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Trump to make court pick ahead of Ginsburg burial

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday he expects to announce his pick for the

Supreme Court by week's end, before Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is buried, launching a monumental Senate confirmation fight over objections from Democrats who say it's too close to the November election. Trump said he is planning to name his pick by Friday or

Saturday, ahead of the first presidential election debate. Ginsburg's casket is to be on view mid-week on the iconic steps outside the court and later privately at the Capitol. She is to be buried next week in a private service at Arlington National Cemetery.

Democrats, led by Joe Biden, are protesting the Republicans' rush to replace Ginsburg, saying voters should speak first, on Election Day, Nov. 3, and the winner of the White House should fill the vacancy.

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Bank shares slide on reports of rampant money laundering

The Associated Press

The financial sector was hit hard Monday following a report alleging that a number of banks, JPMorgan, HSBC, Standard Chartered Bank, Deutsche Bank and Bank of New York Mellon among them, have continued to profit from illicit dealings with disreputable people and criminal networks despite previous warnings from regulators.

According to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, leaked government documents show that the banks continued moving illicit funds even after being warned of potential criminal prosecutions. The documents were obtained by BuzzFeed News and shared with the ICIJ.

The report compounded a massive sell-off across global markets because of gloom and doom over COVID-19 infections and the economic damage from the pandemic.

The consortium reported that documents indicate that JPMorgan moved money for people and companies tied to the massive looting of public funds in Malaysia, Venezuela and the Ukraine. The bank also processed more than \$50 million in payments over a decade for Paul Manafort, the former campaign manager for President Donald Trump, according to the documents, which are known as the FinCEN Files.

Shares of JP Morgan tumbled 4.4%.

The consortium's investigation found the documents identify more than \$2 trillion in transactions between 1999 and 2017 that were flagged by financial institutions' internal compliance officers as possible money laundering or other criminal activity, and \$1.3 trillion of that activity took place at Deutsche Bank. Shares of Deutsche Bank dropped 7.7%.

Deutsche Bank has been under scrutiny for years. The bank, based in Frankfurt, Germany, agreed to pay the state of New York \$150 million to settle claims that it broke compliance rules in its dealings with the sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

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State earmarks \$13 million for Marion springs restoration



Tubers, kayakers and a family in a canoe make their way down the Rainbow River on Monday. The state recently earmarked more than \$13 million for projects designed to benefit the Rainbow and Silver Rivers. [PHOTOS BY DOUG ENGLE/OCALA STAR BANNER]

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Marion County is in line to get more than \$13.2 million in recently announced springs restoration money from the state.

A total of \$50 million in state funding for more than 20 projects was announced on Friday by Gov. Ron DeSantis' office.

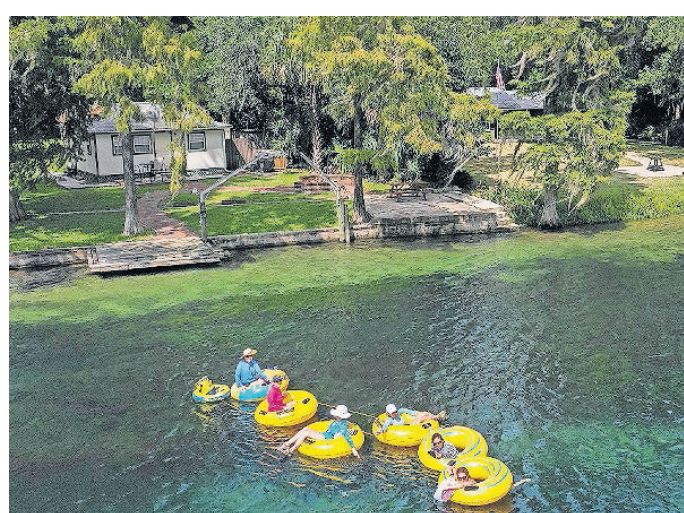
Last year the state pledged \$100 million for projects to help restore and maintain water quality.

The largest portion of the local funds will go toward the expansion and upgrade of a

wastewater treatment facility in northwest Marion County. More than \$6.8 million will go to expand the facility's capacity from 0.2 million gallons per day to 0.8 million gallons per day.

The facility will also upgrade to an advanced wastewater treatment system. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's original proposal was to expand the plant to a capacity of up to 1.5 million gallons per day. The capacity increase is tied to the county's efforts to move away from septic tank systems in the future.

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Tubers float by homes on the Rainbow River on Monday. The state recently earmarked more than \$13 million for projects designed to benefit the Rainbow and Silver Rivers.



Protesters make their way up Main Street in Gainesville on May 30 as they take part in a march in response to the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis. Even peaceful protests like this could result in felony charges for blocking traffic under legislation proposed by Gov. Ron DeSantis on Monday. [BRAD MCLENNY/THE GAINESVILLE SUN]

Florida governor seeks new penalties for violent protesters

By Brendan Farrington
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The state of Florida is going to get tough on people who engage in violence during protests, Florida's Republican governor said Monday in announcing new legislation.

Gov. Ron DeSantis said his proposed legislation will impose felony-level penalties on anyone who damages property, causes injury or destroys public property

during a protest.

"Recently in our country we have seen attacks on law enforcement, we've seen disorder and tumult in many cities," DeSantis said.

Florida's Legislature won't begin its annual 60-day session until March, so it's somewhat unusual for the governor to announce a legislative proposal so far in advance.

But DeSantis has the support of incoming Senate President-designate Wilton

Simpson and House Speaker-designate Chris Sprowls, along with local law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Democratic leaders criticized the measures as a ploy to help President Donald Trump's re-election bid. Florida's 29 electoral votes are a key to Trump's re-election and polls show a tight race with former Vice President Joe Biden.

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