911 medical calls. **Local, 1B**

Area's early TV teacher dies

June Hurley Young, perhaps better known as "Miss June," hosted the local version of *Romper Room* for 15 years on television. With in-studio audience of six children, the show taught educational, moral and behavioral lessons. The longtime resident of St. Petersburg has died at age 87. **Local, 1B**

Correction

Mike Griffin, who leads the University of South Florida's consolidation task force, graduated from USF Tampa. A story Monday was incorrect on this point.

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Get out there

Itching for something fun to do but don't know what's going on? Get the rundown of area events at tampabay.com/things-to-do.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Chance of showers

8 a.m. 67° Noon 76° 4 p.m. 76° 8 p.m. 70°

50% chance of rain
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Parkland shootings | One year later



Gail Schwartz, aunt of Parkland school shooting victim Alex Schachter and chairwoman of Ban Assault Weapons Now, submits 200 petitions Monday to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office in Fort Lauderdale for a 2020 ballot initiative to ban the sale of certain weapons. With Schwartz are, from left, shooting survivor David Hogg; Debbie Hixon, victim Chris Hixon's widow; and Mitch Dworet, victim Nick Dworet's father. **Story, 6A.**

AMY BETH BENNETT | South Florida Sun-Sentinel

For families, day of private grief

Tragedy led to public activism for many victims' loved ones. But not on the anniversary.

BY COLLEEN WRIGHT
Miami Herald

PARKLAND — Thursday marks one year since a former student shot and killed 17 and injured 17 more at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The day is forever seared in the memory of South Florida.

Memorials and ceremonies have been planned across Florida and around the world to remember the 14 students and three school staffers lost that day. Stoneman Douglas will be open Thursday for a short day of community service projects.

According to the school district, students can participate in projects including serving breakfast to first responders and packing meals for undernourished children beginning at 7:40 a.m. There will be mental health providers on campus and therapy dogs available. A moment of silence will be held at 10:17 a.m. The school closes at noon.

But many of the victims' families contacted by the *Miami Herald* said they planned to spend the day privately.

"That's for the community," said Andrew Pollack, whose daughter Meadow was among those killed. "(It) See **PARKLAND, 6A**



Members of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office SWAT team run toward the entrance of a hallway during active-shooter training at Strawberry Crest High School in Dover last summer. Students were not present.

Do active-shooter drills at schools traumatize children?

Associated Press

Long before an ex-student opened fire on his former classmates in Parkland, many school districts conducted regular shooting drills — exercises that sometimes included simulated gunfire and blood and often happened with no warning that the attack wasn't real.

The drills began taking shape after the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. But 20 years later, parents are increasingly questioning elements of the practice, including whether the drills traumatize kids.

April Sullivan was pleasantly surprised by an "I love you, Mom" text from her daughter last May, even though she knew the eighth-grader wasn't supposed to be using her cellphone during school in Short Pump, Va.

But she did not know that her child sent it while supposedly hiding from an intruder. The girl didn't know the "code blue" alert was a drill.

"To find out later she sent that text because she was in fear for her life did" See **DRILLS, 7A**

Tax refunds down so far

The many tax law changes, including to withholding, create bottom-line surprises.

Rachel Katz usually receives a tax refund of about \$2,000 to \$3,000. The Seminole Heights resident expected about the same this year, given that little changed in her financial life.

Instead, she's getting about \$700.

"I was really surprised that it was so low," said Katz, 26, who works in social services for the state. "It's disappointing."

That feeling is going around this tax season. The jolt stems from changes to the tax code made near the end of 2017.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, often referred to as President Donald Trump's tax cuts, lowered taxes for most Americans last year, according to many projections.

The Tax Policy Center, for instance, estimated that 80 percent of taxpayers would keep more of their money in 2018 thanks to the tax cuts. Only 5 percent would owe more. The rest would break even.

Middle-class workers would save an average of about \$400 to \$1,800, the center calculated.

So why, according to an Internal Revenue Service report released Friday, are the number of refunds down by almost a quarter and the dollar amounts by nearly 9 percent compared to the same period last year?

Changes in how much employers hold back from paychecks are one culprit. After the tax laws changed, the Internal Revenue Service came up with guidelines to help taxpayers hit the sweet spot between withholding too much and not enough. But word about the new rules was slow to spread.

Many workers didn't realize that the government wasn't withholding as much as in prior years. So they were getting more in each paycheck, but that cut into their refunds.

"We all should have gone back to check if our withholding amount accurately reflected our tax liability," said Howard Gleckman, a senior fellow at the Tax Policy Center. "Few people did, and no wonder: Who really wants to be checking that?"

Gleckman warns against drawing conclusions from one week of data so early in the tax

» See **BRINK, 4A**



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A REVOLUTIONARY TABLE

The Straz's executive chef sets the scene for the run of *Hamilton* with food and drink inspired by the times.

BY SHARON KENNEDY WYNNE
Times Staff Writer

If you ever wanted to eat like a Founding Father, the monthlong run of *Hamilton* opening Tuesday at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts has some fun takes on the show and our nation's food history.

Ed Steinhoff, executive chef for the last two years at Maestro's at the Straz Center, wanted to pay tribute to the blockbuster show that is so popular, the center's Broadway series subscriptions sold out for the first time in the hall's history.

The menu at Maestro's Restaurant will include a "Chicken Alexander" stuffed with Boursin cheese with a chestnut risotto on the side. And the

"Salmon of Tonight" is a sly take on the fourth song from Act 1 when patriots sing, "Raise a glass to freedom. They'll tell the story of tonight."

If you do want to raise a glass, consider the Hamil-tini that Steinhoff said was still a work in progress Monday. It will have a chocolate base, modeled after the chocolate drinks of the Colonial era that mixed cocoa with brandy or wine.

In doing research, Steinhoff realized using the Colonialists as a guide was a challenge.

"They didn't do a lot of fun stuff with food," Steinhoff said. "There's a lot of chestnuts and cheeses and chicken and protein, but not a lot of vegetables in" See **HAMILTON, 5A**



Photos by MONICA HERNDON | Times

Straz Center executive chef Edward Steinhoff presents the Salmon of Tonight, which features honey garlic glazed Scottish salmon with Dijon crema, harvest blend rice and wilted baby spinach.

Scott will not keep fortune in blind trust

Instead, the former governor will adhere to the rules of the U.S. Senate for reporting assets.

BY STEVE CONTORNO
National Political Correspondent

TAMPA — U.S. Sen. Rick Scott will no longer keep his vast wealth in a blind trust, forgoing a method for publicly disclosing his personal finances that he used during his eight years as Florida's governor.

Scott said Monday that instead he will report his assets to the public in annual financial disclosure forms required of all members of Congress.

"I'm not going to have a blind trust," Scott said Monday during

a Tampa visit. "What you do is just make the normal filings."

He didn't elaborate further. His Senate office didn't provide more details, including when he made the decision and why he took this step.

Scott, the former head of a health care company who left amid a fraud scandal, was the wealthiest governor in state history. His last state financial disclosure report — filed late on a Friday evening last June — showed Scott had a net worth of

» See **SCOTT, 9A**