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SPORTS

Martins scores twice, Sounders rout Orlando City 4-0



Seattle Sounders forward Obafemi Martins celebrates after scoring a goal during an MLS match on Sunday, August 16, 2015, in Seattle, Washington. Photo by Braulio Herrera

SEATTLE, Washington (AP)

Obafemi Martins scored two goals in his first game back since June 16 and the Seattle Sounders beat the Orlando City FC Lions 4-0 on Sunday to snap their club-record losing streak at five games.

The Sounders (11-12-2) won for the first time since beating DC United 1-0 back on July 3. That was Seattle's only win in a stretch of nine games while Martins, now with

a team-leading nine goals, recovered from a groin injury suffered late in a 3-1 U.S. Open Cup loss to the Portland Timbers.

"I'm so excited to be back and playing a game with the team," said Martins, who scored midway through the 17th minute, then midway through the 62nd. "It was pretty sad seeing the team losing a lot of games. But I'm glad that I'm back and we won."

Martins, still working his way back into game shape, subbed out in the 66th minute.

"I'm a lot better, and I can't wait to be more better and try to do what I can to help the team," he said.

The Sounders scored as many goals on Sunday afternoon as they had in their previous nine games combined. It was their first multiple-goal game since a 3-0 victory against FC Dallas back on June 13.

Paraguayan newcomer Nelson Valdez, signed Aug. 7, headed in a target ball from Erik Friberg for his first goal and a 2-0 lead late in the 51st minute. After Martins made it 3-0 midway in the 62nd, Thomas scored during stoppage time, his first.

Martins could have had a third goal, but was denied on a 30th-minute penalty kick when Orlando goalkeeper Tally Hall dove to his left to save it. The rebound went right to Seattle's Andy Rose, but his 10-yard shot from the right side also was saved by Hall.

"He's a valuable player to the whole team, and he brings many special qualities," Sounders coach Sigi Schmid said of Martins. "But like I said, the most important thing he brings is he gives everyone else around him on the field a lot of confidence. As their confidence grows, all of a sudden, guys who have been struggling recently played beyond themselves a little bit. It makes all the difference in the world."

Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei earned his ninth shutout, Seattle's first since the July 3 victory against United. Frei was not called upon to make a save as the Sounders outshot Orlando City, 21-5, and had 55 percent of the possession.

The Lions (7-11-7) went down a man in the 40th minute when defender Tyler Turner was sent off with his second yellow card.

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STATE

Big wildfire threatens resort town in Washington



A Chelan County Public Utility District worker surveys a burned structure along State Route Alt. 97 highway Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, outside of Chelan, Washington.

SPOKANE, Washington (AP)

Big wildfires threatened the Lake Chelan resort region of central Washington on Monday after driving away tourists, destroying a warehouse filled with nearly 2 million pounds of apples and forcing thousands of residents to flee.

The several large fires burning near the town of Chelan have scorched more than 155 square miles and destroyed an estimated 75 homes and businesses Friday and Saturday, officials said. Scores of homes remain threatened, and mandatory evacuation orders remained in effect for more than 2,900 people in the Chelan area.

The Chelan fires were just some of the many destructive blazes burning throughout the Northwest. In northern Idaho, more than 40 homes were lost near the town of Kamiah, and in Oregon a lightning-sparked blaze on the Malheur National Forest has grown to more than 60 square miles and has destroyed at least 26 homes.

So many fires are burning across the

West that the National Interagency Fire Center announced Monday that 200 active-duty military troops were being called in to help. They will be sent to a fire on Aug. 23.

The blazes near Chelan, about 180 miles east of Seattle, are burning through grass, brush and timber, fire spokeswoman Janet Pearce said. The uncontained fires were being battled by more than 900 firefighters, she said.

“Today our focus is on structure protection,” she said Monday.

The flames come in the midst of the summer tourist season in the scenic town located along Lake Chelan in the Cascade Range. The fires also threaten apple orchards and packing warehouses in the heart of the state’s apple belt during what has been a summer of drought in the Northwest.

Chelan Fruit lost one of its major fruit-packing warehouses in Chelan to wildfire on Friday of last week. The warehouse contained 1.8 million pounds of apples and employed about 800 people, said Mac Riggan, director of marketing for the company.



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10 Major Steps of Buying a Home

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Buying a home is a big commitment and there is a lot to think about. Here are ten basic things to consider before you decide to buy a home.

1. Decide it's better to buy then rent.

Are you ready to settle down and take on the additional responsibility of maintaining a home? If your short-term plans include moving to another city, figure in the time and expense of buying a home versus continuing to rent. Also consider whether you want the lifestyle of a detached (single family) home, or whether a condominium or townhouse might be more to your liking.

