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## NEWS HERALD

## LH City Manager arrested for aggravated assault

Commission suspends with pay in emergency Sunday meeting

By Eryn Dion and Katie Landeck
The News Herald
LYNN HAVEN - Lynn White was been suspended with pay after he was
arrested Sunday afternoon and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a domestic iolence
In an emergency meeting, the Lynn Haven City Commission unanimously voted the outcome of an investigation after he was accused of threatening his wife with a
gun in what the Bay County Sheriff's Office's arrest reports say was an ongoing pattern of domestic Margo Anderson called it a "very dark moment for Lymu Haven." "The
"The city takes the allegaWhiteing made against Mr in the process of gathering
information and conducting an investigation into this matter so that appropriate action may be taken, dents of Lynn Haven, please dents of Lynn Haven, please to operate as usual with our to operate as usual with our
residents receiving the exemplary service they have come See WHITE, A5


Michael White [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## Hurricane disrupts some cancer treatments



Dr. Andrew Weber and his dog Bauer speaks with Jennifer Greenley at Florida Cancer Associates on Wednesday. Today is her first chemotherapy infusion after being diagnosed this year. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/ the news heraldj

## Cancer Center takes

 on more after some doctors leave region
## By Patrick McCreles

 pmccreless@pcnh.coPANAMA CITY - Deborah England only had two weeks England only had two weeks
of radiation therapy for lung cancer before Hurricane Michael hit.
Then, Bay Medical Sacred Heart shut down its depart ment where England got her treatments. Her doctor was unreachable.
For two months after the storm, the Panama City Beach resident had no access to care and considered moving in lina to get treatment there Then England learned about Florida Cancer Affiliates in Panama City.
She's been on chemotherapy at the center ever since. "Things were difficult for a while ... I feel like I was caught in the middle of things," England said. "I was pretty worried because I didn't want to stay with friends since I didn't know how long I'd have be there.
Unlike many other area physician offices and busi-


Dr. Andrew Weber gives a high five to his dog Bauer at Florida Cancer Associates on Wednesday. Bauer occasionally dresses in costumes when he is at the office. JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD.

Affiliates defied the odds and reopened just a week after the hurricane. The center took on not just its regular patients, but those whose doctors had left or had offices still shut down. And with a shortage of oncologists in Bay County still five months after the disaster, the center has continued to work overtime to meet the need.
According to Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center, the county prior to the storm. Now there are just two practicing oncologists.
"It is a concern to have so many doctors leave from one specialty, and it's taxing on the ones who stayed," said Brad Griffin, CEO of Gulf Coast Regional. "But while we are concerned ... the others who have stayed are doing a good job ... and we're supporting their recruitment efforts."
Dr. Andrew Weber oncologist at Florida Cancer Affiliates, said his center oncologists, but the hurrican

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What the new El Niño forecast means for hurricane season

## El Niño emerged in February, changing weather patterns

By Kimberly Miller The Palm Beach Post
The long-forecast El Niño finally emerged full fledged in February and it a 60 percent chance to persist through summer. The Climate Prediction Center's latest forecast which was released Thurs day, gives the global climate pattern a 50 per cent chance to persist into the fall. For Florida, the periodic warming of the equatoria Pacisc Ocean can mean season with fewer of the powerhouse Cat 5 tropical cyclones known to build during the peak months of August through October.
While the National Oce
anic and Atmospheric Administration's official
tropical cyclone forecast sn't released until May, at least two early predictions are calling for a near normal to below normal season.
WeatherBell Analytics released its preliminary forecast this week with than average season. It warns that "forecasting off a forecast" of what's expected this summer can be dangerous, but in general believes there will be a "down year in the main development region."
The main development region is where so-called Cape Verde hurricanes are born. These storms can havery tempers. Indeed that is where Cat 4 Harvey, Cat 5 Irma, Cat 4 Jose and Cat 5 Maria formed in 2017 Overall, WeatherBell's forecast includes a rather wide spread with 10-15

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## More evacuations in Midwest

Flooding continues to slam lowa, Nebraska

By Jim Salter
The Associated Press
ST. LOUIS - Residents in parts of southwestern Iowa were forced out of their homes Sunday as a torrent of Misso and through leve putting them in a situation similar tohundreds of people in neighboring Nebrask
who have been displaced by the late-winter flood. Heavy rainfall and snowmelt have led to dangerously high water in creeks and rivers across several Midwestern states, with the Missouri River hitting record-high levels in many areas. At least two deaths were blamed on fooding, missing for days.

See MIDWEST, A5 HENTF@si.edu PANAMA CITY WRITERS ASSOCIATION: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Civi Club, 2629 W. 10th St., Panama City. Help critique genres. Meeting onthe first and third Tuesdays of each month. Details at panamac month. Details at panamac LINE DANCING: 8:30 p.m. at the Gran Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Rd, Panama City. For all levels. $\$ 5$ per person. Details: 850-258 9847 or seasideliving87@ yahoo.com

Wednesday,
March 20
SIDEWALK STARGAZING: at the Bay County Public Library, 898 W. 11th St., Panama City. Time will be announced on the Facebook event page one week before event; cancelled in the event of poor skyviewing conditions. Details at NWRLS.com FULL MOON CLIMB: 7:30 p.m. at Cape St. George Island. Sunset/Full Moon Climb from 7:30-9 p.m. will include light hors d'oeuvres. Cost is $\$ 15$ for the general public; $\$ 10$ for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. The sun will set at 7:51 p.m and the "Worm" moon will rise at 7:40 p.m. Cost is $\$ 10$ for the general public; $\$ 5$ for SGLA members. Space is limited; reservations recLighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Thursday, March 21
SQUARE DANCE LESSONS 6:30-8 p.m. at Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City. $\$ 5$ per person Details: Anne 850-387-310 or Kathie 850-896-5798
Friday, March 22
THROUGH THREADS OF TIME: exhibition runs through March 31 at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St Panama City. Featuring quilts by Maxine Thomas. Free admission. For details, visit PCCenterForTheArts.
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Cyndi Westmoreland emailed this lovely photo. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS



Singer Irene Cara is 60 . Cara is 60 .
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Rowe is 57. Singeractress Vanessa
L. Williams is 56. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 55. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell

Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 52. Actor Michael Bergin is 50 . Rapper-actress49.: 49. Actor-comedian Dane Philip Sweet (Little Big Town) is 45 . Rock musician Stuart Zender is 45 . Singers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein re 45. Actress-singe ancer Sutton Foster is Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is
42. Rock singer Adam Levine Maroon 5) is 40. Rock musician Daren Taylor (Airborne Toxic Event) is 39. Olympic old medal figure skater Alexei Yagudin is 39. Actor Duane Henry (TV: "NCIS") is 34. Actor Blake Garrett Rosenthal is 15 .

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CATCH OF THE DAY
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Kenny Williams shared this photo in the Panama City Fishing Facebook group and said, "Great day on the water out of Carrabelle with the wifey!! $30+$ trout later with 4 of them being keepers! Great to be on the flats again, rays and dolphins and baitfish were plentiful!! Water temp was reading 68 on my Hummingbird Helix." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## TODAYIN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 18, the 77th day of 2019. There are 288 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:
On March 18, 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexe Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule secured by a tethe On this date:
In 1925, the Tri-State Tor Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, resulting in some 70 deaths. deats

1937, in America's worst school disaster, nearly 300 people, most of them children, were killed in a natural gas explosion at the New London Con solidated School in Rusk County, Texas. In 1938, Mexican Presi dent Lazaro Cardenas petroleum reserves and petroleum reserves and owned oil facilities. In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain. In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authoriz ing the War Relocation Au charge of interning Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.
In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously required to providere counsel to criminal defo dants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

The Associated Press

## YOUNG ARTIST



Colby Williams. Grade 3. St. Andrew School.

## FLORIDA <br> LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Saturday: Fantasy 5: 02-04-06-09-24 Lotto: 01-05-13-18-28-32 estimated jackpot $\$ 3$ mil lion, Lotto XTRA 05 Mega Millions: estimated jackpot $\$ 45$ million Pick 2 Evening: 5-3 Pick 3 Evening: 2-2-9 Pick 3 Midday: 9-9-4 Pick 4 Evening: 2-8-3-7 Pick 4 Midday: $9-9-5-6$
Pick 5 Evening: $3-1-7-6-0$ Pick 5 Evening: $3-1-7-6-0$
Pick 5 Midday: $7-5-1-0-8$ Powerball: 30-34-39-53-67, Powerball: 30-34-39-53-67, 2, estimated jackpot \$495 million

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named storms, 4-7 hurricanes and up to 2 majo hurricanes of Cat 3 or stronger. A normal season typically has 12 named storms, including six hurricanes and two major hurricanes. "On the high end, if the El Niño isn't impressive we could see activity WeatherBell forecasters warned. The last strong El Ni The onset of El Niñ occurs in tandem with the relaxation of the trade

## CANCER

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damage and insufficient housing has made the task difficult. And even if oncologists, the county would still need more to meet the need, Weber said.
"I'd say we'd need four or five more," Weber said. In the meantime, Weber, two radiation oncologists and lish bulldog named Bauer at the center, have handled much of the cancer care in the county since the hurricane. Weber said he's worked 12-hour days, six days a week for the last five months - treating patients at his center and making rounds at Gulf Coast Regional - getting only one Saturday off a month.
Weber said he's treated
winds - those Ear skimming easterlies that have guided sailing ship for centuries.
With the trade winds reduced, warm water that has piled up in the west ern Pacific Ocean and around Indonesia rushes back toward the east That movement of warm water shifts rainfall pat terns and the formation of deep tropical thunderstorms. The exploding can touch the jet stream disrupt upper air pattern so winds come pore out of the west.

The west winds create shear in the Atlantic which can be deadly to budding hurricanes.
many patients who los their oncologist after the storm. "And they're still stag gering in ... people who since the hurricane" Weber said.
But just getting the But just getting the
center open to treat patients was a monumental task.
Weber said that on the first day after the storm, he brought a generator, portable air conditioner, a lamp and some burner phones to contact patients. He and some and cleared path to th center for patients.
"We saw patient
We saw patients by week until the power was up," Weber said.
And getting open and power back after just one week probably wouldn't have been possible without the help of Dr. George Helmrich, chief medical officer at Gulf Coast Weber said.

An early outlook for the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season released hope the atmosphere will take a break following two punishing years of tropical cyclone activity.
Colorado State Uni versity's first review of global climate patterns hat could influence the 2019 hurricane season found a 65 percent chance that a near average or less will unfold, giving an above-average season a 35 percent chance occurring.

CSU is scheduled to publish an updated hurricane forecast April 4.

Helmrich said it was a team effort by the hospial and the center to get the facility open quickly Helmrich said the hospito put the center near the top of the list for electric ity restoration.
"The hospital as a whole believed it was important to get the doctors' offices open as quickly as pos sible," Helmrich said "We can't provide all the patient care at the hospital that patients need." And it was particularly important to ge Helmrich said.
"Cancer patients Cancer patients delaying care or going somewhere else," he said "And they require just continual care."
To Weber, workinglong hours until more oncolo gists are hired isn't a problem.
"My job is my life right now," Weber said. "It
doesn't matter."

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# NATION \&WORLD 

## 'We wish we knew your name'

Mourners pay tribute
to New Zealand victims, await burials

By Nick Perry and
Juliet Williams
The Associated Press
CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand - A steady stream of mourners paid tribute Sunday at a makeshift memorial to the 50 people slain by a gunman a while dozens of Muslims stood by to bury the dead when authorities finally release the victims' bodies.
Hundreds of flowers were piled up amid candles, balloons and notes of grief and love out side the Al Noor mosque. As a light rain fell, people clutche each other and wept quietly. name to write upon your name to write upon your favorite song, what makes you smile, what makes you cry," read one of the tributes, which contained cut-out paper hearts under a nearby tree "We made a heart for you. 50 hearts for 50 lives.'
Two days after Friday's attack, New Zealand's dead liest shooting in modern history, relatives were still releasethebodies Islamiclaw release the bodies. Islamic law and buried as soon as possible after death, usually within 24 hours.
Supporters arrived from across the country to help with the burials in Christchurch and authorities sent in backhoes to dig graves at a site that was


A girl walks to lay flowers on a wall at the Botanical Gardens on Sunday in Christchurch, New Zealand. The country's stricken residents reached out to Muslims in their neighborhoods and around the country in a fierce determination to show kindness to a community in pain. [VINCENT THIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]
newly fenced off and blocked rom view with white netting. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said authorities hoped to release all the bodies by Wednesday, and Police Commissioner Mike Bush said authorities were working with pathogists and coroners to they could.
"We have to be absolutel clear on the cause of death and confirm their identity before hat can happen," Bush added. But we are so aware of the cultural and religious needs. so we are doing that as quickly and as sensitively as possible."

