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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 <br> pmecreless@pcnh.com

@PCNHPatrickM
BAY COUNTY - Dwayne Anderson kept calm when his insurance company sent a $\$ 26,000$ check for home would ant $\$ 100$ e "It didn't surprise me - I've been hearing the horror stories about people dealing with ries about people dealing with 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. was significantly before tha 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 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 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 morethan a decade was akey power player in the Trump Organization and afixture in he "gave loyalty to some he "gave loyalty to somenot 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. Federallaw requires that any payments made "for the purposes of must be reported in an paign finance disclosures. Speakingto ABC's Georg 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 beingloyalto 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, direc tor 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 assoch
with government jobs " with govirement to beco bus driver are pretty simple,
and consistent throughout the state.
Drivers must be least 21 years old with at least five years of driving experience years 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 " forth to school.
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." ers with no expel drivbegins at more than $\$ 12$ an hour, includes training and
benefits.
"We work a few hours in the morning and fow hours the afternoon, so you haveth bulk of the day in the middle of the day off, and then, of 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.'
ing a strain on drivers is caus ing a strain on schedules 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

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## Center

Center Representatives from FEMA are available to answer questions about disaster assistance at two locations in Bay County: Bay County Public Library DRC, 898 W and John B. Gore Park 520 and John B. Gore Park, 520 Beulah Avenue, Calla
The centers are open Sunday through Satur from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To stay in touch with FEMA and provide updates or changes to your application for disaster assistance, including access to your primary home, utility service, and current location people can visit DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEM Disaster Distress Helpline Disaster Distress Helpline Helpline is staffed by Helpine is staffed by
trained counselors from a network of crisis call centers to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. The number for the $24 / 7$ service
is $1-800-985-5990$ is 1-800-985-5990. Prescription Assistance
The Emergency Prescription The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program has EPAP covers prescription drugs, vaccines and other medical supplies damaged in the hurricane. Individuals without health insurance qualify for EPAP. Prescriptions for medications and medical supplies may be renewed every 30 days for as long as the EPAP is activall 1 -855-793-7470. The call line can also answer questions about the program tions about the progran specific prescription is covered by EPAP. A list of participating pharmacies where claims can be filled is available at the Department of Health \& Human Services website: https://www. phe.gov/Preparedness/ planning/national-plus/ Pages/NationalPlus.aspx. about EPAP visit www.PHE gov/EPAP.
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 estab-
lished two debris dropoff lished two debris dropoff One at the corner of Map One at the corner of Maple Avenue and Third Street in 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 veg etative debris, construction debris and home appliances (white goods) between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., seven days a week.

## Finding services The 211 Citizen Ho

 The 211 Citizen Hotline continues to receive non-emergency calls. For 850-248-6099.
## Empty Stocking passes \$300K

The Empty Stocking Fund began more 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 morethan $\$ 4$ million.
This year the fun.
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
tion Army.
With t
With that in mind Cramer Chevrolet gave \$50,000 to kick off the campaign rather than 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

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Doctor Sylvester emailed this "Sunset Skies" photo and said, "Gloomy and gray, that's today. Just Monday, they

TODAY IN HISTORY

## The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 15, Today is saturday, Dec. 15 ,
the 349 th 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.
In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief
Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe memers were killed in Grand River South Dakota, during a confro Dakota, during a confro
tion with Indian police. In 1938, groundbreaking for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C. with President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking part in the ceremony.
In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disap peared over ine English Paris. Paris.
In 1960, Teflon-coated skillets first went on sale, 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 $5 \frac{1}{2}$ months later.) In 1965, two U.S. manned Gemini 7 , Gan Gemini , maneuvered toward each other while 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 people.
In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he would grant diplomatic recognition to Communist sever official relations with sever official
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.

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LOTTERY
These Florida Iotteries were drawn Thursday: Cash Ball: Fantasy 5: 01-03-24-25-29 Mega Millions: Estimated jackpot: $\$ 262$ million Pick 2 Evening: 8-2 Pick 2 Midday: 0-1 Pick 3 Evening: 0-8-4
Pick 3 Midday: $7-2-3$ Pick 3 Midday: 7-2-3 Pick 4 Midday: $4-5-5-1$ Pick 5 Evening: $5-0-0-2-7$ Pick 5 Midday: $8-1-8-9-3$ Powerball: Estimated jackpot: $\$ 246$ million

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## 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, an apparent act of retaliation, try 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 draws a clear distinction
between their political and 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 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 thy. Andithas yet to allow


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 them "The unlawful detention of two Canadian citizens is unacceptable. They ought to be returned," Pompeo said after meeting with his Canadian counterpart.
"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
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 of Toronto historian "Sadly we have to diminish contact we have to with China."
Bothwell concedes that disengaging with China "obviously has economic implications." Like consumers in the United States and elsewhere, Canadians have come torely on cheapimports fromChina - everything from sneakers to electronics. The Huawei clash comes 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 eign countries into handing eign countries into handing 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 X 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 to face bank fraud charges to face bank fraud charges
The U.S. accuses Huawe of using a Hong Kong shell of using a Hong Kong shell 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 as a way to pressure Caplad 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 marke 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 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 has agreed to pay $\$ 1.2$ million fo settle alawsuit of an epileptic man 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 of Republic, the Springfield News-Leader reports. News-Leader reports. Landis spaid it was in the "best Landis said it was in the "best 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 officialleading 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 the tiny community of Florissant, south of Denver
Theinvestigation andlength 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 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 aft
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 critica condition, he saic
Samples were collected for chemical analysis of food that was served to devotees
following a temple foundatoion laying ceremony.
They vomited, complained of severe stomach pain and weretakentonearby hospitals.

## ISTANBUL <br> Turkey's Erdogan reveals part of Khashoggi killing audio

Turkey's president says he has heard an audio recording has heard an audio recording in which a suspected killer Khashoggi allegedly says: " know how to cut well." know how to cut well. Presi dent 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 the United States, Germany and others.

