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There will be 14 teams from five different states in competition though only six girls teams.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

# Shootings, security change education

**Genevieve Smith** 

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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 happened 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 projects; 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 initiative added to help identify and reach at-risk students.

Noticeable changes began almost immediately, as the day of the shooting Superintendent Bill Husfelt ordered armed guards be placed in front of the schools, at one

point calling on Governor Rick Scott to send the National Guard to help protect schools rather than take on off-duty law enforcement.

Originally working off a five-year plan to harden security and construct single-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



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** in a tent since Hurricane Michael severely damaged their church, creating a poignant parallel between their tent and the holiday as Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus in a manger. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

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# Trump: Shutdown will continue

**President insists** desire for wall, says government will stay closed until Dems agree to terms

By 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 ends up with an actual wall.

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.

The promise of a border 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 stationed in Alaska, Bahrain, Guam and Qatar.

Trump argued that drug flows and human trafficking can only be stopped by a wall.

"We can't 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 into fencing, technology and other means of controlling access to the border. Trump argued that Democrats oppose a wall only because he is for

The stalemate over how much to spend and how to spend it caused the partial government shutdown that began Saturday following a lapse in funding for departments and agencies that make up about 25 percent of the government.

Some 800,000 government workers are affected. Many are on the job but must wait until after the 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 workers want the wall. The only one that doesn't want the wall are the Democrats."

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

## **Friday**

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## Saturday, Dec. 29

**ST. ANDREWS FARMERS** MARKET: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the boardwalk at the Smith Yacht Basin 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: Waterfrontmarkets.org

# Monday

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL DROP 5K RUN/WALK:** 9

a.m. to noon at Frank Brown Park, 16200 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach; hosted by Draggin' Tail Runners and Panhandle Runners. Online registration open on Active.com and RunSignUp.com. Race day registration and packet pick up will open at 7 a.m. race morning 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.

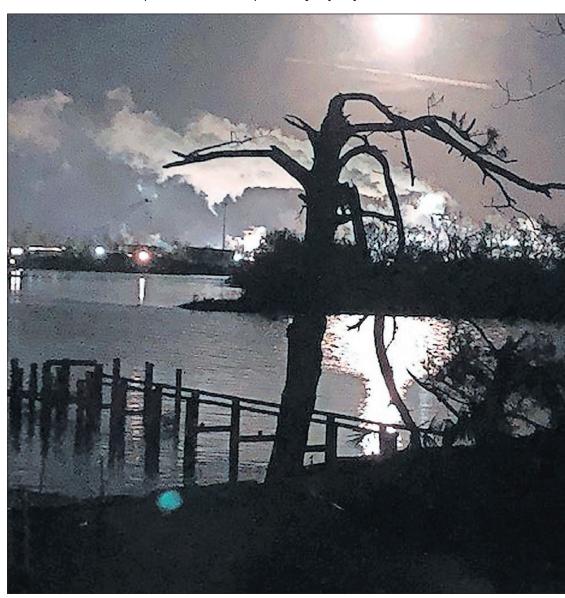
# **NYE BEACH BALL DROP:**

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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 Dirt Band) is 72. Funk musician George Porter Jr. (The Meters) is 71. Retired MLB All-Star Chris Chambliss is 70. 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.



## **TODAY IN HISTORY**

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 2018. There are five days left in 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 by a 100-foot-high tsunami 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 became the first African-American boxer to win the world heavyweight championship 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, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne, Belgium, was 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. In 1975, the Soviet Union inaugurated the world's 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

# YOUNG ARTIST

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# 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]

## **FLORIDA** LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Monday:

Cash4Life: 03-28-31-37-40,

Cash Ball 2 Fantasy 5: 03-06-09-14-22

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# **EDUCATION**

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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 even took out a \$5 million loan to help fund these projects.

In March, the legislature passed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High 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 area districts. particularly smaller ones that would have to create 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 members 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 drill on Thursday. Teachers were advised to lock their classrooms while students knelt next 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. Mike Jones, the Safety and Security Chief for the district, came out against the program, drawing on his experience during the 2010 school board shooting.

"I worry about these things," he said at the time. "I know it's better than nothing. You can fire that thing and maybe it will run him off. Or maybe it will draw the fire to you.

"There's too many variables. 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

"I cannot buy a physics teacher or a chemistry teacher because I can't pay them enough," she said. "And yet, the legislature can find money now, because we're in a bind, to arm teachers in schools. There's money for that.

"Where was it written that someone who signed on to be a teacher, which is a noble calling, should also sign on to be watching his or her back every minute in case there's a shooting?"

In the middle of all these conversations, there was a rash of threats that led to dozens of students at nearly every age level being arrested just about every day for weeks after the shooting. Between February and August, 38 students in the district were arrested for making threats, mostly through social media. The district launched the "It's Cool to be Kind" campaign, aimed

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 Panama City Police Department and CrimeStoppers.

As the months wore on, the school security hardening became a massive undertaking, with the district hiring multiple architectural firms to draft designs for each school. Numerous projects were started and several just about done when Hurricane Michael struck on Oct. 10. The storm wiped out over \$15 million worth of security upgrades and equipment, adding more cost to an already astronomically expensive recovery effort.

# **SHUTDOWN**

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Trump didn't say how he's hearing from federal workers, excluding those he appointed to their jobs or who work with him in the White House. But many rankand-file workers have gone to social media with stories of the financial hardship they expect to face because of the shutdown, now in its fourth day.

Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the Democratic leaders of Congress, said Trump "wanted the shutdown, but he seems not to know how to get himself out it." Trump had said he'd be "proud" to shut down

the government in a fight over the wall.

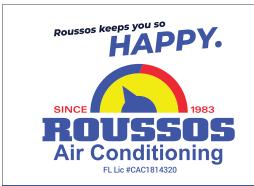
He also had said Mexico would pay for the wall. Mexico has refused.

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 repeated requests.

The reference to 115 miles was unclear. Trump may have been referring to 33 miles of construction in the Rio 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 White House. The military members were stationed in Guam, Qatar, Alaska, and two groups in Bahrain. [JACQUELYN MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



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# Trump offers holiday greetings to US troops

By Darlene Superville

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday wished U.S. troops stationed around the country 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. "Welove what you do and love your work. Amazing people."

Trump spoke by video conference to members of all five branches 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 travel to Palm Beach because of the shutdown.

"Ithought it would be 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 of the military via video conference on Christmas Day, on Tuesday in the Oval Office of the White House. The military members were stationed in Guam, Qatar, Alaska, and two in Bahrain. [JACQUELYN MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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"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 North American Aerospace Defense Command in 1955 and asked to speak to Santa.

It was not affected by the shutdown because it's staffed by volunteers at Peterson Air 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** The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The death toll from an attack in the Afghan capital has climbed to 40, the Health Ministry said Tuesday, as police and rescue workers combed through the smoldering public welfare building where the gunmen held out for eight hours

against security forces.
A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden vehicle outside the building Monday before at least three gunmen stormed in, rampaging through the office complex hunting for victims. Some employees managed to barricade themselves inside offices while police quickly evacuated more than 350 people.

Health Ministry spokesman Wahid Majro says 40 people were killed and 29 were wounded. An earlier, higher toll provided by the ministry included the attackers.

No one claimed the attack, but the Taliban and a local Islamic State affiliate have carried out a relentless wave of assaults on government targets in recent years.

The U.N. Secretary-General's envoy to Afghanistan condemned Monday's attack carried, noting that it was carried out in a heavily populated area, saying "those who have organized and enabled such attacks must be brought to justice 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 spoke to reporters Tuesday from his hospital bed, was on the second floor when the gunmen entered.

"They came in and they were shooting at everyone. 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 helped him to safety. Jalil said at least five of his co-workers jumped with him from the window, and he saw his boss jump from a third-story window.

Khalil Rahman, who escaped unhurt, said "it was a massacre. We didn't know where to run."

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 they kill us? We are Muslims. 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 across the English Channel.

Nor did they advocate for weakening sanctions against Russia. Or to have less money to spend on their military.

But policymakers and analysts worry that security is about to take a hit when Britain departs the EU on March 29, even under the most harmonious of divorce scenarios.

"What the U.K. is going to do on security is to minimize the damage," said Malcolm Chalmers of the Royal United



British Prime Minister Theresa May speaks to attendees at a Brexit summit Oct. 17 in Brussels, 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 British Prime Minister Theresa May said she would not use Britain's powerful military or global intelligence operations as a bargaining chip in the divorce negotiations. Britain recommitted itself 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 decided to be so. And you need to build a new relationship," Barnier said.

Although the consequences 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 database, the Schengen Information System, 539 million times in 2017.

British leaders say they want to keep the current 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** bilingual mass on Christmas morning at St. Dominic's Church in Panama City on Tuesday. After the church was damaged in Hurricane Michael, the church holds mass in a tent in their parking lot. [JOSHUA 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. immigration authorities said, marking the second death of an immigrant child in detention this month.

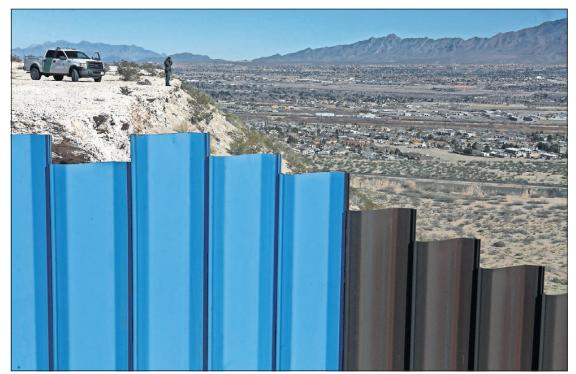
U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a news release that the boy died shortly after midnight.

The death came during an ongoing dispute over border security and with a partial government shutdown underway over President Donald Trump's request for border wall funding. The White House referred questions to the U.S. Department 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, New Mexico, where he was 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's foreign ministry, the father and son entered the U.S. at El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 18, then were taken to the Border Patrol's



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 them or turning them over to 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 than ICE's detention centers.

Parents and children together are almost always released quickly due to limited space in ICE's family detention facilities.

A CBP spokesman on Tuesday did not respond to questions about the ministry's statement. CBP has not 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 inspector general and the Guatemalan government. The hospital — the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center — declined to comment, citing privacy regulations.

CBP promised "an independent and thorough review of the circumstances."

The Guatemalan foreign 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.

A 7-year-old Guatemalan girl died earlier this month

after being apprehended by border agents in New Mexico. The body of the girl, Jakelin Caal, was returned to her family's remote village Monday for burial Tuesday.

Large numbers of Guatemalan families have been arriving in recent weeks in New Mexico, 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 to Jakelin's death, which was not revealed until several days later.

Democratic members of Congress and immigration advocates sharply criticized 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 her father from a remote Border Patrol facility to a larger station and then a hospital in El 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 more medical resources along the border.

# **DATELINES**

SANDRINGHAM, ENGLAND



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II arrives to attend the Christmas Day service Tuesday at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham in Norfolk, 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 Delaware River on Tuesday 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]

ROME



Mount Etna volcano spews lava early Tuesday during an eruption. Italy's Catania airport resumed full operations a day after an ash cloud from Mount Etna's latest eruption forced it to shut down, while fiery red lava could be seen shooting from the volcano in eastern Sicily on Tuesday. Ashes coated streets and sidewalks in the mountain towns of Zafferana Etnea and Santa Venerina. [ORIETTA SCARDINO/ANSA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

HAMDEN, CONN.
Fearing it may attack kids,
man shoots his own dog

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 injured another dog that was on a leash. The owner of the 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 island have arrived safely at Seattle-Tacoma Interna-

tional 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.

The original flight from Beijing to Seattle carrying 194 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 mourning father's supporters gathered to protest his arrest on Tuesday.

Bosnian Serb police said they detained Davor Dragicevic after he failed to appear for questioning. Dragicevic's lawyers 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 collided during a Christmas Day outing.

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 not 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.

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. **GoFundMe: Donors in alleged homeless scam refunded** 

GoFundMe says it has refunded everyone who contributed to a campaign involving a homeless veteran from Philadelphia who prosecutors allege schemed with a New Jersey couple to scam donors out of more than \$400,000.

GoFundMe spokesman Bobby Whithorne said Tuesday that "all donors who contributed to this GoFundMe campaign have been fully refunded" and the organization is cooperating fully with law enforcement.

"We have a zero tolerance policy for fraudulent behavior," he said. "If fraud occurs, donors get refunded and we work with law enforcement officials to recover the money."

The Associated Press

# **BUSINESS**

## **BRIEFCASE**

WASHINGTON Trump: 'I do' have confidence in Mnuchin

President Donald Trump says he has confidence in Treasurv Secretary Steven Mnuchin, calling him a "very talented guy" and a "very smart person."

Trump reiterated his 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 after administration officials spent the weekend 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 economic force in Oklahoma.

The Tulsa World reports visitors pumped \$9 billion into the state economy over the past

That's a 4.4-percent increase over the year prior.

State tax collections from tourism have jumped by 20 percent since 2010.

Oklahoma Department of Tourism numbers show that translates to more than 100,000 jobs, with a payroll of \$2.3

The Associated Press

# Nissan American exec Greg Kelly released on bail in Japan

By Mari Yamaguchi

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Nissan Motor Co. executive Greg Kelly was released from detention in Japan on Tuesday after being granted bail over the alleged underreporting of his boss 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 week by his Japanese lawyer.

Kelly was freed on 70 million yen (\$635,600) bail, ending his detention after more than a month.

