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ride in 2017
meetings themselves. With council meetings regularly degenerating into debates back and forth
between audience members and council members, and with audience members periodically calling out accusations or attempting to question council members while they discussed city business, the council turned to new policies limiting the final public commenting period at the end or meet
residents, own a city business, or who are on the city's utility system to speak. The first commenting period first commenting period
remained open to all, as long as it pertained to an item on the meeting agenda.
It brought to a head, and was designed to head off, conflicts between regular meeting attendees and some council members.
Some people living outside Panama City Beach had been ment section of the meetin

- already limited to three minutes per person - to, at times, lambast the council, and Councilmen Hector Solis and John Reichard and City Manager Mario Gisbert.
Thomas said that's just not "normal" meeting behavior nor how productive meetings are run, and blamed it on misinformation put out on social media.
"People got together on
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## Days of bitter cold ahead for northern US



Rochelle Carlotti, 28, shovels steps near her home after a record snowfall Tuesday in Erie, Pa. The National Weather Service says Monday's storm brought 34 inches of snow, a daily snowfall record for Erie. [PHOTOS BY GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS]


Soledda Hernandez stands on the roof of her car as she brushes
off snow in Erie, Pa., on Wednesday.

The Associated Press
ERIE, Pa. - Freezing temperatures and below-zero wind chills socked much of the northern United States on Wednesday, and the snow-hardened city of Erie, Pennsylvania, dug out from a record snowfall.
A storm brought 34 inches of snow on Christmas Day to Erie, an all-time daily Great Lakes city, and 26.5 more inches on Tuesday. More than 62 inches have fallen on the city since Dec. 23 , with an additional 2 to 4 inches predicted Wednesday as residents dug out in frigid temperatures.
Meanwhile, forecasters warned of hypothermia and frostbite from widespread bitter cold. Wind chill advisories or warnings were in
effect for much of northern New England the northNew England, the north-
states, including all of North Dakota and Iowa.
The National Weather Service warned of wind chills between minus 15 and 30 degrees below zero central Illinois and said the temperature in Maine will remain below freezing for more than 10 days. In Millcreek, outside Erie, it took Kathleen Palkovic and her 23-year-old son so Palkovic could make it to her waitressing job. The 5 -mile drive to Dave's Diner in downtown Erie took an hour. The 62 -yearold Palkovic and the cook opened the restaurant at a little after 6 a.m. in single digit temperatures. "We're dedicated people, I guess," Palkovic said. "It took 800 milligr

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## Triumph Gulf Coast hires from Enterprise Florida

## By Eryn Dion

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PANAMA CITY - With their senior level staff now in place, Triumph Gulf Coast members will begin the new year by taking a serious look at the projects in front of them vying for the first $\$ 300$ During a conf.
During a conference call Wednesday morning, the
board voted unanimously to send an engagement letter to Cori Henderson to retain her as program administrator, serving as a liaison between the board and government entities in the eight Gulf Coast counties, as well as the liaison between the board and potential project applicants. Henderson, who currently is the director of business Florida Inc came highly rec ommended from her former boss, former State Senate President Tom Lee. Board member Pam Dana, who created the program administrator job description, said

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UNSUCCESSFUL
DELIVERY
4 Bay men face smuggling charges up marifuana package

Amanda Banks: "We saw some yesterday! They were so tiny, I thought it was just gum."

The owners/operators of floating structures that serve as businesses on area waterways might begin facing a boatload of local regulations in the ne year.

Ryan Conner: "Someone please tell those morons that all water ways are under the federal government's jurisdiction not the state, county or city."

Ryan Crawford: "Any reason for the government to do this? Short of the typical government response of "Because we can.?'"
Aaron Hippensteal: "More government over reach."

Chef Emeril Lagasse's name is renowned the world over. With 13 successful restaurants under his belt and his own TV show, he didn't need to do anything more. However, the chef opened his 14th restaurant on Aug. 26, and this one is in the community he now calls home - South Walton.

Rex Kristoffer: "The discerning palates of North Floridians just want to know if he bakes his chicken fingers or fries them in

Jerri Hanna: "It's stellar. Went there in October for lunch. Just perfect."

Becky Smith: "Can't wait to try!"
Bay County citizens looking for an easy, environmentally friendly means of disposing of this year's Christmas trees several locations throughout the county.

