## YEAR IN REVIEW

## Shootings, security change education

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PANAMA CITY - The landscape of education, particularly in Florida, changed dramatically on Valentine's Day this year after accused gunman Nikolas Cruz killed 17 and injured 14 students
and staff at his former school, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.
Though the shooting happend over 500 miles away, the shockwaves altered the trajectory of Bay District Schools and school safety dominated just about every conversation in every
meeting from February to October, as new security upgrades were proposed and fast-tracked; the half-cent sales tax renewed for another decade-long cycle primarily to fund school security propacts; the Bay District Schools Police force expanded; district employees trained to carry concealed firearms on
school ground through the guardian program; and a
sweeping mental health inisweeping mental health intand reach at-risk students. Noticeable changes began almost immediately, as the day of the shooting Suberintendent Bill Husfelt ordered armed guards be placed in front of the schools, at one
point calling on Governor Rick Scott to send the nor Rick Scott to send the tact schools rather than take on off-duty law enforcement. Originally working off a five-year plan to harden security and construct sin-gle-point entryways at all the See EDUCATION, A3

## A special sermon



Churchgoers enter a tent behind the damaged St. Dominic's Church on Christmas morning for mass in Panama City on Tuesday, The tent serves as a temporary place for services. JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]


Father Michael Nixon leads a bilingual mass on Christmas morning at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Panama City on Tuesday, December 25, 2018, alternating between English and Spanish during his sermon. St. Dominic's has been holding mass severely damaged their church seating a poignant parallel between their tent and the holiday as Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus in a manger. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]


## CRESTVIEW YOGA

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## Trump: Shutdown will continue

## President insists

 desire for wall, says government will stay agree to termsBy Darlene Superville The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump said Tuesday that parts of the federal government will stay closed until Democrats agree to put up more walls along the U.S.-Mexico border to deter criminal elements. He said he's open to calling the wall
something else as long as he something else as long as he In a Christmas Day appearance in the Oval Office, Trump issued a lengthy defense of his desire for a wall, saying it's the only way to stop drugs and human traffickers from entering the country. In a nod to the political stakes he's facing, Trump said he wants the wall by "election time" in 2020. wall was a central component of Trump's presidential campaign.
"I can't tell you when the government's going to be open. I can tell you it's not going to be open until we have a wall or fence, whatever they'd like to call it," Trump said, referring to Democrats who staunchly oppose walling off the border
"I'll call it whatever they want, but it's all the same
thing," he told reporters after participating in a holiday video conference with
representatives from all five branches of the military statoned in Alaska, Bahrain, Guam and Qatar.
Trump argued that drug flows and human trafficking "We cant do it without a barrier. We can't do it without a wall," he said. "The only way you're going to do it is to have a physical barrier, meaning a wall. And if you don't have that then we're just not opening" the government
Democrats oppose spending money on a wall, preferring instead to pump the dollars other means of controlling access to the border. Trump argued that Democrats oppose a wall only because he is for one.
The stalemate over how much to spend and how to spend it caused the partial government shutdown that lapse in funding for departaments and agencies that make up about 25 percent of the up about 25 p government.
Some 800,000 government workers are affected. Many are on the job but must wait min after he shutdown to be paid again.
Trump claimed that many of these workers "have said to me and communicated, 'stay out until you get the funding for the wall.' These federal orly one the doesn't want the wall are the Democrats."

See SHUTDOWN, A3

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## 'EVERY CHRISTMAS

 STORY EVER TOLD (AND THEN SOME!)': 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Seasid Meeting Hall Theatre 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 ChristTickets and details at LoveTheRep.com
## Friday

\#ARTCITYPC LOCAL ARTIST EXPO: Exhibit open through Jan. 18, 2019 at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E . Fourth St., Panama City. Details at PCCenterForT heArts.com

NEW YEAR'S CHAMPAGNE TASTING: 5-7 p.m. at Somethin's Cookin', City with complimentary Champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Details: 850-769-8979
Saturday, Dec. 29

## ST. ANDREWS FARMERS

 MARKET: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m along the boardwalk at in historic St Andrews, 1209 Beck Ave., Panama City. Open year-round.GRAND LAGOON WATER FRONT MARKET: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5551 North Lagoon Drive, in the parking lot at Capt. Anderson's Restaurant in Panama City Beach. Details: Wate frontmarkets.org

Monday
NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL DROP 5K RUN/WALK: 9 a.m. to noon at Frank Brown Park, 16200 Panama City Beach Park way, Panama City Beach; hosted by Draggin' Tail Runners and Panhandle Runners. Online registration open on Active.com and RunSignUp.com. and packet pick up will apen at 7 a m race morn ing in the back parking lot at Frank Brown Park with New Year's Eve Ball Drop T-shirts; sign up early to get T-shirt size of choice.

NYE BEACH BALL DROP: 5:30 p.m. to midnight at Pier Park, 600 Pier Park Drive, Panama City Beach with 10,000 beach balls, two firework acts, Epic Photo Booth acts, Epic Photo Booth,
5 -foot tall beach balls 5 -foot tall beach ball
and more. Free and family-friendly.

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We want your photos: Post your photos to the News Herald Facebook page with your name, city of residence and information about the photo. You can email photos to yourpix@pcnh.com.


Amy Shepherd emailed this photo submission she calls "the calm after the storm," taken in Watson Bayou. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Caroll Spinney (formerly Big Bird on TV's "Sesame Street") is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Abdul Duke" Fakir (The Four Tops) is 83 . Record producer (and convicted murderer) Phil Spector is 79. America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh is 73. Country musician Bob Carpenter (The Nitty Gritty Dirt . Baseball Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith is 64 . Former Sen. Evan Bayh. D-Ind is 63 . Humorist David Sedaris is 62 . Rock musician James Kottak (The Scorpions) is 56. Country musician Brian Westrum (Sons of the Desert) is 56 . Rock musician Lars Ulrich (Metallica) is 55 . Actress Nadia Dajani is 53 . Rock musician J is 51. Country singer Audrey Wiggins is 51. Rock musician Peter Klett (Candlebox) is 49. Actor-singer Jared Leto is 47. Actress Kendra C. Johnson is 42. Rock singer Chris Daughtry is 39.


CATCH OF THE DAY


Scott Fitzgerald shared this photo in the Panama City Fishing Facebook group and said, "Big seas and lots of wind but we still managed a few grouper. Thanks guys!" [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## TODAY IN

## HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec Today is Wednesday, Dec 26, the 360th day of 2018. the year. The seven-day African-American holiday Kwanzaa begins today. This is Boxing Day.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 26, 2004, more than 230,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed triggered by a 9.1 -magnitude earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean.

## On this date:

In 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen. In 1908, Jack Johnson American boxer to win the American boxer to win the world heavyweight cham pionship as he defeated
Canadian Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia. In 1917, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation authorizing the government to take over operation of the nation's railroads. In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, Airborne Division in Airborne Division in Bastogne, Belgium, was
relieved by units of the 4 th relieved by units of the 4th
Armored Division. Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" was first performed at the Civic Theatre in Chicago. In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Missouri, at age 88. Inaug, the Soviet Unid first supersonic transport service with a flight of its Tupolev-144 airliner from Moscow to Alma-Ata. In 1980, Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States, showing a dozen of the American hostages sending
The Associated Press

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## FLORIDA <br> LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Monday

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schools, Bay District School Board approved a plan to hit the accelerator on that plan and have all the school projects completed within a year, though Hurricane Michael has derailed that plan somewhat as school repairs and reconstruction now have to be factored in. The district eventook out a $\$ 5$ millionloan to help fund these projects.
In March, the legislature passed the Marjory School Public Safety Act that, among many other things, called for armed law enforcement to be stationed at every school and an astronomical amount of time consuming, and expensive, training. The mandates came with funding, but many areadistricts, particularly smaller ones their own police force from the ground up, complained that it was nowhere near enough, and that the extra costs could come at the expense of academics. The bill also came with a highly controversial provision: the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, named after Coach Aaron Feis, who was killed in the Parkland shooting as he tried to protect his students. The program allows for mem-
bers of the school staff, who are not strictly teachers, to undergo training and carry a concealed weapon on school grounds for the purpose of defending students in the event of a shooting. The provision sparked debate across the state, and eventually across the country, and was not particularly popular in the district, even as the
board voted to allow the


Sixth-graders hunch in front of a wall and hold books over their heads during a lockdown drill. Mowat Middle School students and staff participated in a lockdown drimt to a wall and held textbooks over their heads to practice shielding from bullets or debris. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]
program in their schools. can find money now Mike Jones, the Safety and because we're in a bind, to Security Chief for the dis- arm teachers in schools trict, came out against the There's money for that. program, drawing on his experience during the 2010 school board shooting. "I worry about these "I know it's better than nothing You can fire that thing and maybe it will rum him off. Or maybe it will draw the fire to you.
"There's too many vari ables. I just see scenarios I don't want to see. Ginger Littleton, who at the time was chair of the board, was also deeply unsettled by what she was seeing. I cannot buy a physics teacher or a chemistry teacher because I can't pay "And yet, the legislature
at encouraging students to think twice before bullying and had numerous seminars for both students and their parents about bullying and general online safety sponsored by the Panam City Police Department and CrimeStoppers.
As the months wore on he school security hard ening became a massiv undertaking, with the district hiring multipl designs for each school Numerous projects wer started and several just about done when Hur ricane Michael struck on Oct. 10. The storm wiped out over $\$ 15$ million worth of security upgrades and equipment, adding mor nomically expensive nomically expensiv

SHTDOW the government in a fight over the wall. He also had said the wall. Mexico has refused.
Trump followed up on a Monday tweet in which he said he "just gave out a 115 mile long contract for another large section of the Wall in Texas." Neither the White House nor the Department of Homeland Security responded to followup questions, despite epeated requests. 15 miles was unclear Trump may have been referring to 33 miles of referring to 33 miles of Grande Valley that is set to begin in February part of a total of 84 miles that Congress funded in March, according to the Department of Homeland Security


President Donald Trump greets members of the five branches of the military by video conference on Christmas Day, on Tuesday in the Oval Office of the in Guam Qatar, Alaska, and two groups in Bahrain. in Guam, Qatar, Alaska, and two groups
[JACQUELYN MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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## Trump offers holiday greetings to US troops

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump on Tuesday wished U.S. troops try and the globe a merry Christmas.
"I know it's a great sacrifice for you to be away from your families, but I want you to know that every American family is eternally grateful to you, and we're holding you close in our hearts, thoughts and prayers," Trump said. "We love what you do and love your work. Amazing people." frump spoke by video conbranches of the U.S military The president was spending a rare Christmas in Washington because of a stalemate with Congress over government funding that left several departments and agencies shuttered since the weekend, affecting the livelihoods of some 800,000 federal employees.
Trump usually spends Christmas at his Florida estate. He scrapped plans to tavel to shutdown.
"Ithought it wouldbe wrong for me to be with my family," he told reporters in the Oval Office after the give and take with members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard from their


President Donald Trump greets members of the five branches o the military via video conference on Christmas Day, on Tuesday in the Oval office of the White House. The miltary members were MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]
stations in Guam, Bahrain, Qatar and Alaska. "My family is in Florida, Palm Beach, and I just didn't want to go down and be there when other people are hurting," Trump said. He didn't say which family members were at the Mar-a-Lago estate.
Trump and his wife, first lady Melania Trump, had an active Christmas Eve.
They answered telephone calls from children who were wanted to know where Santa
was on his gift-giving journey, with the president at one point asking a 7 -year-old named Coleman, "Are you still a believer in Santa?" Trump
listened for a moment before adding "Because at 7, it's marginal, right?"
Reporters in the room could only hear Trump's end of the conversation during the NORAD Tracks Santa program. The program became a Christmas Eve tradition after a child called the forerunner to the NorthAmericanAerospace Defense Command in 1955
asked to speak to It was not affected by shutdown because it's staffed shutdown because it's staffeed Force Base in Colorado using pre-approved funding.
The Trumps later attended religious services at Washington National Cathedral.