Television footage captured the bespectacled Kelly, wearing a 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 as cameras flashed. He was expected to go straight to a hospital for treatment of his chronic neck problem.

Kelly and Ghosn were detained in Tokyo immediately after their Nov. 19 arrest.

They are charged with underreporting 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 investigate their second allegation of underreporting Ghosn's 4 billion yen (\$36 million) pay.

Charges for alleged underreporting of 4 billion yen (\$36 million) 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 Jan. 1 or longer since he also faces breach of trust allegations.

Prosecutors say Ghosn and Kelly are flight risks. Following his release, Kelly will have to follow rules set by the court, 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 revealed in the trial. I would like to have a judgment of nonguilty and restore my impaired reputation, and then return to my family as soon as possible."

The arrests of Ghosn, who is an auto industry icon, and his right-hand man have triggered international attention and raised concerns about the Japanese practice of extended 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 interim chair. Mitsubishi took a measure similar to Nissan.

Kelly, 62, joined Nissan North American in 1988 and worked in legal counsel and human resources at the company, and has been a member

of the automaker's board since

His American lawyer, Aubrey Harwell, has said he is innocent and that he only acted according to the law and 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 automaker and the future of its alliance with Renault, which in 1999 sent Ghosn to turn around Nissan, then on the verge of bankruptcy. He has since led Nissan's rise to 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

Kelly's wife, Donna, had made a plea to the Japanese authorities for her husbands' early release in a video message 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 spinal stenosis, a condition of a narrowing of the spaces in the 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

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - To milk an ape requires patience and peanuts.

Fortunately, National Zoo primate keeper Erin Stromberg has plenty of both as she approaches Batang, a 21-yearold Bornean orangutan, on a recent brisk morning.

Stromberg is there to retrieve 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 primate presses herself against the metal grate of her enclosure. Batang's mouth is open, her lower jaw protruding; she knows what time it is. Stromberg hands her a peanut, then another, and Batang munches happily as shells accumulate on the floor. Her two-yearold son, a bouncing ball of fur named Redd, clambers over his mother's back to beg a treat for

"Hello, you go away," the keeper says dismissively before giving him a nut. "Bye! See ya."

She unscrews the cap of a small vial, then turns her attention to her charge. But Batang appears to have changed her mind, swinging away from the

"You can do it," Stromberg says, her voice low and soothing. "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, good girl," Stromberg

After 15 minutes, there are just a few dribbles of milk in the vial. But Batang is looking antsy, and it's important to Stromberg that this experiment be entirely voluntary. If the ape doesn't feel like participating today, 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 freezer alongside samples from hundreds of other species: zebra, gorilla, black bear, African elephant, marmoset, armadillo, two-toed sloth.

Milk, explains Mike Power, 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 of survival and hormones that help them grow. This powerful biochemical concoction carries 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 when it comes from cows, goats and humans.

Power and his colleagues aim to change that.

On the same morning that Stromberg and Batang struggle with milking, scientists in the zoo's nutrition lab are preparing 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, but the subtler scent is masked by the powerful fecal stench suffusing the lab.

"Sorry about that," Power says, grimacing. Milk is not the only bodily 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 aspects of animals' lifestyles and diets. Whereas dolphins and other marine mammals 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 carbohydrate-rich plants feed their 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 JORGENSON1

"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 imaginable, 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 unstable packice, need their offspring to grow up fast - after four days of nursing, babies double in size and are ready to be left 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 - a defining 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 signals that are being produced in the milk," he continued. Tracking these signals might reveal how mothers' bodies respond to babies' illnesses and other needs.

Power got a call from Connie Remoroza, a research chemist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Remoroza manages a library of biological sugars, which she scans for molecules with unique chemical properties. Some are powerful antimicrobials. Others may have industrial applications.

Remoroza wanted to know whether Power would be willing to contribute some of his samples to the cause.

He gave her a vial of African lion milk, which Remoroza carried back to Gaithersburg in her purse. A quick lab analysis revealed 40 sugars she'd never seen before.

Back in the zoo's primate house, Batang and Redd are blissfully unaware of their contributions to modern science. The infant orangutan has hidden inside an overturned laundry basket and is scooting around the floor - until his mother, with an outstretched arm, pulls him back to her.

Watching from the other side of the glass, a group of children and their mothers laugh in recognition. Milk is not the only thing we share.

# **VIEWPOINTS**

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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 this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that 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 enjoyment, 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 chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those 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 that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and 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**



# Leaving Syria better than alternative



**Stephen Chapman** 

There are two established rules for withdrawing American troops from foreign conflicts. The first is: Don't do it now. The second is: Don't do it later.

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 questionable. He says now is the right time because the Islamic State has been defeated, a judgment that is premature at best. And he disregarded the advice of Defense Secretary James Mattis, who promptly resigned.

But if Trump is too eager to get out, his critics are too committed to staying. The direct U.S. intervention began in 2014, when Barack Obama ordered a campaign of airstrikes against Islamic State targets in Syria. Special operations forces were deployed to Syria in 2015. Trump expanded our ground troops to about 2,000.

Once we put boots on the ground, the default option is

to keep them there. If the fight is going badly, we need them to avert defeat. If the fight 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 imagines it happening.

The foreign policy hawks are unhappy because they treat intervention as a one-way tunnel with no exits. Earlier this month, Joint Chiefs Chairman Joseph Dunford said we've trained only 20 percent of the local forces 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 caliphate is one phase of a much longer-term campaign," he said Dec. 11. "This will really take a period of years."

Where have we heard that 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 trying to lock us into a commitment in Syria that went beyond defeating the Islamic State.

To get an idea of how long he 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 ever tried to mobilize public support for a venture that was unclear in purpose, openended and peripheral to our national security. If Syria were as vital as many people in Congress insist, they could have authorized the president to wage war there. Instead, members on both sides of the aisle did their best impersonation of potted plants.

It's always easier to get into a war than to get out. It's entirely possible that withdrawing 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 the eye of hurricane Michael. 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. Sheila Seay We also need housing for firefighters. God bless and I hope and pray some can help. Can you also write an article about how firemen 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 of my neighbors can afford and 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 Christmas, news herald!

Christmas, news herald!
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 I 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 devastation Hurricane Michael 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 festival running from April 26-28. Jessie Harris: Dirty heads, Third Eye Blind, Kings of Leon! Oh man, this lineup is

amazing!

Cheryl Woods: Never heard of them!

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 different nations, cultures, faiths, 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 nationalism 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 his Christmas Day mes-



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]

The bugs are coming-Trim

Peter's Basilica.

Addressing some 50,000 tourists, pilgrims and Romans who flocked to St. Peter's Square on a mild, sunny day, Francis all brothers and sisters."

"This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity," Francis said in the traditional papal "Urbi et Orbi" ("to the city and the world") message. He called for that spirit among individuals of "every nation and culture" as well as among people "with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another."

"Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness," Francis said.

Francis prayed that all minorities have their right to religious freedom respected, noting that some Christians were celebrating Christmas "in difficult, if not hostile, situations."

Communist China is witnessing a systematic suppression of religion, including some restrictions on Christmas celebrations this year. The government's suppression campaign includes re-education camps for religions or countries, Francis prayed for "all those people who experience ideological, cultural and economic forms of colonization and see their freedom and identity compromised."

Francis urged the international community to find a political solution that "can put aside divisions and partisan interests" and end the war in Syria. He said he hoped that an internationallybrokered truce for Yemen 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 their country's economic 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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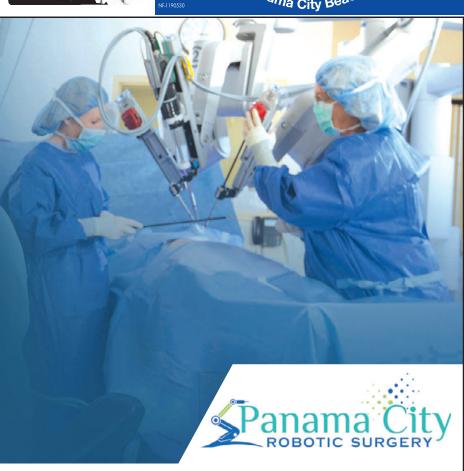
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# **LOCAL&STATE**

# Stricter rebuilding standards to come

**Rules to affect** area homeowners in floodplain

**By Patrick McCreless** pmccreless@pcnh.com@ PCNHPatrickM

PANAMA CITY - Bay County homeowners living in floodplains must meet higher code standards and raise their foundations if their hurricane damage repair costs exceed a certain threshold, officials

The county has received calls recently from homeowners in floodplains unaware that they had to meet stricter regulations before they could get building permits to repair damage from Hurricane Michael. County officials say the extra regulations are needed so homeowners can keep access to 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 this would be an opportunity to bring attention to this."

Majka said the county doesn't want homeowners to remain uninformed, which will cause them strife and delays in their repairs later.

"We want to be informative 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 reconstruction, rehabilitation,

addition or other improvement must meet the regulations only if the work equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building's 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 Insurance Program. Since

1981, the county has participated in the program, aimed at making federal flood insurance available to homeowners living 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, approximately 2,044 federal flood insurance claims had been filed in the county since the

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SCIENCE | B5

MIAMI BLUE **BUTTERFLY FROM EXTINCTION** 

# Seasonal bear activity on rise

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

By Zack McDonald @PCNHzack zmcdonald@pcnh.com

PANAMA CITY - With winter about to bear down on Bay County, wildlife officials are urging caution as our furry local woods-dwellers 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."

FWC officials recently have begun passing out fliers in rural areas of the county. They are cautioning the public about Florida black bear activity, which ramps up toward the end of December. Despite the destruction to woodlands from Hurricane Michael, though, bear sightings 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. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

By Zack McDonald

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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 I've ever seen," Snyder said Tuesday as he pulled tray after tray of food from the 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

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 — yoga

By Kaylin Parker

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CRESTVIEW - Emerald Coast Zoo and Gracie Simmons, owner of Grateful Hearts Yoga, are now offering yoga classes in the zoo with one unique addition — goats.

Goat yoga became a 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 her to do a weekly class at the zoo.

"Whenever she invited me, I was like 'No, we have to do

goat yoga'," Simmons said. Her 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

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 feel better," Simmons said. "Doing yoga with animals is a bonus to me."

Simmons said some opt to practice their balance by

See YOGA, B3

# FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

TODAY Sun and some clouds today. Winds east 7-14 mph. Spotty showers late tonight. Winds east 8-16 mph.

High Low

58°

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Winds: E 7-14 mph

Some rain and a

**Thursday** 

t-storm in the p.m. 70°/65° Winds: SE 12-25 mph



Winds: SSE 7-14 mph

Periods of rain and a : Cloudy, a little rain in : thunderstorm 70°/61°



Rain and a thunderthe p.m. storm 71°/60°

69°/56° Winds: ESE 4-8 mph Winds: SW 4-8 mph

## **REGIONAL WEATHER**



Today: Wind from the east at 8-16 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear. Wind from the east at 8-16 knots. Seas 3-5 feet. Cloudy.

## **ALMANAC**

#### through 4 p.m. yesterday **Panama City Temperatures**

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Last year's high/low 57°/41°
Normal high/low 63°/42°
Record high 79° (2016)
Record low 11° (1983)
Precipitation
24 hours through 4 p.m 0.00"
Month to date 11.13"
Normal month to date 3.30"
Year to date 68.15"

Normal year to date ...... 60.36'

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# **Fort Walton Beach**

Average humidity .....

Temperatures	
High/low	64°/47°
Last year's high/low	57°/43°
Normal high/low	61°/45°
Record high	
Record low	10° (1983)
Precipitation	

24 hours through 4 p.m 0.00"
Month to date 7.81"
Normal month to date 4.05"
Year to date 63.91"
Normal year to date 61.80"
Average humidity 70%

### Tomorrow: Wind from the east-southeast at 10-20 knots. Seas 4-7 feet. Visibility less than 2 miles at times in thundery rain; otherwise, clear.





0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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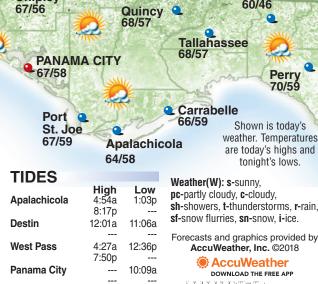
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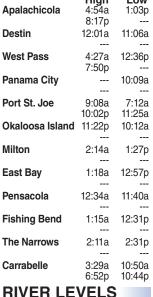
# SUN AND MOON

Jan 5

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Sunset tonight 4:49 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:26 p.m.
Moonset today 10:04 a.m.







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Daytona Beach	74/65/c	77/68/c	Melbourne	77/69/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	78/72/pc	79/74/pc	Miami	78/73/pc
Gainesville	72/60/pc	76/68/c	Naples	81/67/pc
Jacksonville	67/59/pc	74/67/sh	Ocala	74/61/pc
Jupiter	77/71/pc	79/73/c	Okeechobee	77/66/pc
Key Largo	76/73/t	78/75/c	Orlando	76/64/pc
Key West	78/74/sh	80/76/c	Palm Beach	77/73/c
Lake City	70/58/pc	73/67/sh	Tampa	76/65/pc

Hi/Lo/W

79/68/c

79/71/c

81/75/pc

83/70/pc

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80/69/c

Thu.

Hi/Lo/W

72/43/pc

19/16/pc 81/70/pc

42/31/pc

55/40/pc

52/36/pc

37/36/pc

41/34/pc

Thu.

