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Task force's deadline tight

Volunteers sought for working groups on Hurricane Michael recovery plan

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PANAMA CITY — While recovery from Hurricane Michael will take years to accomplish, a Bay County task force has been given an eight-week deadline to create a comprehensive plan containing the concrete goals and objectives of the county and its seven cities.

At its first working meeting on Thursday, the Bay County

Long-Term Recovery Task Force received a blueprint for action from its consultant, Eric Swider of Renatus Advisors, who underscored the importance of crafting “a common comprehensive plan” for the recovery effort as soon as possible. This document, Swider said, will be a crucial means for securing long-term federal, state and private-sector financial aid for the community.

“One of your first and most important tasks will be creating a common economic recovery plan,” Swider said. “It is critical to get these plans launched — now is the time.”

Swider appeared with Tim Moore, senior partner of The Integrity Group, a disaster-response consultant based in Tallahassee. The county hired the consultants in December — both veterans in managing disaster response efforts by local governments — to assist the task force.

Swider said that the Bay County plan will be essential not only to securing federal financial aid, but for creating programs that contain federal tax incentives that will be vital to attracting participation by private investors.

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Commissioner Robert Carroll, right, speaks at the Long Term Disaster Recovery Task Force meeting on Thursday at the Bay County Government Center. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

‘Here for a reason’



Tanya Green leans on a friend while others shared memories of her daughter, Gabbie Green, in Panama City Beach on Thursday. Gabbie Green died by suicide last year, and her family and friends gathered on the beach to remember her and help those experiencing bullying at school or thoughts of self-harm. [PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Friends, family of Gabbie Green honor her memory one year after 12-year-old's death

By Genevieve Smith
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PANAMA CITY BEACH — As the sun began to set Thursday evening, a group of about 80 people gathered by Beach Access 55 to remember Gabbie Green, the 12-year-old who took her own life one year ago after her parents said she was bullied by her peers.

Visitors held candles and listened to Gabbie's family and friends who honored Gabbie by sharing stories and her best qualities, describing her as a happy, energetic, goofy and competitive young girl — one who loved to have fun and impress those around her.

“All the simple things, little



Family and friends of Gabbie Green gather in Panama City Beach on Thursday to remember her a year after her death.

things are what you miss,” said Gabbie's mother, Tanya Green, describing her new life without her daughter.

“She told us everything,”

said Green. “We were so close — that's why it hits us so hard.”

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MOSLEY TO HOST PANHANDLE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Federal employees rally at the Capitol to protest the impasse between Congress and President Donald Trump, Thursday in Washington. [J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Payday without pay hits federal workers

By Brady McCombs and Juliet Linderman
The Associated Press

OGDEN, Utah — Payday will come Friday without any checks for about 800,000 federal employees affected by the government shutdown, forcing workers to scale back spending, cancel trips, apply for unemployment benefits and take out loans to stay afloat.

IRS employee Krystle Kirkpatrick and her family, including her two children, ages 6 and 12, aren't eating out, buying brand-name foods or getting drinks at the gas station. Her husband is working overtime in his job as a machinist to try to make up for her lost paycheck.

Her mortgage company informed her it won't let her skip a payment, and she still has to pay daycare even though her children aren't going or she will lose their spot to another family on the waiting list. She has applied for unemployment

but doesn't know when the benefits will begin arriving.

“It's a very scary feeling to know that your payday is coming and nothing is coming,” the Ogden woman said. “I don't think the administration and the houses of Congress understand the repercussions of not having a paycheck.”

The shutdown, which enters its 21st day Friday, will be the longest in history by this weekend and is forcing many American families to make tough decisions. It's especially hard for workers who don't have enough savings to cover their mortgages and other bills. Roughly 420,000 federal employees were deemed essential and are working unpaid. An additional 380,000 are staying home without pay. While furloughed federal workers have been given back pay in previous shutdowns, it's not guaranteed that will happen this time.

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GO & DO

Friday, Jan. 11
FINDING BEAUTY AGAIN: Painting workshop Jan. 9-11 at The Palms Conference Center in Panama City Beach. Instructor Linda Pelc focuses on fellowship and fun while painting in watercolor, acrylic or oil. No charge for artists recovering from Hurricane Michael; donations will be accepted. Details at BeachArtGroup.com
#ARTCITYPC LOCAL ARTIST EXPO: Exhibit open through Jan. 18, 2019 at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Details at PCCenterForTheArts.com
'PAUL NEWMAN RETROSPECTIVE' FILM FESTIVAL: 2 p.m. 'Hud,' 4:30 p.m. 'The Sting,' and 7 p.m. 'Cool Hand Luke,' at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City (taking over for the Martin Theatre). Admission: \$7.50 per film. Details at MartinTheatre.com
BALLROOM DANCING: 6:30 - 8:30 PM Friday at the Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Rd., Panama City. For all levels - beginners and up. Come enjoy good music on the best dance floor in the area. \$5 per person at the door. For more info call 850-277-0566 or email at dpgordon01@yahoo.com.
'ON GOLDEN POND': 7:30 p.m. at Mosley High School's Gretchen Nelson Scott Fine Arts Center, 501 Mosley Drive, Lynn Haven, presented by Kaleidoscope Theatre. Directed by Lois Carter, this touching dramatic comedy explores the relationship between a grown daughter and her elderly father. Tickets: Adults \$18 (reserved), \$20 (at door); Military/Seniors \$17 (reserved) \$19 (at door); Students \$12. Details at KT-Online.org

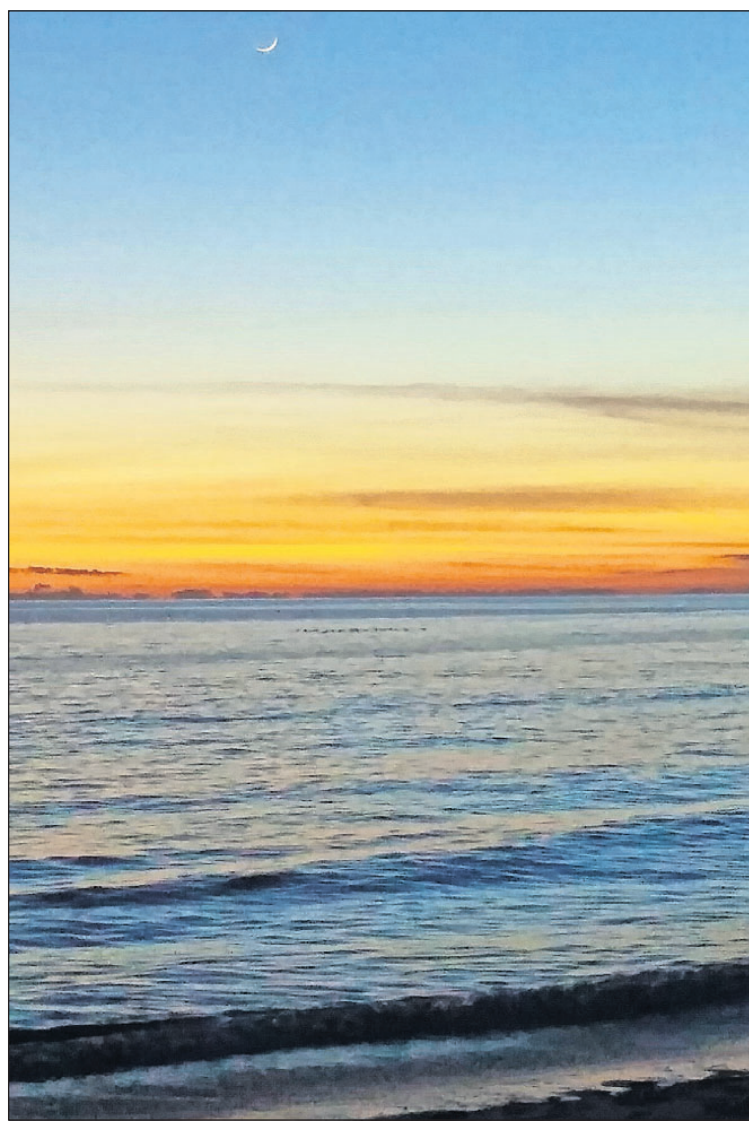
Tuesday, Jan. 15
PANAMA CITY WRITERS ASSOCIATION: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Civic Club, 2629 W. 10th St., Panama City. Critiques of each other's writing. All genres. Bring about five or six copies of four or five pages, printed in 12-point font and double-spaced. Website: PanamaCityWriters.org
'LOVE, GILDA' - THE REP FILM SERIES: 6 p.m. at the Rep Theatre, Seaside. Doors open at 5:30. Popcorn and beverages for sale. Tickets: \$12.50 general admission, \$10 for Rep members. Details at LoveTheRep.com

Friday, Jan. 18
30A SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL: Jan. 18-21 at venues all along Walton County 30A. Headliners include Jason Isbell, Brandi Carlile, Steve Earle, Shawn Mullins, Robyn Hitchcock and many more. Weekend passes, tickets and other details at FreshTix.com.
THE KINGSTON TRIO - 'THE LEGACY TOUR': 7:30 p.m. at the Majestic Resort Ballroom, 10901 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Carrying on the trio's signature sound and songs are Josh Reynolds, the son of original member Nick Reynolds, with Mike Marvin and Tim Gorelagton. Part of the 'Martin Presents' series. For details, visit MartinTheatre.com/presents-series or call the box office at 850-763-8080

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Gary Treadway, visiting from Florence, Kentucky, sent us this photo of a sunset.
 [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer **Naomi Judd** is 73. World Golf Hall of Famer **Ben Crenshaw** is 67. Singer **Robert Earl Keen** is 63. Actress **Phyllis Logan** is 63. Musician **Vicki Peterson** (The Bangles) is 61. Actress **Kim Coles** is 57. Actor **Jason Conner** is 56. Former child actress **Dawn Lyn** (TV: "My Three Sons") is 56. Contemporary Christian musician **Jim Bryson** is 51. Rock musician **Tom Dumont** (No Doubt) is 51. Movie director **Malcolm D. Lee** is 49. Singer **Mary J. Blige** is 48. Musician **Tom Rowlands** (The Chemical Brothers) is 48. Actor **Marc Blucas** is 47. Actress **Amanda Peet** is 47. Actor **Rockmond Dunbar** is 46. Actress **Aja Naomi King** is 34. Actress **Kristolyn Lloyd** is 34. Reality TV star **Jason Wahler** is 32. Pop singer **Cody Simpson** is 22.

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CATCH OF THE DAY

Tim Peterson shared this photo in the Panama City Fishing Facebook group and said, "Commercial Amberjack fishing with Tommy Merrell yesterday. South of Dog Island." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



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TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2019. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1913, the first enclosed sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

On this date:

In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

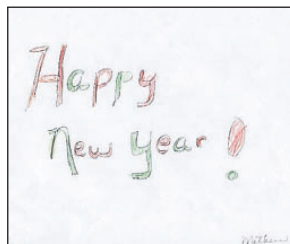
In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.

In 1939, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, the British foreign secretary, met with Italian leader Benito Mussolini in Rome.

In 1963, the Beatles' single "Please Please Me" (B side "Ask Me Why") was released in Britain by Parlophone.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued "Smoking and Health," a report which concluded that "cigarette smoking contributes substantially to mortality from certain specific diseases and to the overall death rate."

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.



Matthew Cooper, Grade 5, St. Andrew School.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Wednesday:
Fantasy 5: 01-11-21-26-32
Lotto: 04-18-19-28-33-38; estimated jackpot: \$8.5 million
Lotto XTRA: 05
Mega Millions: Estimated jackpot: \$50 million
Pick 2 Evening: 5-4
Pick 2 Midday: 0-5
Pick 3 Evening: 2-2-0
Pick 3 Midday: 0-1-8
Pick 4 Evening: 5-1-2-9
Pick 4 Midday: 3-0-3-8
Pick 5 Evening: 8-5-7-4-1
Pick 5 Midday: 0-2-7-9-3
Powerball: 06-19-37-49-59; Powerball: 22; Power Play: 3; estimated jackpot: \$82 million

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★★★★★ 7 months ago

I hired Rick and his company, Sun coast roofing. After hurricane season last year. My house was a mess. I was not looking forward to all the calls, paperwork, appt. Didn't even know where to start. Thanks to Rick I had no worries. He took care of everything from start to finish. The workmanship was great. I had no complaints whatsoever. I would not Hesitate one bit to hire them again.

★★★★★ 8 months ago

Sun Coast Roofing installed our new roof after damage from Hurricane Irma. Eric Johnsa represented the firm with an open and friendly demeanor. Eric was professional and knowledgeable. The work was completed over two days. The crew was efficient and cleaned up the yard. I didn't see any debris or nails after they left. We are still waiting on a final inspection from the city but at this point, we are satisfied customers. The roof is beautiful!

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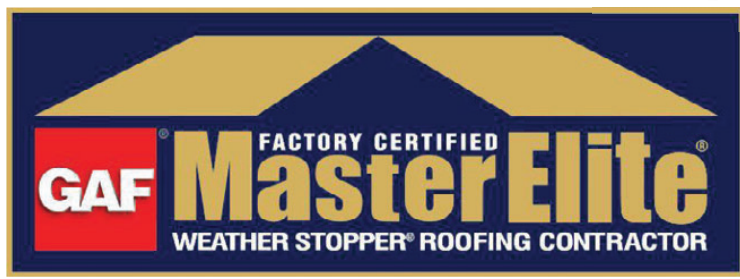
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NATION & WORLD

Shutdown stymies asylum cases

By Amy Taxin
The Associated Press

The partial government shutdown over President Donald Trump's demand for a border wall is playing havoc with the nation's already backlogged immigration courts, forcing the postponement of hearings for thousands of immigrants.

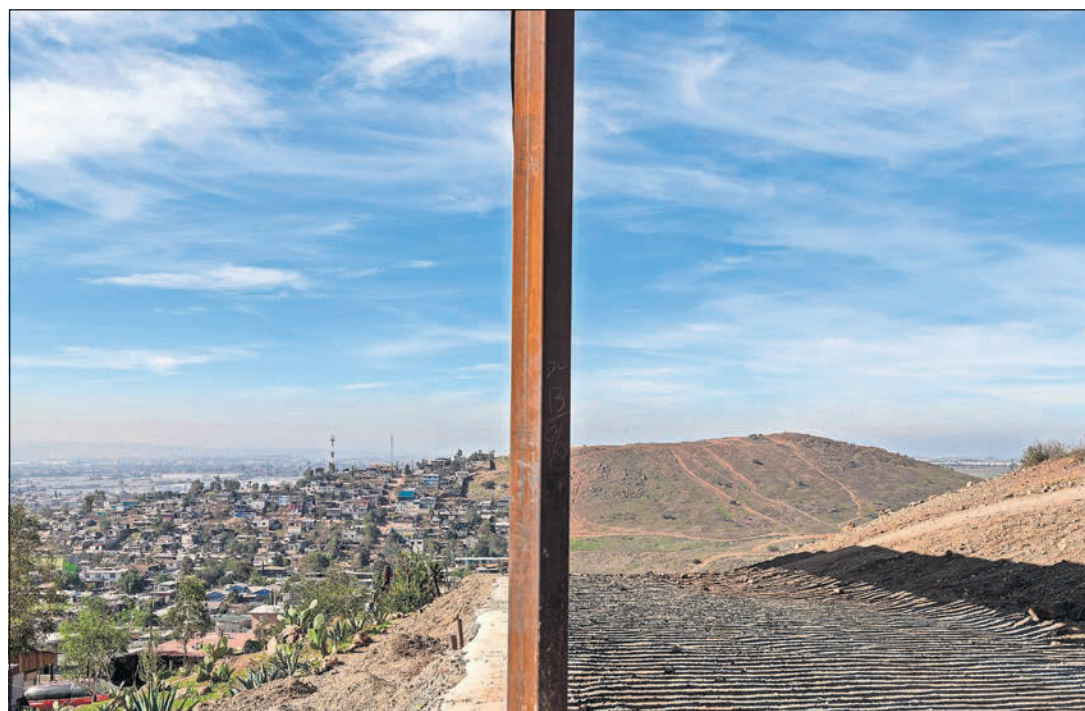
For some of those asking for asylum in the U.S., the impasse could mean years more of waiting — and prolonged separation from loved ones overseas — until they get a new court date.

But for those immigrants with little chance of winning their bids to stay in this country legally, the shutdown could help them stave off deportation that much longer — adding to the very delays the Trump administration has railed against.

"It is just dripping with irony," said Sarah Pierce, policy analyst at the non-partisan Migration Policy Institute. "This administration has put a lot of emphasis on speeding up court cases, and the shutdown obviously is just going to cause massive delays."

The shutdown has furloughed hundreds of thousands of government employees and halted services that aren't deemed essential, including, in many instances, the immigration courts overseen by the Justice Department.

Hearings involved detained immigrants are still going



This Dec. 22 photo shows Tijuana, Mexico, left, and San Diego, Calif., separated by a U.S. border fence. [DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

forward. But untold thousands of other proceedings have been postponed. No one knows for how long; it depends on when employees return to work and hearings can be reset.

Immigration experts said cases could be delayed months or years since the courts have more than 800,000 pending cases, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University, and many courtrooms are tightly booked.

Immigration Judge Dana Marks, former president of the National Association of Immigration Judges, said she has at least 60 hearings a day in her

San Francisco courtroom and no space on her docket for at least the next three years.

"The cases that are not being heard now — there is no readily available place to reschedule them until at least 2022 or beyond," Marks said of her courtroom.

Immigration judges hear a wide range of complex cases from immigrants from across the world, some who have recently arrived in the United States, others who have lived in the country for years and the government is seeking to deport.

Immigration judges have long sought more staffing to handle the ballooning

caseload, which has roughly doubled in five years following a surge in Central American children and families arriving at the southern border. The Trump administration has tried to speed up the courts by assigning immigration judges quotas and stopping them from shelving cases.

Some of the toughest cases immigration judges hear are claims for asylum, or protection from persecution. And long wait times can be especially difficult for asylum seekers, since they can't bring spouses or children to join them in the United States unless their asylum requests are approved.

Reynold Finnegan, an immigration attorney in Los Angeles, said one of his Afghan clients hasn't seen his wife or children in nearly nine years. After being kidnapped and tortured by the Taliban, the man left his homeland, traveled across the world and made his way to the U.S.-Mexico border to seek asylum, Finnegan said.

He waited more than six years for his final hearing before an immigration judge, but it was canceled last week because of the shutdown, and he doesn't know how much longer it will take.

"He is devastated," Finnegan said. "He was really planning on seeing his wife later in the year when he got approved, and his children."

Since the shutdown began in December, immigrants have had to prepare for their scheduled court hearings and in many cases travel to court, knowing the proceedings might be postponed. In Northern states, that can mean hourslong car trips through ice and snow and taking days off from work.

The delays are painful for many immigrants, especially those who have strong asylum claims or green card applications and want to get their lives on solid footing in the United States.

Those with the weakest asylum claims actually benefit from the delays, because they are able to remain in the U.S. in the meantime and hold out hope of qualifying for legal status by some other means down the road.

DATELINES

LOS ANGELES



United Teachers Los Angeles union president Alex Caputo-Pearl, center, speaks during a news conference Wednesday in Los Angeles. A Los Angeles judge on Thursday found no reason to delay an expected teachers strike next week against the nation's second-largest school district over wages and class sizes. Superior Court Judge Mary H. Strobel ruled on the issue of whether United Teachers Los Angeles had given legally proper notice of a work stoppage. [AP]

CARACAS, VENEZUELA



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro and first lady Cilia Flores stop to greet flag-waving children upon arrival to the Supreme Court for Maduro's inauguration ceremony, Thursday in Caracas, Venezuela. Maduro celebrated the start to a second term as Venezuela's leader Thursday, but his world just got smaller as countries seized upon the inauguration to cut diplomatic ties, reject his legitimacy and label him a dictator. [AP]

PARIS



A woman passes by a mural depicting yellow vest protesters, Thursday in Paris. As France's yellow vest movement digs in for more protests, weeks of street clashes have produced a competition over which side can raise more money: protesters or police. So far, the police seem to be winning. An online crowdfunding campaign for officers hurt in confrontations with protesters raised more than 1 million euros (almost \$1.2 million) by Thursday, days after it was launched. [AP]

SHREVEPORT, LA.

Louisiana police officer fatally shot while leaving for work

A recently graduated Louisiana police officer has been fatally shot as she was in uniform leaving for work on the night shift.

Officer Chateri Payne, who had graduated from the police academy Nov. 16, died within hours of being shot outside a home Wednesday night, Shreveport Police Chief Ben Raymond said Thursday during a livestreamed news conference.

Raymond said Payne had been shot multiple times but he could not say where she was hit. He could not provide her age or say whether the home was hers.

"There was a child located at the residence," Raymond said. "We do not know what the child may or may not have been witness to."

LOS ANGELES

Judge dismisses part of Judd lawsuit against Weinstein

A judge has dismissed one section of Ashley Judd's lawsuit against Harvey Weinstein, but the rest remains headed toward trial.

U.S. District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez ruled Wednesday that Judd's sexual harassment claim isn't within the scope of a California statute.

Gutierrez had already rejected the claim in November but allowed Judd's lawyers to amend it, then dismissed it again.

Gutierrez said Judd's allegations of defamation and economic interference can continue. Judd attorney Theodore Boutrous Jr. says nothing about the ruling changes the fact that Judd's lawsuit is moving forward, and her strong case remains intact.

CAMDEN, S.C.

Police: Man threw coffee in face of teen fast food worker

Police in South Carolina say a McDonald's patron hurled hot coffee in the face of a teen drive-thru worker because he was angry about the wait for his food.

News outlets say it happened last month.

A police report says the man felt he had waited too long for his order and so asked the worker to throw in a large order of fries and to speak to a manager.

The report says the worker said "OK," closed the window, and told colleagues she didn't want to go back because the man was acting "obnoxious." The man waved her back and when she opened the window again, he splashed the coffee in her face.

LONDON

Abe says Japan hopes UK will avoid no-deal Brexit

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has urged British lawmakers to back Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal, saying "the whole world" wants Britain to avoid leaving the European Union without a deal, to ensure trade continues smoothly.

Abe's words, on a visit to London Thursday, were a boost to May, who is struggling to win support for her deal in Parliament. Lawmakers are due to vote on the agreement Tuesday, and all signs suggest they will reject it, adding uncertainty to Brexit less than three months before Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29.

"We truly hope that a no-deal Brexit will be avoided. In fact, that is the wish of the whole world," Abe said.

ATHENS, GREECE

Greece, Germany put tension behind them in Merkel visit

Germany and Greece put years of tension over the painful Greek bailout program behind them Thursday, with Chancellor Angela praising the improvement of the country's finances during a heavily policed visit to Athens.

Many Greeks blame Merkel for the austerity they suffered for much of the past decade, which led to a sharp and prolonged recession and a bad deterioration in living standards.

But very few turned out on the streets to protest the visit, more out of lack of engagement than because of a police ban on demonstrations in the city center.

The Associated Press

GREEN

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Jorge Fajardo, the student pastor from Gabbie's church, led the group in a prayer for students, the bullied and the bullies, to feel hope and love in moments of hopelessness and isolation.