Death toll from attack in Kabul climbs to 40

## By Amir Shah

KABUL, Afghanistan - Th death tollfrom an attackin the Afghan capital has climbed to 40, the Health Ministry said orkers combed through the moldering public welfare suilding where the gunmen held out for eight hours against security forces. A suicide bomber deto nated his explosives-lade vhicle outside the building Monday before at least three gunmen stormed in, rampag ng through the office complex hunting for victims. Some employees managed to barriauilepolicequickly evacuated while policequickly eva
more than 350 people.
more than 350 people.
Health Ministry spokes man Wahid Mairo says 40 eople were killed and 20 wer wounded. An earlier, highe toll provided by the ministry included the attackers. No one claimed the attack but the Taliban and a loca slamic State affiliate hav carried out a relentless wav of assaults on governmen argets in recent years. al's envoy to Afgh-Gen condemned Monday's attack arried, notingthat it wascarred out in a heavilypopulated rea, saying "those who hav rganized and enabled such attacks must be brought to ustice and held to account."
In a statement Tuesday

Tadamichi Yamamoto said "these attacks cause untold human suffering to Afghan families ... there is no justification whatsoever for such attacks."
Abdul Jalil, an employee who spoketoreporters Tueson the second floor when the on the second flo gunmen entered.
were shooting at everyey They were shooting at the closed doors. If anyone was there they shot them," he said. Jalil said he jumped from a second-story window and broke his leg. He managed to crawl 50 yards to a perimeter gate where security personnel helpednim to safety. Jalil said ers jumped with him from the window, and he saw his boss jump from a third-story window. Khali escaped unhurt, said "it was a massacre. We didn't know where torun."
He told reporters outside the charred building that he still could hear the sounds of the screaming.
"It was chaos. Everyone was running everywhere,
trying to hide. Why would thying kill us? We Why would We are not Russians or Americans," Khalil said. He said he worked for the same public welfare department during the five-year rule of the Taliban, which ended with the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

## Why Brexit may be good for terrorists

By Michael Birnbaum The Washington Post

BRUSSELS - Britons who voted to split from the European Union didn't make their choice because they wanted to make it easier for terrorists and smugglers to move acros the English Channel wearening sanctions agains weakening sanctions agains to spend on their military. But policymakers and ana lysts worry that security is about to take a hit when Brit ain departs the EU on March 29, even under the most har monious of divorce scenarios. "What the U.K. is going to do on security is to minimize the damage," said Malcoln Chalmers of the Royal United


British Prime Minister Theresa May speaks to attendees at Brexit summit Oct. 17 in russels, Belgium. [JASPER JUINEN/BLOOMBERG]
Services Institute, a London security and defense think tank.
From the day after the

Brexit vote in June 2016, British leaders have stressed that they do not intend to abandon Europe simply because they are leaving the EU Brit ish Prime Minister Theresa May said she would not use Britain's powerful military or global intelligence operations as a bargaining chip Britain recommmitted itself to robust participation in to robust participation in NATO, the security alliance
that includes most EU members. And British lawmakers have sought to adapt EU rules so that they could largely preserve the status quo in many security discussions.
But many European leaders - including the chief EU Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier - say Britain cannot
simply pretend Brexit did not happen in the realm of security, and that leaving the club means losing its benefits, even if the other club members lose out, too.
"If you leave this ecosystem, you lose the benefits of this cooperation. You are a third country because you have decited to build a new relayou need to build a new rel tionship," Barnier said. quences of Brexit will ripple throughout Britain's security relationships, they will probably be felt most directly in law enforcement and counterterrorism cooperation.
Right now, police and counterterrorism officials can tap into EU databases to check on the people they encounter at
border crossings and during traffic stops. European security officials credit that information sharing, which increased significantly after a spate of terrorist attacks in 2015, with helping to foil major new plots. British law enforcement officials consulted one crime-stopping formation System, 530 mil nformation System, 539 milon times in 2017 british leaders say they setup in place even after they depart. But EU law enforcement agencies say that while they want to cooperate, they would risk violating their own laws if they shared as much information with a nonmember as they do with a member.



# Christmas morning mass 

Father Michael Nixon leads a ilingual mass on Christmas orning at St. Dominic's Church in anurch was damaged in Hurricane Michael, the church holds mass in tent in their parking lot [ BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]


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## US: 2nd Guatemalan child dies in custody

By Nomaan Merchant
The Associated Press
HOUSTON - An 8-yearold boy from Guatemala died in government custody in New Mexico early Tuesday, U.S marking the second death of an immigrant child in detention this month.
U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a news release that the boy died shortly after midnight.
The death came during an ongoing dispute over border security and with a partial govover President Donald Trump's request for border wall funding. The White House referred questions to the U.S. Depart ment of Homeland Security CBP's parent agency. CBP officers and the Border Patrol remain on the job despite the shutdown.
The agency said the boy showed "signs of potential illness" on Monday and was taken with his father to a hospital in Alamogordo, diagnosed with a cold and a diagnosed with a cold and a fever. The boy was prescribed
amoxicillin and Ibuprofen and released Monday afternoon after being held 90 minutes for observation, the agency said. The boy was returned to the hospital Monday evening with nausea and vomiting and died there just hours later, CBP said. According to Guatemala' foreign ministry, the father and son entered the U.S. at El Paso, taken to the Border Patrol'


In this Jan. 25, 2017, photo, an agent from the border patrol observes near the Mexico-uS border fence, on the Mexican side, separating the towns of Anapra, Mexico, and Sunland Park, N.M. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Alamogordo station Sunday Alamogordo is about 90 miles from El Paso.
CBP typically detains immigrants for no more than a few days when they cross the border before either releasing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for longer-term detention. Agency guidelines say immigrants generally shouldn't be detained for more than 72 hours in CBP holding facilities, which are usually smaller and have fewer services han ICE's detention centers. together are almost always released quickly duetolimited
space in ICE's family detention facilities.
A CBP spokesman on Tuescay andions respond to questions about the minis yet confirmed when or where the father and son entered the United States or how long they were detained, saying only in its statement that the boy had been "previously apprehended" by its agents
The agency said the cause of the boy's death has not been determined and that it has notified the Department of Homeland Security's inspec government.

The hospital - the Gerald Champion Regional Medica Center - decimedtocommen Citing privacy regulations. dent and thorough review of dent and thorough review of the circumstances." ministry called for an investigation"in accordance with due process."
Ruben Garcia, director of El Paso's Annunciation House, said Tuesday that he had no reason to believe his shelter had served the family, but was waiting for further details about what happened. girl died earlier this month
after being apprehended by order agents in New Mexico. The body of the girl, Jakelin ily's remote village Monday for iy's remote villa brial Tuesday
Large numbers of Guatemaan families have been arriving often in remote and dangerous parts of the desert. Jakelin and her father were with 161 other people when they were apprehended in Antelope Wells, about 230 miles southwest of Alamogordo.
CBP announced new notification procedures in response o revealed until several days not rev later
Democratic members of Congress and immigration CBP's handling of the death and questioned whether border agents could have prevented it by spotting symptoms of distress or calling for an evacuation by air ambulance sooner. CBP has said that it took several hours to transport Jakelin and Patrol facility to alarger station and then a hospital in Fl Paso A spokeswoman for U.S Rep. Steve Pearce, a Republican whose district along the U.S.-Mexico border includes Alamogordo, did not respond to messages Tuesday.
Xochitl Torres Small, a Democrat who will represent the district starting in January, called for a thorough and transparent investigation into the children's deaths and nore medical resources alons the border.

## DATELINES

SANDRINGHAM, ENGLAND


Britain's Queen Elizabeth II arrives to attend the Christmas Day service Tuesday at St. Mary England. Queen Elizabeth II wove personal reflections into the latest edition of her annual Christmas message, saying she hoped her long life brought a measure of wisdom and noting her grandchildren's contributions to Britain's royal family. [FRANK AUGSTEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

WASHINGTON CROSSING, PA.


Re-enactor John Godzieba, right, portrays Gen. George Washington as he leads others along the banks of the Washington as he leads others along the banks of the Delaware River on Huesday in Washington Crossing,
Pa. High water levels have forced cancellation of the river crossing for the annual re-enactment of George Washington's daring 1776 crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Day, but organizers said events were still going on at shoreline parks in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. [JACQUELINE LARMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

HAMDEN, CONN.
Fearing it may attack kids,
Police in Connecticut say a Police in Connecticut say a
man shot and killed his own dog in a park because he feared it might attack some children.
The incident happened Sunday in Hamden and remains under investigation. Police Capt. Ronald Smith says the man told officers that his dog, a pit bull that was not on a leash at the time, attacked and seriously inaleanh The og was injured dog was also with his three children at the time Smith says the owner of the pit bull, who was not immediately identified, told police he was worried his dog might also attack the children. So he pulled out a handgun and shot the animal, killing it.
seattle Passengers aboard diverted flight land safely in Seattle

Passengers who were aboard a Delta Air Lines flight that made an emergency landing on a remote Alaskan Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.
Delta spokesman Drake Castaneda said in an email Tuesday that the customers took off on an alternative aircraft from Shemya and arrived in Seattle at about 10 p.m. Monday Pacific time. Beijing to Seattle carrying 104 passengers was diverted to a military base on the island in Alaska's Aleutians chain due to a potential engine issue. Delta sent another aircraft with maintenance technicians, airport customer service agents and a new crew
to operate the flight to Seattle to pick up the stranded passengers.
SARAJEVO, bosnia-
HERZEGOVINA Bosnian Serbs detain man who led protests over son's death

Tensions soared in the Serb-run part of Bosnia after police detained a man whose demands for answers about the death of his son helped spark months of anti-government protests. Police in riot gear were deployed as the moumichfars gathered to $p$
on Tuesday.
BosnianSerb police saidthey detained Davor Dragicevic after he failed to appear for questioning. Dragicevic'slawyers said he was hurt during the arrest in Banja Luka, the main city of the Serb ministate in Bosnia.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY 20 hurt in Germany as horse carriages collide on Christmas

German police say 20 people were injured, two of them seriously, when two horse-drawn carriages colouting.
The dpa news agency quoted police in southern Bavaria as saying the two carriages, each with 10 passengers, were approaching a rail crossing single file when the first carriage halted. The second did no and overturned during the collision.
One man had to be taken to the hospital by helicopter. Dpa says the driver of one of the carriages was also seriously hurt during Tuesday's accident
The other 18 injured people included children

MOUNTHOLLY,N.J. GoFundMe: Donors in alleged homeless scam refunded

GoFundMe says it has refunded everyone who refunded everyone who involving a homeless vet eran from Philadelphia who prosecutors allege schemed with a New Jersey couple to scam donors out of more than \$400,000.
GoFundMe spokesman BobbyWhithorne saidTuesday that "all donorswhocontributed to this GoFundMe campaign have been fully refunded" and fully with lawniscooperat fully with law enforcement. policy for fraudulent behavpolicy for fraudulent behav
ior," he said. "If fraud occurs, donors get refunded and we work with law enforcemen officials torecover themoney."

The Associated Press

## BRIEFCASE

WASHINGTON Trump: ‘I do’ have confidence in Mnuchin

President Donald Trump says he has confidence in TreaMnuchin, calling him a "very talented guy" and a "very talented guy" and person." a very smart person." view that the Federal Reserve is raising interest rates too fast, but called the independent agency's rate hikes a "form of safety" for an economy doing well. The president lashed out at the Fed on Monday officials spent the weekofficials spent the week-
end trying to assure financial markets that Fed chairman Jerome Powell's job was safe.

TULSA, OKLA.
Officials: Oklahoma tourism tax revenue growing
State officials say tourism is a growing econo
The Tulsa World reports visitors pumped $\$ 9$ billion into the state economy over the past year.
That's a 4.4 -percent increase over the year prior.
State
State tax collections from tourism have jumped by 20 percent since 2010.
Oklahoma Department of Tourism numbers show that translates to with a payroll of \$2.3 billion.