Police said they hadreleased apreliminary list of the victims to families, which has helped give closure to some who were waiting for any news
The suspect in the shootings, 28-year-old white supren Tarrant appeared in court Saturday apid strict security, shackled and wearing all-white prison garb, and showed no emotion when the judge read one murder charge and said more would likely follow.
Tarrant had posted a jumbled 74-page anti-immigrant manifesto online before the
attacks and apparently used a helmet-mounted camer to broadcast live video of the slaughter.
Ardern said the gunmanhad sent the manifestoto her office email about nine minutes before the attacks, although directly herself. She email office was one of about 30 recipients and had forwarded the email to parliamentary security within a couple of minutes of receiving it.
Bush said at a news confer
ence that another body had beenfound at AlNoor mosque as they finished removing the
victims, bringing the number of people killed there to 42 . Another seven people were killed at Linwood mosque and one more person died later at Christchurch Hospital.
Thirty-four wounded where officials said 12 were in critical condition A 4-yearold girl at a children's hospital in Auckland was also listed as critical.
Dozens of Muslim supporters gathered at a center set up for victims, families and friends across the road from the hospital, where many had flown in from around New Zealand to offer support. About two dozen men received instructions on their duties Sunday, whichincluded Muslim burial customs.
Abdul Hakim, 56, of Auck-
land, was among many who land, was among m
"As soon as people die, we must bury them as soon as possible," Hakim said. "We are all here to help them in washing the body, putting them in the grave."
Javed Dadabhai, who flew from Auckland after learning about the death of his 35 -yearold cousin, Junaid Mortara, said the Muslim community was being patient
The family understands hat it s a crime scene. It's going to be a criminal charge this, so they need to be pretty thorough," he said. Still, it was hard, he said, because the grieving process wouldn't really begin until he could bury his cousin.

DATELINES

LOS ANGELES


Firefighters douse a fire which sent up a huge
plume of smoke Sunday in Los Angeles. The blast reverberated through storm drains and sent manhole covers into the air, fire department officials said. "There was a big explosion - we thought it was an earthquake," resident Joseph Casillas told the Los Angeles Times . "There was a fireball and a tornado o fire." [DAmIAN dovarganes/The associated press]

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.


John Jonchuck appears in court for a pretrial motions hearing Thursday at the Pinellas County Justice Center in Clearwater, Fla. Jonchuck, 29, goes on trial Monday for the Jan. 8, 2015, death of his daughter Phoebe, whom he dropped 62 feet into Tampa Bay as a St. Petersburg police officer watched helplessly. [DIRK SHADD/TAMPA BAY TIMES VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

LONDON

this March 12 photo, Britain's Prime Minister heresa May speaks to lawmakers in parliament, London. May warned Sunday that it would be "a potent symbol of Parliament's collective political railure" if a Brexit delay meant that the U.K. has to take part in May's European Parliament election almost three years after Britons voted to leave the bloc. [JESSICA TAYLOR/UK PARLIAMENT VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS bloc. [J
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PIKETON, OHIO
Woman charged in massacre probe wants charges dismissed

Attorneys for a woman facing charges in connection with an Ohio family massacre have filed a motion to have obstruction of justice and perjury charges against her dismissed.
Fredericka Wagner's son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons are jailed in southern Onio awaiting people in Pike County in people in
April 2016.
They have pleaded not guilty to aggravated murder charges and other counts that could lead to the death penalty if they are convicted.
Wagner, 76, also has pleaded not guilty to the charges against her and is under house arrest.

MILWAUKEE
\$1M bail set for man charged with killing missing girl's mom

Cash bond is set at $\$ 1$ million for a 34-year-old man accused of killing a missing girl's mother in Milwaukee. Dariaz Higgins appeared in court Sunday on charges including first-degree intenional homicide. Higgins is accused of fatally shooting 24-year-old sierra Robinson nd wounding another woman last week.
Higgins is the father of 2-year-old Noelani Robinson. found wrapped in a blanket along a southern Minnesota highway on Friday night is believed to be Noelani's.
The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension says the child died fromblunt force raumato the head. That death emains under investigation.

BAGHOUZ, SYRIA US-backed forces admit to 'difficulties' beating IS in Syria
U.S.-backed forces fight ing to recapture the last Islamic State group out post in Syria admitted on Sunday they were facing "difficulties" defeating the extremists, saying they wer being slowed by mines, tunnels and concerns ove harming women and childre The battle to The battle to capture the extremist group's last patch a collection of tents covering foxholes and underground tunnels in the village of Baghouz - has dragged on for weeks amid an unexpected exodus of civilians from the area

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY Hungarian leader tussles with EU as corruption concerns rise

As the Hungarian prime minister's conflicts with the European Union appea headed to a breaking point calls are increasing fo greater scrutiny of his gov ernment's spending of the bloc's funds.

An opposition lawmaker in Hungary has gathered mor than 470,000 signatures Viktor Orban into joinin the budding European Public Prosecutor's Office, a new agency that will begin anticorruption investigations into the use of EU funds starting in 2020
The EU allocated Hungary 25 billion euros ( $\$ 28.3$ billion) in the 2014-2020 budge period, but critics say thos funds have often been spent
on overpriced or unnecessary projects that pad the pockets of Orban's allies.

## PARIS

Paris cleans up riot debris as support fades for protesters

Business owners, city employees and construc tion workers dug in Sunday to clean up one of the world's most glamorous avenues, lent yellow vest provio ent yellow vest protesters in Paris to express anger at French President Emmanue Macron's economic policies Luxury stores, restaurants and banks on the famed avenue assessed the damage after they were ransacked, looted or blackened by lifethreatening fires set by some protesters Saturday
The Associated Press

## WHITE

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to expect with out interruption. I will be praying for all those involved in great city."
According to the arrest report, White and his wife, Amy White, had been arguing late on Saturday, March 16, when his temper began to escalate. His wife take a shower the report said, when White followed her into the room and pointed "what appeared to be the 22 Magnum firearm he had gifted her with; that is usually kept on a shelf over their bed," at her. "The victim stated that after she got out of the shower she discovered a .22 caliber bullet on the floor of the shower," the said she placed the bullet on top of the shower on top of the shower
shelf. The victim then advised once she got out of the shower, the defendant retrieved the firearm a second time, pointed it at her and then turned it on himself, asking her to

## MIDWEST

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While river depths were starting to level off in parts of Nebraska
on Sunday, the water is so high in many places that serious flooding is expected to remain for several days. And downstream communities in Kansas and Missouri were bracing for likely
flooding flooding.
In Iowa, the Missouri
shoot him."
Afraid, the victim reportedly called Robin assistance. Dan Rus sell is a Lynn Haven City Commissioner
The report reads, "The victim stated that after the defendant realized she was on the phone calling for help, the defendant began to forcefully push her against her will out of the residence while she was still nude. The victim stated that after
the defendant was unsuc cessful in getting unsuc cessful in getting her out of dress and left the residence himself."
According to BCSO documents, White fled and the victim was picked up by the Russells.
The victim, accord ing to the report, told law enforcement that this was not the first time White had become violent, and it wasn't the first time the Russells.

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years the victim other physical acts o domestic violence have occurred. Although, none have been reported to law enforcement, she has on
everal occasions con tacted the Russell's for refuge when violence has the report reads. "State ments were obtained from Dan and Robin Russell in Dan and Robin Russell in edge of domestic violence between Amy and Michael White."
In his statements to police, White told a simi lar story.
"The defendant said that he grabbed a semiautomatic firearm and turned it on himself while dropped the magazine ejected the round out of ejected the round out of firearm upin Amy's direc tion, and stated, 'What do you want me to do, shoot you?' He advised he then left the residence," the report reads.
White was hired by Lynn Haven in July 2017 by officials, including White had including been arrested by the Lynn Haven Police Department in 2016 on a charge of DUI, amisdemeanor.White was arrested Feb. 21, 2016, and within a week entered a no contest plea to a reduced charge of reckless driving

River reached 30.2 feet Sunday in Fremont County in the state's far 2 feet above the record set in 2011. People in the towns of Bartlett and Thurman were being evacuated as levees were breached and overtopped. County Emergency Management Director Mike Crecelius said it wasn't just the amount of the water, it was the swiftness of the current that created a danger. rise," Crecelius said. "It's
lowing fast and it's open country - there's nothing here to slow it down." Thurman has about people live in Bartlett. people live in Bartlett. Lucinda Parker of Iowa Emergency Managemen said nearly 2,000 people have been evacuated at eight Iowa locations since flooding began late last week. Most were staying with friends or family Seven shelters set up for flood victims held just ouple dozen people Sat urday night.

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White paid $\$ 1,450$ in fines and that this is "very dif- intothemeeting via phone and court costs and fin- ficult" for her. During ished probation early fter completing a DU virstimimpact school and victim impact panel. Adjuaccording to court records Russell, who voted to hire White, said at the time the DUI charge wasn't a concern to him, and he did not foresee any probems between White and the police, based on his interactions with White. "Reckless driving is not speeding ticket," Russell said to the News Herald in 2017. "We've all done stupid things on the road." Russell left Sunday' meeting before a reporte could ask him any followup questions.
Anderson has also supported White, saying she has a "close friendship" icult" for her. During the meeting though, she seemed concern about more potential fallout. mation that gore information that going to be coming forward. I'll leave heeding advice from the city attorney to not talk about the case until more is known.
Anderson advised city employees and the city commissioners to also not comment publicly about the case for the time being. but did not get the support, to act as city manager for to act as city manager for saying the department heads who were "blindsided" by the arrest need a point of contact. The conversation caused Commissioner Antonius into the meeting via phone,
to hang up the phone
when tempers flared, and when tempers flared, and Anderson did not win the support of Russell or Com-
missioner Rodney Friend. The matter will be picked back up at the regular Tuesday meeting.
Anderson said the commission was making "a mistake," saying at one point, "this week, Ibelieve, is a time that is very timely that I make sure what Mr. White was doing is what I believed he was doing, and
I have to find that out." But ultimately, Friend But ultimately, Friend could run without a city could ren without a city
manager for 48 hours, with department heads responsible for keeping the city running. Commissioner Judy Tinder agreed with Anderson's assessment. Anderson said she will


## FOOT CARE

## Dr. Burton S. Schuler, <br> Podiatrist \& Foot Care Specialist

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## Orphan WANT빔 Trains <br> Mini Fact: <br> By the end of the Orphan Train project, 47 states had accepted children.

TROY, MO., ON FRIDAY, FEB. 25th, 1910

Do you know the word "orphan"? An orphan is a child whose parents have died Today, if a child's parents are gone and no relatives can help, a foster family may take the boy or girl in.

But in the mid-1800s, there wasn't a foster care system. Many orphanages would only accept children whose families could pay.

In New York City, thousands of children lived in the streets. They survived by stealing and begging for food, or selling matches or rags. They slept wherever they could and didn't have enough clothes to keep them warm.

Others had a parent or even two, but the parents couldn't get work to support the family.

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## Starting a new life

Most of the children stayed on the Orphan Trains for about three days. They slept in their seats or stretched out on the floor underneath.

About 125 kids were on each train, with a few Children's Aid agents traveling with them.

## Saying goodbye

Orphan Train children had to have a lot of courage. Most were leaving behind at least one parent, and many were separated from their
brothers and sisters as well. The Children's Aid Society believed the children would be better off if their new lives were completely separated from their old ones.
Children were not allowed to communicate with their living parent or

A minister named the Rev. Charles Brace and others started an organization called the Children's Aid Society in 1853. They set up schools to teach the children a trade and the difference between right and wrong. But there were too many children to help that way.