Debbie Rowlee: "How 'bout the county recycle period, with cans for such, like everyone else? Instead, I was told I could drop them off at the recyclable dumpsters they have at some of the ball parks. Huh?'

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Comic book creator Stan Lee is 95. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 83 . Rock singer-musician singer-musician Edgar Winter is 71. Actor Denzel Washington is 63. Country singer Joe Diffie is 59. Talk show host Seth Meyers is 44. Actor Joe Manganiello is 41. R\&B singer John Legend is 39. Actress Beau Garrett (TV "The Good Doctor") is 35 . Pop
singer Kasey Sheridan (Dream) singer Kasey Sheridan (Dream) 30. Pop singer David Archuleta is 27 . Actress Mary-Charles Jones (TV: "Kevin Can Wait") 16. Actor Miles Brown is 13

To submit birthdays, emai pcnhnews@pcnh.com with "birthday" in the subject line, or drop off a current photo and fill out a birthday form at the front desk of The News Herald, 501 W . 11th St. The deadline is noon three business days prior to the birthday. Birthday the person's first and last name, city and age. The ph is a mug shot and must be a clear photo.

## PICTURE PERFECT

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


Carolyn Lissick sent in this photo, simply titling it "Sunset on Panama City Beach."

## GO AND DO

ZUMBA GOLD: 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Lyndel Center, 432 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach. Latininspired dance fitness

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20 at Panama City Cente for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Free admission. Details: CenterForTheArtsPC.com or 850-640-3670

3 BALLROOM DANCING: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grand
square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City. $\$ 5$ per person at the door. Details: 50-277-0566 or dpgordon01@yahoo.com

## I. BRITISH NEW YEAR'S

 4PARTY: 5 p.m. at Beach Road, Panama City Beach Road, Panama City party beginning at 5 p.m., plus free champagne or toasting British New Year's at 6 p.m. (midnight London time). Reservations: 850-234-6060. Details: HarpoonHarry.com5 PIER PARK NEW YEAR'S EVE BEACH BALL DROP: 5:30 p.m. at Pier Park, Pier Park Drive Panama City Beach. Events for all ages. Beach ball drop midnight Details: visitpanamacitybeach s.
> - CASINO ROYALE: 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bay Point Sheraton, 4114 Jan $\$ 100$ donation benefits Anchorage Children's Home. Details and tickets AnchorageNYE.com

## CATCH OF THE DAY

We want to see your catch of the day: Post your photos to the News Herald Facebook page with your name, city of residence and information about the photo. Email photos to yourpix@pcnh.com.
 362nd day of 2017. There are three days left in the year.

## Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1917, the New York Evening Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary," a supposedly recounting the history of bathtubs in America, starting with the "first" one in Cincinnati in 1842. Among the spoof's other straight-faced claims. that Milard have a bathtub installed in the White House. (Mencken was astonished when people took his "tissue of absurdities" seriously.)

## On this date

n 1612, Italian astronomer Gali leo Galilei observed the plane Neptune, but mistook it for a star. (Neptune wasn't officially discovered until 1846 by Johann Gottfried Galle.)
in 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United states to resign, stepping with President Andrew Jacks In 1846, lowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the
Union
In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Virginia. In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris at age 62. In 1945, Congress officially recognized the.
In 1973, th
In 1973, the book "Gulag
Solzhenitsyn's expose of ther Soviet prison system, was first published in Paris.
In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

YOUNG ARTIST


Chudnee Jackson
Grade 1
Palm Bay Elementary School

FLORIDA LOTTERY
These Florida lotteries were drawn Tuesday:
Fantasy 5: 01-04-08-20-23
Lucky Money: 05-13-31-40 Lucky Ball 2, estimated jackpot: \$2 million
Mega Millions: 10-12-20-38-41, Mega Ball 25, Megaplier 4, estimated jackpot \$277 million Powerball: estimated jackpot $\$ 337$ million
Pick 2 Evening: 9-7
Pick 2 Midday: 6-5
Pick 3 Midday: $4-0-4$ Pick 4 Evening: $2-6-6-5$ Pick 4 Evening: $2-6-6-5$
Pick 4 Midday: $6-7-7-7$ Pick 5 Evening: 2-6-3-4 Pick 5 Midday: 2-5-3-4-8

