



Analysis: AI pricing suit raises antitrust questions

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DraftKings faces lawsuit

Florida complaint alleges sports betting operator is running illegal gambling activities in the state

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A lawsuit filed in Florida on Oct. 8 alleges DraftKings is operating illegal sports betting in the state. The lawsuit, filed in Broward County by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, claims

the digital sports gaming company is violating a state law. The 2021 gaming compact grants the Seminole Tribe exclusive rights to offer sports betting in Florida. "DraftKings is a licensed sports book operator in approximately 27 States and Washington, D.C., and operates as part

of a single integrated business — using its established brand and infrastructure to funnel users into its illegal Florida operations under the guise of an approved financial product," according to the lawsuit. The lengthy filing, 72-pages, names DraftKings and its CEO Jason Robins. It claims Robins had publicly described the company's product as

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A lawsuit, filed in Broward County by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, claims DraftKings, the digital sports gaming company, is violating a state law. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES



A "sale pending" sign in front of a riverfront house at 3020 S. Peninsula Drive. Daytona Beach Shores on Sept. 19. It was put under contract in just six days. Listing agent Ruby Tavakoli said the cash offer is close to the \$2.7 million asking price. CLAYTON PARK/USA TODAY NETWORK-FLORIDA

Selling your Florida home?

Here's the essential thing you need to do

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The New York Post recently proclaimed Florida "the hardest state to sell a home," but the unwelcome ranking is based on statistics that bear little resemblance to actual home sales numbers from Florida Realtors. According to its "exclusive" Sept. 30 article, the Post reported that the ranking by Underwood Law Firm was determined after analyzing data from the real estate website Redfin. Its claims included Florida having "a staggering 206,508 homes up for grabs, the biggest glut of any state studied," and properties typically sitting on the market for 73 days "before a buyer bites." That's news to Realtors who spoke with USA TODAY Network-Florida. While acknowledging the real estate market has been challenging, it's still possible for homes in Florida to sell

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Realtor Shannon FitzPatrick holds a "sold" sign in front of a house at 1761 Creekwater Blvd. in Port Orange on Oct. 7. FitzPatrick and her husband Tom Tatum, also with Re/Max Signature, found a buyer for their listing after just three days on the market.

How will Hurricane Isaias impact gas prices in FL?

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While some oil production facilities in the Gulf of America evacuated employees and suspended work as Hurricane Isaias shreds up the waters, gas industry experts are cautioning consumers not to jump to conclusions that the storm will drive up fuel costs. Hurricane Isaias is forecast to make landfall as a Category 3 hurricane or near it when it makes landfall somewhere west or east of the Pensacola area the night of Oct. 9. Mark Jenkins, a Florida-based spokesman for AAA Auto Group said Florida gas prices fluctuate on a weekly basis, often spiking on Mondays, storm or no storm. "It's possible some people might see that happen and assume it's because of the storm, when it's just part of the typical pricing strategy," Jenkins told USA TODAY Network-Florida.

Too early to tell if gas prices will be impacted by Hurricane Isaias

Experts said it's simply too early to tell if the hurricane will have an impact on gas prices in Florida. "Much of it will truly be dependent on what happens after the storm and whether there are extended outages to refineries or interruptions to supply channels," Jenkins said. Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy echoed Jenkins' comments about early predictions. "I would not expect high level impacts to gas prices, but it's too early to know if any damage may occur," De Haan said.

Oil production halts in Gulf of America ahead of Hurricane Isaias

Shell and Chevron said Oct. 7 each company was shutting down production at four facilities in the Gulf of America. "Chevron will continue to closely monitor the system and remains focused on the safety of our workforce, the integrity of our facilities and the protection of the environment," the

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