Hi/Lo/W

64/49/t

46/42/r

39/28/r

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73/65/t

41/38/s

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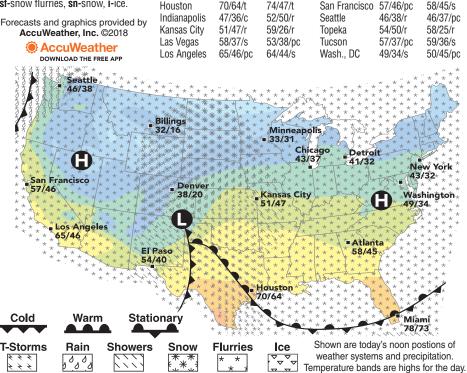
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aghdad	62/51/pc	63/48/pc	Mexico City	
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ermuda	65/60/pc	63/59/pc	Nassau	
long Kong	75/60/s	71/59/s	Paris	
erusalem	58/45/s	49/42/t	Rome	
abul	47/16/pc	50/21/s	Tokyo	
ondon	49/36/c	45/36/c	Toronto	
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# **NATIONAL CITIES**

Today	Thu.		Today
Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
45/27/sh	43/23/c	Memphis	59/54/r
28/22/sn	30/25/sf	Milwaukee	40/37/c
58/45/pc	54/53/r	Minneapolis	33/31/sn
47/29/s	47/42/pc	Nashville	58/48/c
62/52/pc	64/62/r	New Orleans	67/64/t
39/27/s	36/30/s	New York City	43/32/s
55/36/pc	49/47/sh	Oklahoma City	60/42/t
43/37/c	49/43/r	Philadelphia	45/30/s
48/35/pc	53/51/r	Phoenix	61/40/pc
43/32/c	50/47/r	Pittsburgh	43/27/pc
65/52/t	67/38/s	St. Louis	52/47/sh
38/20/c	31/12/sn	Salt Lake City	35/23/c
41/32/c	44/41/r	San Antonio	73/53/t
82/71/s	83/70/pc	San Diego	66/50/pc
70/64/t	74/47/t	San Francisco	57/46/pc
47/36/c	52/50/r	Seattle	46/38/r
51/47/r	59/26/r	Topeka	54/50/r
58/37/s	53/38/pc	Tucson	57/37/pc
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# OBITUARIES

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# **DEWEY CLAYTON HARRISON**

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

at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 26, 2018, in the Red Bay Cemetery, with Pastor Jon Hatcher and Pastor Clay Officiating.

# **MAE OPAL NOLES**

Mae Opal Noles, 87, of Panama City passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018. She retired as a bookkeeper from Oueen Craft after many years of service. Mae was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church where she was an active member of the Ruth Circle. She loved cooking and QVC and was quite 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 daughter, Beverly Merriam (Skip); 3 grandchildren, Heather Keiser (John), Allison King (Ronnie) and Chris Merriam (Carrie); 5 great grandchildren, Sam, Atticus Amelia and Azalea Merriam, and Katherine and Marlie Keiser; sister Claudette Free; special niece, Susan Anderson (Randy); and nephews, Tom Boyd, Tim Boyd (Patti) and David Boyd (Heather).

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018, at 1 p.m. at Forest Park United Methodist Church with Dr. John Friedman officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends and visitors one hour prior to the service from 12 until 1 p.m. at the church. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted or viewed on line at www. kentforestlawn.com.

**Kent Forest Lawn Funeral** Home 2403 Harrison Avenue

Panama City, FL 32405 (850) 763-4694

# **RITA ANN SHAW**

Rita Ann Margaret Shaw, 71, of Panama City, passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at her home.

Rita retired in 2006

from the Tyndall AFB Hospital. The biggest and best jobs she ever did was that of a 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 camping and being outdoors and going to Lake Seminole with her husband, Denny, for the last 10 years. Rita was a timeless treasure 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, Fred and Doris King. She is survived by her loving husband for over 40 years, Denny Shaw; 4 children, Graham Shaw, Richard Shaw, Daniel "Danny" Shaw (Jennifer), Kimberly Shaw (Andrew); 1 sister, Eileen Dring (John); 7 grandchildren, Tyler Shaw, Andrew Shaw,



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Shaw, Katie Van Ver Veen, Greg Van Der Veen and Nate Van Der Veen; and 1 great - grandchild, Roen Shaw. Funeral services

will be held on Friday, December 28, 2018, at 1 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 Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends and visitors one hour prior to the service from 12 until 1 p.m. at the church. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted on line at www. kentforestlawn.com.

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# **ANITA TAYLOR DENSMORE**

Anita Taylor Densmore, 79, of Panama City, FL passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018 in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Anita was a retired registered nurse and spent her free time caring for her family and her 2 beloved dogs, Susie and Buffy Densmore. She was a devoted member of Parker United Methodist Church.

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 Dabbs, Sarah Beggerly, Christine Mills, Martha Brainard, Wayne Taylor and Louis Taylor.

Anita is survived by 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 Scott Hallowood (Jennifer); 19 great-grandchildren; and



1 great-great-grandchild. Graveside services will be held Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Panama City, FL with Pastor Jack Stanley officiating. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Parker United Methodist Church. Expressions of sym-

pathy may be viewed or submitted online at www. kentforestlawn.com

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# **GRACE WEEKS**

Grace Weeks, 83, of Panama City, died Sunday, December 23, 2018. A Graveside Service will be held 1:00 P.M. (EST), Friday, December 28,

2018 at Zion Grove Assembly of God Cemetery in Meigs, Georgia. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www. heritagefhllc.com.

# PATRICIA MCKEAN

D.J. Shaw, Ashley

Patricia M. McKean, 61, of Panama City Beach, FL died Friday, December 21, 2018. Memorialization will be by cremation. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www. heritagefhbeach.com.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

# **HAVE AN EVENT?**

Email pcnhnews@pcnh. com with the details and include "What's Happening" in the subject line. Inclusion of events in this calendar is at the editor's discretion.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

### **WALKING TOUR OF HIS-TORIC ST. ANDREWS:**

1:30-2:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday starting at the Publishing Museum,

1134 Beck Ave.; free guided tour. Call 850-872-7208 and schedule another time if you can't make it at the regularly scheduled times. **KWANZAA - UNITY IN THE** 

# COMMUNITY: 2-5 p.m. at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Enjoy live

music, an interactive presentation of Kwanzaa, soul food from The Bistro Southern Cafeteria and more. Free admission, family-friendly event.

of difference in sightings from the past two years," Parker said. "That might change, and we're keeping an eye on it. But we don't know yet if the demographics have changed due to the storm."

Several bears in the Apalachicola area had tracking collars on at the time of the storm, Parker said. Before, during and after Hurricane Michael, biologists checked throughout.

"They rode it out," Parker close to us."

Bears in this area don't necessarily go into "hibernation," Parker said; it's more akin to a "lethargy" state. Either way, the bears have been exploring beyond their habitats in search of sustenance.

his first encounter with a black Mowat Highlands home in tants" that would draw bears

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Lynn Haven. He said he has toward a home. With their lived there only a brief time and expected to encounter a bear at some point. When it finally happened, though, Martin said it was not what he expected.

"What bothered us the most their status and saw that was that he wasn't afraid of they remained stationary humans," he said. "He just didn't seem to mind being so

> Martin eventually was able to scare off the bear by yelling and standing tall to present himself as large as possible, which is a strategy the FWC approves.

"I wasn't scared, and I think it

could sense that," Martin said. However, FWC suggests Randy Martin recently had other means to prevent a bear encounter from happening in bear that had taken interest in the first place. Parker advised his barbecue grill outside his residents to clean up "attrac-

enhanced sense of smell, bears can detect food from miles away.

"The best thing to do is get out there and clean up attractants," she said. "And whatever you do, do not feed the bears."

Some other tips on FWC's website include guides to "bear-proofing" trash cans.

At the end of his encounter 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," he said. "I told him he was good boy."

Bear sightings peak in December and drop off as winter proper starts. Then, sightings start up again in March as the bears reappear to forage again for calories.

# **RESCUE**

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dinner the night before and served more than 300 people. He said it took four days to prepare the meal of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole and rolls. Despite the large crowd the night before, there was plenty more food to go around of Christmas Day.

The Rescue Mission had to relocate mounds of donations from the cafeteria in order for people to have room

to sit. Dozens of visitors lined the hallway of the building as Snyder and several other volunteers laid out a similar spread for anybody that walked through the doors in

Snyder it will be interesting to see how Bay County recovers from Hurricane Michael. He said he hopes his home town is remembered not for the destruction left by the storm but for the response it

"This response is just overwhelming," he said. "It brings a sense of pride to me being from this area and seeing the amount of giving."

# **YOGA**

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having the goat stand on their back while others enjoy simply feeding or petting them.

Although it may be difficult to concentrate at times, Simmons said you always feel

you," she said. Goat yoga takes place every third Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The class costs \$30 or \$20 for Grateful Heart Yoga members. Spots are limited for the class so call Emerald Coast Zoo at 850-

682-3949 to secure a mat.

happiness when you leave.

"You can't be unhappy when

a goat runs around jumping on





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PE FILE 14396-A Plans and specifications can be obtained by calling Panhandle Engineering, Inc., 3005 South Lynn Haven Parkway, Lynn Haven, Florida 32444, and Phone No. (850) 763-5200. Costs for plans and specifications will be \$100.00 per digital set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Panhandle Engineering, Inc. To insure consistent distribution of Addendums and clarifications, only registered Bid Set Holders are authorized to submit bids on this project. NO PRE-BID MEETING IS SCHEDULED.

Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Local Time, January 29, 2019, at City Hall 825 Ohio Avenue Lynn Haven, Florida 32444, and will be opened and read aloud thereafter. ALL BIDS SHOULD BE SEALED AND MARKED "Bid for the "PORTER PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II".

The proposed work consists of improvements to Porter Park which includes. to, sidewalks, asphalt paving, pavilions, playground equipment, restrooms, grills, site lighting, landscaping and stormwater facilities.

Bidders are required to be certified as a General Contractor, provided by the State of Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board, pursuant applicable FDOT certifications for asphalt paving for proposed work.

A Bid bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid on the form provided in the sealed bid. The Owner has the right to waive any informalities, to reject any or all bids and modify quantities. Each bidder must deposit his/her security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable according to the Department of Treasury Circular 570.

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## STATE BRIEFS

# CAPE CANAVERAL SpaceX launches Air Force's best GPS yet, ends banner year

SpaceX has launched the U.S. Air Force's most powerful GPS satellite ever built.

A Falcon 9 rocket 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 GPS satellite is three times more accurate than previous versions and eight times better at anti-jamming. It's the first in a series and nicknamed Vespucci after the 15th-century Italian explorer who calculated Earth's circumference 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 Meteorologist James Van Fleet tweeted that the sailors were saved Friday night between Grand Cayman and Jamaica 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 said they had fallen asleep while their nets were soaking and ran out of gas while trying to return.

Both received medical attention onboard.

# ST. PETERSBURG Florida police: Woman accidentally shoots, kills teenager

A 21-year-old Florida woman is

charged with manslaughter after police say she accidentally shot a teenager 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 written policy 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 "may" in the case of an active shooter scenario.

Earlier 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.

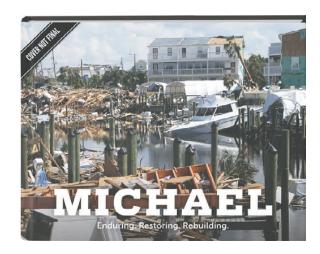
Within hours, the eaglet's father arrived at the nest with fresh food and the pair fed the newborn its first bite as several thousand people looked on.

as several thousand people looked on. More than 226,000 people follow the eagles on Facebook.

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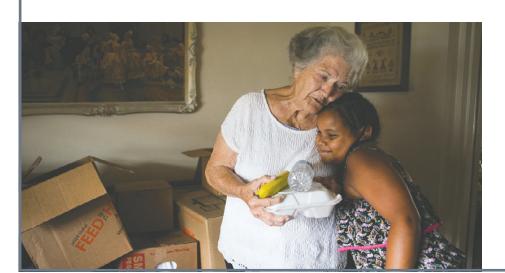
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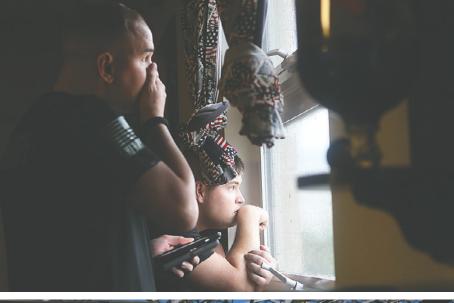
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# **Scientists save Miami** blue from extinction

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.

Cabrera had scouted out the park, a former fishing camp fashioned into an early version of 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 America, and maybe the 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 beer.

Only decades ago, collectors considered the butterflies a trash specimen because they were so plentiful. Peterson's 1951 Field Guide described them as common. But today just two wild colonies can be found on 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 the time we're doing



Miami blue butterflies are among the rarest insects in North America, and maybe 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."

The rescue would amount to a major breakthrough for a state besieged by invasive species, battered by climate change and in a 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 be welcome news on 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 the collapse of the insect population," Olle said. "It will fundamentally change the way we live on earth and we've all

taken it for granted. In the United States,

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Florida ranks high for its bounty of butterflies.

But increasingly, the state has also climbed the list for the number of imperiled butterflies. In the last three years, two were added to the endangered species list while a third, the frosted elfin, is now being considered.

The Miami blue began disappearing during the 1980s and '90s, as coastal construction in South Florida boomed and condos began replacing the dunes and coastal berms they inhabited.