The Children's Aid Society began sending these homeless city children to families in the rural Midwest, hoping they would find better lives. The trains taking them away from New York City's poverty became known as the Orphan Trains. other family members. Most children never
knew what happened to their parents. Most knew what happened to their parents. Most
parents never knew if their children ended up parents never knew if their children ended up happy.
Most Orphan Train children found good homes with loving families. But if a child was mistreated, Children's Aid agents usually found him or her a new home

The Orphan Trains began about 10 years before the Civil War and lasted for about 75 years. In that time, roughly 200,000 children from 4 to 13 years old were placed in rural homes.


One family's story
When Clara was about 7 years old, her parents and a sister were killed when they tried to cross a river in New York state. She and her two brothers, 5 -year-old James and 3 -year-old Howard, were sent to an orphanage in New York City.

Soon after, all three children were sent on the Orphan Train to different families in Kansas. Each child ended up with a different, loving family

Clara and her brothers were lucky. They all were taken in by caring people. The siblings were able to keep in touch with one another throughout their lives.

Clara was adopted by a minister's family. Her new mother was a schoolteacher.

When she grew up, Clara married and moved to Texas.

## Resources

## On the Web:

- orphantraindepot.org/
history


## At the library

- "Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story" by Andrea Warren


## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of orphan trains are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

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## Cook's Corner

## Jungle Mash

## You'll need

- 1 teaspoon (or more) lemon or lime juice
- sprinkle of chopped red onion or garlic
sea salt
bits of lettuce, kale, basil, parsley
cilantro, arugula,
spinach or any other greens
- olive oil

What to do:

1. In a big bowl, use a fork to mash together avocado, juice, onion or garlic and sea salt.
2. Add greens as desired and stir.
3. Taste and adjust flavors. If greens seem dry, add a splash of olive oil. Serves 1.

## 7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all in combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. whole Earth (5) $\qquad$
2. like an empty space (5)
3. not ordinary (7) $\qquad$
4. where sides meet (6) $\qquad$
5. place to buy food (6)
6. well known (6) $\qquad$

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## Mini Jokes

Leo: Why don't lions eat

clowns?
Lisa: Because they taste funny!

## Beo Note

In nature, plant and animal
remains rot quickly with the
help of an army of recyclers. Beetles, fungi and bacteria break down dead plants and animals into organic matter. The nutrients return to the soil to nourish plants, which are eaten by animals and so the cycle begins again. Other materials decay at different rates Natural substances, such as wool, cloth and wood, rot away quite quickly. But synthetic materials such as plastic, synthetic materials such as plastic,
polyester and glass can take centuries to polyester and glass can
rot - or don't rot at all.


## For later:

Look in your newspaper for stories about families.

Teachers: For standards-based
activities to accompany this feature, The Mini Page on Facebook!


## Suffering patients finally getrelief

took years, but the Legislature finally agreed t took years, but the Legislature finally
to help Floridians suffering from painul, debilitating afflictions. And still, many of our lawmakers did so reluctantly, n Wednesday, the Florida House, in a 101 -11 vote, passed legislation lifting the ban that the Legislature previously imposed on smokable medical marijuana. The Senate had already passed the bill, so it goes to Gov. Ron DeSantis for his approval. DeSantis forced the Legislature's hand. He declared, shortly after taking office in January, that unless the Legislature acted by March 15 , he would drop the state's appeal of a court ruling that the ban violates a 2016 state The amendment though quite specific in its restrictions, did not rule out smokable forms of medical marijuana. It was approved by 71 percent of the state's voters. Those voters recognized that patients suffering from crippling, sometimes terminal illnesses should be able to have a doctor prescribe the relief that only marijuana, in whatever form, can provide. As DeSantis, a conservative Republican, has said: "Whether they have to smoke it or not, who am I to judge that? I want people to be able to have their suffering relieved." Still, it's hard to convince those legislators who think they know better
ers, the courts and the governor.
One of them is the bill's House sponsor, state Rep. Ray Rodrigues, R -Estero, who also helped craft the Legislature's 2017 ban. As reported by the News Ser Legislature's vice of Florida, Rodrigues and others made sure the new bill placed certain conditions on smokable mari juana, like how much a patient can buy and how often. Rodrigues told his colleagues, apologetically, many of us feel we got it right" the first time. Nevertheless, he said, "This bill is important because if we do not pass this bill, then the guardrails that we could place around smokable medical marijuana will not exist."
"Guardrails"? The 2016 amendment set up guardrails. The amendment specified that only a doctor could prescribe medical marijuana for "diebiiitating medical
conditions," including cancer, epilepsy, glaucoma, HIV/ AIDS, post-traumatic stress disorder, ALS, Crohn's AIDS, post-traumatic stress disorder, ALS, Crohn's
disease, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis.
The language allowed for other debilitating conditions "comparable to those enumerated, and for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient." The ballot summary made clear that violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana would not be protected. The state Department of Health was directed to "register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes" and "issue
identification cards to patients and caregivers." identification cards to patients and caregivers. Patients sued Courts ruled in uncon-
Patients sued. Courts ruled
stitutional. DeSantis pushed.
Because of their actions, maybe next time the Legislature won't have to be forced to do the right thing.

This editorial first appeared in the Sarasota Herald Tri-
bune, a News Herald sister paper with GateHouse Media.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

D.C. now a 'funny farm'

After decades of partisan politics, in an effort to enfranchise the uneducated in this country, a populist demagogue has emerged as President and Washington has been transformed into a "funny farm."
Broadcast media plays along with it all, in order to get "ratings" and the news has become nothing more than a "barnyard gossip "wit" of intelligen feel
offended and would be better off reading a good book. Of course, it's better than the alternative: "dangerous, serious news that threatens life and limb." The degeneration of the Boomers" has coincided with a world that has and secure, thank God! Overall, life is pretty good and we must all count our blessings.
Tom Heil, Panama City Beach

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## First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridg-
ing the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Earlier this month, my husband, Sen. Sherrod Brown, went on a listening tour of four early-primary states as he considered running for him to Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina, as did a caravan of political reporters waiting to see if he would announce that he was in. (He's not.) After one of Sherrod's news gaggles, a reporte pulled me aside and said, "How long before you guys shut down access? This was in late FebruSherrod And public stop, record with reporters. Thi record with reporters. Th band's practice, and long before he married me. I'm less accustomed to being on this side of an interview but it would be an act of unforgiveable hypocris if, after nearly 40 years as a journalist, I were to start avoiding reporter Besides, we trus journalists.
"Why would we stop talking to all of you?" I said. The reporter shrugged I were putting him on.

## READERFEEDBACK

If you own an emotional support animal you may soon have to prove your trusted furry friend is legit.
Allison D. Brown: "Good because people are really taking advantage.' "Why in the world do the care so much? They really want to spend taxpaye money to pass bills designed to ferret out "fake" support animals? This seems like a serious problem with priorities to me.'
RD Foote: "About Time Should make it a Felony for Faking it!
Marsha Wallander: "I think it is terrible people take advandesigned for people in need designed for people in need to take their pet on vacation, eating or shopping."
Caroline Dillard: "I have
PTSD. I would never subject
my dog to the loud music that I can barely tolerate."
Damon Brogdon: "Are they doubting the legitimacy of my emotional suppor Janice Wel
Jeed one like I do see "If you need one like I do, see a doctor and do it the right way. My well. While going through lot of major life stressors, she agreed that keeping my cat with me is more therapeutic than pills, more effective in treatment, and the appropriate way to live a better life so that I function at an optimal level. I would never abuse this it's inappropriate no matter what kind of animal In situations like mine, the emotional support is at home. I don't need him with me 24/7, such as while shopping and dining Some people take advantage of the laws."

Melissa Frye: "Janice Wells Benggio you are the right kind of ESA owner and understand the correct use of an ESA. Greu're emotional support you're emotio help!"
Terraine Robbins: "I hate seeing an animal in a restaurant. If you truly need it then that's fine but when you wanna just bring your dog into Applebee's bc you love them thats nasty and selfish. I worked at Olive Garden and this guy used to bring one of those GIANT dogs into the restaurant, sit in the call andea (which was very the servers to bring him mini bowls for water and food and it was just ridiculous... Then the servers would pet the dog and I doubt many actually properly washed their hands afterwords yuck."

# This tax status could give single parents a break 

By Tina Orem

NerdWallet.com

■nmarried people typically choose the "single" filing status, but tax pros say single parents may have a more lucrative option.
bigger standard household could get you Nyhan, a certified public account And and principal at Gelman, Rosenberg \& Freedman in Bethesda, Maryland


Single filers get a $\$ 12,000$ standard deduction for the 2018 tax year, but single people who qualify for head of household status get \$18,000.
On top of that, heads of household can ge more favorable tax rates. Taxpayers with $\$ 50,000$ of taxable income, for example, would fall into the 22 percent bracket if they opt for the single filing status, but with that amount of income their rate is just 12 per cent if they qualify for head of household status.
"If you file as head of household, you get to keep more of your money," says Michele Cagan, a certified public accountant and author of the blog SingleMomCPA.com.

## How you can qualify

IRS Publication 501 has all the details, but in general, to qualify for the head of household filing status you must be unmarried on the last day of the calendar year and you ial supe provided at least half the finan child who lived with you for more than half the year.
"Basically you have to have someone in the household who's depending on you for financial support," Cagan says.
If you're supporting a full-time college student, you might still be able to file as headoricated if Junior is 19 or old can get part-time student or has a job, she says. People taking care of adult parents migh People taking care of adult parents might Nyhan notes.
"You have to basically be able to claim them as a dependent, so you had to provide more than half their support and you have


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o pay for their household expenses, mean or stuff," she says.
"It gets tricky with what counts as support, so you definitely want to check with an accountant before you file the status," Cagan adds.

## More to consider

If head of household sounds like it's for you, ask a qualified tax pro to go over the rules with you, and be prepared to answer The IRS requires tax preparers to prove they verified that their clients meet the requirements for this filing status; otherwise, the preparer could face a fine.
"I have to talk to my client, make sure they qualify for head of household," Nyhan notes. "They can't just say, 'Oh, I've been head of household for five years."

## 5 tax tasks you can do yourself

## By Tina Orem

NerdWallet.com
Many people will gladly pay a professional to prepare their tax returns, deal with their tax headaches and give them advice, but some things you don't necessarily need to pay somebody to do. Here do yourself, for free.

## 1. Find out how much you owe the IRS

You can find out whether you have a balance outstanding with your payment history) at IRS.gov/ account. Signing up takes about 15 minutes, and the IRS says you'll only need to verify your identity once. "To access their information online, taxpayers must register through Secure Access, the IRS' two-factor authentication process. This identity-proofng process rigtion," the IRS says.

## 2. Get copies of your tax record

The IRS provides five types of free tax transcripts that let you peek at its records on you. You can see most line items from your tax returns for the current tax year and the prior three years, for example, or get basic data such as your marital status, how you paid and your adjusted gross income for the current tax year and for up to the past same as a photocopy of your tax return. If that's what you want IRS Form 4506 and pay the $\$ 50$ fee for each return requested.

## 3. Get on a payment plan with the IRS

If you need a little extra time to pay your tax bill, you may be able to set up a payment plan with the IRS. The short-term plan can get you an
extra 120 days to pay with no extra setup cost. But pay your balance off as fast as you can because the IRS can hit you with penalties and interest until your balance is zero. If you need longer than 120 days, the IRS has payment plans for that, too. But those come with setup fees that range from $\$ 31$ to $\$ 225$. Low income taxpayers canget a break, andan online rather than by phone mail or in person.

## 4. See if you can settle your tax debt

If you can't pay your taxes, or if doing so creates a financial hardship, you may qualify for what the IRS calls an offer in compromise That could allow you to settle your tax debt for less than you owe. Statistically speaking, it's a bit of a long shot - the IRS agrees to fewe than half of the requests - but you can use the IRS's prequalifie oic pre qualifier to see if an offer oic_pre_qualifier to see if an offer Beware: The prequalifier tool is just the beginning of the journey just the beginning of the journey -
you'll still need to complete a formal application (and there's a $\$ 186$ nonrefundable fee to do that).