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

The Associated Press


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## Migrant girl held at US border dies in custody

## By Colleen Long

 The Associated PressWASHINGTON Just 7 years old, Jakelin Amei Rosmery Caal Maquin was picked up by U.S. authorities with mer father and other migrants this mont in a remote stretch of New 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 late told U.S. officials.
The death of the The death of the Guatemalan girl is the lates desperation of a grow ing 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 wel authorities are prepared. Customs and Borde Protection said Frida that the girl initially 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 Commissione Kents"did everthe


Hurricane Michael Keepsake


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INSURANCE
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Insurance companies deny the allegations, saying they've already paid millions of dollars for claims he county and that their payouts are based on 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 ar windows that were shat ered ... water got in and Anderson said.
Anderson added that his ceiling now has crack and that much of hi garage was significantly damaged.
Anderson said he's not the only person in the community dealin with low payments from insurers. In the weeks that he had hired a public adjuster, they've come to him for help, Anderso 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?' a felingthis would beth a feeling this would be the Bo Williamson, f Noble Public Adjust ing Group in Panama City Beach, said his firm has seen a jump in homeown ers claiming their insurers low-balled them.
"What we're seeing is basically at this point about 1 percent of peopl are getting paid what they're owed, another 9 their claim and op percent their claim and 90 percen been low-balled by thei nsurance companies," Williamson said. "The insurance companies are basically paying 20 to 60 cents on the dollar depending on who you ask."
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Williamson said insur ance companies' entir business modelis to make mis whenever they can
"People have got to
realize how insurance companies work - the take in as much money as possible, invest it, then pay out as little as pos-
sible," Williamson said. "They deny where they can and where they can't

## 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 them their families
Though transporta-
have the district's hand

## COHEN

From Page A1

Prosecutors have said Trump directed Cohen to arrange the payments to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Dan 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 lection was made soo
they delay or underpa then they try to defend it ... they ve found out people get tired of fight way less money," way less money." and president of Securit 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 ences about settlements. "We don't understand here 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 "Inthe case of Burt said. In the case of a damaged roof, we made the decisoofs, we'd just give them the total amount for a new roof."
According to the Flor ida Office of Insurance Regulation, as of Dec. 7, Hurricane Michael insured damage totaled about $\$ 4.3$ billion in 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 damagouse and looks at damage, he 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 problem with the the puter 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
tied, there is hope thatthe 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 sonal time to spend with
after an old "Access Holywood" tape surfaced which Trump was heard talking about groping and trying to have sex with women, Cohen said.
"He was very conwould affect the election," Cohen said
The hush money wasn't initially reported on campaign finance docufar exceeded the legally far exceeded the legally in-kind contributions. The federal limit on individual contributions is $\$ 2,700$
As to whether Trump
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 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 could hamper recovery work. He said many ery work. He said many insurers tell their cusestimate 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 nich
manfor Citizens Proper 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 ing to Citizens Property 60 percent of all its Hurricane Michael claims are for mobile home policies. for mobile home policies. 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," Pel tier said.
Peltier said customers are encouraged to contact 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 ow-balling
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nailed to a job you know that you're working every that you're working every
day and you can't do these things. But we offer that time off to make that possible."
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gram, including job cuts aiming to save about $\$ 200$ million a year.


## BRIEFCASE

NEW YORK
I\&J hammered by report it knew of asbestos

Johnson \& Johnson on Friday forcefully denied a media report that it knew for decades about the exisof 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 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 gle-day decline since 2002.

## WASHINGTON

US retail sales rose 0.2\%,
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 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 might not be as bad as originally projected. The company s 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 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 Pres

NEW YORK - Homeown rs appear to have learned th lesson of the Great Recession debt. There is some concern that Cerporate concer didn't get the message.
For much of the past decade, companies have bor rowed at super-low interest rates and used the money to buy back stock, acquire other businesses and refi nance old debt. The vast majority of companies are paying their bills on time, its that have surged since th tonomy emed from the Great Recession nine and half years ago.
But with interest rate rising and U.S. economic growth expected to slow next year, worries are build ing from Washington to Wall Street that corporate debt is approaching poten tially 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 financia
crisis, growing much faster than the the bond market 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 ar panies at the weaker end the financial-strength scal the financial-strength scale ikely 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 invest ment officer at Wells Fargo Asset Management. "I think at some point, all the leverage its ugly head."
which said in early Electric which said in early Octobe related to its struggling power unit, one that ended up totaling $\$ 22$ billion. Both Moody's and Standard \& oor's subsequently downgraded GE's credit rating to three notches above "speculative" grade, which indicates higher risk of default.
GE, with about $\$ 115$ billion
in total borrowings, is part of a growing group of companies concentrated at th lower end of investmentnames in this area within 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 propor tion during the early 1970s. Credit-rating agencies say downgrades for GE, GM or Verizon aren't imminent. But the concern for them, ing 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, invest-ment-grade bonds - so they ould have to sell any bond that get cut to junk.

## Apple upstages Amazon in selecting new tech hub locations

By Michael Liedtke, Mat O'Brien and Will Weissert The Associated Pres

AUSTIN, Texas - Onetech AUSTIN, Texas - Onetech American cities through a circus-like contest that led mayors and governor 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 befor making its big move
The outcome was largely the same: Amazon and Apple their West Coast hometowns and establishing amaior foot hold in a handful of U.S. citie 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 hursday to build a $\$ 1$ billion campus in Austin, Texas hat will create at least 5,000 to call-center agents while dding 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 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 he next three years. Apple f jobs each in New York Pittsburgh; Boston; Boulder, Colorado; and Portland der, Color regon.
They are just picking America's most established uperstar cities and tech nus," said Rechard Forica, at the University of Toronto at the University of Toronto. Apple's scattershot expansion reflects the increasing competition for engineers ing been the world's high tech capital. The bidding for programmers is driving salaprogrammers is driving salaries higher, which in turn is catapulting the average prices the San Francisco Bay Area.

DAVE SAYS
Make sure it's a gift, or it's a trap

Dear Dave,
I'm on Baby Step 40 your plan. I'm debt-free, and I'm currently put ting 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 Isac

Dear Isaac,
I don't have a problem with this, if they're doing well enough financially o afford it, and the help fthey're borrowing the noney to make it happen, then the answer is "no." If they want to loan you the money, the answer is "no." Aloan between friends, isn'thelp - it's triends, isn't help - it 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 yourre in a eash for school, and if you can't buy ahome 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 fo

 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 ou \$70,000 on it. Irecently 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 Yes, that's what I woul gency 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 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 push ing forward and take care of Baby Step 4, investing

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# Give children a healthy life 

There 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 grippe nunities in terror. A time when tetanus killed about lo percent of the people infected with it. Those days are mostly over, thanks to widespread vac cination 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 nus and whooping cough or pertussis (given in a comrubella (another combo, called MMR); varicella or chicken pox; hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenz 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 som 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 vac cination. It's far more likely these parents - having never seen these horrible diseases for themselves - can ily swayed by internet misinformation and celebriily swayed by internet misinformation and celebri 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 kil 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.

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Banner, a News Herald sister paper with GateHouse Media.