By the early '90s, they could only be found on Key Biscavne, although still in good numbers.

# **FLOODING**

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hurricane and more than \$63.3 million had been paid to policyholders.

Majka noted that the county has little choice but to enforce the regulation requirements because of the program's importance to the community.

"We're audited annually under the program and they make sure we adhere to the requirements," Majka said. "If 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 residents living in cities with questions about whether their homes must meet the program's criteria,

"We're audited annually under the program and they make sure we adhere to the requirements. If we don't adhere, we lose our eligibility, then nobody can purchase flood insurance in the program."

Bob Majka county manager

they should contact their cities, not the county.

Bo Creel, president of EPCI Code Administration Services, which provides building department services for multiple area cities 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

Creel said that like the unincorporated areas

of the county, residents living in floodplains in cities such as Panama City, Callaway and Parker must too adhere to the program regulations 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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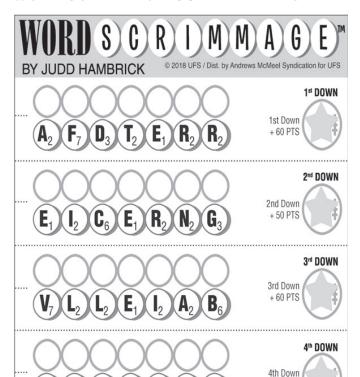
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## **ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF**

"When success is essential to keeping a family together, there is nothing a man won't do. Nothing." Jason Street, "Friday Night Lights'

Bridge skill often runs in families; where one or both parents play the game well, they often produce talented offspring. England's Paul Hackett and his two sons (plus Justin's wife, Barbara) would make a fearsome foursome, and the Grönkvists and Rimstedts of Sweden are each able to put forward at least four top players. But the world's strongest family team may be the Bessis family of France. Here are the Bessis brothers on defense, from a recent Junior European Championships.

Olivier Bessis led the diamond queen against five clubs: the Greek declarer won in hand and drew trumps in two rounds. Thomas Bessis, East, could now infer that declarer's shape was

After cashing the diamonds, declarer advanced dummy's heart jack. Thomas ducked in tempo, and declarer, naturally enough, ran the heart to Olivier's queen. What was he to do now?

A spade return would let declarer pick up that suit for only one loser, while a diamond would allow him to ruff in dummy and pitch a spade from hand, then ruff out spades. So Olivier carefully returned the heart nine. Declarer discarded a spade from dummy; if Thomas had risen with the ace, there would have been two more discards from dummy on the heart king and 10. But Thomas ducked again, letting declarer win

Declarer now had no choice but to try to play spades for one loser, which was not possible on accurate defense. This deal won the brothers the junior award for best play of the year.

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Opening Lead: Diamond queen

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ A 5 4 3 ♦ K 10 ♣ K Q 9 8 5 4 12-26-B

South West North East Pass Pass **Pass** Pass

ANSWER: You may have a minimum hand, but I think it is just worth a try for game. Your best bet is to bid three clubs, suggesting this general shape. Your partner is almost guaranteed to have four-card trump support. What you need from him is aces or trump honors and he will know those are

## **DEAR ABBY**

# Mom drags her feet pursuing romance



**Jeanne Phillips** 

**DEAR ABBY:** My dad died when I was young. He and Mom had a beautiful marriage. Mom was in a long relationship 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, even when Dad was alive.

She goes over to his place for romantic dinners, they talk on the phone at least once a day, and 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. Mom flip-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 much I can push her. I haven't seen her this happy in years. I think she's scared and nervous, and I also think she'll regret it if she keeps rejecting his overtures. I think the ball is in her court now. I need 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 if she isn't willing to allow it.

**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 was 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 never abandon her or any of

As much as I love my fiance and want to be his wife, I can't accept this person in our lives. Abby, I really 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 premarital counseling to be sure you are on the same page regarding issues that "might" come up after your marriage.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded 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 newspapers across the country. 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? Stop, Go, Slow down, Hurry up 4. What "Tonight Show" host was 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 you can always make a different choice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll get to building a beautiful

and different kind of world, maybe only with one other 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 circumstances that give them an advantage from birth, and you'll do something to help the balance

today. 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't

matter. 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 as to place and group people elegantly, then you certainly will find it.

**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 were 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) — It's possible that trying to be

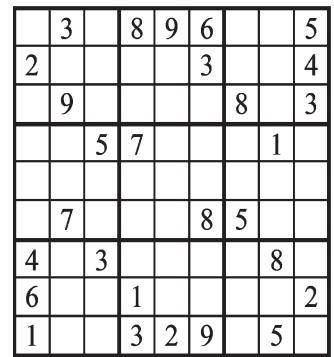
better counts as actually being better, but it's also possible that accepting yourself more fully is a faster route to your transformation. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -

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. AOUARIUS (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 interests are at stake, and this allows you to feel effortlessly generous with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — There's comfort in playing the 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.

# **SUDOKU**

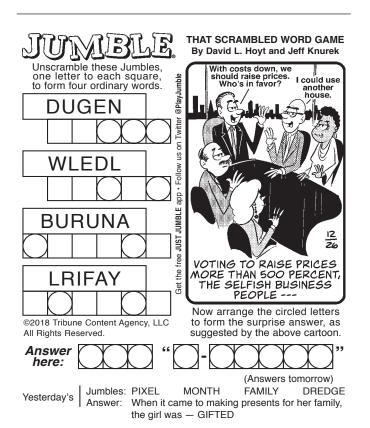


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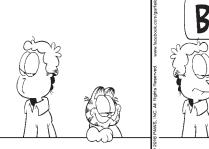








# **GARFIELD**







## **PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**













AND EVENTUALLY YOU HAVE TO PHYSICALLY DRAGTHAT PARTY GUEST OUT OF THE HOUSE



**BEETLE BAILEY** 











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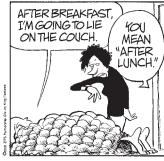




**ZITS** 







# **THE BORN LOSER**







**PEANUTS** 









**DILBERT** 







# **HAGAR THE HORRIBLE**





**Daily CROSSWORD** 



# **CRANKSHAFT**



**FRANK & ERNEST** 





ERNIE'S A MAN OF FEW

WORDS, BUT A

LOT OF

DIFFERENT

NOISES.

Man.

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  1 Make a profit
  5 "People"
  person, for short
  10 Geologic
  sample
  14 Thus
  15 "Tosca" e g

- 14 Thus
  15 "Tosca," e.g.
  16 Grasping
  17 Tumult
  18 Draws close
  19 Delicate fabric
  20 Raiders
  22 "Like a Rolling
  Stone" singer
  23 Buddy, briefly
  24 Cagney or

- 24 Cagney or Lacey 25 Something to
- bat
- 29 Huge house 33 Drive away an attack
- 34 Bluesman Redding
- 36 Monster
- 37 Left Bank pal 38 Tree part 39 Untruth

- 40 Jiffies 42 Clued in 43 Waited in line

- 45 Naval officers
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  50 Big bankroll
  51 Sit on the
  throne

- wicked 60 Lahore

54 Extremely

- language 61 Arbor 62 This, in Tijuana 63 Deportment

- 63 Deportment 64 Revise 65 Lots and lots 66 Early vegetables 67 Single-minded experts 68 Sleep fitfully

# **DOWN**

- 1 Bug 2 Diva's solo Operatic prince Eminent
- High-rise units Dueler's sword Bard's tragic
- king 8 Does the wrong
- thing 9 Undergrad degs.
  Tropical beat
- 11 Plum shape
- Costa First orchard?
- 21 River in Asia 22 Quixote 24 Hogshead 25 Clear a diske Clear a diskette
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    - 35 Famed mummy
    - 38 Morrison or Braxton
    - 41 Oater weapons (hyph.)
      43 Black hole, once
    - 44 Neatest 46 Card game for two 48 Trophies

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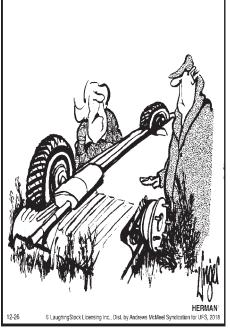
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# **HERMAN**



"Do you want to drive now?"

# **PLUGGERS**

sometimes finds himself not "fully covered."

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WJHG 7	3	3	7	7	Today (N)	•			Today Third H	our (N)	Today With Kat	hie Lee & Hoda	NewsChannel 7	7 at 11am (N)	Days of our Live	es (N)
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WMBB 13	2	2	13		Good Morning	America (N)			Live with Kelly	and Ryan (N)	The View		WMBB Midday	News (N)	GMA Day	
METV (13.2)	209	133			Beaver		Perry Mason		Matlock "The A		Diagnosis Murc		In the Heat of t		Gunsmoke "Indi	
WECP 18	4		4	18	CBS This Morn				Let's Make a D		The Price Is Rig		The Young and		News at Noon	
MNT (18.2)					Extra (N)	DailyMailTV	Face the Truth	Face the Truth	The Wendy Wi	Iliams Show		Divorce Court		Paternity Court		Couples Court
WPGX 28	8				Dog Tales		Cityline		Judge Mathis		The People's C		The People's C		Pickler & Ben	
WFSG 56					Nature Cat	Curious	Let's Go Luna!	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Pinkalicious	Sesame Street			Cat in the Hat	Sesame Street	
A&E	34				The First 48		The First 48		The First 48				Storage Wars		Storage Wars	
AMC	30				Paid Program			ampoon's Vacation				mpoon's Europe			National Lamp.	
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FREE						be ('95) James Cr	omwell.		The 700 Club		★★½ Million Do	llar Arm ('14) Jon				
FS1					First Things Fir			Skip and Shann						Colin Cowherd (N		
FX						osebumps ('15)					How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met		Mike & Molly
HALL	23					B) Katrina Law, Jor			Home & Famil					Actors Lori Lough		
HGTV	32				Love It or List I		Love It or List It		Love It or List		Love It or List I		Fixer Upper		Property Brothe	
HIST						Book of Secrets			Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
LIFE	56					s Keeper ('09) Car				Remember ('02) S				of Adaline ('15) Bla		
PARMT	28					ark III ('01) Sam N				rassic Park ('93) S					The Lost World	: Jurassic Park
SUN	49					Addict. Fishing			P1 AquaX USA		P1 Superstock			tball Seton Hall at		
SYFY					The Magicians			of Hercules ('14)						nsale, Richard Rox		<b>★★ Eragon</b>
TBS	31					King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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TLC	37				Four Weddings		Hoarding: Burie		Hoarding: Bur	ied Alive	Hoarding: Burie	ed Alive	Hoarding: Buri		My 600-Lb. Life	
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CW	7.2	99	9	8	8	Paid Program	Paid Program	Jerry Springer		Jerry Springer		blackish	blackish	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy
WMBB	13	2	2	13		General Hospita		Hot Bench (N)	Hot Bench	The Dr. Oz Sho	w	Dr. Phil		News	World News	News 13 at 6	Ent. Tonight
METV	13.2	209	133		2	Bonanza "El Toi	ro Grande"	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	Wagon Train		Charlie's Angel	S	Mama's Family	The Jeffersons	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H
WECP	18	4	4	4	18	The Talk (N)		Millionaire	Millionaire		Family Feud	The Ellen DeGe		Day Jeopardy	Local 18 News	<b>Evening News</b>	Inside Edition
MNT	18.2	227	13			Providence	Providence	Dateline "Betray	ed"	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Chicago P.D. "3	00,000 Likes"	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly
WPGX	28	8	8			Maury (N)		Me/Frangela	ThisMinute	Steve		Judge Mathis		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Big Bang	Big Bang
WFSG	<b>56</b>	11	11	56	56	Pinkalicious	Let's Go Luna!	Nature Cat	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	Odd Squad	Odd Squad	Arthur (EI)	PBS NewsHour	(N)	World News	Rick Steves
A&	E	34	43	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars		Live PD "Live PI	D 11.18.17" Rid	ng along with law	enforcement.		
AM	С	30				National Lamp.			Vacation ('97) Che				nal Lampoon's V			National-Europ	ean
ANF	PL	46	69	184	282	Treehouse Mas	ters	Treehouse Mas		The Vet Life "M		The Vet Life		The Vet Life "Ve		The Vet Life	
BE	T	53	46	124	329	(11:35) ★½ Bagg	gage Claim	(:05) ★½ Tyler P	erry's Temptation	n: Confessions o	of a Marriage Cou				tness Protection	('12) Tyler Perry.	
CO	M	64				South Park	South Park	South Park		South Park		(:15) South Parl		(:15) South Park	(	South Park	South Park
DIS	-	36				Alaska: The Las		Border Live (Pa		Border Live (P.	art 2 of 2)		order Live 12.12.18			Border Live (P	art 1 of 2)
E!		63				<b>Botched</b> "Silicon		Botched "Beach		Botched		Botched		Botched "Bigger		E! News (N)	
ESF		9						RO First Responde	er Bowl Boston (				otball Quick Lane				
ESP	N2	47				NFL Live (N) (L)			NBA: The Jump	(N) (L)		NFL Live		SportsCenter (N	l) (L)	Boxing From A	pril 8, 2006.
FOC		38				Guy's Grocery		Guy's Grocery		Guy's Grocery		Guy's Grocery		Guy's Grocery	Games	Guy's Grocery	
FRE	Ε	59	65	180	311	★★★½ The LEG	<b>O Movie</b> ('14) Voi				★★½ Jumanji ('9					★★★½ The Lion	
FS		24				The Herd with (					Lock It In (N) (L)			UFC Countdow		UFC's Fights	NFL Presents
FX		45									on, Morgan Freem			<b>See Me</b> ('13) Jesse	e Eisenberg, Mark	Ruffalo.	
HAL		23					hristmas ('15) Ra				Parade ('14) Anna				way ('17) Bridget		
HGT		32				Property Brothe		Property Brothe		Property Broth		Property Brothe		Property Brothe		Property Broth	
HIS		35										Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
LIF	E	56							<b>tion</b> ('94) Tim Rob	bins, Morgan Fre	eman, Bob Guntoi	n.	★★½ Me Before	You ('16) Emilia (	Clarke, Sam Claflii	n, Janet McTeer.	
PAR		28	48				Lost World: Jur				ark III ('01) Sam N				ssic Park ('93) S	am Neill, Laura D	ern.
SU	N	49		422	656	College Basket	ball Arkansas-Littl	e Rock at George				3 Wide Life (N)		Inside HEAT	Inside HEAT	Pregame	Basketball
SYF	·γ	70					jon ('06) Ed Spele			icles of Narnia:	The Lion, the Wit	ch and the Ward	Irobe ('05) Tilda S	winton.	*** The Fifth I	Element ('97) Bru	ice Willis.
TB	S	31	15	139	247	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers
TCI		25					Builds His Dream				nt, Constance Ben				Cary Grant, Eva N		
TLO		37				(12:00) My 600-l	Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life			Twins decide the			My 600-Lb. Life	
TN		29				Supernatural			riend's Wedding				ally ('03) Hugh G				
US		62	55								Radcliffe, Rupert C				Goblet of Fire ('05		
WGN	I-A	13		239	307	In the Heat of the	ne Night	In the Heat of the	ne Night	In the Heat of the	ne Night	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing

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CW (7.2)	99	9	8	8	Riverdale		All American "Lo	ose Yourself"	Page Six TV	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Engagement	Engagement	King
WMBB 13	2	2	13	13	The Goldbergs	Am Housewife	Modern Family	Single Parents	Modern Family	Single Parents	News 13 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Kin	nmel Live	(:37) Nightline	(12:07) Mom	(:37) Mom
METV (13.2)	209	133		2	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Heroes	Hogan Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Twilight Zone	Alf. Hitchcock	Alf. Hitchcock
WECP 18	4	4	4	18	The 41st Annua	al Kennedy Cente	r Honors (N)		Magnum P.I.		Family Feud	Late Show-Colk	ert	Late Late Show	/James Corden	DailyMailTV
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WPGX 28	8	8			Empire "Love A	ll, Trust a Few"	Star "All Falls Do	wn"	Two/Half Men		TMZ Live (N)		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Imp. Jokers	TMZ (N)
WFSG 56	11	11			Nature		NOVA (N)		American Exper		Amanpour and		PBS NewsHour		NOVA	
A&E	34	43	118	265	Live PD: Rewin	d	(:04) Live PD: R	ewind	Live PD: Rewind	d			Live PD: Rewin		(12:04) Live PD:	Rewind
AMC	30	62	131	254	National-Europ	ean	(:15) *** Natio	nal Lampoon's (	Christmas Vacatio	on ('89) Chevy Ch	nase.	★½ Vegas Vacat	t <b>ion</b> ('97) Chevy C	Chase, Beverly D'A	Angelo.	National Lamp.
ANPL	46	69	184	282	The Vet Life "D	octor Dads"	The Vet Life		The Vet Life "Ba	it n' Switch"	The Vet Life		The Vet Life		The Vet Life "Do	
BET	53	46	124	329	Madea's Witnes	ss Protection	★★½ Why Did I (	Get Married? ('07	') Tyler Perry, Jan	et Jackson, Jill Sc	cott.		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
COM	64	53	107	249	South Park	South Park		South Park		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Cleveland	Cleveland
DISC	36	39	182	278	Border Live (Pa	art 2 of 2)	Border Live "Bo	rder Live 12.26.18	3" (N) (L)		Border Live		Border Live (Pa		Border Live	
E!	63	57	114	236	** Fifty Shade	s of Grey ('15) Da	ikota Johnson, Jai	mie Dornan, Jenn	ifer Ehle.	** Fifty Shade:	<b>s of Grey</b> ('15) Da	akota Johnson, Ja	mie Dornan, Jenn	ifer Ehle.	Botched "Man E	Boobs"
ESPN	9	23	140	206	Football	Scoreboard	College Footbal	I Cheez-It Bowl	California vs TCL	J. (N) (L)				SportsCenter	SportsCenter (	N) (L)
ESPN2	47				Boxing From Ju		Boxing		<b>Boxing</b> From Fe		SportsCenter (N	l) (L)	SportsCenter	NFL Live		
FOOD	38	45	110	231	Guy's Grocery	Games	Guy's Grocery (	Games (N)	Guy's Grocery	Games	Guy's Grocery (	Games	Guy's Grocery	Games	Guy's Grocery	Games
FREE	59	65	180	311	(6:00) ★★★½ Th	e Lion King	★★★½ Wreck-It	Ralph ('12) Voice	s of John C. Reilly	<b>'.</b>	The 700 Club		** Evan Almig	hty ('07) Steve Ca	arell, Morgan Free	man.
FS1	24	27	150	219	Turning Point	UFC	UFC	UFC's Fights	Red Bull Crash	ed Ice (N)	Speak for Yours	self	TMZ Sports	Skip and Shanr	non: Undisputed	
FX	45	51	136	248	** Now You S	ee Me 2 ('16) Jess	e Eisenberg, Marl	Ruffalo, Woody	Harrelson.		** Now You Se	ee Me 2 ('16) Jess	se Eisenberg, Mar	k Ruffalo, Woody	Harrelson.	
HALL	23	59	185	312	The Christmas	Cottage ('17) Mer	ritt Patterson, Stev	/e Lund.	Marry Me at Chi	ristmas ('17) Rac	hel Skarsten, Trev	or Donovan.	Christmas Land	('15) Nikki Deloa	ich, Luke Macfarla	ne.
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Property Broth	ers	Property Brothe	ers (N)	House Family		Property Brothe		Property Brothe		House Family	Hunters Int'l
HIST	35	42	120	269	Vikings "The Lo	st Moment"	Vikings "Hell" (N	)	(:01) ★★ Nation:	al Treasure	(:01) ★★ Nation:	al Treasure ('04)	Nicolas Cage, Dia	ne Kruger.	(11:56) Vikings	
LIFE	56	56	108	252	*** Secretaria	at ('10) Diane Lane	, John Malkovich.	The story of the	1973 Triple Crown	winner.	(:03) ★★★ Marle	y & Me ('08) Owe	en Wilson, Jennife	r Aniston.	(11:59) *** Se	cretariat ('10)
PARMT	28	48			(5:05) ★★★½ Ju				ark ('97) Jeff Gold	dblum, Julianne M	loore, Pete Postlet	hwaite.	*** Rise of the	e Planet of the A	pes ('11) James F	ranco.
SUN	49		422	656	(6:30) NBA Bas	ketball Toronto Ra	aptors at Miami He	eat. (N) (L)	Postgame	Inside HEAT	Inside HEAT	Inside HEAT	After Midnight v	with the HEAT Fr	om Dec. 26, 2018	
SYFY	70	52	122	244	(5:30) *** The			('11) Zoe Saldan	a, Jordi Mollà, Ler	nnie James.	(:03) ★★★½ Skyf	fall ('12) Daniel C	raig, Judi Dench,	Javier Bardem.		
TBS	31	15	139	247	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang					Catching Fire ('13	3) Jennifer Lawren	ce.
TCM	25	70	132	256	*** Smokey a	nd the Bandit ('7'		Sally Field.	*** Delivera	nce ('72) Jon Voig	ght, Burt Reynolds		*** The Long	gest Yard ('74) Bu	ırt Reynolds, Eddi	e Albert.
TLC	37	40	183	280	My 600-Lb. Life	Lee and Rena ba	ttle anger issues.		Lost in Transition		(:02) My 600-Lb.			Lee and Rena ba		
TNT	29					('15) Robert De N	iro, Anne Hathawa				sses 2 ('14) Jasor				Bones	
USA	62	55	105	242	Harry Potter-Go	oblet of Fire	(7:48) *** Harr	y Potter and the	Order of the Pho		Modern Family				Law & Order: S	VU
WGN-A	13		239	307	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Married	Married	Married	Married

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	18.2	227	13			Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	AgDay
WPGX		8	8	28	28	How I Met		Steve						Paid Program	Outdoor Show	Ask-Tech.	Paid Program
WFSG		11				American Exper	ience "Tesla"	Call the Midwife	Sister Mildred ar			We'll Meet Aga	in	Peg & Cat	Arthur (EI)	Ready Jet Go!	Wild Kratts (EI)
A&E			43	118	265	Live PD: Rewind	d	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Makeup!	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The First 48	
AMC							ional Lampoon's	Vacation	** National La	npoon's Europe	an Vacation ('85)	Dana Hill	M*A*S*H	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
ANPL						The Vet Life "Ba		The Vet Life		The Vet Life "Do	octor Dads"	The Vet Life		Vet Gone Wild		Vet Gone Wild	
BET		53	46	124	329	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Showdown of F	aith	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns
COM		64	53	107	249	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Key & Peele	Sex Toys	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		King of the Hill
DISC	;					(12:00) Border L		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival "		Dual Survival "I		Dual Survival	
E!						Botched "Seeing		<b>Botched</b> "Super		<b>Botched</b> "Totally	/ Waist-ed"	Botched "J-Cup	Juggernaut"	Botched "Pinch	ed Perfect"	Botched	
ESPN						SportsCenter (N			I: Quick Lane Bov		College Footba			SportsCenter		SportsCenter (	N) (L)
ESPN							Milwaukee Bucks					azers at Utah Jazz	z. (Taped)	Golic & Wingo			
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FS1							PBA Bowling Th			USGA 2018 Yea		FS1 CFB Bowl		TMZ Sports	First Things Fir		
FX						Snowfall "Slow I		Snowfall "Traum	ıa"	Snowfall "seven		Makeup!			Airfryer Oven		
HALL		-			-		n ('17) Alicia Witt,	1 /			\ /	Sonnie Somerville.			<b>hristmas</b> ('17) Ca		
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# **SPORTS**

TOP 10 STORIES OF THE YEAR

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

**By Tyler Waldrep** twaldrep@pcnh.com

Taylor Moody had never finished a game of golf under par in her life. That was until the aftermath of Hurricane Michael forced her to hang up her clubs for almost two weeks.

"I think we didn't have high expectations because 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 regionals on Oct. 23. She then followed that performance up by shooting 2-under par for 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 short game from a high school golfer in 35 years. Several of those coaches, some of which represent Division I schools, have already followed up with Moon.

"Before the end of the day I 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 biggest 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 golfer watched Weidenfeld approach the 18th green with a one-stroke lead. Moody said she's never bitten her nails harder than she did at that

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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 2018. [NEWS HERALD FILE PHOTO]

**BAY COUNTY DEFENSIVE MVP** 

# Arnold's Byers saved his best for last

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

Terry Byers' junior season for Arnold was nothing to sneeze at - 93 tackles, two sacks, and two interceptions is a good season for most high school defenders.

The Marlins' middle linebacker wanted more in his senior year, however, and Byers delivered his best season yet in 2018 to earn The News Herald's Bay County Defensive Player of the Year

Byers finished the season with 135 tackles - over 12 per game - to go with 11 tackles for loss, seven sacks, an interception, and three forced

fumbles. He posted those numbers despite breaking his hand midway through the season against Bay.

The injury limited his role on the offensive side of the 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

"I think that was my best game of the year," Byers said. "Even though we lost, I still thought I did my part and tried to play as best as I could in a game like that."

It was far from Byers' only

standout performance in 2018, as he posted double digit tackles in every regular season game and 15-plus tackles on four different occasions. He finished 28th in the state in total tackles and seventh in Class 5A despite playing just nine games.

"I have to give all my success 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 I was this year and the leader that I was."

Byers was a tackling

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# **14th Marlin Christmas Classic starts Thursday**

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

The 14th Annual Visit Panama City Beach Marlin Christmas 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 a champion with three days of pool play.

Each girls team will get 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 basketball coach Bobby Britton said it's not ideal having just six girls teams in the tournament, but it was the best he could do under the circumstances.

"It was a big issue with the aftermath (of Hurricane Michael)," he said. "Arnold was a shelter for close to six weeks and there were some teams 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 uncertainty of the campus.

"But I think it's going to go very well. We've had a 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 some players out of town. 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 the field with the Arnold boys, the Pleasant Grove boys, and the Marshall 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 Classic.

Britton said he was thrilled to be able to keep the Marlin Classic going this year in spite of the fallout from the hurricane.

"It means a lot to us," he said. "One of our biggest sponsors and patrons of the tournament, Holiday Inn Beach Resort, closed down. They housed most of our teams and were unable to this year, but the beach community really opened up their arms and we were able to keep the tradition 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

By John Zenor

The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Jerry Jeudy's ambitions grew with every college camp he attended and every highly rated defensive 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 down in the classroom for his senior year at Deerfield Beach High School in Florida.

"When he got out there and started feeling like, 'I'm going against guys that were supposed to be five-stars and I'm taking it to them. I can do it," Deerfield coach Jevon Glenn 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 matchup in Miami – an hour from Jeudy's hometown - on Dec. 29.

The 6-foot-1, 192-pound Jeudy 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 sophomore also won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver.

Jeudy has put up big numbers like his predecessors, including Atlanta Falcons star Julio Jones. The other three all became first-round NFL draft picks.