## 5. Direct-deposit your refund

Direct deposit is a great way to get your hands on your tax refund faster, and it's easy to set up - just supply your bank information on your Form software prompts you to yirect deposit is free; in fact the IRS for deposit is free; in fact, the IRS forseparate fee to set up direct deposit sor clients. You can even route your refund directly into up to three different savings accounts, IRAs, health savings accounts or other investment accounts for free by fil ing IRS Form 8888 and specifying how much to put in which account

## When you should pay taxes with plastic

## y Claire Tsosie

## NerdWallet.com

For David Rae, the value of the trips and benefits he's earned by paying taxes with credit cards more than justifies the cost of processing fees.
"l'm able to pay off my credit card, so 'm not paying interest, ay Rer a in Los Angeles, "And I really like to travel for free."
For maximizers like Rae who lways pay their credit card bills in full, here are three times paying taxes with a card to earn rewards can make sense.

## 1. Your ongoing rewards are

 higher than the processing feeThe third-party vendors that accept credit card payments for the IRS charge processing fees ranging from 1.87 to 1.99 percent inimums Some services with integrated sopay options, such as TurboTax, charge even more Because most credit cards offer ongoing rewards that are lowe than these processing fees, the costs of paying taxes this way often outweigh the benefits, notes Susan Allen, a certified public accountant and senior manager for tax practice and ethics at the American Institute of CPAs. But, of course, there are exceptions. If your credit card rewards are higher than that processing fee, paying taxes win a card to Alle says. For cexampe you migh be able to take advantage of:

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- Bonus rewards on digital wallet dors accept Samsung Pay, Android Pay and PayPal.
- First-year bonus rewards.
- Valuable redemptions. If you
can squeeze at least 5 cents of
value out of each airline mile earned on your credit card, even on taxes could make sense. Remember, you won't get any value from credit card rewards until you actually redeem them. Before paying a processing fee upfront, make sure you're earning rewards you'll use.


## 2. You're earning a big

## sign-up bonus

Paying taxes with a credit card come out ahead on rewards "could potentially work out if someone got a sign-up bonus that was higher than the fees associated with using credit cards to pay off taxes," Allen says. Plenty of rewards cards offer sign-up bonuses worth $\$ 500$ or more, and some even waive the first-year annual fee. Your tax bill might help you meet the high spending requirements on thes llars of spedin in first onths - in one fell swoop.

## 3. You can hit spending

## thresholds for valuable perks

 For Rae, paying taxes with a credit card helped him reach the spending threshold requirement n his Delta Air Lines credit card sooner, earning him a sizable bonus that counted toward elite status. The value of that and the miles he earned far outweighe the processing fees, he says. "I'm flying at least once a month personally" Rae says " "So having status with the arine means I get upgrades. Occasionally, I can get ppgraded to first or business class for free."If you carry a co-branded hotel card or airline card, you might also be able to qualify for elite status or other benefits by hitting certain spending requirements.


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## LOCAL STATE

## As marijuana gets legalized, companies drop THC testing of employees

By Jeff Ostrowski
The Palm Beach Post
PALM BEACH POST - At the Ed Morse empire of auto dealerships, testing for THC no longer is part of the hiring process.
EdMorse Automotive Group this month stopped screening for marijuana metabolites before offering positions to job candidates, says Teddy Morse, tive of the 1,200 -employe company. Ed Morse Automo tive Group still tests for signs of cocaine, heroin and other illegal drugs in the urine of
prospective employees "I'm not condoning drug use," Morse said in an interview. "But Idon't consider pot to be this evil substance. Idon't think it's something we should test for anymore."
Amid a nationwide wave of cannabis legalization, some employers have rethought their positions on pot. AutoNation, the Fort Laulast year that it had quietly stopped testing for weed a few years ago. "If your
marijuana, you couldn't for our company," AutoNation

Chief Executive Mike Jackson
told Bloomberg News. "At a certain point, we said, 'You certain point, we said, 'You Florida is one of many states that have legalized cannabis for medical use, and more than 190,000 patients are on the state registry of medical marijuana users. Some states, including California, Colorado, Nevada and weed entirely, have legalized weed entirely, and employers mave megun to rethink whether ify new hires.

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The lobby of Trulieve medical marijuana treatment center in Boynton Beach Thursday, October 4, 2018. [BRUCE R. BENNETT/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]


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## Coast

Guard
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## ByEd Offley

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PANAMA CITY BEACH The men and women of Coast GuardStationPanamaCity have been honored for their "steadfastness and personal sacrifice" in successfully carrying out their Hurricane Michael.
In a ceremony Friday night at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans during an annual meeting of all units in the 8th Coast Guard District, Vice Commandant Admiral Charles Ray saluted the Bay County station and its personnel for their response to Hurricane Michael. The award, sponsored by the non-profit Coast Guard Foundation, cited and its personnel despite thei and its personnel losses, includ ing reviving their core mission capabilities of search-andrescue, maritime recovery operations and support to local law enforcement.
District 8 commander Rear Admiral Paul Thomas, Coast Guard Foundation Chairman Will Jenkins and Susan Ludwig, foundationpresident, presented a commemorative plaque to Boatswain'sMate Master Chie charge of the station.
The 8th Coast Guard District covers 26 states in the United States, including the Gulf of Mexico coastline from Florida to Texas, and the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio Missouri, Illinois and Tennes see Rivers.

## Tennessee state flag reunited with owner

By Tim Croft 850-227-78271@PSJ_Star tcroft@starfl.com
PORT ST. JOE - Mike Morris received a phone call early this month
On the other end of the han, who had flown with Morris in the Tennessee Air Morris in the Tennessee Air
National Guard and with National Guard and with
whom Morris kept in regular contact. Her name, she she said, had recently been mentioned in a newspaper article about a flag lost during Hurricane Michael. Her name has been written on the fabric, and so she called Morris, who she knew was missing a flag.

She said, 'I think they found your Tennessee state was right Last week Morri was reunited with the flag by was reunited with the flag by Volunteer Fire and Rescue.
"I hadn't really thought a lot about it (since the storm). I figured it was gone," he said.
That the flag and owner found each other is a rather circuitous and amazing tale. And part area it began with Hurricane Michael Hurricane Michael
Dave Motil with the South Gulf fire department was days immediately after Hur ricane Michael, monitoring traffic on and off St. Joseph Peninsula, assisting those trying to get back on the Cape and peninsula
"I talked to just about


Mike Morris, center in blue shirt, was reunited with his flag last week by members of South Gulf County Fire and Rescue [TIM CROFT | THE STAR]
everybody who came up," Motil said. "One day a car came up and the people said ditch and what should they do with it."
Motil said he would try to identify the owner.
"Among firefighters we say we don't just put out tires, we bring commun." Motil said. together," Motil said. flag, written in marker, were flag, written in marker, were
more than a dozen names more than a dozen names with some sort of military connection.
Motil went on Facebook trying to link any names, found one, but received no response.


This flag was found in a ditch on cape San Blas. Written on the spine are names and ranks of more than a dozen individuals. [FILE PHOTO]

Leads ran dry.
So, Motil turned to this newspaper and two weeks ago the Port St. Joe Star
published a story about the lost flag. A flood of reader

See FLAG, B4

## WEEKLYROUNDUP

Pot, school vouchers dominate Tallahassee's talks last week

By Dara Kam The News Service of Florida
TALLAHASSEE - Let's be blunt.
Less than two weeks into his first legislative session as Florida's chief executive, Gov. Ron DeSantis is taking a well-deserved victory lap after strong-arming lawmakers into hoisting the white flag on pot.

The Republican governor gave the Legislature an ultimatum shortly after he took the ctanit Get rid of the stateprohionagainst sm I'll do it withou narijuana or I'll do it without you. If lawmakers didn't act by March 15, DeSantis threatened to drop the state's appeal of a court decision that said the smoking ban violated a voter-approved
constitutional amendmen broadly legalizing medica marijuana.
GOP legislative leaders, who included the smoking who included the smoking carrying out the amendment carrying out the amendment grudgingly surrendere
to the governor this week sparking a shout-out from sparking
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## REGIONAL WEATHER



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| Vancouver | 57/37/s | 59/40/s |

3-year-old boy killed at his home

By Sheri Kotzum
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BLUEWATERBAY Neigh bors of a 3-year-old boy who was killed in an apparent attack followed by a suicide attempt by his father on Friday attempt by his father on Friday
in Okaloosa County were still reeling from the news Saturday afternoon.
Donald and Barbara Howth, who live in the Millers Run subdivision in Bluewater Bay, were filling their bird feeders in the backyard Friday afternoon when they saw multiple law enforcement vehicles pul street.
street.
mother arrived soon after the boy's mother arrived home. around 5, but I saw her pull in the driveway earlier than usual and I thought, 'Oh she's home early, that's good,' " Barbara
said. "Next thing I know, there's cops all over the place." Okaloosa County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to 1476 Rawlins Court about 4:30 p.m. after receiving a 911 call,
according to a press release according to a press rele
from the Sheriff's Office. The wife of 61-yearFrederick Franken found him on the floor with their son, Frederick Franken Jr., the Sheriff's Office reported.
The boy was pronounced dead at the scene. The Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy Monday, the Sheriff's Office said Saturday. After the boy was killed, his
father tried to kill himself with a weapon, the Sheriff's Office reported. The type of weapon reported. Thentyped.
Frederick Frankens was listed in critical condition Saturday at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

Frankens as a normal, quiet


Around 4:30 p.m. Okaloosa County Deputies responded to 1476 Rawlins Court in Bluewater Bay about 4:30 p.m. Friday after receiving a 911 call. A 3-year-old boy was killed in an apparent his father. [SHERI KOTZUM/DAILY NEWS]
family who moved to the neighborhood last November. "They were nice people, I thought," Donald said. "They
just stayed to themselves.
"They always said hello and
asked how you were doing," Barbara said. "It seemed like everything was fine."
"He was a friendly little kid," she said of the boy. "I used to give him lollipops."

The couple said they never suspected a thing and that Frederick Sr. always seemed to treat his son well.
"Every time we saw him, he she said. "I never saw him do anything to him, never heard him yell at the kid, nothing." Another neighbor who asked to remain anonymous painted the same picture.
"He and his little boy seemed really nice," she said. "It's unbelievable."
The Howths said their sense of security has been shattered. "You know it happens all the time, but it's not close to home," Barbara said. "This is welook out there (out the front door), you just keep thinking about what happened over there." Donald said. "I saw enough of that overseas. I didn't want to see that so close to home."

## ROUNDUP

From Page B1
"The Florida Legislature has taken a significant step this week to uphold the will of the voters and support the patients who will gain relief as a result of this legislation. President Bill Galvano, Speaker José Oliva, Senator Jeff Brandes and Rep resentative Ray Rodrigues have ing hard to ensure the vork of Floridians are heard Icommend them for their diligence on this issue," DeSantis said in a statement Thursday.
Rodrigues, R -Estero, and Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, shepherded the legislation which received overwhelming support from both chambers
despite insistence by Galvano and Olivathat the smoking ban was - and remains - legit.

## Burning down the house

The House passed the repeal f the smoking ban (SB 182) in a 01-11 vote, sending the bill to the governor two days before the DeSantis-imposed March 15 deadline. The Senate passed the bill last week.
Despite DeSantis' insisence that the ban be repealed, Rodrigues, who was also 2017 law that carried out the orstitutional carried out the noted that "many of us feel like we got it right" the first time
"I'm not going to have all of your votes today, and I understand that, and I respect that. My encouragement to you is to vote your conscience, but
what I would say is this: This bill is important because if we do not pass this bill, then the guardrails that we could place ijuana will not exist," Rodrigues said before the House vote. While eliminating the ban, the bill includes some restrictions on smokable marijuana. It would allow patients to purchase up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana for smoking every 35 days, ban smoking of medical marijuana in public places and allow terminally ill children to if they have a second opinion from apediatrician. opinio

## Vouch

Vouchers have long been controversial issue in the Leg islature, with supporters saying
private-school scholarship offer needed choices to families and opponents saying they strip money from traditional public schools. schools.
But on Thursday, the House began moving forward with a dramatic expansion of school middle-class families to for state-funded scholarships to send children to private schools The GOP-controle schools. and Senate condtrolled House and Senate and the Republican governor all want to expand voucher-type programs and
point to a waiting list of about 14,000 students in the Florid TaxCreditScholarshipprogram, which serves low-income children.

