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## Storm of complaints



Dwayne Anderson's backyard had 13 trees before winds from Category 4 Hurricane Michael broke them. Anderson had the trees and stumps removed. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

## Some Bay County homeowners say insurers low-balling their Hurricane Michael claims

#### **By Patrick McCreless**

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BAY COUNTY - Dwayne Anderson kept calm when his insurance company sent a \$26,000 check for home damage an inspector estimated would cost \$100,000 to repair.

"It didn't surprise me — I've been hearing the horror stories about people dealing with insurers," Anderson said. "It didn't catch me off guard."

Instead of getting angry, the Lynn Haven homeowner hired a public adjusting firm to handle the complex details of the insurance world to hopefully get more money. It was a decision he had made before.

"I had a claim before that was significantly underpaid," Anderson said. "They were able to help us out."

As recovery has begun in



Dwayne Anderson points toward a ceiling and window that sustained damage during Hurricane Michael. The window has been replaced. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

earnest in the two months since Hurricane Michael devastated Bay County, some area public adjusters and attorneys say they've had an influx of clients alleging insurers lowballed the damage claims for their homes.

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In this Dec. 12 photo, Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, leaves federal court after his sentencing in New York. [CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### **Cohen: Trump** knew payments were wrong

**By Michael Balsamo** The Associated Press

WASHINGTON Shaken and facing a prison term, President Donald Trump's longtime personal lawyer said Friday that Trump directed him to buy the silence of two women during the 2016 campaign because he was concerned their stories of alleged affairs with him "would affect the election." He says Trump knew the payments were wrong.

Michael Cohen — who for more than a decade was a key power player in the Trump Organization and a fixture in Trump's political life — said he "gave loyalty to someone who, truthfully, does not deserve loyalty." Cohen spoke in an interview with ABC that aired Friday on "Good Morning America."

Cohen said that "of course" Trump knew it was wrong to make the

hush-money payments, but he did not provide any specific evidence or detail in the interview. Federal law requires that any payments made "for the purposes of influencing" an election must be reported in campaign finance disclosures.

Speaking to ABC's George Stephanopoulos, Cohen appeared shaken over the series of events that swiftly took him from Trump's "fixer" to a man facing three years in prison.

"I am done with the lying," Cohen said. "I am done being loval to President Trump."

He added: "I will not be the villain of this story."

Cohen was sentenced on Wednesday to three years in federal prison after pleading guilty to several charges, including campaign finance violations and lying to Congress.

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**Empty stocking fund** passes \$300k mark

### Bay District Schools seeking 10 bus drivers immediately

#### By Genevieve Smith

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PANAMA CITY - Bay District Schools needs 10 qualified school bus drivers to complete its fleet.

"It's a great job because it is a job with the school board," said Michael Carter, director of transportation for Bay District Schools. "You earn leave, you're on retirement, good insurance. All the things that go along with what you would typically associate with government jobs."

Requirements to become a bus driver are pretty simple, and consistent throughout the state.

Drivers must be at least 21 years old with at least five years of driving experience and have a fairly clean driving record. Moving violations will be reviewed, though most speeding and parking tickets will not bar a candidate from employment.

According to Carter, hiring another 10 drivers, "certainly would alleviate some of the overtime and the extra hours our guys are working right now to try to meet the need to get our children back and forth to school."

The district's current fleet

has 127 drivers with room for 135. However, with a fleet that large, there often arfe drivers who are out sick, or more recently, tied up with hurricane recovery efforts.

"Several are on long-term illness, which takes us down to around 123, and there are 120 routes. On paper, the number of drivers should supply three extra drivers," said Carter. "Not all of the absences have to do with the hurricane but, by and large, the majority of them do."

Pay for entry level drivers with no experience begins at more than \$12 an hour, includes training and benefits.

"We work a few hours in the morning and a few hours in the afternoon, so you have the bulk of the day in the middle of the day off, and then, of course, when children aren't in school you aren't working but you're still getting paid," said Carter. "It's a huge benefit for those who want to travel in the summer or are retired already. We provide benefits that are very expensive if you are paying for them on your own."

The lack of drivers is causing a strain on schedules. Without enough drivers, schools are forced to have staggered starts, and many students aren't happy.

"That's (the challenge) we're running into, pretty much district-wide, is having enough drivers to complete the mission," said Carter. "The driver cannot be at two places at once so we have to stagger those starts."

On Tuesday, students from Rutherford High School attended the district school board meeting to address the board about the school's start and end times changing to 9 a.m. to 3:44 p.m. beginning Jan. 14.

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#### **Debris Pickup**

Hurricane debris from a home can be dropped off at the Steelfield Landfill, 11411 Landfill Road, Panama City Beach, at no charge. Bring proof of Bay County residency, such as a driver's license or a bill. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Panama City has established two debris dropoff points for city residents. One at the corner of Maple Avenue and Third Street in the Millville area and one at the Oak Grove Ball Field, located on 17th Street just east of Frankford Avenue. Panama City residents with a photo ID can drop off vegetative debris, construction debris and home appliances (white goods) between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., seven days a week.

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### **Empty Stocking passes \$300K**

The Empty Stocking Fund began more than 30 years ago, when Salvation Army board member Tommy Thomas and The News Herald joined forces to bring holiday cheer to the area's needy families. The first goal was \$20,000.

The fund's target has grown since and the campaign has raised more than \$4 million.

This year the fund was re-purposed in light of the devastation brought by Hurricane Michael with sights set higher than last year's \$185,000 goal; the need of those who lost their homes, jobs and more to the storm will not end Christmas Day nor will the work of the Salvation Army.

With that in mind, Cramer Chevrolet gave \$50,000 to kick off the campaign rather than waiting until the end for its usual \$5,000 contribution and those in the community also are being challenged like never before to meet a

need that is greater than

ever before.

You can mail donations to either of these addresses: The Empty Stocking Fund, c/o The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 540, Panama City, FL 32402; or The News Herald, P.O. Box 1940, Panama City, FL 32402.

You also can drop off donations at The News Herald, 501 W. 11th St., Panama City, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Circulation Department housed in the modular structure between the damaged News Herald at 501 W. 11th St. and Mulberry Avenue.

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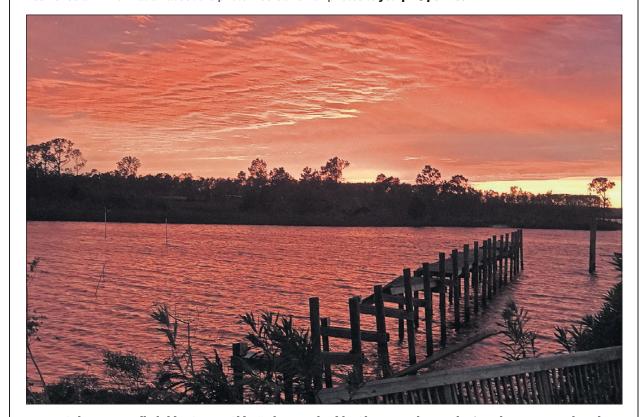
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Doctor Sylvester emailed this "Sunset Skies" photo and said, "Gloomy and gray, that's today. Just Monday, they looked this way..." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 15,

the 349th day of 2018. There are 16 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, went into effect following ratification by Virginia. On this date: In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South Dakota, during a confrontation with Indian police. In 1938, groundbreaking for

ceremony. In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to

the Jefferson Memorial took

place in Washington, D.C.

with President Franklin D.

Roosevelt taking part in the

In 1960, Teflon-coated skillets first went on sale.

at Macy's flagship store in New York City. In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court for crimes against humanity. (Eichmann was hanged 5½ months later.) In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6A and Gemini 7, maneuvered toward each other while in orbit, at one point coming as close as one foot. In 1967, the Silver Bridge between Gallipolis, Ohio, and Point Pleasant, West Virginia, collapsed into the Ohio River, killing 46

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he would grant diplomatic recognition to Communist China on New Year's Day and sever official relations with Taiwan.

people.

In 1989, a popular uprising began in Romania that resulted in the downfall of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHES'-koo). In 1995, European Union leaders meeting in Madrid, Spain, chose "euro" as the name of the new single European currency.

#### YOUNG ARTIST



Darvis Johnson. Grade 5. St. Andrew School.

#### **FLORIDA LOTTERY**

These Florida lotteries were drawn Thursday: **Cash4Life:** 04-11-18-23-47,

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## **NATION&WORLD**

### Detentions cast doubt on China's policies

By Paul Wiseman, Rob Gillies and Joe McDonald

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - By detaining two Canadians in an apparent act of retaliation, China is looking like the country its harshest critics say it is: one unbound by the laws, rules and procedures that govern other major industrial nations.

Canada's arrest of a top Chinese technology executive at the request of the United States has set off a diplomatic furor with Beijing.

And the way the countries have acted in the controversy draws a clear distinction between their political and legal systems – at a time when the United States, Canada and other advanced economies are rethinking the way they do business with China.

Canada gave Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou – daughter of the telecom giant's founder three days of public hearings before releasing her on bail to the cheers of members of Vancouver's large Chinese community who came to court to show their support.

By contrast, the Chinese secretly detained two Canadians on vague suspicions of "engaging in activities that endanger the national security" of China. Beijing didn't allow Canadian officials to see Michael Kovrig, a former diplomat in China, for four days. And it has yet to allow them access to detained



A woman walks by policemen standing guard outside the Canadian Embassy on Friday in Beijing. [ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

entrepreneur Michael Spavor. On Friday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke out against the arrests and called on China to release them. "The unlawful detention of two Canadian citizens is unacceptable. They ought to be returned," Pompeo said after meeting with his Cana-

"What does this say to Canadians?" David Mulroney, Canada's former ambassador to China, said of China's move. "It says to Canadians that China isn't a country that respects the rule of law. This means that when we engage China, we do it carefully and

dian counterpart.

probably in a limited way."

"They are trying to teach us a lesson, and I don't think we should put up with it," agreed Robert Bothwell, a University of Toronto historian. "Sadly, we have to diminish contact with China."

Bothwell concedes that disengaging with China "obviously has economic implications." Like consumers in the United States and elsewhere, Canadians have come to rely on cheap imports from China — everything from sneakers to electronics.

The Huawei clash comes at a tense time. The United States has slapped tariffs on \$250 billion worth of Chinese exports to punish Beijing for its sharp-elbowed drive to challenge American technological dominance.

The U.S. says China uses predatory tactics, including outright cybertheft and coercing U.S. and other foreign countries into handing over their technology as the price of admission to the Chinese market. China has lashed back with retaliatory tariffs on \$110 billion in U.S. goods.

Over dinner in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed to a 90-day

cease-fire in the trade dispute, buying time to resolve their differences.

In a sign of progress, China on Friday announced a 90-day suspension of planned tariff hikes on U.S. cars, trucks and auto parts. And China has resumed buying American soybeans, which had plunged as trade tensions worsened.

The Dec. 1 Trump-Xi meeting came on the same day Canadian officials, acting at the request of the U.S., detained Meng during a layover at the Vancouver airport. Washington wants her extradited to the U.S. to face bank fraud charges. The U.S. accuses Huawei of using a Hong Kong shell company to deceive banks and do business with Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions.

On Monday, China took the two Canadians into custody.

"They're innocent. She's probably guilty of fraud. So in that sense, China has arrested innocent people, or relatively innocent people, as a way to pressure Canada to let someone who may be guilty of a crime go free," said David Zweig, a Canadian political scientist at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and director of its Center on China's Transnational Relations.

But, Zweig noted, "the Americans moved first" in issuing the warrant for Meng's arrest and therefore must share blame for the fallout.

#### **DATELINES**

KATOWICE, POLAND



Polish teenagers stage a protest Friday at the U.N. climate conference in Katowice, Poland. Weary officials from almost 200 countries faced another day of negotiations to bridge their last remaining differences as small island nations on Friday demanded an ambitious stance against global warming. The talks in Poland were supposed to end Friday, but Michal Kurtyka, a senior Polish official chairing the negotiations, told delegates to resume talks on a revised draft text Saturday. [AP]

### STRASBOURG, FRANCE



French police officers patrol outside the cathedral as the Christmas market reopens Friday in Strasbourg, eastern France. French police killed the man who they believed attacked Strasbourg's Christmas market but investigators kept digging Friday for possible accomplices in a city known for a high concentration of potential extremists. The market reopened Friday in a bid to reclaim a festive spirit after being closed for two days after the attack. [AP]

#### **ATLANTA**



This photo shows DeKalb County Police Officer Edgar Isidro Flores, who was gunned down after a traffic stop and foot chase Thursday, east of Atlanta. Flores was shot multiple times by an assailant who also opened fire on a police dog named Indi, who is in stable condition, state officials said Friday. The suspect, identified as Brandon Taylor, 33, was shot by officers and also killed in the Thursday evening gunfire. [DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT VIA AP]

#### REPUBLIC, MO. Missouri city to pay \$1.2M to settle police shooting lawsuit

A southwest Missouri city has agreed to pay \$1.2 million to settle a lawsuit filed by the family of an epileptic man who was killed by a police sergeant after suffering a seizure while driving.

The family's attorney, Jermaine Wooten, said Thursday in announcing the settlement that he doesn't believe Sgt. John Tinsley was in danger when he fatally shot 48-year-old Destry Meikle in February 2016 in the city of Republic, the Springfield News-Leader reports.

City spokesman Michael Landis said it was in the "best interest for taxpayers, the city and the victim's family to put it behind us, move forward and avoid a long, drawn out costly trial."

#### **DENVER** Police want direct talk with missing woman's fiance

An official leading the search for a missing Colorado woman urged her fiance to speak with investigators, saying Friday that police believe he is the last person to see the 29-year-old "face to face" since Thanksgiving.

Police also began searching the property of Kelsey Berreth's fiance, Patrick Frazee. Officials said completing the search could take days and did not immediately disclose any information about why they were combing the property in the tiny community of Florissant, south of Denver.

The investigation and length of time Berreth has been gone suggest her disappearance is suspicious, said Miles De Young, police chief of Woodland Park, where Berreth lives.

#### PRINCETON, W.VA. Jury convicts man of child sex abuse in less than half-hour

A jury took less than 30 minutes to convict a West Virginia man who told police he sexually abused a 3-yearold girl by accident.

Mercer County prosecutor George Sitler tells news outlets that 26-year-old Henry Vincent Bennett was found guilty Thursday of first-degree sexual assault and other charges.

Prosecutors say Bennett told detectives that he twice mistook the toddler for his wife after she climbed into his bed.

Bennett's lawyers said his admission to Bluefield police in February was coerced.

The prosecutor says Bennett faces 80 to 270 years in prison at his sentencing in March.

#### **NEW DELHI** 10 die of suspected food poisoning at temple ceremony

At least 10 people in southern India died Friday of suspected food poisoning after a ceremony to celebrate the construction of a new

Hindu temple, police said. Another 32 people were hospitalized after they ate at the ceremony in Chamarajnagar district of Karnataka state, south of the state capital of Bangalore, said police officer Mahadev, who uses one name. Eight of those hospitalized were in critical condition, he said.

Samples were collected for chemical analysis of food that was served to devotees following a temple founda-

tion laying ceremony. They vomited, complained of severe stomach pain and were taken to nearby hospitals.

#### **ISTANBUL** Turkey's Erdogan reveals part of Khashoggi killing audio

Turkey's president says he has heard an audio recording in which a suspected killer of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi allegedly says: "I know how to cut well."

Speaking Friday, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan added that the man heard in the recording was a highlevel soldier and "morgue employee" who "openly" said he could dissect a body. Turkey has shared the audio recording with Saudi Arabia, the United States, Germany

and others. Turkey says a 15-person hit squad killed Khashoggi on Oct. 2 in Saudi Arabia's Istanbul consulate. His remains have not been found.

The Associated Press



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## Migrant girl held at US border dies in custody

By Colleen Long and Elliot Spagat The Associated Press

WASHINGTON Just 7 years old, Jakelin Amei Rosmery Caal Maquin was picked up by U.S. authorities with her father and other migrants this month in a remote stretch of New Mexico desert. Some seven hours later, she was put on a bus to the nearest Border Patrol station but soon began vomiting. By the end of the two-hour drive, she had stopped breathing.

Jakelin hadn't had anything to eat or drink for days, her father later told U.S. officials.

The death of the Guatemalan girl is the latest demonstration of the desperation of a growing number of Central American families and children showing up at the U.S.-Mexico border, often hoping to claim asylum, and it raises new questions about how well authorities are prepared.

Customs and Border Protection said Friday that the girl initially appeared healthy and that an interview raised no signs of trouble. Authorities said her father spoke in Spanish to Border agents and signed a form indicating she was in good health, though a Guatemalan official said late Friday that the family's native language was a Mayan dialect.

**CBP** Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said agents "did everything in



In this Jan. 4, 2016, photo, a U.S. Border Patrol agent patrols Sunland Park along the U.S.-Mexico border next to Ciudad Juarez. [RUSSELL CONTRERAS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

their power" to save her.

The episode drew immediate questions from members of Congress and others about whether more could have been done. There were only four agents working with a group of 163 migrants, including 50 unaccompanied children, and only one bus to take them to the nearest station 94 miles away. The protocols the agents followed failed to alert them to any signs of distress until it was too

"A 7-year-old girl should not be dying of dehydration and shock in Customs and Border Protection custody," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer tweeted.

The Rev. John L. McCullough, president of Church World Service, said her death was a result of "the administration's immoral war on immigrants." He declared, "People don't walk thousands of miles unless they are desperate for freedom at the end of

their journey."

The Homeland Security Department's inspector general opened an investigation, and congressional leaders promised one as well.

The girl and her father, 29-year-old Nery Gilberto Caal Cuz, were arrested with the large group near the Antelope Wells border crossing at about 9:15 p.m. Dec. 6. The rugged, mountainous area is home to ghost towns and abandoned buildings from Old West homesteader days. It's an unforgiving terrain where Geronimo made his last stand and remains largely isolated with no cell service and few unpaved roads. The sparsely used official port of entry is open

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The group was held at one of 17 "forward operating bases" in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas - spartan facilities built in recent years to increase official U.S. presence in extremely remote areas.



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Insurance companies deny the allegations, saying they've already paid millions of dollars for claims in the county and that their payouts are based on the market value of repair work and materials.

Anderson said his home is still livable and not as damaged as others in the community. Still, hefty repairs are needed, he said.

"The roof needs to be replaced and there are windows that were shattered ... water got in and I had to rip out the carpet," Anderson said.

Anderson added that his ceiling now has cracks and that much of his garage was significantly damaged.

Anderson said he's not the only person in the community dealing with low payments from insurers. In the weeks since telling co-workers that he had hired a public adjuster, they've come to him for help, Anderson

said. "Within the past two weeks I've had four or five co-workers come up to me and say, 'Who are the guys representing you?"" Anderson said. "I just had a feeling this would be the reality for a lot of people."

Bo Williamson, owner of Noble Public Adjust ing Group in Panama City Beach, said his firm has seen a jump in homeowners claiming their insurers low-balled them.

"What we're seeing is basically at this point, about 1 percent of people are getting paid what they're owed, another 9 percent are happy with their claim and 90 percent are upset that they've been low-balled by their insurance companies," Williamson said. "The insurance companies are basically paying 20 to 60 cents on the dollar, depending on who you

Williamson said insurance companies' entire business model is to make minimum payouts to clients whenever they can.

"People have got to realize how insurance companies work – they take in as much money as possible, invest it, then pay out as little as possible," Williamson said. "They deny where they can and where they can't,

they delay or underpay, then they try to defend it ... they've found out people get tired of fighting and eventually take way less money."