He has the benefit of catching passes from an elite quarterback in Heisman

Trophy runner-up Tua Tagovailoa in a more pass-oriented offense. But Jeudy also shares the ball with a deeper pool of talented receivers than any of

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 10thgrader and they still keep in

"Great player, works really hard and deserves everything coming his way," Ridley said. "We played high school together and grew up together a little bit. Just seeing him grow and becoming the player he is that's the most exciting thing."

All that time working with or watching Ridley and Cooper helped give the ambitious Jeudy specific targets. Their success, he said, "just made me go harder."

"They taught me a lot," Jeudy said. "Hard work beats talent, so if you've got talent and you work hard, you can turn into something serious."

That's why his success at allstar 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.

Glenn also offers an anecdote showing that Jeudy's increased focus transferred into the classroom, too. He said the receiver called him before the Under Armour All-American game, insisting that a B-plus he received in his final semester had to be a mistake. The teacher agreed that it was a calculating

error and Jeudy wound up with straight A's, the coach said.

He said Jeudy also started hanging out more with other friends who nursed similar aspirations.

"He's got plans, he's got reservations in his mind to be one of the best when it's all said and done," Glenn said. "That explains why he works so hard and why he's so focused."

Jeudy didn't just catch the attention of college coaches and himself - at those all-star games and camps. Current teammates saw the highlights, too, and were anticipating his arrival on campus.

"You just saw him making all these plays," Alabama tailback Damien Harris said. "We knew he was committed here, so seeing him on those videos, 'Hey, this kid is pretty good.' He came in here and continued to work hard and he's turned into the player he is now."

# **BYERS**

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machine for the Marlins, but Arnold coach Iosh 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 a pass rusher," he said. "We were more effective when we were more aggressive at times, and when we did that he usually made plays. He came on a lot of blitzes, run blitzes as well, and he usually made plays."

Byers said he was happy to rush the passer more this 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.

"Going into my senior season, I wanted to get bigger and gain weight," he said. "Last year I was playing middle linebacker at 190 (pounds) and I

wanted to get up to 210. I played mostly this year at 205. The big thing was just putting on the weight so I could be bigger 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 took the Arnold defense to a different level.

"He just plays at such a high tempo and temperament," he said. "He's a 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. Outside of football, he's the most mild-mannered and astute young person that 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."

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# **Boys schedule**

Thursday -10:15 a.m. Bay vs. James Madison (Va.), 1:15 p.m. Leeds (Ala.) vs. Episcopal, 3 p.m. Pleasant Grove (Ala.) vs. Bartram Trail, 6 p.m. Arnold vs. North Paulding (Ga.)

Friday - 10:15 a.m. Loser of Bay/James Madison vs. Loser of Pleasant Grove/Bartram Trail, 1:15 p.m. Loser of Arnold/ North Paulding vs. Loser of Leeds/Episcopal, 3 p.m. Winner of Pleasant Grove/ Bartram Trail vs. Winner of Bay/James Madison, 6 p.m. Winner of Arnold/ North Paulding vs. Winner of Leeds/Episcopal

Saturday - 10:15 a.m. Seventh-place game, 1:15 p.m. Consolation championship, 3 p.m. Third-place game, 6 p.m. Tournament championship game

# **Girls schedule**

Thursday -8:45 a.m. Bay vs. Charles Henderson (Ala.), 11:45 a.m. Bartram Trail vs. Mosley, 4:30 p.m. Marshall County (Ky.) vs. Alma Bryant (4:30 p.m.)

Friday - 8:45 a.m. Bay vs. Bartram Trail, 11:45 a.m. Alma Bryant vs. Mosley, 4:30 p.m. Charles Henderson vs. Marshall County

Saturday -8:45 a.m. Mosley vs. Charles Henderson, 11:45 a.m. Marshall County vs. Bartram Trail, 4:30 p.m. Bay vs. Alma Bryant.



Bay's Taylor Moody plays golf at Bay Point Golf Course on Oct. 3. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

# MOODY

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moment.

Almost a month removed from the tournament, she remains elated, for the most part anyways. There is still one 3-foot putt from the second day that Moody wishes she could have

"Golf's kind of weird," Moody said. "You do need to focus on the negative a little bit. That's what makes you better."

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 crowd," Moon said. "Cheering her (Weidenfeld), 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 Press

The depths of Larry Nassar's depravity began to emerge some 15 months before the calendar flipped to 2018 — when reports of his sexual abuse first appeared in newspaper stories that would eventually 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 inflicted untold damage.

The testimony brought the true nature and number of Nassar's crimes to the fore, triggering spasms of anger, soulsearching and attempts at reform, while also giving women in sports and society in general -amore powerful voice when it comes to exposing abuse that had been swept out of the public's conscience for decades.

Nassar's crimes and the chaos they provoked the massive turnover 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 balloting by AP members and editors. The Nassar saga earned more than double the number of votes as the second- and thirdplace finishers: the Eagles first Super Bowl championship and the Supreme Court's decision to strike down a law that prohibited sports gambling outside of Nevada.

The year 2018 was also notable for a string of stirring comebacks and surprises: Maryland-Baltimore County pulled the first 16 vs. 1 upset in an NCAA Tournament



In this Jan. 24 photo, former gymnast Rachael Denhollander, left, is hugged by Kaylee Lorincz after giving her victim impact statement during the seventh day of Larry Nassar's sentencing hearing in Lansing, Mich. [CARLOS OSORIO/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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. The expansion Las Vegas 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 response to the doping scandal in Russia that has sullied the last three Olympics, with potential for more.

But the steadiest flow of cringe-inducing headlines came out of the Nassar 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 the aftermath.

Those who failed paid dearly, and it's no exaggeration to say the entire Olympic movement inside

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the United States could be reconfigured because of it.

USOC chairman Larry Probst, CEO Scott Blackmun and sport performance director Alan Ashley all left or were forced out under a cloud. In his going-away speech, Probst said despite the USOC's success under his watch, "it is our collective failure to keep you safe that that will forever cause me deep and profound regret." Brought on to repair USA Gymnastics, president Kerry Perry got forced out after a series of embarrassing and outof-touch missteps. Her predecessor, Steve Penny, was arrested on charges he ordered files pertaining to Nassar removed from the team's training center at the Karolyi Ranch in Texas.

Blackmun's successor, Sarah Hirshland, eventually called for decertification of USA Gymnastics unwieldy process that could be hastened by Congress, which held a number of hearings and called for changes in the law that governs the entire, dysfunctional U.S. Olympic charter.

Ironically, one of the biggest drivers of change turned out to be the world's best gymnast. A Nassar victim herself, Olympic and world champion Simone Biles was unabashed in calling it like she saw it when change wasn't coming quickly enough - or didn't make any sense. Though hers may have been the bestknown voice, it wasn't the only one.

Survivors are cautiously optimistic.

"There is a broader cultural impact in terms of survivors speaking up," said Rachel Denhollander, whose story of abuse at the hands of Nassar triggered the entire meltdown. "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

and fell to 22-31 in their NBA-record

whole thing, not be up and down

emotionally because I (have) to keep

their spirits up," Knicks coach David Fizdale said. "They feel it. They're

New York has lost five in a row and 10 of 11 since rallying to stun the

Bucks 136-134 in overtime on Dec. 1

night with Knicks forward Mario

Hezonja, who had dunked over him

in the first quarter, then stared and

stepped over him. Antetokounmpo

felt it was disrespectful, vowing to

punch Hezonja in the groin next

little too pumped for the rematch -

Brogdon grabbed the rebound of his

errant dunk in the corner and fired

in a 3-pointer — but he quickly got

It was only a seven-point game

midway through the third quarter

when Antetokounmpo began to

seize control. His jumper followed

by layup pushed the lead into double

digits, and he scored 11 points in the

Bucks' 36-point period that ended

the first half - down two - in the

locker room felt pretty good," Knox

said. "But that third quarter, defen-

sively, offensively, just something

Noah Vonleh had 14 points and 15

"We played them really (well) in

with them leading 84-68 cushion.

The Greek Freak was perhaps a

Antetokounmpo was angry that

at Madison Square Garden.

"It's on me to stay even in this

53 appearances on the holiday.

By Brian Mahoney The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Giannis Antetokounmpo was so eager to make a rim-rocking Christmas debut that he overshot the basket on his first attempt, a dunk from one side that ended with the ball all the way in the opposite corner.

"I was so excited that I went a little bit too high and I thought the rim was a foot taller," Antetokounmpo said.

He and the Milwaukee Bucks eventually settled down and showed they belonged on the holiday stage.

Antetokounmpo had 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 it's an opportunity for us and we're really happy."

Brook Lopez scored 20 points for the Bucks, who played on Christmas for 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 improved the NBA's secondbest record to 23-10.

Malcolm Brogdon finished with 17 points for the Bucks, the NBA scoring leaders who bounced back from a season-low 87 points in a loss to Miami on Saturday to win for the 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 21

points for the Knicks, who have lost

six straight Christmas Day games

rebounds, while Tim Hardaway Jr. had 14 points and 10 boards but shot just 4 for 18 for New York.

**Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis** Antetokounmpo reacts to a call during the first half against the New York Knicks, on Tuesday in New York. [SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

in the last eight games. Harden has scored 30 points or more in a careerhigh seven games in a row, marking the first time a player has done that since Russell Westbrook had eight consecutive 30-point games in November 2016. A 3-pointer by Paul George with less than two minutes left got Oklahoma City within 4 before Harden missed a 3. Westbrook missed a shot for the Thunder, but George stole the ball from Harden and was fouled by him. George made both free throws to get the Thunder within 2 with 43.6 seconds left. Harden then drove past George and into the lane for a layup to make it 112-108 with 20.4 seconds left. Westbrook made 1 of 2 free throws to cut it to 3 with 15 seconds left, and Austin Rivers made a free throw with 7.4 seconds left to secure the win. George had 28 points and 14 rebounds for the Thunder, and Westbrook added 21 points with nine rebounds and nine assists.

**ROCKETS 113, THUNDER 109:** James Harden scored 41 points and the Houston Rockets beat the Oklahoma

City Thunder for their seventh win

# SPORTS TICKER

### **IN BRIEF**

**MOSCOW Russian biathlon champion** in doping scandal retires

Anton Shipulin, a world biathlon champion at the heart of Russia's doping scandal, announced his retirement on Tuesday.

Shipulin, 31, told a 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 Sochi's biathlon relay race.

Shipulin, like many other Russian athletes, 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 owned by Ron O'Hanley.

"This is a race that Americans love to come to," O'Hanley said. "I 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, taking overall honors in the 2017 Van Isle 360 and 2018 Vic Maui races, 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-threatened Huddersfield.

Having been parachuted in as caretaker manager for the rest of the season, the fan favorite got the post-Jose 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 capital buoyed by a 5-1 win.

"Of course, you try to keep your emotion in check because I'm there 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

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

**By Barry Wilner** The Associated Press

Barring ties in Week 17 -and there are some wild scenarios should certain games end in draws Sunday - the road to the playoffs is quite straight in the NFC. The path to a first-round bye in the AFC has a bunch of curves in it.

Already in are NFC division winners Dallas (East), New Orleans (South), Chicago (North) and the Los Angeles Rams (West). AFC divisions clinched belong to New England in the East and, well, nobody 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 Seahawks made the postseason in what was considered a rebuilding year. "I think just staying the course and knowing we're on to something. Believing in the history. We know what we're capable of doing. We've shown it over a lot 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 a team that we have seen before, and that's powerful."

Most powerful so far has been New Orleans, with the league's best record at 13-2, and a dynamic offense led by Drew Brees. The Saints have home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

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 Angeles drops to the third seed.

A Bears win also could keep the Vikings (8-6-1) out of the postseason, providing defending champion Philadelphia (8-7) wins at Washington. Only the Vikings or Eagles can get the second NFC wild card.

"We've got to empty the bucket, and that's the way we've got to play next week at home," Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph says. "I'm really looking forward 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), currently the top two in the conference, both win Sunday. But if the Chiefs lose at home to Oakland and the Chargers (11-4) win at Denver, Los Angeles moves 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 at 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 fall 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 Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh. Except the Ravens (9-6) 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

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't going to complain about the officiating. Or lament the turnovers and missed opportunities over the last month that have the Pittsburgh Steelers on the outside of the playoffs looking in heading into

The longtime head coach doesn't see the point in it. Spending too much time looking back and not enough time looking forward can be just as dangerous as any of the missteps or handful of questionable calls that have hit the Steelers (8-6-1) during a slide that's seen them drop four of 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 Roosevelt Nix was stopped a foot short of a first 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

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 doesn't believe defensive end Stephon your control."

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 pass that sailed well over the head of both players. New Orleans running back Mark Ingram bulled over from 1 yard on the next play.

Tomlin, a member of the NFL's competition committee known to critique the officiating 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

# SCOREBOARD

### ON THE AIR

#### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

12:30 p.m. ESPN — SERVPRO First Responders Bowl: Boston College vs. Boise State 4:15 p.m. ESPN — Quick Lane Bowl: Minnesota vs. Georgia 8 p.m. ESPN — Cheez-It Bowl: California vs. TCU

### **NBA BASKETBALL**

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

Oklahoma quarterback **Kyler Murray** holds the Heisman **Trophy after** winning the award, Dec. 8 in New York. [ASSOCIATED

PRESS FILE



# 'Generation Z' **QBs take over**

By Ralph D. Russo The Associated Press

Trent Dilfer has been head 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 through the program has drastically improved.

"We've always had our handful of clearly the best," said Dilfer, the former first-round NFL draft pick and Super Bowl-winning quarterback 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 than it was when I started."