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# Nissan American exec Greg Kelly released on bail in Japan 

## By Mari Yamaguchi

 The Associated PressTOKYO - Nissan Motor Co. executive Greg Kelly was released from detention in apan on Tuesday after being granted bail over the alleged Carlos Ghosn's pay.
The late-night release of Kelly, who is American, followed the Tokyo District Court's approval earlier in the day of a bail request filed last Kelly was freed on 70 million Kelly was freed on 70 million yen ( $\$ 035,600$ ) bail, ending his month.
Television footage captured the bespectacled Kelly, wearing beige jacket, slowly walking out of the detention center and getting into a black car.
The vehicle carrying Kelly, who was seated next to his lawyer and looking straight ahead, drove past reporters eameras flashed. He was expected to go straight to a chronic neck problem.
Kelly and Ghosn were detained in Tokyoimmediately after their Nov. 19 arrest.
They are charged withunderreporting Ghosn's pay by about 5 billion yen ( $\$ 44$ million) in 2011-2015.
Kelly's Japanese lawyer sought bail after the court dismissed prosecutors' request for more detention for the two to tion of underreporting Ghosn's 4 billion yen ( $\$ 36$ million) pay Charges for alleged underCharges for alleged undermillion) in the past three years are pending, and no trial date


Nissan Motor Co.'s executive Greg Kelly, center, leaves Tokyo's Detention Center on Tuesday in Tokyo. Kelly has been released from detention in Japan after being granted bail over the alleged underreporting of his boss Carlos Ghosn's pay. [KYODO NEWS VIA AP]
has been set. Ghosn will be detained until fan. 1 or longer since he also frosecutors say Ghosn and Kelly are flight risks. Following his release, Kelly will have ing his release, Kelly will have including those regarding his residence and travel, prosecutors have said.
Kelly, in a statement released Tuesday to the Japanese media through his Japanese lawyer, said he is innocent.
"I have not been involved in alleged false entry," he said, according to a copy of the statement shown by Japanese networks and print media. "I believe my innocence will be like to have a judgment of nonguilty and restore my impaired
reputation and then returnto reputation, and then return to
my family as soon as possible." my family as soon as possible." is aurests of Ghosn, who is an auto industry icon, and
his right-hand man have trighis right-hand man have triggered international attention and raised concerns about the detentions.
Nissan has removed Kelly as representative director and Ghosn as chairman, but they are still company board members.
The board of Renault SA, the French ally of Nissan, has retained him while naming an measure similar to Nissan Kelly 62 , joined Nis North American in 1988 and worked in legal counsel and human resources at the company, and has been a member
f the automaker's board since 2012.

His American lawyer, Aubrey Harwell, has said he is innocent and that he only according to company policy. Ghosn has also denied the allegations and told lawyers that he is determined to prove his innocence in court, according to Japanese media reports. The scandal also raised concerns over the Japanese of its alliance with Renault, which in 1099 sent Ghosn to turn around Nissan, then on the verge of bankruptcy. He the verge of bankruptcy. He the world's second-largest automaker.
Ghosn's downfall is seen by some as a maneuver by others at Nissan to gain power in the alliance,
Kelly's wife, Donna, had made a plea to the Japanese authorities for her husbands' carried Tuesday by Japanese public broadcaster NHK and others. She said that her husband was "framed" by Nissan and that he also should be released to get his neck problem treated.
"Release Greg and allow him to come home and have the surgery he needs," she said. "That is our family's Christmas wish."
Kelly reportedly suffers from sinal stenosis, a condition of a spine that can cause pain, tingling or numbness.
He had been scheduled to undergo surgery in Nashville in early December, according to media reports.

## Got gorilla milk? Inside America's largest stockpile of exotic milks

## By Sarah Kaplan

WASHINGTON - To milk an ape requires patience and peanuts.
Fortunately, National Zoo primate keeper Erin Strom berg has plenty of both as she approaches Batang, a 21-yearrecent brisk morning.
Stromberg is theretoretrieve a breast milk sample for the zoo's exotic animal milk collection, the largest U.S.repository of its kind.
"Hello!" she calls, singsong, as the auburn-haired pri mate presses herself against the metal grate of her enclo sure. Batang's mouth is open, knows what time it is. Stromberg hands her a peanut, then another, and Batang munches happily as shells accumulate on the floor. Her two-year old son, a bouncing ball of fur named Redd, clambers over his mother's back to beg a treat for himself.
"Hello, you go away," the keeper says dismissively before givinghimanut. "Bye! See ya." She unscrews the cap of small vial, tenturnsher atten appears to have changed her mind, swinging away from the grate.
"You can do it," Stromberg says, her voice low and sooth ing. "You'll be fine." Batang returns, slowly this time. She accepts several more
nuts from her keeper, then pushes her chest forward, finally presenting Stromberg with her breast.
"Good, goodgirl," Stromberg says. After 15 minutes, there are just a few dribbles of milk in the vial. But Batang is looking antsy, and it'simportant to Stromberg voluntary. Ifthe ape doesn't feel like participatingtoday, there's always next time, and the time after that. Batang has been donating small amounts of her breast milk every week for the last two years.
Each vial goes up the hill to the zoo's nutrition lab, where it is stored in a massive deep from hundreds of orer cies: zebra, gorilla, black bear, African elephant, marmoset, armadillo, two-toed sloth Milk, explains Mike Pow the Smithsonian scientist who curates this collection, is mammals' superpower. It's full of nutritious fats and sugars that turn wobbly, helpless newborns into self-sufficient adults. It contains antibodies that increase infants' chances helpthem grow. This powerful biochemical concoctioncarries clues to animals' evolutionary past and hints about how they live today. Understanding what it's made of may be the key to securing some species' futures. Yet even though milk is (or was) produced by all 6,495 members of the class

Mammalia, scientists rarely study the substance except whenit comes from cows, goats and humans.
Power and his colleagues aim to change that.
On the same morning that with milking scientists in th with milking, scientists in the ing a vial of bottlenose dolphin milk for analysis. The substance inside the test tube is bright orange and weirdly solid. "It's very high fat," Power explains, because a newborn dolphin's first priority is to quickly grow a blubber layer "More like butter than milk." Apparently, the dolphin milk also smells of fish, bu the subter scent is masked by the powerful
"Sorry about that," Power says, grimacing. Milk is not the onlybodily substance he and his colleagues study
With a centrifuge, a mass spectrometer, and other instruments, the zoo scientists separate each milk sample into its component parts. Their first objective is to determine the basic composition of milk from each species, which can reveal and diets. Whereas dolphins and diets. Whereas dolphins produce milk that is as much as 60 percent fat, carnivores like African lions give milk that is high in protein. Animals that subsist on a diet of carbohy-drate-rich plants feed thei young milk that's full of sugar.


Primate keeper Erin Stromberg milks 21-year-old Bornean orangutan Batang at the National Zoo in Washington D.C. [WASHINGTON POST/ PHOTO DAVE JORGENSON]
"People say that milk is the perfect food," Power says. "But really, it's a compromise. Young animals would like the most nutrient dense milk imag inable, but their mothers can only afford to devote so much energy to nurturing a child. Biology also dictates how long a species lactates. Hooded seals, who give birth on unstablepackice, need their offspring to grow up fast - after four day ond are ready to beleft on their own. Big-brained apes, on the other hand, develop slowly; Batang will nurse her son for as long as seven years.
Stromberg and Power hope to track the way Batang's milk changes throughout this period -adefining time in mammalian development.
"There's a whole set of biochemical communication in the placenta," Power said. During nursing, "it becomes two-way."
"Large parts of the mammalian babies' development is coming from biochemical sig in the milk," he continued. Tracking these signals might reveal how mothers' bodies respond to babies' illnesse and other needs.

Power got a call from Connie Remoroza, a research chemist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Remoroza

## NEWS HERALD


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## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus



Santa claus holds a flare on a boat during a Christmas Eve celebration in Italy. [ANTONIO CALANNI/AP]

Editor's note: One hundred twenty-one years ago, a little girl asked The New York Sun a simple question and received a timeless reply from editorial writer Francis P. Church. Church's answer, which was published on Sept. 21, 1897, has endured through the ages, as evidenced by the numerous newspapers that also publish it around this time, because it simply articulates the message of the season. Enjoy.

We take pleasure in answering at once and this prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among
the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? - Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping th him, as measured by the intelle
Yes, Virginia, there is a Sant

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know tha they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoy ment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that they did
Nob
Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world, there is nothing else real and abiding.
No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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ANOTHER VIEW


LONG BEFORE GPS MAPPING..

## Leaving Syria better than alternative



Stephen Chapman
here are two established rules for withdrawing American troops from foreign conflicts. The first is Don't do it now. Th
Donald Trump's reasoning and strategy in demanding a pullout of our forces from Syria suffer from his usual decision-making flaw: lacking both reasoning and strategy. The timing is also question able. He says now is the right time because the Islamic State has been defeated, ajudg ment that is premature at best. And he disregarded the Ines Mattis, whe promy resigned. esigned.
But if Trump is too eager to get out, his critics are too direct U.S. intervention began in 2014, when Barack Obama ordered a campaign of airstrikes against Islamic State targets in Syria. Special opera tions forces were deployed to Syria in 2015. Trump expanded our ground troops oabout 2,000
Oncewe put boots on the
ground, the default option is
to keepthem there. If the fight is going badly we needthem is going badly, we need them is going well, we need them to keep the enemy down. If there's a stalemate, we need them to preserve it. If the fight ends in victory ... well, we don't have a contingency for that, because no one imagine it happening.
The foreign policy hawks are unhappy because they treat intervention as a one way tunnel with no exits. Chiefs Chairman Joseph Dun ford said we've trained only ford said we ve trained only that are needed. "We still have a long way to go, and so I'd be reluctant to give a fixed time," he said.
Brett McGurk, whose title is special presidential envoy for the global coalition to defeat ISIS, seemed to think he would have a lifetime job. "Defeating a physical caliph-longer-term campaign," said Dec. 11. "This will really take a period of years."
Where have we heard before? Aside from a short break, we've been in Iraq since 2003. Before long, we'll have men and women serving in Afghanistan who weren't born when we invaded Afghanistan.

Until recently, Trump administration officials were tryingtolockus into a com-
beyond defeating the Islamic State
To get an idea of how longhe might have in mind, consider that Iran has been supporting its proxy organization Hezbollah for more than 30 years. Bolton's pledge was to make this another front in a modern Hundred Years' War. Neither Obama nor Trump ver tried to mobilize public support for a venture that was unclear in purpose, openended and perty. If to an security. If Syria in Congress insist, they could have authorized the president to wage war there. Instead, members on both sides of the aisle did their best imperson ation of potted plants.
It's always easier to get into a war than to get out. It's entirely possible that with drawing will make things worse in the near term. But the idea that the old policy would yield a successful conclusion - or any conclusion - had no basis in reality
If the choice were between leaving Syria right away and leaving in six months or a year, taking our time might be defensible. More likely, though, it's now or never.

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## READER FEEDBACK

The Project 25 toy drive has collected more toys than ever before for Bay County children and this morning, the Bay County Sheriff's Office got a boost from the Cajun Navy. Willow Rodriguez Thank you and bless you Sheila Seay They drove into we meet some of them as they went out to save others. God bless these men. Truly earth angels.

Though the fire department and other local contributors have galvanized to help the family during their time of need, they still desperately need help finding a new home. Sheusing seay We also need bless and I hope and pray some an help. Can you also write an article about how fremen are needed desperately but no housing or home. Dale Mellies Sheila Seay there's police officers too. Sheila Seay Dale Mellies true. so many need homes. Good
news is my neighbor saw is and is going to buy a nice trailer and hook up power and water to his home to help others.
Sheila Seay Dale Mellies you are so right. So many need housing. The good news is one has space for mobile trailer that he is going to hook power and water to from his home. For those in need. God bless.

And for your Christmas Eve moment of zen: A video of the waves crashing on the beach. (See the video and photos on our Facebook page.) David Groves have a good christmas eve all you northern folks. Catherine Campo $0: 41$ This is what I get to hear every day. Sheila Walsh • 0:20 Merry James Gibbs. 0 :00 Missing you from Ontario
Steph K Coutts • 0:07 Merry Christmas PCB! Hope to see you in the New Year! Deb Kearney • 0:42 1 miss you Panama City Beach!

Photo Chief Patti Blake spent a night out at Mexico Beach to capture a set of haunting and beautiful photos.
Terri McAllister: Nice photos, but neighborhoods and streets are eerily dark all over Bay County
ed Stuart: Patti, you certainly caught the essence of the unfurled on Mexico Beach. So sad!

The lineup for SandJam Fest 2019 has been announced! Kings of Leon, Third Eye Blind and Young the Giant as headliners, with many others throughout the three-day fes tival running from April 26-28 Jessie Harris: Dirty heads, eon! Oh man, this lineup is amazing! mazing
Cheryl Woods: Never heard of Josh Crutchfield: No doubt that will be a great three days of solid entertainment. Heathan King: better than last year's

## Pope's Christmas wish: World fraternity despite differences

By Frances D'Emilio The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - Pope Francis offered a Christmas wish for fraternity among people of differfaiths, races or ideas, describing the world's differences as a richness, not a danger, and championing the rights of religious minorities. His plea Tuesday for stronger bonds among
peoples came as nationpeoples came as nation-
alism and a suspicion of migrants are gaining traction across much of the globe.
The long war in Syria, famine amid warfare in Yemen, social strife in Venezuela and Nicaragua, conflicts in Ukraine and tensions on the Korean Peninsula were among the pope's concerns in sage, which he read from the central balcony of St .