Fantasy football fans gird for NFL playoffs


Peter Funt

Millions of anxious fans are now watchrise or fall in the annual fantasy football playoffs Although fantasy compe tition 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 allegiance to teams means are all that mater In fantasy are all that matter. In fantas 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 for the Packers or Cowboys or the Packers or Cowboys. 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. fan, for example you've pretty much lost interest now in the 49ers' miserable


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 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 globalism and declares him globalism and declares him 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 Arizon Sen. Jeff Flake. In real life, positions on several key issues, such as immigration
made him unwelcome on the Republican team.I'd include departing Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill, a moder ate Democrat who lost her bid for re-election in a state Trump by an incredible 19 Trump by an incredible 19 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 issues and Republican ssues "My fantasy squa 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 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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dreamers deserve attention
As the immigration debate rages on, Florida lawmakers need to make providing per for Deferred Action for Childhood Arriv als (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 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 would result in the loss of more than $\$ 1.4$ 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 ers and Florida communities need one Maria Rodriguez, Tallahassee

## READER FEEDBACK

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 to get rid of her alcohol PCBPD reported.

Allison C. Dugas: Smart and brave young man.
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.
Jance Pettrone Ze .er. So sad. being cured from needing astantly 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!
Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker signed a sweeping package of Republican written legislation Friday that restricts early voting and weakens
the incoming Democratic governor and attorney general brushing 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. of the Republic begins, not by some of the Republic begins, not by some by (the ironically named) Republican party authoritarian, wannabe
dictators.
The Washington Post reports a 7 -year-old immigrant died of dehydration and shock more than eigh hours after she was arrested by 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 Denise Lang: Sad that this hapDenise Lang: Sad that this hap Her family made the choice of this Her family made the choice of this
journey and the outcome is so sad!

## 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 dent 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 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 adminis tration respects the view change course in sup porting 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


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 PRESS]
"President Trump has ahead of voting to prebeen very clear about vent further action in the not only the importance House
of holding accountable "The current relationthose who murdered ship with Saudi Arabia is Jamal Khashoggi but the not working," said Sen. importance of protect - Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., ing American citizens," who opposed the Yemen he said, pointing to resolution but called the Iran's support for rebels crown prince "so toxic, so in Yemen and militia in tainted, so flawed" after Iraq that have killed U.S. the Khashoggi's killing troops. There is real risk to the to have a relationship United States of Amer- with the United States One of the Senate mea- change."
sures recommended that the U.S. end its assisthe U.S. end its assisthe 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 brass was on Capitol Hill

## Cranky Congress still has work to do

## By Laurie Kellman

 The Associated PressWASHINGTON Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer leaned back in his seat and propped up his feet on the leather chair next to 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 tions. And in the House a few lawmakers have ghosted the whole scene as the sun sets on the only 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 mation and the elections that flipped the House majority to Democrats. Everyone - especially members leaving for good - wants to go home.
"We havehad 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


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 "Lame duck" sessions "Lame duck" sessions of Congress are so reviled
even in less-rancorous even in less-rancorous 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 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 to adjourn earlier. 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.

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 atally by The Associated Press Many members, outgoing 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 woman Kristi Noem woman Kristi Noem, state of South Dakota," says a recording that answersthe 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 HERALD]

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

By Patrick McCreless pmccreless@pcnh.c
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PANAMA CITY - Gul Coast Regional Medical Center has restored more than 90 percent of its ser vices, two months after Hurricane Michael slammed into it.
According to a Thursday press release, Gulf Coast 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 hurrican damaged the hospital and knocked out all but emer gency 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. JJOSHUA 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


## PCB to require garbage pickup come March 1

## By Katie Landeck @PCNHKatieL klandeck@pcnh.com

PANAMA CITY BEACH - Residents of Panama City Beach will have until March 1 to choose a gar bage pickup service. An ordinance passed 3-2 by the PCB Council on Thursday night require residents to tothelandfill. Councilman Paul Casto and Phil Chester cast the dissenting votes. The council has said the new requirement is meant to "reduce unsightly litte and illegal dumping," though those in attendance who spoke on the ordi nance viewed it largely as a government overreach. "I haul my garbage up to the landfill as do a number of the residents on my "Code enforcement comes through our neighborhood on a regular basis. I know of no one on my street who has received a citation fo having trash lying out. Why are you doing this to us?"
Others who spoke said they did not think requiring
trash service would solve trash service would solve 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 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, rions, Mr Trash Nate' Snitar . 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.

See GARBAGE, B


## CELEBRATE SERVICE

## Beach Art Group reaches out to county artists

Supplies, work space
offered to 'Jumpstart
Art'
By Tony Simmons
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PANAMA CITY BEACH -
Hurricane Michael destroyed
galleries that show and sell
art, studios where art is cre-
ated and the resources artists
tap for materials.



## Woman sought in attack on Hispanic couple at shelter

By Zack McDonald
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PANAMA CITY - A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a woman who allegcouple at a storm shelter after she heard them speaking Spanish, according to court records.
Jane Lee Patin, 55, of Lynn
Haven, failed to appear
 recently for
a pretrial hearing in the case. She was arrested N 0 V . 16
after the Bay after the Bay County Sherresponded to the Arnold High School shelter, 550 N. Alf Coleman Road, to a report of a battery. Patin was charged with a misdemeanor, but
now could face more serious charges after not showing for a follow-up hearing, court ecords show.
According to BCSO reports the incident happened about 3 p.m. Nov. 16 as buses of displive 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 "The Spanish," officers wrote when (the victim) stepped off when (the victim) stepped off right side of his head."
A witness confirmed th Patin struck the man, apparently for no reason, while disembarking the bus, officers

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 for which she was conditionally released from custody. However, an arrest warran 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 threat ened 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 Department after officer received reports that she had been drinking all day Wednesday at her Edgewater Crossing


Apartment before an
attempt to attempt to
pour out her alcohol led to Malone allegedly threatening her juvenile child, who wa with a knife. Malone is being held on a 25,000 bond and was ordered pild 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 nitiated.
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 drinkget rid of her alcohol, PCBPD get rid of
"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 th 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. Malone admitted threatening Malone admitted threatening the child, police reported. 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 PCBPD reported the alleged threat constituted child abuse because it could be reasonably expected to result in the phys ical or mental injury to a child. Officers arrested Malone nd took her to the Bay County 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

 DeFUNIAK SPRINGS - AMilton 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 travel ing to meet a minor to engage
in sexual conduct with consent by a parent, using a computer to facilitate or 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 Attor ney'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 s release.
Hooks was identified by the Walton County Sheriff's Office in March during an undercover operation known as "Paladin Shield," which

Hooks responded to an online posting and ultimately requested to have sex with 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

TODAY
ST. ANDREWS FARMERS MARKET: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
along the boardwalk at th along the boardwalk at the 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 markets.org
## WREATHS ACROSS AMER