Generation Z quarterbacks 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 offensive innovation that many of these young QBs have seen since middle school, the passing game has reached new heights this season.

With 25 bowls and the College Football Playoff national championship game left to play, interceptions 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 an all-time high in the Bowl Subdivision. Majorcollege quarterbacks are completing passes at a near-record percentage (59.9) while average yards per attempt (7.41) is the best it has ever been.

The current passer efficiency 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 Bowl semifinal on Dec. 29, when No. 1 Alabama faces 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

# SOCCER

6:25 a.m. NBCSN - Premier League, Fulham vs. Wolves 8:55 a.m. NBCSN - Premier League, Liverpool vs. Newcastle United 11:10 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League, Brighton vs. Arsenal 1:25 p.m. ESPNEWS - Serie A, Napoli vs. Internazionale NBCSN — Premier League, Watford vs. Chelsea

# 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, Tagovailoa and Lawrence were fivestar talents who fall into Dilfer's "clearly the best" category. But polished passers are being churned out as if by a factory.

"They have had 'Outlier' reps from doing all this stuff," said former UCLA coach and quarterback 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: "They've had more opportunity to be the quarterback."

Oliver Luck was the quarterback at West Virginia before being drafted by the Houston Oilers in the second round in 1982. Growing up in Cleveland, football was played during football season.

"As soon as the season was over, that football would gather dust because you were more than likely involved in other sports,' said Luck, who is now the

commissioner of the XFL. By the time his son was in high school in Houston, spring practice was common and 7-on-7 - a pared-down version of football with no linemen or tackling, just quarterbacks, receivers and defensive backs was growing. Andrew Luck was a two-time Heisman runner-up at Stanford and the first 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 5,000 passes (combining practices, games and workouts) in my high school career I bet Andrew threw 50,000 and today's kids might throw 100,000," Oliver Luck said. "A significant increase in the number and the quality of the repetitions. That's just the physical part."

## **EBRO SCHEDULE**

#### Monday

Matinee: Thoroughbred simulcast: Aqueduct 11:20 a.m., Parx 11:25 a.m., Santa Anita 2:30 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Sarasota 11:30 a.m., Derby Lane 11:30 a.m., Palm Beach noonnnn **Evening:** Greyhound simul-

cast: Jacksonville 6:35 p.m. Tuesday

**Matinee:** Thoroughbred simulcast: Parx 11:25 a.m., Santa Anita 2:30 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Sarasota 11:30 a.m.

**Matinee:** Thoroughbred simulcast: Gulfstream 11:05 a.m., Tampa Bay 11:25 a.m., Santa Anita 2 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Derby Lane 11:30 a.m.. Sarasota 11:30 a.m., Jacksonville 11:35 a.m., Palm Beach noon.

Evening: Jai Alai 6 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Derby Lane 6:30 p.m., Jacksonville 6:35 p.m.

## **Thursday**

Matinee: Thoroughbred simulcast: Gulfstream 11:05 a.m. Greyhound simulcast: Sarasota 11:30 a.m., Derby Lane 11:30 a.m., Palm Beach noon. Evening: Jai Alai 6 p.m. Greyhound simulcast:

Jacksonville 6:35 p.m. **Friday** 

Matinee: Thoroughbred simulcast: Gulfstream 11:05 a.m., Aqueduct 11:20 a.m., Tampa Bay 11:35 a.m., Santa Anita 2:30 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Sarasota 11:30 a.m., Derby Lane 11:30 p.m., Palm Beach noon.

Evening: Jai Alai 6 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Palm Beach 6 p.m., Sarasota 6:30 p.m., Derby Lane 6:30 p.m., Jacksonville 6:35 p.m.

### **Saturday**

Matinee: Thoroughbred simulcast: Aqueduct 11:20 a.m., Gulfstream 11:35 a.m., Tampa Bay 11:35 a.m., Santa Anita 2:30 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Derby Lane 11:30 a.m., Sarasota 11:30 a.m., Jacksonville 11:35 a.m., Palm Beach noon.

Evening: Jai Alai 6 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Palm Beach 6 p.m., Sarasota 6:30 p.m., Derby Lane 6:30 p.m., Jacksonville 6;35 p.m.

Sunday **Matinee:** Thoroughbred simulcast: Aqueduct 11:20 a.m., Gulfstream 11:35 a.m., Tampa Bay 11:35

a.m., Santa Anita 2:30 p.m. Greyhound simulcast: Palm Beach noon, Jacksonville 12:35 p.m. POKER ROOM - Open 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and

Saturday. LOCATION - Intersection of State 79 and State 20.

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# **ODDS**

Wednesday

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FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
At Orlando	4	2081/2	Phoenix
At Detroit	5	2211/2	Washington
Indiana	8	2171/2	At Atlanta
At Miami	Off	Off	Toronto
At Brooklyn	2	2201/2	Charlotte
At Memphis	101/2	1961/2	Cleveland
At Chicago	Off	Off	Minnesota
At Dallas	21/2	2281/2	<b>New Orleans</b>
At San Antonio	3	2131/2	Denver
At LA Clippers	5	2361/2	Sacramento
COLLEGE BASK	ETBALL		

UNDERDOG

**Today FAVORITE**No Games Scheduled

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES** FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG First Responder B
Boise State 3½
Quick Lane Bowl 21/2 51½ Boston Col. 31/2 Georgia Tech Cheez-It Bowl 31/2 51/2 57 +2 1 381/2 California

Minnesota TCU 31/2 541/2 Duke Temple 3 Pinstripe Bowl 3 471/2 Texas Bowl 61/2 4 Vanderbilt 551/2 Baylor Music City Bowl Auburn 31/2 55 Purdue **Camping World Bowl** Syracuse **Alamo Bowl** +7 61/2 3 Wash. State 56

671/2 West Virginia Iowa State Arizona Bowl Arkansas State 2 11/2 571/2 Nevada Peach Bowl 6 61/2 51 5 Virginia South Carolina 61/2 531/2 Orange Bowl 141/2 77 14 Oklahoma **Cotton Bowl** Clemson Military Bowl 11 121/2 55 Cincinnati 61/2 51/2 531/2 Virginia Tech Sun Bowl Pittsburgh 61/2 51/2 52 Redbox Bowl 11/2 48 **Liberty Bowl** 74 Okla, State 10 8 Holiday Bowl 71/2 46 Northwestrn

Taxslaver Bowl Texas A&M Outback Bowl 41/2 581/2 N.C. State Mississippi State 5 44 Citrus Rowl 471/2 Kentucky 61/2 Fiesta Bowl 551/2 71/2 Rose Bowl 5 Ohio State 58 Washington

101/2 121/2 58 Georgia Texas NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG at N.Y. Giants 6½ 13½ Dallas Oakland at N.Y. Giants 5 at Kansas City 14 at New Orlear Carolina 131/2 61/2 61/2 411/2 45 40½ 61/2

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# **PRO FOOTBALL**

# NFL

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EAST	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
y-New England	10	5	0	.667	398	32
Miami	7	8	0	.467	302	39
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	227	35
N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	330	40
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
x-Houston	10	5	0	.667	382	31
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	400	32
Tennessee	9	6	0	.600	293	27
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333	242	29
NORTH	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
Baltimore	9	6	0	.600	363	26
Pittsburgh	8	6	1	.567	412	34
Cleveland	7	7	1	.500	335	36
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	355	43
WEST	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
x-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	530	41
x-L.A. Chargers	11	4	0	.733	405	32
Denver	6	9	0	.400	320	32
Oakland	4	11	0	.267	287	43

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EAST	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
y-Dallas	9	6	0	.600	303	28
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	343	34
Washington	7	8	0	.467	281	33
N.Y. Giants	5	10	0	.333	334	37
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
y-New Orleans	13	2	0	.867	490	32
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	380	39
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	343	36
Tampa Bay	5	10	0	.333	364	43
NORTH	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
y-Chicago	11	4	0	.733	397	27
Minnesota	8	6	1	.567	350	31
Green Bay	6	8	1	.433	376	36
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	293	36
WEST	W	L	Т	PCT.	PF	P
y-L.A. Rams	12	3	0	.800	479	35
x-Seattle	9	6	0	.600	401	32
San Francisco	4	11	0	.267	310	38
Arizona	3	12	0	.200	201	39

x-clinched playoff spot: v-clinched division

Tennessee 25, Washington 16 Baltimore 22, L.A. Chargers 10 Sunday's Games Cleveland 26, Cincinnati 18 Jacksonville 17, Miami 7 Indianapolis 28, N.Y. Giants 27

New England 24, Buffalo 12 Atlanta 24, Carolina 10 Minnesota 27, Detroit 9 Philadelphia 32, Houston 30 Green Bay 44, N.Y. Jets 38, OT L.A. Rams 31, Arizona 9 Chicago 14. San Francisco 9 New Orleans 31, Pittsburgh 28 Seattle 38, Kansas City 31 Monday's Game Oakland 27, Denver 14

**WEEK 17 Sunday, Dec. 30** Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m. Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m. N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m. Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m. Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.

L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:25 p.m. Oakland at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m. San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m. Philadelphia at Washington, 4:25 p.m. Chicago at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m. Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m. Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.

LATE MONDAY **RAIDERS 27, BRONCOS 14** 

7 10 0 10 - 27 First Ouarter Oak-10:10. -D.Harris 99 punt return (Carlson kick), **Second Ouarter** 

Oak—Martin 24 run (Carlson kick), 7:56. Oak—FG Carlson 43, :19. **Third Ouarter** Den—Hamilton 7 pass from Keenum (McManus kick), 4:36.

**Fourth Ouarter** Oak—Richard 3 run (Carlson kick), 12:16. Den—Sutton 19 pass from Keenum (McManus kick), 7:31.

Oak-FG Carlson 45, 4:38. A-53,850. DEN OAK First downs Total Net Yards 16 273 Rushes-vards 24-100 30-114 Punt Returns Kickoff Returns 5-116 2-46 2-23 19-26-0 0-0 23-37-2 Sacked-Yards Lost 1-2 6-51.0 1-0 5-45.0 1-0 Punts Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards 6-50 11-91

Time of Possession
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-Denver, Lindsay 10-46, Booker 3-21, Freeman 7-21, Keenum 3-19, Patrick 1-(minus 7). Oakland, Martin 21-107, Richard 4-11, Washington 1-(minus 1), Carr 4-(minus

3). PASSING—Denver, Keenum 23-37-2-202. Oakland, Carr 19-26-0-167. 6-40, Patrick 3-44, Booker 3-21, Lindsay 2-11, Bri.Parker 2-10, Janovich 1-11, Oakland, J.Nelson 7-75, Richard 4-40, Cook 2-20, Roberts 2-14, Waller 2-8, Martin 1-9, K.Smith

MISSED FIELD GOALS-Denver, McManus 58.

# **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

RESULTS/SCHEDULE All times Eastern (Subject to change)

**FCS PLAYOFFS** Saturday, Jan. 5

At Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), noon **BOWL RESULTS/SCHEDULE** 

Dec. 15 Celebration Bowl at Atlanta N.C. A&T 24. Alcorn State 22 Cure Bowl at Orlando, Fla.

Tulane 41, Louisiana-Lafayette 24 New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque Utah State 52, North Texas 13 Las Vegas Bowl Fresno State 31, Arizona State 20 Camellia Bowl at Montgomery, Ala. Georgia Southern 23, Eastern Michigan 21 **New Orleans Bowl** Appalachian State 45, Middle Tennessee 13

Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl UAB 37, Northern Illinois 13

Dec. 19 Frisco (Texas) Bowl Ohio 27, San Diego State 0

Gasparilla Bowl at St. Petersburg, Fla. Marshall 38, South Florida 20

Dec. 21 Bahamas Bowl at Nassau Famous Idaho Potato Bowl at Boise BYU 49, W. Michigan 18

Dec. 22 Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34 Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas Army 70, Houston 14 **Dollar General Bowl at Mobile, Ala.** Trov 42, Buffalo 32 Hawaii Bowl at Honolulu Louisiana Tech 31, Hawaii 14

Wednesday's Games

Thursday's Games

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl at Dallas Boston College (7-5) vs. Boise State (10-3), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN) **Quick Lane Bowl at Detroit** Minnesota (6-6) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Cheez-It Bowl at Phoenix California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La. Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Pinstripe Bowl at The Bronx, N.Y. Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 5:15 p.m. Texas Bowl at Houston Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6). 9 n.m.

(ESPN)

Friday's Games Music City Bowl at Nashville, Tenn. Camning World Bowl at Orlando, Fla.

Alamo Bowl at San Antonio Iowa State (8-4) vs. Washington State (10-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday's Games Peach Bowl at Atlanta Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), noon Belk Bowl at Charlotte, N.C.

South Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5), noon (ABC)
Arizona Bowl at Tucson, Ariz. Arkansas State (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5), 1:15 p.m. (CBSSN)

Cotton Bowl Classic at Arlington, Texas

College Football Playoffs Semifinal: Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 4 p.m. Orange Bowl at Miami Gardens, Fla. CFP Semifinal: Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

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

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6), 2 p.m.

Redbox Bowl at Santa Clara, Calif. Michigan State (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4), 3 p.m. (FOX)

Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn. Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma State (6-6), 3:45

Holiday Bowl at San Diego Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4), 7 p.m. Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla. North Carolina State (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 Outback Bowl at Tampa, Fla. Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), noon Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla. Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn State (9-3), 1 p.m.

(ABC) Fiesta Bowl at Glendale, Ariz. LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0), 1 p.m. (ESPN) Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif. Washington (10-3) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN) Mondav. Jan. 7 College Football Championship at Santa Clara, Calif.