Locke Burt, chairman and president of Security First Insurance, said he doesn't understand how there could be complaints of low-balling, particularly for his company. Burt said his company had received only six complaints since the hurricane, only a few of which were over differences about settlements.

"We don't understand where folks in the community are getting this," Burt said. "If anyone has a complaint, they should call the company."

Burt said his company has 1,843 policies in the county, 68.4 percent of which have reported a claim for hurricane damage.

"The average check we have sent those people is \$36,601.67," Burt said. "In the case of a damaged roof, we made the decision we wouldn't repair roofs, we'd just give them the total amount for a new roof."

According to the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, as of Dec. 7, Hurricane Michael insured damage totaled about \$4.3 billion in the Panhandle. Also, of the total 131,562 claims made so far, the majority of them, 79,178, have come from Bay County. Of those claims in the county, 48,583 have been paid, the agency reports.

Burt said his company uses computer programs to calculate claim estimates.

"We don't just pull numbers out of the air," Burt said. "When a field adjuster comes to a house and looks at damage, he puts what he sees into the computer and it decides how much is paid based on the area market value of how much lumber is needed, time for the work and other materials."

David Murray, attorney with Danahy & Murray Florida Property Insurance Claim Attorneys, which has an office in Panama City, said the problem with the computer programs insurance companies have is they're not always used properly.

"It has line items for all of the scope of work possible," Murray said of the programs. "When attention to detail has not taken place ... when inspectors don't put in all the line items, the payment that comes out is woefully insufficient."

Murray said his firm has had a jump in clients alleging they've gotten low-ball estimates from insurers since the hurricane.

"We've definitely seen an incredible uptick in regards to estimates that are not given fair and proper assessment of damages," Murray said.

Murray noted that insurers' slow payouts could hamper recovery work. He said many insurers tell their customers to get another estimate from a contractor if they're unsatisfied with their claim check.

"But who can find a contractor in Panama City right now to give free estimates?" Murray said. "Contractors can't afford to go out and give these free estimates right now."

Michael Peltier, spokesman for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, said his company's area customers aren't being low-balled and that in most cases, they're being paid up to what their policies allow.

Peltier said what might be happening is that many of the complaints could be coming from mobile home owners. According to Citizens Property, 60 percent of all its Hurricane Michael claims are for mobile home policies.

Unlike standard homes, mobile homes depreciate in value over time, hence why owners might get less for their claims than they expect, Peltier said.

"So, the claim will not be enough to purchase a new mobile home," Peltier said.

Peltier said customers are encouraged to contact the company should they get different estimates from a contractor.

"What we tell folks is we can reopen a claim if they have a different estimate from a contractor," he said.

Williamson's advice for residents is to hire a professional if they have serious concerns about low-balling.

"How do regular homeowners know how to present the most favorable claim possible," Williamson said. "The more it drags on, the worse it gets for homeowners because they didn't file their claims properly."



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#### **DRIVERS**

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Having a later release time, the students argued, would interfere both with student sports and work schedules, the latter being especially critical for students working to support themselves and their families.

Though transportation constraints currently have the district's hands tied, there is hope that the post-hurricane state of the county will encourage people who need jobs to apply.

Carter said the schedule for bus drivers is great, particularly for parents and grandparents, as it gives time off for Thanksgiving break, winter break and Spring Break, in addition to the summer.

"You get that time off with pay and so it really frees up a lot of your personal time to spend with family, and to accomplish things in life that you'd typically want to accomplish but you're nailed to a job you know that you're working every day and you can't do these things. But we offer that time off to make that possible."

For more information on the position or to apply, visit the "Support" tab under "Job Openings" at www.Bay.k12. fl.us/human-resources and create an account to begin.

#### **COHEN**

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Prosecutors have said Trump directed Cohen to arrange the payments to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal in the run-up to the 2016 campaign.

The decisions to pay off Daniels, who alleged she had sex with a married Trump in 2006, during the run-up to the 2016 election was made soon

after an old "Access Hollywood" tape surfaced, in which Trump was heard talking about groping and trying to have sex with women, Cohen said.

"He was very concerned about how this would affect the election," Cohen said.

The hush money wasn't initially reported on campaign finance documents and, in any case, far exceeded the legally acceptable amount for in-kind contributions.

The federal limit on individual contributions

is \$2,700. As to whether Trump

knew it was wrong to make the payments, Cohen said, "First of all, nothing at the Trump organization was ever done unless it was run through Mr. Trump. He directed me to make the payments, he directed me to become involved in these matters."

Trump has denied directing Cohen to break the law and has asserted in a barrage of tweets over the last several weeks that Cohen is a "liar" who cut a deal in order to get a reduced prison sentence and to help himself and his family.

## BUSINESS

#### WHAT TO WATCH FOR NEXT WEEK

• On Monday, the National Association of Home Builders releases housing market index for December.

#### **MARKET WATCH**

Dow	24,100.51	$\blacksquare$	496.87
Nasdaq	6,910.66	$\blacksquare$	159.67
S&P	2,599.95	$\blacksquare$	50.59
Russell	1,410.81	$\blacksquare$	21.89
NYSE	11,755.38	$\blacksquare$	180.78

#### COMMODITIES **REVIEW**

Gold	1,237.00	$\blacksquare$	5.70
Silver	14.513	$\blacksquare$	.216
Platinum	785.30	$\blacksquare$	12.20
Copper	2.7605	$\blacksquare$	.0020

#### Crude (Jan.) 51.20 ▼ 1.38 **MARKET MOVERS**

- Alaska Air Group Inc., **up 96 cents to \$62.30:** The airline said it flew more passengers and revenue improved in November.
- Sealed Air Corp., up \$1.54 to \$33.94: The industrial gas company announced a new restructuring program, including job cuts, aiming to save about \$200 million a year.

#### **BRIEFCASE**

#### **NEW YORK** J&J hammered by report it knew of asbestos

Johnson & Johnson on Friday forcefully denied a media report that it knew for decades about the existence of trace amounts of asbestos in its baby powder.

The report by the Reuters news service sent the company's shares into a tailspin, suffering their worst one-day sell-off in 16 years.

Reuters cited documents released as part of a lawsuit by plaintiffs claiming that the product can be linked to ovarian cancer. The New Brunswick, New Jersey company has battled in court against such claims and on Friday called the Reuters report "one-sided, false and inflammatory."

Johnson & Johnson's stock fell \$14.84, or 10 percent, to close Friday at \$133, its most severe single-day decline since 2002.

#### WASHINGTON **US retail sales rose 0.2%**, helped by holiday boost

U.S. retail sales increased a slight 0.2% in November, as strong sales tied to holiday shopping were offset by lower gasoline prices.

Excluding gas, however, the Commerce Department said Friday that last month's retail sales rose a healthy 0.5% in a positive sign for economic growth.

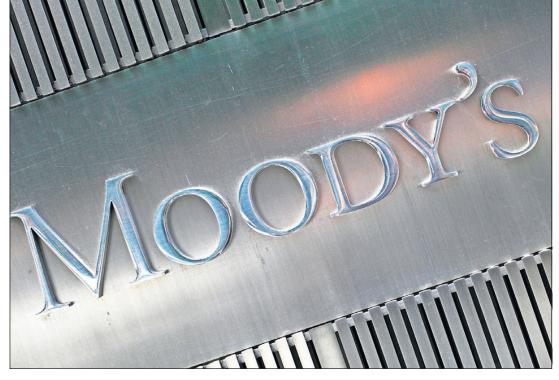
Retail sales have climbed a solid 5.3% so far this year.

#### **DETROIT** GM says it has 2,700 jobs for workers set to be let go

General Motors' plans to lay off 14,000 salaried and blue-collar workers might not be as bad as originally projected.

The company said Friday that 2,700 out of the 3,300 U.S. factory jobs slated for elimination will now be saved. Blue-collar workers will still lose jobs at four U.S. plants slated for closure next year, but most will be able to find employment at other GM factories where jobs are being added. Some would have to relocate.

GM still plans to lay off about 8,000 white-collar workers and another 2,600 factory workers in Canada.



This August 2010 file photo shows a sign for Moody's Corp. in New York. Concerns are building from Washington to Wall Street about the trillions of dollars in debt that U.S. businesses have racked up, particularly by companies with relatively weak finances. [MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

## The debt threat

Business debt, and worries about it, are up

#### By Stan Choe

The Associated Press

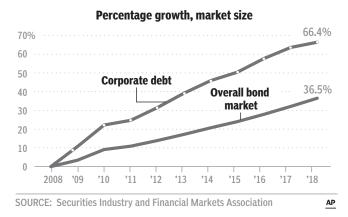
NEW YORK - Homeowners appear to have learned the lesson of the Great Recession about not taking on too much debt. There is some concern that Corporate America didn't get the message.

For much of the past decade, companies have borrowed at super-low interest rates and used the money to buy back stock, acquire other businesses and refinance old debt. The vast majority of companies are paying their bills on time, thanks in large part to profits that have surged since the economy emerged from the Great Recession nine and a half years ago.

But with interest rates rising and U.S. economic growth expected to slow next year, worries are building from Washington to Wall Street that corporate debt is approaching potentially dangerous levels. U.S. corporate debt has grown by nearly two-thirds since 2008 to more than \$9 trillion

#### **Business borrowing boom** The amount of corporate debt has exploded since the financial

crisis, growing much faster than the the bond market.



and, along with government debt, has ballooned much faster than other parts of the bond market. Investors are most concerned about companies at the weaker end of the financial-strength scale those considered most likely to default or to get downgraded to "junk" status should a recession hit.

"I've been more worried about the bond market than the equity market," said Kirk Hartman, global chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Asset Management. "I think at some point, all the leverage in the system is going to rear its ugly head."

Consider General Electric, which said in early October it would record a big charge related to its struggling power unit, one that ended up totaling \$22 billion. Both Moody's and Standard & Poor's subsequently downgraded GE's credit rating to three notches above "speculative" grade, which indicates a higher risk of default.

GE, with about \$115 billion

in total borrowings, is part of a growing group of companies concentrated at the lower end of investmentgrade. Other high-profile names in this area within a few notches of junk grade include General Motors and Verizon Communications. They make up nearly 45 percent of the Bloomberg Barclays Credit index, more than quadruple their proportion during the early 1970s.

Credit-rating agencies say downgrades for GE, GM or Verizon aren't imminent. But the concern for them, and broadly for this swelling group of businesses, is if profits start falling or the economy hits a recession.

If those companies do drop below investment grade, they'd be what investors call "fallen angels," and they can trigger waves of selling. Many mutual funds and other investors are required to own only high-quality, investment-grade bonds — so they would have to sell any bonds that get cut to junk.

#### **DAVE SAYS**

### *Make sure* it's a gift, or it's a trap

#### Dear Dave.

I'm on Baby Step 4 of your plan. I'm debt-free, and I'm currently putting lots of money toward retirement. Now, I want to go back to school and get an MBA. I could pay for school with cash, but that would delay buying a home. My parents have offered to help out financially, so do you think I should accept their offer?

Isaac

Dear Isaac, I don't have a problem with this, if they're doing well enough financially to afford it, and the help comes in the form of a gift. If they're borrowing the money to make it happen, then the answer is "no." If they want to loan you the money, the answer is "no." A loan between family members, or even friends, isn't help - it's a trap for both parties.

But hey, if they're in good enough shape to gift you some money to help with the MBA or a home, that would be an incredibly generous thing to do. I think it's so cool when people work hard, make smart decisions, and manage their money well to the point they can do things like this for others.

It sounds like you're in a really good place, Isaac. Pay cash for school, and if you can't buy a home outright when the time comes, make a down payment of at least 20 percent. That way, you'll avoid having to pay private mortgage insurance!

**Dave** 

#### Cash out stock for emergency fund?

#### **Dear Dave,**

I'm 45, married, and we have a household income of about \$85,000 a year. We have no debt, except for our home, and we owe about \$70,000 on it. I recently stopped contributing to my 401(k) temporarily in an effort to help us build an emergency fund, but things are moving slowly. We also have \$25,000 in stock. Should we cash out the stock, and use the money for an emergency fund?

#### Nate

Dear Nate.

Yes, that's what I would do. Basically, your emergency fund is in stock right now. That's not a good place to keep an emergency fund, because you never know when life will throw unexpected expenses your way or the stock market will go down.

I would cash out that stock as soon as possible. Put the money in a simple money market account one with check writing privileges and no penalties for early withdrawals. You always want your emergency fund to be safe and easily accessible. Then, make sure you keep pushing forward and take care of Baby Step 4, investing for retirement; Baby Step 5, save money for college if you have young children; and Baby Step 6, pay off your home early.

Baby Step 7 means building wealth and giving like crazy. These things are easy once you have the other Baby Steps out of the way.

### **Apple upstages Amazon in** selecting new tech hub locations

#### By Michael Liedtke, Matt O'Brien and Will Weissert The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - One tech giant strung dozens of North American cities through a circus-like contest that led mayors and governors to desperately pitch their regions - and offer huge sums of public money - in hopes of landing a gleaming new corporate campus. The other swept in quietly before making its big move.

The outcome was largely the same: Amazon and Apple are running out of room in their West Coast hometowns and establishing a major foothold in a handful of U.S. cities already known as second-tier technology hubs.

But this week, at least,

Apple may have won the prize for completing its search with the fewest hurt feelings.

Apple announced plans Thursday to build a \$1 billion campus in Austin, Texas, that will create at least 5,000 jobs ranging from engineers to call-center agents while adding more luster to a city that has already become a destination for tech startups and bigger companies.

The decision comes 11 months after Apple CEO Tim Cook disclosed plans to open a major office outside California on the heels of a massive tax cut on overseas profits, which prompted the company to bring about \$250 billion back to the U.S.

The company said it will also open offices in Seattle, San Diego and Culver City, California, each employing at least 1,000 workers over the next three years. Apple also pledged to add hundreds of jobs each in New York; Pittsburgh; Boston; Boulder, Colorado; and Portland, Oregon.

"They are just picking America's most established superstar cities and tech hubs," said Richard Florida, an urban development expert at the University of Toronto.

Apple's scattershot expansion reflects the increasing competition for engineers in Silicon Valley, which has long been the world's hightech capital. The bidding for programmers is driving salaries higher, which in turn is catapulting the average prices of homes in many parts of the San Francisco Bay Area.

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## **Give children** a healthy life

here was a time when a mother would hear her child cough and wonder if she would soon be praying over a small grave. There was a time when localized polio outbreaks gripped communities in terror. A time when tetanus killed about 10 percent of the people infected with it.

Those days are mostly over, thanks to widespread vaccination programs that protect Americans against these and a wide variety of other serious, contagious diseases.

But another contagious disease is spreading, and the only really accurate name for it is "willful ignorance." Increasingly, parents are defying all logic and scientific fact — and refusing to have their children vaccinated. It's a trend state health officials should take seriously and, at the very least, take a strong public stand against.

Florida requires several vaccinations for students enrolled in public school, including diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough or pertussis (given in a combined vaccine known as DTap); polio; measles, mumps, rubella (another combo, called MMR); varicella or chicken pox; hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae type b (also known as Hib). The number of shots can be daunting, and no parent likes to see their child cry. But it's far better than the alternative, which is watching diseases that should be extinct come creeping back.

When asked, parents cite multiple reasons for not wanting to vaccinate their children. None of them have scientific validity. The link between autism and vaccination has been thoroughly debunked. Some parents say they are afraid of mercury in vaccines, but most vaccinations given to children don't contain mercury.

None of those reasons, fortunately, can excuse a child from vaccinations under Florida law. But there's one excuse that does: If parents claim some kind of religious exemption to vaccination.

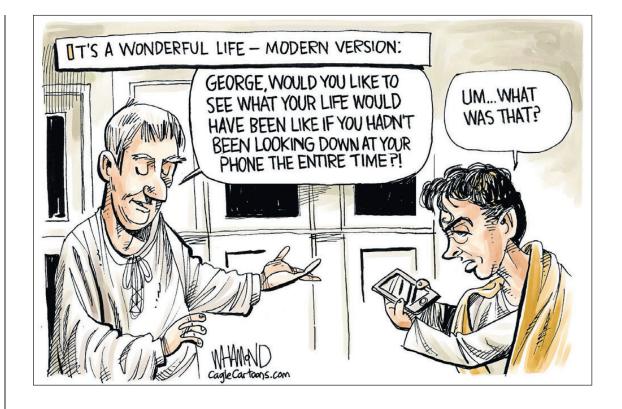
On that provision of the law, Florida lawmakers should ask themselves one question. Is there a single, organized religion that frowns on vaccination? A quick investigation reveals no major religion in the United States that has a "canonical objection" to childhood vaccinations.

Yet claims of religious exemptions are up - steeply. It's hard to believe so many families are acolytes of some secret, anti-science religion that proscribes vaccination. It's far more likely these parents — having never seen these horrible diseases for themselves - can't comprehend the risk they are taking and are too easily swayed by internet misinformation and celebri-

ties proclaiming they are "better safe than sorry." The worst thing is that these parents are risking other children's lives as well. There are children who can't be vaccinated — including very young babies and children with autoimmune disorders. A case of a generally mild disease, such as measles, might kill or permanently disable such a vulnerable child.

For most children, however, there is only one physical condition proven to be connected with childhood vaccination. It's called "adulthood." Immunizing children means giving them a shot at growing up healthy. It's hard to imagine any objection - let alone a religious one - to that.

A version of this editorial first appeared in the Ocala Star-Banner, a News Herald sister paper with GateHouse Media.



### Fantasy football fans gird for NFL playoffs



**Peter Funt** 

illions of anxious fans are now watching their fortunes rise or fall in the annual fantasy football playoffs. Although fantasy competition is based on actual performances in the NFL, it operates in a way that is fundamentally different from real life. In fantasy sports, allegiance to teams means nothing; individual players are all that matter. In fantasy football each participant creates a roster by selecting individual players from among the NFL's 32 real teams. So, your quarterback might be from the Green Bay Packers, while your wide receiver is from the Dallas Cowboys. Your score is based on how well each of your players performs in real games, without regard to the final outcome - in this casefor the Packers or Cowboys. The NFL and other major sports leagues love this approach – so much so that most teams actively support, and even invest in, companies that operate fantasy games. Why? Because the leagues are more financially stable and fans are more engaged. Nowadays, the sum of the players is greater than the sum of the teams. If you are a San Francisco fan, for example, you've pretty much lost interest by



**Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton (1) carries** between New Orleans Saints defensive tackle Tyeler Davison (95) and defensive end Cameron Jordan (94) in the first half of an NFL football game in New Orleans. [AP FILE]

season, with just three wins and 10 loses. But if you're lucky enough to have the team's star tight end George Kittle on your fantasy roster, you're still engaged, and loving it. Moreover, many fantasy players bet with their hearts as well as their wallets. If you don't like the off-field behavior of a particular player, or the politics of a given NFL owner, you can ignore them in your fantasy world. Donald Trump would not fare well in fantasy sports. He rejects globalism and declares himself a nationalist. He would not want his team to have a running back from Mexico or a place kicker from Haiti. While his goal would be to Make The Trumpsters Great Again, his exclusionary strategy likely would leave him in last place. If I were making a fantasy political team, I would draft a player like outgoing Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake. In real life, however, Flake's contrary positions on several key

made him unwelcome on the Republican team.I'd include departing Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill, a moderate Democrat who lost her bid for re-election in a state where voters elected Donald Trump by an incredible 19 points. She exits noting that too many of her colleagues have become "poll-driven and scripted."I'd probably give a spot on my team to Republican Mia Love, who earned the wrath of Donald Trump and paid the price when Utah voters were unwilling to send her back to the House of Representatives. She warns: "We cannot fall into the trap of thinking that there are Democratic issues and Republican issues."My fantasy squad would even dip into the real football world and select Colin Kaepernick as its quarterback. Having committed the sin of dropping to a knee during the national anthem to protest police killings of unarmed black men, Kaepernick has been blackballed by NFL owners for two years. Well, he's got a spot on my team. Imagine, as John Lennon might have said, if there were no political parties, no exclusionary clubs, and no sports teams that willingly hire wife-beaters but exile a person for simply taking a knee. The best part about my team is that it isn't a team at all. It's simply a band of solid citizens, willing to put principle before party. Nothing fanciful about that.