 ICA: 8:30-11 a.m. at five Bay County sites: Mount Hope in Lynn Haven, Millville, KentForest Lawn, Panama CityGarden Club War Memorial

## OBITUARIES

ELAINE NEWBERRY LAWRENCE
Elaine Newberry Lawrence, 80 , of passed away on Thurs day, Dec. 13, 2018. She was born Aug 14, 1938, in Millville, Florida, to William Ralph Newberry Sr. and Lois Lucille Turne Newberry. She was a 1956 graduate of Bay was a wife, mother, Mamaw to her adoring family. She was 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 honor ary PHT degree (Put ting Hubby Through) by the Dames of the 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 grandchil (Samantha Christensen) Alysa Nelson (Garrett), Natalie Lawrenc Caitlin Lawrence, Caryn Lawrence, Sarah Zerbach, Ashley Lawrenc (Montgomery Rich) and Hannah Zerbach; fiv great-grandchildren

Robert Lawrence Jr 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. MonWilson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clyde Ellison officiat ing. Interment will 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 donaBox 1200 Panama City Box 1200, Panama City of Elaine Lawrence. 850-785-5272
and the 10 historic cemeter ies on Tyndall Air Force Across America Bay County Florida" on Facebook or email waabayco@gmail. com

## 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 Wreaths Across America
## WINTER FLYERS DEBUT AND

 CHRISTMAS PARTY: noon to $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. 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 OME!)': 2 p.m. and 7:30 all Theatre, 216 Me the Seatin 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 Eve old." Tickets and detai

## PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA:

 -7 p.m. at Pier Park,
## 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. Perform 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., free food, games, crafts, music, cookie decorating, gifts and a visit fromSanta. Details: 850-763-5381 Details: toddherendeenth

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 night of music und a night of music under thestars. stars.
TODD HERENDEEN'S CHRISTMAS SHOW: doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the 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.
atre.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 presen as Isaiah, Mary and Josep learn and tell others of the Follow the path they did 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. day, Dec. 17, 2018, in the tions to Disaster Relief, c/o First Baptist Church

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## WILLIAM HARDISON HENDRIX

Funeral services for William Hardison Hen-
drix will begin at 2 p drix will begin at 2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, Wilson Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral
home from 1:30-2 p.m Graveside services wil begin at 1 p.m. Wedne
day, Dec. 19, 2018 at day, Dec. 19, 2018, at Lewisburg, Tennessee.

## GEROME JOHN 'G' ROULHAC

Funeral services for Will Baptist Church. Gerome John "G" Roul- Interment will follow hac, 59, of Panama City, at Hillside Cemetery. Florida, who died Dec. 7, 2018, will begin at $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Battle Memorial Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, dling arrangements. at Gospel Temple Free

## MARY JOSEPHINE WADDELL

Funeral services fo Mary Jo Waddell will begin at 2 p.m. Mon day, 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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## 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 for the hospital. "We have no exact date yet have no exact date yet when hyperbaric services 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 urricane
Buchanan said there was not yet a set date 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 because of the sioynifiant hurricane damage it sustained . sustained.
Last week, Ardent Health Services, operaannounced it would lay off 635 employees in February. Of those, a third will be part-time, work-as-needed and emporary employees. The hospital has had only its emergency room 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 conFeb to do so through Feb. 4.
Also
Sacred Heart, which sacred Heart, which 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 Bod
Kim Bodine, executive Gulf Coast dareer Source Gulf Coast, said her 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 living situations with everything going onright now," Bodine said. Bodine said said. nization 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


This damaged section of Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center still is under renovation. JJSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]
relocation expenses for them, even in other for people moving for a states," Bodine said.

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 Maddoxand a former aid Maddoxand aformer a on dozens of charges. 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

and Paige CarterSmith, who
served as Maddox's chief of staff while he served a stint as mayor, outlined a series of allegations of wrongdoing stemming from companies, Governance companies, Governance vices, LLC.
The U.S. Attorney's Office said in a new 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 covernance clients under 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 Carter-Smith through Governance.
Maddox and Carter Smith also are accused, in part, of lying to federal agents, defrauding a bank and violating tax laws.


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## 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 ableto have weapons in the lassroom.
That's the near-unanimous view of a state pane reated to make recom 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 goingtodo that is if you who can take that action," Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, who chairs the Gualtieri, who chairs the 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 serve on the panel, was the lone proposal Wednesday proposal Wednesday iff'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 said. Debbi Hixon, a teach agreed. Her husband

Chris, was the Parkland school's athletics director 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 thinks they are up to that task, I just think it is unfair to have that expectationfor 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. 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 men-tal-health professionals. whe commission delving into details about delving into details about response tothe shooting by response to the Shooting by iff'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 bulletbuildings.

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 red 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. approval this week of the 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 should be to teach our 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 Bchools, the group said. expanding the law.

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A former CEO of Cal-houn-Liberty Hospital has pleaded guilty to numerous federal charges that he set up a sham medical supply company in order to enbezzle more than \$1.14 milly struglinge finanfacility accordingto 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. other fees
For the three counts of up to three additional yp to three additional term of one year of supervised release, and up to a $\$ 250,000$ fine.

## PANAMA CITY <br> 5 more charged as

 unlicensed contractorsAuthorities have arrested another round of people ing storm repair without proper licenses, according proper licenses, acc
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 investi-
gations into the activity
of several companies that did not have contractor's estimates for contracting work. Agencies participating in the task force are pating 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 Jonas Storm Berry, 27 , of Texas; Kayla Marie Pierce, 21, of Jacksonville; Danie 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 Jail.

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 front Rescue Mission Mary Esther-based Air

Commando Association and the Bay Education Foundation in Panam City, anews release stated The Bay Education Foun dation 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 ustorefo-
cus," GulfPower chairman president and CEO Stan president and CEO Stan cane Michael was clearly ane Michael was clearly in Northwest Florida and theseteammates delivered anunprecedentedresponse to get the lights back on in Bay County and restore hope to our communities."