2. Calculate the amount of payment you can afford.

Generally, lenders will not want you to spend more than 33% of your gross monthly income on a mortgage payment, principal, interest, taxes and insurance, and not more than 43% combined for all monthly debt payments (including the mortgage payment, car loans, student loans, credit-card payments and other debt). Based on the down payment, the monthly payment you can make, and the current interest rate for home loans, your loan officer can arrive at an estimated price range of home you can afford.

3. Get "pre-qualified" or "pre-approved" for a loan.

A lender can do a preliminary review of your finances and credit to determine the loan amount you qualify for. Many real estate agents prefer that buyers are pre-qualified or pre-approved for financing to narrow the search for a home to a targeted price range.

4. What kind of home do you want?

Given your price range, decide what kind of home you want or need. Consider the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, the general size and style of the home, its location, and any special features you

want such as a fireplace or garage. Keep in mind that real estate is valued based on "location, location, location." So the closer a home is to a major city or desirable recreational opportunities, the more you can expect to pay. Homes with a view will also command higher prices. You may find it helpful to tour open houses in neighborhoods you are considering so you can get a good feel for housing costs.

5. Don't just look at loan interest rates.

A Truth in Lending Disclosure will give you the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for your loan which is a better indicator of the true cost of your loan than the base interest rate. Compare APRs when shopping for a lender. While it is required to be given to a borrower at the time of application, you can also request an estimate in order to "shop" for a lender who will give you the best overall deal, and not just the best interest rate.

6. Shop for your new home.

Be sure to allow time (up to several months) to look at a number of homes so that you have a good basis for making a final decision. Contact a Realtor to help you with your search. Many companies now have "buyer's agents" who represent home buyers exclusively during the negotiation process.

7. Make an offer.

When you find a home that you like, carefully give it your own personal inspection. If you think you find the home you want to buy, you will need to formally make an Offer to Purchase, including writing a check for a partial down payment (called "earnest money") which tells the seller you are serious about your offer. Make sure the offer allows you to get your earnest money back if a professional inspection reveals problems with the house, or if you are unable to get financing. Also, be prepared for disappointment. During boom times, there may be several offers on a house and you may find yourself competing with other buyers. The seller will inform you through their Realtor if they formally "accept" your offer.

8. Apply for a mortgage loan.

After your offer is accepted, it is time to make an appointment and get your paperwork to your loan officer. Your loan

officer will help answer your questions and may help you complete certain sections of the application. You will usually be asked to provide some money up-front to pay for a credit report and appraisal.

9. Order a professional inspection of the home.

While you're making a formal application for a home loan, you should also be contacting a professional home inspector who will look over the house for potential problems with the structure. Usually, the purchase and sale agreement you sign gives you a limited amount of time to get the inspection done. Make sure your inspector is more than a "pest" inspector. You will want someone qualified to check out the plumbing, wiring, roofing, appliances, heating system, etc. They will look for water or pest damage and should check both the attic and basement or crawl space (if applicable).

You should be present when the inspector

views the home, as they can point out to you where electrical boxes and other system controls are located and how they operate. Expect to pay at least a couple hundred dollars for this inspection. If the results are unexpectedly negative, you may decide at this time not to go ahead with the purchase. (During the loan approval process, your lender also will require a professional appraisal of the home to determine its market value based on comparable home sales in the immediate area.)

10. Close the loan.

Assuming your lender approved your loan, you can expect to "close the loan" anywhere from several weeks to a little more than a month from the time you apply. At closing, you will be asked to bring a certified or official check to complete your down payment and pay loan fees. You will also be asked to sign all necessary legal documents. At this time, you're given the keys to your new home!



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POLITICS

Trump: Deny citizenship to babies of people illegally in US

WASHINGTON (AP)

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump wants to deny citizenship to the babies of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally as part of an immigration plan that emphasizes border security and deportation for millions.

He would also rescind Obama administration executive orders on immigration.

Trump described his expanded vision of how to secure American borders during a wide-ranging interview Sunday on NBC's "Meet The Press," saying that he would push to end the constitutionally protected citizenship rights of children of any family living illegally inside the U.S.

"They have to go," Trump said, adding: "What they're doing, they're having a baby. And then all of a sudden, nobody knows ... the baby's here."

Native-born children of immigrants — even those living illegally in the U.S. — have been automatically considered

American citizens since the adoption of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution in 1868.