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## LOCAL\&STATE

## 4 face drug smuggling charges

By Zack McDonald 747-5071 @ @PCNHzack

LYNN HAVEN - Four Bay County men are - Facing drug smuggling charges after smuggling charges after office to allegedly pick up almost 5 pounds of marijuana, according to arrest reports. The package was first taken to a Lynn Haven home where "an adult female" told a delivery driver that no one by the name of the person it was addressed to lived there. Afte to FedEx, 210 Mosley Drive,

employees started smelling marijuana and contacted the Bay County Sheriff's Office moments before the four men called wanting to pick it up in person, officers reported. Jamond Denzel Brundidge,
26, was charged with mari26, was charged with marijuana smuggling across state
lines while Myles Brundidge,


21; Elliot Mason Frazier, 23; and Nathanael Marion Pitts, 20, all of Lynn Haven, each have been charged as conspirators to marijuana smuggling. All of the men appeared in court Wednesday on the charges and are being for Frazier, who is scheduled
to have a bond set Thursday court records show
According to BCSO reports, officers arrived at the FedEx about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday after the unsucTuesday after the unsucthe package to 402 E. 15th St. to a "Thomas Rivers." After bringing the package back to FedEx, management allegedly smelled the odor of marijuana and opened it to find several baggies of pot, BCSO reported.
FedEx staff was on scene FedEx staff received a cal be 'Thomas Rivers' but stated
they did not have an ID," officers wrote. "This same person stated they would like in person and would be there in 10-15 minutes."
BCSO reported about 15 minutes later an SUV with four occupants arrived with one person, later identified as Jamond Brundidge, going into the business and claiming the package. As he was walking back to the car, the officer - who was parked directly beside them in the parking lot in an unmarked car

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## More and more, PCB open for winter business

By Tyra L. Jackson 850-522-5121 $@$ @yraJackPCNH tjackson@pcnh.com

PANAMA CITY BEACH Most vacationers have packed up for the winter but there are businesses like the Shadow Box that don't plan on following suit.
The Shado
The Shadow Box, an antique store on Thomas Drive, has been open for five years, and owner Terrah Waynick said her store always
open year-round.
"We're certainly busie in the summer months, and we're pretty steady during winter, as well," Waynick said.
To keep business flowing in the winter, Waynick said she made a few adjustments. "I'm a strong believer in well-thought-out advertising during the winter," she said. "I use different (advertising) in sumner months."
in summer months." adapting to Visit Panama City Beach's goal of the beach becoming a year-round destination, said Catie Feeney, Visit PCB public relations manager. She said the organization isn't aware of a lot of establishments shutting down for the colder months. Thirty years ago there weren't many staying open all winter. "A majority of restaurants and condos stay open through the year," she said. "I really
don't see (winter closures) as a huge impact because businesses are usually closed for a few weeks."
Officials at Gulf World have taken a page from Waynick's book, as the park plans to stay open through the winter.
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St. Andrews State Park is one business that stays open through the winter, and with good reason as seen here with a deer grazing through the Buttonwood Marsh on Sunday. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

Milton man won't face charges in stand-yourground killing

## By Annie Blanks

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MILTON - A man who authorities said shot an armed intruder on his front porch in October will not face charges after the State Attorney's Office concluded the man's actions "Stand Your Ground Law." The
announced in ares rease Wednesday that the actions of Michael Patterson of Bent Tree Road in Milton early Mulinix Oct. 21 were and justifiable under Florida's Stand Your Ground Law." "No criminal charges will "No further action will be taken by the State Attorney's Office."
According to a report accompanying the press release, investigators determined through several witness interviews that Patterson was asleep on his couch about 12:30 a.m. when he was awakened by screamporch near the door. His elderly parents and 16 -yearold son also were in the home at the time, the report said. The man at the door was 39 -year-old Marcus Indigo Mulinix, also of Milton. Patterson and Mulinix had gone to grade school together but had not seen each other since then and were virtually unknown to one another.
See CHARGES, A4

