



Florida football countdown, top 30 players from 1996 title team, No. 15

SPORTS, 1B



THE ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

STAUGUSTINE.COM | PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK



St. Augustine's Sebastian Harbor Marina, a 64-slip boutique marina situated on the San Sebastian River bordering AC Hotel by Marriott St. Augustine, is expected to open in October. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY SEBASTIAN HARBOR MARINA

New boutique marina coming to St. Augustine

Lucia Viti
St. Augustine Record
USA TODAY NETWORK

St. Augustine's Sebastian Harbor Marina, a 64-slip boutique marina situated on the San Sebastian River bordering AC Hotel by Marriott St. Augustine, is expected to open in October.

Sebastian Harbor Marina will offer boaters a protected home port less than two miles from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and approximately five miles from the St. Augustine Inlet. Its location also places visiting boaters within walking distance of historic downtown St. Augustine.

According to a news release, the marina basin was originally constructed in the early 2000s but remained stalled "in the wake of the Great Recession."

Asante Asset Management, which owns the marina and the neighboring AC Hotel, is almost finished with its extensive, multimillion-dollar revitalization of the marina and surrounding waterfront.

Construction and marina improvements are being supervised by John Valdes & Associates Inc. Work includes

See MARINA, Page 2A



Safe Passage Marina Management, LLC, led by St. Augustine business professionals John Valdes and Nico Recore, has been selected to oversee the marina's operations and management of the Sebastian Harbor Marina.

GOP primary turnout lapped Dems

John Pacenti
USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

Florida Democrats saw a favorable political landscape heading into the 2026 primary. President Donald Trump is at record low approval numbers, special elections wins this year indicated a throw-the-bums-out disposition among the electorate.

And yet, based on the primary turnout numbers, the state party came up short.

Republicans ended up with a 437,723-vote advantage when the dust settled. Overall turnout was actually down 0.8% from the 2022 midterm. Republicans out-performed Democrats in 58 of 67 counties. But one analyst said the numbers can be deceiving and that Democrats held their ground against the GOP.

One reason for a possible lack of

See TURNOUT, Page 2A

Spike in school supply costs hits parents

Christopher Cann, Clayton Park and Erick Trevino
USA TODAY NETWORK

Brandi McGrath usually buys quality, long-lasting school supplies for her 9-year-old son and his teachers. But sharp increases in the cost of folders, pencils and other products have forced her to cut back and search for cheaper alternatives.

"It's insane how expensive things have gotten," said McGrath, 48, of Salt Lake City. "I'm looking for every sale I can."

In Daytona Beach, Florida, Karin Kaiser was similarly struck by the cost of back-to-school shopping this year.

"It is crazy," she said, estimating that she and her husband spent over \$100 on just notebooks and loose-leaf paper for their two daughters. "That's

See SUPPLIES, Page 3A

We can help you
Beat the Heat and
Keep you Cool!

Steve Chapman's
ALL AMERICAN AIR
AIR CONDITIONING • HEATING • DUCT CLEANING • APPLIANCE SERVICES

★★★★ Est. 1980 ★★★★★

904.461.0070
www.allamericanac.com
1010 SR 312 • St. Augustine, FL 32080

Subscriber-only eNewspaper

The eNewspaper is an electronic copy of your print newspaper. Enjoy every page by going to staugustine.com/enewspaper or scan this code on your mobile device. You will also find late news and sports in the bonus sections. Check it out today!



Volume 133 | No. 200
Subscribe 888-424-8742
©2026 \$2.99