The House Education Committee on Thursday approved a bill (HB 7075) that would create anew voucher program, known as the "Family Empowerment

Scholarship" program, which would beopento many middlelass families.
If approved, the program would be available to families whose incomes are up to 300 percent of the federal poverty evel during the 2019-2020 school year - a calculation that equates to $\$ 77,250$ for a family of four. The threshold would gradually increase, with afamily of four making \$96,572 eligible forthe vouchers inthe 2022-2023 school year.
Rep. James Bush, a Miami choice, said he is worried the House is moving away from the goal of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program, which was tohelplow-incomechildren attend private schools.
"My only concern is keeping theoriginalintent of helpinglowincome children," Bush said.

WHAT'S HAPPENING
have an event? Email pcnhnews@pcnh. include "What's Happening" in the subject line. Inclusion of events in this calendar is at the editor's discretion.

## Today

AARP TAX SERVICES: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Panama City Beach Public Blvd. Volunteers will be on hand to help you fill out your taxes at the library Details at NWRLS.com

## Tomorrow

AARP TAX SERVICES: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trin ity Lutheran at 1001 W . unteers will be on hand unteers will be on hand taxes. Details: Facebook page: AARP Tax-Aide of Bay County.
BOOK BABIES: 10 a.m. at the Panama City Beach Public Library, 12500 Hutchison Blvd. For ages $0-3$ years with a caregiv Details at NWRLS.com SAITING YOAN INSTITUTE: TREASURES: 6-8 p.m. TREASURES: 6-8 p.m. Program Room at the Bay County Public Library, 898 W. 11th St., in Panama City with preservation experts from the Smithsonian Institution demonstrating how to handle, dry, and clean damaged objects after homes are flooded. The discussion will include
personal safety, setting priorities, options for treatment, and how to prepare for the next disas
ter. Details: Sarah Burris at 850-522-2120 or sburris@nwrls.com; or email the Heritage Emergency National Task Force at HENTF@si.edu ALL-STAR LATIN JAZZ QUINTET: 6:30 p.m. Alice's on Bayview, City. Featuring Victor Payano (sax and flute), Jimmy Medina (conga), Mike Levine (keyboard), Charles Pagano (drums), and Steve Gilmore (bass). Cuban specialties will be added to the menu for the evening. For reservations, call Larry or AMy or
$850-784-2106$; seating is 850-784-2106; seating is door is $\$ 10$ for Gulf thez Society members \$12 for others; membership applications available. Half of proceeds goes to an Oaks by the Bay Park restoration fund. PANAMA CITY WRITERS ASSOCIATION: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Civic Club, 2629 W. 10th St., Panama City. Help critique each other's writings. All
genres. Meeting on the genres. Meeting on the
first and third Tuesdays of each month. Details at panamacitywriters. LINE DANCING: 6:308:30 p.m. at the Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Rd, Panama City. For all levels. $\$ 5$ per person. Details: 850-258 9847 or seasideliving87@ yahoo.com

Wednesday
March 20

## SIDEWALK STARGAZING:

at the Bay County Public Library, 898 W. 11th St., Panama City. Time will be announced on the Facebook event page one week before event; cancelled viewing conditions. Details at NWRLS com at NWRLS.com
FULL MOON CLIMB: 7:30 p.m. at Cape St. George sland. Sunset/Full Moon Climb from 7:30-9 p.m. will include light hors d'oeuvres. Cost is $\$ 15$ for the general public; $\$ 10$ for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. The sun will set at 7:51 p.m. and the "Worm" fter sunset people are After sunset, people are top of the lighthouse for view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is $\$ 10$ for the general public; $\$ 5$ for SGLA members. Space is limited reservations recommended by calling the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Thursday, March 21
ZUMBA GOLD: 10-11 a.m. at the Lyndell Conference Center 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach. Ful ages. Details: 850-236-303 SQUARE DANCE LESSONS: 6:30-8 p.m. at Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City

5 per person. Details: Anne 850-387-3101 or Kathie 850-896-5798

## Friday, March 22

## THROUGH THREADS OF

 TIME: exhibition runs through March 31 at the Panama City Center for Panama City. Featuring quilts by Maxine Thomas. quilts by Maxine ThomFree admission. For details, visit PCCenter ForTheArts.com AARP TAX SERVICES: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trin ty Lutheran at 1001 W . 1th St., Panama City. Vo unteers will be on hand to help you fill out your axes. Details: Facebook age: AARP Tax-Aide of Bay County

## SENIOR CENTER FISH

 SENIOR CENTER FISHFRY: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Oatfield Center, 423 yndell Lane, Panama City Beach. Phil Chester and his team will again be on hand to cook. Enjoy a tasty fish fry, complete with hush puppies and all the rimmings. Tickets: \$10 per person on sale at the Oatfield Center. Details at 50-233-5065 UNWINED KICKOFF PARTY: 6-8 p.m. Aaron
Bessant Park, 600 Pier Park Drive, Panama City Beach. Hosted by Southe Living magazine; limited o 300 tickets (\$175 each) which grant admission to all weekend events. Details at VisitPanamaCityBeach.com
BALLROOM DANCING:

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City. For all levels; $\$ 5$ per person at the door. Details at 850-277-0566 or email at dpgordon01@yahoo.com.
Saturday, March 23

## the market at st.

ANDREWS: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yacht Basin next to rant on Beck Avenue. GRAND LAGOON WATERFRONT FARMERS MARKET 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Capt. Anderson's in Panama City Beach with local makers, bakers and growers; kid- and pet-friendly fun. Details: Facebook.com/ GLWFarmersMarket/ 850-481-6848

## GARDE HOME AND

GARDEN SHOW: 8 a.m. to
Fairgrounds, 790 Highway 83 North in Defuniak Springs, just north of Downtown, with garden displays, a craft show, and garden related seminars throughout the day by the UF extension office. Event is pet-friendly. Canned an non-perishable food item donations accepted at the doors for the Liberty Are Springs. Details: Laurie Truett, 850-307-3394 AARP TAX SERVICES: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Panama City Beach Public Library, 12500 Hutchison Blvd. Volunteers will be on hand to help you fill out your taxes at the library. Details at NWRLS.com

UNWINED: All day at Aaron Bessant Park, 600 Pier Park Drive, Panama City Beach. Southern garden party featuring craft beer and wine from around the globe, with culinary treats by the region's leading chefs. Saturday includes a Grand Afternoon Tasting demos at 2:45 and 3:15 p.m. by Top Chef finalist Kevin Gillespie, and live entertainment by Brandi Carlile and JohnnySwim from 5-7:30 p.m. Concertonly tickets are $\$ 20$; Grand Tasting tickets are $\$ 75$ and include admission to all of Saturday's events. Details at VisitPanamaCityBeach. 4th
4th ANNUAL DINE AN DAZZLE - 'NEW BEGINFlorida State University Holley Center, 4750 Collegiate Drive, Panama City. Gala benefiting Angel House Bereavement Center. Entertainment by Sean of the South and dancing to Sound Arcade. Live and silent auctions. Tickets are $\$ 60$ per person, full tables $\$ 500$. Details at
$850-257-5036$ 850-257-5036

Sunday, March 24
GRAND LAGOON WATERFRONT FARMERS MARKET: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Capt. Anderson's in Panama City Beach with local makers kid- and pet-friendly fun Details: Facebook.com/ GLWFarmersMarket/ or 850-481-6848

ROLL CALL
Thomas Voting Reports
WASHINGTON D.C. - Here's how area Reps. Matt Gaetz and Neal Dunn and Sens. Marco Rubio and Rick Scott - voted during the legislative wee ending March 15.

HOUSE
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF MUELLER REPORT: By a unanimous vote of $420-0$, adopted a non-binding measure ( H Con Res 24) calling for Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report on any ties and/ or coordination between the Russian government and Donald Trump's presidential campaign when it is completed A yes vote was to send the resolution to the Senate. Voting yes: Dunn SENATE

NULLIFICATION OF BORDER EMERGENCY: Voting 59 for and 41 against, the Senate on Trump a House-passed Trump a House-passed that would nullify a that would nullify a he declared on the southwest border over immigration concerns. If Trump vetoes this

## Guidelines and deadlines

Obituary notices are written by funeral homes and relatives of the deceased. The News Herald reserve submitting notices must type them in a typeface submitting notices must type them in a typeface and
font that can be scanned into a computer. Deadline for obituaries is 3 p.m. daily for the following day's newspaper. Obituaries may be e-mailed to pcnhobits@penh.com or delivered to The News Herald, 50 W. 11th St., Panama City. View today's obituaries and sign the online guest books of your loved ones at newsherald.com/obituaries.
measure as he said he will do, two-thirds
majority votes in both chambers would be equired for an override. the resolution.
Voting yes: Rubio Voting no: Scott J.S. MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM YEMEN: The Senate on March 56 against, a measure (HJ Res 37) that would end American military involvement in Yemen's civil war unless Congress approves the deploy ment in keeping with its constitutional authority to declare war. A yes vote was to send the resolution to the House. Voting no: Scott, Rubio JOMCE By D.C. CIRCUI for and 46 against the for and 46 against, the firmed Neomi J. Rao for a seat on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. A yes vote was to confirm the nominee. Voting yes: Scott, Rubio WILLIAM BEACH, LABO STATISTICS CHIEF: Voting 55 for and 44 against, the Senate on liam Beach to a four-vea term as commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
yes vote was to confirm the nominee. Voting yes: Rubio, Scott

# Lawmakers chip away at land preservation money 

By Jim Turner
The News Service of Florida
TALLAHASSEE - Lawmakers are pushing forward ing up millions of dollars votersmorethan four years ago directed to be spent on land and water protection, despite environmentalists' concerns about the way the money is being used to help the Indian River Lag
Apalachicola Bay.
Backers of the 2014 Florida Water and Land
Conservation Initiative, Conservation Initiative, lenge how lawmakers have used the money in the past, contend that some of the projects outlined in bills advanced by the Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday "chip away" at the intent
of the constitutional amendment. Aliki Moncrief, execuConservation Voters said the septic-to-sewer conversion outlined in a measure to protect the Indian River Lagoon (SB 368) is needed. But the proposal goes beyond what voters approved, she argued.
"There are natural solutions and there are engineered solutions," Woncrief said. "And the servation amendment, absolutely voters who stood up for that expected the natural solutions, like buying buffer lands to protect water bodies that those natural solutions take priority when it comes to this specific pot of money."

Sen. Gayle Harrell, a Stuart Republican who sponsored the bill, argued as Amendment 1, didn't explicitly prohibit septic to-sewer conversion.
"It makes a whole long litany of things the funds can be used for, including acquisition of land," Har rell said. "It doesn't say only acquisition of land. believe there are man other uses for the Amend ment 1 money. And I think the public had with passing the public had with passin. Sen. Debbie Mayfield, Rockledge Republican who supported the proposal, said a dedicated source of money needs to be available to replace septic tanks. The constitutional mendment created the Land Acquisition Trust
und, which for 20 years will get one-third of the evenue from an existing real estate documentary
stamp tax doc stamps - for land and water preservation.
State economists projected in December that the doc stamps will generate $\$ 2.76$ billion in the next fiscal year. More than $\$ 906$ million of that wou In previous legisl.
In previous legislative marked annual spending of about $\$ 200$ million for Everglades protection; $\$ 64$ million for a reservoir project in the Everglades Agricultural Area; $\$ 50 \mathrm{mil}$ lion for the state's natural springs; and \$5 million for Lake Apopka.
On Tuesday, the Senate ommittee backed mea
"I think you found my flag," Morris called to say one week after the been all around the world with me. Wherever I flew, it went with me.
And, fly he did including five tours in Afghanistan, three tours in Iraq, 28 years in the air with the U.S. Air Force and then Tennes-
see Air National Guard. see Air National Guard.
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## NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY

## ANNEXATION

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the owner of the parcels generally described below has petitioned the City of Springfield to annex the parcels into the City. The parcels are unincorporated and contiguous to the municipal limits of the City. The parcels are located on Glenview Avenue. A map showing the area and location of the parcels to be annexed is shown
below. below.
A complete legal description by metes and bounds and copies of the Ordinance of Annexation, Ordinance No. 547, can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, Springfield, Florida. The Ordinance
will be considered by the City Commission for final will be considered by the City Commission for final April 1, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the Springfield City Hall Aprii 1, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at
located at 408 School Avenue.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, if an appeal is available, such person wall need a tecord of the proceeding, and of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical
impairment should contact Lee Penton, the Springfield City Clerk, at 408 School Avenue, Springfield, Florida City Clerk, at 408 School Avenue, Springfield, Forida
32401 or by phone at (850) $872-7570$ at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, and you possess TDD equipment, you may contact the City Clerk using the Florida Dual Party Relay system which can be reached at (800) 955-8770 (Voice) or (800) 955-8771 (TDD).
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS desiring to be heard on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance are invited
to be present at the meeting. Copies of the ordinance may be obtained or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Springfield, Florida, at the City Hall.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA


## classified and involved <br> "scouting" for all airwave and radio traffic in sectors

 of war zones.When Morris said he
as flown around the world, he noted that one of the flights in his nearly three-decade career cir cled, literally, the globe. The day of McMahan' phone call to Morris an email arrived at the mewspaper from Heck man, who had worked and provided the dates and provided the dates
(2005-2009) and location (Afghanistan) the flag had likely been signed.
All of which was conpilot for Delta after his

> 2010 retirement from the Air National Guard, per's office to see the flag draped on a wall.
> "I kept this and an American flag in my helmet bag wheneve I flew," Morris said. never thought I'd see it again. This is very muc special flag to me." As the story unfurled Morris explained that he 98 in Port St. Joe and his home was destroyed in Hurricane Michael.
> Like somany other items, his treasured helmet ba and the flags were gone. One day, about a we so after the storm,

## POT

From Page B1
"Quite a number of our clients are no longer testing for THC," said Joyce Chastain, a human resources consultant and former president of the HR Florida State Council. "They don't want to lose good people."
In the context of changing attitudes toward pot - and with unem ployment at 50-year
lows - even employers in staid industries like the auto business are loosening their rules about marijuana use.
"You're seeing a lot of employers moving away from firing individuals just for having THC metabolites in their system," said Erik Altieri, head of the National Reform of Marijuan Laws in Washington D. C "The reality in 2010 is that employers in states with legal marijuana can't continue to enforce the same drug-testing protocol." Ed Morse Automotiv Group operates 22 dealer ship franchises in Florida and Texas, including Ed Morse Delray Toyota and

Ed Morse Delray Cadillac in Delray Beach and Ed Morse Honda in Rivier Beach.
Morse said he's not a marijuana user himself and is no crusader for cal matter, he didn't think it made sense to continue rejecting a significant slice of the work force. The company fre quently turned down job applicants who tested positive for THC but no other incegal sub he assumes that some prospective employees decided not to apply for jobs at Ed Morse Automotive Group because they knew they'd be subjected
o a cannabis screening.
"I feel it's going to allow us to have a better caliber, a better quality of "Someyees," Morse said. "Some of the most successful, capable people pot rather than drink just feel there are a lot of good, hard-working people who choose to use this product."
Marijuana legalization has created no shortage of puzzles for employers. Cannabis remains federally illegal, so federal contractors and many
large, national companies
expenditures of $\$ 50 \mathrm{mil}$ lion for maintenance of the lagoon; \$100 million for the Florida Forever program (SB 944); and $\$ 20$ mil(SB 944); and $\$ 20$ mildecade for Apalachicola Bay, which had struggled with degrading water conditions even before being impacted by last year's Hurricane Michael (SB 1256).

Concerns were also raised about a proposal
for the Apalachicola for the Apalachicola money for land acquisition, money for land acquisition,
stormwater management facilities, sewage collection and workforce housing. Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, said the region is one of two populated areas in Florida designated as an area of critical state concern. The

Morris received a call from Europe. Call letters military channel indicating that the American flag had been found.
The flag was discovered by members of the Manatee County Fire Department, in the area to assist in storm response. By another one of those twists only life can throw, Fire Department was Fire Department was
staged with the South Gulf Fire and Rescue in the days after the storm. In any case, the call from Europe led to a reunion not only with the American flag, but his wife's shadow box filled
received \$28 million from the state for similar initiatives in the past three years.
Montford said his request is for "comparable funding." Hours before the Senate committee met, Brevard County state Rep. Randy Fine amended his funding request (HB 141) for the Indian River Lagoon. Fine was seeking $\$ 50$ million from the trust fund, but he dropped the request for pointing to en pointing to an ongoing Legislature had allocated the money in the past.
"There is litigation on whether the allocations we madefrom that are proper," Fine said. "Taking money from the LATF (trust fund) for the purposes Ihad in the regular bill are exactly the sort of issues that they're suing about."
still test for pot Early in the legalization movement, courts ruled ing Walmart and Dish Network - were within their rights to fire workers who tested positive for pot, even if those employees consumed cannabis in ways that complied with state law.
More recently, how-


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## WORD SCRIMMAGE: JUDD HAMBRICK

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## ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF

## "Whe <br> "When I consider life, 'tis all a

These days in almost every
auction where the opponents bid auction where the opponents bid
or double, it is possible for responder to play transfers - and
today's deal from the Silodor Open Pairs in Philadelphia last year was no exception. The aucyear was no exception. The auc-
tion might have developed in a similar fashion, with South ide-
claring three diamonds, if West claring three diamonds, if West
had made a pre-emptive jump to two spades, but his initial call of two hearts showed six spades of indeterminate range.
The question of how many
tricks South would emerge with tricks South would emerge with
in three diamonds had a slightly surprising answer, though. You'd expect West to lead a doubleton
club and South to take East's club and South to take East's rounds, then set up a club for the ninth trick.
Instead, East managed to
throw an intriguing diversion at throw an intriguing diversion at
the first trick when he played the club king, trying to suggest a different lie of that suit to declarer. It worked to perfection! South
was now sure West had three was now sure West had three
clubs and six spades, and clearly at least three hearts from the bidding. So she drew just one
round of trumps with the ace and round of trumps with the ace and
played a second club. East won the queen and could have played for the spade ruff, but that would have produced only four tricks.
Instead, he cashed the heart king as West gave count then played as west gave count, then played
a third club. Declarer guessed to discard a spade, and West ruffed in with the jack and played the
spade ace and a second spade to spade ace and a second spade to
give partner the ruff and set the give partner the ruff and set the
hand.


THAT SCRAMBLED wORD GAME


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practice green and - PUTTER AROUND

Second pregnancy is too much for family asked for support


Jeanne Phillips

## DEAR ABBY: My niece

 (age 25), despite numerou warnings against getting three years ago. This was a result of an affair with a man who is in a live-in relationship with another woman My niece ended up in the hospital and had to ies. She lost her job and moved in with my sister her husband. She's working again, but she and her daughter still live with my sister because she doesn't earn enough to support them (and gets no help from the father). She has recentlyannounced that she's pregnant again by this same man! My sister says she port my niece because port my niece because sh is concerned about her rest of us "opt out," without seeming mean or judgmental? I feel sorry for the strain this is putting on my sister, but she keeps asking family members to help out as she is only working part-time and her husband is on disability. I don't feel it is our responsibility to keep supporting this self-centered, please! - AUNTIE NO please.
DEAR AUNTIE: Unless you and the rest of the family want to support your niece and all the children she may have, draw the line. DEAR ABBY: I started dating my next-door
neighbor two years ago. W have known each other fo 7 years. We hit it off, and after about a month he was pe He's 72 and retired. I'm and work full time. We have 55 great relationship, but Ifeel he is stalling about marrying me. In the beginning, he said if we were together after one year we would talk about selling one or both of our houses and having just one. I think after two years he should know whether he wants to marry me or not. READYFOR CHANGEI DEAR READY: Whethe DEAR READY: Whether you are wasting your time remains Idon't think you are being "impatient" to want a com mitment from him. That's why you both need to have a serious, lay-it-on-the-line discussion about what your goals are

TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY

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

1. Who spent his 20th birthday
in a Chicago jail busted for marijuana totaling about 10 pounds? Pierce Brosnan, Dan Rather, Bill Murray, Jesse Jackson 2. Which of these older TV series was set in the community of Mayfield?
"My Three Sons," "Lassie,"
"Leave It To Beaver," "Perry
Mason"
2. What's the only Canadian
province that is officially
bilingual?
Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick,
Alberta

What automotive company is known for its bowtie emblem? Ford, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Audi 5. What late jazz singer was known as "Lady Day"? Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday, Nina Simone, Lena Horne 6. Where is the province o Hainaut?
, France, Canada, Belgium
ANSWERS: 1. Bill Murray, 2. "Leave It To Beaver," 3. New Bullie Holiday 6. Belgium Billie Holiday, 6. Belgium

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - The mystery will find you. It won't say, "Hey, over here, solve me!" But it will pique your interest enough to start the chain of questions. There's nothing so satisfying today as a satisfied taurus
When you're moving fast, it's easy to forget to put things back easy to forget to put things back
where they belong. The clutter builds. The organization diminishes. Time is wasted looking for things. Simple solution: Slow
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) People reach out for various reasons, hardly ever the ones presented. Look deeper for the need within the need. This is complex creature -- although mho knows the woes of algae? CANCER (June 22-July 22) There's a difference betw dominance and superiority. Those who understand this will not take their power for granted. They will realize that power is always a cycle and ac

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - It's a kind of "dark matter" situation today. There's no evidence that the thing exists, but there's something affecting you, and you'll have plenty of theories about this contributing
current reality.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You can't improve a thing from the cant improve a thing from the created it. You have to grow beyond it to see how you could possibly next-level it. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - The heart wants what the heart wants. That doesn't make it healthy, appropriate, logical or in any way good for everyone involved. Hearts aren't the be-all and end-all wisdom. It's better SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 21) Carry out your promises to yourself. These are the hardest promises to keep, because often they're made in secret and the accountability can be shifty, but they're also the most important promises to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The way to get out of a funk is simple (spiritual generosity), but t's something that people in a unk don't usually think about. That's why you should keep instructions and answers on CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Calm confidence is usual manner, but things will usual manner, but things wil off your game. Take back the power. Speak gentle words, but speak them with your signature authority.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - It is nearly impossible to have polite conversation these days, as even the weather can be a polarizing topic. Decide you want to connect with others, making and you'll do the impossible. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) don't need to give a TED Talk to prove your relevance. You'll exert yourself wordlessly, influencing through example, becoming the person others will want to be like.

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## Auburn wins SEC tourney

The Associated Press
Bryce Brown scored 19 points and No. 22 Auburn points and No. 22 Auburn won its first Southeastern championship since 1985, beating No. 8 Tennessee 84-64 on Sunday.

Auburn (26-9) won its fourth game in four days to capture only the second SEC Tournament title in program history. The Tigers have won eight straight and 10 of their last 11. Auburn and coach Bruce Pearl have become the nemesis to his
old program, beating Tennessee (29-5) three straight times. Auburn ruined Tennessee's hopes of winning season titles for the first time with an 84-80 win to wrap with an 84-80 win to wrap
up the season a week ago, and the Tigers also are the
last team to beat Tennessee in Knoxville. Chuma Okeke scored 18 points and had 13 rebounds for Auburn, and Danjel Purifoy added 10
Lamonte' Turner led Tennessee with 24 points. Grant

See ROUNDUP, C2



Duke's Zion Williamson reacts after his basket against Syracuse during the first half of an ACC Tournament game Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. [NELL REDMOND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Duke, UNC, Virginia get No. 1 seeds; Gonzaga also on top line
By Eddie Pells The Associated Press
The clock is ticking. The rest of college basketball rest of college basketball how to stop Duke's freshman force of nature, Zion Williamson.
Williamson and the Blue Devils got the overall top seed in the tournament, while Gonzaga and two more Atlantic Coast Conference teams - North Carolina and Virginia - also received No. conference on the top line matches a record, and offers the selection committee's guess as to who has the best chance to slow down Duke. The Blue Devils opened as a 9-4 favorite to win it all. Williamson, the 6-foot-7 man-child averaging 22 points and nine rebounds and a near-certain top pick in the upcoming NBA draft, is putting his future on the line - along with hundreds earnings - all in hopes of adding his own chapter to the history of America's most dream-indulged hoops extravaganza. He's doing it only four weeks after wrenching his knee when his Nike sneaker blew out and sent him crashing to the floor. He missed five games. He wouldn't dare miss this. "Everybody has their right to their own opinion, but I

See TOURNEY, C3

Inside
Fill it out: Men's bracket. C2

## The West will be wild, but in the end, Duke will win

Think of the greatest rivalries in college sports. Michigan vs. Ohio State. Alabama vs. Auburn. Miami vs. Florida State. Everybody vs. Notre Dame. Duke vs. North Carolina is as good as any, if not better.