"Every person, even if you don't like them, they matter,"

Fajardo told the crowd. "You're going to make sure every student feels love."

Decaris Hunter, known by most for his "Spread the Love" signs, also made an appearance, and spoke out about the community-wide damaging effect of suicide.

"I know (suicide) might seem like the easiest way out, but it's not," said Hunter. "We've got to make it through this together."

Other parents also spoke

about suicide and how Gabbie's life and its tragic end made a lasting impact on their own lives.

"If you see a difference in your child, get on their level. Ask them," said one parent.

Tanya Green reminded visitors how difficult it can be for children to open up, no matter how close they seem to be with their family. She encouraged everyone to get in the habit of checking on their children to see how they are

doing in their lives each night before bed.

"Not just to see if they've brushed their teeth," she said.

Though Green said she might never have an answer for why Gabbie had to leave the Earth so suddenly, she does know that her and her family's recovery will not be silent. Gabbie's death, she said, has put a spotlight on the dangers of bullying in school and on social media, encouraged schools to reform their

policies on bullying, and has influenced parents to become more involved in their children's lives.

"We're here for a reason. All of us," said Green. "Every kid has the right to a safe education."

"If us helping a kid sort through their issues or to get help, counseling, or just to feel good about themselves, to be confident — then that's why we're here now. That's thanks to Gabbie."

DEADLINE

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Speaking of federal tax credits and federal seed money that could be made available for specific recovery projects such as housing, Swider said, "Private capital understands the power of that money (which will) attract private investors," he added.

To lay the groundwork for the community's unified response effort, the task force has created six working groups and appointed volunteer chairmen to focus on specific areas vital to the recovery:

- Economic Recovery, William Cramer III, CFO Bill Cramer GM;
- Health and Social Services, Bill Husfelt, Bay County Schools Superintendent;
- Housing, Michael Johnson, Panama City director of community development (State Housing Initiatives Partnership);
- Infrastructure, Keith Bryant, Bay County Public Works director;
- Natural and Cultural Resources, Dan Rowe, president, Bay County Tourist Development Council; and
- Planning and

Capacity Building, Ian Creling, Bay County community development director.

During the eight-week preparation process, each of the working groups will hold meetings where they will identify specific priorities within their operating frameworks.

After soliciting citizen comments, the findings will be merged into a draft report for a second round of public input and comments. At that point, the task force will issue a final draft report for task force approval and action.

Task force Chairman Robert Carroll said the plan's success depends on strong participation from interested members of the community.

"We have enormous talent here in the county," Carroll said. "This is a community effort, and it will take every single one of us" to succeed.

Information on specific times and locations of the individual working group meetings will be released as soon as a schedule is implemented, said County Manager Bob Majka.

"The six (working groups) are where most of the work will take place," he added.

Residents interested in volunteering to serve on one of the working groups can contact the task force by emailing it at bocc@baycountyfl.gov.

PAYDAY

From Page A1

Government contractors, who have been placed indefinitely on unpaid leave, don't get compensated for lost hours.

Most of the government workers received their last paycheck two weeks ago, and Friday will be the first payday with no money.

At a rally Thursday in Ogden, about 100 furloughed IRS employees gathered outside the federal building to call for an end to the shutdown, chanting, "We want to work, we want to work."

Kandice Johns held a sign that read, "Congress do your job. We want to work." But Tiauna Guerra was more critical of President Donald Trump: "If he wouldn't be so for the wall and trying to make this happen, maybe we wouldn't in this situation?"

Around the country, some workers are relying on donations, including launching GoFundMe campaigns. A food pantry has opened up at a Coast Guard base in Boston. Some workers are thinking about taking second jobs.

Michelle Wallace, a 34-year-old mother of four, made a tough decision Thursday after she realized there would be no last-minute deal to end the shutdown, meaning her husband, a federal worker, would miss a paycheck.

A nurse fresh out of school and strapped with student debt, Wallace told her 16-year-old son that the family couldn't go to his basketball tournament in a neighboring town an hour away from their home in the Peoria, Illinois, area because they couldn't afford to buy tickets or use the half-tank of gas it would take to get there.

"We want to be there to support him," Wallace said through tears. "But there's no end in sight for the government opening back up, I don't know when we'll have enough money coming in, and I can't justify spending anything."

Theodore Atkinson, a furloughed trial attorney in the Justice Department's civil division, said he is spending "extraordinarily stressful" days anxiously watching the news at his home in Baltimore.

He was told to stay home during the last government shutdown in 2013. But this time, he had little time to prepare for a missed

paycheck or tie up loose ends with the cases he is working on, he said.

With two children and a mortgage, child support and alimony payments, Atkinson said he has taken out a personal loan to cover two paychecks, just to be safe. But if the shutdown stretches into February, he may need to take out another.

"It's all uncertain and I don't know how it ends or resolves itself," he said. "This isn't a matter of me not going to the movies or out to eat as much. I can't cut off my power or my cellphone or move out of my house."

Daniel Lickey, one of 3,750 workers on furlough from the IRS office in Ogden, said he won't be able to send money to his parents, who are raising his special-needs niece and nephew. He will also have to lean on a single mother he shares a duplex with to pay his share of rent this month.

Most worrisome to Lickey is the possibility he will not be able to buy the medicine he takes for his bipolar disorder, which costs \$75 with insurance. He just used his savings to fix his car.

"Without my medication, my suicidal thoughts and tendencies ramp up," said Lickey, 32. "I don't want to go to that dark and scary place."

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Signals from outer space

We're taking a break from the increasingly ridiculous game of chicken playing out in Washington and invading our TVs and other forms of communication.

Instead, we'll offer something else: Reports of scientific advances and discoveries under way.

If you haven't been paying attention to astronomy (and not enough people do), you probably missed this astronomical news: A telescope in Canada has picked up repetitive "fast radio bursts," the source of which scientists are trying to determine. They've picked up these types of signals before, but repetitive signals from the same source have been detected only one other time, according to Scientific American, citing an upcoming Nature journal report. However, scientists believe we will detect many, many more.

Meanwhile, NASA's New Horizons mission has unveiled an entirely new kind of world called Ultima Thule, the most distant object ever explored. More data, including images, are expected over the next month.

But get this: Last month, on Christmas Eve, the scientists sent a message from volunteers on Earth and "beamed" it toward New Horizons and Ultima Thule. (The message chosen was "Keep on Exploring!" according to the NASA report.)

So, what does all this mean for you? Nothing yet. But as those findings were being announced, another journal, the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, published a report that said our galaxy, The Milky Way, would crash into a satellite galaxy billions of years before originally projected.

Obviously that potential is something that should and will be studied. But there's one big caveat: NASA is among the agencies affected by the government shutdown. The workers are not being paid and the potential scientific advances are left in limbo.

Perhaps those radio signals are from aliens rescuing us from this political mess. That's nonsense, of course, but then again nonsense seems to be the go-to play of every day.

Selling your location

The Washington Post reports that some phone companies are selling location data to third parties, allowing anyone who can afford it to buy your data and do anything they want with it. The practice was first reported by the website Motherboard (which is operated by Vice Media), and lawmakers and an FCC commissioner are calling for an investigation amid concerns those third parties have little to no limitation on how the data is used.

In fact, Motherboard reported that among the third parties that received the repackaged data was a bounty hunter.

"The American people have an absolute right to the privacy of their data, which is why I'm extremely troubled by reports of this system of repackaging and reselling location data to unregulated third-party services for potentially nefarious purposes," Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., said in a statement, according to the Post.

The potential for abuse with this data is disturbing and demands an investigation.



CHRISTO KOMAR

Despite predictions, no disaster from legal weed



John Stossel

Ten states and Washington, D.C., have now legalized adult use of marijuana.

Supporters of America's long war on drugs said legalization would create disaster. Has it? No.

Colorado and Washington offer the longest points of comparison because weed has been legal in those states now for five years.

More people in Colorado tried marijuana after legalization, but that's not a surprise.

Colorado's crime rate did rise a bit, but many things influence crime rates. Washington state's violent crime rate rose a little but slightly less than the national average.

In California, people I interviewed said legalization made the streets safer. "It's cleaned up the corner," said one woman. Marijuana stores "have a lot of security (and) pay attention to who's on the sidewalk."

Sounds good to me.

But drug warriors are not convinced. Paul Chabot, a former anti-drug policy adviser for Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, tells me legalization has been a disaster.

"Colorado youth have an 85 percent higher marijuana use rate than the rest of the country," he says in my new video on marijuana legalization.

But he is wrong. Federal and state surveys and the New England Journal of

Medicine report teen marijuana use dropped a little in Colorado. Maybe there's something about legal businesses, with the dreary name "dispensaries," that makes weed less sexy to kids.

But there is bad news: The driving death rate increased in Colorado and Washington after legalization. But the data isn't clear — driving deaths are up even more in some neighboring states like Idaho, where weed still is banned.

Chabot says: "Pot driving fatalities in Colorado are up 151 percent!"

That's true, but that statistic is misleading because traces of marijuana stay in a person's system for a long time. Some of those people may have used marijuana weeks before.

A more stringent measure that may indicate whether someone was actually high at the time of an accident suggests an increase of 84 percent.

That's terrible, but the numbers of accidents are so small — 35 in all of Colorado in 2017, up from 19 in 2014 — it's hard to draw conclusions. That deserves more study.

If anti-drug warriors like Chabot want to look seriously at the statistics, they also should include the harm done by drug prohibition itself.

It's nearly impossible to overdose on pot. But banning marijuana drives sales into the black market, where criminals do the selling. And criminals are more likely to settle their disagreements with guns.

They don't perform the reliable quality controls that legal drug sellers must do to please their customers.

On the black market, customers take their chances. Then, when things go

wrong, anti-drug voices cry out: "See? Drug markets are inherently unsafe!"

Banning drugs doesn't stop teens or adults from using them. Anyone who wants the stuff knows how to get it. One survey found that teens said it's easier to buy weed than alcohol. Alcohol is rarely sold in schools, but banning marijuana creates fat profits that inspire dealers to recruit students to sell to their peers.

Then there are the billions of dollars spent by law enforcement — \$900 per second. (That's just the federal cost. Total spending is much higher.) And the million people arrested yearly for drug violations.

I suggest to Chabot that drug prohibition has worked out as badly as alcohol prohibition did nearly 100 years ago.

"Just because something doesn't work doesn't mean that we end it," he replies. "Doesn't mean we quit."

I say failure sometimes does mean you should quit, because you're doing more harm than good.

"No, because then we give up, and that's not American," Chabot says.

Well, today, two-thirds of Americans say marijuana should be legal. One state at a time, with New York and New Jersey about to join the list, Americans are giving up on marijuana prohibition.

Good. Adults should have the right to make their own decisions about what to put in their own bodies.

John Stossel is a syndicated columnist with Creators Syndicate and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails — But Individuals Succeed."

READER FEEDBACK

How long will it take before federal money reaches the area to spur along the rebuilding process? When will the House and Senate pass disaster-relief legislation that the president signs?

Linda Cummings: Anyone find it odd that Teump didn't fight this hard for his wall money while the Republicans were in charge of the Senate and House? He knew he didn't have the votes. Now because the Democrats have the house he's out to do his evil deeds again. A logical person can see through this.

Jordan Maynard: That would not appease his racist voter base and make him feel all warm and comfy about getting elected again. He is currently wearing

a for-profit maga political hat at a government function at the border. Too bad the sheep just don't get it.

Jenny Ruppenthal: Well said.

Paula O Henry: How about getting that \$5 billion that the president wants for the wall and allocating it for disaster relief instead.

Julie Taylor: Because the money is already there. There's plenty for both if the greedy politicians, on both sides, would do their jobs.

Paula O Henry: I have lots and lots of family and friends that live in Texas, from Brownsville to Mission area. They tell me there is not this huge issue down there that you keep seeing on the news. ...Who exactly do you think

has been in control of the government for the past six years? not the Democrats. I've lived on the southern border and know exactly what is going on there.

Payday will come today without any checks for about 800,000 federal employees affected by the government shutdown.

Andrew Kratzer: This might be a good time to do away with a lot of government agencies. Let's start with the TSA.

Karen Domingue: Why are Dems doing this to employees when they've voted for the wall before? Chuckie has six times.

Wade Wilson: Has happened before. They will receive all back pay and because of that banks have programs

to help them. Their life won't be changed much. Stay the course, President Trump. As of right now the top three longest gov't shutdowns are all Democrats. It's time we took the record.

Chris Oaks: For those complaining about the "nonessential government jobs," let the private sector handle it.

Four individuals from Mississippi have been arrested in a counterfeit currency scheme in Panama City Beach passing fake \$100 bills.

Debra Allen: Come on vacation; leave on probation? Glad they were arrested.

Granville Howard: Come on vacation; leave on probation. Come

back and it's a violation.

Michelle Rush: Good job, officers!

Janice Pettibone Zeimer: Good job.

A Florida surgeon will pay a \$3,000 for accidentally removing a kidney.

Steve Hord: Administrative fine different than punitive damages.

Nicole Short: If you have to have a kidney removed, they charge you \$13,000 to \$15,000. If they accidentally remove your kidney, you get \$3,000. Doesn't seem right to me.

Marie Ash: How do you "accidentally" remove a person's kidney!?

Dan Kinch: "Accidentally."

Tricia Sheffield Bramblett: I would sue for much more.

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MARKET MOVERS

• **Macy's Inc., down \$5.61 to \$26.11:** The department store cut its annual forecasts and said sales weakened in mid-December.
• **American Airlines Group Inc., down \$1.38 to \$32.04:** The airline said its fourth-quarter revenue will be at the low end of its estimates.

BRIEF CASE

NEW YORK Strong economy does little to lift department stores

Many investors had expected department stores to enjoy robust sales over the holidays in light of a U.S. economy buoyed by low unemployment, higher wages, strong consumer confidence and cheap gas.

So when Macy's and Kohl's reported lackluster numbers on Thursday, they were taken aback, sending retail stocks into a tailspin and calling into question whether such mall-based chains can compete in a changing landscape where shoppers are shifting more of their spending online.

Macy's saw only a slight increase of 1.1 percent in sales during November-December at stores opened at least year. And while sales were strong during Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the company said sales fell off noticeably until the week of Christmas.

WASHINGTON Average mortgage rates fall; 30-year at 4.45 pct.

U.S. long-term mortgage rates continued to fall this week, reaching their lowest levels in nine months.

The decline in home borrowing rates in recent weeks has been a spur to prospective homebuyers, reflected in a spike in applications for mortgages. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on the benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage dipped to 4.45 percent this week from 4.51 percent last week.

BEIJING US, China leave next steps for trade talks unclear

The United States and China gave no indication of their next step after wrapping up talks aimed at resolving a tariff fight that threatens to chill global growth.

The two sides will "maintain close contact," China's Ministry of Commerce said Thursday. But they announced no agreements or date for meeting again during the 90-day truce declared on Dec. 1 by Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping in their fight over Beijing's technology ambitions.



AvatarMind has developed service robots like iPal, which is based on artificial intelligence, motion control, sensors and power management, and created iPal to deliver on that vision with multiple applications for friendly, fun and functional robot assistants, shown Tuesday at CES International in Las

Robots take over CES tech show

By Matt O'Brien and Joseph Pisani
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Robots that walk, talk, pour beer and play pingpong have taken over the CES gadget show in Las Vegas again. Just don't expect to find one in your home any time soon.

Most home robot ventures have failed, in part because they're so difficult and expensive to design to a level of intelligence that consumers will find useful, says Bilal Zuberi, a robotics-oriented venture capitalist at Lux Capital. But that doesn't keep companies from trying.

"Roboticians, I guess, will never give up their dream to build Rosie," says Zuberi, referring to the humanoid maid from "The Jetsons."

But there's some hope for others. Frank Gillett, a tech analyst at Forrester, says robots with more focused missions such as mowing the lawn or delivering cheeseburgers stand a better shot at finding a useful niche.

Robots that deliver

There are so many delivery robots at CES that it's easy to imagine that we'll all be stumbling over them on the sidewalk — or in the elevator — before long. Zuberi says it's among the new robot trends with the most promise because the field is drawing

on some of the same advances that power self-driving cars.

But it's hard to tell which — if any — will still be around in a few years.

Segway Robotics, part of the same company that makes electric rental scooters for Lime, Jump and Bird, is the latest to get into the delivery game with a new machine it calls Loomo Delivery. The wheeled office robot can avoid obstacles, board elevators and deliver documents to another floor.

A similar office courier called the Holabot was unveiled by Chinese startup Shenzhen Pudu Technology. CEO Felix Zhang says his company already has a track record selling robots in China, where its Pudobot robot — which looks like shelves on wheels — navigates busy restaurants as a kind of robotic waiter.

Nearly all of these robots use a technology called visual SLAM, short for simultaneous localization and mapping. Most are wheeled, though there are outliers — such as one from German automotive company Continental, which wants to deploy walking robotic dogs to carry packages from self-driving delivery vans to residential front doors.

Robots for dogs

Does man's best friend need a robotic pal of its own? Some startups think so.

"There's a big problem with separation anxiety, obesity and depression in pets," says Bee-oh Kim, a marketing manager for robotics firm Varram.

The company's \$99 robot is essentially a moving treat dispenser that motivates pets to chase it around. A herd of the small, dumbbell-shaped robots zoomed around a pen at the show — though there were no canine or feline conference attendees to show how the machines really work.

Robot friends

Lovot is a simple robot with just one aim — to make its owner happy.

It can't carry on long conversations, but it's still social — approaching people so they can interact, moving around a space to create a digital map, responding to being embraced.

Lovot's horn-shaped antenna — featuring a 360-degree camera — recognizes its surroundings and detects the direction of sound and voices.

Lovot is the brainchild of Groove X CEO Kaname Hayashi, who previously worked on SoftBank's Pepper, a humanoid robot that briefly appeared in a few U.S. shopping malls two years ago. Hayashi wanted to create a real connection between people and robots.

"This is just supporting your heart, our motivation," he says.

With reports of more blowout earnings, what comes next?

By Stan Choe
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Forget about "What have you done for me lately?" The big question investors will be asking companies this upcoming earnings season is: What will you do next?

Companies are lining up to tell investors how much they made during the last three months of 2018, and the reports get going in earnest this upcoming week with Citigroup and a slew of other banks on deck. Expectations are high, and Wall Street is forecasting a fifth straight

quarter where profit growth topped 10 percent for S&P 500 companies.

Markets could use some encouragement following the worst December for stocks since the Great Depression. But investors are likely less interested in companies' performance over the last three months as what they have to say about the trends for 2019.

Economic growth around the world is expected to slow this year, and rising payroll costs could be eating into company profits. Trying to judge the impact on profits, investors will pay more attention to the conference

calls that CEOs hold with analysts and shareholders after reporting their quarterly results.

"The market is going to be very focused on the calls," said Ernie Cecilia, chief investment officer at Bryn Mawr Trust. "It's going to be about revenue expectations and margins more than anything."

Analysts have been expecting profit growth to slow for companies in 2019 following their blowout 2018, when the first year of lower tax rates provided a big, one-time boost. Wall Street has been slashing its forecasts for 2019 profit growth in recent weeks.

Industrials lead stocks up again; Macy's nosedives

By Marley Jay
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A day of back-and-forth trading Thursday ended with the fifth gain in a row for U.S. stocks. Industrial companies like Boeing and General Electric rose while retailers fell as Macy's suffered its biggest loss of all time.

Stocks struggled in the early going and the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 175 points after U.S. and Chinese officials wrapped trade talks in Beijing. Transportation and machinery companies climbed after the U.S. Trade Representative said China agreed to buy more agricultural and manufactured products.

Macy's said its sales over the holidays were worse than expected and slashed its annual profit and sales forecasts. Kohl's and L Brands also posted disappointing results and a wide variety of retailers plunged as investors worried that the stock market's December plunge stopped some shoppers from spending as much as they had planned.

"High-end consumers, even though they're making decent money (and) the economy is going on relatively strong, it may have affected their willingness to splurge over the holidays," said Ken Perkins, president of the research firm Retail Metrics. "It was not good timing at all."

The S&P 500 index added 11.68 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,596.64. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 122.80 points, or 0.5 percent, to 24,001.92 after it fell 175 points in the morning.

The Nasdaq composite rose 28.99 points, or 0.4 percent, to 6,986.07. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 6.63 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,445.43.

U.S. negotiators said China's delegation pledged to buy more energy and agricultural products and manufactured goods. That helped Boeing climb 2.6 percent to \$352.61 and General Electric jumped 5.2 percent to \$8.94 while Deere rose 3.1 percent to \$159.12.

World markets

How key international stock markets performed:

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Milan	FTSE MIB	19,179.16	0.6%
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Paris	CAC40	4,813.57	-0.2%
Frankfurt	DAX	10,893.32	0.3%
Sydney	ASX All Ordinaries	5,838.36	0.3%
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	26,462.32	0.2%
Tokyo	Nikkei	20,427.06	-1.3%
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LOCAL & STATE

Rebuild 850 gets \$250,000 donation

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PANAMA CITY — An initiative to rebuild the Florida Panhandle after Hurricane Michael got a \$250,000 boost on Thursday, but organizers stressed the recovery still needs far more support.

Rebuild 850, an initiative formed in November by two former Florida House

speakers and several nonprofits, announced the \$250,000 donation from Bank of America's charitable foundation. Organizers, while thrilled with the donation, said that though three months have passed since the hurricane, the Panhandle needs continued support from Floridians through donations to tourism and business investment.

"The outpouring from Florida has been critical, but

this mission is still far from over," said former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham, a co-chair of Rebuild 850. "There are still countless neighbors whose lives remain a daily struggle."

Former Florida House Speakers Allan Bense and Will Weatherford spearheaded the initiative's formation and gathered a host of partners, including United Way

See REBUILD, B2



Damage from Hurricane Michael remains everywhere in Mexico Beach on Wednesday. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

Stationary, but rolling



Jacque Wyatt leads an exercise class in her garage on Wednesday in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

Moved to instructor's garage, cycling class keeps Hurricane Michael survivors fit and happy

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PANAMA CITY — The sounds of stationary bike pedaling, upbeat music and friendly chatter filled cycling instructor Jacque Wyatt's garage Wednesday morning.

This is where Hurricane Michael survivors regularly meet for an indoor cycling class that keeps them physically and mentally fit.

"I've been coming here since the end of December," said Marsha Lewis, who lives in the Cove neighborhood and has been going to regular cycling classes for several years. "It means so much to me and to all of us because we all like to exercise. It's very important to us and it gets all the endorphins going and makes us feel better."

Lewis, who had a tree fall through her bedroom during Hurricane Michael, is one of the cyclists willing to make a long drive for the class, but others, like Bob Vickery, are only 15 minutes away from



Jacque Wyatt leads an exercise class in her garage on Wednesday in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

Wyatt's house. He's been cycling with Wyatt for more than five years and was one of 15 students enthusiastically pedaling Wednesday.

It's "some normal activity," said Vickery. "Everything was so disrupted that it's hard to establish anything healthy. This is what I do for my heart. It's social, healthy, a good occasion. Once we

get started, it's very quiet because we work hard."