Pope Francis delivers his message during the Urbi et Orbi (Latin for 'to the city and to the world') Christmas Day blessing from the main balcony of St. Peter's Basilica on Tuesday at the Vatican. [ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS] of the Christian vision of ond Roourists, pilgrims humanity," Francis said to St. Peter's Square on a "Urbiet Orbi" ""tot papal mild, sunny square ona "Urbiet Orbi" "to the city said the univarsal ancsag and the world message. of Christmas is that "God said "even our best plans is a good Father and we are and projects risk being all brothers and sisters." soulless and empty "

He called for that spirit among individuals of "every individuals of as well as among peopl "with different ideas, ye capable of respecting and listening to one another.' "Our differences, then are not a detriment or danger; they are a source of richness," Francis said. Francis prayed tha all minorities have thei right to religious freedom sompected, noting that some Christians were cel difficult, if not hostile situations."
Communist China is witnessing a systematic suppression of religion, including some restric ions on Christma celebrations this year. The government's suppres sion campaign includes Ue-education camps for Uighur Muslims and churches.
wurches.
religions or countries, Francis prayed for "all those people who experience ideological, cultural and economic forms of freedom and identity compromised."
Francis urged the inter national community to find a political solution that "can put aside divisions and partisan in Syria and said her that an internationally brokered truce for Yamen would bring relief to that country's people especially children, "exhausted by war and famine."
He encouraged dialogue among Israelis and Palestinians to end conflict "that for over 70 years has rent the land chosen by the

Lord to show his face of love."
In Africa Francis recalled the millions fleeing warfare or in need of food, and prayed for "a new dawn of fraternity to arise over the entire continent."
Francis urged Venezuelans to "work fraternally for the country's development and to aid the most vulnerable." Millions of Venezuelans are fleeing and humanitarian crisis in what has become the largest exodus in modern Latin American history, according to the United Nations. On Monday night, the 82 -year-old pope celebrated Christmas Eve Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.



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## Stricter rebuilding standards to come

Rules to affect area homeowner in floodplain

By Patrick McCreless pmcreeless@pcnh.com@ PCNHPatrickM

PANAMA CITY - Bay County homeowners living in floodplains must meet highe code standards and raise thei foundations if their hurricane damage repair costs exceed a certain threshold, official warn.
The county has received calls recently from
homeowners in floodplains unaware that they had to meet stricter regulations ing permits to repair damage from Hurricane Michael County officials say the extra regulations are needed so homeowners can keep access o relatively cheap federal flood insurance.
"It's such a significant issue and there may be many more people out there who are unaware of this," Bob Majka, county manager, said of the regulations. "We thought thin ath

Majka said the county doesn't want homeowners to remain uninformed, which delays in their repairs later "We want to be informa tive so they can work with tive so they can work with
their insurance companies and receive the benefits they need," Majka said
According to U.S. Census statistics, around 104,000 people live in floodplains in the county.
The regulations on rebuilding won't apply to every floodplain homeowner though. Any home recon
addition or other improve ment must meet the regulations only if the workequals or exceeds 50 market value.
Once the cost threshold is reached, the homes must meet the same standards as a new building, which typically means building up to current codes and raising the foundation to or above the base flood elevation.
Majka said the regulations are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood

1981, the county has participated in the program, aimed at making federal flood insurliving in floodplains. Without federal flood insurance, residents would only have access to private flood insurance options, which can be much more expensive.
In a Thursday email to The News Herald, Lenisha Smith, spokeswoman for FEMA, wrote that to date, approxi mately 2,044 federal flood insurance claims had been filed in the county since the

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Seasonal bear activity on rise

December is most active time of year as the animals get their winter bearings

## By Zack McDonald

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PANAMA CITY - With PANAMA CITY - With winter about to bear down on Bay County, wildlife offi-
cials are urging caution as our cials are urging caution as our prepare for the cold.
"This is bear country, and the fall is when you see an increase in bear activity," said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) spokeswoman Karen Parker. "They are trying to store calories up, basically fatten up for the winter." have begun passing out fliers have begun passing out fliers in rural areas of the county. public about Florida black public about Florida black toward the end of December. Despite the destruction to woodlands from Hurricane Michael, though, bear sight ings have not seen a notable uptick.
"There's really not any kind
See BEAR, B3

## Rescue Mission fills the need on Christmas Day

 Wayne Snyder, a cook at the Panama City Rescue Mission, and Ronald Laudig prepares a Christmas lunch for residents on Tuesday. While Hurricane Michael damaged parts of the building, the mission continues to serve the homeless and those in recovery from addiction. [JJSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

By Zack McDonald 747-5071 @ @PCNHzack

PANAMA CITY - A resident of Bay County for more than 35 years, Wayne Snyder watched from afar as Hurricane Michael shredded his home town.
He'd moved to San Antonio, Texas, a few years earlier. But seeing images of the devastation and the need for help left in the storm's wake, he was drawn back
by a sense of duty. "I've been through dozens of hurricanes living here, and this is by far the worst thing T've ever seen," Snyder said Tuesday as he pulled tray Panama City Rescue Mission's oven. "After seeing that, I decided to come back a couple weeks after the storm to see where I could help."
While living in Bay County, Snyder had worked in various kitchens on the

Beach, so he was used to cooking for high volume crowds. As the holidays rolled around, his experience came in handy as he volunteered with the Rescue
Mission and provided meals for hundreds people in need. "I'm doing what I can to help," he said.
Each year for at least 20 years, the Rescue Mission has provided a hot meal for people in need on Christmas. With Hurricane Michael, though, this year
held a much deeper meaning for most
"I think it's just a tremendous opportunity to show people that the Rescue Mission cares about them," said Thurman Chambers, Rescue Mission CEO. "A meal a lot of times goes a long way that helps people and let's them know that somebody loves them."
Snyder had worked at the much larger Christmas Eve See RESCUE, B3


Goat Yoga happens every third Saturday at Emerald Coast Zoo. Gracie Simmons, owner of Grateful Hearts Yoga in North Crestview, is pictured here practing her balance with the help of a goat. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## You've goat to try this yoga

## Grateful Hearts Yoga in Crestview offering

 goat - yes, goat - yogaBy Kaylin Parker
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CRESTVIEW - Emerald Coast Zoo and Gracie Sim mons, owner of Grateful mearts Yoga, are now offering yoga classes in the zoo with one unique addition - goats Goat yoga became national hit a few years ago Simmons said she loved the
trend and wanted to bring goats into her studio in North Crestview.
Simmons said a zookeeper asked herto do a weekly class at the zoo.
"Whenever she invited me, I was like 'No, we have to do goat yoga'," Simmons said goat yoga'," Simmons said.
Her dream became a realHer dream became a reality after speaking with Rick
and Sara de Ritters, owners of Emerald Coast Zoo. They found a shaded spot surrounded by beautiful, tall bamboo that Simmons said creates a "natural canopy."

Simmons enjoys practicing yoga in a natural setting. "Nature and grounding is a big part of yoga," Simmons said.
Having lived on a farm, Simmons said animals are useful in therapeutic healing. "That's a big part of what we do yoga for is to fee "Doing yoga with animals is a bonus to me."
Simmons said some opt to practice their balance by

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## DEWEY CLAYTON HARRISON

Dewey Clayton Harrison, 93, of Wewahitchka, Fl. died Saturday, December 15, 2018. A Celebration of Life

## MAE OPAL NOLES

Mae Opal Noles, 87,
of Panama City passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018. She retired as a bookkeeper from Queen Craft after many years of service. Mae was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church where she was an active cle. She loved cle. She loved cooking
and OVC and was quit an accomplished baker and cake decorator Mae was preceded in death by her spouse, Don Noles; a son, Kenneth Paul Noles; and a sister, Judy Boyd. She is survived by a daugh ter, Beverly Merriam (Skip); 3 grandchildren, Allison King (Ronnie), and Chris Merriam (Carrie); 5 dreat gra (Carrie); 5 great grand
children, Sam, Atticus Amelia and Azalea Merriam, and Katherine and Marlie Keiser; sis ter Claudette Free; Anderson (Randy); and nephews, Tom Boyd, Tim Boyd (Patti) and David Boyd (Heather).

## GRACE WEEKS

Grace Weeks, 83, of Punday, December 23, 2018. A Graveside Service will be held 1:00 P.M. (EST), Friday, December 28,
at 1 p.m. on Wednes day, December 26, 2018, in the Red Bay Cemetery, with Pastor Jon Hatcher and Pas tor Clay Officiating


Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018, at United Methodist Church with Dr. John Friedman officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The family visitorsive friends and the service from 12 until p.m. the church until p.m. at the church. thy may be submitted or viewed on line at www. kentforestlawn.com.
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RITA ANN SHAW
Rita Ann Margaret haw, 71, of Panama City, passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at her home Rita retired in 2006 Hospital The bigoest and best jobs she nd best jobs she devoted wife, mother grand and greatgrandmother; a job she made look effortless. Rita was very talented and enjoyed working with her hands and making arts and crafts especially doll making and decorating for events. She loved amping and being Lake Seminole with her Lake Seminole with her
husband, Denny, for husband, Denny, for was a timeless treasur who really knew how to bring the laughs and make every moment special. She will truly and lovingly be missed. Rita was preceded in death by her parents, red and Doris King. oving husband for ver 40 years, Denn over 40 years, Denny Graham Shaw, Rich Shaw, Daniel "Danny" Shaw (Jennifer),
Kimberly Shaw
Andrew); 1 sister,
Eileen Dring (John); 7 grandchildren, Tyler haw, Andrew Shaw D.J. Shaw, Ashley

## PATRICIA MCKEAN

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Patricia M. McKean, 61, of Panama Criday, December 21 2018. Memorialization

Shaw, Katie Van Ver Veen, Greg Van Der Veen and Nate Van Der Veen; and 1 great-grandchild, Funeral Funeral services December 28, 2018, at p.m. at 1 St Assembly of God Church located at 1701 N. East Avenue in Panama City, with Rev. Michael Bryan officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memoria Gardens. The family will receive friends and visitors one hour prio o the service from church. Expressions hurch. Expression viewed or submitted on line at www. kentforestlawn.com

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will be by crema tion. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www heritagefhbeach.com. She was preceded in death by 2 husbands, the father of her children, Bruce Nelms and her spouse, Maze E. Densmore; 6 siblings, Betty Frances Da Sarah Beggerly, Brainard Wayne Taylo Brainard, Wayne Taylor
and Louis Taylor. and Louis Taylor. her 2 children, Pamela Gonzalez (Donald) and Belinda Hallowood; 2 sisters, Marlene Nelms and Latrelle Wood; 5 grandchildren, Donald Gonzalez, Jr., Mandy Oeschger (John), Carolina Gonzalez, Kristie Griswell(John), and Scote great-grandchildren; 19

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1 great-great-grandchild. Graveside services will be held Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Pastor Jack Stanley Paficiating The family officiating. The family from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Parker United Methodist Church. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or
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Lynn Haven. He said he has toward a home. With their lived there only a brief time and enhanced sense of smell, bears expected to encounter a bear can detect food from miles at some point. When it finally happened, though, Martin sai it was not what he expected. was that bothered us the most was that he wasn't afraid of didn't seem to mind being so close to us."
Martin eventually was able to scare off the bear by yelling and standing tall to present himself as large as possible, which is strategy the FWC approves. "I wasn't scared, and I think it could sense that," Martin said. However, FWC suggests other means to prevent a bear encounter from happening in
the first place. Parker advised in the first place. Parker advised residents to clean up "attrac

## away

"The best thing to do is get out there and clean up attrac tants," she said "And whac you do, do not feed the etevs." you do, do not feed the bears.
Some other tips on FWC, website include guides to "bear-proofing" trash cans. At the end of with the black bear, Martin said he was glad it ended with the bear heading back to the woods "I was glad to see him go," h said. "I told him he was good boy."
Bear sightings peak in Decemer and drop off as winte proper starts. Then, sighting bears reappear to forage aga for calories.
o sit. Dozens of visitors lined he hallway of the building s Snyder and several other ar spread for anybody that walked through the doors in need. need
Snyder it will be interesting to see how Bay County recovHe said he hopes his home town is remembered not for the destruction left by the storm but for the response it created.
"This response is just overwhelming," he said. "It brings sense of pride to me being from this area and
amount of giving."