The odds of repealing the amendment's citizenship clause would be steep, requiring the votes of two-thirds of both houses of Congress and support from three-fourths of the nation's state legislatures. Republicans in Congress have repeatedly failed since 2011 to pass bills aimed at ending "birthright citizenship." Some conservatives believe that the granting of citizenship in such cases could be changed without amending the Constitution.

"They're illegal," Trump said, describing native-born children of people living illegally in the U.S. "You either have a country or not."

Trump's remarks came as his campaign website posted his program for "immigration reform." Among its



In this Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump waves to the crowd at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa.

details: Making Mexico pay for a permanent border wall. Mandatory deportation of all "criminal aliens." Tripling the force of immigration officers by eliminating tax credit payments to immigrant families residing illegally in the U.S.

"The wall will work," Trump declared

Monday when he arrived for jury duty in New York and a passer-by at the courthouse asked about that idea.

A day earlier, Trump said a tough deportation policy was needed because "there's definitely evidence" of crimes linked to immigrants living in the country illegally. He repeated comments he's made previously, noting that: "The good people can come back."

The New York businessman also said he would waste little time rescinding President Barack Obama's executive actions aimed at allowing as many as 3.7 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S. to remain in the country because of their U.S.-born relatives. Obama's November 2014 actions were halted by temporary injunctions ordered by several federal courts in rulings challenging his executive powers to alter immigration policies without congressional approval. The cases could lead to the Supreme Court.

"We have to make a whole new set of standards," Trump said. "And when people come in, they have to come in legally."



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SPORTS

Broncos beat Seahawks 22-20 in preseason opener

SEATTLE, Washington (AP)

Brock Osweiler was composed and efficient, leading the Denver Broncos to scores on all five first-half possessions. An impressive effort, even if it came against a makeshift Seattle defense.

Osweiler was 15 of 20 for 151 yards and a touchdown playing the first half in the Broncos' 22-20 win over the Seahawks to open the pre-season on Friday.

Starting in place of Peyton Manning, who went through pregame warmups but was just a spectator, Osweiler finished with a 112.7 rating. He capped his night with a 17-yard touchdown pass to tight end Virgil Green late in the first half for a 19-10 lead. Denver's offense finished with 240 yards in the half, although much of that came with most of Seattle's starting defense standing on the sideline.

"Things felt very smooth out there tonight. So from a personal standpoint it probably is my best performance to date, but I can't say that without those 10 other guys I was out there with tonight," Osweiler said.

While Osweiler picked apart Seattle's defense, Russell Wilson was left to scramble for safety during his two series in the first quarter. Wilson was sacked by Von Miller and fumbled on Seattle's second offensive play. He was sacked on third-and-goal from the Denver 8 and completed only one pass - a 12-yard connection with new tight end Jimmy Graham that elicited one of the biggest cheers of the night.

The biggest highlight for Seattle was the electric debut of rookie Tyler Lockett. Drafted primarily for his ability as a returner, Lockett took a kickoff back 103 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter after having a 46-yard return in the first quarter.



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) evades a tackle during an NFL preseason game, Friday, August 14, 2015, in Seattle, Washington. **Photo by Braulio Herrera**



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LATIN AMERICA

A festive flag-raising, then tough talk on US-Cuba relations

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)

A jubilant flag-raising at the reopened U.S. Embassy in Havana is giving way to serious talk about the road ahead in improving relations between the United States and Cuba.

Capping off a Friday in Havana that began with the Stars and Stripes being hoisted outside the embassy, Secretary of State John Kerry met with Cuban dissidents in the evening and said the island will not see an end to the despised U.S. trade embargo if Cuba's single-party government does not make progress on human rights.

Cuban and U.S. negotiators are to meet in Havana in early September to begin talks on normalization of the relationship between the two countries, which includes topics ranging from maritime security to the embargo to human rights, Kerry told reporters.

He said negotiations will follow three tracks. The first will encompass areas in which rapid progress is expected, such as cooperation on naval matters, climate change and the environment. The second will tackle more complex topics like the establishment of direct airline flights and U.S. telecommunications deals with Cuba. The last will take on the toughest problems, including the embargo, human rights and each country's desire to have fugitives returned by the other.

While the three tracks will proceed simultaneously, Kerry said, Cuban leaders should not expect to see progress on the embargo without improvements in civil liberties in Cuba, which does not allow independent media, political parties other than the ruling communist party or direct election of anything but low-level municipal posts.

"There is no way Congress will lift the embargo if we are not making progress on issues of conscience," he said.