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The Washington Post reports a

7-year-old immigrant died of dehy-

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### **Dreamers deserve** attention

As the immigration debate rages on, Florida lawmakers need to make providing permanent protections for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients a priority heading

in the new year. The 800,000 **DACA** recipients have had their lives tossed back and forth by Congress and the courts since March of last year, unable to plan and invest in their futures in the U.S., even though they've lived here the majority of their lives. Eighty-six percent

of Americans support a long-term legislative solution for Dreamers, including eight in 10 Republicans, and removing DACA authorized workers would result in the loss of more than \$1.4 billion in annual GDP in Florida alone.

Partisan politics have gotten in the way of a solution for Dreamers, yet they bring so much to our Florida communities.

I hope the new Congress passes a legislative solution in the new year. Dreamers and Florida communities need one.

Maria Rodriguez, Tallahassee

#### READER FEEDBACK

now in the 49ers' miserable

**According to PCBPD reports,** police arrived shortly after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to Willoughby Way Boulevard to a call of a domestic dispute. The victim told police that his mother had been drinking all day long, so he tried to get rid of her alcohol, PCBPD reported.

Allison C. Dugas: Smart and brave

**Stretch Madascy:** That's methed up! Pam Whatley Brown: Bless her broken heart, and the precious child trying to save her!!!

Linda Ann Cherry: So sad for a child to have to go through this.

Sarah Stovall: I think I'd really like to get her alone one day.

Janice Pettibone Zeimer: So sad. Jon Moyer: So glad she is instantly being cured from needing alcohol every 15 minutes while locked up. So sad for the child.

Sharon Burdeshaw: There is more

going on here than alcohol. Also, is the child in protective custody now? The article did not say. Bless him!

issues, such as immigration,

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker signed a sweeping package of Republicanwritten legislation Friday that restricts early voting and weakens the incoming Democratic governor and attorney general, brushing aside complaints that he is enabling a brazen power grab and ignoring the will of voters.

Jordan Maynard: Time for the Dems to take over the state and undo it. How childish.

Tom Schmid: He really puts the "con" in conservative.

Chris Oaks: I see nothing wrong with any of this. Plus there is no need to have early voting seven weeks early. **Sam Bennett:** And so the destruction of the Republic begins, not by some shadowy "socialist conspiracy" but by (the ironically named) Republican party authoritarian, wannabe

dictators.

dration and shock more than eight hours after she was arrested by agents near Lordsburg, New Mexico. The girl was from Guatemala and was traveling with a group of 163 people who approached agents to turn themselves in on Dec. 6. **James Michael Thomas:** Died after parents fail to provide food or water. It takes days if not weeks to die of starvation and or dehydration. **Connie Pore:** I'm sure this little girl was not cuffed and actually arrested. Stirring the pot! Wade Bass: What? They don't have water in Mexico? They expect us to believe border agents didn't offer water to these folks... children? Lies. Denise Lang: Sad that this happened, but not fault of this country. Her family made the choice of this journey and the outcome is so sad!

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### Senate rebukes Trump, Saudi Arabia

By Mary Clare Jalonick, Lisa Mascaro and **Matthew Lee** 

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -In back-to-back votes against Saudi Arabia, the Senate delivered an unusual rebuke of President Donald Trump's response to the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and signaled new skepticism from Capitol Hill toward the longtime Middle East ally.

Although the resolutions are largely symbolic - because it's unclear if they will be considered by the House – their passage Thursday showed senators seeking to assert oversight of Trump administration foreign policy and the relationship with Saudi Arabia.

It also marked the collapse of the Trump administration's effort in the Senate to contain fallout from the gruesome killing.

But Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Friday that while the administration respects the view of the Senate it will not change course in supporting Saudi Arabia. He said the Saudis serve as a bulwark in combating aggression from Iran that threatens the United States, and that Trump would not relent on policies aimed at protecting Americans. Pompeo noted that the U.S. has taken action against some Saudis implicated in the murder, banning them from traveling to the U.S.



Sen. Bernie Sanders, joined at left by Sen. Chris Murphy, holds a news conference Thursday after the Senate passed a resolution he introduced that would pull assistance from the Saudi-led war in Yemen, a measure to rebuke Saudi Arabia after the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. [J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED

"President Trump has been very clear about not only the importance of holding accountable those who murdered Jamal Khashoggi but the importance of protecting American citizens," he said, pointing to Iran's support for rebels in Yemen and militia in Iraq that have killed U.S. troops.

"There is real risk to the United States of America," he said.

One of the Senate measures recommended that the U.S. end its assistance to Saudi Arabia for the war in Yemen. The other put the blame for the death of Khashoggi squarely on Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Both had been vigorously opposed by the Trump administration and threatened with a presidential veto. Top brass was on Capitol Hill ahead of voting to prevent further action in the House.

"The current relationship with Saudi Arabia is not working," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who opposed the Yemen resolution but called the crown prince "so toxic, so tainted, so flawed" after the Khashoggi's killing that "you're never going to have a relationship with the United States Senate unless things change."

The bipartisan votes came two months after the Saudi journalist's slaying at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul and after Trump persistently equivocated over who was responsible. U.S. intelligence officials concluded that bin Salman must have at least known of the plot, but Trump has repeatedly praised the kingdom.

# Cranky Congress still has work to do

By Laurie Kellman

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer leaned back in his seat and propped up his feet on the leather chair next to him as he listened to a colleague's farewell address this week. It was a casual vibe in the normally stuffy chamber and just one sign that the end of an ugly 115th Congress can't come soon enough, even for its own members.

There's been shouting on the Senate floor. Both chambers rang with customary farewell speeches from members who are moving on, some forced out by the midterm elections. And in the House, a few lawmakers have ghosted the whole scene as the sun sets on the only session of Congress so far under President Donald Trump.

Parties and Christmas cookies only soothe so much in the chilly Capitol after two years of Trump's provocations, dramas like Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation and the elections that flipped the House majority to Democrats. Everyone – especially members leaving for good wants to go home.

"We have had two votes in 54 minutes," griped retiring Sen. Bob Corker as the Senate on Thursday edged toward what would become its rebuke to the Trump administration over Yemen and Saudi Arabia. But the



In this Dec. 11 photo, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington. [MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Senate was not in order. Everyone, it seemed, was talking - loudly.

"Can we not just vote?" Corker hollered finally.

"Yes!" other senators yelled back, in rare unison.

"Lame duck" sessions of Congress are so reviled even in less-rancorous times that leaders past have used the discontent to finish business. This year, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has threatened to keep the Senate in session to the bitter end of 2018 under Trump's threat to shut the government down over the budget and his border wall. But McConnell also is holding out hope for some Christmas "magic" to speed business along and allow Congress

So far, there is no sign of that happening. Both chambers are scheduled to be in session next week over hefty matters, including the budget and criminal sentencing reform. Votes remained scheduled.

to adjourn earlier.

That doesn't mean votes will be cast by all 535 members of the waning Congress. In the House, eight members didn't even bother to vote in December, according to a tally by The Associated Press.

Many outgoing members' offices are essentially shuttered. They run their waning operations out of the "Departing Members Center" in the basement of a House office building.

"Hello. You're reached the office of Congresswoman Kristi Noem, at-large member for the state of South Dakota," says a recording that answers the South Dakota Republican's House office. "Because Rep. Noem is retiring at the conclusion at the 115th Congress, our physical offices have closed."

Noem, South Dakota's governor-elect, was in town this week. While she was in town, she voted on two measures, including the farm bill.







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## Almost healed



A renovated section of Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center is shown Thursday. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS

### More than 90 percent of Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center services back online

**By Patrick McCreless** 

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PANAMA CITY - Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center has restored more than 90 percent of its services, two months after Hurricane Michael slammed into it.

According to a Thursday press release, Gulf Coast reopened more beds and service lines for patients in recent days and expects to be 100-percent operational early next year. The reopenings come more than two months after the hurricane damaged the hospital and knocked out all but emergency room services.



Angela Dew, a nurse leader at Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center, works Thursday in a renovated hallway that was severely damaged by Hurricane Michael. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

"I am very proud of our team and what we've been able to accomplish over the past two months," Brad Griffin, CEO of Gulf Coast, said in a press release. "We are committed to

caring for our community and look forward to continuing to provide patients with superior quality care."

See HOSPITAL, B3

### 2013 CASE | B6 **UNANIMOUS**

Police can use 'stand your ground' law, state high court says

## PCB to require garbage pickup come March 1

**By Katie Landeck** @PCNHKatieL

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PANAMA CITY BEACH - Residents of Panama City Beach will have until March 1 to choose a garbage pickup service.

An ordinance passed 3-2 by the PCB Council on Thursday night requires residents to hire a company to haul their garbage to the landfill. Councilman Paul Casto and Phil Chester cast the dissenting votes.

The council has said the new requirement is meant to "reduce unsightly litter and illegal dumping," though those in attendance who spoke on the ordinance viewed it largely as a government overreach.

"I haul my garbage up to the landfill as do a number of the residents on my street," said Tom Klomps. "Code enforcement comes through our neighborhood on a regular basis. I know of no one on my street who has received a citation for having trash lying out. Why are you doing this to

Others who spoke said they did not think requiring trash service would solve issues with illegal dumping.

Until now, Panama City Beach was the only city in the county to not require residents to have garbage pickup; Parker passed its ordinance in 2016. The Beach already had an ordinance requiring commercial properties to have a hauler.

The council made two changes to the ordinance Thursday night. One, they deleted a provision that would have allowed them to set the rates, saying the market would take care of that. Two, they extended the grace period for residents to find a hauler from Feb. 2 to March 1.

Under the franchise agreement all businesses that have residential customers can continue, including BBC Waste Solutions, Mr. Trash, Nate's Sanitation, Waste Management of Florida, Waste Pro of Florida, and Coqui Disposal Services.

"The intent of this is not to impact the market whatsoever," said Councilman Geoff McConnell.

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Celebrate Community is a partnership between The News Herald and local businesses to highlight the things that make this area unique. Email story ideas to Jan Waddy at jwaddy@pcnh.com.

**CELEBRATE SERVICE** 

### Beach Art Group reaches out to county artists

Supplies, work space offered to Jumpstart

**By Tony Simmons** tsimmons@penh.com @PCNHTonyS

PANAMA CITY BEACH -Hurricane Michael destroyed galleries that show and sell art, studios where art is created, and the resources artists tap for materials.

That combined to rob area artists of income, product and the tools of their trade - and it had a detrimental impact on the myriad of ways artists touch the community at large.

"Many artists from Bay County and Mexico Beach lost all their art supplies. Many lost years of artwork inventory," said artist Helen Ballance, founder of Beach Art Group. "Beach Art Group and the Sunshine Arts Center came through the storm on Panama City Beach with only minor damage. So we decided to help our fellow artists get back on their feet and creating again."

The local nonprofit organization started "Project Jumpstart Art" as a program for artists to help other artists, designed to foster opportunities for creative expression and networking.

See ART, B3



**Beach Art Group hosts regular painting workshops at Palms Conference Center in Panama City Beach.** [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]





















































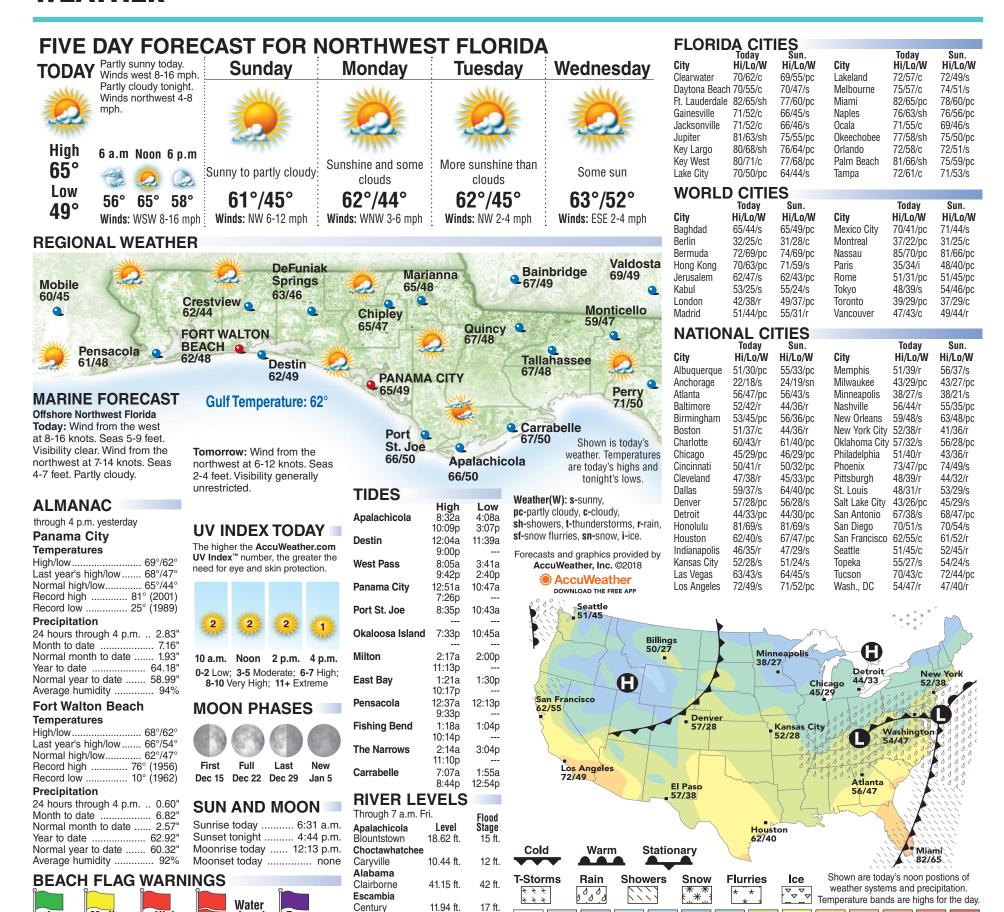








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### Woman sought in attack on Hispanic couple at shelter

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By Zack McDonald 747-5071 | @PCNHzack

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PANAMA CITY - A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a woman who allegedly attacked a Hispanic couple at a storm shelter after she heard them speaking Spanish, according to court records.

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Jane Lee Patin, 55, of Lynn Haven, failed to appear



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recently for a pretrial hearing in the case. She was arrested Nov. 16 after the Bay County Sheriff's Office

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responded to the Arnold High School shelter, 550 N. Alf Coleman Road, to a report of a battery. Patin was charged with a misdemeanor, but

Dangerous

now could face more serious charges after not showing for a follow-up hearing, court records show.

According to BCSO reports, the incident happened about 3 p.m. Nov. 16 as buses of displaced residents began to arrive at Arnold. After the arrival of one, a Hispanic male reported being attacked by a woman because of his race, BCSO reported.

"I met with the (victim)

who advised while on the bus a female, later identified as Patin, began yelling racist remarks at him and his wife because they were speaking in Spanish," officers wrote. "The remarks escalated and when (the victim) stepped off the bus Jane struck him on the right side of his head."

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A witness confirmed that Patin struck the man, apparently for no reason, while disembarking the bus, officers

60s

Speaking with her under oath, officers reported that Patin also admitted hitting the man. She was arrested and taken to the Bay County Jail on a misdemeanor battery charge for which she was conditionally released from custody.

However, an arrest warrant is now pending for Patin after she did not show up for her next hearing on the matter, court records show.

### PCBPD: Mom threatened to cut her child for pouring out booze

By Zack McDonald

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PANAMA CITY BEACH -A Bay County woman has been arrested after she put a knife to her child's face and threatened to slice him if did not stop pouring out her alcohol, according to official reports.

Dusty Carole Malone, 42, appeared in court Friday in the case. She was arrested by the Panama City Beach Police Department after officers received reports that she had been drinking all day Wednesday at her Edgewater Crossing



before an attempt to pour out her alcohol led to Malone allegedly threatening

Apartment

her juvenile child, who was not identified, with a knife.

Malone is being held on a \$25,000 bond and was ordered to not have contact with her child without approval from the Department of Children and Families (DCF), court records show.

It appears to be the first

arrest of its kind for her. Child abuse is a third-degree felony, though, punishable by up to five years in prison. A child dependency case has been initiated.

According to PCBPD reports, police arrived shortly after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to Willoughby Way Boulevard to a call of a domestic dispute. The victim told police that his mother had been drinking all day long, so he tried to get rid of her alcohol, PCBPD reported.

"The victim located a bottle of alcohol inside the residence and proceeded to pour it down the sink in the kitchen," officers wrote. Malone "grabbed a large kitchen knife from the counter and held it against the victim's face and told him if he did not stop pouring out the alcohol she was going to cut him with the knife."

The victim then stopped pouring out the alcohol "because he was afraid his mother would cut him with the knife," officers added.

When officers arrived, Malone admitted threatening the child, police reported.

"She also stated she was an alcoholic and had to drink alcohol every 15 minutes or she would have alcohol withdrawals," officers wrote. "I moved the knife from the couch due to officer safety concerns and secured it in my vehicle."

PCBPD reported the alleged threat constituted child abuse because it could be reasonably expected to result in the physical or mental injury to a child.

Officers arrested Malone and took her to the Bay County Jail, where she remains held on bond, court records show.

On the way to jail, officers noted, Malone made several threats to hurt her son because he called the police.

### Santa Rosa man convicted of traveling to meet a minor for sex

Staff report

DeFUNIAK SPRINGS - A Milton man was convicted Thursday on multiple charges after he traveled to meet who he believed was a minor for

A jury convicted Trenton Patrick Hooks, 48, of traveling to meet a minor to engage in sexual conduct with consent by a parent, using a computer to facilitate or solicit a parent to consent to the sexual conduct of a child, and unlawful use of two-way communication device to facilitate a commission of a felony, according to a news release from the State Attorney's Office.

Circuit Judge Kelvin Wells scheduled Hooks' sentencing for Jan. 10. Hooks faces a potential sentence of 25 years in in prison, according to the news release.

Hooks was identified by the Walton County Sheriff's Office in March during an undercover operation known as "Paladin Shield," which

targeted people who use the internet to prey on minors, the release said.

Hooks responded to an online posting and ultimately requested to have sex with a child. He agreed to travel to Walton County to meet with the mother and the child. Sheriff's deputies arrested him when he arrived at the meeting

place, according to the news release.

Hooks testified at his trial that the only reason he had agreed to have sex with the child was so he could blackmail the mother into having sex with him.

The jury deliberated for about 30 minutes before returning the guilty verdict.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

#### ST. ANDREWS FARMERS MARKET: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

along the boardwalk at the Smith Yacht Basin in St. Andrews, 1209 Beck Ave., Panama City, with children's Christmas activities.