## YOGA

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having the goat stand on thei back while others enjoy simply back while others enjoy sin
feeding or petting them. feeding or petting them.
Although it may be diffi cult to concentrate at times cult to concentrate at times
happiness when you leave. You can't be unhappy when goat runs around jumping on you," she said. Goat yoga takes place every hird Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The class costs $\$ 30$ or $\$ 20$ for Grateful re limited for the class so call Emerald Coast Zoo at 850 682-3949 to secure at

## RESCUE

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dinner the night befor and served more than 300 people. He said it took four turkey, ham, mashed potaoes, sweet potato casserole and rolls. Despite the large crowd the night before to go around of Christmas Day.

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SpaceX has launched the U.S. Air Force's most powerful GPS satellite A Falcon eocket blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Sunday, hoisting the satellite into orbit.
The satellite was supposed to soar Tuesday but rocket concerns and then weather delayed the flight.
Heather Wilson, secretary of the Air Force, says this next-generation GrS satelite is three times more accutimes better at anti-jamming. It's the first in a series and nicknamed Vespucc after the 15th-century Italian explorer who calculated Earth's circumferenc to within 50 miles
Lockheed Martin developed the advanced GPS technology and is building the satellites at a facility near Denver.
Sunday's launch was Space X's 21st and final launch of the year, a company record.

MIAMI
Cruise ship rescues fishermen who had been adrift for weeks

A cruise ship has rescued two Costa Rican fishermen who had been stranded at sea for about three weeks.
Royal Caribbean Chief Meteorolohe James Van Fleet tweeted nigh between Grand Cayman and Jamaic by the Empress of the Seas cruise ship.
Fleet says the cruise ship was not scheduled to be there but had taken an alternate route because of bad weather.
Fleet tweeted Sunday that the fishermen left Porto Limon, Costa Rica, and had been adrift since Dec. 1. They nets were soal fallen asleep while the while trying to return
Both received medical attention onboard.

## ST. PETERSBURG

Florida police: Woman
accidentally shoots, kills teenage
A 21-year-old Florida woman is
charged with manslaughter after police say she accidentally shot a teenpolice say she accidentally shar
ager riding in car with her.
St. Petersburg police say Jessica Perry was riding with a 17 -year-old girl at 2:25 a.m. Sunday when a gun she was carrying went off, striking the girl in the back.
They were passing by the downtown police station and the car's driver pulled in and flagged down an officer. The girl later died from the wound. Police didn't release the name of the victim. Perry was being held in the Pinellas County jail. Jail records did not list an attorney.

PARKLAND
Active shooter policy changes for Broward County deputies

Deputies in one South Florida county will have to try to confront active shooters in the future.
It's a change to the Broward County's Sheriff's writthe proward that drew controversy following the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
The new policy says deputies "shall" immediately intervene instead of scenario. scenario
Earier this month, members of a public safety commission criticized the "may" policy, saying it is "inconsistent" with standard law enforcement procedures.
Sheriff's deputies, including a school resource officer, chose not to go into a building as the gunman shot 34 people, killing 17 students and staff.
NORTH FORT MYERS
Eaglet hatches from egg on web cam
A live web cam showed a bald eaglet in Florida pecking its way out of its egg to the delight of thousands of viewers. The eaglet worked its way out of the shell Sunday while its mother looked on in the nest. Southwest Florida Eagle Cam captured the moment. A second egg is also in the nest.
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## Scientists save Miami blue from extinction

By Jenny Staletovich MIami Herald

LONG KEY - One crisp, sunny afternoon this month, grad student Sarah Steele Cabrera headed down a sandy path at Long Key State Park carrying two nylon bug containers out the park, a former out the park, a former
fishing camp fashioned fishing camp fashioned glamping by railroad tycoon Henry Flagler and now a tangle of gumbo limbo, poisonwood and prickly nickerbean, and found a perfect spot to release the contents of the boxes: 60 newly hatched Miami blue butterflies, among the rarest insects in North world.
Cabrera's butterflies, bred at a University of Florida lab in Gainesville and shipped overnight by FedEx two days earlier, are part of the latest effort in a yearslong rescue mission that have made the butterfly one of the more high-profile endangered bugs. It even has its own limited-edition bee
Only decades ago, the butterflies a trash specimen because they were so plentiful. Peterson's 1951 Field
Guide described them Guide described them as common. But today just two wild colonies can be found on
remote islands west of remote islands west of Key West, surrounded by busy shipping lanes potentially carrying
exotic enemies and in the middle of hurricane alley. So Cabrera's mission is not without urgency. "Unfortunately by taken it for granted.
the time we're doing In the United Stat the time we're doing


Miami blue butterflies are among the rarest insects in the world. [COURTESY OF UF]
this, they're in critical care," said attorney Dennis Olle, a director of the North American Butterfly Association and former president of the Miami Blue chapter. "We're dealing with stuff that could wink out
very quickly." very quickly."
mount to a major breakthrough for a state besieged by invasive species, battered by species, battered by seemingly losing race to save its natural beauty. So far, years of trying have failed to reproduce a stable population, but researchers are hoping to repeat the success they've had with another nearly extinct butterfly,
the Schaus' swallowtail A rescue would also A rescue would also a planet undergoing an alarming decline in insects in recent years, from the rainforests of Puerto Rico to Germany's prehistoric forests. "It's not nuclear war. It's not global warming. The apocalypse of all things is going to be population," Olle said population," Olle said. change the way we live In the United States,

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Florida ranks high or its bounty o butterflies.
But increasingly, he state has also climbed the list for the number of imper iled butterflies. In the last three years, two were added to the endangered species frosted elfin, is now rosted elfin, is now The Miami blu The Miami blue during the 1980s and 90s, as coastal con struction in South Florida boomed and condos began replac ing the dunes and coastal berms they inhabited. By the early '90s, they could only be cayne, although still in good numbers.

## FLOODING

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hurricane and more than hurricane and more tha paid to policyholders.
Majka noted that the
county has little choice but to enforce the regu lation requirement because of the program's importance to the ommunity.
"We're audited annually under the program adhere to the require ments," Maika said "I we don't adhere, we we don't adhere, we
lose our eligibility, then nobody can purchase flood insurance in the program."
Currently, including all cities, the county has a total of 33,295 federal policy holders under the program, Smith wrote. Majka said for resi dents living in cities with their homes must meet the program's criteria,
"We're audited annually under the program and they make sure we adhere to the requirement nobody can purchase flood insurance in the program."

Bob Majka
county manager
they should contact their cities, not the county. Bo Creel, presiden istration Code Admin which provides build ing department services ing department services including Panama City, Lynn Haven, Callaway, Parker and Springfield said his company had not yet received calls from homeowners confused about the program requirements.
"But those are probably going to come," Creel Cree unincorporat like the
of the county, residents living in floodplains in cities such as Panama Carker must too adhere Parker must too adhere tions if they meet the cost threshold.

They'll have to bring the entire structure up to code," Creel said. Creel said his company can help residents make sure if their homes meet all requirements for them to obtain a building permit.
When they come in to apply for a building permit, we always look at that," he said.

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Mom drags her feet pursuing romance


## Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My dad died when I was young. He and Mom had a beautiful marriage. ship following his death and has been single for three years now. She has been spending lots of time with a family friend who lost his wife some time ago. They have known each other for years, eve when Dad was alive. She goes over to his place for the phone at least once a day the phone he helps her with anything she needs around the house He goes above and beyond to show her he's interested in her without actually saying those words, and he has told her she needs to take him more seriously when he invites her on trips because she laughs it off. Momflip-flops between
being interested and being convinced he doesn't want a serious relationship. Everyone around her thinks she's crazy not to give it a try. I don't know how muchi can push happy in years. Ithink she' scared and nervous, and I also think she'll rearet it if sh keeps rejecting his overtures. I think the ball is in her court now. Ineed help convincing her to pursue this. What can I do? - HOPEFUL DAUGHTER IN CANADA
DEAR HOPEFUL: Tell your mother it's time to stop laughing and have a serious conversation with this man Their relationship stands no chance of progressing further DEAR ABBY: My fiance has a female friend he has known since they were 15 years old. She's always in the way, and he always makes excuses for anything she does wrong. The most frequent excuses are, "She was there when nobody else was there," or, "She's the only one who would have my back."

OK, I get it. But that wa years ago, and I have constantly reminded him that I have his back now and she can step aside. But he says he's loyal to his friends, and he will hever abandon her or any of hem.
As much as Ilove my fiance and want to be his wife, I our lives. Abby, Ireally need your advice. Should I give his ring back, or should I keep quiet and let her continue to invade our relationship? DEPRESSED FIANCEE IN MICHIGAN
DEAR FIANCEE: Try this. Tell your fiance that you would like the two of you to have sure yiur counsergiobe regrding issues that "might" come up after your marriage.

Dear Abby is written by Abisail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was ounded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby. com or P.O. Box 69440 Los Angeles, CA 90069

## TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY



Wilson Casey
"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 Comments, questions or suggestions? WC@TriviaGuy.com

1. What is the most common item returned to stores the day after Christmas? Clothing, DVDs, Jewelry, Candles 2. The day after Christmas, the feast of Saint Stephen, is known as which "day"? Armistice, Royal, Boxing, Earth 3. In "Frosty the Snowman" lyrics, what does the traffic cop tell them to do? 4. What "Tonight Show" host born the day after Christmas in

1921?
Johnny Carson, Jack Paar, Steve Allen, Jay Leno 5. When did "Toys for Tots" start making times happier for children? 1929, 1947, 1961, 1980 6. Indiana and which other state have a town named "Santa Claus"? Alaska, Idaho, Georgia, Maine

ANSWERS: 1. Clothing, 2. Boxing, 3. Stop, 4. Steve Allen (d. 2000), 5 . 1947, 6. Georgia

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Nothing gets in the way today unless you let it. With this philosophy, you won't cast yourself in the role of the victim. Why would you? You're able and

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll get to building a beautiful and different kind of world, person, but it still counts. It only takes one other person to create a society with you. GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - You long ago came to terms with the unfair nature of life. You'll be reminded how some have been endowed with traits or advantage from birth and you'll do something to help the balance do some

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

 Extending compassion to yourself can be a difficult thing to do. It's tempting to try to find out why this is so. But then again, maybe the reason doesn'tmatter. Override it. Help yourself out. Forgive and love yourself. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - The art of the seating chart isn't just for big parties and events. If there's a way to arrange your life so elegantly, then you certainly wil elegantly, the
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - If you don't get what you want right away, consider yourself lucky. This is where the real gold comes -- in having to reach down deep into your own resources and build something out of them to make your situation work. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - There was a time you thought it best to strictly follow the rules; you wer young and this kept you safe.
But if you continued in this way you'd miss out on a great deal of life. Afford yourself some slack. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - You came into your convictions over time, slowly forming and testing a belief system that made sense to you at many levels. In many ways you're still assembling it,
but what you've got already is certainly worthy of your defense. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) t's possible that trying to be better counts as actually being better, but it's also possible fully is a faster route to your transformation. APPICOPN (D The more people involved in your vision, the harder it will be to keep it cohesive, but that's OK for now. Pick one or two guiding principles and see what happens. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) There's not a correct way to look at things, but optimism does net different results than pessimism. You do not feel that your interyou to feel effortlessly generous with others. with others.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) old games you used to play, and yet there are new games, too. So while you may visit the glory days of the past, you won't stay there.

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## TOP 10 STORIES OF THE YEAR

## No. 6: Bay golfer Moody makes brilliant state run

Taylor Moody had never finished a game of golf under par in her life. That was until the aftermath of Hurrican Michael forced her to hang up her clubs for almost two weeks
think we didn't have high expectations becaus of what was going on," Bay High coach Conrad Moon said. "So, therefore, she really was a lot looser than normal."