They have met in basketball 251 times. They now Tournament appearances. They've played a combined 318 NCAA Tournament games.
They have zero NCAA Tournament games against each other.
We devote this space
every year to telling you how to win your NCAA bracket to win your NCAA bracket pool, and in each of the last pockets of millions, or thoupands, or dozens, or possibly just three random people feel stuffed with all those wellearned $\$ 5$ bills from the others in your office whose brackets were wrecked by
roughly 2:51 p.m. on Day 1 of the tournament
Two years ago, we gave Two years ago, we gave you North Carolina. Last year, we gave you Villanova. (We also gave you was a misprint. We totally meant UMBC and strongly See PICKS, C3

## Mcilroy emerges from wild day to win

## By Doug Ferguson

The Associated Press
PONTE VEDRA BEACH Fla. - Rory McIlroy made two late birdies amid the wild theatrics of Sunday at The Players Championship and closed with a 2 -under 70 to win the next best thing to a major.
It required a major performance down the scary stretch the TPC Sawgrass.
Make ay could not afford to make a mistake over the final the 48-year-old former Ryder Cup captain who nearly pulled off a stunner. Furyk, one of the last players to get in the strongest field in golf, capped off a 67 with a shot so good into the 18 th that he started walking when he hit it. It plopped down 3 feet from the hole for a birdie to But not for
But not for long.
McIlroy, one of eight players to have at least a share of the lead in the final round, was coming off a bogey on the 4th to fall behind and was in trouble with a tee shot that found a bunker right of the fairway. He responded with his best shot of the day to 15 feet for birdie
Then, McIlroy hit the longest drive of the round on the par-516th, leavinghima 9 ourh to set up a two-shot birdie and the lead.
Most important
Mry land onthe par-317th the island green that never looks smaller than on Sunday at The Players.
He was solid to the end on a chilly, cloudy day and finished at 16 -under 272 to win The Players on his 1oth try. It might even set up the 29-year-old from North next month the only major he lacks for the carer Grand Slam. "This is probably the deepest field of the year, with so

See MCILROY, C3


Rory Mcllroy holds the trophy after winning The Players Championship on Sunday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. [GERALD herbert/The associated press]


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## CONFERENCE CALL

NCAA Tournament automatic bids
Abilene Christian, Southland Conference Auburn, Southeastern Conference Buffalo, Mid-American Conference Cincinnati, American Athletic Conferenc Colgate, Patriot League
Duke, Atlantic Coast Conference Fairleigh Dickinson, Northeast Conference Gardner-Webb, Big South Conference Georgia State, Sun Belt Conference Iona, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Iowa State, Big 12 Conference Liberty, Atlantic Sun Conference Michigan State, Big Ten Conference Montana, Big Sky Conference Murray State, Ohio Valley Conference N.C. Central, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference New Mexico State, Western Athletic Conference Northeastern, Colonial Athletic Associa Northern Kentucky, Horizon League Northern Kentucky, Horizon Leag
Old Dominion, Conference USA Oregon, Pacific-12 Conference Prairie View A\&M, Southwestern Athletic Conference
Saint Louis, Atlantic 10 Conference Saint Mary's, West Coast Conference UC Irvine, Big West Conference Utah State, Mountain West Conference Vermont, America East Conferenc Wofford, Southern Conference Yale, Ivy League

## MOST FINAL FOUR APPEARANCES BY SCHOOL



## RECENT CHAMPIONS

## 2018: Villanova

 2017: North Carolina 2016: Villanova 2015: Duke 2014: Connecticut 2013: Louisville 2012: Kentucky 2011: Connecticut 2010: Duke 2009: North Carolina 2008: Kansas 2007: Florida 2006: Florida 2005: North Carolina 2004: Connecticut 2003: Syracuse 2002: Marylan 2001: Duke 2000: Michigan State 1999: ConnecticutSEED-BY-SEED RECORDS A look at win percentages by higher seed since the 1985 NCAA Tournament

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| 99\% |  | 3 vs. 14 <br> 85\% | 4 vs. 13 <br> 79\% | 5 vs. 12 | 6 vs. 11 | 7 vs. 10 | 8 vs. 9 |
| 135-1 | 128-8 | 115-21 | 108-28 | 89-47 | 86-50 | 84-52 | 68-68 |

Williams, the two-time SEC player of the year, was held to 13 .

No. 6 Michigan State 65, No. 10 Michigan 60: Matt McQuaid scored a career-high 27 points, Cassius Winston converted the go-ahead layup in the closing minute, No. 10 Michigan 65-60 for its sixth Big Ten Tournament championship on Sunday. The top-seeded Spartans (28-6) rallied from a 13 -point deficit in the second half
and scored the game's final 10 points to capture their first championship since 2016.

NO. 24 CINCINNATI 69 NO. 11 HOUSTON 57: arron Cumberland had 33 points and eight rebounds to lead Cincinnati past Houston in the American Athletic Conference Touradded 15 points and Tre Scotthad 12 to help Cincinnati advance to the NCAA Tourament for the ninth straight year The Bearcats (28-6) also beat Houston in the inal last year. Armoni Brooks led Houston (31-3) with 17 points.

YALE 97, HARVARD 85: Alex Copeland
scored a season-high 25 points and Yale
beat archrival Harvard for the Ivy Leagu title and its second NCAA Tournament trip in four seasons. Yale (22-7), which lost to Harvard (18-11) twice in the regular season, used a 15-0 burst in the second half to take control on its home court.
SAINT LOUIS 55, ST. BONAVENTURE 53: Saint Louis rallied from 15-point, first-half deficit, locking down St. Bonaventure in the second half for a victory in the Atlantic 10 championship and an NCAA Tournament bid. The sixth-seeded Billikens (23-12) won four games in four days to earn their first A-10 Tournament title since 2013 and get back in the NCAAs for the first time since 2014. Bonnies guard

Nelson Kaputo, who played only the las minute, had a 3 from the corner for the win in the final seconds after a scramble, but it bounced off the back of the rim and the Billikens cleared the rebound as time expired.
GEORGIA STATE 73, TEXAS-ARLINGTON 64: Malik Benlevi hit four 3-pointers and inished with 16 points, and Georgia State advanced to a second straight NCAA Arlington in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament final. Damon Wilson scored 13, Kane Williams 12, and Jeff Thomas 11 for the top-seeded Panthers (24-9), who will be making their fifth overall NCAA Tournament appearance.

## Busch ties Petty's record with 200th career win

By Greg Beacham

FONTANA, Calif. Kyle Busch tied Richard Petty's NASCAR record victory across the three vational series Sunday by using an impressive late surge through the field following a speeding penalty to win the Club Speedway.
Busch dominated the first two stages, but pit-road speeding penalty dropped him to 18 th with 73 laps to go. He carved through the field in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota then got help from a timely caution. Busch catapulted into the lead for good with 26 laps left by drafting off Team Penske teammates Logano.
win was the third Cup victory at Fontana

PICKS
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considered picking them again this year even field.) Wheld.
and of you get to the end of this story, you NCAA champion. Do not scroll down yet. You must read the method to March Madness, though by teasing you with Duke vs. North Carolina you probably have a good idea where this is going. (If you don't, perhaps
you should save your money and not enter any money and not enter any swimming ones.)
But before we begin, a few guidelines ..

## UNDERDOG

WATCH: If you have every 1-2-3-4 seed making the sweet 16 doing it wrong. At least one double-digit seed ment's second weekend 37 times in the last 40 37 times in the last 40
seasons. More specifically, a No. 11 seed has reached the round of 16 in each of the last five seasons (with three of those
knew I was coming back the whole time," Williamson said in his return Duke to its 21st ACC

MCILROY
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much on the line," Mcllroy said. "I'm thankful it Furyk didn't know was in The Players until one week ago, and he was on the verge of winning until McIlroy came through in the end. Furyk started the back nine with two birdies to get in the mix and finished strong. His only regret was a 3 -foot par putt on the 15th
Even so, it showed he has plenty of game left as Ryder Cup captain. The runner-up finish moves him high enough in the world ranking to qualifying for the Match Play in two weeks. there, maybe could have


Kyle Busch drives during the early laps of the NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday at Auto Club Speedway, in
in busch and he's now NASCion to become career victories leader with his next win. Busch has earned 53 of his 200 wins in the Cup Series, along with 53 in the Truck Series and 94 in Xfinity. busch reached the brink of the record by sweeping last weekend's
two races at Phoenix, but missed his first chance to
tie Petty in the Fontana Xfinity Series race Sat urday when a disastrous late pit stop prevented him from catching winner Cole Custer.
Busch was exhilarated mmediately after his win All I do is win, win, win, no matter what," he you imagine if I "Can have got Vegas and Xfin ity yesterday? How many

No. 11s making it to the regional final, and with Loyola Chicago getting to the Final Four last year). THINK 11 OVER 12: It used to be that the No. 12 over No. 5 upsets were the No ll vs. No more like There have been 10 upsets in a 6-11 game over the last four years, and only three in 5-12 games.
7OR BETTER: A team seeded No. 7 or higher has made the Final Four in each of the last six seasons. Before that, it happened only three times in the previous 25 seasons. NO. 1 SEED WILL BE A NO. 1 SEED: At least one
No. 1 seed has made the Final Four in 37 of the last 40 seasons.
BUT THERE WON'T BE FOUR: In those same 40 seasons, most No. 1 seeds - 59 percent of seeds - 59 percent of
them - lose before the national semifinals. The only year where all four No. 1 seeds made the Final Four was 2008.
So now that we've covered some of the basics, down shittle this thing down
size.
Sin Since a seeding structure went into place for the 1979 tournament, no team seeded No. 9 or higher has ever won the
national championship. same goes for every No 5 seed. Florida in 2000 Indiana in 2002 and Butle in 2010 all reached the title game as No. 5 seed ndes, then to Mississipp Sies, then, to Mississipp and Marquette. They're and Marquette. They're obviously cursed.)
That means, through the process of eliminaion, we can safely delete all the 5 seeds and all the 9 through 16 seeds. Just like that, our 68-team bracket is down to a tidy 28 -team ist of contenders Out of those 28, 17 have never won a national first-time champion since first-time champion since lorida in 2006. Don year. So now we're down toll.
With the exception of Arizona in 1997, every champion for the last 30 years has entered the tournament with at least 24 wins. That eliminates Maryland, Louisville and Syracuse.
Down to eight
Duke and Michigan State in the East. Michi-
gan in the West. North Carolina, Kansas an Kentucky in the Midwest Villanova and Cincinnat in the South.
in a row? How many?" in a row? How many?"
His team handed him His team handed him emblazoned with "200 WINS," and he stood atop his car and waved it toward his large South ern California fan base before taking his customary bow.
"Feels just like No. 1," he said. "Feels just like yesterday. That was such Dang. I'm glad we put Dang. ' m glad we put on fans. To win 200, whatever it means, it means a lot to me."
"I just wish that we could keep it going, run ning strong, running well, and winning races.
Logano was second and Keselowski third, unable to catch the winninges driver of his era as Busch winner this first repeat season. Busch
Busch equaled Petty's

998th race of his 17-year career. Petty competed in 1,184 NASCAR races over 35 years.
With career totals bolstered by years of dominance in the Xfinity and Trucks series - he is the winningest driver in both series' history the 33-year-old Busch moved into a tie with the $81-y e a r-o l d ~ P e t t y, ~ w h o ~$ competitive with the best competitive with the best
drivers of Petty's era or drivers
any era.
Every up for Busch to cash in relatively easy victory at Fontana, and the relentless competitor known as Rowdy didn't waste the chance despite a hefty piece of bad luck.
A pit road speeding penalty ruined a likely win for Busch two weeks
ago in Las Vegas, but he had plenty of time to make up for his mistake at Fontana.

Detractors point to Busch's many advantages in the Xfinity and Trucks
series while observing series while observing
that Petty's 200 wins all came in NASCAR's top series, compared to just 53 for Busch.
Busch's defenders note his impressive win percentages and the fundamentally different nature of NASCAR when a larger field of elite drivers competes in every race as opposed to the fields of varying depth and quality faced by Petty.
No matter who wins the barstool debate, Busch claims he doesn't think much about his place in history in terms of numbers. He expected to have a small celebration before turning his focus to Marthe yearlong chase of his second career Cup Series championship.