## ORLANDO

Amazon worker accused ftealing, shipping empty boxes

Sheriff's deputies said worker at an Amazon warehouse stole almost $\$ 4,000$ in merchandise and gift cards, and sent customers empty boxes.
Orange County depu ties said 20 -year-old Elvis Edgardo Soto was arrested Tuesday on a felony thirddegree grand theft charge jeil after posting a from ail after posting a $\$ 500$ Ama
Amazon public relations
manager Brenda Alfred said Wednesday that Soto no longer works for the company.
An arrest report says another employee discoveredthe thefts after running a report for gift cards that had been redeemed within six hours of being issued by the facility. The repor says Amazon reimbursed customers who received empty packages.
BUNNELL
Deputies fatally shoot murder suspect after chase

A man wanted for murder was fatally sho by deputies after leadin them on a chase on one o Florida's busiesthighways The Sumter County Sheriff's Office said the unidentified suspect fired shots at deputies after hi vehicle was cornered in Deputies returned fire killing the suspect.
Deputiesbeganfollowin
he murder suspect after authorities in a neighbor ing county notified them he was entering Sumte County, northwest of Orlando.
Officials said the suspec avoided multiple stop sticks laid on the road to disable the car'stires. Dep suspect in the highed the median in the highway'
The sheriff's office said
the suspect fired shots after getting out of his vehicle. Both lanes of the interleast an hour, backing up traffic. tallahassee Senate says elections supervisor must step

## down

Florida's Republican state Senate president said the Florida will not take any senate will not take any action of beleaguered elections supervisor Brenda Snipes. 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. suspensions.
Snipes planned toresign on Jan. 4, but she rescinded hick 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 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 Brascue
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 SenateAfter failed attempts to pass such a bill in the past, a Senate Democrat ned a proposal Thursday that sial 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 Flo
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## High court: Police can use 'stand your ground' law

By Curt Anderso

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 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 or oreat 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 Alan Lawson wrote for the
court
"In common under standing, 'person' refer to a 'human being,' which is not occupation-specific and plainly include ing as law enforcement
officers," he added. Peraza shot 33 -year-old Peraza shot 33-year-old
Jermaine McBean during a confrontation with deputies at his apartment complex. Several people had called 911 to report man openly carrying a rifle down a busy street and acting erratically.
"It's a groundbreaking ruling," said Peraza attorney Eric Schwartzreich ment officer in the stat ment officer in the stat 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 eport police misconduct This is a grave injus ice that sends exactly the wrong message to the country at exactly the wrong time,"
During an earlier court hearing, Peraza testified
that he and others loudly ordered McBean to put down the weapon. Perazad, according to Mcraza, a white Hispanic, pointing it toward then and Peraza fired three shots, killing McBean, who was black.
McBean's family has said he was diagnosed as bipolar in 2010 and 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 the opposite way in a difthe opposite
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 justifiable force during a lawful arrest. On Thursday, the Broward County State Attorney's Office issued a statement saying 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 Schoen said the decision ignores testimony that McBean never pointed the that he didn't huties and mands to drop it because me 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 at a Florida children's hospital.
The Tampa Bay Times reported the state Agency for Health Care Administration cited Johns Hopkins All Chil-
properly disclosing two serious medical errors. but it didn't impose any warnings.
Thenewspaper 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

2015 and 2017. The hospital's Heal7. The hosperformed worse in 2017 performed worse in 2017 surgery programin Florida surgery program in Florida "We are particu larly disappointed that inadequate regulatory oversight appears to have contributed to prolonging the pain and suffering fo patients and their loved ones at All Children's Hospital," Democratic U.S. Reps. Kathy Casto
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 yea to stop taking the mos complicated cases. Eve after that, many surgerie went wrong, according to the Times.
U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis R-Palm Hus the increase in call "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 TuesDr. 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, State Sen. Aaron Bean, a Fernandina Beach 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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## Okaloosa reviews hurricane response

By Tony Judnich 315-4438 \| @Tonyinwfdn tjudnich@nwfdailynews.com

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 such as the shelters' food operations. operations.
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 10 in Mexico Beach. But a homeless man was charged Oct. 11 with allegedly molesting a Middle School hurricane evacuation site in Crestview on the day of the hurricane.
The alleged moles tation "shows how dangerous these facilities can be," County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel said at Tuesday's meeting.

The Red Cross, which
 Emergency Operations Center. [FLE PHOTO/DAILY NEWS]
was managing the shel ter in Crestview at the time, doesn't conduct background checks at iff shelters. But sher 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 ts municipalities.
Commissioner Nathan

Boyles, who also attended that his, Ketchel's and the meeting, said in his Boyles' attendance at Nov. 9 newsletter that the meeting showed some county public safety buildings need to Officials also said the Ounty needs to provide county needs to provide
the public with more information on bridge closures and evacuation zones. And County Commission Chair man 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. Michael
Fount
heir commitment to the county being torm-ready
Their presence also might have violated the state's Sunshine Law. The law "is applicable formal or casual, of twer or more members of tho samere members of the same board or commis matter discuss some able act which foreseeby the public be taken commission" board or to the Florida Attorn General's office.

IN BRIEF
Cop shoots hoops with kids
While the law requires While the law requires
that reasonable notice of that reasonable notice of such meetings must be
given, the county failed 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 who need to know what is gency 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. Saul said.
He said staff accepts responsibility for the mix-up.
should have hight, we Should have checked 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 ing of Tuesday's meeting

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 divi-
sion, has been with the sion, has bet wor 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 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 do connect with residene opportunity " 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\&ajor 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 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 of Bus C of Bus C, according to
court records. Champion parssed out after finishpassed out after finishwas 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 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 5 th District

Court of Appeal that rejected the arguments. In part, Martin's attorneys contended that the hazing law was overly
broad because it crimibroad because it criminalized constitutionally protected speech and conduct, but Canady said prosecution under the 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 cal harm and the risk of physical harm," Canady physical harm," Canady wrote. "Any impact on duct 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 the hazing statute do not point to anything that goes beyond run-of-the-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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## Priest crisscrosses nation performing acts of kindness

By John Rogers

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 drive-thru of a by the lar Hollywood fast-food joint on a recent windy joint on a recent windy, 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
of somethin
At a Starbucks last 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 were appointed directly wy 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 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 essages of joy.
Sichko, a Kentuckybased preacher, came
up with an idea different up with an idea different 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 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 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]
with a smile, "is why not? "My approach is not so much speaking about the word of God, although ing the presence of God ng the presence of God through acts of kind the individual and kin 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 o priestly sex and pedo calls "horrific and tragic and disgusting." "We have a lot of atonement to be doing," he said, adding that shock ing people with random acts of kindness can be a
first step in that direction To say he shocked his lunchtime In-N-Out an understatement. an understatement looking his white clerica 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 Pate asked.
"Just decided. I'm in a good mood."
"You Got it
"You got it. Pay it "I will Patel told him will do," driving off with his cheeseburger, then cir cling back to thank Sichko personally and take selfie with him.