Wyatt has been cycling for 20 years and teaching for six. When the fitness center where she used to teach was damaged by Hurricane Michael, she reached out to her students to see if they would be interested in

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JUDGE SAYS
SUSPENDED
BROWARD
ELECTIONS
CHIEF MUST
BE HEARD



The Old Callaway School House, shown here on Jan. 2, was heavily damaged by Hurricane Michael. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Businesses closed; Callaway residents traveling to PCB

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CALLAWAY — Delene Yochum almost never went over the Hathaway Bridge to Panama City Beach to shop before Hurricane Michael, but the storm's damage to Callaway has left her little choice.

Yochum lives just outside the Callaway city limits on Fox Avenue. Three months after Hurricane Michael, she noted "so many stores aren't open" that it's changed her normal shopping habits.

"It's a long-time recovery for us because Callaway took such a big hit," said Yochum. "Christmas shopping is no longer at the mall. Walmart was the only store. I

found myself shopping on the Beach and I usually don't go over there."

Yochum is one of many people now forced to travel to Panama City Beach to meet their basic needs.

Robert McDonough now has to drive to the Beach for work.

"A lot of people that did reside here have lost their jobs and homes," said McDonough, who's seen people leave Callaway for good. "The ones that did decide to stay are having trouble finding employment because they can't make the strides to go further out west to the Beach to find better employment opportunities. ... A lot of the shopping

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Deja vu for Mid-Bay Bridge; repairs could take weeks

Similar corrosion problem closed the span in 2000

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For the second time in 20 years, corrosion to support cables known as "tendons" has forced the Florida Department of Transportation to close the busy Mid-Bay Bridge for

emergency repairs.

FDOT spokesman Ian Satter confirmed Wednesday the corrosion that caused this closure "sounds similar" to what had occurred previously.

He could offer no timetable for when the latest repairs would be completed and the bridge reopened to traffic.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office reported it had been informed the shutdown could last "a couple of weeks."

The bridge was closed for all or part of 25 days in 2000 and cost its owner, the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, \$6 million in repairs and lost toll revenues.

Bridge Authority Executive Director Van Fuller referred questions about the most recent closure to the FDOT.

"I hope we can get it open as soon as possible," Fuller said. "It's an important transportation corridor, but what is most important is the safety of the

traveling public."

The sheriff's office has reacted to the closure by splitting its District 3 — which covers Destin, Okaloosa Island, Valparaiso and Niceville — into two zones north and south of Choctawhatchee Bay, Maj. Eric Aden said. Personnel assigned to Valparaiso and Niceville will report out of the sheriff's office headquarters in Shalimar until the bridge is reopened.

"We have augmented with

state DOT for traffic control with message or sign boards for directions to citizens," Aden said. "These signs are located throughout the county in strategic locations to assist with the flow of traffic."

EMS is stationing two ambulances in Destin 24 hours per day and a third during the highest call-volume shift to balance out the effects of the closure.

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WEATHER

FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

Today: Sun followed by some clouds today. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph. Clear to partly cloudy this evening, then turning cloudy. High 60° Low 49°. Saturday: An afternoon thunderstorm. Sunday: Times of clouds and sun. Monday: Cooler with times of clouds and sun. Tuesday: Mostly sunny.

FLORIDA CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Sat. Hi/Lo/W. Lists temperatures for cities like Clearwater, Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Jupiter, Key Largo, Key West, Lake City, Lakeland, Melbourne, Miami, Naples, Ocala, Okeechobee, Orlando, Palm Beach, Tampa.

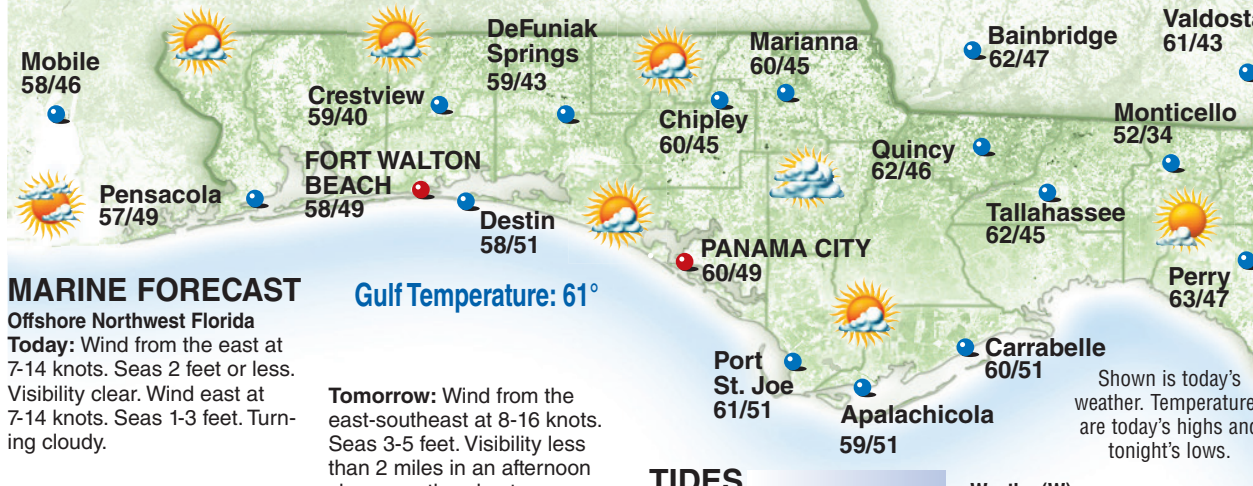
WORLD CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Sat. Hi/Lo/W. Lists temperatures for cities like Baghdad, Berlin, Bermuda, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Kabul, London, Madrid, Mexico City, Montreal, Nassau, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, Toronto, Vancouver.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Sat. Hi/Lo/W. Lists temperatures for cities like Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Toledo, Tucson, Wash., DC.

REGIONAL WEATHER



MARINE FORECAST

Offshore Northwest Florida Today: Wind from the east at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear. Wind east at 7-14 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Turning cloudy.

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through 4 p.m. yesterday Panama City Temperatures High/low 60°/40°. Last year's high/low 73°/62°. Normal high/low 63°/41°. Record high 78° (2013). Record low 23° (1976).

Precipitation

24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.00" Month to date ... 1.31" Normal month to date ... 1.46" Year to date ... 1.31" Normal year to date ... 1.46" Average humidity ... 44%

Fort Walton Beach

Temperatures High/low 59°/40°. Last year's high/low 72°/61°. Normal high/low 61°/45°. Record high 79° (1946). Record low 14° (1970).

Precipitation

24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.00" Month to date ... 1.24" Normal month to date ... 1.48" Year to date ... 1.24" Normal year to date ... 1.48" Average humidity ... 46%

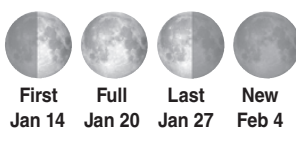
BEACH FLAG WARNINGS



UV INDEX TODAY

UV Index information: The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. Scale from 0-2 Low to 11+ Extreme.

MOON PHASES



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:39 a.m. Sunset tonight 5:01 p.m. Moonrise today 10:13 a.m. Moonset today 10:04 p.m.

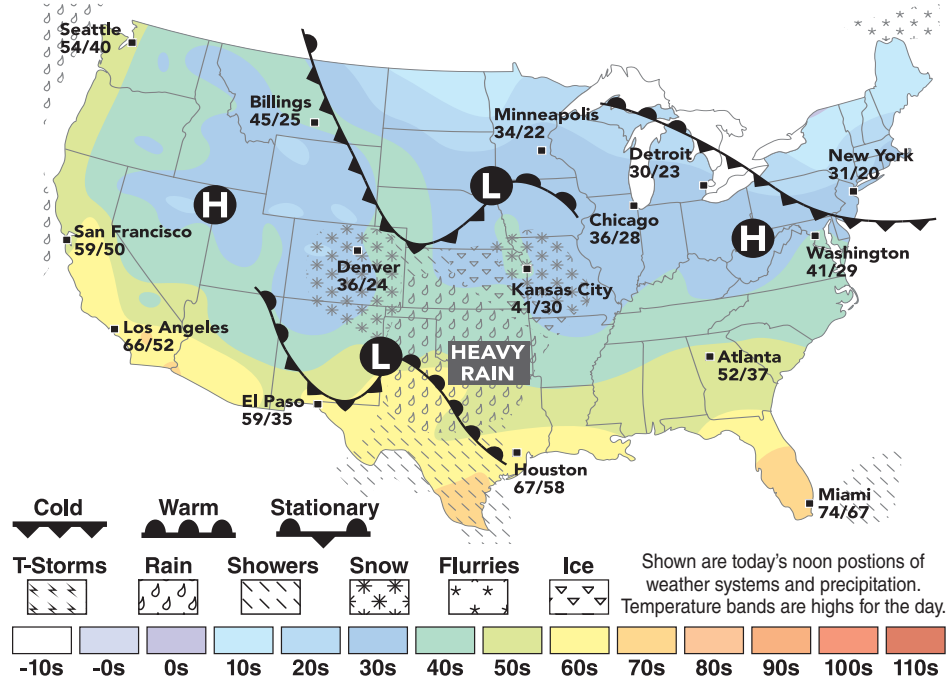
TIDES

Table with columns: Location, High, Low. Lists tide times for Apalachicola, Destin, West Pass, Panama City, Port St. Joe, Okaloosa Island, Milton, East Bay, Pensacola, Fishing Bend, The Narrows, Carrabelle.

RIVER LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, Level, Flood Stage. Lists river levels for Apalachicola, Blountstown, Choctawhatchee, Caryville, Alabama, Clairborne, Escambia, Century, Tombigbee, Coffeeville, AL.

Weather(W) symbols: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice. Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2019.



REBUILD

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of Florida, the American Red Cross, Volunteer Florida, the Florida Chamber, the Florida Chamber Foundation, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, Get Ready, Florida! & FAIR Foundation, and the Florida Press Association.

The initiative includes a website, www.rebuild850.org, where people can donate money

or volunteer aid for those in need. "There's still a lot left to be done," Weatherford said. "We need friends and neighbors from across the state ... citizens of Northwest Florida need help." The first help came fast: Capital City Bank, which has a branch in Panama City Beach, announced it was donating \$25,000 to Rebuild 850 in response.

are administered by Volunteer Florida's Florida Disaster Fund. The Florida Disaster Fund is the state's private fund established to assist communities following disasters. Including the latest check from Bank of America, Rebuild 850 has contributed more than \$400,000 to the disaster fund. To date, the fund has received \$6 million for Hurricane Michael relief.

American Red Cross. Mica said his organization is making sure money goes where it's needed most. "It's just direct assistance," Mica said. "And we don't want to spend money on what the state or federal government is going to fix."

we need visitors and investors." Former Florida Emergency Management Director Bryan Koon, who has volunteered as director of damage assessment for Rebuild 850, said the residents of Northwest Florida never before had seen devastation like what Michael wrought. Koon said that only by Floridians coming together and supporting the Panhandle through charitable groups like Rebuild 850 can the recovery be successful.

BRIDGE

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"We are all hands on deck for this emergency," an EMS official said. The Okaloosa County School District issued a statement after the bridge was closed Tuesday evening that said it was working on alternative bus routes and transportation.

However, school district officials failed to provide the alternative routes Wednesday when requested by the Northwest Florida Daily News. School Board Chairman Lamar White said he had spoken to district transportation personnel, but late in the day had no information about what plans had been made to respond to the bridge's closing.

"I don't know where we are with that," White said. The latest signs of corrosion were first noted during a routine bi-annual FDOT inspection conducted in October, according to Satter. The Bridge Authority conducts its own inspections in years that FDOT, which

operates and maintains the bridge, does not. "During our inspection in October, they found some tendons they wanted to replace as part of maintenance ... all bridges need maintenance," Satter said. "Then we had Hurricane Michael come through (Oct. 10) and we had to focus our attention on recovery." Satter said the bridge was determined to be safe for motorists and, as hurricane recovery efforts were ongoing, FDOT assembled a team to go inside the Mid-Bay Bridge to complete the required maintenance. "They went in one more time for an inspection and were in there this week and saw the corrosion was a bit further along than they were comfortable with," Satter said. "That's why they decided to close the bridge." Crews were sent in Tuesday night after the bridge was ordered closed and 15 to 20 people were sent back into the guts of the bridge Wednesday to assess the damage, Satter said. They are studying repair options before bringing in the materials needed to complete the work.

Traylor Construction Co. built the Mid-Bay Bridge in 1993 under the supervision of designer Figg Engineering Group. The first corrosion was found just seven years after its completion. An investigation conducted in the aftermath of the 2000 closures blamed the corrosion on sloppy construction and the use of inadequate materials. A more comprehensive study completed in 2001 found 41 bridges in Florida with corroded cables, leaks or cracks. The Mid-Bay Bridge Authority's governing board considered suing Traylor Construction and/or Figg Engineering after the report citing sloppy construction was made public. Figg Engineering did not respond Wednesday to a request for comment. Asked if there were other bridges in the state in which corroded tendons were found 20 years apart, Satter said the amount of maintenance required varies from bridge to bridge. "It depends on the structure, the age, the condition," he said. "Obviously we live in an area where, along the water, there's a high concentration of saltwater."

CYCLING

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resuming class. They responded with a resounding yes and she set up a studio in her garage. "They said they needed it," said Wyatt. "It brings them back to normalcy and it's something they love to do. Right now it's not only about exercise but more about the psychological well-being. It's something they know they still had from before, even though they lost everything." Wyatt said her house in the Woodmere subdivision by Deer Point Lake was saved by God and she is concerned about her students' well-being. Three of the students lost their homes. Anyone who wants to get involved in the cycling classes can find Wyatt on Facebook.

CALLAWAY

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centers and shops here are gone." But for those that remain and are open, finding employees is a big challenge. Willie Warren, a manager at Corams' Steak and Egg, said the restaurant has been fairly busy but finding workers is difficult because some of the population has fled. However, Warren noted Callaway is recovering and people are hopeful. "It's coming along. As you well know, it's a very slow process," said Warren. "Every one's attitude is upbeat. It's still bad out there." McDonough was similarly optimistic, saying the recovery has been quicker and better than he expected. "The ones that did stay are making extremely great efforts to get everything built back up and normal and to what it previously was," said McDonough. "A lot of people that I grew up with who moved out came back down to the neighborhood we grew up in — from out of state — just to help pick up."

LOCAL & STATE

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Today

FINDING BEAUTY AGAIN:

Painting workshop Jan. 9-11 at The Palms Conference Center in Panama City Beach. Instructor Linda Pelc focuses on fellowship and fun while painting in watercolor, acrylic or oil. No charge for artists recovering from Hurricane Michael; donations will be accepted. Details: BeachArtGroup.com. **#ARTCITYPC LOCAL ARTIST EXPO:** Exhibit open through Jan. 18 at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Details: PCCenterForTheArts.com

'PAUL NEWMAN RETROSPECTIVE' FILM FESTIVAL: 2 p.m. "Hud," 4:30 p.m. "The Sting," and 7 p.m. "Cool Hand Luke" at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City (taking over for the Martin Theatre). Admission: \$7.50 per film or \$20 for weekend pass to view as many films/as many times as you want. Refreshments for sale. Details: MartinTheatre.com

'TRAVELERS' CLOSING

RECEPTION: 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Light Room, 306 Harrison Ave., Panama City. Meet the featured photographers, Maureen Joyner, Larry Joyner and David Capes. The party also will mark the second anniversary of The

Light Room's opening. Details and online gallery: TheLightRoomPC.com

'ON GOLDEN POND': 7:30 p.m. at Mosley High School's Gretchen Nelson Scott Fine Arts Center, 501 Mosley Drive, Lynn Haven, presented by Kaleidoscope Theatre. Touching dramatic comedy explores the relationship between a grown daughter and her elderly father. Tickets: adults \$18 (reserved), \$20 (at door); military/seniors \$17 (reserved), \$19 (at door); students \$12. All Bay County students with ID admitted for free. Season tickets will be honored. Details: KT-Online.org **CAROLINE COTTER — LIVE:** 7:30 p.m. at the Rep

Theatre, Seaside. Tickets: \$25 general admission. Details: LoveTheRep.com

BALLROOM DANCING: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City. For all levels. Enjoy good music on the best dance floor in the area. \$5 per person at the door. Details: 850-277-0566 or dpgordon01@yahoo.com

Saturday

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OBITUARIES

SYDNEY COWGILL

Visitation for Sydney Cowgill, 86, of Panama City Beach, Florida, who died Jan. 6, 2019, will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at

Sydney's residence, 6012 Magnolia Beach Road, Unit 803, Panama City Beach. Wilson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

PAUL GOOD

Visitation for Paul Good, 49, formerly of Panama City, Florida, who died Jan. 8, 2019, will be from 6-8 p.m. today, Jan. 11, 2019, at St. John Catholic Church where a Mass of Christian burial will

begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019. Interment will follow the Mass at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

JERRY HUMPHREY

Jerry Humphrey, 62, of Panama City, Florida, passed this earthly life on Jan. 5, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Public viewing will be held one hour prior to funeral services at the church. Interment will be held on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, at Tallahassee National Cemetery with full military honors.

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PEGGY COTTON MALONE

Funeral services for Peggy Cotton Malone, 86, of Lynn Haven, Florida, who died Jan. 7, 2019, will begin at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 11, 2019, at

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

TROY PIPPIN

Funeral services for Troy Pippin, 59, of Panama City, Florida, will begin at 11 a.m. today, Jan. 11, 2019, at Heritage Funeral Home. The family will

receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. Private family burial will follow in Weeks Cemetery.

To extend condolences, visit www.heritagefhllc.com.

MASIE ZALITA GOYEN-PROCTOR

Masie Zalita Goyen-Proctor, 62, of Panama City, Florida, passed away on Dec. 18, 2018. Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Victory Baptist Church, 1905 W. 11th St., Panama City. Public visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will follow in Redwood Cemetery.

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ROBERT RICHARDSON

Robert Richardson, born in Panama City, Florida, on June 27, 1939, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

He believed in and embodied the following qualities, values and attributes: Faith; love; kindness; courtesy; courage; integrity; service to others; humor; laughter; honor; humility; loyalty; friendship; a love of nature and animals; devotion to friends, his country, his beloved Panama City; and, most of all his fervent love of his family. He will be missed, but these values and qualities he instilled in his family are his legacy.

His story began in Millville, a small hamlet of Panama City. He was the son of Josie Marie Walters Richardson Davis and Bennie Ray Richardson. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Richardson; and a large and loving family, including his children, Jo Richardson Grogan (Kendall), Debra Dawn Campbell, Robert Richardson II (Tina), April Smith (Chuck), Sandy Harris (Johnny) and Sharon Anderson (Chad Clough). His delight in his grandchildren was only surpassed by his love for them: April Merritt Kinker, Amber Merritt Fulmer, Kenneth Merritt II, Robert Richardson III, Jayde Harris, Amber Nations, Jennifer Eve Campbell, Audrey Morton, Hayley Smith, Summer Morton, Tucker Smith, Jayce Harris, James Giles, Samantha Anderson, Leila Smith and Landon Robert Burrow. His extreme joy in his great-grandchildren was palpable to all who knew him — they carry his legacy of love and hope for the future: Ava Grace, Cora Noelle, Isabella Jo, Kyson, J.E. Finnegan, Kennady, Laurel Katherine, Jackson Robert, Cillian Thomas, Clara Marie and Margot Eleanor. He also is survived by his brother, Travis (T.R., "Bill") Richardson; sister, Dianne Corbin Southall; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and countless other family members and friends he counted as family. He served his



nation in the Navy as a submariner, and his community for 33 years on the Panama City Fire Department, having retired as fire chief. At the time he became fire chief, he was the youngest in a professional, paid department in the State of Florida. Chief Richardson was a believer in education and training and established the Fire Department Training Grounds in Panama City to ensure that his firefighters were equipped with the skills and knowledge they needed to protect their city and its citizens. He was past president of the Florida Fire Chief's Association, Panama City Exchange Club, the Panama City Rotary Club, was a Boy Scout leader, and youth coach. He was honored by many for his service as a firefighter and fire chief, having been recognized as the Bay County Firefighter of the Year, Firefighter of the Year for the State of Florida, Fire Chief of the Year for the State of Florida, and was appointed by the governor to serve on the Florida State Fire Board and as the Fire Representative for the Florida State Building Codes.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 2019, at First Baptist Church in Panama City with Pastor Darryl Roberts officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 9-11 a.m. before the services. Interment will follow the services at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.kentforestlawn.com.

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MARLENE CARL SELF

Marlene Carl Self has left her earthly home to be reunited with family and friends who have gone to a peaceful place. She died Jan. 8, 2019, leaving her loved ones to celebrate her life.

Marlene was born in Wisconsin, and moved to Panama City in 1961. She was a Bay County school bus driver for more than 25 years. Marlene had a love for children, enjoyed yard work, and was an avid walker for years. She enjoyed books and photography. Mostly, she enjoyed her family with backyard cook-outs and camp-outs with friends. There were lots of those.

Survivors include her children, Daniel E. Eudaley; daughter, Michelle A. Self Heck (Lenny) of Panama City, Robert Self, Jr. (Joreen) of Palmdale, California, and Albert Self (Lori) of Riverside, Rhode Island; her grandchildren, Robert Self, III (Ashley), Pua Self Schmidt (Dan), Amelia Self Roberts (Andrew), A.J. Self, Ashley Self, Garrett Self, Brandon Self, Austin J. Lance, Taylor

E. Lange, Blakeley C. Eudaley and Jason E. Eudaley (Sarah); her great-grandchildren, Carolina Lily Self, Atlas Lane, Apollo Lange and Natalia Eudaley; her sister, Ruth Theill (husband Wesley deceased) of East Dubuque, Illinois; her stepsister, Judy Windholtz (Jim) and daughter, Sarah, of Warranton, Missouri; her sister-in-law, Merla Carl (Glen deceased) of Galena, Illinois; also surviving are dear friends, Donna Bowie (Wi), Martha H. Carter, Pat Fenges, Jenny Cote, and many school bus drivers, nephews and nieces.

Memorialization will be by cremation. A family gathering will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, the Ronald McDonald House or the Humane Society of Bay County.

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JOHN 'JT' STEVENS III

A celebration of life ceremony for John "JT" Stevens III, 55, of Panama City Beach, Florida, will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at St. Thomas

by the Sea Episcopal Church. The family will receive friends beginning at 1 p.m.

To extend condolences, visit www.heritagefhbeach.com.

CLAIR PHILLIPS ROBERSON

Funeral services Mrs. Clair Phillips Roberson, 86, of Port St. Joe, Florida, will begin at 3 p.m. EST

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Highland View Baptist Church in Port St. Joe. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. EST.

REGINALD JAMES ROUSE

Reginald James Rouse, 21, of Wewahatchka, Florida, passed away on Jan. 2, 2019.

Wake services will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 2019, at St. John Freewill Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Carter Temple First Born Church. Interment will follow at Buckhorn Cemetery.