East-West Shrine Classic At St. Petersburg, Fla. East vs. West. 3 p.m. (NFLN) NFLPA Collegiate Bowl at Pasadena, Calif. American vs. National, TBA (NFLN)

Cotton Bowl winner vs. Orange Bowl winner.

Saturday, Jan. 26 Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala. North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (NFLN)

# **PRO BASKETBALL**

# All times Fastern EASTERN CONFERENCE ATLANTIC DIVISION Toronto

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Sunday's Games Atlanta 98, Detroit 95 Indiana 105, Washington 89 Boston 119, Charlotte 103 Brooklyn 111, Phoenix 103 Chicago 112, Cleveland 92 Miami 115, Orlando 91 Sacramento 122, New Orleans 117 Minnesota 114, Oklahoma City 112 Golden State 129, L.A. Clippers 127 Portland 121, Dallas 118, OT Memphis 107, L.A. Lakers 99 Monday's Games No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games Milwaukee 109, New York 95 Houston 113, Oklahoma City 109 Philadelphia at Boston, late L.A. Lakers at Golden State, late Portland at Utah, late Today's Games
Phoenix at Orlando, 7 p.m. Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m. Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. New Orleans at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Thursday's Games
Boston at Houston, 8 p.m. New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m. Philadelphia at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

# **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL THE AP TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place

vote through one point for a 25th-place vote

and last week's ranking: RECORD PTS. 11-1 1,529 12-0 1,472 10-1 1,471 1. Duke (35) 2. Michigan (9) 3. Tennessee (12) 11-0 1,427 10-1 1,386 4. Virginia (4) 5. Kansas (4) 6. Nevada 12-0 1,316 11-2 1,199 10-2 1,146 Gonzaga 8. Michigan State 9. Florida State 11-1 1,061 924 845 10. Virginia Tech 13 12 7 15 9 16 11. Texas Tech 12. Auburn 10-2 13. Ohio State 11-1 14. North Carolina 8-3 10-2 15. Wisconsin 16. Kentucky 17. Arizona State 10-2 18. Marquette 19. Mississippi State 11-1 20. North Carolina State 21. Buffalo 11-1 279 22. Houston 23. Indiana 12-0 11-2 274 10-2 25. Oklahoma 11-1 163 Others receiving votes: Nebraska 160, Kansas St. 69, St. John's 67, Villanova 44, Cincinnati

# 4, Purdue 3, Belmont 2, Furman 2, NJIT 1, Penn 1, San Francisco 1. **USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL**

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 23, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

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		RECORD		LW
	1. Virginia (10)	11-0	757	3
	2. Duke (9)	11-1	755	2
	3. Tennessee (7)	10-1	734	4
	4. Michigan (4)	12-0	722	5
	5. Kansas (2)	10-1	670	1
	6. Nevada	12-0	659	6
	7. Michigan State	10-2	587	8
	8. Gonzaga	11-2	576	9
	9. Florida State	11-1	508	12
	10. Virginia Tech	10-1	475	13
	11. Auburn	10-2	418	7
	11. Ohio State	11-1	418	14
	13. Texas Tech	10-1	391	11
	14. North Carolina	8-3	334	10
	15. Kentucky	9-2	331	18
	16. Wisconsin	10-2	288	17
	17. Arizona State	9-2	278	19
	17. Mississippi State	11-1	278	16
	19. Houston	12-0	203	20
	20. Marquette	10-2	167	23
ı	21. Iowa	10-2	128	21
ı	22. Buffalo	11-1	117	15
	23. Nebraska	10-2	113	22
	24. North Carolina State	e 11-1	112	_
	25. Indiana	11-2	90	_
	Others receiving votes:	Oklahom	a 71,	

St. John's 39, Cincinnati 34, Villanova 30, Maryland 28, Iowa State 22, Kansas State 21, TCU 17, Furman 9, UCF 8, Louisville 3, North Texas 3. Seton Hall 3, Belmont 1, THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

# **Monday's Games** No games scheduled Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled Today's Games No games scheduled Thursday's Games Friday's Games

No. 7 Gonzaga vs. North Alabama, 9 p.m. No. 10 Virginia Tech vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 7 p.m. No. 11 Texas Tech vs. Texas-Rio Grande No. 18 Marquette vs. Southern University, 8 p.m. No. 20 N.C. State vs. Loyola (Md.), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY'S RESULTS SOUTH**Rhode Island 75, Charlotte 61 (Sunday night)

#### **TUESDAY'S GAMES TOURNAMENT**

At Hawaii Colorado 68, Charlotte 53 Hawaii 68, Rhode Island 60 Indiana St. vs. TCU, late

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE** All times Eastern No games scheduled

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE MIDWEST
UMKC at Creighton, 8 p.m.

# **GOLF**

# **PGA TOUR**

# 2018-19 WINNERS/SCHEDULE Oct. 4-7 — Safeway Open (Kevin Tway) Oct. 11-14 — CIMB Classic (Marc Leishman)

Oct. 18-21 — The CJ Cup (Brooks Koepka)
Oct. 25-28 — WGC-HSBC Champions (Xander Oct. 25-28 - Sanderson Farms Championship

(Cameron Champ) Nov. 1-4 — Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (Bryson DeChambeau)

Nov. 8-11 — Mayakoba Golf Classic (Matt Nov. 15-18 — RSM Classic (Charles Howell III) x-Nov. 29-Dec. 2 - Hero World Challenge

# **FOOD**

#### **ENTERTAINING**

# **SHOW OFF DESSERTS**

To save time on holiday party planning, focus your efforts on a few star desserts, which can easily elevate any party, 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 flavor options with different textures and colors, such as layered trifles, fluffy pies and stacks of cookies and bars.

HOLIDAY BAKING

# PERFECT COOKIES

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



**HEALTHY EATING** 

# **ARE GREAT**

**Having fresh** staples such as California table grapes on hand helps brighten and fuel up after activities. Try Quinoa Tabbouleh Salad with Grapes, which replaces traditional bulgur with quinoa, or a Mediterranean Pizza using whole-wheat naan instead of a traditional crust. For these recipes and more recipe ideas, visit grapesfrom california.com.

— Brandpoint

### FLASH IN THE PAN

# Salt, fat, acid = mayc There's more

to mayonnaise than meets the mouth



By Ari LeVaux

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n May, the Wall Street Journal reported that U.S. mayonnaise sales had fallen by 6.7 percent since 2012. A subsequent article in Philadelphia magazine sought to explain that drop by blaming millennials 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.

And while the article did quote me, I can't 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 fat. As Samin Nosrat explains in her cookbook "Salt Fat 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.

In addition to its frictionless texture and flavor-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:

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 can't, go their separate ways, thanks to the assistance of a neutral third party, known as the emulsifier. Per USDA, the only permitted emulsifier in mayonnaise is egg yolk.

# **Vegan varieties**

The sales data that the Wall Street Journal 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 egg-free variety called Vegenaise, which uses a lecithin-like protein derived from peas as its 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 provides a point of contact between the mayo and me, allowing me to feel the emulsion as it develops.

## One Yolk Mayo

- 1 egg yolk, carefully separated
- 2 cups light oil (sunflower or grapeseed)
- 9 teaspoons lime juice
- · 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 ¼ teaspoon of oil into the seasoned yolk, going around the bowl 15 to 20 times with 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

The emulsion will start gathering into a ball in the middle of your whisk, and you will have to smack the handle against the rim of the bowl to knock it out. 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.

re-stiffen as you whisk.

After those first 20 patient, tedious quarterteaspoons, whisk in a second 1/2 teaspoon of lime juice. Begin adding oil 1/2 teaspoon at a time until the initial ½ cup of oil is used. Measure out a second ½ cup, and add this oil a teaspoon at a time, adding another 3 1/2 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 mayo that tastes and 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 4 1/2 teaspoons lime juice and another pinch of salt added along the way.

# **FLEUR DE LOLLY**

# Try a different way to use leftover holiday ham



**Laura Tolbert** 

f you baked a ham for Christmas, and you're already 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 • 1 medium yellow onion,
- 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 • 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup half and half
- 2 cups Mexican blend cheese
- nishing if desired In a large Dutch oven, over

· Chopped cilantro for gar-

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 cheese 1/4 cup at a time, continually 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, fleurdelolly. blogspot.com for more than eight years. She won the Duke Mayonnaise 100th Anniversary nationwide recipe contest for her Alabama White BBQ Sauce. You can contact her at facebook.com/fleurde. lolly.5, on Instagram, and fleurdelolly@yahoo.com.

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Precipitation

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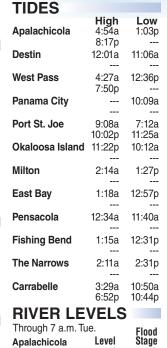
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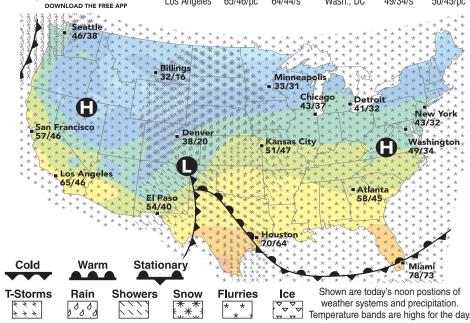
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# Harness the power of garlic in your everyday cooking

**Dangerous** 

Marine Life

By Becky Krystal The Washington Post

There are probably plenty of small but mighty ingredients hanging out in your kitchen. Cinnamon sticks, 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 variety of dishes, this little bulb can do it all.

"It's such a simple way to get a lot of flavor. It's a simple bulb," says Kate Winslow, who wrote "Onions Etcetera: The Essential Allium Cookbook" with her husband, Guy Ambrosino. It's complex, too. When raw, it's sharp, spicy and pungent. But cooking garlic gives way to sweetness, even caramelization.

Want to make the 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 smaller cloves, and hard-neck, which sports larger cloves in a single ring around a woody stalk. You're most likely to come across hardneck 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/THE

they won't have a green sprout running through 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 favorite method is the good ol' knife smash. 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) garlic, the flavor and age of which can be questionable, and which includes preservatives. Best to work your 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 bread. "It's like salt in a way," Ambrosino says. "It just adds more flavor."

Serve with salad and soup, as well as dips, spreads, bruschetta 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-flavored marinade," she says. As we've already covered, garlic is a natural in dressings. It's also right at home in stir-fries, particularly when mixed with scallions 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 beginning. "Garlic is definitely our second love behind onions," Winslow says. "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

60s

70s

80s

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**By Ellie Krieger** The Washington Post

30s

Chocolate and orange often arrive together at a holiday party in the form of chocolate-dipped, candied 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 recipe is my wish come true. It captures the pure essence of the chocolateorange 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 easier and safer to use 2 oranges to get the 24 slices.

MAKE AHEAD: The dipped crisps need to be refrigerated for at least 30 minutes, and up to 2 weeks, before serving. Store in an airtight container (layered between pieces of wax paper).

# **INGREDIENTS**

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

# **STEPS**

Position racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven; preheat to 200 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Cutting a whole orange or two into very thin wheels using a mandoline and baking the slices at a low temperature – dehydrating them, really – turns them into crisp, almoststained-glass rounds of concentrated orange flavor. The sprinkle of confectioners' sugar that dissolves 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 chocolate and then chilled until the coating has set. They make a lovely holiday gift layered in a box or jar and wrapped with a ribbon - if you can resist keeping them all to yourself.

Use a mandoline to cut the oranges into 24 very thin slices. Discard any pits (sometimes found even in navel oranges), then arrange the orange slices on the baking sheets in a single layer. Sprinkle them with the sugar. Bake (upper and lower racks) 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. Line the baking sheets with wax paper.

Place the chocolate in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH in 30-second intervals, stirring after each time until the chocolate is just melted and smooth. Dip the orange slices in chocolate to coat them halfway, returning them to the wax paper-lined baking sheets once they are dipped. (Tip the bowl as needed to get coverage once the chocolate level gets low.) Refrigerate for 30 minutes, or until set.

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CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL BY: /s/ Mario Gisbert City Manager Pub: 2018 December 26,

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City Manager December 26, 2018 22487 IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF THE 14th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.:

18000034CA Tyndall Federal Credit

Plaintiff, VS.

The Unknown Heirs, Grantees, Devisees, Assignees. Lienors. Creditors, Trustees, or Other Claimants Claiming By, Through, Under, or Against Marlene Crowe, Deceased, and Any and All Unknown Parties Claiming By, Through, Under, and Against the Herein Named Individual Defendants Who Are Not Known to Be Dead or Alive, Whether said Un-known Parties May Claim an Interest as Spouses, Heirs, Devi-sees, Grantees, or Other Claimants, Krista Corona, and Patrick Crowe, Defendants.

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cember 11, 2018, in Case Number 18000034CA, of the Circuit Court in and for Bay County, Florida, in which Tyndall Federal Credit Union is the Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Trustees, Creditors, Claimants Claiming By, Through, Under, or Against Marlene Crowe, Deceased, and Any and All Unknown Parties Claiming By. Through, Under, Against the H Herein Named Individual De fendants Who Are Not Known to Be Dead or Alive, Whether said Un known Parties May Claim an Interest as Spouses, Heirs, Devisees. Grantees. Other Claimants, Krista Corona, and Patrick Crowe, are the Defend-ants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash online

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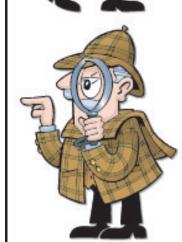
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