## Stranded dolphin to remain at Gulf World

By Katie Landeck 522-5114|@PCNHKatie klandeck@pcnh.com
PANAMA CITY BEACH - The year-old dolphin that washed ashore on Okaloosa Island during Hurricane Nate has found a permanent home a Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA) deemed Samira, as she now is known, nonreleasable because of her young age and mother dependency. Gulf World, wherestaff has been caring for her for 10 weeks, is to be her permanent
home.
"It's amazing to see her have a second chance at life," Gulf World spokeswoman Sam Tuno said. "Our goal is always to release the animal, but in her case she wouldn't have survived."
In the wild, Samira still would be learning to hunt by her mother's side. Since she she has started eating small she has started eating small
amounts of fish but isn't yet ready to hunt on her own
During the 10-week reha-
bilitation period, Samira had to be kept in quarantine,
but now staff is starting to
introduce her to the rest of the dolphins at the park, including her new family. Samira likely will be paired with Soleil, an almost two-year-old dolphin who was born at Gulf World, and her mom Angel.
"They'll be like sisters," Tuno said Samira, who Gulf World staff members describe as spunky but pleasant comhusbandry behaviors.
How and why Samira became stranded on the beach is unknown. She was found Oct. 8 washed up on
shore by the dune line by two beachgoers looking for shells on Princess Beach. Whenhelp arrived, the rescuers said it looked like the young dolphin had become exhausted fightingtherip currents. Her young age made it highly unlikely she should be released based on standards set by NOAA. The beachgoers who called for help likely saved Samira's life. If you see a
sick or stranded animal, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-3922 or \#FWC or the GWMI stranding line at 850-258-6968.



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- reported he "could clearly see the look of excitement on faces of all the vehicle occupants." That was until the officer got out and detained the group until other deputies arrived, BCSO reported. Officers reported finding loose marijuana throughout the car, some jewelry bags and $\$ 1,017$ in one of the sea pockets. The group allegedly
told authorities they were
picking up a package from an "unknown third party." Inside, officers discovered about 4.7 Sherman Oaks, California to he address given as the Brundidges' home, BCSO reported. Searching law enforcement databases in Bay County, officers reported not being able to find records or evidence of a Thomas Rivers ever living at the residence.
The four men were taken to jail to await their first appearances. Each is scheduled to be back in court Feb. 13 except razier, who was set to return to court Jan. 29.


## BUSINESS

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Last year the operation closed for about three weeks, General Manager Pamela George said. winter) for many years," she said "Visitors were very low, and in the past it didn't seem wise to stay open."
She backs the decision for the facility to remain open this year.
"With the destination becoming a year-round destination, we decided to stay open," George said. "We know there are more travelers coming to the area, and we wanted to give them something to do." smooth sailing over at Capt Anderson's Marinathis winter as the business stays open for about the third straight year The marina will close in January for boat repairs, office manage Jodi Hayes said.
"Summer is our busiest," she said. "It's a big decrease in the
winter, but we are beginningto see a few more people. I think t's more of the TDC doing a ot of marketing toward winter guests."
Feeney said Visit PCB's campaigns like "Make it Yours" and other initiatives might make it easier for more businesses to said she thinks officials will tart to see a trend where more establishments will stay open, as visitors pour into the city during winter visits.
"(Gulf World) is a prime example of businesses knowing families will be coming to our events like Home for the Holidays and the Beach Ball Drop." Those businesses are just a few that now stay open yearround, a stark departure from he 1980s when finding a place that flows over to the government sector as well, with places like St. Andrews State Park remaining open all year with its plethora of trails, beaches and water activities that offer everything from exercise to a chance to see alligators and deer ntheir natural environment.

## AREABRIEFS

## PANAMA CITY

 Fiery crash snarlsA flaming wreck snarle Affaming wreck snarled Wednesday just after noon n one of Bay County's busiest roads.
No one was injured according to emergency esponders.
The crash happened about 12:15 p.m. on U.S. 231 north of Transmitter oad. A whie passenge rashing with a semi-traile truck. Both drivers were out of their vehicles and walking around afterward, but declined to comment on what happened.A witness, who declined to beidentified,
said the white car mergedinto the lane of the semi-truck. No charges were immediately reported.
Florida Highway Patrol is investigating the crash.