**GRAND LAGOON WATER-**FRONT MARKET: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5551 N. Lagoon Drive, in the parking lot at Capt. Anderson's Restaurant in Panama City Beach. Details: Waterfrontmarkets.org

WREATHS ACROSS AMER-ICA: 8:30-11 a.m. at five Bay County sites: Mount Hope in Lynn Haven, Millville, Kent-Forest Lawn, Panama City

Garden Club War Memorial,

and the 10 historic cemeteries on Tyndall Air Force Base. Details: "Wreaths Across America Bay County Florida" on Facebook or email waabayco@gmail.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND CEREMONY: 9 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 3733 U.S. 231, Panama City, presented by the Rotary Club of The Emerald Coast in partnership with Wreaths Across America.

**WINTER FLYERS DEBUT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY:** noon to 2 p.m. at Aerial Dance PC. 901 N. East Ave., Panama City. Community is invited to enjoy a free studio showcase of local aerialists.

Child-friendly event.

**'EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD (AND THEN SOME!)**: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Seaside Meeting Hall Theatre, 216 Quincy Circle, in Seaside. What starts out as a pared-down version of the Dickens classic becomes an effort to breathe new life into an old tradition, attempting to tell "Every Christmas Story Ever Told." Tickets and details: LoveTheRep.com

**PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA:** 4-7 p.m. at Pier Park, Panama City Beach.

**ROCKIN' THE STOCKIN': 4-8** p.m. EST at Sailor's Cove

parking lot in Port St. Joe. Concert fundraiser for local children; free entry with filled stocking. Performers: Love & Theft, and Stevie Monce. Cookies and cocoa provided by Centennial Bank; ice cream by Shoobies Ice Cream Truck; children's crafts and arts by The Joe Center for the Arts. Santa will be there from 4-5 p.m. Bring a folding chair to enjoy the show.

**NAACP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** noon

to 4 p.m. in Rosenwald High School's Multi-Purpose Room, 924 Bay Ave., Panama City. There will be free food, games, crafts, music, cookie decorating, gifts and a visit from

Santa. Details: 850-763-5381

**WEWAHITCHKA CHRIST-**MAS PARADE: 5 p.m. along

State 71 in Wewahitchka. **HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT:** 

5-6:30 p.m. at the Seaside Amphitheatre off County 30A. Featuring Sinfonia Gulf Coast. Bring blankets and folding chairs for a free night of music under the stars.

**TODD HERENDEEN'S CHRISTMAS SHOW: doors** open at 5:30 p.m. at the Todd Herendeen Theatre, 8010 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Tickets: Dinner and show \$34.95, show only \$23.95. Dinner at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m.

Details: toddherendeentheatre.com

#### **6TH ANNUAL BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS VILLAGE:**

5:30-8:30 p.m. at Capt. Anderson's Marina, 5550 N. Lagoon Drive, Panama City Beach. A re-creation of the ancient village. Experience walking through ancient Bethlehem, being present as Isaiah, Mary and Joseph learn and tell others of the coming of the Christ child. Follow the path they did as they strolled through town looking for a place to sleep. Some of the choirs this year include West Bay, Mosley, Lucille Moore and Surfside. There will be vendors, a petting zoo and much more; fun for the entire family.

#### OBITUARIES

#### **ELAINE NEWBERRY LAWRENCE**

Elaine Newberry Lawrence, 80, of Panama City, Florida, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018.

She was born Aug. 14, 1938, in Millville, Florida, to William Ralph Newberry Sr. and Lois Lucille Turner Newberry. She was a 1956 graduate of Bay High School. Elaine was a wife, mother, Mamaw to her adoring family. She was a lifelong Gator fan and never missed a chance to watch them play. She was very active in the Panhandle Gator Club, serving as secretary for more than 15 years. She was awarded an honorary PHT degree (Putting Hubby Through) by the Dames of the University of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Judy Cleghorn and Diane Newberry; and a brother, Ralph Newberry Jr. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Charles A. Lawrence; three sons, Scott Lawrence (Lorie), Rex Lawrence (Deborah) and Douglas Lawrence (Amy); eight grandchildren, Robert Lawrence (Samantha Christensen), Alysa Nelson (Garrett), Natalie Lawrence, Caitlin Lawrence, Caryn Lawrence, Sarah Zerbach, Ashley Lawrence (Montgomery Rich) and Hannah Zerbach; five great-grandchildren,



Robert Lawrence Jr., Grayson Lawrence, Hunter Christensen, Emma Christensen and Leah Nelson; and a sister, Janice Williams.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clyde Ellison officiat ing. Interment will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be the Bay High School Class of 1956 and members of the Panhandle Gator Club. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4-6 p.m. Sunday.

Those desiring may make memorial donations to Disaster Relief, c/o First Baptist Church of Panama City, P.O. Box 1200, Panama City, FL 32402, in memory of Elaine Lawrence.

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home from 1:30-2 p.m.

Graveside services will

begin at 1 p.m. Wednes-

day, Dec. 19, 2018, at

Lone Oak Cemetery in

Lewisburg, Tennessee.

#### HOSPITAL

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Reopenings at the hospital include inpatient and surgical services, along with cardiac and cardiovascular care. The only services still out are wound care and outpatient hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

"However, wound care will be reopened on Monday," said Marsha Buchanan, spokeswoman for the hospital. "We have no exact date yet when hyperbaric services will be up and running."

Buchanan noted that while most services are available, some of them aren't at full capacity. For instance, because of damage, the hospital currently has 182 inpatient beds available instead of the 227 beds it had in use before the hurricane.

Buchanan said there was not yet a set date for when Gulf Coast Regional would be 100 percent operational, but the plan was to have all services available early next year.

Meanwhile, Panama City's other hospital, Bay Medical Sacred Heart, still has limited services and plans to lay off hundreds of employees because of the significant hurricane damage it sustained.

Last week, Ardent Health Services, operator of Bay Medical, announced it would lay off 635 employees in February. Of those, a third will be part-time, work-as-needed and temporary employees.

The hospital has had only its emergency room services operational since the hurricane. However, Ardent plans to reopen services in phases, starting with 75 inpatient beds, eight



This patient room was renovated after being damaged by the hurricane. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

operating rooms and five cardiac catheterization labs in January.

The hospital has continued to pay employees in the weeks since the hurricane and will continue to do so through Feb. 4.

Also, Ascension Sacred Heart, which owns the hospital, held a job fair on Monday and Tuesday for employees. Ascension and Ardent have stated they are committed to hiring as many eligible workers as possible for openings in their health care systems.

Kim Bodine, executive director of Career Source Gulf Coast, said her organization attended the job fairs to offer its services to Bay Medical employees. Bodine said her organization worked with about 150 Bay Medical employees during the two days of the job fair.

"It was less than we'd have liked to see, but it's understandable with living situations and everything going on right now," Bodine said.

Bodine said her organization made workers aware of its services, such as helping pay



Anthony Curry, a worker with RCM Interiors, pours paint at Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center on Thursday. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



This damaged section of Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center still is under renovation. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

relocation expenses for people moving for a new job. The organization also helps with job matching, Bodine said.

"We have a job match system to look for jobs for them, even in other states," Bodine said.

Bodine said her organization would hold its own job fair for Bay Medical workers in mid-January.

#### **GEROME JOHN 'G' ROULHAC**

**WILLIAM HARDISON HENDRIX** 

Funeral services for Gerome John "G" Roulhac, 59, of Panama City, Florida, who died Dec. 7, 2018, will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at Gospel Temple Free

Funeral services for

William Hardison Hen-

drix will begin at 2 p.m.

Wilson Funeral Home.

The family will receive

friends at the funeral

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at

Will Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery.

**Battle Memorial** Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

#### MARY JOSEPHINE WADDELL

Funeral services for Mary Jo Waddell will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, at

Wilson Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Beach Art Group and the Sunshine Arts Center have collected art supplies donated by artists from all over the country to help local artists get back to work.

In addition, artists who lost their studio spaces can take advantage of the Beach Art Group's classroom inside the Palms Conference Center, 9201 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach.

The other part of "jumpstarting" area artists is to sell their

work. To that end, Beach Art Group rented several booths at the sixth annual Bethlehem Christmas Village, with ends today.

Located at Capt. Anderson's Marina, 5510 N. Lagoon Drive, the event includes a "marketplace" as might have existed in the time of Jesus' birth.

The Beach Art Group is offering use of its booths to area artists and arts organizations at no charge. Hours are 5:30-8:30 p.m.

"The only thing we ask is that you sign up prior to the event." Ballance said.

To sign up to participate at the Christmas event, email Ballance

at beachartgroup@ att.net or call 850 541-3867. Area artists also can contact Ballance for more information about using the Palms classroom or taking advantage of the donated art supplies.

"The Southern Watercolor Society made a donation, and Dean Mitchell sent \$500 in gift cards for needy artists to buy supplies," Ballance said. "People are sending stuff from all over the country. A lot of it is brand new."

All donated items not used by artists during the next several weeks will be donated to Northside Elementary School, Ballance said.

#### GARBAGE

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"If somebody already has business on the Beach, I want to keep that rolling."

The franchise agreement does include a 2-percent franchise fee.

In another news, the council voted to:

Eliminate height incentives, setting the maximum height for developers at 15 stories or 150 feet. Previously developments could be up to 220 feet high.

Heard the first reading of an ordinance that would limit the number of low-speed vehicles rented in the city to 300. An ordinance on the books that currently enforces this policy is set to expire in February.

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### Maddox, former aide indicted in Tallahassee corruption probe

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE -After an FBI probe into allegations of corruption in Tallahassee city government dogged the gubernatorial campaign of Andrew Gillum, federal prosecutors Wednesday announced the indictment of City Commissioner Scott Maddox and a former aide on dozens of charges.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida did not indicate whether additional people would be charged in the multiyear probe.

But the 44-count indictment of Maddox



Maddox

served as Maddox's chief of staff

and Paige

Carter-

Smith,

who

while he served a stint as mayor, outlined a series of allegations of wrongdoing stemming from the operation of two companies, Governance, Inc. and Governance Services, LLC. The U.S. Attorney's

Office said in a news release that Maddox and Carter-Smith are accused of using the companies, which they operated as one entity, as "part of a racketeering enterprise

that extorted money and accepted bribes from Governance clients under color of Maddox's office and through fear of the economic harm that Maddox could inflict in his position as an influential city commissioner.

The indictment alleges that Maddox voted on matters and exerted influence on city employees to take actions that benefited the businesses that paid Maddox and Carter-Smith through Governance.

Maddox and Carter-Smith also are accused, in part, of lying to federal agents, defrauding a bank and violating tax

## Safety panel backs allowing armed teachers in schools

By Dara Kam

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE - A controversial law that allows trained "guardians" to bring guns to public schools didn't go far enough - gun-savvy teachers also should be able to have weapons in the classroom.

That's the near-unanimous view of a state panel created to make recommendations to beef up school security in the wake of one of the country's deadliest mass school shootings on Valentine's Day in Broward County.

"You've got to have somebody there who can swiftly and effectively neutralize the threat, and that means killing the killer. The only way you are going to do that is if you have a good guy with a gun who can take that action," Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, who chairs the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, said in an interview Thursday.

Max Schachter, whose 14-year-old son, Alex, was among the students slain at Marjory Stoneman Douglas and who serves on the panel, was the lone holdout in a 13-1 vote on the proposal Wednesday.

"I understand the sheriff's point that we do need more good guys with a gun on campus," Schachter said, adding, "nobody understands that wish ... more than myself."

But Schachter said he doesn't think teachers should carry guns.

"I think they have enough on their plate," he

Debbi Hixon, a teacher agreed. Her husband,

Chris, was the Parkland school's athletics director and wrestling coach and was among the victims.

Teachers already have to prepare students for standardized tests and are responsible for their emotional and physical well-being, Hixon said.

"To add the burden of knowing that you're responsible for taking out a shooter if they come into your room, even if a teacher thinks they are up to that task, I just think it is unfair to have that expectation for them," she said Thursday.

Under the proposal, which would require legislative action, teachers who have concealed-weapons licenses — just like school "guardians" already authorized in the law - would be able to get extra training and bring guns to school.

The commission has spent months delving into the Feb. 14 catastrophe, in which 14 teenagers and three faculty members were killed and 17 others were injured.

Confessed killer Nikolas Cruz, a former student at the school, had a lengthy history of interactions with law enforcement and mental-health professionals.

The commission which spent eight months delving into details about Cruz's background, the response to the shooting by the Broward County Sheriff's Office and local police departments and crafting recommendations – met Wednesday and Thursday in Tallahassee to finalize a sweeping report that deals with everything from failings in law-enforcement communications systems to the need for bulletproof windows in school buildings.

The report was highly critical of the manner in which state, local and federal officials dealt with, or neglected to deal with, Cruz. The recommendations include a number of items focused on better coordination between mental-health, education and law-enforcement agencies, something that also was required in a 2018 law passed in response to the shooting.

Also included in the law - quickly passed and signed by Gov. Rick Scott, weeks after the shootings was the controversial guardian program, which drew pushback from educators, parents and others. Lawmakers eventually settled on a compromise requiring school districts and sheriffs to approve the program for it to go into effect in counties.

The commission's approval this week of the recommendation to allow armed teachers on school campuses quickly drew criticism from gun-rights advocates.

Allowing teachers to have guns is "a bad idea," the Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence said in a news release.

"Instead of arming teachers, whose only job should be to teach our children, we call on the Legislature and Gov.-Elect (Ron) DeSantis to allocate proper and recurring funding for programs that include much-needed counseling and intervention services for young people along with deescalation techniques and better environmental designs for Florida's schools," the group said.

But Gualtieri defended expanding the law.





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#### **AREA & STATE BRIEFS**

Staff and wire reports

#### **TALLAHASSEE Former Calhoun hospital CEO** pleads guilty

A former CEO of Calhoun-Liberty Hospital has pleaded guilty to numerous federal charges that he set up a sham medical supply company in order to embezzle more than \$1.14 million from the financially struggling health care facility, according to court documents.

Phillip E. Hill Jr. pleaded guilty in October to 24 counts of wire fraud and three counts of tax fraud. He is scheduled to be sentenced in January.

The former executive faces up to 20 years in prison for the 24 counts of wire fraud, a maximum term of five years of supervised release, up to a \$250,000 fine, as well as other fees.

For the three counts of tax fraud. Hill could face up to three additional years in prison, a maximum term of one year of supervised release, and up to a \$250,000 fine.

#### PANAMA CITY 5 more charged as unlicensed contractors

Authorities have arrested another round of people believed to be performing storm repair without proper licenses, according to official reports.

The Bay County Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office, 14th Judicial Circuit announced the arrest of five people operating without proper contracting licensing in Florida.

The Citizens United Fighting Fraud (CUFF) task force conducted investigations into the activity

of several companies that did not have contractor's licenses but were giving estimates for contracting work. Agencies participating in the task force are The Bay County Sheriff's Office, the State Attorney's Office, 14th Judicial Circuit, The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of Business and Professional Regulations, the Panama City Police Department and the Lynn Haven Police Department.

Those arrested were Christopher James Thomas, 42, of Nevada; Jonas Storm Berry, 27, of Texas; Kayla Marie Pierce, 21, of Jacksonville; Daniel Robert Guidry, 29, of Jacksonville; and Jose Alan Gonzalez-Vargas.

All five were charged with engaging in contracting without a license during a state of emergency and taken to the Bay County

#### NORTHWEST FLORIDA **Gulf Power donates to 3 Panhandle organizations**

Gulf Power recently presented donations to three Panhandle organizations, including the Bay Education Foundation.

The checks totaled \$90,000 and were given to representatives from Pensacola's Waterfront Rescue Mission, Mary Esther-based Air

Commando Association and the Bay Education Foundation in Panama City, a news release stated. The Bay Education Foundation received a \$30,000 donation.

The donations are from the proceeds of the 6th annual Clay Shoot for America's Heroes, the news release stated.

"This would have been our sixth clay shoot, but we had another event in our lives that caused us to refocus," Gulf Power chairman, president and CEO Stan Connally said. "Hurricane Michael was clearly an unprecedented storm in Northwest Florida and these teammates delivered an unprecedented response to get the lights back on in Bay County and restore hope to our communities."

#### **ORLANDO Amazon worker accused** of stealing, shipping empty boxes

Sheriff's deputies said a worker at an Amazon warehouse stole almost \$4,000 in merchandise and gift cards, and sent customers empty boxes.

Orange County deputies said 20-year-old Elvis Edgardo Soto was arrested Tuesday on a felony thirddegree grand theft charge. He has been released from jail after posting a \$500

Amazon public relations

manager Brenda Alfred said Wednesday that Soto no longer works for the company.

An arrest report says another employee discovered the thefts after running a report for gift cards that had been redeemed within six hours of being issued by the facility. The report says Amazon reimbursed customers who received empty packages.

#### **BUNNELL Deputies fatally shoot** murder suspect after chase

A man wanted for murder was fatally shot by deputies after leading them on a chase on one of Florida's busiest highways.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office said the unidentified suspect fired shots at deputies after his vehicle was cornered in a median on Interstate 75.

Deputies returned fire, killing the suspect.

Deputies began following the murder suspect after authorities in a neighboring county notified them he was entering Sumter County, northwest of Orlando.

Officials said the suspect avoided multiple stopsticks laid on the road to disable the car's tires. Deputies finally cornered the suspect in the highway's median.

The sheriff's office said

the suspect fired shots after getting out of his vehicle.

Both lanes of the interstate were closed for at least an hour, backing up traffic.

#### **TALLAHASSEE Senate says elections** supervisor must step down

Florida's Republican state Senate president said the Florida Senate will not take any action to block the suspension of beleaguered elections supervisor Brenda Snipes.

Senate President Bill Galvano sent a memo to senators on Thursday saying there is not enough time to investigate the allegations against the Broward County supervisor before her resignation takes effect in early January. The Senate has the power to review suspensions.

Snipes planned to resign on Jan. 4, but she rescinded her resignation after Gov. Rick Scott immediately suspended her last month. Scott appointed his former general counsel to take her place. In his executive order, Scott said Snipes needed to be suspended for misfeasance, incompetence and neglect of duty.

A legal memo prepared by the Senate says Snipes rescinded her resignation too late.

#### **BRADENTON Crane topples, kills** construction worker

Authorities said a construction worker was killed and another worker injured when a crane toppled at a marina.

Other construction workers attempted to free the trapped employee Thursday when he became caught under the construction crane at the Twin Dolphin Marina in Bradenton.

Rescue workers freed him but he died a short time later.

GateHouse Media reported a second worker was injured but the injuries weren't life-threatening.

#### **TALLAHASSEE Proposed 'fracking' ban** re-emerges in Senate

After failed attempts to pass such a bill in the past, a Senate Democrat filed a proposal Thursday that would ban the controversial oil- and natural-gas drilling process known as "fracking."

Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, filed the proposal (SB 146) for consideration during the 2019 legislative session, which will start in March.

Environmental groups and some lawmakers have long wanted to block potential fracking in Florida, but bills have died.



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### High court: Police can use 'stand your ground' law

**By Curt Anderson** The Associated Press

MIAMI - Florida law enforcement officers can invoke the state's "stand your ground" law to protect them from criminal prosecution in a shooting, the state Supreme Court ruled unanimously Thursday.

The court issued its 7-0 decision in the case of Peter Peraza, a Broward County Sheriff's Office deputy charged with manslaughter in the 2013 fatal shooting of a man carrying what turned out to be an air rifle.

Peraza's lawyers claimed he was immune from prosecution under the stand your ground law, which permits use of deadly force when a person has a legitimate fear of "imminent death or great bodily harm." The justices agreed with two lower court rulings, which concluded that the law applies to law enforcement officers the same as



Peter Peraza, a Broward County Sheriff's Office deputy, testifies at his trial in Fort Lauderdale on June 16, 2016. The Florida Supreme Court has ruled that law enforcement officers can invoke the "stand your ground" law that could make them immune from criminal prosecution in a shooting. The 7-0 decision Thursday came in the case of Peraza, who was charged with manslaughter in the 2013 shooting death of a man carrying what turned out to be an air rifle. [RAFAEL OLMEDA/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL]

anyone else.