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AREA & STATE BRIEFS

Staff and wire reports

**FOUNTAIN
Pedestrian hit, killed by
semi-truck on U.S. 231**

A pedestrian who walked into the path of a semi-truck was killed Thursday morning on U.S. 231 in Fountain near Burke Road.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Mandy Kimbler, 32, of Fountain, walked into the path of a truck driven by Daniel Heath, 52, of Headland, Alabama.

Kimbler was pronounced dead at the scene. Heath was not injured.

The wreck is under investigation by FHP officials.

**PANAMA CITY
Food bank needs
donations for workers
affected by government
shutdown**

Heading into the third week of the government shutdown, Feeding Gulf Coast is beginning to take steps to help those going without a paycheck.

In a press release, Feeding Gulf Coast officials said they are working with community partners to identify gaps in the food supply. There are 800,000 government employees facing furlough or working without pay.

"We are grateful for all of the hard-working federal employees who choose to call the Gulf Coast home. They invest in our community economically and philanthropically and we want to minimize the hardship for them in these uncertain times," said Cathy Pope, Feeding the Gulf Coast president and CEO.

Feeding Gulf Coast is encouraging people to hold food drives or make a donation earmarked "Government Shutdown Relief" to Feeding the Gulf Coast to support mobile food pantries and purchase additional items.

For more information, visit feedingthegulfcoast.org.

**PANAMA CITY
Bethel Village
renovations being
recognized by Chamber**

The renovations to Bethel Village will be recognized today by the Bay County Chamber of Commerce.

The recognition will be through the Apple of Our Eye Award at the Chamber's First Friday event at 7:30 a.m. at FSU Panama City's Holley Center.

"Bethel Village's renovation was a blessing to us all, as we were able to house more women and children because of the extra space we were able to free up during renovations," CEO Thurman Chambers said in a news release. "To be recognized for our efforts to better the facility is amazing."

In 2017, Panama City Rescue Mission staff made the move to upgrade its women and children's shelter called Bethel Village, the release stated. About \$495,000 were spent on upgrades that included electrical, kitchen upgrades and more, and a grand reopening event was held in September.

**PANAMA CITY
BEACH
4 netted in PCB
counterfeit currency
scheme**

Four people from Mississippi have been arrested in a counterfeit currency scheme in Panama City Beach.

Kelly Marie Gladney, 35, of Ocean Springs, and Megan Ann Bonderer, 31, of Biloxi, were arrested Tuesday after several businesses reported receiving counterfeit \$100 bills from two women, according to Panama City Beach police. Through surveillance tapes, police were able to track the women and their vehicle, conducted a traffic stop and took them into custody.

Gladney was charged with two counts of uttering a forged instrument and principal to uttering a forged instrument. Bonderer was charged with uttering a forged instrument and two counts of principal to uttering a forged instrument.

On Wednesday, PCB police officers executed a search warrant on the pair's hotel room at Reef at Sea Haven, and found two additional suspects, numerous counterfeit bills and the equipment to produce counterfeit bills.

James Russell Magnusen, 26, of Biloxi, and Austin Jade Crispin, 27, of Ocean Springs, were taken into custody and charged with possession of instruments of forgery.

All four suspects were taken to the Bay County Jail.

**LYNN HAVEN
\$3 million donated to
Lynn Haven recovery
efforts**

Donations to the City of Lynn Haven's recovery and cleanup efforts have reached more than \$3

million, according to a news release sent Thursday.

"Hundreds of organizations, individuals and vendors" donated, which included meals and pillows. The city's current hurricane expenses total more than \$23 million.

"Donations are of real value that gives credit back to the city's 12.5% cost share of expenses," City Manager Michael White stated in the release. "These donated items and time can help push down or deduct from the already massive amount of expenses from the City's portion. We have been careful to document everything related to the Hurricane Michael donations. Now we wait to see if FEMA agrees with our list."

Expenses have been "greatly amassed" through using contractors to assist city workers in clearing roads and rights of way. The One Street at a Time cleanup scheduled for Saturday is expected to offset costs.

**PANAMA CITY
Head of Episcopal Church
to visit Bay County**

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be visiting Holy Nativity Episcopal Church to speak with and hear stories from those affected by Hurricane Michael.

Bishop Curry is an American bishop and head of the Episcopal Church. Elected in 2015, Curry is the 27th presiding bishop and is the first African-American to serve in the position.

Bishop Curry preached at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in May of last

year at the request of the couple. Traditionally, royal weddings are presided over by the Church of England's senior clergy.

Later in the year, Bishop Curry presided at the funeral for George H.W. Bush at the National Cathedral.

**TALLAHASSEE
DeSantis to reject some
Scott appointments**

Gov. Ron DeSantis will rescind some appointments made during former Gov. Rick Scott's final days in office, a DeSantis spokesman said Wednesday.

"There's a few right off the bat he's looking at pulling back," said DeSantis spokesman David Vasquez.

Vasquez later added, "There are some that will be pulled back."

Vasquez wouldn't say which of the almost 100 appointments to courts, boards and committees might not survive.

DeSantis made similar comments Monday, a day before replacing Scott.

The former governor made most of the appointments Friday and followed with 14 more on Monday.

"We will definitely rescind some of the appointments that are effectively lame-duck appointments or have not been confirmed by the Senate," DeSantis said Monday.

DeSantis said that while Scott had the right to make the appointments, the new governor has the right to review the selections.

Among Scott's late appointments were Andy Pollack to the State Board of Education and Carlos Beruff to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Pollack is the father of a student killed in the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland last February.

Beruff, a developer from Bradenton, was appointed to a number of positions during Scott's tenure as governor, including serving as chairman of the Constitution Revision Commission.

Scott was sworn into the U.S. Senate Tuesday afternoon.

He could have been sworn in last week but delayed the move to Washington so he could complete the entire four-year term as governor.

**TALLAHASSEE
DeSantis signs order
addressing environment**

Gov. Ron DeSantis is following up on a campaign promise to make the environment a priority by signing an executive order to address problems with algae that have plagued the state.

DeSantis signed the order Thursday morning in Bonita Springs in

southwest Florida, one of the areas where slimy, green algae have bloomed because of pollutants flowing downstream from Lake Okeechobee.

DeSantis is ordering the state departments of environmental protection and health to work with the state's tourism agency to secure \$2.5 billion to help restore the Everglades and protect water resources.

The order also creates the Blue-Green Algae Task Force and the Office of Environmental Accountability and Transparency.

It also directs the Department of Environmental Protection to appoint a chief science officer to research and analyze environmental concerns.

**BOYNTON BEACH
Police station burglar
suspect leaves 2 IDs**

To identify the burglary suspect who broke into a closed police station and ate an officer's chicken dinner, detectives didn't need to lift fingerprints or get DNA from the discarded meal.

The ID cards authorities said the suspect left behind did the trick.

Boynton Beach police said Wednesday that officers arriving for a morning shift at a department substation last week found a broken window and the remains of a hastily eaten chicken dinner scattered in the kitchen.

Finding a suspect wasn't hard. They say 29-year-old Yvelande Jean-Pierre left behind her wallet, which contained her two identification cards.

Police said security video shows she spent about 45 minutes in the substation before leaving.

Jean-Pierre is charged with burglary.

**MIAMI
Norovirus outbreak
sickens 150-plus on
cruise ship**

More than 150 passengers on Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas have been hit with an outbreak of Norovirus as the ship sailed from Florida to Jamaica.

Passengers took to social media on Wednesday, tweeting they were forced to stay onboard the cruise ship after docking in Falmouth, Jamaica, on Wednesday for what was supposed to be a day of excursions.

The ship left Port Canaveral on Florida's Atlantic Coast on Sunday.

It is on a seven-night cruise through the Caribbean with a stop planned in Cozumel, Mexico, before returning.

Cruise spokesman Owen Torres said late Wednesday that 167 cases of gastrointestinal illness had been reported since Sunday, representing 2 percent of the almost 9,000 guests and crew onboard.

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Payments frozen for some autism providers

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The state has frozen payments to some providers who treat children with autism while it tries to ferret out fraudulent activity, but a high-ranking Medicaid official said the freeze should be lifted within two weeks.

Beth Kidder, a deputy secretary of the state Agency for Health Care Administration, told members of the Senate Health Policy Committee on Monday that the state has frozen payments to behavioral analysis providers until they can verify that they meet new certification requirements that went into effect Jan. 1.

The requirements are part of the state's efforts

to crack down on suspected Medicaid fraud in the behavioral analysis program.

In addition to the new requirements, the state implemented a six-month moratorium on the enrollment of new behavioral analysis providers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

Behavioral analysis services are provided in Florida's Medicaid program mostly to children with autism spectrum disorder.

There are four different levels of behavioral analysis providers in Florida: billing group, lead analyst, associate analyst and registered technician.

Sen. Debbie Mayfield, a Rockledge Republican who serves on the Senate Health Policy Committee,

told Kidder that her office is being "bombarded" by complaints by behavioral analysis providers who have been caught up in the agency's attempts to snuff out fraud.

"Evidently, there was a certain area that was having problems with unlicensed registered behavioral technicians, so they just pulled all technicians licenses," Mayfield said.

"So therefore, the ones that were doing it correctly, are no longer getting paid. But they are being told and asked to continue to perform the service," Mayfield said to Kidder.

Kidder told Mayfield that the increased qualifications were for the "lowest level of people" who provide the service.

Lawmaker seeks money for rural Northwest Florida

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Pointing to the effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, a state lawmaker filed a proposal Wednesday that would lead to money going to economic-development efforts in seven rural Northwest Florida counties.

Rep. Brad Drake, R-Eucheanna, filed the proposal (HB 191) for consideration during the legislative session that starts March 5.

It would create the Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund, which would receive a portion of money from a legal settlement with BP that stemmed from the



Drake

massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The state Department of Economic Opportunity would provide grants from the fund for infrastructure and workforce projects in Calhoun, Gadsden, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty and Washington counties.

"The Legislature recognizes that as a result of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, the rural inland affected counties of Northwest Florida continue to face extraordinary challenges in significantly improving their economies,

specifically in terms of household income, job creation, average wages, and strong tax bases," Drake's bill said.

"The Legislature also recognizes that this area is designated as a rural area of opportunity by the Governor ... Therefore, the Legislature intends to provide a long-term source of funding for economic recovery and enhancement efforts of the rural inland affected counties."

The Legislature in 2017 appropriated BP settlement money to the nonprofit Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. for projects in coastal Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla counties.

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Final order issued to revoke nursing home license

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Moving forward with an administrative law judge's recommendation, the state Agency for Health Care Administration has issued a final order to revoke the license of a Broward County nursing home where residents died after Hurricane Irma in 2017.

The agency issued the 17-page order Friday against The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills.

Gov. Rick Scott's administration in 2017 moved to revoke the license, but the nursing home challenged

the decision in the state Division of Administrative Hearings.

Judge Mary Li Creasy on Nov. 30 issued a recommended order that supported the revocation.

But under administrative law, the issue had to go back to the Agency for Health Care Administration for a final order.

The dispute stemmed from the September 2017 hurricane, which knocked out the nursing home's air-conditioning system for three days.

Authorities have attributed as many as 12 deaths to sweltering conditions at the facility, though Creasy wrote that

"clear and convincing evidence" was presented during the case that nine of the 12 residents "suffered greatly from the exposure to unsafe heat in the facility."

The deaths and evacuation of the Broward nursing home drew national attention in the days after Hurricane Irma, which made landfall Sept. 10, 2017, in Monroe and Collier counties and caused damage through much of the state.

The nursing home lost power to its air-conditioning system, Creasy wrote, because a fuse to a transformer on a power pole was dislodged.

Judge: Suspended elections chief must be heard

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Former Gov. and current U.S. Sen. Rick Scott violated a former state election official's constitutional rights when he suspended and "vilified" her without allowing her to make her own case, a Florida federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Mark Walker said newly inaugurated Gov. Ron DeSantis must grant former Broward County elections supervisor Brenda Snipes a "meaningful opportunity to be heard" regarding her suspension by March 31.

Snipes came under fire during the contentious

recount that followed the 2018 elections and a legally required recount in close races for governor and U.S. Senate. In the aftermath of the November election, Snipes said she would resign on Jan. 4, but Scott immediately suspended her. Snipes then attempted to rescind her resignation and challenged the governor's suspension as "malicious" and politically motivated.

Walker ruled that Scott's decision was an "effective termination" and violated Snipes' due process rights. The judge also said that Scott's order suspending Snipes contained "falsehoods."

Still, Walker said he does not have the authority to reinstate Snipes,

writing that the court is "not determining what the ultimate outcome will or should be."

Attorneys for Scott had argued the governor had the authority to remove her from office. A Scott spokesman said, "We are reviewing the decision from this liberal judge, but Sen. Scott stands by his decision. Supervisor Snipes violated state law and turned Broward County's elections operation into a laughing-stock. She failed to fulfill her duties, and for that she was suspended and should stay suspended."

DeSantis did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the decision.

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Broward County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes speaks to members of the media after a hand recount in Lauderhill on Nov. 16, 2018. A Florida federal judge ruled Wednesday that former governor and current U.S. Sen. Rick Scott violated Snipes's constitutional rights when he suspended and "vilified" her without allowing her to make her own case. [AP FILE]

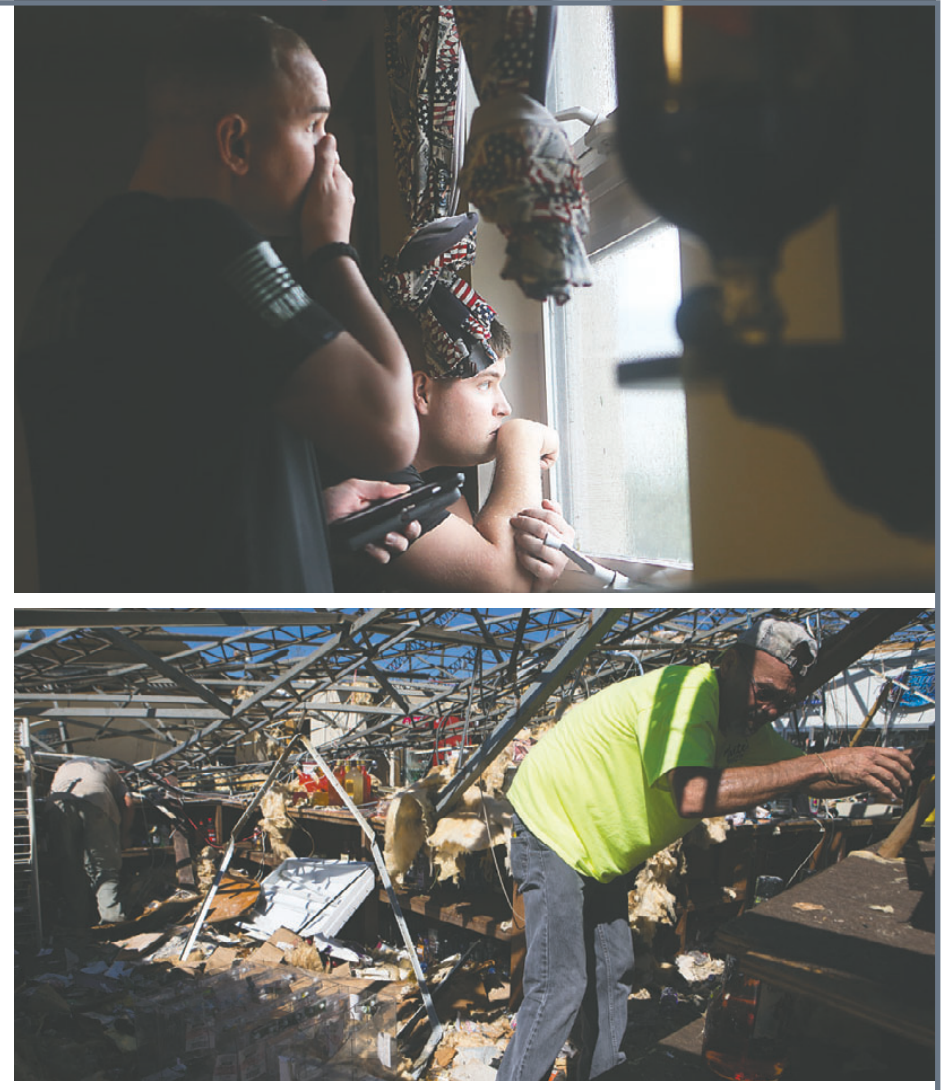
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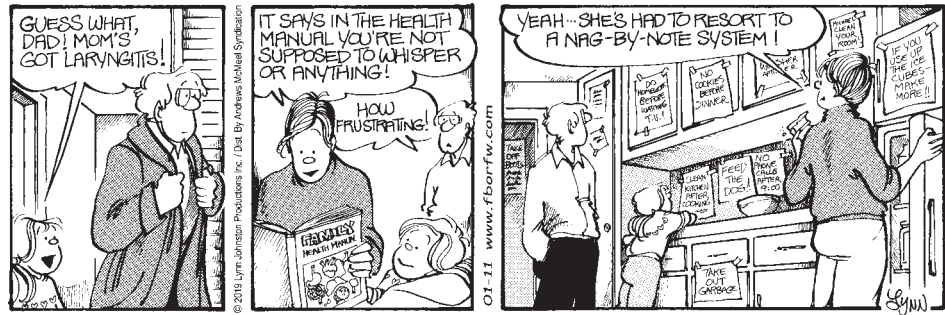
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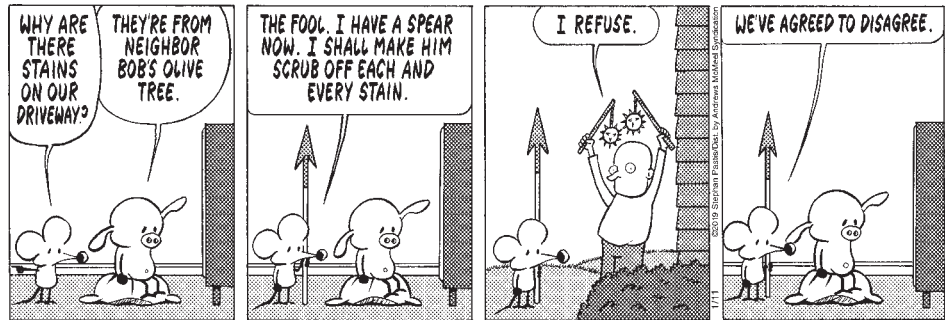
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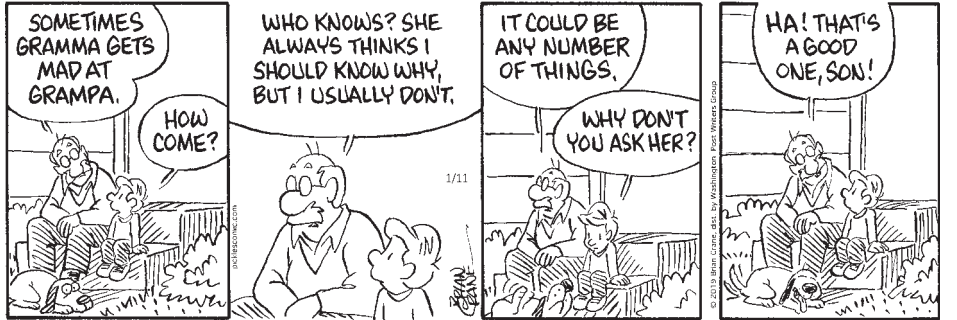
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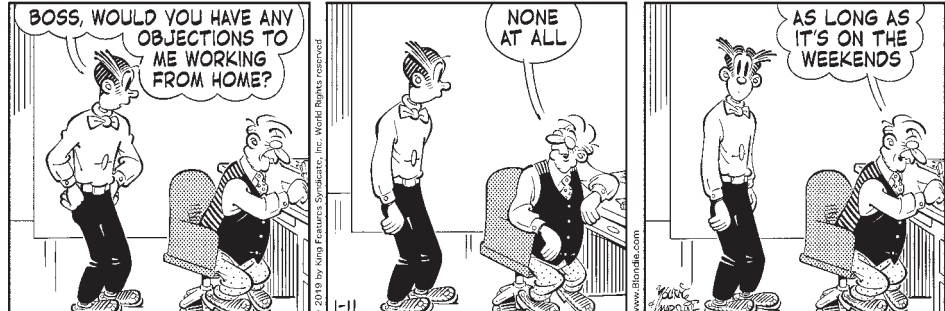
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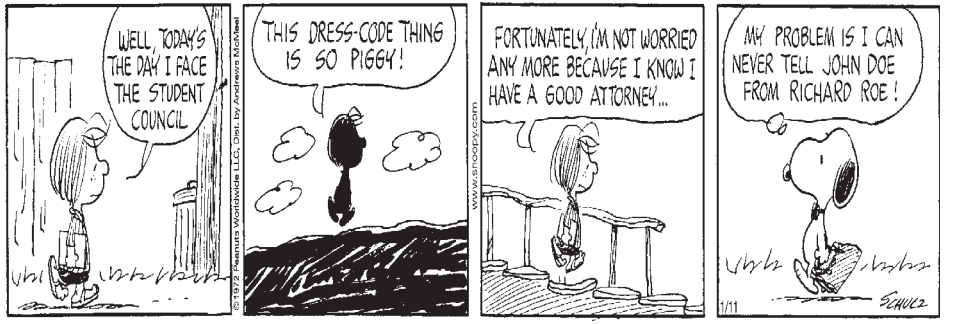
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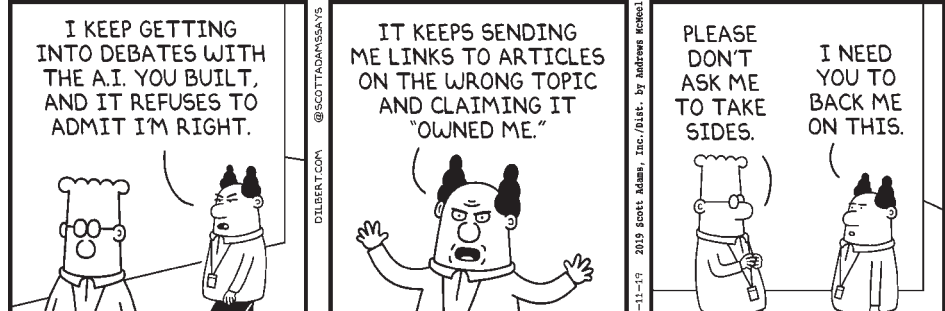
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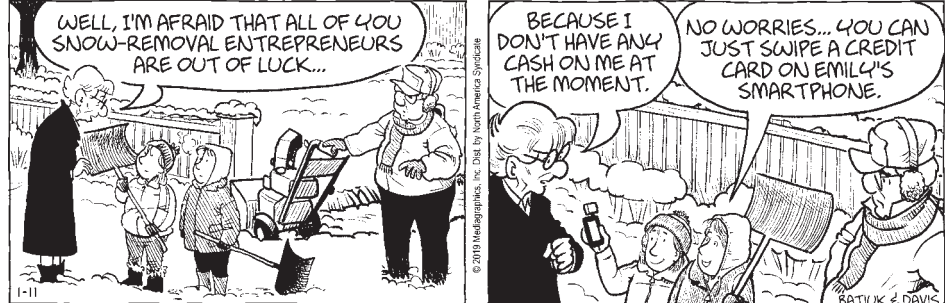
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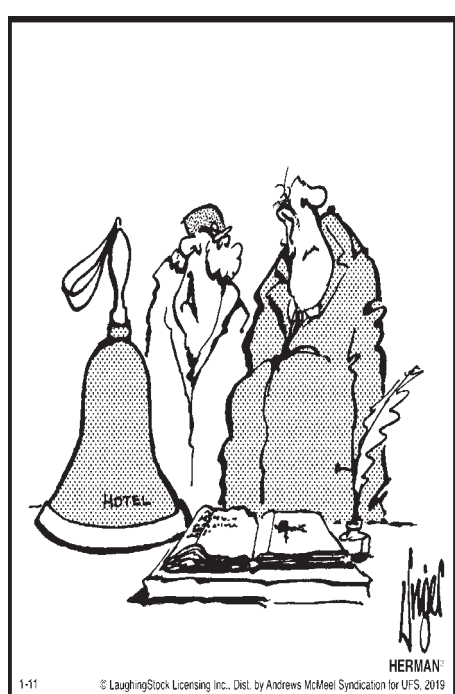
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SPORTS

Mosley to host Panhandle Championships

By Tyler Waldrep
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It's time again for wrestlers to gather and compete for 58 individual awards at the Panhandle Championships in the Mosley High gym.

