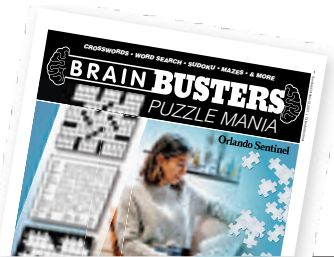


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Battle could decide control of Congress

Redistricting fight in Florida is the issue

By Gray Rohrer and Steven Lemongello
Orlando Sentinel

TALLAHASSEE — The balance of power in Florida, and maybe even in Washington, lies in the hands of 160 state lawmakers who have already begun the process to redraw congressional and legislative boundaries.

Redistricting is inherently political, as any change in the lines can mean the difference between winning or losing a U.S. House or legislative seat. That's especially true in Florida, a historic swing state whose constant population surges mean the 2020 U.S. Census data used to capture the changes will reshuffle the political calculus.

The stakes are high. Democrats hold a slender 220-212 advantage on the U.S. House over Republicans, so a map that helps elect one or two more Republicans could help push the GOP over the top to control the chamber after the 2022 midterm elections.

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Biden's spending plans split area Dems

By Steven Lemongello
Orlando Sentinel

Central Florida's three Democratic Congress members have been staunch allies since arriving in Washington in 2017. But when it comes to President Biden and the party's biggest priorities, the \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better plan and the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, they find themselves on quite different tracks.

U.S. Reps. Val Demings and Darren Soto have both expressed full support for Build Back Better, which in its current form fights climate change, allows Medicare to negotiate drug prices, provides for free community college tuition and expands child tax credits and paid family medical leave. All would be paid for by increasing taxes on those who make more than \$400,000 a year.

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Miya Marcano's death heaps scrutiny on apartment safety

By Skyler Swisher
Orlando Sentinel
and Eileen Kelley
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Julia Veiga's apartment complex turned into the setting for a nightmare.

Someone snatched Miya Marcano, a 19-year-old Valencia College student, from her Arden Villas apartment, killed her and

dumped her duct-tape bound, partially clothed body in the woods.

The suspect worked as a maintenance employee at Marcano's Orlando-area complex and had a key that allowed him to slip into her apartment whenever he wanted.

For Veiga and others living at Arden Villas, the death of the South Florida teen left them

scared and wondering what safeguards are in place to ensure they are safe.

"Everyone is on high alert," said Veiga, a 22-year-old University of Central Florida graduate student. "It happened way too close to home. It happened literally in our backyard."

What Veiga has learned is Florida law has few protections for renters fearful for their safety,

while other states go much further in giving tenants the right to terminate a lease early if they think they are in an unsafe situation.

Florida law doesn't require landlords to conduct background checks on employees with access to apartments or provide that information to renters. Unlike other states, Florida also doesn't

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Residents 'Come Out' to celebrate at Pride parade

Spectators cheer during the Come Out With Pride Parade in downtown Orlando on Saturday. See story in **Local & State**, Page 3.

Disney workers praise new \$15 minimum wage

By Katie Rice
Orlando Sentinel

Born and raised in Florida, 36-year-old Diego Henry Jr. grew up going to Walt Disney World. To him, working at the theme parks meant he could bring that same wonder he experienced there to others.

When Henry started working as an attraction host at the Fantasmic! show at Hollywood Studios in December 2013, he made \$8.35 an hour, he said. Soon after starting, he and his daughter Zoe were living "paycheck to paycheck, cash advance to cash advance" even though he was working full time, he said.

His credit was "horrible," and there were weeks when he and Zoe would have to eat instant

ramen until the next payday, he said.

Henry was making around \$10 an hour in August 2018 when the Service Trades Council Union, a coalition of local unions representing Disney workers, struck a deal with the company to gradually increase wages to \$15 an hour by October 2021.

Disney workers reached the full \$15 minimum wage Sunday, during the same weekend the resort began celebrating its 50th anniversary. For many employees, the increased income over the past three years has been life-changing: they've been able to pay off debt, buy houses and start planning for the future.

"I kind of feel more like myself,

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Diego Henry Jr., who works at DinoLand at Disney's Animal Kingdom, shares his one-bedroom apartment with his 17-year-old daughter in Pine Hills. STEPHEN M. DOWELL/ORLANDO SENTINEL

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