Moody finished just under par for the first time at followed that performance up followed that performance up 70 during the first round of the Class 2A finals on the Los Colinas course at the Mission Inn and Resort on Nov. 2. Her score of 75 in the second round earned her a secondplace overall finish behind only Casey Weidenfeld.
The Bay High junior didn't expect any of it. Yeah, she played well the week before,
but she was still out of practice. Plus her practice round on the Colinas course didn't go well at all.
"We finally get to tee off and I went par-birdie I knew it was going to be an amazing day," Moody said of her hot start in the finals. "It was the best round of my life." Others noticed.
An entourage of college coaches trailed Moody throughout the first round. After her performance, one coach told Moon that he
hadn't seen a better shor game from a high school golfer in 35 years. Several o those coaches, some of which represent Division I schools, have already followed up with Moon.
Before the end of the day had ran out of business cards to hand out," Moon said. "So she got known that day."
As the pressure mounted later in the tournament, Moody leaned on the support from both Moon and her big gest motivator, her mother

Vicky Moody. With the two's encouragement, Moody rallied to shoot 1-under par on the back nine,
"I wouldn't be anywhere without her," Moody said of the support of her mother With Moon and her mother by her side, the Bay High olfer watched Weidenfeld approach the 18th green with ane-stroke lead. Moody said she's never bitten her nails harder than she did at that

See moody, Cz


Arnold's Terry Byers (4) celebrates with Thomas Risalvato (15) after intercepting a pass in a game against Marianna last season. Byers has been named The News Herald's Defensive Player of the Year for

## BAY COUNTY DEFENSIVE MVP

## Arnold's Byers saved his best for last

## By Dustin Kent

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Terry Byers' junior season for Arnold was nothing to sneeze at t 93 tackes, two is agood season for most high school defenders.
The Marlins' middle linebacker wanted more in his senior year, however, and Byers delivered his bes season yet in 2018 to earn The News Herald's Bay County Defensive Player of the Year honor.
Byers finished the season with 135 tackles - over 12 per game - to go with 11 tack interception, and three forced
fumbles. He posted those numbers despite breaking his hand midway through the season against Bay
The injury limited his role ball as a tight end/fullback but he continued to make a massive impact on defense putting in perhaps his best game of the season a week after the injury when he posted 16 tackles, a sack, and a forced fumble against Mosley.
"I think that was my best game of the year," Byers said. "Even though we lost, I
still thought I did my part and still thought I did my part and tried to play as best as
n a game like that.
standout performance in 2018, as he posted double digit tackles in every regular season game and 15 -plus tackles on four differen occasions. He finished 28 state in total tackles and seventh in Class 5A despit seventh in Class 5A despit
playing just nine games. playing just nine games.
"I have to give all my cess to my coaches and give it to God and my teammates for pushing me to be better each and every day," Byers said "The seniors from last year made me 10 times better and made me be the player that was this year and the leader that I was."
Byers was a tackling
See BYERS, Cz

## 14th Marlin Christmas Classic starts Thursday

By Dustin Kent

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The 14th Annual Visit Panamas Classic will commence at Arnold High School on Thursday and conclude on Saturday.
There will be 14 teams from five different states in competition though only six girls teams. That means there won't be a traditional eight-team bracket for the girls, who will instead determine champion with three day of pool play
Each girls team will ge one game a day and the
team with the best record after three days will be the champion, with points allowed the first tiebreaker and points scored the second.
Arnold boys basketbal coach Bobby Britton said it's not ideal having jus six girls teams in the tour nament, but it was the circumstances.
circumstance
"It was a big issue with the aftermath (of Hurri "Arnold was a shelter fo close to six weeks and there were some team that were concerned about their ability to come here and be safe and play. We had two major teams that have been competitors drop out due to the unce tainty of the campus.
"But I think it's going to
field of six before. Really
everybody is just looking for a place to have a vacation and get some games in and they'll get what they come for."

The Arnold girls will also not be in competition with Neither of the championship teams from last year's tournament - the East Hamilton (Tenn.) girls and the Franklin (Tenn.) boys - will be in this year's event.
However, there are three previous Marlin Classic tournament champions in he field with the Arnold boys, the Pleasant Grove County girls. The tournament will also host the Bay High boys and girls, who found themselves free after the cancelation of this year's Barnstorm Britton said he was hrilled to be able to keep the Marlin Classic going this year in spite of the fallout from the hurricane. said " means a lot to us," he ponsors and patrons of the tournament, Holiday nn Beach Resort, closed down. They housed most of our teams and were unable to this year, but the beach community really pened up their arms and we were able to keep the radition going. It's one of the prestigious tournaments in the Panhandle and we're glad we could keep it going this year."

See CLASSIC, C2

## Jeudy follows in steps of past Alabama star receivers

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Jerry Jeudy's ambitions grew with every college camp he attended and every highly rated defen sive back he beat head to head His recruiting stock rose, and so did his goals.
Now Alabama's latest All-America wide receiver, Jeudy ratcheted up his workout routine, started eating healthier and buckled dow in the classroom for his senio year at Deerfield Beach High School in Florida When he got out there and started feeling like, 'T'm going against guys that were suptaking it to them. I can do it,"' taking it to them. I can do it," said. "Then he put himself in that class and after that, it was a wrap."
It's not a wrap quite yet, with at least one more season
at Alabama awaiting, plus the College Football Playoffs. Alabama faces Oklahoma in an Orange Bowl semifinal from Jeudy's hom Dec. 29. Dec. 29
The 6-foot-1, 192-pound eudy has followed his fellow south Florida products Amari Cooper and Calvin Ridley to receiving stardom with the Crimson Tide. He became a five-star recruit, like them. And the go-to receiver for a national title contender, also like them.
Like Cooper in 2014, the ophomore also wonthe Blettopreceiver. op receiver
Jeudy has put up bignumbers ke his predecessors, including the ofacons star Julio Jones. The other three all became He NFL draft picks. He has the benefit of catching passes from an elite quarterback in Heisman

Trophy runner-up Tua Tago vailoa in a more pass-oriented offense. But Jeudy also shares the ball with a deeper pool o them.
hem.
Jeudy has already put up bigger numbers than Ridley did in either of his final two seasons in a much more runfirst offense. He has 59 catches for 1,103 yards - an 18.7-yard average - and 12 touchdowns. Jeudy worked out every other day with Ridley as a 10 th grader and they still keep in touch.
"Great player, works really hard and deserves every thing coming his way," Ridley said. "We played high school a little bit. Just seeing him grow a little bit. Just seeing him grow that'sthe most exciting thing." All that time working with or watching Ridley and Cooper helped give the ambi tious Jeudy specific targets

Their success, he said, "just made me go harder "They taught me a lot," Jeudy said. "Hard work beat and you work hard you can turn into work hard, you can That's why his success at all tar games and camps served as such a motivator. You can be good with a good work ethic and with a better one you could really be "something serious. He used to hunker down in Deerfield's football lounge studying receivers like Jones Ridley and Antonio Brown and hoping to join that elite company someday
showing that Jeudy's anecdote showing that Jeudy's increased
focus transferred into the classroom, too. He said the classroom, too. He said the Under Armour All-American game, insisting that a B-plus he received inhis final semeste had to be a mistake. The teache agreed that it was a calculating
error and Jeudy wound up with traight A's, the coach said. He said Jeudy also started hanging out more with other aspirations. spirations
"He's got plans, he's got reservations in his mind to be one of the best whenit's all said and done," Glenn said. "That

## BYERS

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machine for the Marlins, machine for the Marlins, Wright said they were able to unlock another aspect of his game in 2018 that hadn't been on display before.
"He was more involved in making this happen because we were able to cut him loose a little bit as apass rusher," he said. "We were more effective when at times, and when we did that heusuallymadeplays. He came on a lot of blitzes, run blitzes as well, and he usually made plays."
Byers said he was happy torush the passer morethis season but attributed much of the uptick in his numbers overall with the work he did in the summer to become a bigger and more
physical player. physical player.
"Going into my senior season, I wanted to get
bigger and gain weight," bigger and gain weight," playing middle linebacker at 190 (pounds) and I

## CLASSIC

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wanted to get up to 210 . I played mostly this year at
205. The big thing was just 205. The big thing was just puthe be bigoer and better for my position. I wanted to be in the best shape that I could be in."
Those gains translated into Byers' best season on the field in just his second full varsity campaign after missing his sophomore year due to a concussion. Wright said that Byers brought an energy and intensity every game that a different level.
"He just plays at such a high tempo and temperament," he said. "He's great teammate and he's got a knack for getting people on the ground. He also brings a lot of dynamic, hard hits to the game that makes it more fun to be a part of. Out side of football, he's the most mild-mannered and astute young per
you could coach.
"He also set a standard for play that I think got the other ones to play at that level. He's going to be greatly missed."
of Leeds/Episcopal Saturday - 10:15 a.m. Seventh-place game, 1:15 p.m. Consolation championship, 3p.m. Third-place game, 6 p.m. Touna

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Bay's Taylor Moody plays goif at Bay Point Goif Course on Oct. 3. [JOSHU

## MOODY

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moment. Almost a month removed from the tournament, she remains anyways. There is still one 3 -foot putt from the second day that Moody wishes she could have back.
Moody saind of weird," Moody said. "You do
need to focus on the negative a little bit. That's ative a little bit. That's Moody is the first member of the Bay High girls team to ever represent the Tornadoes in the finals. The impact of
her second-place finish might not be known for years as Moon has watched Bay High golfers of all ages and genders step it up in recent weeks. Everyone wants to be the next Tornado to make history.
Perhaps none of them want it as bad as Moody though. This year she got a real taste for the top, and Moon said she seems to be getting hungrier each day
As soon as the putt fell she just started clapping like the rest of the "Cheering her (Wei denfeld), job well done Taylor then just turned around and said 'we're going to get this next year.'

## Story of the year: Nassar abuse, gymnastics turmoil

## By Eddie Pells

The Associated Pres
The depths of Larry Nassar's depravity began to emerge some 15 months before the calendar flipped to 2018 - when reports ppeared in newspaper ppeared in newspaper tually lead to a trial and, ultimately, to the doctor's imprisonment.
But it was January 2018, the month when more than 150 female athletes testified at Nassar's sentencing hearing for convictions on child-porn and sex-abuse charges, that marked a turning point in a crisis that has
The testimony brought he true nature and the true nature and to the fore, triggering spasms of anger, soulsearching and attempts at reform, while also giving women in sports and society in general - a more powerful voice when comesto exposing abuse that had been swept out of the public's conscience for ecades.
Nassar's crimes and the chaos they provoked at Michigan State, the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics, to say nothing of the trauma wrought on the victims themselves - was the Story of the Year in baloting by AP members and ditors. The Nassar saga earned more than double the number of votes as the second- and thirdfirst Super Bowl championship and the Supreme Court's decision to strike downalaw that prohibited sports gambling outside of Nevada.
The year 2018 was also notable for a string of stirring comebacks and surprises: MarylandBaltimore County pulled he first 16 vs. 1 upset in an NCAA Tournament


In this Jan. $\mathbf{2 4}$ photo, former gymnast Rachael Denhollander, left, is hugged by Kaylee Lorincz after giving her victim impact statement during the seventh day of Larry
that was also highlighted by Loyola-Chicago's run to the Final Four, spurred on by a 98 -yearold superfan, Sister Jean Dolores-Schmidt. Tiger Woods returned to form, nearly winning the PGA before capturing the season-ending Tour Championship. Knights made it all the Knights made it all the
way to the Stanley Cup Final before falling to the Washington Capitals.
There was a steady trickle of news about the still-emerging evidence and responsetothe doping scandal in Russia that has sullied the last three Olympics, with potential or more.
But the steadiest flow of cringe-inducingheadlines scandal - not only detailing his depravity, but also the slow, often-hamhanded way in which some of the most powerful people in sports dealt with he aftermath.
Those who failed paid dearly, and it's no exaggeration to say the entire
Olympic movement inside
he United States couldbe entire, dysfunctional U.S. reconfigured because of it. Olympic charter. arry Ironically, one of the Lary Probst, CEO Scott biggest drivers of change formance director per- turned out to be the Ashley all lect or Alan world's best gymnast. Ashley all left or were A Nassar victim herself, forced out under a cloud. Olympic and world chamInhis going-away speech, pion Simone Biles was USOC's success under she saw it when change his watch, "it is our col- wasn't coming quickly lective failure to keep you enough - or didn't make safe that that will forever any sense. Though hers cause me deep and pro- may have been the bestfound regret." Brought on known voice, it wasn't the torepair USA Gymnastics, president Kerry Perry got forced out after a series of embarrassing and out-of-touch missteps. Her predecessor, Steve Penny, was arrested on charges he ordered files pertaining to team's training center at the KarolyiRanchinTexas. Blackmun's succes. sor, Sarah Hirshland, eventually called for decertification of USA Gymnastics - an unwieldy process that could be hastened by Congress, which held a number of hearings and called for changes in
the law that governs the
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Survivors are cautiously optimistic.
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at the hands of Nassar triggered the entiremeltdown. "Prosecutors are saying they're seeing a significant increase. A lot of them are tying them back to the sentencing hearing with Larry." Though he worked with high-profile gymnasts in a volunteer capacity, Nassar did most of his damage at his full-time job at Michigan State.