## FAITH CALENDAR

## Area Eipiscopal Churches F Welcome You

HOLY NATIVITY 747-4000
22 North Bonita Ave., Panama City 32401 (In the Cove)
Holy Eucharist $8: 00 \mathrm{am} \& 10: 30 \mathrm{am}$, Chr Ed. $9: 15 \mathrm{am}$ For more info www.holy-nativity.org
ST ANDREW'S 763-7636
1620 W. Beach Dr., Panama City 32401 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am

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 istAve. and Wisteria Lane, Panama City Beach 32413 (PCB Pkwy ExitL) For more info www.stthomasbytheseapecb.or

## SUNDAY, DEC. 16

 A CHRISTMAS PARTY: 4:306:30 p.m. in the CLC building t First United Methodist E. Fourth St., with special music by Billy Rader. Bring avorite 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 forthe Christ rebirth within, join us for our Advent oin us for our Advent Ron Holdaway, LUT. Details: Ron Holdaway, Lut. Details:
850-769-7481 or www.unityofpanamacity.org SUNDAY, DEC. 23 CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVICE: 10:30 a.m. at Emer ald Coast Assembly of God,

1913 Cauley Ave., Panama City Beach. Hosted by Four Winds Church of Panama
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. Joy guest speaker: Melissa Arrant. Details: 850-769-7481 or www.unityofpanamacity org
MONDAY, DEC. 24 TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELLGHT COMMULISSSONS \& CAROLS: 6 p.m. at Parker United Methodist Church, 908 S. Tyndall Parkway, Panama City. Details: 871-4747


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GLORYSIGHTINGS
Fresh eyes keep us grounded


JackStanley

WTeek by week we get farther from "The
.. but it stays 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 two and clean it again. two and clean it again. never cleaned it. This goes on and on untill I decide it's clean enough I wish I knewhow 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 recordedist we ve come so far already, but 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. Cristiwas who came down to help. Ihad 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 waitin until Christmas arrives. Cristiwent home from She experience changed published by the Talla hassee Democrat on 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 with the Parker United Methodist Church and Apostles By-the-Sea "Iknow what Panama City looked like prior to Hurricane Michael; I was shocked when I saw the place after As we approached

Blountstown, it was bvious the devastation was going to become more prominent as we forets were down. Former ponds were now full-blown lakes. Construction and repair trucks were driving in and out of the town seemed to be functiona "As we headed into Panama City, the conditions gradual 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 f the street. Those piles used to be houses lectric poles were down in many places. have electricity? "Onnearly 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, oting bags and food. ributed clothing, baby supplies, Christmas decorations, hot coco 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 oin in. Dozens of families took part and wer "IThe to stock up. "Iheard many of the residents were freez
ing at night and had ing at night and had 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 dona tion or lend a hand to the organizations working day after day to help out our friends still aff by the hurricane.
Make yourself

## SPORTS

## Bay defense suffiocates Arnold

PANAMA CITY BEACH Bay's full-court defense too 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 full court press from the very Arnold ( $0-6$ ) wasn't ready for it.

The press prevented the Marlins from advancing the ball past half court 12 times 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 be in position Oftem Arnold players attempted a long pass players attempted a long pass 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. way we play as anging the 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 See BAY, Cz


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.comLYNN HAVEN - Perhaps the biggest mission of the early season for any team 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 Pres
PHILADELPHIA - Carson Wentz's back injury means Nick Foles gets anothe 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 wasnt available to speak to expect the Super Bowl MVP to start. "He's 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 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

See WENTZ, C2

## 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 thei own town.
Thursday night's 29-28 come-from-behind victory over the Kansas City Chief moved the 11-3 Charger 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 Char gers have a viable chance of
not only winning the division 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
have the Rams and Chiefs have garnered most of the
attention, the Chargers have attention, the Chargers have 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 Sun-
day'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, weBron Janes we Chargers have been lost in the Charger "We'll
"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

See CHARGERS, C


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

## PREPROUNDUP

## Mosley rolls over Bay

The News Herald
PANAMA CITY - The Mosley boys soccer tean notched an impressive and comprehensive victory ove Bay at Tommy Oliver Stadium on Friday night, cruising to 6-0 triumph.
The Dolphins improved and $2-2$ in District 2-3A. The Tornadoes fell to $5-3-1$ The Tornadoes fell to 5-3-1 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.

## Arnold 6, Wakulia 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 cored goals.
Gui, Taylor Bradle Ben Lebaoui, Taylor Bradley, Braden had assists.

## OYS BASKETBALL

 ranklin 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 DisBozeman 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

LYNN HAVEN - Jazmine Bellamy scored 18 points and Niyaa Martin had 15 tolead 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 Bel with eight each. The Buccaneers are now 5-5 this season.

## DOLPHINS

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double figures with 16 points followed by Christian Mille 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 "I thought defensively we were very agressive early," Memmen said. "We did 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 meny points from almos line as they did from the field line as they did from the field, the charity stripe. Mosley took just six free throws. Despite the free throw disparity, 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 in the second quarter.
That score cut the Mosley lead to $18-7$, but the Mar lins were thable to get any Dolphins carried a 12 -point Dolphins carried a 12 -poin
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 William comprising an 8-2 run to put Mosley up 42-25 going into the fourth.


Arnold's Chandier Taylor tries to get past Mosley's Christian Miller. Joshua boucher/the news herald

Arnold made a push to start the final quarter, launching 9-0 run beginning with a baseline jumper by Manny Echevarry and ending with a nice up-and-under layup , to may.
Aft
After a couple of missed pportunities to get closer y Arnold, Mosley got a big 3 -pointer from the left corner rom Miller to push the lead g. 11 with 4:08 reman on breakaway layup and hit nother three from the same sot in the left corner to push spot in the left corner to push 50-36 with 1:49 to go
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 even. 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 incomHudson and Rutherford' Hudson and Rutherford's
Justin Martin - were eligible Justin Martin - were eligible
to play on Friday. Britton said 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 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."

## CHARGERS

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recognition but at the end o the day we are looking to put ourselves in position." Philip Rivers is putting together one of the finest and Los Angeles went into the week as one f two team that are ranked in the top 10 in offense and defense. Pitts burgh is the other
The offense showed that it has plenty of depth agains the Chiefs. Rookies Justin Jackson and Detrez New some averaged 4.2 yards per carry with Melvin Gordon and Austin Ekeler inactive due to injuries. Mirst-round pick last year, stepped upafter Kenna 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 ood," Rivers said. "We really went how we wanted to go. Keep those guys on the sideine 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 rers from rallicit the Char 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 maining.
or 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 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, whis is tied for percentage is the second highest of his career after highest of his career after 2013).

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 hosting Oakland. The AFC hest winner is in the driver's seat for the top seed in er'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.


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

## BAY

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ankle. Her play Friday night was exactly the typ 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 score fast-emerging for the 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 trying to reestablish herbasketball. basketball.
back out (of Gillis) draw it lutely," Powell said.