In this photo taken through a window, Cuban videographers film the U.S. flag from a crane after it was raised at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Friday, Aug. 14, 2015.

Kerry began the day with a nationally broadcast call for democratic change on the island, saying that "we remain convinced the people of Cuba would be best served by a genuine democracy, where people are free to choose their leaders, express their ideas, practice their faith."

Hundreds of Cubans mixed with American tourists outside the former U.S. Interests Section, newly rechristened with a sign announcing "Embassy of the United States of America." They cheered as Kerry spoke, the United States Army Brass Quintet played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and U.S. Marines raised the flag outside the building, which overlooks the famous Malecon seaside promenade.

Addressing reporters with Kerry after the ceremony, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez responded by indignantly opening his remarks with complaints of U.S. human rights transgressions — from police shootings of black men to mistreatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, the U.S. naval base on Cuba that the government says must be returned.

"Cuba isn't a place where there's racial discrimination, police brutality or deaths resulting from those problems," Rodriguez said. "The territory where torture occurs and people are held in legal limbo isn't under Cuban jurisdiction."

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Algira Garzon was born in Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico. She spent her summers in the countryside at Ejido Eréndira, a fishing and farming village in Michoacan founded by her grandfather. It is here she developed her passion for cuisine and the culinary arts. Her mother would take her and her sisters on road trips to La Paz, Baja California Sur, building many sensory memories.

Algira first majored in communications in college and then received a M.D. in Organizational Psychology. She started her career at the Culinary School

in Tijuana in 2003 where she taught communications and Public Relations. After four years teaching, she also became a student at the school. As a tribute to her Ensenada origins, she began exploring the wine world and became Sommelier. She joined the enogastronomic movement in Ensenada and Valle de Guadalupe, taking part in important events and working with the best Mexican and international chefs.

Algira found a way to join communications, psychology and culinary arts through Elite Cuisines Consultants Team, a culinary consulting project involving her background in the manufacturing industry. She has further explored her creative



Chef Norma Algira Garzon

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From my balcony

Child slaves

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The National Human Trafficking Resource Center reports that there are 27 million people worldwide who are "modern-day" slaves. Sadly, children and teenagers from countries such as Benin, Togo, Nigeria, Mali, and other African nations, are a part of this statistic. These youngsters are illegally sent to the African country of Gabon every year, and exploited for financial means.

Girls are subjected to work as servants or prostitutes, while boys are put into manual labor. Children work all day long in the heat, while they transport sacks of cement or they walk for hours trying to sell dried fish or pastries.



► Lorena Barboza

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in 10 years, more than 700 children have been taken out of their homelands, but the question is, how many more are currently in slavery? It's difficult to answer that question due to a lack of legal documents, and because of clandestine immigration since parents usually don't accompany their children, having been convinced that they will be receiving education and wages to help the family.

According to UNICEF, these children end up entangled in very organized networks. They not only have to work, but are also subjected to violence, such as sexual abuse at the hands of those that employ them.

Hopefully the Gabonese authorities, along with UNICEF, can strengthen the training program in five cities to help magistrates, judicial police officers and social workers in the fight against child trafficking. Further action should be taken against trafficking at a worldwide level.

Have a happy week, and God Bless!

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Dave Says

Asking for a raise

Dear Dave,

What's your advice on asking for a raise at work when you have more responsibility than a co-worker but the same title on paper? After being with my company four years, I feel like I should make more money and I have the right to complain about this. — Vanessa



Dave Ramsey

Dear Vanessa,

Sorry, no. You don't have a right to complain. You agreed on your pay, and you are doing your job the way your character and integrity tell you to do the job. If someone else is a slacker in the same position, that doesn't mean a whole lot in terms of your personal compensation.

I've got several people at my company who hold similar positions and make similar money. Some of them have been here for years, while others are relatively new. I don't pay people for how long they've been in the building, and I don't want anyone on my team who doesn't give 100 percent. Now, that may be a different issue than pay, but at the same time I don't want someone who gives 50 percent and I pay them 50 percent. I want everyone at 100 percent, but that kind of thing isn't your problem. It's the company's problem, because she works for them and not you.

If you honestly feel like you deserve a raise because of your effort and performance, that's fine. Sit down with your leader and make a logical and reasonable argument for why you deserve more money. But don't bring up your co-worker and what he or she makes in the discussion. That's just not relevant. What is relevant is your worth and the value you bring to the organization.

But a comparative analysis with someone else on staff just isn't a good idea. I'd stay away from that, Vanessa.

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover*, *EntreLeadership* and *Smart Money Smart Kids*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.



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