Obviously, one of those
eight will win the title. And it won't be Kansas Cincinnati, or Michigan. None of them are going deeper than the Sweet 16
Perhaps it's time to make the actual picks. Duke, UCF, Mississipp State, Virginia Tech, Belmont, Yale, Minnesota (Richard Pitino is not going to lose to Rick Pitino's most recent school and the excellent brand that is Michigan State. EAST SECOND ROUND: Duke (though UCF alma mater), Missis State, Belmont and Michi gan State Yes Belmont is the official No. 11 seed pick to go deep this year EASTSEMIS/FINAL Duke and Michigan State get to the final. Duke wins
WEST FIRST ROUND: Gonzaga, Syracuse, Murray State Florida State, Buffalo Northern Kentu
Nevada, Michigan Nevada, Michigan. WOUND: Syracuse(sorry Zips), Florida State, BufZips), Florida
falo, Nevada.
WEST SEMIS
FINAL: It would be so
neat to say Syracuse and

Buffalo so two schools that are a two-hour drive apart have to fly 3,000 miles to play each other. But it'll be Florida State and Nevada. Here's your upset: Nevada wins.
SOUTH FIRST
ROUND: Virginia, Oklahoma, Oregon, UC Irvine, Villanova, Purdue, Cincinnati and Tennessee. SOUTH SECOND ROUND: Virginia, Oregon, Villanova and Tennessee - though this will be a ridiculously tough game for the Vols since Cincinnati will be playing in Ohio
SOUTH SEMIS/ FINAL: Virginia and Villanova meet, in what many people thought last season. Virginia wins.

MIDWEST FIRST
ROUND: North Carolina Washington, New Mexico State, Kansas, Ohio State, Houston, Wofford and Kentucky
MIDWEST SECOND ROUND: North Carolina (barely), Kansas (bar MIDWEST SEMI FINAL: Patently unfair to North Carolina that they'll have to face Kansas in Kansas City, but the Heels will prevail anyway.

They'll face Kentucky.

## AREAEVENTS

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| Cornerstone Academy at |  |
| Pensacola State at Gulf |  |
| Bay 7 p.m. |  |
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## Knicks block LeBron at finish, beat Lakers

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| James drove left, the No. | 107: Blake Griffin scored |
| 4 scorer in NBA history | 25 points, |
| ing a basket to be |  |
| e worst team in the | 17 |
| league. | Detroit Pistons beat th |
| Defending him was | Toronto Raptors to co |
| a journeyman who hadn't even gotten off | plete a season sweep. |
| the Knicks' bench in a | 76ERS 130, BUCKS 125: |
| month. <br> James' shot didn't go | Giannis Antetokounmpo scored a career-high 52 |
| in. Didn't even get to the | points, but Joel Embiid |
|  | had 40 points and 15 |
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| y, allowing New York | An |
| complete a late rally | 26 from |
| beat the Los Ange- | including 3 of 8 from |
| les Lakers 124-123 on |  |
| Sunday. <br> "To beat a great | 19 of 21 free throws to better his previous care |
| player, sometimes you've got to do the | eight points. |
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| got to make big plays," | might have been a littl |
| Knicks coach David | do |
| Fizdale said, "because | Magic on Sunday night |
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| o make a big | their shots. |
| play." | Still, they got by with a big start from Nikola |
|  | ucevic to take an early |
| Dwyane Wade arrived | lead and, despite sho |
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| ing to play much, | held on for a win over |
| at all. His bruised right was sore and he was | Atlanta Hawk |
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Junior Golf
Panama City junior golfers ages $11-18$ are invited
to compete in the AJGT Joseph M Bartholomew Junior Classic in New Orleans, La., at the Golf Course on March 30-31.
The two-day, 36-hole the Junior Golf Scoreboard and hosted by the Arrowhead Junior Golf Tour. The tournament entry fee is $\$ 195$ and includes two days of green fees, tee gifts, and trophies in four age divisions.
Recommended accommodations are availa \& Suites by Carlson Metairie-New Orleans La. Please call 504-8354141 for reservations and group rate. The tournament extended registration deadline is March 27 at 2 p.m.

To enter the event, please call Diane Ford at 985 -630-3066 or enter online at www.arrowheadjgt.

Golf Tournament There will be a Captain's Choice Knights of tournament at Holiday Golf Club on May starting at 8:30 a.m. The tournament will benefit Hurricane Michael victims in the area. The maximum amount of players is 32 foursomes. For further information contact Tom Fagan at 678-908-2530 or faga456@ yahoo.com, Doug Quill dra 53@yahoo or John Andersen at 850-319-5770 or andersenjm@ knology.net.

To get an announce ment in the paper email dkent@pcnh.


## SPORTS TICKER

in brief

SOLDEU, ANDORRA Shiffrin wins giant slalom

Another race won another crystal trophy another crystal trophy Cup record written by Mikaela Shiffrin in he historically great season. Shiffrin won a giant slalom Sunday to sea the season-long stand ings title and, shedding a few tears while sitting in the finish area, lifted a record-tying fourt World Cup crystal glob "The same season, moments in the last eight years where I was thinking maybe I would thinking maybe I would Shiffrin said, explainin her emotions. "I wante to be proud of my skiing and really deserve that. A fourth discipline title in one season matched the women's World Cup record jointly held 2012) and Tina Maz (2013). (2013)

Shiffrin's 17th World also extended her season record for men and women. At age 24, he 60 career wins trails only 26 behind Ingemar Sten mark's all-time total.

## JUPITER, FLA.

Back tightness sideine Cards ${ }^{\text {B }}$

Back tightness is Back tightness is Louis third baseman Matt Carpenter out of the lineup until Wednesday.
Carpenter first noticed the issue on Saturday when he wasn't sched uled to be in the lineup The three-time AllStar was scheduled to play Sunday, but the be cautious. St. Louis be cautious. St. Louis Tuesday.
The 33-year-old Carpenter hit .257 with 36 homers last season. Nothing serious, Cardinals manager Mike shildt said. "We're not concerned about it. He's We want to about it. and give him jucicious days. We'll play it day by-day. He's going to be fine."

## NEW YORK

 Belay Tilahun, Joyciline Jepkosgei win NYC HalfBelay Tilahun of Ethiopia and Joyciline Jepkosgei of Kenya won their New York City racing debuts in the NYC Half on Sunday.
The 24-year-old the 13.1 -mile course through Brooklyn and Manhattan in 1:02:10, overtakingEritrea'sDaniel Mesfun, who led fo the majority of the race but finished six seconds behind.
Jepkosgei, the world record-holder in the half marathon, won he first-ever solo race in the United States in 1:10:07. Kenya, finished on minutelater in second Daniel Romanchuk and Tatyana McFadden both of the United States, won the wheelchair divisions.

The Associated Press


Duke's Zion Williamson celebrates after Duke defeated Florida State in the ACC Tournament title game Saturday in Charlotte, N.C. Williamson was named the tournament's MVP. [CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## 'This is the life I wanted'

Duke's Zion Williamson embraces the hype

## By Andrew Carter The News \& Observe

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Of all Zion Williamson's memorable feats throughout the past several months - the dunks, the blocked shots the highly-disseminated destruction of a particular piece of Nike footwear - perhaps the most significant happened the ACC tournament: through his energized the Thursday late game, and made it appoint ment viewing.
Such a thing is no small task. Most years, the Thursday late game, the tournament's final quarterfinal looks and feels anticlimactic It always begins around 9:30 p.m., after a long and full day of basketball, and more often than not it plays out before thousands of empty seats. ACC tournament cameinthat same game in the same round when Virginia Tech and Florida State dragged on late into the night before Derwin Kitchen's buzzer-beater for the Seminoles was waved off after a replay review. The announced attendance that night was more than 23,000 , and perhaps one-tenth of it remained for the end of the Hokies' victory. Seated on the sioner John Swofford looked little dazed in the second half, and he was far from alone. That's how the fina cond-round and quarterfinal games usually are: tired crowds, empty seats, resting eyes. Which leads to Thursday, which was none of that. Williamson, the Duke freshman, was playing in his first game since Feb. 20, and the blown-shoe-heard-round-the-world.
Duke's eventual vicend of a long day became the main event instead of the afterthought, with the usual - meaning completely unusual, for a college basketball player - amount of attention on Williamson from the moment he left the locker room, to the court and back again, where a fleet of cameras and microphones
awaited.
Asked recently if he could recall witnessing another player receive the kind of
attention that Williamson has, Swofford, who has been the ACC's commissioner since 1997, offered simple insight: "No, I haven't," he said. "He's a very unique player," he said. "We're in a social-media time that is relatively new. When you combine those two things, you get Zion.
a freshmansonis, at once, both a freshman college basketball
player who is going through the kind of growth - mental and emotional, especially - that many college freshman experience; and yet he is also a national phenomenon: a spectacle whose fame has made his last name somewhat obsolete. Indeed, Williamson these days is simply "Zion," and in the fishbowl every ey and iPhone focused on him
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This was especially true at the ACC tournament, where Williamson returned after missing all of Duke's previous five games. He missed all but seconds of a sixth after - in a moment of sporting infamy - his left foot tore through his Nike sneaker in the first minute of Duke's first game against North Carolina, Indoor Stadium namero In the weeks since the Legend of Zion only grew, even in his absence. His injury, a right knee sprain dominated the national college basketball conversation as much as his play had during the previous months. The question of whether he'd return or whether he should sit out the remainder of the season in an act of self-preservation became a story in
itself - even ifto Williamson it was never much of a ques tion at all.
"Man, can't do that to my teammates," he said on Friday night, dismissing another question about why he didn't shut himself down for the season. "I made a commitment to my brothers when I first went to Duke. And what people don't see on camera is you go through
a lot during the summer and through these practices. ... "You just can't turn your back on them, because of the injuries."
Indeed, Williamson's return meant the return of college basketball's great est force. His impact on the court has become clear enough in part through the viral highlights - the stunning display of athleticism he often unleashes, especially onplays around the rim - but Effect off the court is more difficult. In an age of social media and round-the-clock sports coverage he has, arguably, become the focal point of more hype than anyone in college basketball history.
Williamson, for his part, hasn't shied away from it, either. He plays under a spotlight that's so powerful that others might crumble beneath itter his frst two though, he scored a combined 60 points and looked as though he hadn't missed any time at all. Then he answered, again and again, the same familiar questions: ones about the shoe that he victimized, and others about what it was like to be back, and yet others about what it was like to play a full game against UNC. And that was before the media swirl had even really started.
"Going to the gas station, I go in there (and) I'm going to at least be in there 10 minutes because somebody wants to liams a conversation," Wileven go to the bathroom sometimes without people bothering me.
"But yeah,I didtake alook at myself in the mirror and said, this is the life I wanted to be a part of. My parents told me all much of a shock, but when it happens you'relike, you've got to take a step back and you go, wow - I guess I'monit." Someone tried to con tinue the conversation, to ask another question, but the Duke official standing near by had been keeping time, and time was up: "We're done," he said. "We're done, guys we're done.'

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NEW YORK - Ther is a certain predict ability to the NCAA tournament. Over the will be brackets aplenty, most of them busted, most of them busted derellas. There will b Luther Vandross' son and the ever-present paradox of a billion-dollar television deal for an event starring amateurs And there will also be ots of opportunities to listen to Charles Barkle and Kenny Smith. Since cBS and Tured on sports deal in 2011 , the two bas ketball analysts annually take a break from thei award-winning NBA studio show on TNT to offer their thoughts and analysis of the college game.
"The toughest thing is you have to watch so many games and you get so many different reports on different "It's kind of like homework, except now I have to do my own home work. When I was i college, they did it for me."
The arrangement brings notable star power to whatever studio in which Barkle and Smith find them selves. Barkley's wi is legendary; Smith is polished and insightful; who joins them in the move, is the consum mate professional.
But that doesn' mean the NBA experts - particularly Barkley - haven't riled up col lege hoops fans over the years with a sense that they have helicoptered in for the sport's mar quee event. The litany of faux pas includes the plimented the play Kansas star Cliff Alex ander during a game $h$ wasn't playing in (and when he confused Bi Ten teams Iowa and


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