Giannis powers Bucks past Knicks in Christmas debut

## By Brian Mahoney

NEW YORK - Giannis Ante tokounmpo was so eager to make a rim-rocking Christmas debut tha he overshot the basket on his first attempt, a dunk from one side that ended with the ball all the way in th opposite corner.
I was so excited that I went a little bit toohigh and Ithought therim was He and the Milwaukee Bucks eventually settled down and showed they belonged on the holiday stage. Antetokounmpohad 30 points and 14 rebounds, and Milwaukee celebrated its return to the Christmas schedule by beating the New York Knicks 109-95 on Tuesday
"This is one of the highest stages," Antetokounmpo said. "Special teams play Christmas Day, and just t's an opportunity for us and we'r eally happy."
Buckspez scored 20 points for he Bucks, who played on Christmas or the first time since 1977. They were selected for the showcase slate of games largely because of Antetokounmpo but the timing also was perfect to show an emerging team, which improvedthe NBA's second best record to 23-10
Malcolm Brogdonfinished with 17 points for the Bucks, the NBA scoring leaders who bounced back from Miami on Saturday to in a loss to fifth time in six games.
"People come to see Giannis play but they've got to watch all of us, so it's definitely a great opportunity for the rest of us to showcase as a team what we can do," Brogdon said.
Rookie Kevin Knox scored 2
points for the Knicks, who have los
six straight Christmas Day game
and fell to 22-31 in their NBA-record

# SPORTSTICKER 

## IN BRIEF

MOSCOW Russian biathlon champion in doping scandal retires
Anton Shipulin, a world biathlon champion at the heart of Russia's doping scandal, ment on Tuesday.
Shipulin, 31, told a news conference in news conference in
Moscow that he decided to retire after he was barred from the Winter Olympics earlier this year. He is one of scores of Russian athletes banned from competing for being part of Russia's state-sponsored doping program at the 2014 Winter Games in sochi. Shipulin won a gold medal in Soc Shipulin, like m Shipulin, like many has vehemently denied the accusations.
He said on Tuesday it's "better to leave now than win spots far from the pedestal" and blamed "the political climate" for his poor results. Shipulin's last race will be in Germany later this week.

## SYDNEY

Privateer a top prospect in Sydney-Hobart

One of the top prospects among 11 international entries in this year's Sydney to Hobart race is the New York Yacht Club's Privateer, which finished second in the Fastnet race in 2017
The Cookson 50, built in New Zealand and racing for 12 years, is "This is a race that "This is a race that Americans love to come personally think this is the greatest sailboat race on the planet in terms of, if you think about the conditions and just its storied history, so it's something that we Americans aspire to do." Another American yacht, Joyride, also has good recent form, the 2017 Van Isle 360 the 2017 Van Isle 360 both of which had taken more than 10 days to complete.

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND Solskjaer tells players
to enjoy Old Trafford

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer can't wait to lead Manchester United out at Old Trafford for the first time on Wednesday against relegation-thr
Huddersfield.
Having been paraHaving been parachuted in as caretaker of the season, the fan of the season, the fan
favorite got the postJose Mourinho era off to a dream start.
United ran amok at Solskjaer's former club Cardiff on Saturday, scoring five goals in a Premier League game for the first time since Alex Ferguson retired in May 2013 as it left the Welsh capi buoyed by a 5-1 win. to keep your emotion in to keep your emotion in to do a job, I've got to be focused," Solskjaer said. "It's not easy, I don't think it will be easy, but I'm looking forward to it and I think the boys are looking forward to playing at Old Trafford."
The Associated Press


Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll reacts during the second half against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday in Seattle. [ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

## Barring ties, NFC playoff picture is clear, AFC more muddled

By Barry Wilner
Barring ties in Week 17 - and there are some wild scenarios should certain games end in draws Sunday - the road NFC. The path is quite straight in the he AFC has a bunch of curves in it Already in are NFC division winn Dallas (East), New Orleans (South), Chicago (North) and the Los Angeles Rams West). AFC divisions clinched belong o New England in the East and, well, obody else. But there are clear leaders. Seattle owns an NFC wild card, and the LA Chargers have one in the AFC, though they can still win the AFC West. "You either believe in something or you don't," says coach Pete Carroll, whose 9-6 eahawks made the postseaonin "Ithink just staying the reburse and knowingw' ing in the history. We know what we're capable of doing We've shown it over a ot of years. You're always adapting but it's staying what you're true to. I think that's what is happening. We look like team that we have seen before, and that's powerful."
Most powerful so far has been New Orleans, with the league's best record 13-2, and a dynamic offense led by Drew Brees. The Saints have home-field advantage throughout the conference layoffs.
The Rams (12-3) get the other
opening-round bye if they beat San Francisco on Sunday. If they lose and the Bears win at Minnesota, Chicago (11-4) earns the week off and Los Ange les drops to the third seed.
A Bears win also could keep the Vikings (8-6-1) out of the postseason, delphia (8-7) wins at Washington Only delphia (8-7) wins at Washor or Eagles can get the second NFC wild card.
"We've got to empty the bucket, an that's the way we've got to play nex week at home," Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph says. "I'm really looking for ward to that environment.
In the AFC, seeding is more muddled Any of four teams could be the top or second seed.
The simplest route is if Kansas City (11-4) and New England (10-5), cur rently the top two in the conference, ath wome to Okland and the Charger (11-4) win at Derver, into the top spot.
Houston (10-5) also could wind up No 1 in the AFC with losses by the Chiefs, Patriots against the Jets, and Chargers. New England, the only unbeaten team a home this year, would get the first seed with a victory and losses by the Chiefs and Chargers.
And get this: Houston doesn't even own a division title. If the Texans fal at home to Jacksonville, the winner of the Colts at Titans game in Tennessee
takes the AFC South, and the Texans
become a wild card, joining either the Chiefs or Chargers.
Texans coach Bill O'Brien, whose club began the season $0-3$, is intrigued by the division being so ensconced in the playoff picture this year.
"I think that's an interesting question because I can remember the question
was, two years ago, 'Why is the AFC South so bad?'" he says. "Now, 'Why is it so good?'
"...I've never thought it was bad. I think every year it's been extremely difficult to win games in the division. I just think there's a lot of great coaches You've got Frank (Reich) in Indy, Mike (Vrabel) in Tennessee, Doug (Marrone) in Jacksonville. You've got a lot of great players, quarterbacks, so you've got a tough division."
The AFC division often looked at as the toughest has been the North, which, not surprisingly, has come down to Ravens ( $0-6$ ) host the Browns, while the Steelers (8-6-1) must beat visiting Cincinnati and hope their archenemies from Cleveland sidetrack Baltimore, either beating or tying the Ravens.
Neither the Ravens nor the Steelers can be a wild card - except if Pittsburgh ties the Bengals, then Indianapolis and Tennessee also tie. Then the Steelers are in.
Of course, Pittsburgh also can win the North with a draw and a loss by Baltimore.
Your head spinning yet?

## Tomlin trying to keep reeling Steelers focused despite odds

The Associated Press
PITTSBURGH - Mike Tomlin isn' going to complain about the officiat ing. Or lament the turnovers and missed opportunities over the last month that have the Pittsburgh Steelers on the out ide of the playoffs looking in heading into
Week 17.
The longtime head coach doesn't see he point in it. Spending too much tim forward can be just as darinelorin f the missteps or handful of question ble calls that have hit the Steelers (8-6-1) during a slide that's seen them drop four f five to fall behind Baltimore for the top spot in the AFC North.
"The bottom line is when they're done, they're done, you move on," Tomlin said Tuesday. "What truly defines you (are) the plays that lie ahead.
Maybe, but the sting of a 31-28 loss on the road in New Orleans on Sunday could linger well into the offseason if Pittsburgh
can't slip past the Ravens to reach the playoffs for the fifth straight year. The Steelers need to beat Cincinnati and hope Cleveland beats Baltimore on the road after letting another fourth-quarter lead slip away against the Saints.
Pittsburgh had its chances. But its final three possessions in New Orleans ended with two fumbles sandwiched around a fake punt in which up back Roofirst down that would have allowed the Steelers to bleed the clock The Saints responded by driving for the go-ahead score, one abetted by a fourth-down pass interference call against cornerback Joe Haden that gave New Orleans a first down.
Several Steelers contended Drew Brees pass intended for Michael Thomas was tipped at the line, which would have negated the penalty. The league reviewed it and agreed with the call on the field. So did Tomlin, at least to a point: Tomlin

Tuitt got a hand on the ball either, but did offer an addendum

I also don't believe it was (pass interference)," he said.
It was the second pass interference call against Haden on the day. He drew a 33 -yard penalty in the first quarter when officials ruled he illegally prevented New Orleans running back Alvin Kamara from trying to haul in a Brees players. New Orleans running back Mark Ingram bulled over fromi yard onthe next play. Tomlin, a member of the NFL's comofficiating at times, refused to blame his team's current position on one iffy call. Asked to describe how a team responds to a tough break, the father of three shrugged.
"How do you deal with it when your kids don't listen?" Tomlin said. "You move on. You focus on the things within your control."

## ON THE AIR

COLLEGE SOCCER

ESPN - SERVPRO First Responders Bowl: Boston College vs. Boise State 4:15 p.m. ESPN - Quick Lane Bowl: Minnesota vs. Georgia Tech
8 p.m.
ESPN - Cheez-It Bowl: California vs. TCU

NBA BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.
NBA - Toronto at Miami

SOCCER
6:25 a.m
NBCSN - Premier Wolves
8:55 a.m.
NBCSN - Premier League, Liverpool vs. Newcastle United 11:10 a.m. eague, Brighton vs. League, Brighton vs Arsenal ESPNEWS - Serie A, Napoli vs. Internazionale eague, Watford vs. Chelsea


## 'Generation Z' QBs take over

By Ralph D. Russo

Trent Dilfer has beenhead coach for the national high school quarterback competition known as Elite 11 since 2011, and even in that short period of time the quality of players coming drastically improved "Wrastically improved. our handful of clearly the best," said Dilfer, the former first-round NFL draft pick and Super Bowl-winning quar terback with Baltimore "One through three, one through five basically have kind of been the same every year. You just know they're going to make it. But five through 50 is 50 percent better now thas Generation Z quar terbacks who grew up with personal coaches, 7-on-7 spring leagues and all they ever wanted to know about two-deep coverage on YouTube have taken over college football. Combined with many of th movation that have sthese young QB school, the passing game has reached new heights this season. College Fowls and the national championship game left to play, inter ceptions are at an all-time low ( 0.82 per team per game) and the frequency of passes resulting in a touchdown(5.48 percent) is at anall-timehighinthe Bow/Subdivision.Major completing packs are near-record parcentage (59.9) while average yards per attempt (7.41) is the best it has ever been. The current passer effi ciency rating for all of FBS is 134.99 , which would break the previous mark of 133.83 set in 2012. The latest statistical surge has been led by the quarterbacks who will play in the Orange Bow whenNo. 1 Alabama ace No. 4 Oklahoma. Both Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray (205-72) of Oklahoma and Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa (202.30) are on pace to break the record for passer efficiency rating set by former Sooners quarterback

Baker Mayfield (198.92)
last season. The quarterbacks in the Cotton Bowl playoff game have also done their part. No. 2 Clemson, led by freshman Trevor Lawrence (154.02 rating), faces No. 3 Notre Dame and quarterback Ian Book (162.50 rating). Murray, Tagovailo star talents who fall int Dilfer's "clearly the best" category But polished passers are being churned out as if by a factory. "They have had 'Out lier' reps from doing all this stuff," said forme UCLA coach and quar terback Rick Neuheisel, referring to Malcolm Gladwell's book that theorized 10,000 hours of practice is necessary
to become an expert in a field.
Or as Dilfer puts it Theortunity had mor quarterback."
Oliver Luck was the quarterback at Wes Virginia before being drafted by the Hous ton Oilers in the second round in 1982. Growing up in Cleveland, football was played during foot ball season.
was over, that football would gatherdustbecause you were more thanlikely involved in other sports, said Luck, who is now the commissioner of the XFL By the time his son wa in high school in Hous ton, spring practice was common and $7-$ on- 7 - a pared-down ver sion of football with no quarterbacks, receivers and defensive backs was growing. Andrew Luck was a two-time Heisman runner-up at Stanford and the firs overall pick in the 2012 NFL draft by the Colts. He didn't dabble in private coaches until he was preparing for the draft. "I don't know what the number is but, if I threw , ooo passes (combin ing practices, game
and workouts) in my high school career I bet Andrew threw 50,000 and today's kids might throw 100,000," Olive Luck said. "A significant increase in the numbe and the quality of the repetitions. That's jus the physical part

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ENTERTAINING
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DESSERTS
To save time on holiday party planning, focus few star desserts, Tew star desserts, which can easiy, says Edwards Desserts.