"It's an exciting time for wrestling in Bay County," Mosley coach John Winkler said. "All the local schools will be here and these kids that work their tail off get a chance to make a name for themselves

in their sport. It's just fun to watch."

The tournament will begin on Friday afternoon between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Wrestlers will be grouped into 14 weight classes and then divided into two pools. The round robin format on Friday will ensure that each wrestler faces four or five opponents. These results will then be used to create a bracket for Saturday when action resumes at 10 a.m.

Approximately 12-14 schools

will take part in the two-day event this year. Teams with full lineups will have a huge advantage when it comes to the overall championship, especially against local teams that find themselves down in numbers after Hurricane Michael.

Winkler identified Arnold, Pace and Gulf Breeze as schools that could duke it out for the trophy. They will be joined by Rutherford, Bay High, North Bay Haven, Crestview, Tate and of course Mosley among others.

Tickets will cost \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids under the age of 12.

The action will play out on all four mats on Saturday until championship events start around 6 p.m.

Individuals will earn medals for a top-four finish and the top two teams will receive trophies. Two wrestlers, one from the top and one from the lighter weight classes, will each be honored as the weekend's Most Outstanding

Wrestler. The awards will be voted on by coaches in attendance.

While late practices after 6 p.m. are not ideal, Winkler said he's proud of the effort his group has put in this season in the aftermath of Michael.

A lot of that success is the result of his three senior captains, including Caleb Ward, Garrison Kovacs, and Lonnie Bell.

See **MOSLEY, C3**

After the storm

Diamond teams still dealing with Michael's aftermath

By Tyler Waldrep
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When Bay High softball coach Thomas Allen evacuated ahead of Hurricane Michael he feared the worst. Now he wishes those fears had matched the reality that awaited him at the softball facility.

"Absolutely worse than I imagined," Allen said. "My heart kind of sunk down into my stomach when I first saw it."

Allen estimates repairs and equipment will easily cost somewhere north of \$100,000 with no idea how big the final price tag could get. Replacing equipment for the Bay High baseball team is expected to cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000, and the team must also repair virtually all structures and the field itself.

Bay High's baseball and softball teams were hardly the only local programs impacted by Hurricane Michael. Rutherford provided no estimate but sustained significant damage and equipment loss.

Bozeman and Arnold coaches got off relatively easy and still expect a final price tag somewhere above \$10,000 and \$20,000 for each school, respectively. Mosley athletic director Josh Vandergrift estimated the total there could amount to as much as \$2 million for baseball and softball alone.

"Literally looking at a steel batting cage twisted around a light pole, it kind of leaves you speechless," Vandergrift said.

The loss of batting cages was the most common hardship facing local teams, but many also reported damage to one or both dugouts.



Mosley visitors dugout on the softball field cage following Hurricane Michael on October 11, 2018. [MOSLEY ATHLETICS PHOTOS]

Damage to scoreboards, press boxes, and equipment such as balls and uniforms was also widespread.

For most schools, assessing the damage is a complicated matter. Some things should be covered by insurance, but what exactly gets paid out remains to be seen.

At the very least, the county has promised it can provide coaches with at least one batting cage to those that no longer have any while also guaranteeing all local fields will be ready come the first week of the season.

Still, booster clubs have never been so critical than they are now. Unfortunately,

the parents, local businesses, and other community members that often contribute might find themselves facing increased financial burdens of their own in the aftermath of Michael.

"Fundraising could be put on hold around here for two or three years," Bay baseball coach Andrew Starr said.

Starr said he currently expects the program to make 25 percent or less of what it usually does off stadium signage sponsored by businesses this season.

Bozeman softball coach Jared Smith said he expects a

See **STORM, C3**



Mosley batting cage wrapped around light pole following Hurricane Michael on October 11, 2018.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck runs a drill during practice Wednesday at the team's facility in Indianapolis. The Colts will play Kansas City in an AFC divisional round game on Saturday. [DARRON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Colts-Chiefs clash features plenty of stars on offense

By Dave Skretta
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Ebron has seen the forecast for Saturday's divisional playoff game between the Indianapolis Colts and Kansas City Chiefs, where even the most optimistic of meteorologists are pegging the chances of rain or snow at about 50 percent.

It doesn't bother him. The Colts tight end played in plenty of cold games in the

NFC North.

"You get past it once you get out there," said Ebron, who started his career with the Detroit Lions and remembers frigid games in Green Bay and Chicago. "The worst is the TV timeouts. Once that's over you will warm back up, but other than that it should be fun. Snow, whatever — I love snow games."

Even if the cold, wet weather puts a damper on two

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STORY OF THE WEEK

Alabama snags signature win: Tevin Mack made six first-half 3-pointers on his way to 22 points, and Alabama held off then-No. 13 Kentucky 77-75 on Saturday in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams. Dazon Ingram scored all 11 of his points after halftime, including some key free throws in the Crimson Tide's fifth consecutive win. The Wildcats gave them a big scare in the final seconds after surging back from 11 points down. But Alabama withstood late threats and made 10 of 23 attempts from beyond the arc overall to keep its winning streak alive and snap a 10-game skid against Kentucky. Following the signature win, the Crimson Tide proceeded to lose 88-79 at LSU on Tuesday night.

STOCK RISING



South Carolina (7-7, 2-0): The Gamecocks were the surprise of the opening week of conference play, defeating both Florida and No. 14 Mississippi State. South Carolina

had not won consecutive games until this week and entered SEC play with the lowest NET ranking of any SEC team.

STOCK FALLING



Florida (8-5, 1-0): On the flip side of South Carolina's major week is Florida. The Gators have had an inconsistent season this year as they replace key figures to last

year's team, but losing at home to South Carolina was not expected. The Gators can respond this week, though, with games against Arkansas and Tennessee.

WEEKEND SPOTLIGHT



Mississippi State's Lamar Peters, right, shoots during the second half against South Carolina on Tuesday in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks won 87-82. [SEAN RAYFORD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

No. 14 Mississippi State vs. Ole Miss

Saturday, 1 p.m. EST, Humphrey Coliseum, Starkville, Miss., CBS

Mississippi State won nine straight games entering Southeastern Conference play but got a rude awakening Tuesday with an 87-82 overtime loss at South Carolina in its league opener. It was the Bulldogs' first defeat since Nov. 19. Aric Holman had 20 points and 10 rebounds in the loss. Mississippi State shot 44 percent from beyond the arc but made just 13 of 23 free throws. The Bulldogs had nine days off before Tuesday's game, and coach Ben Howland said they have to adjust quickly to SEC competition. "We've got 17 more games coming up like this one," Howland said. Up next for Mississippi State is a matchup against their in-state rival. Ole Miss has already matched the lone SEC road victory it managed all of last season. Not a bad way to kick off league play. Breein Tyree scored a career-high 31 points, and Mississippi beat Vanderbilt 81-71 Saturday night for the Rebels' eighth straight victory. The Rebels didn't win away from Oxford in league play last year until Feb. 20 at Missouri. This season is different, helped by the fact they entered their SEC slate as the second-best shooting team in the conference, hitting 50.7 percent from the floor. Ole Miss faces a daunting schedule this week. Their home game against No. 11 Auburn on Wednesday is followed by Saturday's showdown at Mississippi State.

Weekend slate All times Eastern

Time	Game	TV
SATURDAY		
1 p.m.	South Carolina vs. Missouri	SECN
3:30 p.m.	Alabama vs. Texas A&M	SECN
4 p.m.	Auburn vs. Georgia	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Florida vs. Tennessee	ESPN
6 p.m.	Arkansas vs. LSU	SECN
8:30 p.m.	Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt	SECN

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

• **Breein Tyree, Ole Miss:** The second-leading scorer in the Southeastern Conference had 31 points on 11-of-16 shooting in Ole Miss' 81-71 victory over Vanderbilt to open league play. Tyree hit 3 of 5 3-pointers and was 6 of 6 on free throws.

• **Hassani Gravett, South Carolina:** Gravett, a reserve guard, came off the bench to score 22 points in a 71-69 win over Florida. Gravett had 17 points Tuesday in the Gamecocks' overtime win over Mississippi State, making South Carolina 2-0 to start SEC play.

• **Savion Flagg, Texas A&M:** Flagg had 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting and added 15 rebounds in a 73-71 loss Saturday to Arkansas. Flagg is one of just seven SEC players shooting at least 50 percent on field goals this season.

• **Kyle Alexander, Tennessee:** Alexander had back-to-back double-doubles as Tennessee opened its league schedule with two blowout victories. He averaged 13 points and 15.5 rebounds while shooting 75 percent in wins over Georgia and Missouri.

RANKING THE LEAGUE Through Jan. 8

- 1. Tennessee (13-1, 2-0):** Tennessee is in a class of its own in the SEC right now. The No. 3 ranked Vols have won nine straight games and began SEC play with a 46-point win over Georgia and a 24-point win over Missouri. (Last week: 1)
- 2. Auburn (11-2):** The Tigers have yet to open SEC play yet by our print deadline. They do open SEC play at Ole Miss, which will provide a good test for both teams. (Last week: 4)
- 3. Mississippi State (12-2, 0-1):** After winning nine straight games to end its non-conference season, the Bulldogs dropped its SEC opener at South Carolina 87-82. That loss may not look as bad now, though, as the Gamecocks have won two straight to open SEC play. (Last week: 2)
- 4. Kentucky (11-3, 1-1):** Kentucky open its SEC season with a two-point loss at Alabama, but followed that up with an 11-point home win over Texas A&M. The Wildcats have been up-and-down this season, but stay atop the power rankings because of their sheer talent and potential. (Last week: 3)
- 5. Mississippi (11-2, 1-0):** Mississippi's winning streak is now up to eight games after a 10-point win over Vanderbilt to open SEC play. (Last week: 5)
- 6. LSU (11-3, 1-0):** LSU took care of business defeating Alabama by nine to open SEC play. Tremont Waters got off to a hot SEC start scoring 19 points and tallying seven assists to go with four rebounds. (Last week: 6)
- 7. Missouri (9-4, 0-1):** Missouri caught the wrath of Tennessee in its SEC opener on Tuesday. Despite holding a 9-point early in the first half, the Tigers couldn't hold off the Vols and lost by 24. Missouri will play at South Carolina on Saturday. (Last week: 7)
- 8. Arkansas (10-3, 1-0):** Arkansas went to College Station and defeated Texas A&M 73-71 on Saturday to open SEC play. (Last week: 10)
- 9. Alabama (10-4, 1-1):** Alabama split its games against SEC teams atop these rankings. The Crimson Tide opened with a 2-point win over Kentucky before losing at LSU by nine. (Last week: 11)
- 10. South Carolina (7-7, 2-0):** The Gamecocks were the surprise of the opening week of play. South Carolina won at Florida and the defeated No. 14 Mississippi State at home. (Last week: 14)
- 11. Florida (8-5, 0-1):** Florida's inconsistent season continues. The Gators, after beating Butler by 34, dropped its SEC home opener to South Carolina after a late Chris Silva dunk. (Last week: 8)
- 12. Vanderbilt (9-4, 0-1):** Vanderbilt lost by 10 points to Ole Miss to open SEC play. The Commodores had a 3-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, but the Rebels outscored Vanderbilt by 13 in the fourth quarter. (Last week: 9)
- 13. Georgia (8-5, 0-1):** Georgia got run out of the gym by Tennessee. The Bulldogs opened SEC play with a 46-point loss in Knoxville and shot just 1-20 from deep. (Last week: 12)
- 14. Texas A&M (6-7, 0-2):** The Aggies struggles have continued into SEC play. They lost at home to Alabama and then went to Kentucky and lost by 11 points. (Last week: 13)

NUMBER OF NOTE

74.4

The total win percentage for all SEC teams through the non-conference slate. That's the second-best non-conference win percentage for the league in the last 10 years.



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OFFENSE

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star-studded offenses.

Most of the attention this week has been on the quarterback showdown between the Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes and the Colts' Andrew Luck, and rightfully so. Mahomes shattered records by the dozen this year, throwing for more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns, while Luck tossed 39 touchdown passes while taking the Colts from a 1-5 start to the second weekend of the playoffs.

But neither quarterback would have posted such gaudy numbers had he not had a plethora of weapons at his disposal, along with creative offensive minds to design plays to get him the ball.

Chiefs speedster Tyreek Hill set a franchise record with 1,479 yards receiving this year, pulled in 12 touchdown passes and had a league-leading 22 catches of at least 25 yards.

Five times he had plays of at least 50 yards, including a 91-yard punt return touchdown against the Chargers in Week 1.

Hill should have his top running mate back, too. Sammy Watkins practiced this week after missing a handful of games with a foot injury, potentially giving Kansas City its No. 2 wide receiver again.

Then there's Travis Kelce, the All-Pro tight end, whose value comes both as a blocker and a dangerous downfield target. Kelce had 103 catches for 1,336 yards this season, briefly setting the NFL record for a tight end, and has caught at least one pass in 79 consecutive games.

"I have a big advantage here that I have a lot of great teammates that can make a lot of plays. I don't have to try to do too much," Mahomes said. "Just get the ball out of my

hands. Get it to Tyreek, get it to Kelce, get it to all these guys who can make plays and let them do what they have been doing all season long. That's the biggest thing, not trying to do too much."

Especially considering what they've done all season has been good enough.

"I mean, just their weapons — they've got several All-Pro players. They have a lot of good players that didn't get that recognition," Colts defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus said. "There's a lot of skill on that side of the ball. The scheme is a little bit unique, too, in terms of what they do and how they do it. It's going to be a big challenge."

It's not unlike the challenge the Indianapolis offense presents to the Chiefs, who have been ferocious at rushing the passer but have struggled in just about every other aspect.

T.Y. Hilton shredded the Chiefs defense with 13 catches for 224 yards and two touchdowns during their 2014 playoff game, when the Colts rallied from a 38-10 second-half deficit.

He had 76 catches for 1,270 yards and six touchdowns in another Pro Bowl-caliber season.

His running mate, Dontrelle Inman, has scored in three consecutive games.

And much like the Chiefs, the Colts have one of the league's most versatile and dangerous tight ends in Eric Ebron. He had 13 touchdown catches during the regular season, trailing only the Steelers' Antonio Brown for the league lead, and added another in the Colts' playoff win in Houston.

Making it all work? An offensive line that allowed just 18 sacks this season.

"Based on the numbers, it's going to be very challenging," Chiefs defensive coordinator Bob Sutton said. "It's like anything, we will have our chances. We have to take advantage of it."

PREP ROUNDUP

Braves beat Marlins for 3rd straight win

The News Herald

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — The Arnold boys basketball team was defeated by Walton 68-63 on Thursday night to fall to 6-9 on the season. The Braves improved to 11-1.

Keith Gilbert scored 22 points to lead Walton,

with Keyun Lacey adding 20 points, and Gavin Coone 15 points.

Zack Sinclair was the top scorer for the Marlins with 24 points, followed by Jeremiah Hudson with 15 points, Justin Martin with eight points, and Walker Mathis with seven points. Arnold will be back in

action on Friday against Wakulla in Crawfordville.

GIRLS BASKETBALL NFC 50, NBH 30

TALLAHASSEE — Jameisha King scored 19 points to lead the Buccaneers (8-11) in the loss, while Caylin Jones was the top scorer

for the Eagles (5-6) with 25 points. Alexis Thomas also had 13 points and Eva Holmes scored seven. It was just a 19-17 NFC lead at halftime, but the Eagles outscored the Bucs 31-12 in the second half.

NBH next plays Friday at Pensacola Catholic in a District 1-5A game.

Wade helps Heat knock off Celtics

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 19 points, Josh Richardson added 18 and the Miami Heat connected on a season-high 18 3-pointers on the way to beating the Boston Celtics 115-99 on Thursday night.

Derrick Jones Jr. scored 14 points, and Justise Winslow finished with 13 points and a career-best 11 assists for the Heat. Miami had 33 assists on 45 field goals.

Kyrie Irving led all scorers with 22 for the Celtics, who scored a season-high 135 points one night earlier in a win over Indiana — and were held under 100 for only the fourth time all season, the first time since Nov. 17.

Marcus Smart scored 18, and Jayson Tatum and Marcus Morris each had 17 for the Celtics. Wade had 12 of his 19 in the second half for Miami, which snapped a two-game slide.

The Celtics trailed for a grand total of 4:04 in their first four games of 2019.

They trailed for 4:14 in the first quarter alone on Thursday, and that set the tone.

Miami outscored Boston 17-4 in the final 3:07 of the first half and took a 61-43 lead into the break — the largest half-time edge for the Heat since November. And an 11-3 run to start the third pushed the lead out to 72-46, which would seem



Miami's Dion Waiters goes up for a shot against Boston guard Marcus Smart during Thursday's game in Miami. [JOEL AUERBACH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

to indicate that Miami was in complete control.

DENVER 121, L.A. CLIPPERS 100: Nikola Jokic had 18 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for his 21st career triple-double and the

Denver Nuggets extended their home winning streak to 11 with a 121-100 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday night. Jamal Murray scored 23 points, and Mason Plumlee added a season-high

17 points to go with 12 rebounds for the Western Conference-leading Nuggets. They're 17-3 at home. Lou Williams led the Clippers with 19 points, and Danilo Gallinari had 18 against his former team.

STORM

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transportation crisis will bring the funding issue to a head for some teams.

In other years, he would rely primarily on school buses for the four or five out-of-county road games, but now he and other coaches have reported that they can't gain access to buses for these trips until after 4 p.m., which is the time many junior varsity games would begin.

"Canceling JV games is not an option," Smith said. "That's how you build a program."

Neither Smith nor the other coaches who mentioned this issue had a problem with schools prioritizing getting kids home from classes over road games; there simply aren't enough buses with drivers to go around.

Smith said getting

vans from the airport would be his next option, but he's been told there aren't enough of those to accommodate his team. That leaves him with charter buses, which multiple coaches said can cost more than \$1,000 per trip.

His program's travel budget is somewhere in the range of \$1,500 to \$2,000 this year.

"Any good high school coach knows that your program, it starts with your JV team," Vandergrift said.

Despite his strong convictions, Vandergrift, who also serves as the Dolphins' softball coach, said he expects the team will only have enough interest to field a varsity team this year, though he won't know for sure until tryouts at the end of the month.

At least two Mosley softball players have already relocated after losing their houses in October. That kind of

attrition has been commonplace for coaches of ongoing winter sports, but of the 12 teams inquired after, only Bay High's baseball team and North Bay Haven baseball coach Bryan Normand confirmed any more storm-related transfers (one each). However, numerous coaches said they wouldn't know for sure until tryouts were held.

"His mom was driving an hour-and-a-half in the morning and afternoon to get him to and from school," Normand said of the Buccaneers' freshman who relocated. "So I knew it was best for them and I harbor no hard feelings. He felt very guilty and had a hard time telling me. I saw him as someone who could compete for a varsity spot if he wanted it bad enough."

Almost every local coach, except those at Bay High who face similar realities, couldn't help but feel lucky to have

avoided the complete destruction that visited Mosley's campus that left little besides a dugout, bathrooms, and concession stands behind.

"To me, it's almost like they know what has happened, but they're not going to let it bring down this season," Vandergrift said of his players. "They want to be one of

those teams that people remember."

The same might be said of their peers on the baseball team.

Mosley baseball coach Jon Hudson's team lost virtually everything from pitching machines to uniforms, and some of his bleachers were flung 600 yards away into the woods. The program even

lost trophies and most of their other mementos commemorating the successes of previous groups.

"This year is going to be a special story," Hudson said. "Our guys believe that. That motivates them. They want to see people come out and take a look. Look at where we're at."

MOSLEY

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"They're always on the phone with their teammates encouraging them to make it practice," Winkler

said. "Giving them rides to practice when they can't find a ride. Yes, I would definitely say they stepped up as leaders."

Ward will miss this weekend due to an injury, but Kovacs and Bell are expected to contend in the 172- and 134-pound

classes, respectively.

"The quality of wrestling that we are putting out is a notch above where we are last year," Winkler said. "We might not have numbers, but what matches we line up head-to-head we usually win."

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IN BRIEF

DELTONA, FLA. FBI takes on case of threats hurled at activist's family

The FBI is now investigating the case of a Florida man accused of making death threats against the family of a Purdue University superfan and cancer activist who died last week.

Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood tells The Daytona Beach News-Journal that 39-year-old John Pinkham will be extradited to Indiana to face federal charges of intent to injure. He was arrested Monday.

Pinkham is accused of making multiple posts using an alias on 20-year-old Tyler Trent's Facebook page after news of the former Purdue student's death. Authorities say the posts included threats of violence at a vigil at the West Lafayette, Indiana, school.

Chitwood says Pinkham denied sending the threats and blamed his girlfriend.

Trent's battle with bone cancer drew national attention.

LOUISVILLE, KY. Kentucky Derby purse up to \$3M in rare increase

The Kentucky Derby's purse will be raised to \$3 million this May, an increase of \$1 million and the first boost in 14 years.

Churchill Downs said Thursday the winner of the 145th running will receive \$1.86 million. The runner-up will earn \$600,000, with third place worth \$300,000, fourth place \$150,000 and fifth place \$90,000.

The Derby purse had been \$2 million since 2005 and \$1 million from 1996-2004.

Track President Kevin Flanery attributes the increase to more bettors using historical racing machines — the electronic form of pari-mutuel betting — at a recently opened facility near the track.

The second and third legs of the Triple Crown offer total purses of \$1.5 million in the Preakness and Belmont stakes.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Moffitt replaces Sauter at GMS Racing

NASCAR Truck Series champion Brett Moffitt joined GMS Racing on Thursday in a move that cost another star driver his ride.

The driver carousel began spinning right after Moffitt won the 2018 title in November with Hattori Racing Enterprises. That team had sponsorship struggles all last season and was in danger at times of not making it to the track. Even after winning the title, the team still needed a driver that brought financial backing so Moffitt was let go and replaced by Austin Hill.