"Simply put, a law enforcement officer is a 'person' whether on duty or off, and irrespective of whether the officer is making an arrest," Justice Alan Lawson wrote for the

"In common understanding, 'person' refers to a 'human being,' which is not occupation-specific and plainly includes human beings serving as law enforcement officers," he added.

Peraza shot 33-year-old Jermaine McBean during a confrontation with deputies at his apartment complex. Several people had called 911 to report a man openly carrying a rifle down a busy street and acting erratically.

"It's a groundbreaking ruling," said Peraza attorney Eric Schwartzreich. "Every law enforcement officer in the state of Florida can go to work and do their job and not worry about being second-guessed."

But David Schoen, an attorney for the McBean family, called the decision a "slap in the face" to honest law enforcement officers and to anyone who might come forward to report police misconduct.

"This is a grave injustice that sends exactly the wrong message to the country at exactly the wrong time," Schoen wrote in an email.

During an earlier court hearing, Peraza testified

that he and others loudly ordered McBean to put down the weapon. Instead, according to Peraza, a white Hispanic, McBean spun around pointing it toward them and Peraza fired three shots, killing McBean, who was black.

McBean's family has said he was diagnosed as bipolar in 2010 and had recently suffered a breakdown that required hospitalization.

Peraza testified that he was in fear for his life when he fired the shots and sought immunity from prosecution under the stand your ground law. A Broward County judge agreed and that decision was upheld by the 4th District Court of Appeal, but another appeals court had ruled the opposite way in a different case.

The Supreme Court decision resolves the question. Peraza, 40, had faced a maximum 30-year prison sentence if convicted of the manslaughter charge.

The state had argued that the stand your ground law didn't apply to law enforcement officers because they are already protected when using iustifiable force during a lawful arrest. On Thursday, the Broward County State Attorney's Office issued a statement saying it had never supported the law and that there was evidence and testimony that contradicted Peraza's account.

"Stand your ground is a bad law and it doesn't allow a trial jury to hear the evidence and make a decision," the statement said.

Schoen said the decision ignores testimony that McBean never pointed the rifle at the deputies and that he didn't hear commands to drop it because he was listening to music through earbuds. Schoen said the family will pursue a federal civil rights lawsuit against Peraza.

### Report says officials missed warning signs about hospital

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG - Lawmakers want to know why state and federal health investigators missed warning signs about problems in the heart surgery program at a Florida children's hospital.

The Tampa Bay Times reported the state Agency for Health Care Administration cited Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital for not properly disclosing two serious medical errors. But it didn't impose any fines or act on subsequent warnings.

The newspaper reported federal investigators performed a review of transplants, but left a broader review up to a private organization that keeps the details of its inspections secret.

A Times analysis shows the death rate for heart surgery patients at All Children's tripled between 2015 and 2017. The hospital's Heart Institute performed worse in 2017 than any pediatric heart surgery program in Florida had in the past decade.

"We are particularly disappointed that inadequate regulatory oversight appears to have contributed to prolonging the pain and suffering for patients and their loved ones at All Children's Hospital," Democratic U.S. Reps. Kathy Castor and Charlie Crist wrote

in a letter to the federal agency that oversees health care funding.

Medical professionals had raised safety concerns as early as 2015, but the hospital's administration waited more than a year to stop taking the most complicated cases. Even after that, many surgeries went wrong, according to the Times.

U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Palm Harbor, called the increase in deaths "extremely concerning"

in a statement and said he would be looking into its cause.

A hospital spokeswoman wouldn't comment.

Approached outside a public meeting Tuesday, All Children's CEO Dr. Jonathan Ellen kept walking.

"No way I'm talking to you," he told a Times reporter.

Regulators have known about issues at the hospital's Heart Institute since at least April, when the Times reported that surgeons had left needles in the chests of two patients.

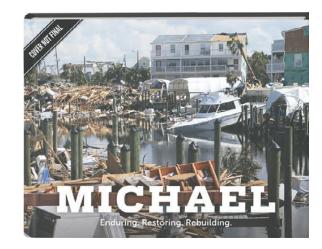
State Sen. Aaron Bean, a Fernandina Beach Republican who chairs the Health and Human **Services Appropriations** Subcommittee, said the state agency could have gone deeper in its examination of the hospital.

"They regulate hospitals," Bean said. "This happened at a hospital. It's their purview."

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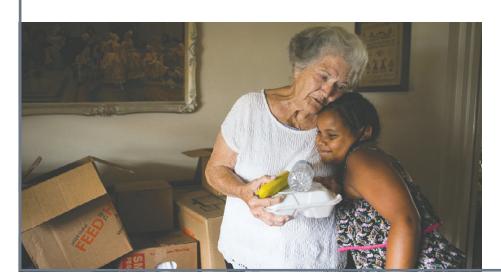
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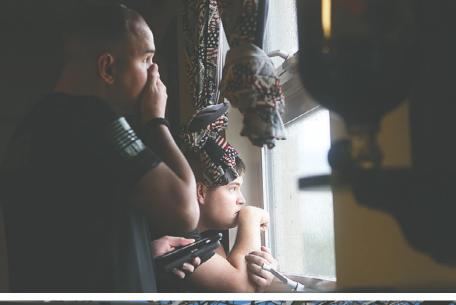
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### Okaloosa reviews hurricane response

By Tony Judnich

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NICEVILLE - For future storms, Okaloosa County officials are thinking of having county and school district employees serve as emergency shelter managers while American Red Cross members lend support in other areas, such as the shelters' food operations.

That plan was discussed Tuesday during a meeting at the county Emergency Operations Center, where local officials reviewed the county's response to Hurricane Michael.

The county survived relatively unscathed from the Category 4 storm, which made landfall Oct. 10 in Mexico Beach.

But a homeless man was charged Oct. 11 with allegedly molesting a child at the Davidson Middle School hurricane evacuation site in Crestview on the day of the hurricane.

The alleged molestation "shows how dangerous these facilities can be," County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel said at Tuesday's meeting.

The Red Cross, which



A meeting evaluating local hurricane response was recently held at the Okaloosa County **Emergency Operations Center.** [FILE PHOTO/DAILY NEWS]

was managing the shelter in Crestview at the time, doesn't conduct background checks at its shelters. But sheriff's deputies who staff county-run evacuation shelters routinely run background checks of people as they enter.

About 60 people attended Tuesday's meeting. During the session, County Administrator John Hofstad said Okaloosa did a good job providing storm updates to residents, but must communicate better with its municipalities.

Commissioner Nathan

Boyles, who also attended the meeting, said in his Nov. 9 newsletter that some county public safety buildings need to be more storm-resilient.

Officials also said the county needs to provide the public with more information on bridge closures and evacuation zones. And County Commission Chairman Graham Fountain expressed concern that the EOC's food operations were not up to par when it came to providing food 24/7 during Michael.

Fountain also noted

that his, Ketchel's and Boyles' attendance at the meeting showed their commitment to the county being storm-ready.

Their presence also might have violated the state's Sunshine Law.

The law "is applicable to any gathering, whether formal or casual, of two or more members of the same board or commission to discuss some matter on which foreseeable action will be taken by the public board or commission," according to the Florida Attorney General's office.

While the law requires that reasonable notice of such meetings must be given, the county failed to do so for Tuesday's meeting.

County spokesman Christopher Saul told the Daily News on Wednesday that the meeting was supposed to be a stafflevel event.

To organize it, staff used a mass message service that alerts all parties who need to know what is going on during an emergency event, Saul said in a statement.

"Unfortunately, the commissioners were included on this list and therefore believed they were invited to an open and noticed meeting, which was not the case,' Saul said.

He said staff accepts responsibility for the mix-up.

"In hindsight, we should have checked the email list to delete the invitations to the commissioners, preemptively noticed the meeting or immediately asked two of the commissioners to leave as soon as we noticed the issue," said Saul, who gave the Daily News a copy of an audio recording of Tuesday's meeting. IN BRIEF

**Cop shoots hoops** with kids

Staff report

FORT WALTON BEACH - They weren't his kids, but they might as well have been.

When two young boys asked Fort Walton Beach Police Officer David Moore to play basketball with them a Ferry Park, he joined right in.

A passerby snapped this photo and sent it to the Daily News.

Moore, who is with the city's patrol division, has been with the department for about a year.

He was on a routine walk-through of the popular park when the kids asked him to shoot, according to city spokesman Doug Rainer.

"They asked him if he wanted to play with them and he was happy to do so for a bit since there were no emergency calls at the time," Rainer said. "We promote community policing and encourage our officers to connect with residents when they have the opportunity."

#### Hazing conviction upheld in FAMU band death

**By Jim Saunders** 

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE -More than seven years after the death of Florida A&M University drum major Robert Champion, the state Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the conviction of a fellow band member and rejected arguments that a hazing law was unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court unanimously rejected an appeal by Dante Martin, who was convicted on manslaughter and hazing charges in an incident that drew national attention. Champion suffered fatal injuries in November 2011 in Orlando during a ritual known as "crossing Bus C."

During the ritual, members of Florida A&M's renowned "Marching 100" band were struck repeatedly as they crossed from the front of the bus to the back, and Martin was "president" of Bus C, according to court records. Champion passed out after finishing the crossing and later was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Martin, now 31, was sentenced to 77 months in prison after being found guilty by an Orange County jury of manslaughter, felony hazing resulting in death and two counts of misdemeanor hazing. But in appealing, he argued that the state's hazing law was unconstitutional because it was overly broad and vague.

In a 19-page opinion written by Chief Justice Charles Canady, the Supreme Court upheld a ruling by the 5th District Court of Appeal that rejected the arguments.

In part, Martin's attorneys contended that the hazing law was overly broad because it criminalized constitutionally protected speech and conduct, but Canady said prosecution under the law required a showing of "serious bodily injury or death" for a felony charge or a "substantial risk of physical injury or death" for a misdemeanor charge.

"The focus of the criminal hazing statute thus undoubtedly is on physical harm and the risk of physical harm," Canady wrote. "Any impact on speech or expressive conduct is insubstantial and purely incidental to the purpose of preventing physical harm."

Similarly, Canady turned down the arguments about vagueness.

"Here, at most, the various detailed arguments that Martin raises concerning the terms of the hazing statute do not point to anything that goes beyond run-ofthe-mill ambiguity," the opinion said. "And no actual ambiguity in the terms of the statute has been identified by Martin that has any bearing on the offenses for which Martin was convicted."

Martin is housed at the Tallahassee Community Release Center and is scheduled to be released in April 2020, according to the Florida Department of Corrections website. In 2015, the family of Champion settled a lawsuit against the university by accepting a \$1.1 million payment and an apology from the school.









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## FAITH



Father Jim Sichko, left, takes a selfie with a man after paying for his lunch at a Los Angeles In-N-Out Burger on Dec. 5.

## **Priest crisscrosses nation** performing acts of kindness

**By John Rogers** The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -Father Jim Sichko has a 50-state congregation and a simple mandate from the pope: Go forth and do good deeds.

That's why the Roman Catholic priest found himself standing by the drive-thru of a popular Hollywood fast-food joint on a recent windy, rain-swept afternoon buying lunch for everyone who stopped by. The next day he would be at a gas station in Kentucky, topping off people's tanks. Then it would be on to Arizona where he would - well, he wasn't quite sure what he would do there, but he would think of something.

At a Starbucks last Christmas, he tipped each of the baristas \$100 after learning the annual brouhaha over whether the coffee chain's holiday cups are Christmassy enough had caused tips to plummet.

Sichko is a papal missionary of mercy, a rarified group of 700 from around the world, including several from the United States, who were appointed directly by Pope Francis in celebration of a "Jubilee of Mercy" that began in December 2015 and since has been extended indefinitely.

Missionaries were assigned to travel the

world spreading kindness, forgiveness, joy and mercy to everyone they encountered. Some responded by using their newly granted authority from the pope to perform confession and forgiveness of sins basically anywhere at any time. Others took to radio airwaves or retreats to offer messages of joy.

Sichko, a Kentuckybased preacher, came up with an idea different from the others and got his bishop at the Diocese of Lexington to sign off on it: He would travel his country performing random acts of kindness in all 50 states.

He has provided groceries for half a year to a man with HIV and paid for medical services for a struggling Muslim family. This Christmas, he will head to an elementary school in Corbin, Kentucky, where more than a quarter of the population lives in poverty. There he will surprise the school's 100 second-graders with shiny new bicycles.

"The first question people ask is, 'Why are you doing this?' "Sichko said between bites of his double-double cheeseburger at the crowded In-N-Out restaurant down the street from the Hollywood Walk of Fame where he had just bought lunch for everybody.

"My question," the balding, bespectacled 51-year-old cleric adds



Standing by the drive-thru of a Los Angeles In-N-Out Burger, Father Jim Sichko interacts with drivers after paying for their meals on Dec. 5. Sichko has a 50-state congregation and a simple mandate from the pope: Go forth and do good deeds. That's why the Roman Catholic priest was at the crowded In-N-Out to buy lunch for everybody. [JAE C. HONG/AP]

"My approach is not so much speaking about the word of God, although I do a lot of that, but show-

with a smile, "is why not?

ing the presence of God through acts of kindness that kind of shock the individual and kind of cause them to, maybe cause them to stop for a little bit," he said. "Or maybe, which I hope, to again bring kindness to others."

He is candid in saying the church itself has much work to do in restoring its image after years of priestly sex and pedophilia scandals that he calls "horrific and tragic and disgusting."

"We have a lot of atonement to be doing," he said, adding that shocking people with random acts of kindness can be a

first step in that direction. To say he shocked his lunchtime In-N-Out crowd would be a bit of an understatement.

One woman, overlooking his white clerical collar, asked Sichko if he was a politician.

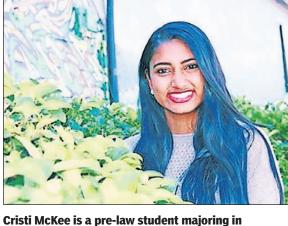
"No, I'm not a politician. I'm a priest," he replied, almost doubling over with laughter.

"How did this happen," a stunned Hardy Patel asked.

"Just decided. I'm in a good mood."

"Early Christmas?" "You got it. Pay it forward."

"I will do, I will do," Patel told him before driving off with his cheeseburger, then circling back to thank Sichko personally and take a selfie with him.



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#### **GLORY SIGHTINGS**

## Fresh eyes keep us grounded



**Jack Stanley** 

eek by week we get farther from "The Storm" ... but it stays with us. This marathon cleanup brings to mind when I get out my carpet cleaner and "go to town."

With the first run through I get a glimpse of how dirty my carpet really is when I empty from the tank all sorts of nastiness I never knew lived in my carpet. But that's just the start. Then I come back for round two and clean it again. The water looks as if I'd never cleaned it. This goes on and on until I decide it's clean enough.

I wish I knew how many mountains of debris have been mulched and removed from our county during the past two months. I'm betting there's never been this much in recorded history. We've come so far already, but only the residents know how far. I've found the perspective of visitors keep me rooted on our ultra-marathon. Their fresh eyes upon our land are a Glory Sighting that keeps us grounded.

Last weekend, some Anglican churches organized to bring a bit of pre-Christmas joy to our area. Cristi was one of the FSU students who came down to help. I had a chance to find Cristi's smiling face across a table outside my church. The table was covered with Mason jars filled with 25 chocolate "kisses." She was using them to teach children how to joyfully count down the days of waiting until Christmas arrives. Cristi went home from this experience changed. She wrote a column published by the Tallahassee Democrat on Dec. 11, giving me permission to share a portion:

"This past weekend, I had the opportunity to go over to Panama City with a team of volunteers from St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee. We hauled tons of donations, ranging from blankets to soap to shoes. We teamed up with the Parker United Methodist Church and Apostles By-the-Sea.

"I know what Panama City looked like prior to Hurricane Michael; I was shocked when I saw the place after. As we approached

Blountstown, it was obvious the devastation was going to become more prominent as we traveled further. Entire forests were down. Former ponds were now full-blown lakes. Construction and repair trucks were driving in and out of the town. Tree farms no longer seemed to be functional.

"As we headed into Panama City, the conditions gradually worsened. Large blue tarps were secured on almost every house's roof. Downed trees lay in the middle of trailers that families still resided in. Large piles of wood, bricks and rubbish were on the sides of the street. Those piles used to be houses. Electric poles were down in many places. How could everyone have electricity?

"On nearly every corner, linemen were working power lines. We passed by a sign labeled 'FEMA' and continued on. Individuals and families were riding around on bikes or walking down the street, toting bags and food.

"Upon arrival we distributed clothing, baby supplies, Christmas decorations, hot cocoa and Christmas cookies. We set up fun games for the kids, and played carols. As the day went on and the event grew, more people drove up to join in. Dozens of families took part and were grateful to stock up.

"I heard many of the residents were freezing at night and had insulation issues in their houses and trailers due to storm damage and mold. Despite the harsh conditions, every person smiled."

This Christmas, take a break from gift shopping and make a donation or lend a hand to the organizations working day after day to help out our friends still affected by the hurricane.

Make yourself a Glory Sighting.

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#### FAITH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 16 **A CHRISTMAS PARTY: 4:30-**6:30 p.m. in the CLC building at First United Methodist Church of Panama City, 903 E. Fourth St., with special music by Billy Rader. Bring favorite crock pot recipe and Christmas dessert; wear favorite Christmas sweater. **ADVENT 2018 - A WORLD OF HOPE SUNDAYS:** 11 a.m. at Unity Spiritual Center, 1764 Lisenby Ave., Panama City. As we prepare for the Christ rebirth within, join us for our Advent Series. Love guest speaker: Ron Holdaway, LUT. Details: 850-769-7481 or www.uni-

SUNDAY, DEC. 23 **CHRISTMAS COMMUNION** SERVICE: 10:30 a.m. at Emerald Coast Assembly of God,

tyofpanamacity.org

1913 Cauley Ave., Panama City Beach. Hosted by Four Winds Church of Panama

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MONDAY, DEC. 24 TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS **CANDLELIGHT COMMU-NION SERVICE OF NINE** LESSONS & CAROLS: 6 p.m.

at Parker United Methodist Church, 908 S. Tyndall Parkway, Panama City. Details: 871-4747

### Area Episcopal Churches Welcome You **HOLY NATIVITY 747-4000** 222 North Bonita Ave., Panama City 32401 (In the Cove)

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am & 10:30 am, Chr. Ed. 9:15 am For more info www.holy-nativity.org

#### **ST ANDREW'S 763-7636**

1620 W. Beach Dr., Panama City 32401 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am For more info www.standrewsbythebay.org

#### ST. PATRICK'S 769-1188

4025 E. Hwy 98, Panama City 32404 (East of Transmitter) Holy Eucharist 10:00 am For more info www.stpatrickspanamacity.org

#### ST THOMAS BY THE SEA, **LAGUNA BEACH 234-2919**

20408 1st Ave. and Wisteria Lane, Panama City Beach 32413 (PCB Pkwy Exit L) Holy Eucharist, Sunday at 11:00 am For more info www.stthomasbytheseapcb.org

## SPORTS

## Bay defense suffocates Arnold

By Tyler Waldrep The News Herald twaldrep@pcnh.com

PANAMA CITY BEACH -Bay's full-court defense took center stage on Friday night as the Tornadoes cruised to a 59-12 road victory over Arnold.

"If you're gonna rattle them, get in their heads versus them getting in our heads first then it gives Bay High a chance," Bay coach Deirdre Powell said.

