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## TRUMP'S REVIVED TRAVEL BAN BACK IN EFFECT TODAY

Officials from the departments of State, Justice and Homeland Security were finalizing the rules late Wednesday for visitors from the six mostly Muslim nations subject to the restrictions. The Homeland Security Department has said only that it will implement the travel ban "professionally, with clear and sufficient public notice."

**Nation, 2A**

## State presents TBX alternatives

Department of Transportation officials are looking into at least a half-dozen alternatives to the controversial plan. Tampa Bay Next, a \$6 billion expansion of local interstates, includes adding toll lanes to Interstates 275, 75 and 4. **Local, 1B**

## Detectives: Woman had boy's child

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office officials say that Marissa Mowry, 25, was jailed Tuesday after being accused of having sex with an 11-year-old, getting pregnant and raising the baby for three years. **Local, 1B**

## Fewer minions makes it better

*Despicable Me 3* gives Steve Carell dual roles, and that makes it more amusing than expected.

**Steve Persall review, 2B**

## Looking forward to his opportunity

Center Brett Howden, 19, who was a first round pick in 2016, hopes to be the next long shot to crack the Lightning lineup. **Sports, 1C**

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# Doc Ford's may anchor new pier

Writer Randy Wayne White flies in for the ground breaking with his restaurant partners.

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ST. PETERSBURG — The story begins with Yucatan shrimp.

St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman took a trip down to Sanibel Island to visit Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, a sprawling good-times restaurant named for the central character in a number of Randy Wayne White's novels. Butter, garlic, cilantro and mild Colombian chilies — Kriseman

was grooving on the shrimp. And what's more, he liked the folks behind Doc Ford's.

Wednesday morning at the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$66 million St. Petersburg pier project, there they were: Randy Wayne White and restaurant partners Mark Marinello, Marty Harrity and Mark Futch (who had flown them all up in his seaplane). Nothing is official, but the large anchor restaurant

"Today is not a dream," Mayor Rick Kriseman says at the ceremony for the pier project. **Local, 1B**

in the new pier project is likely to be Doc Ford's, White's fourth restaurant location. If it is approved, it will likely be the largest restaurant in St. Petersburg, with upward of 450 seats in an indoor-outdoor setting.

In an already dense restaurant environment, the prospect of 450 more seats, especially backed by a nationally known author, may

make downtown restaurateurs a little skittish. At what point is St. Petersburg saturated with places to eat and drink?

"The study that we did indicated that we could have even more restaurants out there than the ones we're talking about," Kriseman said. "This restaurant will be different from anything that we have in the downtown core area."

For the novelist-turned-restaurateur, this project is about his affection for St. Petersburg.

"Over the past two years, we've met and enjoyed time with city

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St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin, from left, pilot Mark Futch, Mayor Rick Kriseman and author Randy Wayne White disembark from a seaplane Wednesday in St. Petersburg.