One idea is to ditch the expensive holiday decor and florals, and let the desserts serve as your holiday centerpiece. Serve a variety of different textures and colors, such as layered trifles, fluffy pies and stacks of cookies and bars.
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PERFECT
COOKIES

- For consistent results, weig especially flour.
. Use the best quality ingredients and flavorings, such as doublestrength, favorNatural Baking Vanilla Extract
- Chilling dough
for at least an
hour prevents
cookies from over-
spreading while baking.
- Parchment paper on each cookie sheet does wonders overdone cookie bottoms.
- Wait for cookies to cool before applying icing or toppings.


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FLASH IN THE PAN

# Salt, fat, 

 acid $=$
## mayo

## There's more to mayonnaise than meets the mouth



## By Ari LeVaux

InMay, the Wall Street Journal reported that U.S. mayonnaise sales had fallen by 0.7 percent since 2012. A subse-
quent article in Philadelphia magazin sought to explain that drop by blaming mil lennials for having "killed mayonnaise" with their wacky tastes in condiments. It claims they are eschewing the Special Creme in favor of, "...kefir and ajvar and chimichurri and gochujang." A debate raged on social media over whether that was true. agree with its conclusion. The decline of mayo is due to nothing but semantics. Mayonnaise has been held back ever since it was decided, arbitrarily, that it must contain egg.
In any practical, culinary sense that matters to the consumer of mayonnaise, this definition is wrong. But it's endorsed by the USDA, and agreed to by producers, consumers and the people who track drops in mayonnaise sales.

## Science of flavor

To understand what is really going on, we must understand what mayo really is. And to understand mayonnaise, we must start with "Sal. As Samin Nosrat explains in her cookbook Acid Heat " fat absorbs and transmits flavor to every corner of the dish, and all around your mouth.
Fat is the great spreader of flavor, and mayonnaise is the apex of spreadable fat. It is fat that is ready to be applied wherever needed. Meanwhile, the texture of mayonnaise lubricates food, which is especially welcome in dry foods like canned tuna or a sandwich. The lubricity of mayonnaise helps the food go down easier, but it is a fine line between lubricity and slime, as many a hater would agree.
or-spreading action, mayonaise and fla
vor-spreading action, mayonnaise happens to
contain Nosrat's two favorite flavors: salt and
acid. To recap: mayonnaise the great spreader of flavors, has the world's two most important flavors already built in. As for thermal heat, Nosrat's fourth pillar of good food, mayonnaise may not be cooked but nonetheless undergoes a transformation that is every bit as meaningful: emulsification.
Oil does not mix with water, or watery fluids like vinegar or lime juice. At least, it won't stay mixed. No matter how vigorously one shakes a jar of oil and vinegar they will quickly separate. An emulsion is that rare mixture of immiscibles that won't, or casit, go hef separat ways, known as the emulsifier Per USDA the only permitted emulsifier in mayonnaise is ego yolk.

## Vegan varieties

The sales data that the Wall Street Jour nal relied upon only took egg-based mayo into consideration, while ignoring the explosion in egg-free mayo, usually labeled "vegan." And if you get the right brand, egg-free mayo can be that rare vegan product that is better than the non-vegan product it's trying to imitate. For years, my favorite mayo has been an egs-free variety called vegenaise, which uses emulsifier. I love everything about it, the flavor, texture, action, lubricity. Vegenaise makes all store-bought egg mayo taste a bit gross to me, but I still have a soft and creamy spot for my own homemade egg mayo, with a trace amount of yolk. No whites; mostly oil and lime juice. It tastes like a cross between Vegenaise and my first love, Hellmann's/Best Foods,
which isn't a bad combination.
I usually just eat grapeseed-oil Vegenaise, but when I make mayo at home, I make it with egg, and I make it by hand. Using a whisk pro vides me allowing me to feel the the mayo and ne, allowing to

One Yolk Mayo

- 1 egg yolk, carefully separated - 2 cups light oil (sunflower or grapeseed) - 9 teaspoons lime juice - Salt - Optional: pressed garlic

Measure out a half-cup of oil. In a bowl, whisk the yolk, $1 / 4$ teaspoon of salt, $1 / 2$ teaspoon of lime juice and 1 teaspoon or less of pressed garlic, if using. Then, whisk $1 / 4$ teaspoon of oil into the seasoned yolk, going around the the whisk it will almost immediately stiffen Add another $1 / 4$ teaspoon of oil, followed by another 15 to 20 rotations. Do this 18 more times, for a total of 20 quarterteaspoons. With each addition the emulsion loosens a little, only to re-stiffen as you whisk.
The emulsion will start gathering into a ball in the middle of your to smack the handle against the rim of the against the rim of the Your wrist may begin aching. Keep going. The mixture should remain smooth and silky the entire time, never become grainy, and become ever stiffer with whisking.
After those first 20 patient, tedious quarterteaspoons, whisk in a lime juice. Begin adding oil $1 / 2$ teaspoon at a time until the initial $1 / 2$ cup of oil is used. Measure out a second $1 / 2$ cup, and add this oil a teaspoon at a time, adding another $31 / 2$ teaspoons of lime juice along the way, half a teaspoon at a time, after every six or so teaspoons of oil.

You now have a cup of You now have a cup of looks like perfected Hellmann's/Best Foods. You could stop here and be happy. I prefer to emulsify another cup or two of oil before calling it good. The second cup can be added a tablespoon at a time, with another $41 / 2$ teaspoons lime juice and anot along the way.

## FLEUR DE LOLLY

## Try a different way to use leftover holiday ham


f you baked a ham for Christmas, and you're aready tired of ham sandwiches, this recipe will solve that dilemma.

Southwestern Ham and Broccoli Chowder

This recipe evolved from refrigerator and pantry items. Instead of dicing all the potatoes, I grated two and diced one. That gave the chowder a really different texture. And seriously, how can you go wrong with cream and cheese? The subtle

Southwestern spices were just enough to taste but were not overwhelming.

- 2 tablespoons butter - 2 tablespoons olive oil chopped - $1 / 2$ green bell pepper, seeded and chopped - 1 medium jalapeño, diced (remove membranes and seeds if you want a milder flavor)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced - 2 medium potatoes, peeled and grated - 1 medium potato, peeled and chopped
- 6 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 cups cooked, diced ham - 3 cups broccoli florets (you can use frozen, just thaw first) - $1 / 2$ teaspoon ground cumin - $1 / 2$ teaspoon chili powder - $1 / 2$ teaspoon ground
coriander
- $1 / 3$ cup all-purpose flour - 11 cup half and half - 1 cup half and half cheese 2 cups nishing if desired

In a large Dutch oven, over medium-low heat, add butter and olive oil. Add next six ingredients and, stirring frequently, allow vegetables to soften about 8 to 10 minutes.

Gradually add broth and allow to come to a gentle
simmer. Add ham, broccoli and seasonings. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 25 to 30 minutes.

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, milk and half and half. Slowly stir into the chowder mixture and cook
over medium heat. Stir constantly for five minutes and allow mixture to thicken. Add tinually stirring, until melted and blended.

Ladle into bowls and garnish with chopped cilantro if desired.

Laura Tolbert, also known as Fleur de Lolly, has been sharing recipes, table decor ideas and advice for fellow foodies and novices on her blog, fleur blogspot coll. bloghs years. She more than Duke Mayonnaise 100th Anniversary nationwide recipe contest for her Alabama White BBO Sauce. You can contact her at facebook.com/fleurde. lolly.5, on Instagram, and fleurdelolly@yahoo.com.


## Harness the power of garlic in your everyday cooking

By Becky Krystal
The Washington Post
There are probably plenty of small but mighty ingre dients hanging out in your
kitchen. Cinnamon sticks, kitchen. Cinnamon stick
dried chile peppers, cardamom and herbs are all proof that size is definitely not proportionate to how much flavor a food has Perhaps the MVP of the culinary featherweights is garlic. Easy to buy, easy to store and easy to
incorporate into a wide incorporate into a wide variety of dishes, this "It's such a simple way to get a lot of flavor. It's Winslow, who wrote "Onions Etcetera: The Essential Allium Cook book" with her husband, Guy Ambrosino. It's complex, too. When raw, it's sharp, spicy and pungent. But cooking garlic gives way to sweetnes even caramelization. most out of your garlis? most out of your garlic?
Here's some helpful info and a few clever hacks. Know what you're getting. Winslow and Ambrosino write in their book that there are two main subspecies of garlic: Soft-neck, which features large cloves around a center of smalle cloves, and hard-neck, which sports larger cloves in a single ring around a likely to come across hard neck at the farmers market When choosing garlic, try to get as fresh as you can. The taste gets "funkier" and stronger as it ages Winslow says. The cloves should be plump and juicy not wrinkled. Ideally


Easy to buy, easy to store and easy to incorporate into a wide variety of dishes, garlic can do it all. [STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG/TH WASHINGTON POST]
> they won't have a green the middle, but if that's the only garlic you have, just pop it out with the tip of your knife and move on. Store garlic in a spot with good air circulation. Peeling. Ah, peeling garlic. There are plenty of ways to accomplish this somewhat tedious task. But Food editor Joe Yonan's favornte method Winslow and Ambrosino agree, as do I. If you have to peel A LOT, as in several heads worth, the microwave or skillet might be worth considering. Otherwise, for everyday garlic tasks, stick with the trusty knife "It's a little fiddly, Winslow says of peeling. Even so, she advises against pre-peeled (and minced) which can be questionable and which includes preserand which includes preser way through a head a week. Cooking with it. If you want to start using garlic in more of your everyday cooking, there are a lot of ways you can go. One of the simplest is to rub a raw
clove on toasted or broiled clove on toasted or broil way," Ambrosino says. "It just adds more flavor." Serve with salad and soup, as well as dips, spreads, brus chetta and tapenade. Winslow is a fan of adding garlic to marinades, especially for the Cuban pork roast in her book. "It makes such a full-flavore we've already covered garlic is a natural in dres garlic is a natural in dressings. It's also right at home in stir-fries, particular lions and ginger. (Just keep your eye on it, as once garlic is minced, it can cook and turn fragrant in as little as 30 seconds.) Ambrosino likes to do a simple pasta with oil garlic and hot pepper. That's only the beginour second love behind our second love behind "I think it's an ingredient that should be in every cook's kitchen." "It's used in cuisines all around the world," she adds. "It's really worthwhile getting to know it.

## The balance of flavor is just right in these healthful Chocolate-Orange Crisps

By Ellie Krieger

## Chocolate and orange

 often arrive together at holiday party in the form of orange peels. Although I am enamored with the flavor duo, I am almost always left wishing the treat were more about the citrus and less about the sugar, as the rind is typically boiled until sticky-sweet in a concentrated sugar syrup The accompanying true. It captures the pure true. It captures the pure orange pairing with enough sugar to temper the citrus rind's bitterness without drowning out its flavor.
## Chocolate-Dipped Orange Crisps

8 servings (makes 24 pieces) In testing, we found it easie and safer to use 2

## MAKE AHEAD: The dippe

 crisps need to be refrigerated for at least 30 minutes, and up to 2 weeks, before serving. Store in an airtight container paper).
## ngredients

- 1 large or 2 medium navel oranges, well scrubbed (see headnote)
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 5 ounces semisweet choco late, chopped

STEPS
osition racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven; pre heat to 200 degrees. Line two paper.

Cutting a whole orange or two into very thin wheels baking the slices and baking the slices at a low
temperature - dehydrat ing them, really - turns them into crisp, almost stained-glass rounds of concentrated orange flavor. The sprinkle of confec tioners' sugar that dis solves into the fruit as it cooks offsets the intensity of the peel without making it markedly sweet. The orange crisps are then dipped in melted until the coating has set. They make a lovely holiday gift layered in a box or jar and wrapped with a ribbo - if you can resist keeping them all to yourself

Se a mandoline to cut the ranges into 24 very thin slices. Discard any pits (sometimes found even in navel oranges), hen arrange the orange slices ayer bakrinkle them with the sugar. Bake (upper and lower acks) for about 2 hours, until the oranges are dried and crisp, rotating the baking sheets from top to bottom and front to back after 1 hour. Cool completely ine the baking sheets with wax paper.
lace the chocolate in a small microwave-safe bowl. Micro wave on HIGH in $30-$ second intervals, stirring after each melted and smooth Dip the mange slices in chocolate to coat them halfway, returning them to the wax paper-lined baking sheets once they are dipped. (Tip the bowl needed to get coverage once the chocolate level gets low.) Refrigerate for 30 minutes, or until set



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