Alexis Wray led the Marlins with a total of nine points. Arnold coach surprised that Wray was able to find a way to score points even when the team struggled so much with the press.
"She's always coming up big for us, tonight it just wasn't our night," Evans aid. "She tried her hardest. She wanted to put everything on her back and that's The Marlins will return 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 going to get too much from them," Powell said.


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

## WENTZ

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still in the chase for a play off spot "If we put him out there there has to be 100 percen thing further."
thing further."
The team i
when team isn't certain Pederson said the injur developed over time. A tes 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 Mat thews said after Thursday"

## SPORTSTICKER

## IN BRIEF

Pittsburgh raitc, star lineman for

Bill Fralic, the burly, bruising and athletic offensive lineman who starred for the Atlanta Falcons and was a threePittsburgh, has died at was 56. as 56.
Hersdad cancer and died suburban Atlanta, the university said.
Fralic was the first offensive lineman to finish in the top 10 in Heisman Trophy ballot ing - finishing eighth in 1983 and sixth in 1984 He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998. The school ime of his final hom game in 1984.
Pitt made Fralic part of its inaugural Athlet of its inaugural Athlet
ics Hall of Fame in 2017 a class that included former teammate and Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino.
"Bill Fralic is the best," oe Moore, who worked as Pitt's offensive line coach during Fralic's career, once said. "If you can find somebody i've been privileged to coach some good to here, but none better than Bill Fralic. Those kind only pass through once."

## NEW YORK Ste of late George teinbrenner dies at 83

Joan Steinbrenner, the wife of late New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, died riday. She was 83
The Yankees said she died surrounded by Tampa, Florida.
Joan Steinbrenner held he 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 Stein brenner, who died in 2010.

## MALELANE,

Lipsky leads by a stroke at Leopard Creek

David Lipsky will take a one-shot lead into the weekend at the Alfred Dunhill Champion ship after a bogey-free 6 -under 66 at Leopard Creek Country Club on Friday.
Lipsky went to 8 -under 36 overall and is chased by four Scottish players Scott Jamieson (66) and
Marc Warren (67) are a shot behind on 7 under shot behind on 7 under 66) and David Drysdale (69) are one more behind them.
The home challenge in South Africa slipped way on day two. Dylan Frittelli, Darren Fichardt overnight leader Olive Bekker and defending champion Brandon Stone fricans at 5 under par Ahree off the Wilson and Dimitrios Papadatos are also in that group of players tied for sixth.
Lipsky started on the oth and made abirdie 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

You've gotta hand alleged NFL team. here'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 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, ribly 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 seinger-and-black-clad suckers willing to support a lame-duck franchise. Now, it looks like the tea 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 time, trading away two of their best players, and handing the keys to the franchise to broadcaster-masquerading-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 faith fully following the


Paul Newberry
path of Be Worst A brief recap - Reuben Foster, a trounot once but twice this y not once but twice this year 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 with the law - Washing with the law - Washing 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 pro test against racial injustice Again, Dan Snyder \& Co. yrears long blackballing of years long black Coling 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 playoff 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 ofrelevance came toward the end of 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 employer
(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 hoollin' with my family chilu thinking on the couch and that I might never play in that I might never play in
the NFL again." Also, he prepped for his new gig prepped for his new gig 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 appear ances since buying the storied franchise in 1999 the FedEx Mausoleum, th the FedEx Mausoleum, the RG3 fiasco, the embar 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 breth ren, would surely require the taxpayers to turn ove a hefty chunk of what
The Washington Pos reported last week thes Snyder is working with the outgoing Congress and the Trump administration to pull off an underhanded maneuver: getting a provi sion in a new spending bil that would allow him to build on the site of team's former District home, RFK Stadium. A very Snyderlike move, indeed. $\bullet$ Finally, let's never name the ane that Snyd steadfastly refuses to walk away from and won't be' typed out on this keyboa 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, Zede "Meet Me In The Middle.
That's where a bevy of NFL teams sat through Week 14 - all with hots, nd long, at making the playoffs.
Take a deep breath and consider: 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 an Carohina, Denver an Washington at 6-7. 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 Junted.
Just what the league loves heading toward Christmas: charity for nearly all.
So let first-year Vrabel play the Grinch trying to ignore any playoff chatter as his playoff chatter as his 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. about scenarios all day There's scenarios where the Dolphins give uptwo punt blocks and score on a 70-yard hook-and-ladder; a scenario where a player jumps offside on a third-and-1 in a four-minute situation; a situation where a team executes a 50-yard hook-andladder and then the