For the first time this season, Bay (6-2) ran a fullcourt press from the very first whistle. It was obvious Arnold (0-6) wasn't ready for it.

The press prevented the Marlins from advancing the ball past half court 12 times in the first half alone. On several of those plays, Bay players forced the turnover by leaping into the air and high-pointing the ball the same way a corner or a safety might do on the football field.

This allowed Bay to take a 45-10 lead into the break which also forced a running clock in the second half.

When their opponents did get past half court, Bay's defense always seemed to be in position. Often Arnold players attempted a long pass shortly after crossing half court. A less sound defensive team would have paid for

their aggressiveness here, but the Tornadoes snatched most of these right out of the air.

"It's really changing the way we play as a team and a unit," Powell said of her team's play of the defensive side of the ball.

Christionna Faison scored 22 points for Bay in the first half to finish with a gamehigh 24 total. She was joined in double figures by Yasmine Trammell who scored all 13 of her points in the first half.

On Monday, Powell said she saw a glimpse of the old Trammell, the one who played before she got reconstructive surgery on her

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Arnold's Francis Ulloa and Bay's Yasmine Trammell vie for possession. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

## Doing it with D



Mosley's Russell Russ steals the ball from Arnold's Zach Sinclair during Friday's game in Lynn Haven. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

### Dolphins smother Marlins, move to 2-0 in district

**By Dustin Kent** dkent@pcnh.com

LYNN HAVEN — Perhaps the biggest mission of the early season for any team -

outside of simply winning

games - is to try to find an

identity, a calling card of sort to rely on in big games against quality competition.

Through eight games, it appears Michael Memmen's Mosley squad has found just that on the defensive end of the court. The Dolphins held their third straight opponent under 50 points on Friday night to notch their third consecutive victory, knocking off Arnold 54-41.

The win moves the Dolphins to 4-4 overall and 2-0 in District 1-6A. It was the first district setback this season for the Marlins, who are now 1-1 in league play and 3-4 overall.

Carlos Dominguez led three Mosley scorers in

See DOLPHINS, C2

### Eagles QB Wentz has stress fracture in back

By Rob Maaddi

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Carson Wentz's back injury means Nick Foles gets another opportunity to rescue the Philadelphia Eagles.

Eagles coach Doug Pederson said Friday that Wentz does not require surgery for a stress fracture in his back and the injury could take up to three months to heal. The quarterback is listed as "doubtful" for Sunday night's game against the Rams in Los Angeles and is scheduled to travel with the team. Foles wasn't available to speak to reporters, but teammates expect the Super Bowl MVP

"He's the guy and it's my job to create as much separation for him or if he gives me an opportunity and I am covered, go get it," wide receiver Nelson Agholor said after practice.

Pederson is optimistic about Wentz's recovery.

"The fact that he doesn't need surgery on this is the best news you could possibly have on anybody that has a stress fracture or stress injury," Pederson said.

He wouldn't rule him out for this week or the rest of this season. The Eagles (6-7) are

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### Chargers prove themselves to be Super Bowl contender

By Joe Reedy

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Chargers can no longer be overlooked, whether it is on the list of Super Bowl contenders or as a headline attraction in their own town.

Thursday night's 29-28 come-from-behind victory over the Kansas City Chiefs moved the 11-3 Chargers into a tie atop the AFC West with two games remaining and clinched them their first postseason berth since 2013. The Chiefs hold the tiebreaker due to a better division record, but the Chargers have a viable chance of not only winning the division for the first time since 2009, but also getting home field throughout the playoffs.

"This isn't the same old Chargers," safety Derwin James said after their third comeback win in the past four weeks. "We're here to compete with anybody in this league and we showed it tonight."

While the Rams and Chiefs have garnered most of the attention, the Chargers have been one of the hottest teams since last season. Their 20-6 mark since an 0-4 start last season is tied with New England and New Orleans for most wins going into Sunday's games. The Saints and Patriots have a better winning percentage.

That also might start propelling the Chargers toward equal billing with the Rams, who are 19-6 in that same span going into Sunday's game against Philadelphia. With most of the focus in recent months on the Dodgers making the World Series, LeBron James' debut season with the Lakers and the Rams, the Chargers have been lost in the shuffle.

"We'll fly underneath the radar. We just go out there and play the best that we can," center Mike Pouncey said, "It is nice to get the

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Los Angeles Chargers wide receiver Mike Williams gestures as he leaves the field following Thursday's win in Kansas City. [ED ZURGA/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS1

#### PREP ROUNDUP

### Mosley rolls over Bay

The News Herald

PANAMA CITY - The Mosley boys soccer team notched an impressive and comprehensive victory over Bay at Tommy Oliver Stadium on Friday night, cruising to a 6-0 triumph.

The Dolphins improved to 3-5 overall on the season and 2-2 in District 2-3A. The Tornadoes fell to 5-3-1 overall and 2-2-1 in district. Chandler Gilligan and Austin Priemer each had two goals and an assist to lead Mosley.

Nick French and Crimson Peterson also scored goals, while Jakub Reid added two assists and Noah Hapner one assist.

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double figures with 16 points, followed by Christian Miller

with 11 and Russell Russ with

10. But it was the other end of

the court where the Dolphins

did most of their damage,

limiting the Marlins to just 11

"I thought defensively we were very aggressive early,"

Memmen said. "We did a

good job of applying ball

pressure and getting in gaps,

and we took a lot of charges

tonight. We did a good job

of taking away what they

wanted to do. Maybe we got

a little too aggressive and they

shot a lot of free throws, but

it was a good job by our team

to settle down and gut it out."

as many points from the foul

line as they did from the field,

converting on 18 of 33 from

the charity stripe. Mosley

took just six free throws.

Despite the free throw dis-

parity, Arnold couldn't get

much going offensively,

making their first field goal of

the game on a driving layup by

Andrew Cetrone with 5:11 left

That score cut the Mosley

lead to 18-7, but the Mar-

lins were unable to get any

closer in the first half and the

Dolphins carried a 12-point

edge into the halftime break. Mosley looked ready to

pull away in the third quarter, with a pull-up jumper

by Dominguez, a steal and

layup from Shelton Watson,

and consecutive mid-range

jump shots by Coby Williams

comprising an 8-2 run to put

Mosley up 42-25 going into

in the second quarter.

The Marlins scored almost

made baskets for the game.

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#### Arnold 6, Wakulla 0

PANAMA CITY BEACH The Marlins moved to 9-1 overall and 5-1 in District 2-3A with the win. Taylor Bradley led Arnold with a hat trick, while Seth Ward, Tristen Gandy, and Josh Grunden also scored goals.

Gandy, Grunden, Ben Lebdaoui, Taylor Bradley, Braden Masker, and Diego Nunez each had assists.

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL** Franklin County 68, **Bozeman 38**

SAND HILLS - Lamarius Martin and Simon Brathwait each scored 15 points to lead the Seahawks, who improved to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in District 4-1A.

Bozeman dropped to 3-5 overall and 2-2 in district. Logan Cox led the Bucks with 16 points and Jaidon Dorsey added 13.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Graceville 44, NBH 36

LYNN HAVEN - Jazmine Bellamy scored 18 points and Niyaa Martin had 15 to lead the Tigers, who improved to 4-8 on the season. Jamesha King was the top scorer for NBH with 13 points, followed by Aleena Khan and Aaliyah Bell with eight each. The Buccaneers are now 5-5 this season.



Arnold's Francis Ulloa puts up a shot over Bay's Christionna Faison. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

#### **BAY**

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ankle. Her play Friday night was exactly the type of performance her coach anticipated seeing later on this season.

"A much better groove today," Powell said of Trammell. "She shocked me."

With a second scorer fast-emerging for the Tornadoes, Powell is now looking for a third scoring threat that can keep teams honest down the stretch. She has an idea in mind who that might be.

Kamiya Gillis only scored seven points in the victory, but Powell watched the senior average close to 30 points during her sophomore season. Now she's trying to reestablish herself after taking a year off basketball.

"We're trying to draw it back out (of Gillis) absolutely," Powell said.

Alexis Wray led the Marlins with a total of nine points. Arnold coach Dorian Evans didn't seem surprised that Wray was able to find a way to score points even when the team struggled so much with the

"She's always coming up big for us, tonight it just wasn't our night," Evans said. "She tried her hardest. She wanted to put everything on her back and that's what we expect her to do."

The Marlins will return to the court on Monday for a home game against Navarre. Bay will also be back in action on Monday night when the team hosts South Walton.

From a coaching standpoint, Powell knows how hard it can be to rally when girls get frustrated. That's one reason the full court press is here to stay.

"It's hard because they (players) start to shut down and once they shut down you pretty much aren't going to get too much from them," Powell said.



Arnold's Chandler Taylor tries to get past Mosley's Christian Miller.

[JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Arnold made a push to start the final quarter, launching a 9-0 run beginning with a baseline jumper by Manny Echevarry and ending with a nice up-and-under layup in the post by Walker Mathis to make it 42-34 with 5:30 to

After a couple of missed opportunities to get closer by Arnold, Mosley got a big 3-pointer from the left corner from Miller to push the lead back to 11 with 4:08 remaining. Miller then scored on a breakaway layup and hit another three from the same spot in the left corner to push the Mosley margin to 14 at 50-36 with 1:49 to go.

Echevarry was the leading scorer for Arnold with 13 points, followed by Zach Sinclair with 11. Cetrone and Chandler Taylor each added seven. It was a tough night all-around for the Marlins, but Arnold coach Bobby Britton was quick to credit the Dolphins.

"It wasn't us; Mosley's a great defensive team," he said. "They're probably the best defensive team

we'll face. Hats off to coach Memmen, he had his guys ready to play hard. They were just in our face. Their kids were locked in and ready to play hard for 32 minutes."

Neither of Arnold's incoming transfers - Bay's Jeremiah Hudson and Rutherford's Justin Martin - were eligible to play on Friday. Britton said Hudson would be cleared to play Tuesday at home against Rutherford, while Martin would get to go Dec. 22 against Port St. Joe.

With the Marlins soon adding some firepower to their roster, the Dolphins getting out to the early lead in the district race could prove important.

"(Arnold) is becoming a pretty big rival," Memmen said. "We know they're a talented team with a lot of talented players and I think the guys took that as a challenge. We're off to a good start. We're still trying to be the best versions of ourselves, but we know it's a long road. That Arnold team has a lot of good pieces and we know they're going to get better."



In this Sept. 23 photo, Philadelphia Eagles quarterbacks Carson Wentz, left, and Nick Foles warm up before a game against the Indianapolis Colts, in Philadelphia. [MATT ROURKE/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

#### **CHARGERS**

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the fourth.

recognition but at the end of the day we are looking to put ourselves in position."

Philip Rivers is putting together one of the finest seasons of his 15-year career, and Los Angeles went into the week as one of two teams that are ranked in the top 10 in offense and defense. Pittsburgh is the other.

The offense showed that it has plenty of depth against the Chiefs. Rookies Justin Jackson and Detrez Newsome averaged 4.2 yards per carry with Melvin Gordon and Austin Ekeler inactive due to injuries. Mike Williams, who was a first-round pick last year, stepped up after Kennan Allen's injury in the first half with three touchdowns (two receiving, one rushing) and the game-winning, twopoint conversion.

"It was just a heck of an effort. We ran the ball like we did and the time of possession

was good, third downs were good," Rivers said. "We really went how we wanted to go. Keep those guys on the sideline and convert third downs and score. The receivers also all stepped up with Keenan Allen out."

It also marked the second consecutive road game that Rivers has rallied the Chargers from a deficit of 14 points or more. Both have defied the odds. Los Angeles' 33-30 win on Dec. 2 at Pittsburgh marked the first time a team had rallied from a deficit of 16 or more against the Steelers at home.

Thursday night's game was only the eighth time out of 2,059 games since 2000 that a team won after trailing by 14 points with five minutes remaining.

For the Chargers, lategame dramatics are becoming the norm. Besides the recent road rallies, they beat the Titans in London with a stop on a two-point conversion, held off Seattle with a pass deflection in the end zone and lost to Denver on a field goal on the final play.

"We have been in these

situations so many times, we believe we are going to win now," coach Anthony Lynn said. "I think the guys are really comfortable when we are in these situations. They do not panic. There is no anxiety."

Rivers is third in the league with a 112.4 passer rating and is averaging 9.1 yards per completion, which is tied for second. His 69.4 completion percentage is the secondhighest of his career after 14 games (he was at 69.9 in

The defense, which has hit its stride with defensive end Joey Bosa's return from a foot injury, was the first to hold the Chiefs under 300 yards.

The Chargers still have tough tests against Baltimore and at Denver to close the year. The Chiefs are at Seattle next week before hosting Oakland. The AFC West winner is in the driver's seat for the top seed in the conference and home field throughout, which has been important in past seasons. The AFC's top seed the last five years has ended up advancing to the Super Bowl.

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still in the chase for a playoff spot.

"If we put him out there, there has to be 100 percent that there's no risk of anything further."

The team isn't certain when Wentz got hurt and Pederson said the injury developed over time. A test on Tuesday revealed his condition.

"He's one of the toughest dudes I know, but of course it's going to affect him," wide receiver Jordan Matthews said after Thursday's practice. "You have to be able to twist, you have to be able to turn. Carson is probably the best quarterback also throwing off the run, so that affects your running, too. He's wearing a knee brace. This guy is playing through

Foles hasn't taken a snap in a game since Week 2. He took

over in Week 14 last season after Wentz tore two ligaments in his left knee during a comeback win on the road against the Rams. Foles led Philadelphia to its first NFL title since 1960 and started the first two games this season, going 1-1.

"Nick is a Super Bowl MVP quarterback for a reason and we've got a ton of confidence that he's going to give it his all like he always does," said tight end Zach Ertz, who caught the winning touchdown pass from Foles in Philadelphia's 41-33 win over New England in February.

Foles is 21-12 as a starter, including playoffs, in two stints with Philadelphia. He has completed 65.9 percent of his passes for 451 yards, one TD and one interception this season. He was outstanding last postseason, completing 72.6 percent of his passes for 971 yards, six TDs, one pick and also had a TD catch.

"I'm not going to compare," Agholor said. "It's two different situations."

## **SPORTS TICKER**

IN BRIEF

**PITTSBURGH** Fralic, star lineman for Pitt, Falcons, dies at 56

Bill Fralic, the burly, bruising and athletic offensive lineman who starred for the Atlanta Falcons and was a threetime All-American at Pittsburgh, has died. He

He had cancer and died Thursday at his home in suburban Atlanta, the university said.

Fralic was the first offensive lineman to finish in the top 10 in Heisman Trophy balloting — finishing eighth in 1983 and sixth in 1984. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998. The school retired his No. 79 at halftime of his final home game in 1984.

Pitt made Fralic part of its inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017, a class that included former teammate and Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino.

"Bill Fralic is the best," Joe Moore, who worked as Pitt's offensive line coach during Fralic's career, once said. "If you can find somebody better, bring him to me. I've been privileged to coach some good ones here, but none better than Bill Fralic. Those kind only pass through once."

#### **NEW YORK Wife of late George Steinbrenner dies at 83**

Joan Steinbrenner, the wife of late New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, died Friday. She was 83.

The Yankees said she died surrounded by family at her home in Tampa, Florida.

Joan Steinbrenner held the title of Yankees vice chair.

Born Elizabeth Joan Zieg was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio and she received a degree in dental hygiene from Ohio State. In 1956, she married George Steinbrenner, who died in

#### MALELANE, **SOUTH AFRICA** Lipsky leads by a stroke at Leopard Creek

David Lipsky will take a one-shot lead into the weekend at the Alfred Dunhill Championship after a bogey-free 6-under 66 at Leopard Creek Country Club on Friday.

Lipsky went to 8-under 136 overall and is chased by four Scottish players: Scott Jamieson (66) and Marc Warren (67) are a shot behind on 7 under and Doug McGuigan (66) and David Drysdale (69) are one more behind them.

The home challenge in South Africa slipped away on day two. Dylan Frittelli, Darren Fichardt, overnight leader Oliver Bekker and defending champion Brandon Stone are the closest South Africans at 5 under par, three off the pace. Oliver Wilson and Dimitrios Papadatos are also in that group of players tied for sixth.

Lipsky started on the 10th and made a birdie and an eagle in his first four holes for a flying start.

The Associated Press



Redskins owner Daniel Snyder walks the sidelines before a game against the Buccaneers on Nov. 11 in Tampa, Fla. [JEFF HAYNES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

# Nobody does it worse than Washington

**7**ou've gotta hand it to Washington's alleged NFL team. There's the offensive nickname. Not to mention claiming a player off waivers not long after he allegedly beat up a woman again. And let's not forget the organization's unwillingness to pursue a legitimate quarterback - yes, there's at least one out there - with the playoffs on the line. Oh, and while we're at it, quietly trying to push through a plan for a new stadium that would undoubt edly serve as another raid on the public coffers.

Let's go ahead and give this bunch a new moniker: the worst franchise in sports.

Washington's NFL team has some stiff competition, of course. There are horribly run franchises all over the sporting landscape.

Even within its own league, it's hard to dismiss the not-long-for-Oakland Raiders, who had the gall to announce they were bolting for a financial windfall in Las Vegas a full three seasons before they actually planned to skip town, smugly counting on the good people of Oaktown being nothing more than silver-and-black-clad suckers willing to support a lame-duck franchise. Now, it looks like the team might be homeless in 2019 after Oakland officials filed a lawsuit to recover some of the tens of millions of dollars they've invested in the team and its current stadium.

The Raiders deserve to be banished to a season of aimless wandering after turning their backs on Oakland for the second time, trading away two of their best players, and handing the keys to the franchise to broadcastermasquerading-as-coach Jon Gruden, who has guided them to three wins in his first 13 games.

But we'll still go with the Washingtonians as the ones most faithfully following the



**Paul Newberry** 

path of Be Worst. A brief recap:

• Reuben Foster, a troubled young man arrested not once but twice this year on suspicion of domestic violence, was claimed off waivers by Washington shortly after being released by the San Francisco 49ers. While we have little faith that any NFL team really cares all that much about dealing with this scourge on society - see: Kareem Hunt and countless others who've had similar brushes with the law - Washington turned the cynicism meter up to full blast before ripping off the knob.

• While giving Foster what amounts to a fourth chance (he's also got a marijuana arrest on his rap sheet), Washington wouldn't dare consider giving even a second look to a quarterback who had the gall to kneel during the national anthem as a protest against racial injustice. Again, Dan Snyder & Co. are hardly alone in the twoyears long blackballing of Colin Kaepernick – see: 31 other NFL teams — but the hypocrisy really stands

out in the nation's capital. After all, this team was in the hunt for the playoffs when it lost starting QB Alex Smith to a gruesome leg injury and backup Colt McCoy to a broken fibula. Last week, the Redskins trotted out the carcass of Mark Sanchez, whose last glimmer of relevance came toward the end of Barack Obama's first term. A 46-10 loss to the woeful New York Giants (who could've seen that coming, except everyone?) led Washington to make another change for what could be their last shot at making the postseason.

Exit Sanchez, enter Josh Johnson, who has twice as many NFL employers

(this is his 12th team) as career starts (Sunday's game at lowly Jacksonville will be his sixth, and first since 2011). Johnson gave Washington fans plenty of reason for hope when he declared "just a week ago, I was at home in the hood, chillin' with the kids, chillin' with my family and thinking on the couch that I might never play in the NFL again." Also, he prepped for his new gig by playing the "Madden" video game. The Redskins would probably be better off just playing the game's namesake, 82-year-old John Madden, at QB.

