

Patrick Stewart dies

Legendary stage and screen actor, best known for ‘Star Trek’ and ‘X-Men’ movies, was 86



Star power

Cheyenne Jackson to perform at Judson’s Live. **Calendar**, Page 1

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UCF expects motivated Baylor with new coach. **Sports**, Page 1

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Nvidia chief seen as target of spy plot

US investigates if advanced AI chips delivered to China

By Jonathan Swan, Maggie Haberman, and Ana Swanson
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U.S. spy agencies had gathered striking intelligence. A top executive at a Singapore-based data center company was under scrutiny for possibly steering advanced Nvidia artificial intelligence chips to China. And now U.S. officials had concluded that she was a Chinese intelligence asset, funneling information to Beijing. But what came next was even more alarming. Surveillance of the executive, Alice Huang or Huang Le, a Chinese citizen, revealed that she had developed a close relationship with Jensen Huang, Nvidia’s CEO. For years, Washington has worked to deny China the technology needed to match or surpass the United States in the intense global competition for superiority in AI. The discovery that Beijing

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Winter Park may reconsider league’s use of fields in wake of soccer incident

By Brian Bell
ORLANDO SENTINEL

Winter Park officials, upset by a viral incident at a youth soccer match, may reconsider whether the sports league should continue using city fields, with one commissioner criticizing everyone but the children involved in the spat that brought police to the weekend game. Commissioner Craig Russell, a longtime teacher and athletic coach at Winter Park High School, said he was disappointed in the conduct of adults in the Saturday morning i9 Sports youth soccer match at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. “The true measure of a great youth sports program isn’t how talented any of the kids are, the players are, it’s really how the adults model the respect, sportsmanship and self control and character,” Russell said. The city is waiting for i9, which runs a variety of youth sports leagues in Florida and across the country, to conduct its review of the incident, which drew hundreds of thousands of views online and prompted claims of racism.

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Orange County Democratic Party volunteer Cathy Mathews waves to people entering the early voting location on Oct. 23 at the Southwest Library at Dr. Phillips. **RICARDO RAMIREZ BUXEDA/ ORLANDO SENTINEL**

ELECTION 2026

Democrats optimistic with early votes cast

Polls show Republican candidates in Florida still have slight lead

By Ryan Gillespie and Annie Martin
ORLANDO SENTINEL

Florida Democrats are turning out in droves to vote this month, but will that be enough to pull off upset victories in a state where Republicans enjoy vast advantages? In high-profile contests for governor and

U.S. Senate and down-ballot battlegrounds for congressional seats, Democrats feel buoyed by how many of their supporters have already cast ballots in races that have drawn national attention and millions of dollars in last-minute advertising. While polls show the GOP candidates holding slight leads, the early voting tabulations suggest Democratic voters here, like counterparts across the country, are enthusiastic about their candidates and angry about the direction President Donald Trump has taken the nation. So far in Orange County, one of the Florida’s few blue bastions, Democrats account

for roughly half of the ballots cast. The party has doubled the number of early and mail ballots cast in 2022, and this year’s totals could rival the numbers of those ballots cast during the 2024 presidential election. Democrats are also seeing a good showing in Osceola and Seminole counties. And in deep red Lake County, which has nearly twice as many registered Republicans as Democrats, by Thursday afternoon Democrats had turned out about 37.5% of their voters compared to Republicans at 25.7%.

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Kissimmee mom arrested after leaving her 4 kids home while she went to Las Vegas



The Osceola County Sheriff’s Office says Irene Miller went to Las Vegas for work this month, leaving her four children at home in Kissimmee. **COURTESY OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

By Vivian Yee
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Irene Miller, a professional photographer in Central Florida, went to Las Vegas for work this month, leaving her four children at home. The oldest is 14, the youngest 9. She was divorcing their father, who did not live with them at their home in Kissimmee, so she hired a babysitter to get the children ready for school in the mornings and to check on them after school. Otherwise, they were by themselves for several days. Three days after she left, one of her older children called 911: A dumbbell had fallen on the 9-year-old boy’s head, according to an account by the Osceola County Sheriff’s Office. When Miller, 50, got off her return flight last Friday, sheriff’s deputies were there to meet her.

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