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| AUTO RACING | Southern vs. Eastern |
| 5:30 a.m. | Michigan |
| FS1: FIA Formula E, Ad | 8 p.m. |
| Diriyah ePrix, Saudi | ESPN: R\&L Carriers New |
| Arabia | Orleans Bowl: Tennessee |
| BOBSLEDDING/SKELETON | State vs. Appalachian |
| 6 p.m. | State |
| NBCSN: IBSF World | GOLF |
| Cup, women's skeleton, | 3:30 a.m. |
| Germany | GOLF: European Tour |
| COLLEGE BASKETbALL | Golf, Alfred Dunhill Cham- |
| 11 a.m. | pionship, third round, |
| BTN: Bucknell at Ohio | South Africa |
| State | 9 p.m. |
| ESPN: Villanova at Kansas | GOLF: Asian Tour Golf, |
| ESPN2: Tennessee at | Indonesian Master, final |
| Memphis | round, Indonesia |
| FS1: SMU at Georgetown | 3:30 a.m. (Sunday) |
| 12:30 p.m. | GOLF: European Tour |
| CBS: Crossroads Classic, | Golf, Alfred Dunhill Cham- |
| Notre Dame vs. Purdue | pionship, final round, |
| 1 p.m. | South Africa |
| BTN: Western Michigan at | MIXED MARTIAL ARTS |
| Michigan | 4 p.m. |
| ESPNU: HOF Boardwalk | FS1: UFC Fight Night Pre- |
| Classic, NC State vs. Penn | lims: Lee vs. laquinta 2 |
| State | 7 p.m. |
| FS1: Rutgers at Seton Hall | FOX: UFC Fight Night: Lee |
| 2:45 p.m. | vs. Iaquinta 2 |
| CBS: Crossroads Classic, | NBA |
| Butler vs. Indiana | 4 p.m. |
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| NBCSN: Charleston at | Mexico City |
| VCU | NFL |
| 4 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. |
| ESPN2: Utah at Kentucky | NFL: Houston at NY Jets |
| 4:30 p.m. | 7:20 p.m. |
| CBSSN: Southern Missis- | NFL: Cleveland at Denver |
| 5 p.m. | 6 p.m. |
| SEC: Arizona State at | NHL: Los Angeles at |
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| Iowa | CBSSN: PRCA Rodeo, |
| ESPN2: Gonzaga at North | Wrangler National Finals |
| Carolina | RUGBY |
| ESPNU: HOF Boardwalk | 11:30 a.m. |
| Classic, Washington vs. | NBCSN: European Cham- |
| Virginia Tech | pions Cup, Leinster vs. |
| 6:30 p.m. | Bath |
| CBSSN: Auburn at UAB | SKIING |
| 7 p.m. | 7 p.m. |
| FS1: Eastern Kentucky at | NBCSN: FIS Alpine World |
| Xavier | Cup, men's downhill, Italy |
| 7:30 p.m. | SWIMMING |
| SEC: Cincinnati at Missis- | 8 p.m. |
| sippi State University | NBCSN: FINA World |
| 8 p.m. | Championships, Day 5 of |
| ESPNU: USC at Oklahoma | the 25 m finals, China |
| 10 p.m. | SOCCER |
| ESPN2: Baylor at Arizona | 6:25 a.m. |
| ESPNU: MGM Resorts | NBCSN: Premier League, |
| Showcase, LSU vs. St. | Manchester City vs. |
| Mary's | Everton |
| COLLEGE FOOTBALL | 6:50 a.m. |
| 11 a.m. | FS2: FIFA Club World Cup, |
| ABC: Air Force Reserve | quarterfinal, Kashima vs. |
| Celebration Bowl: North | Chivas de Guadalajara |
| Carolina A\&T vs. Alcorn | 8:30 a.m. |
| State | FS1: Bundesliga Soccer, |
| 12:30 p.m. | Hannover vs. Bayern |
| CBSSN: AutoNation | Munich |
| Cure Bowl: Tulane vs. | 8:55 a.m. |
| Louisiana-Lafayette | NBCSN: Premier League, |
| 1 p.m. | Tottenham vs. Burnley |
| ESPN: New Mexico Bowl: | 11:20 a.m. |
| North Texas vs. Utah | FS2: Bundesliga, Werder |
| State | Bremen vs. Borussia |
| ESPN2: NCAA FCS Semi- | Dortmund |
| final, Maine at Eastern | 11:30 a.m. |
| Washington | NBC: Premier League, |
| 2:30 p.m. | Fulham vs. West Ham |
| ABC: Mitsubishi Motors | WOMEN'S COLLEGE |
| Las Vegas Bowl: Fresno | BASKETBALL |
| State vs. Arizona State | 3 p.m. |
| 3 p.m. | BTN: LSU at Rutgers |
| ESPNU: NCAA Division | WOMEN'S COLLEGE |
| II Championship, Ferris | VOLLEYBALL |
| State vs. Valdosta State | 8 p.m. |
| 4:30 p.m. | ESPN2: NCAA Champi- |
| ESPN: Raycom Media | onship, Nebraska vs. |
| Camellia Bowl: Georgia | Stanford |

## SGT deals Gulf Coast 76-70 defeat

The News Herald

Wilson and Jaylan GeorgiaTech outscored
the Gulf Coast men's
Jacolbey Owens was basketball team 39-31 Coast with 20 points on in the second half Friday 8 of 18 shooting from afternoon at Chipola to the field, with Cameron take a 76-70 victory. Holden adding 19 points SGT improved to 3-7 and eight rebounds. KK on the season with the Godwin added 13 points win, while the Com Justin Johnson scored Chipolast will play at 20 points to lead the urday against Southern Jets, followed by Jalen Union.


## ACC HOOPS INSIDER

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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
 cate. Thy 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 Iost 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 score 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 floo

RANKING THE LEAGUE Through Dec. 11

## 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.

Weekend slate All times Eastern

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| Time <br> SATURDAY | Game | TV |
| 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 t non-league games.
- F John Mooney Notr 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 straigh games dating back to last season, including eight with 20 or more points.

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. team, but
GCAA final. Still, it's a rematch from 2017

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/TH

## 7.5

The average of blocked shots per game by Duke, which leads the nation. The Blue Devils have produced 10 or leads the nation. The Blue Devils have produce

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| Yesterday's | Jumbles: WOUND UTTER MASCOT POETRY |
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Daughter's plan gets thumbs down from dad


Jeanne Phillip

DEAR ABBY: Our 23-yearold daughter, "Alexa," has a wonderful, well-paying corporate job with good benefits and a flexible sched ule. She has low expenses, no debt and banks a respect able 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. 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? - BADIDEA DEAR BAD IDEA: Takk to for her future after sheleave the Peace Corps Askif 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 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 jo and Ihave been mar ried 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 sys tem, and you messed it up!" She has promised that "when she has time" she'll clean house, but several times ff, she spent them playin Candy Crush on her tablet Ihave never told her she must clean; I say WE nee to do it. She ignores me. Abby, we both have aller gies and asthma issues, and the bugs are starting to get bad even though we don' leave old food out. What can I do? Hope she forgives me after I clean? - INA
DEAR IN A MESS: No. The DEAR NAMESS:No. The esponsibility for ensuring your home is healthy and habyour shoulders IDOthink you should hire ahouse cleaner o come in once a week. You 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


> 1. Who recorded "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (1949) peaked at No. 1 on the charts?

Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Bill Monroe, Lead Belly
2. The practice of hanging 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? , Hange, McKingley, Taft, Wilson purposes igited with what
scandinavian goddess of love? Frigga, Venus, Cupid, Tulle cludes 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' blood
ANSWERS: 1. Gene Autry, 2. Frigga, 5. Nativity, 6. Christ's bloo

## 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. Pro taurus (April 20 you find yourself stretching you find yourself stretching for some easy way to describe 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 you your worries into reasonable and ynreasonable That's a start CANCER (June 22-July 22) 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. AduO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Adults don't always do the adult thing, and children can take on adult responsibiities that rob missives need to be recognized and set right.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You'| 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 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 wins.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You'll act on behalf of those
unable or unwilling to take action
themselves. This you do out of sense of duty, but that doesn't mean you have to be too serious nyour approach. Execute the ask with a light heart. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Niritual high road lower indulgence may serve you just fine lt'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 make PISCES (Feb 19-M 20) - Future you is sending 20) - Future you is sending a don't block me into long contracts. Future you is going to need some freedom to do the future-you endeavors you can't tan where you're standing today.

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evel of difficulty (Bronze - easy, Silver - medium, Gold -difficult) Mednesday - Goldd Thursday - Bronze Friday - Silver; Saturday and Sunday - Gold.

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