• While Snyder's horrific reign as owner - see: only five playoff appearances since buying the storied franchise in 1999, dwindling attendance at the FedEx Mausoleum, the RG3 fiasco, the embarrassing reign of coach Mike Shanahan, and so many other missteps that a full documenting would require transforming this column into book-form he's keeping up the push for a new stadium that, like so many others landed by his socialist-loving brethren, would surely require the taxpayers to turn over a hefty chunk of what occupies their wallets.

The Washington Post reported last week that Snyder is working with the outgoing Congress and the Trump administration to pull off an underhanded maneuver: getting a provision in a new spending bill that would allow him to build on the site of team's former District home, RFK Stadium. A very Snyderlike move, indeed.

• Finally, let's never forget that awful nickname, the one that Snyder steadfastly refuses to walk away from and won't be typed out on this keyboard. I checked again with Merriam Webster. Yep, that word is still "very offensive and should be avoided." Much like Wash-

ington's NFL team. The worst franchise in sports.

### Charity cases

NFL's theme song should be 'Meet Me In The Middle'

**By Barry Wilner** 

The Associated Press

Forget Carrie Underwood. Well, don't forget her, she's terrific.

But the NFL's theme song these days belongs to Maren Morris, Zedd and Grey. You know, "Meet Me In The Middle."

That's where a bevy of NFL teams sat through Week 14 - all with shots, both reasonable and long, at making the playoffs.

Take a deep breath and consider:

- Seattle and
- Dallas at 8-5.
- Pittsburgh
- at 7-5-1. • Indianapolis, Baltimore, Tennessee and Miami at 7-6.
  - Minne-
- sota at 6-6-1. Philadelphia,
- Carolina, Denver and Washington at 6-7.
- Green Bay and Cleveland at 5-7-1.

And, yes, Tampa Bay, Detroit, Cincinnati and the New York Giants at 5-8.

All are alive for the postseason.

Even Atlanta, at 4-9, if you can imagine, isn't eliminated.

Just what the league loves heading toward Christmas: charity for nearly all.

So let first-year Titans coach Mike Vrabel play the Grinch, trying to ignore any playoff chatter as his team heads to the Meadowlands to face the Giants.

'We haven't talked much. We try to eliminate all the scenarios," he says. "The only scenario that we try to focus on is our preparation right now as we head into a road game against the Giants.

"You could talk about scenarios all day. There's scenarios where the Dolphins give up two punt blocks and score on a 70-yard hookand-ladder; a scenario where a player jumps offside on a thirdand-1 in a four-minute situation; a situation where a team executes a 50-yard hook-andladder and then the kicker slips. Those are all the scenarios that are crazy that happen in this league every week, so the one we're going to try to focus on is our preparation versus the Giants."

Fair enough, because all of the playoff-qualifying scenarios for this week are enough to spark a migraine.

The questions that should be raised are:

- Is all of this competitive balance or simply mediocrity? Oasis or swamp?
- Is it good for the NFL that such spiraling messes as the Falcons and Bengals remain in the running?
- Do people really want to see a .500 (or worse) team playing in January, perhaps against a 14-2 opponent?

#### SCOREBOARD

#### ON THE AIR

**AUTO RACING** 5:30 a.m.

**FS1:** FIA Formula E, Ad Diriyah ePrix, Saudi Arabia BOBSLEDDING/SKELETON

6 p.m. **NBCSN: IBSF World** 

Cup, women's skeleton,

Germany **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 

11 a.m. BTN: Bucknell at Ohio

**ESPN:** Villanova at Kansas **ESPN2:** Tennessee at Memphis

**FS1:** SMU at Georgetown 12:30 p.m. CBS: Crossroads Classic,

Notre Dame vs. Purdue 1 p.m.

**BTN:** Western Michigan at Michigan **ESPNU:** HOF Boardwalk

Classic, NC State vs. Penn

**FS1:** Rutgers at Seton Hall 2:45 p.m.

CBS: Crossroads Classic, Butler vs. Indiana

3 p.m.

**NBCSN:** Charleston at VCU

4 p.m. **ESPN2:** Utah at Kentucky

4:30 p.m. CBSSN: Southern Mississippi at Wichita State

5 p.m. **SEC:** Arizona State at

Georgia 6 p.m.

BTN: Northern Iowa at Iowa **ESPN2:** Gonzaga at North

**ESPNU:** HOF Boardwalk Classic, Washington vs.

Virginia Tech 6:30 p.m.

CBSSN: Auburn at UAB 7 p.m.

**FS1:** Eastern Kentucky at Xavier

7:30 p.m. **SEC:** Cincinnati at Mississippi State University

8 p.m. **ESPNU:** USC at Oklahoma

10 n.m. ESPN2: Baylor at Arizona **ESPNU:** MGM Resorts Showcase, LSU vs. St.

Mary's **COLLEGE FOOTBALL** 

11 a.m. **ABC:** Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl: North

Carolina A&T vs. Alcorn State 12:30 p.m.

**CBSSN:** AutoNation Cure Bowl: Tulane vs. Louisiana-Lafavette

**ESPN:** New Mexico Bowl: North Texas vs. Utah State

ESPN2: NCAA FCS Semifinal, Maine at Eastern Washington

2:30 p.m. **ABC:** Mitsubishi Motors

1 p.m.

Las Vegas Bowl: Fresno State vs. Arizona State 3 p.m.

**ESPNU:** NCAA Division II Championship, Ferris State vs. Valdosta State 4:30 p.m.

ESPN: Raycom Media Camellia Bowl: Georgia Southern vs. Eastern

8 p.m. **ESPN:** R&L Carriers New

Michigan

Orleans Bowl: Tennessee State vs. Appalachian State **GOLF** 

3:30 a.m. **GOLF:** European Tour Golf, Alfred Dunhill Championship, third round, South Africa

9 p.m. **GOLF:** Asian Tour Golf, Indonesian Master, final round, Indonesia

3:30 a.m. (Sunday) **GOLF:** European Tour Golf, Alfred Dunhill Championship, final round,

South Africa **MIXED MARTIAL ARTS** 

FS1: UFC Fight Night Prelims: Lee vs. laquinta 2 7 p.m.

FOX: UFC Fight Night: Lee vs. laquinta 2

**NBA** 4 p.m.

NBA: Utah vs. Orlando, Mexico City NFL

3:30 p.m. **NFL:** Houston at NY Jets

7:20 p.m. NFL: Cleveland at Denver NHL

6 p.m. **NHL:** Los Angeles at Pittsburgh **RODEO** 

9 p.m. CBSSN: PRCA Rodeo, Wrangler National Finals **RUGBY** 

11:30 a.m. NBCSN: European Champions Cup, Leinster vs. Bath **SKIING** 

7 p.m. **NBCSN:** FIS Alpine World Cup, men's downhill, Italy **SWIMMING** 

8 p.m. **NBCSN:** FINA World Championships, Day 5 of

the 25m finals, China **SOCCER** 6:25 a.m. **NBCSN:** Premier League,

Manchester City vs. **Everton** 6:50 a.m.

FS2: FIFA Club World Cup. quarterfinal, Kashima vs. Chivas de Guadalajara

8:30 a.m. FS1: Bundesliga Soccer,

Hannover vs. Bayern Munich 8:55 a.m.

**NBCSN:** Premier League, Tottenham vs. Burnley 11:20 a.m.

FS2: Bundesliga, Werder Bremen vs. Borussia Dortmund

11:30 a.m. NBC: Premier League, Fulham vs. West Ham **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 

**BTN:** LSU at Rutgers **WOMEN'S COLLEGE** 

**VOLLEYBALL** 8 p.m. ESPN2: NCAA Championship, Nebraska vs.

Stanford

### SGT deals Gulf Coast 76-70 defeat

The News Herald

MARIANNA – South Georgia Tech outscored the Gulf Coast men's basketball team 39-31 in the second half Friday afternoon at Chipola to take a 76-70 victory.

SGT improved to 3-7 on the season with the win, while the Commodores fell to 9-5. Justin Johnson scored 20 points to lead the Jets, followed by Jalen Union.

Wilson and Jaylan McKinley with 13 each, and Khader Bini with 10.

Jacolbey Owens was the top scorer for Gulf Coast with 20 points on 8 of 18 shooting from the field, with Cameron Holden adding 19 points and eight rebounds. KK Godwin added 13 points and three assists.

Gulf Coast will play at Chipola again on Saturday against Southern

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**



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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Today FAVORITE UNDERDOG LINE O/U Utah 2051/2 at Orlando 5 Pk at Charlotte 2271/2 L.A. Lakers 211 at Detroit 202½ at Memphis 21/2 Houston Minnesota 213 at Phoenix at Oklahoma City 6 227 L.A. Clippers COLLEGE BASKETBALL Today FAVORITE LINE

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Thursday's Game L.A. Chargers 29, Kansas City 28 Today's Games Houston at N.Y. Jets. 3:30 p.m. Cleveland at Denver, 7:20 p.m. Sunday's Games Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, noon Green Bay at Chicago, noon Detroit at Buffalo, noon Tampa Bay at Baltimore, noon Arizona at Atlanta, noon
Oakland at Cincinnati, noon Dallas at Indianapolis, noon Miami at Minnesota, noon Washington at Jacksonville, noon Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 n.m. New England at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m. Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 7:20 p.m. Monday's Game New Orleans at Carolina, 7:15 p.m.

**WEEK 16** Saturday, Dec. 22 Washington at Tennessee, 3:30 p.m. Baltimore at L.A. Chargers, 7:20 p.m. Houston at Philadelphia, noon N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis, noon Green Bay at N.Y. Jets, noon Minnesota at Detroit, noon Buffalo at New England, noor Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon Jacksonville at Miami, noon Tampa Bay at Dallas,noon L.A. Rams at Arizona, 3:05 p.m. Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m. Kansas City at Seattle, 7:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24 Denver at Oakland, 7:15 p.m.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** RESULTS/SCHEDULE

**FCS PLAYOFFS** Friday's Game

North Dakota State 44, South Dakota State 21 Maine (10-3) at Eastern Washington (11-2), Saturday, Jan. 5

At Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas Semifinal winners, 11 a.m. NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS Today's Game at McKinney. Texas

Valdosta State (13-0) vs. Ferris State (15-0), NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

Championship Friday's Game at Shenandoah. Texas **NAIA PLAYOFFS** 

Today's Game at Municipal Stadium Daytona Morningside (14-0) vs. Benedictine (Kan.) (13-1), 6 n.m. **BOWL SCHEDULE** 

**Celebration Bowl at Atlanta** NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn State (9-3), 11 a.m. Tulane (6-6) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-6), 12:30 New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque North Texas (9-3) vs. Utah State (10-2), 1 p.m. Las Vegas Bowl Fresno State (11-2) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 2:30

Georgia Southern (9-3) vs. Eastern Michigan (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) **New Orleans Bowl** Middle Tennessee (8-5) vs. Appalachian State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday's Game Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl

Camellia Bowl at Montgomery, Ala.

UAB (10-3) vs. Northern Illinois (8-5), 6 p.m. Wednesday's Game Frisco (Texas) Bow San Diego State (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 Gasparilla Bowl at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Marshall (8-4) vs. South Florida (7-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 Bahamas Bowl at Nassau Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4), 11:30 a.m (ESPN) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl at Boise Western Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6), 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22 Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 11 a.m. Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas Houston (8-4) vs. Army (9-2), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dollar General Bowl at Mobile, Ala. Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN) Hawaii Bowl at Honolulu Louisiana Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5). 9:30 n.m. day, Dec. 26 **SERVPRO First Responder Bowl at Dallas** 

**Ouick Lane Bowl at Detroit** Minnesota (6-6) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 4:15 p.m. (ESPN) Cheez-It Bowl at Phoenix California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27 Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La. Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Pinstripe Bowl at The Bronx, N.Y.

Boston College (7-5) vs. Boise State (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 4:15 p.m. Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Dec. 28 Music City Bowl at Nashville, Tenn. Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Camping World Bowl at Orlando, Fla. West Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 4:15

Alamo Bowl at San Antonio Iowa State (8-4) vs. Washington State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 29
Peach Bowl at Atlanta
Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN) Belk Bowl at Charlotte, N.C.

South Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5), 11 a.m.

p.m. (ESPN)

(ABC)

Arizona Bowl at Tucson, Ariz. Arkansas State (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5), 12:15 p.m. (CBSSN) **Cotton Bowl Classic at Arlington, Texas** College Football Playoffs Semifinal: Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl at Miami Gardens, Fla. CFP Semifinal: Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31
Military Bowl at Annapolis, Md. Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (6-6), 11 a.m.

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6), 1 p.m. (CBS) Redbox Bowl at Santa Clara, Calif. Michigan State (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4), 2 p.m

Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn. Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma State (6-6), 2:45 p.m. (ESPN) Holiday Bowl at San Diego Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4), 6 p.m. (FS1) Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla. North Carolina State (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4),

6:30 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), 11 a.m.

Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla.
Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn State (9-3), noon (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl at Glendale, Ariz. LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0), noon (ESPN) Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif Washington (10-3) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 4 p.m.

Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2), 7:45 p.m. (ESPN) College Football Championship at Santa

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans

Cotton Bowl winner vs. Orange Bowl winner, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

**NAIA ALL-AMERICA** FIRST TEAM OFFENSE Quarterback - Trent Solsma, senior, Morningside (Iowa) College Running backs — Demarco Prewitt, junior

Kansas Wesleyan; Joe Connor, junior, Concordia - Garrett Bader, senior, Benedictine (Kan.); Anthony Vereen, senior, Jamestown University: Trey Coney, junior, Reinhardt (Ga.): Eli Smith, junior, Kansas Wesleyan; Trev

Wietzema, senior, Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) Tight end — Charlie Simmons, sophomore

Wide Receivers — Connor Niles, senior, Morning (Iowa) College; Darrion Dillard, senior, Ottawa

**All-purpose player** — J'Kobi Reddick, sophomore, Bethel (Tenn.)

Kicker - Ignacio Gomez, sophomore, Lyor DEFENSE Linemen — Shaq Bradford, junior, Kansas Wesleyan; JT Graydon, sophomore, Reinhardt (Ga.); Andreas Moeller, junior, Evangel (Mo.); Curt Boeke, senior, Dakota State (S.D.)
Linebackers — Jason Ferris, junior, Montana
Western; Caleb Coe, senior, Olivet Nazarene (III.); Lane Napier, sophomore, Concordia (Neb.) **Backs** — Bryce Van Beek, senior, Northwestern (Iowa): Nicholas Holmes, sophomore, St. Mary (Kan.); Jay Liggins, senior, Dickinson State (N.D.); Wilmer Cole, senior, Saint Francis (Ind.)

Punter — Matt Larson, senior, Rocky Mountain

#### **PRO BASKETBALL**

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Houston 126, L.A. Lakers 111 San Antonio 125, L.A. Clippers 87 Orlando 97, Chicago 91 Phoenix 99, Dallas 89 Friday's Games Boston 129, Atlanta 108 New York 126, Charlotte 124, OT Brooklyn 125, Washington 118 Indiana 113, Philadelphia 101 Milwaukee 114, Cleveland 102 Miami 100, Memphis 97 Golden State at Sacramento, late Oklahoma City at Denver, late Toronto at Portland, late Today's Games Utah vs. Orlando (Mexico City), 4 p.m Boston at Detroit, 6 p.m. I.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 6 n.m. Houston at Memphis, 7 p.m. Chicago at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m. Sunday's Games Atlanta at Brooklyn, 2 n.m. Philadelphia at Cleveland, 2:30 p.m New York at Indiana, 4 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Washington, 5 p.m. Miami at New Orleans, 6 p.m. Sacramento at Dallas, 6 p.m. Toronto at Denver, 7 p.m.

#### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE Thursday's Game No. 16 Wisconsin 101, Savannah State 60 Friday's Games None scheduled

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 1 Kansas vs. No. 17 Villanova, 11 a.m. No. 3 Tennessee at Memphis, 11 a.m. No. 4 Gonzaga at No. 12 North Carolina, 6 p.m. No. 5 Michigan vs. Western Michigan, 1 p.m. No. 7 Nevada vs. South Dakota State, 8 p.m. No. 8 Auburn vs. UAB, 6:30 p.m. No. 11 Texas Tech vs. Abilene Christian, 6 p.m. No. 13 Virginia Tech vs. Washington at Atlantic City, N.J., 6 p.m. No. 14 Buffalo vs. Southern Illinois, 1 p.m. No. 15 Ohio State vs. Bucknell, 11 a.m. No. 18 Mississippi St. vs. Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.

No. 22 Iowa vs. Northern Iowa at Des Moines, No. 23 Furman vs. UNC Wilmington, 3 p.m. No. 25 Indiana vs. Butler, 2:45 p.m. No. 25 Kansas State vs. Georgia State, 7 p.m. No. 25 Syracuse vs. Old Dominion, 11 a.m.

No. 19 Kentucky vs. Utah, 4 p.m.

No. 20 Arizona State at Georgia, 5 p.m.

RESULTS FRIDAY'S GAMES **EAST** George Washington 70, Howard 64

SOUTH Georgia Southern 101, Brewton-Parker Col. 64 MIDWEST DePaul 90, Illinois-Chicago 70

North Dakota 83, Mayville State 66

Green Bay at Creighton, late

SOUTHWEST Arkansas State 75, Florida Atlantic 71, 20T Houston Baptist 107, Arlington Baptist 70

**SCHEDULE** All times Central TODAY'S GAMES

EAST Iona vs. Princeton., 10:30 a.m. Old Dominion at Syracuse, 11 a.m. SMU at Georgetown, 11 a.m. Nicholls at Boston U., noon Md.-Eastern Shore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. NC State vs. Penn St., 1 p.m. Marist at Colgate, 1 p.m. Rutgers at Seton Hall, 1 n.m. Youngstown St. at Binghamton, 1 p.m. S. Illinois at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Robert Morris at Rider, 2 p.m. Dartmouth at Albany (NY), 2 p.m.
Wilson College at Mount St. Mary's, 3 p.m. St. Peter's at St. Francis Brooklyn, 3 p.m. Davidson vs. Temple, 3:30 p.m. NJIT at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m. Manhattan at UConn. 7 p.m. SOUTH Tennessee at Memphis, 11 a.m.

SE Missouri at The Citadel, noon Appalachian St. at South Florida. noon Kentucky Christian at Liberty, 1 p.m. Trinity Baptist at Presbyterian, 1 p.m. Stephen F. Austin at Louisiana-Monroe, 2 p.m. Radford at Clemson, 2 p.m. UNC-Wilmington at Furman, 3 p.m. SC State at SC-Upstate, 3 p.m Fisk at Alcorn St., 3 p.m. Coll. of Charleston at VCU, 3 p.m. Tennessee Tech at Kennesaw St., 3 p.m. Oral Roberts at Richmond, 3 p.m. Kent St. at Louisville, 3 p.m. NC A&T at Tennessee St., 4 p.m.
Purdue Fort Wayne at Austin Peay, 4 p.m. North Alabama at UNC-Greensboro, 4 p.m. Charleston Southern at North Florida, 4 p.m. Utah at Kentucky, 4 p.m. Saint Leo at Hampton, 5 p.m. Jacksonville at Bethune-Cookman, 5 p.m. Arizona St. at Georgia, 5 p.m. W. Carolina at High Point, 6 p.m. UNC-Asheville at Wofford, 6 p.m Gonzaga at North Carolina, 6 p.m. Auburn vs. UAB at Birmingham, Ala., 6:30 n.m. Louisiana Tech at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m. Jackson St. at Murray St., 7 p.m. Brescia at UT Martin, 7:30 p.m Cincinnati at Mississinni St., 7:30 n.m. Southern U. vs. Northwestern St. at Shreveport, La., 8 p.m. MIDWEST Bucknell at Ohio St., 11 a.m. Villanova at Kansas, 11 a.m. W. Illinois at IUPUI, noon Ohio at Detroit, noon Notre Dame vs. Purdue, 12:30 p.m. Marshall at Akron, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at Evansville, 1 p.m. W. Michigan at Michigan, 1 p.m. ETSU at Illinois, 1 p.m Butler vs. Indiana, 2:45 p.m. Iowa St. vs. Drake, 3:30 p.m. Southern Miss. at Wichita St., 4:30 p.m. Middle Tennessee at Toledo, 6 p.m. N. Iowa at Iowa, 6 p.m. McNeese St. at UMKC, 6 p.m. E. Illinois at Bradley, 7 p.m. Georgia St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.