With Moffitt available, GMS Racing made the surprise decision to release Johnny Sauter just one month before NASCAR reports to Daytona International Speedway to open the season. The abrupt release came one day before Moffitt was hired.

The Associated Press



In this Jan. 1 photo, Roger Federer returns the ball to Serena Williams during their mixed doubles match at the Hopman Cup in Perth, Australia. [TREVOR COLLENS/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

A tennis world with no Feds, no Serena?

What will happen to the sport when its two GOATs hang it up?

By Howard Fendrich
The Associated Press

It was a terrific moment for tennis, drawing tons of attention to an otherwise meaningless exhibition event in a sport just starting its new season: Serena Williams and Roger Federer sharing a court for the first — only? — time.

There they were, trying to return each other's sublime serves during a mixed doubles match, then kidding around and showering mutual admiration on each other during a joint interview, before posing for a selfie seen 'round the world.

A fan's dream. A promoter's, too. Also, potentially, a scary moment for tennis.

Williams, owner of a professional-era-record 23 Grand Slam singles titles, and Federer, owner of a men's-record 20, are both 37 years old, both parents and both far closer to the ends of their careers than anyone with a stake in the sport would care to think about. And so the whole scene on New Year's Day at the Hopman Cup raised a key question, one that will be a backdrop at the Australian Open when play begins in Melbourne on Monday: What will happen to tennis when these two GOATS ("Greatest of All Time") are gone?

"I'm a little worried about it. When they're done, it's going to be a real loss. When Federer goes, it's a loss, not only for individual tournaments but the tour itself. He drives so much support and fan revenue. It's similar with Serena. They're so well-known outside of tennis. At the end of the day, I'm happy I can say I played against one of them and kind of alongside the other one," said Sam Querrey, a former member of the top 20

"I'm a little worried about it. When they're done, it's going to be a real loss."

Sam Querrey

who reached Wimbledon's semifinals in 2017. "Hopefully someone can step up and take their place in terms of popularity."

That's not all that likely. Not anytime soon, anyway.

It's become a popular parlor game to try to point to which players in their 20s now will fill the gap whenever it is that these two superstars move on.

Among the names bandied about these days are Naomi Osaka, Sloane Stephens and Jelena Ostapenko among the women, and Alexander Zverev, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Denis Shapovalov among the men. That group of a half-dozen owns a total of three Grand Slam titles so far (one each for the trio of women).

There are those, such as ATP Executive Chairman Chris Kermode and WTA CEO Steve Simon, who acknowledge that Federer and Williams are, as Simon put it, "very special," but also believe tennis can survive their eventual and inevitable departures.

"Whenever we see them on the court these days, it's something everybody should embrace and celebrate. They... raised the profile and quality of tennis," Simon said. "If there are conversations about them retiring, I'd say that we'll certainly miss them, but it's also something that happens in sports: Icons retire and great new icons come up behind them. No one thought anyone would ever replace Michael Jordan, and I don't think LeBron James has done too bad a job of following him up."

Added Simon: "I hope they play for another 10 years, but if they don't, the sport will, of course, move on while also remembering their greatness forever."

Federer and Williams have

built up reservoirs of success on the court and good will off it over nearly two decades: Williams' first Grand Slam title came in 1999; Federer's first arrived in 2003.

Her take on Federer: "Both on the court and off the court, he has such charisma."

His take on Williams: "You see how focused and determined she is, and I love that about her."

While Federer has managed to avoid any sort of real controversy at all — "His contributions have been immense both in terms of captivating audiences worldwide on the court, as well as leading by example away from the court," Kermode said — Williams most recently faced backlash after a mid-match flare-up during a loss to Osaka in the U.S. Open final last September.

The Australian Open will be Williams' first real tournament since that outburst, which led to her being docked a game by the chair umpire and fined \$17,000 by the U.S. Tennis Association, so it will be fascinating to see how things play out in Melbourne, where she has won seven titles.

What everyone seems to be able to agree on is that whenever Williams and Federer — a six-time champion at the Australian Open, including in 2017 and 2018 — do decide to walk away, their imprints will be lasting ones.

"They are both legends. They are champions. To see both of them still competing on a real high level was quite fun and exciting," said three-time major champion Angelique Kerber, who was at the Hopman Cup. "I hope they will still play a few more years, as long as they can, because they are really important for tennis."

Djokovic, Federer on opposite sides of bracket

By John Pye
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic are aiming for the same record from opposite sides of the draw, leaving open the prospect of them playing in the final for a seventh Australian Open title.

Top-ranked Djokovic and defending champion Federer enter the season-opening major equal with Roy Emerson, who won his six Australian singles championships between 1961-67, before the Open era.

Serena Williams already has won seven Australian Open singles titles, and is a strong contender to add another after skipping last year's tournament while on leave after having a baby.

Now seeded 16th, Williams was drawn into the same section Thursday as No. 1-ranked Simona Halep, the runner-up last year. The pair could meet in the fourth round.

Djokovic starts at the top of the draw and will open against a qualifier. Things could get much tougher quickly, with a potential second-round meeting against wildcard entry Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who he beat in the 2008 Australian final, and with Denis Shapovalov in the same section. Eighth-seeded Kei Nishikori, who opened the season with a title in Brisbane, is a potential quarterfinal rival and No. 4 Alexander Zverev looms as a semifinal opponent if both players advance that far.

Federer, who has won the last two at Melbourne Park in a career resurgence, is in the bottom half of the draw with second-ranked Rafael Nadal, who is returning from an injury layoff.

Aiming for a 21st Grand Slam trophy and a 100th career singles title, Federer will open against Denis Istomin. And with No. 6 Marin Cilic in the same quarter, there's potential for a rematch of the 2018 final a few rounds early.

"I'm so close, I'll give it a go," Federer said. "If I made 100 at the Australian I'd take it, I'd gladly accept it — and I'll give it all I have."



Novak Djokovic makes a backhand return during a practice match on Margaret Court Arena, Thursday in Melbourne, Australia. [MARK BAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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The Panama City Publishing Museum, 1134 Beck Ave., gives free guided tours of Historic St. Andrews. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

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Participants paddle around a post during Paddle 4 PC on Jan. 5 in St. Andrews. [PHOTOS BY PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



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Arts forecast: Cloudy with a chance of a future



Tony Simmons

PANAMA CITY — Driving into Panama City over the Hathaway Bridge on Tuesday felt like plowing through a metaphor for this new year:

Stop-and-go progress through fog so thick that I couldn't see more than a few car lengths ahead. On the uphill slope, two contractor trucks sat off to the side after a fender-bender. The bay beyond them was invisible behind a wall of gray-white haze. When the water at Carl Grey Park appeared, I felt a moment of vertigo. I hadn't realized I was heading downhill already, and it seemed like the world had up-ended. Then the mist cleared and blue sky resolved out of nowhere, with sunlight bursting across traffic that suddenly opened up and moved freely.

That's what I hope the future is like for us in the local creative arts community.

On Wednesday afternoon, I sat in on a visioning meeting for the Floriopolis organization at the St. Andrews Civic Club, where the former studio and gallery has set up a sort of "temporary longterm" base of operations. The gathering took place while artists worked on projects at other tables, and it included artists, storytellers, musicians, writers and more.

Floriopolis will not be moving back into its old



Driving into 2019 like this. [TONY SIMMONS/THE NEWS HERALD]

location off Beck Avenue. But that doesn't mean there's no "Floriopolis." In fact, the group is planning a full slate of events for 2019.

"We're looking for things we can do this year, either collaborating with other organizations or stand-alone things we can do in St. Andrews, with the notion we are not going to move back into our space," said founder Heather Parker as she talked about the purpose of the meeting.

Already, Floriopolis is hosting a series of Songwriters Concerts at the Civic Club; the next one will be Feb. 15, and will include a guest visual artist and spoken word performer in addition to three featured musicians. In April

and November, Floriopolis will host three-day, non-traditional art festivals with interactive elements, a lounge area and more. The organization will also make banners for the upcoming St. Andrews Mardi Gras Festival in February, participate in the St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl in March, as well as the return of the Blessing of the Fleet in April. There's a slate of events in May that Floriopolis plans to take part in, including Cinco de Mayo, Star Wars Day, a downtown art festival, and Salty Dog Day.

In the meantime, ongoing events include Free Studio Days from 3-5 p.m. each Tuesday for all ages, and Adult Studio Days from noon to 5 p.m. each

Wednesday.

"I'd really love to get more artists in here, using the space," Heather said.

In addition, the second Tuesday of each month will be a creatives meetup starting at 7:30 p.m. (immediately following the Bay Storytellers meeting from 6-7:30 p.m.). This started as an informal jam and gab session for area musicians.

"It's the one night a month that the musicians hang out with each other," Heather said. "I don't want the other creatives to come and act like an audience. They should bring something hands-on to do or share, bring a project."

Other events later in the year are also in the planning

stage, many of them slated for the Civic Club, but others taking art into the community — which has always been part of the Floriopolis package. Heather said she'd like to get the downtown Panama City businesses, venues and artists involved in some of them, such as Poem in Your Pocket Day and Art Break Day.

But that's going to take more planning and more buy-in from local creatives — maybe as they find their way out of the fog.

Peace.

Tony Simmons writes about all sorts of things. Every week, more or less, and with mixed success lately. But at least the fog seems to be clearing.

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GO & DO

Making history: Rediscover St. Andrews

By Jan Waddy

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ST. ANDREWS — Hurricane Michael is history, as historic St. Andrews breathes new life into the changed landscape.

“St. Andrews has a lot of potential. It had a lot of potential before and still has a lot of potential for growth and development. A lot of the charm of St. Andrews is because of the mom and pop shops and restaurants, and that’s important to us that we can maintain that charm of old Florida,” said Panama City Publishing Museum Executive Director Michelle Price, who had just finished leading Friday’s St. Andrews Walking Tour. “The tour has not changed. The only thing that’s not there is the Governor Stone, currently dry docked for repair, but the marker by the slip is there. Historic St. Andrews Church lost its steeple, but it’s still standing. The main part is the history, and the history is still there. Now we have this new element added to the history with the hurricane.”

The Governor Stone, the 1877 National Historic Landmark Schooler, is being repaired after Hurricane Michael wreaked havoc on the St. Andrews Marina (and everything and everyone else) in its path Oct. 10. The marina, built in 1960 and renovated in 2001, has made beauty from destruction before. A Pelican Tree carved from an oak that died during 1995’s Hurricane Opal adorns the boardwalk. And the St. Andrews Marina Store reopened before the end of October.

Price gives free guided tours of historic St. Andrews, incorporated as a city in 1908, from the museum, 1134 Beck Ave. Although the museum’s chimneys crumbled during Hurricane Michael, the bricks were saved for restoration of the building, which originally was home to the Panama City Publishing Co. in 1920. The museum’s 1915 letterpresses still operate today for small print jobs.

Friday’s tour included winter



The Copper Tap Grille opened New Year’s Eve on Beck Avenue in St. Andrews and features a porch for outside dining, live music and serving drinks during the St. Andrews Mardi Gras Festival, which returns Feb. 22-23.

[PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Little Village and Finns Island Style Grub are open on 12th Street in St. Andrews.

visitors Barbara and Jerry Wolt-ers of Minnesota, and Judy Close of Ohio, who was joined by her daughter Trina Shanks. Barbara admitted

they were “glued to The Weather Channel for five days” after the hurricane, but returned to the area in December to spend their fourth



Hunt’s Oyster Bar continues to draw crowds.



Los Antojitos features inside and outside dining overlooking Lake Ware.

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winter in Panama City Beach.

“We’ll keep coming back. It can’t stop us enjoying the

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area,” Barbara said.

The friends always drive over the Hathaway Bridge to spend time in St. Andrews during their stay.

“We met down here at Mardi Gras,” Close added.

This year’s 22nd annual St. Andrews Mardi Gras Festival returns Feb. 22-23 with live music, family fun and games. The Krewe of St. Andrews will roar down Beck Avenue and Hurricanes will refer to signature drinks.

Jay Pigneri and Mynde Kelly’s new Copper Tap Grille, which opened New Year’s Eve, even has a porch facing Beck Avenue that the owners built with Mardi Gras in mind.

“We built on the porch so we could serve off the porch for Mardi Gras,” said Kelly, who added the building (originally a Tastee Freez) was gutted from its last life as Breezy’s.

Copper Tap also plans on hosting local live music outside.

Though Little Village on 12th Street is taking a break from live music, that will be back in full swing by Mardi Gras. This month, the village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday for shopping. Finns Island Style Grub is serving tacos and more from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, when guests can dine at outdoor tables overlooking Lake Ware.

Los Antojitos, just around the other side of the lake off Beck Avenue, offers inside and outside dining on tacos and other Mexican favorites. On Saturday, enjoy music and margaritas with Anthony Peebles playing from 6-9 p.m. on the back deck.

The Shrimp Boat Restaurant, 1201 Beck Ave., has its original 1950 sign displayed in the dining room. The location includes Barefoot on the Bay overlooking St. Andrew Bay and House of Bourbon upstairs, where this weekend’s live music includes Wells and the Witchdoctor from 7-11 p.m. Friday, and True

Soul from 7-11 p.m. Saturday.

The Market at St. Andrews continues to draw visitors, residents and new vendors from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, since reopening Nov. 3, next to the Shrimp Boat at Smith Yacht Basin.

“The market has been great; we’ve had as many as 25 vendors on a Saturday. We are looking for more people who are looking to start a business or have a place to market and sell their products,” said Market Manager Dannon Glover, who also owns St. Andrews Pepper Co. “The pepper business is doing good with our bottled products. We are replanting peppers and should have them ready for spring.”

Formerly named St. Andrews Farmers Market, the new name is more representative of everything the year-round market offers — fresh produce, artisans, craftspeople and even more live music.

Although St. Andrews Coffee House isn’t scheduled to reopen till Tuesday, residents and visitors can wake up with Amavida Coffee Roasters — open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily on W. 10th Street.

St. Andrews Coffee House’s new owners Holly and Dennis DuBose plan to incorporate plenty of Southern cooking and hospitality at the restaurant.

“We just really want it to feel homey. I want everyone to come in and enjoy themselves,” said Holly, who first came to the coffee house when it was owned by Ellen Mapelsden and Robbie Fehrenbach. “That’s when I really fell in love with this place. Living in this area and driving through, you just want something homecooked.”

Mapelsden and Fehrenbach owned the coffee house from 1998 till 2015, and chicken salad has remained a fixture on the menu even as the bistro has changed hands — first with Pigneri and then with Dan Windsor and Felixa Sconyers.

On Friday and Saturday nights, parking spots and tables at area restaurants in the Beck Avenue corridors can be hard to come by — crowds packing into The Shrimp Boat and Barefoot on the Bay, Los Antojitos, Thai Basil, Hunt’s Oyster

Bar, Enzo’s Pizza, St. Andrews Slice House, Alice’s on Bayview, and the Copper Tap Grille.

“Uncle Ernie’s is closed, shooting for opening in March, and Capt.’s Table (on Beck) is closed, but I haven’t been given an opening date, but both are actively working on repairs,” said Price, who added all other restaurants are open. (Sizzle Dog never reopened and has left the location.)

Uncle Ernie’s building initially was a house built in 1895 and moved to its current location in 1993 by the Pigneri and Lyon families. The restaurant since has become a landmark. Many of the Copper Tap’s employees once worked at Uncle Ernie’s on Bayview Avenue — where they were used to even larger crowds.

“I wouldn’t choose to work anywhere else besides St. Andrews,” said Copper Tap employee Taylor Leahy. “It’s the atmosphere and the food; food is definitely big culture here.”

The Sailor’s Landing and Taproom had to close after damages from the hurricane, with the Taproom temporarily opening under a tent, but a new bar, the Salty Hobo, 1118 Bayview Ave., opened in December. The Salty Hobo will host live music with Sons of a Beach at 7 p.m. Friday.

St. Andrews wasn’t always a foodie neighborhood with such a vast selection of dining options. Hunt’s Oyster Bar now sits where the area’s first restaurant, Mattie’s Tavern, flourished from the ‘30s to ‘50s, with guests such as actor Clark Gable of “Gone with the Wind.”

The Rexall sign that once hung across the street at Sunjammers has now been safely stored inside by owner Brad Stevens.

“It broke my heart when we didn’t see the Rexall Pharmacy Sign, brought back memories for me as a kid,” Shanks said.

Sunjammers also is open for business, as well as the Trendy Side clothing boutique, the Star Gallery, and BOT Boutique (which has reduced hours from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday). Gypsybeach Treasured Kreations reopened after the holidays Jan. 7, and in February,

Swangke will debut a remodeled store with a new look and new salon.

“Native Spirit Museum and Gallery is OK and open,” said Price, adding Janie’s and Bay Art aren’t planning on coming back to the Beck Avenue shopping strip, which is where Alvin’s Island at the beach got its start as Alvin’s 5 and Dime, opened by Alvin and Marion Walsingham in 1950.

St. Andrews’ first department store, Ware Mercantile, was built in 1926 where Harbour Village is now located.

Floriopolis is closed but Heather Parker has been creatively reaching out to the arts community, recruiting residents with newfound inspiration and hope. On Jan. 6, she invited the community to Make a Vision Board at the St. Andrews Civic Club to look toward the new year’s “goals, dreams, intentions, and plans.”

“One Heart Yoga opened in Downtown Panama City and is not coming back to (the former St. Andrews) location, but I’m glad they were able to reopen,” Price said. “I love the area and love being near the water, and I have a lot of hope for the future of the area. I moved here in December 2008 and this little area in these 10 years has changed a lot and become so active, and it probably always was a tight community but I see so much more of that now. Everyone seems so connected and they know each other here, and there’s a camaraderie especially since the storm and all of that positive energy.”

St. Andrews is even part of ancient history: Oaks by the Bay was home to the Weeden Island Native Americans between AD 500 and 1200. And though the landscape looks different, the large oak at the park’s entrance, which hails back to the 1860s when St. Andrews residents were salt producers during the Civil War, still stands. And one thing’s for sure — the future residents and visitors will “Keep St. Andrews Salty.”

See more about Floriopolis’ future plans on page E4, photos from St. Andrews on E8, upcoming music at Alice’s on E9, and Copper Tap Grille on E10-11.

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Photo gallery

See more photos taken Jan. 8 in St. Andrews at News Herald.com.



The Captain's Table on Beck Avenue in St. Andrews is shown Jan. 8. [PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Oaks by the Bay is shown on Jan. 8.



Barefoot on the Bay is open for business.



Uncle Ernie's is scheduled to reopen in March.

GO & DO: LIVE MUSIC

Alice's hosts Gulf Jazz Society's all-star quartet

By Jan Waddy

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ST. ANDREWS — The show will go on for Gulf Jazz Society.

“A Jazz Reminiscence of the Golden Decade of Blue Note Records” is set for Jan. 22 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Alice's on Bayview Ave., in the Historic St. Andrews neighborhood.

“Alice very graciously offered the Gulf Jazz Society this new venue while storm damage to The Place is being repaired, and we are grateful because it is ideal as a jazz room,” wrote Executive Director Larry Fletcher. “Alice's is a great venue for jazz because of the room's acoustics, seating capacity, enthusiastic attitude of management, and quality of food and drink. Although in the past, Gulf Jazz Society events have been held at numerous establishments in Panama City and Panama City Beach, we had eventually settled at The Place Downtown. St. Andrews' Oaks by the Bay Park has been the location of our annual jazz festival for several years, and much of our financial support has come from merchants in this area. Our jazz festival has contributed to the increasing popularity of this area of Panama City.”

The annual Jazz By the Bay Festival was scheduled for Oct. 12-13, 2018, at Oaks By the Bay, but canceled after Hurricane Michael hit Oct. 10. The Jan. 22 performance will be the first Gulf Jazz Society show of the new year.

Alice's, owned by Alice Masker, features a variety of dining options — beginning with BBQ Gulf Shrimp, She



Alice's on Bayview in St. Andrews will host Gulf Jazz Society's "Blue Note Records - Jazz Reminiscence of the Golden Decade" on Jan. 22.

[JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Want to go?

What: Gulf Jazz Society show, 'A Jazz Reminiscence of the Golden Decade of Blue Note Records'

Who: All-star quartet of Mike Levine, George Petropoulos, Steve Gilmore, and Charles Pagano

When: 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22

Where: Alice's on Bayview, 1000 Bayview Ave., St. Andrews

Tickets: \$10 for GJS; \$12 for others

Reservations: Larry or Amy at 850-784-2106

Crab Soup and Watermelon Beet Salad to sandwiches, seafood plates, steaks and

chicken, as well as a selection of desserts. Arrive early and enjoy dinner, drinks and conversation before the jazz performance.

The Blue Note jazz quartet features seasoned performers Mike Levine (keyboard), George Petropoulos (trumpet), Steve Gilmore (bass), and Charles Pagano (drums) — in their initial performance as an “all-star” group. Miami pianist Levine performs mainstream jazz and Latin styles. He has performed at the Aruba Jazz Festival, the Detroit Jazz Festival, the Hollywood Jazz Festival, and many other festivals and club dates. Petropoulos excelled in the New York jazz scene for several years

before relocating to Pensacola. Gilmore is a three-time Grammy winner, and Pagano — a “first call” drummer — moved to the area from Los Angeles a few years ago.

The Golden Decade of Blue Note Jazz, from 1957 to 1967, was a deliberate effort to achieve a near perfect mix of music selection, artist selection and combination, visual impact, and recording technique. Blue Note vinyl LPs had a look and sound that attracted (and still does) a universe of jazz music lovers.

Jazz artists who are featured on the Blue Note records of the “Decade” include musicians who defined jazz in their time — Cannonball Adderly,

Horace Silver, Art Blakey, Lee Morgan, McCoy Tyner, Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock, Miles Davis, Clifford Brown and John Coltrane. They were well-served by the remarkable production staff of Alfred Lion (producer), Francis Wolff (photographer), Reid Miles (design), and Rudy Van Gelder (engineering).

The all-star jazz quartet will perform many of the recognizable tunes of this 10-year segment of jazz history at Alice's. For reservations, call Larry or Amy at 850-784-2106. Admission is \$10 for GJS members and \$12 for others; pay at the door. GJS membership applications will be available.

FOOD & DRINK: DINING

Celebrate new life at Copper Tap Grille

By Jan Waddy

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ST. ANDREWS — Since Mynde Kelly and Jay Pigneri opened Copper Tap Grille on New Year's Eve, the restaurant has been a place for new beginnings.

"It was our dream to just open something that was our own," Kelly said. "We work really well together. We just mesh really well — here and at home. I dream it; he builds it."

Kelly's "industrial modern" interior design mixed with Pigneri's experience as a third generation restaurateur, the pair is a recipe for success. Add in the spice from the Copper Tap girls, who light up the room with smiles and eagerness to serve, and it's a serving of hope for the future.

"It's a good community down here, a lot of loving people, inviting, friendly," said employee Brianna Allen, who also calls St. Andrews home.

Knowing the battles that have been fought since Hurricane Michael hit Oct. 10 makes their joy even sweeter.

"A lot of the girls came from (Uncle) Ernie's, where they're used to triple the business and table sizes," Kelly said. "I got the cream of the crop."