E. Kentucky at Xavier, 7 p.m Texas State at Rio Grande, 7 p.m. Missouri St. at N. Dakota St., 7:30 p.m. SOUTHWEST UC Santa Barbara at Rice, 2 p.m. Grand Canvon at Texas, 5 p.m. Abilene Christian at Texas Tech, 6 p.m. UTSA vs. Arkansas, 7 p.m. Southern Cal at Oklahoma, 8 p.m. **FAR WEST** Pepperdine at S. Utah, 2 p.m. Belmont at UCLA, 4 p.m. Nebraska-Omaha at Idaho, 5:05 p.m. E. Washington at Stanford, 6 p.m. Virginia Tech vs. Washington, 6 p.m. BYU vs. UNLV at Paradise, Nev., 7:30 p.m. Utah Valley at Weber St., 8 p.m. Alabama St. at Utah St., 8 p.m. S. Dakota St. at Nevada, 8 p.m. Boise St. at Oregon, 8 p.m. Denver at UC Irvine, 9 p.m. N. Colorado at San Diego, 9 p.m. Grambling St. at Portland, 9 p.m. Cal Poly at California, 9 p.m. N. Arizona at San Jose St., 9 p.m. Loyola Marymount at Portland St., 9:05 p.m.

#### **PRO HOCKEY**

Texas A&M vs. Oregon St., 10 n.m.

Baylor at Arizona, 10 p.m. LSU vs. Saint Mary's (Cal), 10 p.m.

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34 14 16 4 32 101 115 31 14 15 2 30 81 86 -Vancouver 31 14 15 2 30 81 86 33 11 20 2 24 72 102 Los Angeles 2 points for win, 1 point for overtime loss. Top 3 teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. Thursday's Games

Columbus 4, Los Angeles 1 Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 1 Montreal 6, Carolina 4 Nashville 4, Vancouver 3, OT Winnipeg 5, Edmonton 4, OT Minnesota 5, Florida 1 San Jose 3, Dallas 2 Friday's Games New Jersey 5, Vegas 4, OT Pittsburgh 5, Boston 3 Arizona 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT Ottawa 4, Detroit 2 Washington 6, Carolina 5, SO St. Louis 4, Colorado 3, OT Winnipeg 4, Chicago 3, OT Philadelphia at Edmonton, late **Today's Games** Calgary at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m. Anaheim at Columbus, 6 p.m. Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m. Detroit vs. NY Islanders (Nassau Coliseum), Buffalo at Washington, 6 p.m. Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m. Toronto at Florida, 6 p.m. New Jersey at Nashville, 7 p.m. Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Vancouver, 9 p.m. **Sunday's Games** Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 11:30 a.m. Arizona at Carolina, noon Calgary at St. Louis, 2 p.m. Buffalo at Boston, 4 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 6 p.m. San Jose at Chicago, 6 p.m.

Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.



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#### STORY OF THE WEEK

Cavaliers remain perfect: Virginia (8-0) beat Morgan State and Virginia Commonwealth last week to remain one of nine unbeaten teams in the NCAA Division I ranks. It marks the Cavaliers' best start since 2014-15, when they reeled off 19 straight victories to start the season. Despite the record, Virginia dropped two spots from sixth to eighth in the AP Top 25 poll. Defense, as always, has been the calling card for coach Tony Bennett's squad. The Cavs are allowing foes just 51 points per game this season. Joining Virginia in the perfect-record category are Buffalo (9-0), Furman (11-0), Houston (8-0), Kansas (8-0), Michigan (10-0), Nevada (10-0), St. John's (9-0) and Texas Tech (8-0).

#### **STOCK RISING**



Florida State: With wins against Troy and Connecticut, the Seminoles (8-1) cracked the AP Top 10 for the first time since January 2017. FSU came in at 10th, thanks in

part to No. 9 Kentucky's setback against Seton Hall. The Seminoles have won three straight now since their only setback of the season, a 66-60 loss against nationally ranked Villanova.

#### **STOCK FALLING**



Pittsburgh: After a 6-0 start, the Panthers have started to come back to Earth. They've lost three of their last four games, including two straight heading into weekend play.

One of the latter losses by a 71-70 score came against a 2-4 Niagara squad missing top rebounder and scorer Marvin Prochet with an injury. Pitt then turned the ball over 24 times in a 69-59 loss against rival West Virginia on its home floor.

#### **WEEKEND SPOTLIGHT**



North Carolina's Cameron Johnson (13) drives to the basket against UNC Wilmington on Dec. 5 in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Tar Heels face Gonzaga on Saturday. [GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

#### Gonzaga at North Carolina Saturday, 7 p.m. EST, Dean E. Smith Center, **Chapel Hill, N.C., ESPN2**

The Zags (9-1) had ascended to No. 1 in the national rankings before being upended by Tennessee 76-73 last week. So they'll arrive in Chapel Hill ranked fourth and anxious to redeem themselves against the No. 12 Tar Heels (7-2), who haven't played a game in 10 days. UNC, which has struggled defensively in the early going, will have trouble handling Gonzaga, especially 6-foot-8 San Jose State transfer Brandon Clarke. Clarke is averaging 16.9 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.3 blocked shots per game this season.

Weekends	slate All times Eastern	
Time	Game	TV
SATURDAY		
Noon	Old Dominion at Syracuse	RSN
1:30 p.m.	Notre Dame vs. Purdue	CBS
2 p.m.	N.C. State vs. Penn State	ESPNU
2 p.m.	UMES at Pittsburgh	ACCNE
3 p.m.	Radford at Clemson	TBA
4 p.m.	Kent State at Louisville	RSN
7 p.m.	Gonzaga at North Carolina	ESPN2
7 p.m.	Virginia Tech vs. Washington	ESPNU
SUNDAY		
1 p.m	Fairfield at Boston College	ACCNE

#### **PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

• F R.J. Barrett Duke: Earned ACC Player of the Week and Freshman of the Week after averaging 28.5 points, 11 rebounds and five assists in two

non-league games.

• F John Mooney Notre **Dame:** Has pulled down 10 or more rebounds six times in nine games and leads the ACC with a 9.7 average.

• F Elijah Thomas Clemson: Converted 28 of 36 shots over the last five games (.778) and leads the ACC in field-goal percentage (.692).

• G Ky Bowman Boston College: Has scored in double figures 17 straight games dating back to last season, including eight with 20 or more points.

#### **RANKING THE LEAGUE** Through Dec. 11



1. Duke: Blue Devils have a week off to reflect on the 9-1 start to the season.



2. Virginia: Cavaliers survive a bit of a scare from visiting Virginia Commonwealth.



3. North Carolina: Tar Heels would be gearing up for matchup vs. No. 1 team, but Gonzaga lost. Still, it's a rematch from 2017 NCAA final.



4. Virginia Tech: Hokies are in cruise control with recent schedule, but there will be tougher days ahead.



5. Florida State: Seminoles do what Syracuse couldn't accomplish in the early going defeat Connecticut.



6. Syracuse: Orange returns to past glory with one-point victory against Georgetown.



7. Louisville: Cardinals might bemoan the one-point loss to Indiana, but they might grow from it, too.



**8. N.C. State:** Wolfpack waiting for next assignment, but sitting in good shape so far.



**9. Clemson:** Tigers find out they don't want to be without senior guard Marquise Reed for long.



**10. Notre Dame:** Irish have a notable outing against UCLA, but come out on the wrong end.



11. Boston College: Eagles scrap trip to Texas A&M because of airplane issues.



12. Miami: Hurricanes amidst a two-week layoff, hoping they don't stumble vs. Houston Baptist (like Wake Forest did) when they return to action.



13. Pittsburgh: Panthers don't fare all that well in the Backyard Brawl scrap with West Virginia.



14. Georgia Tech: Yellow Jackets respond from tough stretch with home victory.



15. Wake Forest: Demon Deacons defeat Charlotte, but visit from Davidson figures to be more challenging after final exams.

#### **NUMBER OF NOTE**



**Duke's Tre Jones (3) blocks Yale's Azar Swain (5) during** the first half Dec. 8 in Durham, N.C. [GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

#### 7.5

The average of blocked shots per game by Duke, which leads the nation. The Blue Devils have produced 10 or more blocked shots in four games this season.

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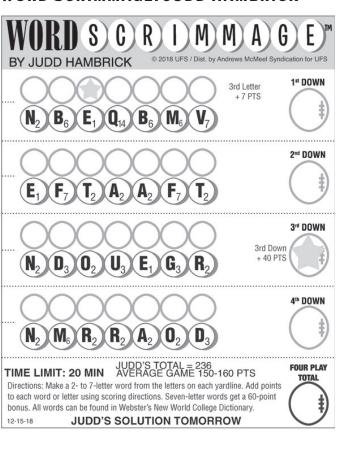
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TCM	25				** Trail of Robin Hood ('50) Roy			ers ('48) John Wa			Star-Night		a Stranger ('52) N		Thrill of It All
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#### **WORD SCRIMMAGE: JUDD HAMBRICK**



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#### **ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF**

"Why else lead a life of bad banquet dinners, cigar smoke, camp chairs, foul breath, and excruciatingly dull jargon if not to avoid the echoes of what is not known? – Norman Mailer

Today's deal has the air of a constructed puzzle, doesn't it? After the opponents have warned you of the risk of bad breaks all around (and North has shown a weak hand by doubling five clubs), you end up in the normal contract of five diamonds, having cleverly avoided playing your spade fit and running into a 5-0 break. As an aside, it makes sense to agree that after intervention at the four-level and higher, responder's initial double is

weaker than passing. The defenders lead the club king; you win (nice play!) and take the diamond ace and king. Much to your surprise, it is West who has the doubleton diamond, and the carding in clubs suggests he has eight or nine cards in that

Next you cash the heart king and ace. West follows up the line to suggest three, and no one is astonished when, on your (necessary) play of the spade king, West shows out, pitching a club.

East can do no better than win the trick and play back the spade jack. You win the spade queen then lead the club jack, throwing a spade from hand. That endplays West to give you a ruffand-discard, which allows you to dispose of a second spade from hand. If East ducks the lead of the spade king, you lead a low spade and play low from dummy to put him on play. Since a spade continuation would clearly be fatal, he shifts to a club. Again, you discard a spade and wait for the ruff-sluff to give you your 11th

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12-15-A

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Vulnerable: North-South

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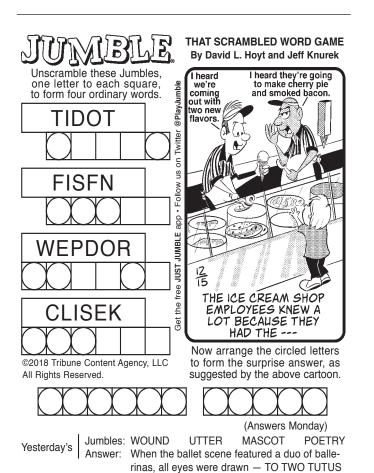
Opening Lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:  $\triangle$  K 7 6 3 ♥ A K ♦ AKQJ108

South West North East Pass

ANSWER: Do not look for complex solutions to simple problems. With nine top tricks in your own hand, just go ahead and bid three no-trump. Yes, there are hands in which you will score more in some other denomination, but here I would take the cash and let the credit



#### **DEAR ABBY**

### Daughter's plan gets thumbs down from dad



**Jeanne Phillips** 

DEAR ABBY: Our 23-yearold daughter, "Alexa," has a wonderful, well-paying corporate job with good benefits and a flexible schedule. She has low expenses, no debt and banks a respectable amount of her pay even though she lives 1,500 miles from home in a high-priced area. She works 40 hours max and has plenty of free time.

The issue? Alexa wants to quit her job and join the Peace Corps! Must we just say OK to chucking it all and moving to a Third World country?

Honestly, our biggest concern after her safety is her investing two years, moving back home and us having to support her while she looks for a post-Peace Corps job. My wife and I need to save for our own retirement, not spend it

on our kids. I'm trying to convince Alexa to use her free time to volunteer (something she does not now do). What advice do you have? - BAD IDEA

**DEAR BAD IDEA:** Talk to Alexa about your concerns for her future after she leaves the Peace Corps. Ask if she plans to use the money she's been putting away as a cushion after her return in the event she's unable to find a job right away. Then explain that you are asking because you need to build up your retirement monies and won't be able to give her further financial support. It's the truth, and she needs to know it before she quits her job.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been married for 20 years. I'm retired, but she still works 13-hour days in the ICU.

When she told me before we were married that she didn't clean house, I didn't realize she meant EVER! I run the dishwasher, I wash and dry clothes, and I pick up my stuff. When I cleaned the kitchen and put all the bills she had

scattered around in one stack, I was told, "Now I can't find anything! I have my own system, and you messed it up!"

She has promised that "when she has time" she'll clean house, but several times when she had a few days off, she spent them playing Candy Crush on her tablet. I have never told her she must clean; I say WE need to do it. She ignores me.

Abby, we both have allergies and asthma issues, and the bugs are starting to get bad even though we don't leave old food out. What can I do? Hope she forgives me after I clean? - IN A MESS IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR IN A MESS:** No. The responsibility for ensuring your home is healthy and habitable should not rest solely on your shoulders. I DO think you should hire a house cleaner to come in once a week. Your wife has a stressful job, and when she's off she may need to rest. Because you are retired and she's still working, it shouldn't break the bank, so discuss this option with her.

#### TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY



**Wilson Casey** 

1. Who recorded "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (1949) with the Pinafores Trio that soon peaked at No. 1 on the charts?

Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Bill Monroe, Lead Belly

2. The practice of hanging stockings over the fireplace on **Christmas Eve comes from what** country?

France, Italy, Greece, England 3. In 1923, which president lit the first national Christmas tree on the White House lawn?

Coolidge, McKinley, Taft, Wilson 4. Hanging mistletoe for kissing purposes originated with what

Scandinavian goddess of love?

Frigga, Venus, Cupid, Tulle

5. Which reverent "scene" includes the view at Bethlehem when Jesus was born? Holy, Star, Nativity, Magi 6. What do the red berries on boughs of holly represent? Love, First sin, Peace, Christ's

blood ANSWERS: 1. Gene Autry, 2. England, 3. Coolidge (Calvin), 4. Frigga, 5. Nativity, 6. Christ's blood

#### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - If you feel pressure to say what the other person wants to hear, you're being (perhaps subtly) manipulated. Take a step back. Consider the relationship. Proceed with caution.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - If you find yourself stretching for some easy way to describe yourself, you shouldn't have to at this point. It's a hint that the other person just isn't getting you -- not your problem. Other

people will. Move on. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** — If you're going to worry, make it work for you. Worry provides you with a quick look at potential pitfalls and a peak into your unconscious mind. Categorize your worries into reasonable and

unreasonable. That's a start. **CANCER (June 22-July 22)** - If you've been pessimistic and distrustful, it's only out of a need to protect and defend yourself. You're also brave and confident once you've made your mind up -- a joyful pioneer.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — From love to shampoo, everything has its cycle. What worked before may work again, although maybe not quite as well. Put feelers out for new alternatives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) —

Adults don't always do the adult thing, and children can take on adult responsibilities that rob them of carefree youth. These missives need to be recognized and set right.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — You'll scrutinize your work or habits before another person has a chance to. This way, you know you're putting your best self forward. It's an extra effort. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) -Vitality follows those on the

edge of the known. Anyone doing what they know they can do is playing it too safe to feel successful. Also, the one who is the least afraid of looking foolish

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll act on behalf of those unable or unwilling to take action themselves. This you do out of a sense of duty, but that doesn't mean you have to be too serious in your approach. Execute the task with a light heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No human is constantly on the spiritual high road. Anyway, a lower indulgence may serve you just fine. It's one of those crazy days when the superficial thing you think might make you happy actually does.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.** 

**18)** — There's no need to seek opportunities for heroism. Be consistent and cheerful, just like you usually are. That's what everyone needs right now. And don't be surprised if this makes you indispensable.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March** 20) - Future you is sending a message back in time: Please don't block me into long contracts. Future you is going to need some freedom to do the future-vou endeavors vou can't conceive of from where you're standing today.

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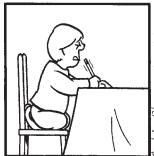
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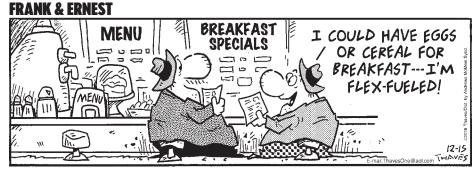








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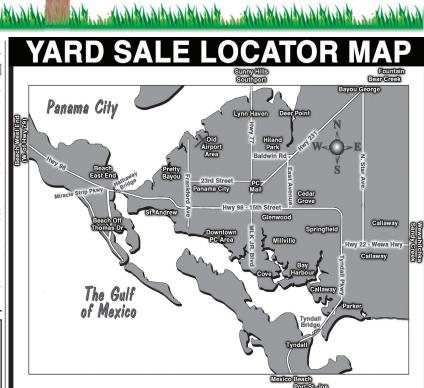
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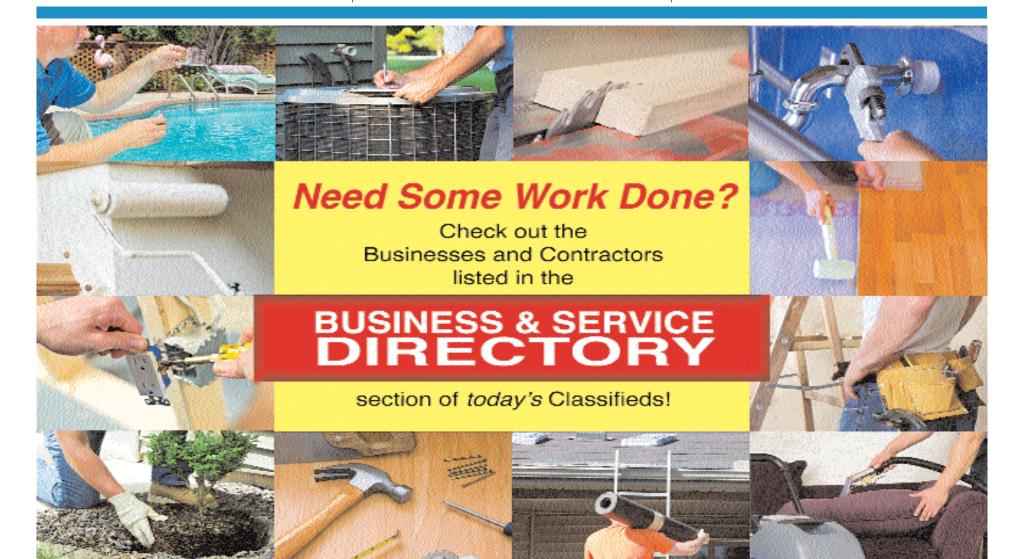


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