Pigneri's father, Jim, and his late aunt Mary Lou Parrish were original owners of Uncle Ernie's, a legacy carried on by Parrish's son, Sean Lyon, and his cousin Erin Pigneri. Uncle Ernie's Bayfront Grill is currently closed but is scheduled to reopen in March.

And now Kelly and Pigneri are both making a new name for themselves with Copper Tap Grille, 1316 Beck Ave.

Kelly has repurposed metal spheres that hung in their yard before the hurricane into dining room decor. The bumper of an old truck hangs over the doors to the porch.

"Dad (Jim Pigneri) built a piece of artwork from pipes of



The Copper Tap Grille is open for lunch and dinner beginning Friday, Jan. 11.

[JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Calamari Strips and Peppers are served with housemade marinara. [JAN WADDY/THE NEWS HERALD]

Breezy's, and after the hurricane he grabbed that bike," Kelly said.

Dining room walls also have become home to an art exhibit by Christon Anderson, whose now iconic photograph taken of his daughter walking amidst the destruction left in the hurricane's wake captured the experience of the community. But his art reaches beyond photography, and every piece is for sale.

"We want to be able to showcase local artists and have live entertainment down the road," Pigneri said.

The Copper Tap Grille building, which now seats 125 inside and on the porch, was purchased in November 2017 as Breezy's Country Cooking. But it has been a multitude of businesses since Dunton's Taste Freez, established in 1956. The building's transformation was so extreme that I questioned if I was



The Fried Shrimp Po-Boy is drizzled with a spicy Parmesan cream and served with garlic Parmesan waffle fries. [JAN WADDY/THE NEWS HERALD]



Italian Wedding Soup is worth celebrating. [JAN WADDY/THE NEWS HERALD]



Balsamic Reduction Glazed 12-ounce Lamb Chops are served over rosemary garlic mashed potatoes. [JAN WADDY/THE NEWS HERALD]

mistaken on where Breezy's once sat — not a far stretch after losing

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FOOD & DRINK: DINING

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my compass in the hurricane.

“I’m learning that people appreciate the socialization,” said Kelly, who also recently joined the Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership. “We wanted to keep it small, simple but good.”

The menu is far from simple — there’s something for everyone, with dishes inspired from the Mediterranean to New Orleans and our own Southern coast. The Chicken and Waffles (crispy chicken breast with honey Creole aioli atop a homemade Belgian waffle with maple syrup and crispy prosciutto) dish was inspired by a trip Kelly and her 12-year-old daughter, Isobel, took to Belgium.

“They are so amazing. I’ve had them three times and we’ve only been open four days,” Kelly said. “Jay wanted everything to be a little different.”

Waffles are even served as a dessert choice — with vanilla ice cream, chocolate and maple syrups, and pecans.

Beginning Friday, Jan. 11, the restaurant will be serving the full menu for lunch and dinner — opening from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

“It’s definitely different than anything we have here,” said employee Breanna Godwin, who’s going through a Chicken and Waffles kick. “When you’re here you can order perfect some of the best lamb I’ve ever had; there’s something for everybody. There are seafood dishes, but here there are also different foods. I like this side of town. It has such a vibe. It feels like summer all year long. It’s definitely a good mix between downtown and the beach. The owners are just some of the best people, very dedicated to the area and all their employees.”

Pigneri, Kelly, and Isobel, are professional and upbeat — spending days at the St. Andrews restaurant before retiring in the RV parked in the driveway of their house that has been deemed unlivable.



Jim Pigneri, left, and his wife, Doris, get together for a family photo at Copper Tap Grille with Mynde Kelly, Isobel, 12, and Jay Pigneri. [JAN WADDY/THE NEWS HERALD]



The Copper Tap Grille girls are ready to serve. [JAN WADDY/THE NEWS HERALD]

“We live here; sleep there,” Kelly said. “Our main goal for this restaurant is to have a family along with our own family. We want everyone to feel happy.”

“We are working owners,” Pigneri said. “We will get down in the weeds with them.”

But Pigneri, who Kelly has known since she was 16, has never been one who cooks at home — so she has been just as excited as the customers to try his food.

“I made our menu unique so we could print it every day, because Jay loves to change it around if he feels we need to change specials,” Kelly said.

“Fresh, fresh, fresh, keep things fresh,” Pigneri said.

Isobel added Tabouleh Salad (garnished with naan) to the menu after Muslim friends she knows through Rising Leaders Academy taught her how to make the dish.

“I like how he (Pigneri) can

still put a twist on things, like the calamari with fried peppers and made in house marinara,” employee Taylor Leahy said.

My son and I shared a plate of the calamari and peppers — fried in a light crispy seasoned flour and served with drinkable marinara with bits of tomatoes, shredded basil and hints of garlic, sprinkled with Parmesan. The calamari wasn’t chewy, but the perfect blend of textures and tastes. Finding thin strips of smoky pepper skins intertwined was a nice surprise making this the best calamari I’ve ever eaten and whetting my appetite for more.

A baguette was served with a basil pesto for dipping — another extra touch that added to the experience. I opted for a cup of the Italian Wedding Soup to precede my entree. Worthy of a celebration — with mini meatballs in a savory broth with chicken and greens, carrots and onions — I stopped just short of turning up the mug. Within 30 minutes of arriving, I was already started to get full.

My ahi tuna had a nice sesame seed crust drizzled with flavorful, but not hot, wasabi and sweet pepper sauces with a delicious seaweed salad. It was light, even good leftover, and was served with steamed broccoli, peppers and onions over mashed potatoes garnished with a Parmesan waffle fry.

My husband’s Fried Shrimp Po-boy featured shrimp in the same craveable fried coating as the calamari. But my son’s Balsamic Reduction Glazed Lamb Chops over a bed of rosemary garlic mashed potatoes with a roasted grape tomato demi-glace stole the show.

Copper Tap Grille also serves Goat Island Beer from Cullman, Alabama, with six beers on tap — available for craft beer flights.

“The Blood Orange (Berliner Weisse) beer is similar to Blue Moon, but not as heavy,” said bartender Courtney Schofield, who also prepares signature cocktails. “We also have a red ale, a lighter than normal IPA, super dark beer, and German beers.”

Happy hour is 5-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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FOOD&DRINK

Try a signature sip at Fonville Press

By Savannah Vasquez

Gatehouse Media

ALYS BEACH — Aneliya Kovacs let her love of coffee lead her to a job.

She said her husband brought her a cup of coffee from Fonville Press one day, and that was it. She knew she had to have a job there. Now it's been almost three years since she became a barista at the cute coffee shop in Alys Beach, and she said she couldn't be happier.

"I was very interested in making coffee drinks," she said. "I'm a coffee drinker. I love coffee. I love this place."

Kovacs said her go-to cup of coffee is a classic latte.

"I drink lattes or cortado," she said. "A cortado is two shots of espresso and two ounces of steamed milk, so it's equal amounts. Usually, I drink this in the afternoon because I don't need too much milk."

As for the most popular drink at Fonville, Kovacs said it seems to change with the season.

"The vanilla lattes are a winner. Everyone pretty much orders this," she said. "The Thanksgiving season the pumpkin spice latte was very popular, and now it seems like the peppermint mocha is our winner."

For Kovacs, she said she likes to prepare a drink to a customer's preferred taste.

"I like seeing people's faces after they take their first sip of coffee," she said. "It's so satisfying when they smile, and they're like 'ahh,' ready to go about their day. It's nice to hear that someone appreciates your work."

Kovacs, who is originally from Bulgaria, said when she



Aneliya Kovacs let her love of coffee lead her to a job at Fonville Press in Alys Beach. [SAVANNAH VASQUEZ/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

is not working, her favorite pastime is to travel with her

husband.

"I like to travel when I have

the chance," she said. "I want to go to Machu Picchu. It's

my next go-to. It has always fascinated me when I see pictures or read articles about it, and they say they are going to close it for tourists because so many people are going they are ruining the steps, so I want to catch that last train."

As for her signature sip, Kovacs developed the Strawberry Shortcake latte one day on a whim.

"I just came up with it one day because I was thinking about making a strawberry shortcake dessert and I just thought, 'How about we do it as a drink?'" she said. "It's really tasty."

The Strawberry Shortcake latte features white chocolate syrup, strawberry syrup, espresso, steamed milk, whipped cream and pink sugar for garnish. It's not yet on the menu, so be sure to ask a Fonville Press barista, or better yet, Kovacs herself to craft the Strawberry Shortcake latte.

Fonville Press is 147 W. La Garza Lane in Alys Beach. Find them on Facebook or call 850-213-5564.



The Strawberry Shortcake Latte at Fonville Press. [SAVANNAH VASQUEZ/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

Strawberry Shortcake Latte

Ingredients

- 2 shots espresso
- 12 ounces steamed milk
- 2 tablespoons white chocolate syrup
- 2 teaspoons strawberry syrup
- Whipped cream
- Pink sugar

Directions

In a 16-ounce cup, measure white chocolate and strawberry syrup. Pull espresso shots and steam milk. Pour shots into cup, then pour steamed milk. Top with whipped cream and sugar. Enjoy!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Want to be in the spotlight? Email your answers to our questions along with your photo to tsimmons@pcnh.com and jwaddy@pcnh.com



Name: Bryan Almodovar
Age: 29
Occupation: Owner Almodovar Drafting & Design LLC; husband of a beautiful woman and father of the cutest girl
Where you grew up: Puerto Rico
Favorite local place to eat/favorite dish: Boricuba (Mofongo with Camarones al ajillo) and Shan Kishi (Shumai, Gyoza,

Sushi, Sashimi)



Name: Jon Powers
Occupation: Superintendent for Target Builders
Where you grew up: Venice, Florida
Favorite local place to eat: Los Antojitos
Favorite hang-out: Tootsies
What you do for fun: Flying (private pilot)



Name: Dannon Glover
Age: 36
Occupation: Operations Manager (nexAir Panama City), Small Business Owner (St. Andrews Pepper Co.), Market Manager (The Market at St Andrews)
Where you grew up: Dothan/Wicksburg, Alabama
Favorite local place to eat/favorite dish: Capt. Anderson's/Churrasco Steak

Favorite hang-out: Home
What you do for fun: Work in garden and spend time with my four children and wife.



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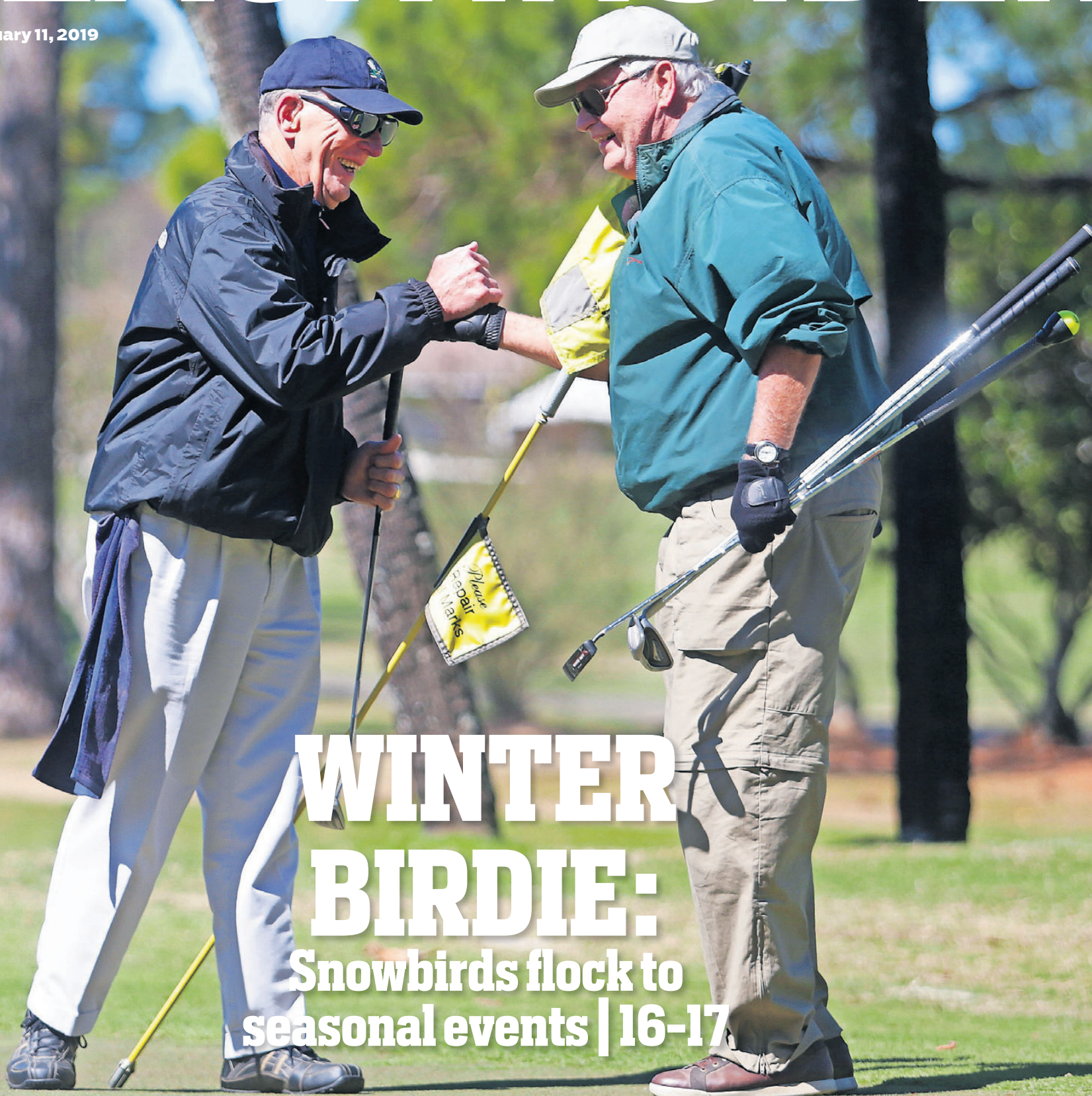
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Irene and Pat Compagnon enjoy a night of dinner and dancing at the annual Senior Prom in 2014. [NEWS HERALD FILE PHOTOS]

A busy schedule awaits winter residents

By Tony Simmons
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PANAMA CITY BEACH — Winter brings the annual return of visitors from the northern climes, so called “snowbirds” flocking to the warmer southern shores.

And Panama City Beach is ready

for their visit with a full calendar of social events geared toward retirees and seniors in addition to all that the area already has to offer.

“Each winter, we are thrilled to welcome many visitors from the north who are a true part of our Panama City Beach community,” said Visit Panama City Beach President and CEO Dan Rowe. “This season,

we have exciting events and values catering to travelers wishing to create memories. We also want to express our gratitude to our loyal visitors and thank everybody for the support they have provided to our community after Hurricane Michael.”

Among the events is the annual Homecoming Dance and Social at Laketown Wharf from 4-9 p.m. Jan.

23, and the seventh annual Winter Resident Senior Prom from 4-9 p.m. Feb. 13. Both of these gatherings offer chances for guests to get out their dancing shoes, drawing hundreds of visitors year after year.

Panama City Beach also holds official Winter Resident Appreciation Days, offering complimentary coffee, donuts and giveaways at the

Panama City Beach Senior Center on Jan. 18, and Feb. 8 and 22. Everyone is encouraged to stop by for a chance to mingle with friends old and new while learning about the activities and special offers in and around the beaches area. Tickets to all Winter Resident events can be purchased during Winter Resident Appreciation Days.

Avid winter golfers have another reason to hit the links with Mystery Golf Challenges. Players of all skill levels are given the chance to win prizes, chime in on what they would like to do or see at local golf courses and just enjoy the excitement of a little bit of mystery around the next dogleg.

The Winter Resident Grand Finale acts as a farewell and appreciation event for those who choose Panama City Beach as their home away from home. It will be at Laketown Wharf from 4-9 p.m. Feb. 27.

For more information on Winter Resident events, discounts and deals go to the website, VisitPanamaCityBeach.com.

Meanwhile, here are more upcoming events designed with senior winter visitors in mind:

Senior center

The Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, has a full schedule of classes and activities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday. Different classes meet each day. Classes include rotary woodcarving, social bridge, chair exercise, canasta, stained glass, knife and chisel carving, advanced strength and exercise, yoga, line dance, bocce, Mahjongg, cribbage, chair exercise, ukulele, duplicate bridge, pinochle, dominoes, sticks, painting partners, Shanghai rummy, bid euchre, pine needle baskets, open art, wood burning.

In addition, the Senior Center will have some special events: A Health Luncheon at noon Monday, Jan. 14; Winter Dance from 6-10 p.m. Jan. 26; and Chili Cookoff at noon Jan. 30.

Library programs

The Panama City Beach Library, 12500 Hutchison Blvd., will offer special events and weekly programs for winter visitors and local



Classes at the Panama City Beach Senior Center include chair exercise.



Snowbirds John Jollymore, Jim Anderson, Ryan Jennings and Lane Dahline enjoy a wood-carving class at the Panama City Beach Senior Center in January 2018.

[TYRA JACKSON/NEWS HERALD FILE PHOTO]



Snowbirds dance at the Homecoming Dance and Social at Laketown Wharf in January 2018. The event welcomes winter residents back to Panama City Beach and gives them a place to dance and catch up with friends. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

seniors. Scheduled events will take place every Wednesday during January, February and March from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Each month will include a musical performance, book club,



Snowbirds check out woodworks during Winter Resident Appreciation Day at the Panama City Beach Visitors Center in 2013.

[TYRA JACKSON/NEWS HERALD FILE PHOTO]

Snowbirds dance at the Homecoming Dance and Social at Laketown Wharf in January 2018. The event welcomes winter residents back to Panama City Beach and gives them a place to dance and catch up with friends. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

bingo and craft project. The programs are free and open to the public.

The winter programs kick-off on Friday, Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m. with the Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews concert. Sarah Burris, Community

Relations and Marketing Coordinator for the Northwest Regional Library System, recommends an early arrival to get a good seat.

Here are the rest of the Winter Wednesday plans:

Jan. 11: Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews concert; Jan. 18: Adult Crafting; Jan. 25: Beach Bingo; Feb. 1: Beach Book Club (“A Tale of Two Cities” by Charles Dickens); Feb. 8: Peter Fletcher concert; Feb. 15: Adult Crafting; Feb. 22: Beach Bingo; March 1: Beach Book Club (“Everything I Never Told You” by Celeste Ng); March 8: The Kilted Man concert; March 15: Adult Crafting; March 22: Beach Bingo; March 29: Habits of Happy People presented by Renee Ryals of Humana.

“The Adult Crafting projects allow you to learn a new craft technique and create a DIY craft that you can take home with you,” Burris said. “Projects range from clay to jewelry making. Beach Bingo provides an hour of Bingo fun. You may even win a prize.”

The Beach Book Club actually continues year-round on the first Wednesday of the month featuring a select book. For more information about these program, visit NWRLS.com or call 850-233-5055.

And that’s not all

SENIORS SOFTBALL LEAGUE: 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday through March 13, at Frank Brown Park, 16200 Panama City Beach Parkway. Free admission.

EDUCATION ENCORE: 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. each Friday from Jan. 18-Feb. 22, at Gulf Coast State College, 5230 W. U.S. 98, Panama City. For \$92, adults are invited to participate in their choice of a slate of non-credit enrichment education classes on a variety of topics. Details at GulfCoast.edu/encore (Read more about Education Encore on page E19.)

BEACH BOOGIE DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION: 6-10 p.m. on Feb. 2, at the Lyndell Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach. Presented by the Women’s Civic Club of Panama City Beach to benefit local charities. Music by Jim Lawson. BYOB, set-ups provided. Hors d’oeuvres served at 6:30 p.m. Auction items include gift certificates, travel and more. Admission: \$15. For tickets or details, call Diane at 850-819-2236.

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GO & DO

Classes offer active adults the college experience

Education Encore now enrolling for 6-week session

By **Tony Simmons**
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PANAMA CITY — Adults looking for a renewed college experiences — without the pressure of grades or tests — can enroll in the spring semester of Education Encore, a continuing education program at Gulf Coast State College.

“You can’t find a program anywhere in this area that offers as much as this for the price,” said Lara Herter, program developer for the GCSC Corporate College department.

For \$92, students can sign up for four classes that will meet each Friday during the six-week session from Jan. 18 to Feb. 22. More than 50 classes are offered, including writing, art, history, exercise, computer literacy and more. And the specifics within those general areas are unique: one class explores the story of Skylab, for instance, while another examines American foreign policy; one covers the basics of fencing, and another delves into the history of slavery in the United States.

Classes will include Bay County History; The Renaissance Masters; bird watching; watercolor painting; creating enameled jewelry; Florida native plants; Islam in America; legal briefs; the Bill of Rights; drawing with charcoal; Fishing Florida; meditation; writing fiction or memoirs; sign language; social media; physics; Monarch butterflies; smart phones; and many more.

EDUCATION ENCORE

What: Enrichment classes for active adults
Where: Gulf Coast State College, Panama City
When: Each Friday for six weeks, from Jan. 18-Feb. 22
Cost: \$92 covers four classes
Details: GulfCoast.edu/Encore

“Spring Encore has a lot of Winter Residents that come, so we offer some classes that are geared more toward them,” Herter said.

There are even various choices within an area of interest, such as Chair Yoga, Hatha Yoga, Yoga for Healthy Aging, The Ancient Philosophy of Yoga and even a new class on Yoga for Gardening.

The classes are taught by people who are experts in their fields or have cultivated a specialty of knowledge about certain topics. For instance, Matt Greene and Cole Schneider, who write the weekly Movietown Movie Club reviews for the Entertainer, will teach a class on Appreciating Disney Animation. Scott Jackson, who contributes columns to The News Herald’s “Outdoors” section for the UF/IFAS Extension Bay County office, will teach Florida Seafood at Your Fingertips, which will discuss nutrition and preparation — and provide opportunities to sample dishes.

Judges Tom Ellinor and Don Sirmons join attorney Mike Stone to discuss the complexity of the Bill of Rights. Retired educator Pat Nease, an award-winning storyteller and member of the Bay Storytellers, will teach “A Second Look at Classic Tales,” a new class. And Bay County Public



Debyn Ceeley, standing at left, teaches a watercolor painting class at Education Encore. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



A course in American Sign Language will be offered for the spring semester at Education Encore. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Library Outreach Librarian Heather Ogilvie will lead a new course on “Reading about Race: Overcoming Implicit Bias.”

The art and photography

courses usually end with an exhibition of student work on the final day of classes.

“At the end of each Encore semester, we set up tables and all of our students can

display what they’ve created,” she said. “It’s really beautiful.”

Encore students also receive a student ID card, which provides them the same privileges as full-time GCSC students, such as access to the Wellness Center, athletic events, library, bookstore, and more. In addition, some performance events at the Amelia Tapper Center Theatre will offer free or reduced tickets to registered students.

Registration opened in December. Fees are due by Jan. 11 for those who registered on time, but registration will continue even after classes begin. For more information, visit GulfCoast.edu/Encore or call 850-872-3823.



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LIQUID DREAM FISHING TEAM

Long search turns up tournament stud red



Anthony Watson

It was going to be a high of 69 degrees with 4-mph winds out of the north which meant the bays would be calm. I hadn't been out in two weeks due to being out of town for the holidays and had no idea of the pattern of the reds and trout.

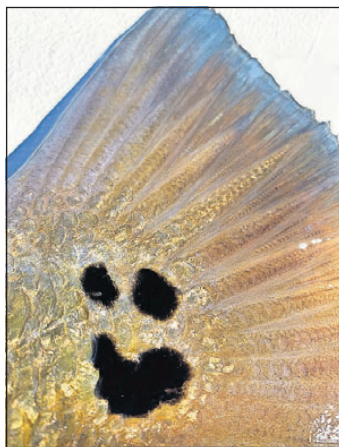
Before going, I made couple of calls to help me zone in on the reds and which direction to go. The one angler I talked to said they were tearing up the reds in the hole at the pass. If you're unsure of the hole, there is a deep spot of the "kiddie pool" at the north side of the rocks. The hole at the pass always has reds and 98 percent of them are bulls and over.

So, I discarded that information and called one other person. He explained to me they caught a dozen-plus reds the previous weekend on Slayer SSB stick baits and Zman trout trick jerk ShrimpZ. I asked which bay were they in finding all these reds, and he said the Navarre Sound. So, with the intel I had received that morning, I still was no closer to zoning in on the reds and just went with what I knew about this time of year.

My dog and I left the landing and headed for my winter spots that had produced the last two years, but I wasn't sure if they would produce this year between the hurricane, all the rain, and the warmer weather. I got to the dock where we



The red measured 27 inches and weighed 7.5 pounds. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



This red had smiling spots. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

took second two winters ago, which usually stacks red.

I was skipping a Slayer SSB stick bait on a 1/4-ounce head. I skipped, jigged twice and thump. I thought I already figured it out, except it was an 18-inch trout. I worked around that dock for another hour, not catching

anything but hurricane debris. I left for a mud flat that usually holds in the winter months.

I arrived at the flat and forgot the wind was blowing out of the north 20 mph the previous two days, which had the water pushed out, plus we were just coming off a dead low tide. I couldn't get as far back as I like, but I could almost reach with a cast. I spent probably another hour casting around that flat, didn't get the first hit and saw one mullet.

Now I thought, wow the storm and rain has really changed patterns and it's like starting over completely. I remembered a picture I saw where someone caught some big reds by the Intracoastal and Horse-shoe Bayou, so I made the run.

I got over there, and found mullet everywhere in 4-8 inches of water. I cast into

them and worked back deep trying to find stalker reds or reds mixed in for safety and food. About the fifth cast, I felt a thump and set the hook: a 20-inch trout. Not a bad trout, but not what I was trying to pattern.

I worked around Horse-shoe about an hour catching trout and trout only. I ran to a spot we found after the storm that had been pretty good to us and started slowly working the drop-off and the back, watching my surroundings. Some birds were diving about 500 yards down the shore, and I moved over by them to see what they were diving on and what was following. As soon as I got down the bank to them, I noticed a school of reds pushing away from me down the shore.

I left the trolling motor on 3 and followed, watching them and hoping I would get the chance for a

cast before they pushed off deep. After about 30 minutes of following them, they stopped moving, I cast and thump — the drag took off. I fought the red from around the power pole, the trolling motor, and under the boat. When I netted the red, he looked oversized, but I measured and weighed him just out of curiosity. He was exactly 27 inches on a flat board, weighing right at 7.5 pounds on the Boga scales. That was a stud tournament red that would be amazing for a weigh-in, but I only catch the 7 and above red while out pre-fishing, exploring or fun fishing.

I saw what I came to see and didn't want to pressure the rest of the school, so I released the red and headed back to the landing.

A.J. Watson writes about his local fishing adventures each week for the Entertainer.

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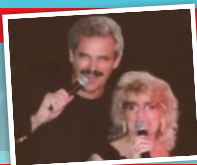
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MOVIETOWN MOVIE CLUB

'Bird Box' appears blind to its own faults



Each week, locals Cole Schneider and Matt Greene share their different takes on new movies out in area theaters. For podcasts and more, visit MovietownMovieClub.com

Cole: 'Bird Box' mystery frustrates

Netflix sensation "Bird Box" has captured everyone's attention, but is the movie any better than the multitude of memes it's inspired? The short answer is no. Its best parts feel like an off-brand "A Quiet Place" and its worst elements bring to mind "The Happening."

The narrative, which follows a lady named Malorie as she traverses her fears of motherhood while a mysterious and sinister force moves through the world causing any who look upon it to commit suicide, is the kind of high concept thriller that makes sense for a streaming service like Netflix.

"Bird Box" doesn't care about traditional drama, so it cross cuts along timelines telling us who survived and who didn't before they do or don't. Instead it wants its compulsion to come from the mystery surrounding the nature of its monster, but while the script is brazenly blunt about some things it's ambiguous on its monsters, so its mystery is less compelling and more frustrating.

It's clearly a story about motherhood, but it also suggests itself at times to be a parable about a host of things including faith, mental health, white privilege and more. It's not actually about any of those things,



Sandra Bullock stars as a mother trying to protect her kids in "Bird Box." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

of course, because it doesn't follow through with any of them. Faith in what, exactly? Why does it treat mental health patients as caricatures? Why are victims of racism played the same as the white population? All interpretations fail themselves in different ways depending on what interpretation it's serving.

None of that would matter as much, of course, if "Bird Box" was more compelling on its own terms with its own narrative and its own characters, but very little of that is fulfilling enough on their own terms.

Rating: ★★ out of ★★★★★

Matt: 'Bird Box' plays on convenience

The beginning of M. Night Shyamalan's infamously despised "The Happening" gave us a promising premise about people mysteriously committing mass suicide.

The rest of the movie is a slog of non-suspense, but that initial idea was decently Hitchcockian. "Bird Box" does its best to pick up that seed-of-a-concept and run with it, at times managing slight engagement through momentary struggles. Mostly though, all it manages is making me wish I had a blindfold on myself to keep from having to witness more "Happening"-esque levels of cinematically boring stupidity.

Like "Night of the Living Dead" (only much worse), "Bird Box" is largely interested in the individual toll of a worldwide disaster. Instead of buckets of blood and gory terror, it focuses on the smaller thrills. Unfortunately, it rarely succeeds, continuing Sandra Bullock's sad career trend of being in technically popular but undeniably subpar projects ("Minions," "Ocean's 8," "Blindside"). The rest of the impressive cast, who all deserve much better, are

sequestered within didactic exposition, atrocious flashback storytelling, oddly lit "Sharknado"-looking cinematography, and good-old-fashioned overlength.

If nothing else, this proves the undeniable impact Netflix has on our collective viewing habits. If we had to get dressed, go outside, drive our gas-guzzling car, spend \$30 plus, and sit through 20 minutes of trailers, "Bird Box" would be just another non-existent 2018 horror movie ("Strangers 2," "Truth or Dare," "Slenderman"). But because Netflix spits it right into our living rooms, we don't even have to put on pants to watch Sandra lovingly yell at her kids to, "Not look!" for two hours. Need we not forget, though, that true thrills come from creative tension and natural stakes, not just mysterious noises and random violence.

Rating: ★ ½ out of ★★★★★

'Bird Box'

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SCOTTISH FESTIVAL CANCELLED



The Scottish Festival and Highland Games scheduled for March has been cancelled, but a fundraising concert on Saturday will go on. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

The 27th annual Panama City Scottish Festival and Highland Games, originally scheduled to take place at Frank Brown Park in March, has been cancelled. Organizers said Hurricane Michael, while it did not damage the grounds where the event would take place, has caused too many hardships for those who would participate, including the loss of many local sponsorships. In addition, necessary materials such as portable toilets and ATMs are scarce in the area and would cost too much to ship in for the weekend.

However, a concert and dinner buffet scheduled as a fundraiser for the festival will go on as planned this weekend. MacGilliossa, a Celtic band that employs bagpipes, fiddles, whistles,

percussion and vocals, will perform at the Todd Herendeen Theatre, 8010 Front Beach Road in Panama City Beach, from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, following a dinner buffet from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per person, which includes the buffet and show, plus a special "Address to the Haggis" presentation with a wee taste of haggis for all in attendance. The venue is "flask friendly" (BYOB), though a cash bar also will be available, offering premium Scotch and Irish whiskies. For tickets and more information, visit PCBeachScotFestival.com or email dtparris@gmail.com.

The next Scottish Festival and Highland Games will be scheduled for March 7-8, 2020.

HAVE AN EVENT?

Email Jan Waddy, jwaddy@pcnh.com, or Tony Simmons, tsimmons@pcnh.com. Inclusion of events in this calendar is at editor's discretion.

Friday, Jan. 11

FINDING BEAUTY AGAIN:

Painting workshop Jan. 9-11 at The Palms Conference Center in Panama City Beach. Instructor Linda Pelc focuses on fellowship and fun while painting in watercolor, acrylic or oil. No charge for artists recovering from Hurricane Michael; donations will be accepted. Details at BeachArtGroup.com

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ARTIST EXPO: Exhibit open through Jan. 18 at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Details at PCCenterForTheArts.com

'PAUL NEWMAN RETROSPECTIVE' FILM FESTIVAL:

2 p.m. 'Hud,' 4:30 p.m. 'The Sting,' and 7 p.m. 'Cool Hand Luke,' at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City (taking over for the Martin Theatre). Admission: \$7.50 per film or \$20 for weekend pass to view as many films/as many times as you want. Refreshments for sale. Details at MartinTheatre.com

'TRAVELERS' CLOSING RECEPTION:

5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Light Room, 306 Harrison Ave., Panama City. Meet the featured photographers, Maureen Joyner, Larry Joyner and David Capes. The party will also mark the second anniversary of The Light Room's opening. Details and online gallery at TheLightRoomPC.com

'ON GOLDEN POND':

7:30 p.m. at Mosley High

School's Gretchen Nelson Scott Fine Arts Center, 501 Mosley Drive, Lynn Haven, presented by Kaleidoscope Theatre. Directed by Lois Carter, this touching dramatic comedy explores the relationship between a grown daughter and her elderly father. Tickets: Adults \$18 (reserved), \$20 (at door); Military/Seniors \$17 (reserved) \$19 (at door); Students \$12. All Bay County students with ID will be admitted for free. Season tickets will be honored. Details at KT-Online.org

CAROLINE COTTER - LIVE:

7:30 p.m. at the Rep Theatre, Seaside. Tickets: \$25 general admission. Details at LoveTheRep.com

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MACGILLIOSSA - SCOTTISH FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER:

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Monday, Jan. 14

HEALTH LUNCHEON: Noon at the Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach.

BAY COUNTY AUDUBON:

6:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1410 Airport Road, Panama City. Neil Lamb will present "The Amazon River on a Cruise," including the unique scenery and exotic birds of Brazil. Check baycountyaudubon.org for details. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

WATERCOLOR ART WORKSHOP:

1-4 p.m. at the Panama City Beach Senior Center's Oatfield Building, 423 Lyndell Lane, with

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'LOVE, GILDA' - THE REP FILM SERIES: 6 p.m. at the Rep Theatre, Seaside. Doors open at 5:30. Popcorn and beverages for sale. Tickets: \$12.50 general admission, \$10 for Rep members. Details at LoveTheRep.com

Wednesday, Jan. 16 HURRICANE RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT: at Lulus in Destin. Tropical rock singer/songwriter Don Middlebrook & Friends will host a two-night benefit concert for the hurricane-stricken Panama City area, with 12 musicians donating their time and talents for this fundraiser.

Thursday, Jan. 17 'DANCING LESSONS': 7:30 p.m. at Emerald Coast Theatre Co., 560 Grand Blvd. in Sandestin, Miramar Beach. The play follows Ever, a young man with Asperger's Syndrome, who seeks lessons from a Broadway dancer so he can dance at an awards dinner. The dancer, Senga, is recovering from an injury that may stop her from dancing permanently. Tickets: \$30 for adults; \$28 for seniors (55 years and older), students, and military; purchase online at emeraldcoast-theatre.org/tickets or call 850-684-0323.

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Friday, Jan. 18

EDUCATION ENCORE: Every Friday through Feb. 22 at Gulf Coast State College, Panama City. Continuing non-credit enrichment classes for active adults. Details and registration information at GulfCoast.edu/Encore

30A SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL: Jan. 18-21 at venues all along Walton County 30A. Headliners include Jason Isbell, Brandi Carlile, Steve Earle, Shawn Mullins, Robyn Hitchcock and many more. Weekend passes, tickets and other details at FreshTix.com.

THE KINGSTON TRIO - 'THE LEGACY TOUR': 7:30 p.m. at the Majestic Resort Ballroom, 10901 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Carrying on the trio's signature sound and songs are Josh Reynolds, the son of original member Nick Reynolds, with Mike Marvin and Tim Gorelagon. Part of the 'Martin Presents' series. For details and ticket information, visit MartinTheatre.com/presents-series or call the box office at 850-763-8080

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MOONLIGHT PADDLE: 4-7 p.m. at Campbell Lake in Topsail Hill State Park, 7525 W. County 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Cost is \$40 per person for the ranger-guided tour. Must be experienced kayaker/canoer age 12 years or older. Advanced registration required at TopSailParkFriends.org

AMERICANA MUSIC AT THE LODGE: 6:30-8 p.m. at Camp Helen State Park, 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway. Tonight: Wyatt Espalin, who recently toured with The Indigo Girls and teaches at the John C. Campbell Center for Folk Arts. Park entrance is free for the concerts; Friends of Camp Helen will accept donations, which will benefit the park. For details, call 850-233-5059, visit Facebook.com/FriendsofCampHelenStatePark, or email camphelenfriends@gmail.com

PANAMA CITY POPS ORCHESTRA 'CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN': 7:30 p.m. at the Gretchen Nelson Scott Fine Arts Center at Mosley High School, 501 Mosley Drive, Lynn Haven. Join the Pops for a tour of the Mediterranean with the music of some of Italy's and Spain's most beloved composers at the orchestra's temporary post-hurricane home. Seating is limited; for general admission ticket information or to purchase season tickets, visit PanamaCityPops.org or call

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Tuesday, Jan. 22

ACRYLIC ART WORKSHOP: 1-4 p.m. at the Panama City Beach Senior Center's Oatfield Building, 423 Lyndell Lane, with instructor Heather Parker. Details: 850-235-6374

'ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA - THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL FROM STAGE TO SCREEN': 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City (taking over for the Martin Theatre). Presenting Shakespeare plays as recorded live on stage.

Refreshments for sale. For details and ticket information, at MartinTheatre.com

DENNIS 'MOONSHINE' RADER: 2 p.m. at the Todd Herendeen Theatre in Panama City Beach. One show only. Details at DennisRaderMusic.com or email dennisrader@mac.com

A JAZZ REMINISCENCE OF THE GOLDEN DECADE (1957- 1967) OF BLUE NOTE RECORDS: 6:30 p.m. at Alice's on Bayview, 1000 Bayview Ave., in St. Andrews. Gulf Jazz Society will feature all-star jazz quartet made up of Mike Levine (keyboard), George Petropoulos (trumpet), Steve Gilmore (bass), and Charles Pagano (drums). For reservations, call Larry or Amy at 850-784-2106. Admission is \$10 for GJS members and \$12 for others; pay at the door. GJS membership applications will be available. Alice's offers a full bar and a menu; arrive early and have dinner in quiet comfort before the performance.

Thursday, Jan. 24

PROJECT JUMPSTART ART PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER: 6-8 p.m. at the Palms Conference Center, 9201 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Supports the effort to purchase supplies for artists who lost their resources because of Hurricane Michael. Cost: \$40 each or \$65 for couples. Reserve seats at BeachArtGroup.com

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Friday, Jan. 25

WINE TASTING: 5-7 p.m. at Somethin's Cookin', 93 E. 11th St., Panama City with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. Details: 850-769-8979

'MUTTS GONE NUTS' - CANINE

CABARET: 7:30 p.m. at the Majestic Resort Ballroom, 10901 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Featuring 10 of the world's most talented 4-legged performers. Part of the 'Martin Presents' series. For details and ticket information, visit MartinTheatre.com/presents-series or call the box office at 850-763-8080

'WORDMASTERS' - ESCAPE 2 CREATE LITERARY EVENING: 7:30 p.m. at the Rep Theatre in Seaside, featuring playwright Donald Carroll and author J.C. Hallman. Tickets: \$25, available at LoveTheRep.com

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FLORIDA'S SELF-TAUGHT RENEGADE ARTISTS - FLORIDA HUMANITIES SERIES: 7:30 p.m. at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Gary Monroe will share the stories of 12 remarkable, self-taught Florida artists through a lecture complete with vivid imagery. It is the first of a series of Florida Humanities speakers the Bay Arts Alliance will host in 2019. Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs. Future lectures will cover the topics of jazz and soul music, essential books every Floridian should read, and wild stories from Florida's history and culture. Tickets: \$10 each; for sale on the Panama City Center for the Arts website, PCCenterForTheArts.com/speaker-series

Saturday, Jan. 26

JUST FOR KIDS: 1:30 p.m. at Somethin's Cookin', 93 E. 11th St., Panama City with owner Hannelore Holland guiding children (ages 7 to 14) in hands-on cooking (and tasting) class featuring sweet and savory crepes and cherry vanilla blintzes; leave with recipes to recreate dishes at home. Cost: \$28.50. Reservations required: 850-769-8979 or Somethin-sCookin.com

WINTER DANCE: 6-10 p.m. at the Panama City Beach Senior Center's Lyndell Conference Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach. Food provided by Dirty Dicks Crab House. Music by DJ Dave Johnson of Pro Sound Entertainment. Tickets \$20 per person; on sale at the Oatfield Center. Set ups and hors d'oeuvres provided; flask friendly; no reserved seated. Dance sponsored by American Family Care. Details: 850-233-5065

Sunday, Jan. 27

'DANCING LESSONS': 2 p.m.

at Emerald Coast Theatre Co., 560 Grand Blvd. in Sandestin, Miramar Beach. The play follows Ever, a young man with Asperger's Syndrome, who seeks lessons from a Broadway dancer so he can dance at an awards dinner. The dancer, Senga, is recovering from an injury that may stop her from dancing permanently. Tickets: \$30 for adults; \$28 for seniors (55 years and older), students, and military; purchase online at emeraldcoasttheatre.org/tickets or call 850-684-0323.

THE CHURCH AND THE ARTS CONCERT SERIES: 7 p.m.

at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, 271 S. State 79, Panama City Beach. Tonight Sinatra-inspired music by David Seering. Tickets are \$10 at the door; season tickets available. A portion of each concert's proceeds benefits the Community Food Pantry at Gulf Beach Presbyterian. Details at PinkChurch.org or 850-234-3161

Tuesday, Jan. 29

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP: 1-4 p.m. at the Panama City Beach Senior Center's Oatfield Building, 423 Lyndell Lane, with instructor Margrete Vause. Details: 850-235-6374

'THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL FROM STAGE TO SCREEN': 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Martin Theatre, 409 Harrison Ave., Panama City. Presenting Shakespeare plays as recorded live on stage. Refreshments for sale. For details and ticket information, visit MartinTheatre.com

Wednesday, Jan. 30

THE GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF: Noon to 1:30 p.m. at Panama City Beach Senior Center's Oatfield Building, 423 Lyndell Lane, with cash award for first place. To compete, bring chili in a slow cooker with extension cord; all types of chili welcome. Public welcome to come vote for favorite chili. Tickets:

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\$5 per person; includes chili and beverage; proceeds benefit Panama City Beach Senior Services. Details: 850-233-5065

Thursday, Jan. 31

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(55 years and older), students, and military; purchase online at emeraldcoasttheatre.org/tickets or call 850-684-0323.

Friday, Feb. 1

8th ANNUAL STARS AND GUITARS: 7 p.m. at the Gretchen Nelson Scott Performing Arts Center, at Mosley High School, 501 Mosley Drive, Lynn Haven. Featuring Travis Tritt. Benefiting the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center. Tickets: \$65; call 850-872-7760 or go to the GCAC office, 201 E. 11th St., Panama City.
2nd ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITIONS, OPENING RECEPTION AND FILM: reception 5-7 p.m., film at 7 p.m., at the Panama City Center for the Arts,

19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Featuring work by numerous local artists, with a special exhibition of work by Purvis Young, who was named to the Florida Artists Hall of Fame in 2018, as well as the work of quilts by Maxine Thomas. Free admission. For details, visit PCCenterForTheArts.com
'FIRE AND RAIN' - TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF JAMES TAYLOR AND CAROLE KING: 7:30 p.m. at the Majestic Resort Ballroom, 10901 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Featuring multiple award-winning performer Jim Witter. Part of the 'Martin Presents' series. For details and ticket information, visit MartinTheatre.com/presents-series or call the box office at

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Saturday, Feb. 2

JUMBLE SALE: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Panama City Beach Senior Center's Oatfield Building, 423 Lyndell Lane, with crafts, flea market, silent auction, bake sale, raffle basket, lunch sale and more to benefit the Panama City Beach Senior Services Foundation. Free admission; open to the public. Details: 850-233-5065
BEACH BOOGIE DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION: 6-10 p.m. at the Lyndell Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach. Presented by the Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach to benefit local charities. Music by Jim Lawson. BYOB, set-ups provided. Hors d'oeuvres served at 6:30 p.m. Auction items include gift certificates, travel and more. Admission: \$15. For tickets or details, call Diane at 850-819-2236.

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Tuesday, Feb. 5

'LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE' - THE REP FILM

SERIES: 6 p.m. at the Rep Theatre, Seaside. Doors open at 5:30. Popcorn and beverages for sale. Tickets: \$12.50 general admission, \$10 for Rep members. Details at LoveTheRep.com

Wednesday, Feb. 6

THE STORYTELLER SERIES - 'AN EVENING WITH THOM GOSSOM'

7 p.m. at Emerald Coast Theatre Co., 560 Grand Blvd. in Sandestin, Miramar Beach. Tickets: \$25; purchase online at emeraldcoasttheatre.org/tickets or call 850-684-0323.

Thursday, Feb. 7

RYAN HOOD - LIVE: 7:30 p.m. at the Rep Theatre, Seaside. Tickets: \$25. Details at LoveTheRep.com

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COMEDY CLUB: 7 p.m. cocktails, 8 p.m. showtime at Emerald Coast Theatre Co., 560 Grand Blvd. in Sandestin, Miramar Beach. A benefit for Emerald Coast Theatre Co., sponsored by ResortQuest Gulf Coast. Includes laughs from Heather Tolley-Bauer; The Rat Pack: Live Musical Performance; 1950's Vegas Lounge Act; one complimentary drink, Chef's prepared nibbles and bites; cash bar. Tickets: \$65; VIP \$95; purchase online at emeraldcoasttheatre.org/tickets or call 850-684-0323.

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- TRIBUTE TO THE SUPREMES: 7:30 p.m. at the Majestic Resort Ballroom, 10901 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Classic hits tell the true story of the female singing group. Part of the 'Martin Presents' series. For details and ticket information, visit MartinTheatre.com/presents-series or call the box office at 850-763-8080.

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