## Panamacir Alabama man netted

An Alabama man has been arrested after he allegdly arranged for a woman to meet a man for a sexual encounter, not knowing he dercover officer word ing to arrest reports.
Chad Cornelius Seymore 1, of Dothan, appeare in court Wednesday on charges of coercing another to become a prostitute and

unlawful use of a twoway device. $\underset{\text { arrested }}{\mathrm{He}} \mathrm{was}$ about p.m. TuesQuinta Inn, 1030 E. 23 rd St. after arranging for a woman to meet with a man for sex in exchange for $\$ 240$, Panama City Police Department officials said.
Seymore allegedly used a text app on his cellphone not knowing an undercover officer was on the other end, police reported. Seymore is being held on a $\$ 2,500$ bond, according to court records.

News Herald staff report

## CHARGES

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Patterson approached Mulinix at the door bu could not understand what he was saying. Mulinix then began shaking the door knob and trying to enter the home. Patterson's elderly mother woke up and dialed 911.

Patterson went to a bedroom and retrieved a 30-30 door and walked around to bor and walked around to Mulinixin his front yard holding a baseball bat and tryingto get into his home. Patterson yelled at the man to stop, but instead Mulinix "raised th bat and beganto walk toward Patterson," according to the

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Patterson fired one shot that struck Mulinix, who fell back against the front doo across the threshold.
Patterson's brother, Jef ery Booth, arrived just after the shooting and the pai administered first aid until uthorities arrived at 12:39 .m. and took over. Mulinix was placed in an ambulanc but died on his way to hospital.
Themedical examiner con cluded Mulinix died from a gunshot wound to the chest. Office, which noted in its eport that Santa Rosa County heriff's deputies found an aluminum baseball bat and metal pipe next to Mulinix's body, concluded Patterson' use of force was justifiabl under five Florida statute pertaining to the Stand You

Ground Law. The law states nified in using a person is justo use deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that using or threatening to use such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm tohimself or herself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony."
Investigators said Mulinix was committing burglary by trying to enter the home armed with a bat and a pipe. He also was committing ingtowardPatterson with the baseball bat. Prosecutors said Pattersonhad "well-founded fear ... that violence was about to take place and Mulinix had the apparent ability to carry it out." Assistant State Attorney James Parker concluded Patterson would not be charged.

ZUMBA GOLD: 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Lyndell Center, 432 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach. Grea low-impact total body inspired for all ages. Latin inspired dance fitness. Fo

## Friday

CARL WEBB - "MASKS OF INTUITION": exhibit OF INTUITION": exhibit
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ring in the New Year, as ring in the New Year, as hors d'oeuvres. For details, 850-769-8979. For detals,

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little levels. $\$ 5$ per person at the door. For details, 850-2770566 or dpgordon01@yahoo com

## Sunday <br> GRAND LAGOON WATER FRONT FARMERS MARKET:

 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Capt Anderson's Restauran parking lot, 5551 Thomas Hosting makers, bakersand growers year-round. or details, Facebook.com Grand.Lagoon.Farmers. Market, WaterfrontM BURNING BOWL CER EMONY: 11 a.m. at Unity Spiritual Center, 1764 Lisenby Ave., Panama City. An opportunity to let go and let God handle you life issues. A symbolic burning of these is part of this ceremony. All are
welcome. For details, unityofpanamacity.org

SALUTE 2017: 11 a.m. to 2 London time). There will be p.m. at Fonville Press at Alys a live DJ with a balloon drop Beach. Light fare, cocktails at British midnight. For resand live music with Chris ervations, 850-234-6060. For $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Alvarado. For details, Alys- } & \text { details, HarpoonHarry.com } \\ \text { Beach.com } & \text { PIER PARK NEW YEAR'S EVE }\end{array}$ Beach.com BRITISH NEW YEAR'S PARTY: 5 p.m. at Harpoon Harry's, Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Dinner and dance party that carte dinner beginning at 5 carte dinner beginning at 5 p.m.., plus free champagn
for toasting British New Year's at 6 p.m. (midnight BEACH BALL DROP: 5:30 p.m. at Pier Park, Pier Park Drive, Panama City Beach. Live music by Barry Fish Band, Terry Brock \& Friends
and 12 South. Events for all ages. Beach ball drop from ages. Beach ball drop from the Celebration Tower at panamacitybeach.com

## OBITUARIES

PATRICIAANN 'PAT' WINTERS
Patricia Ann "Pat" Winters, 62, of Panam City, Florida, passed
away quietly at home with her husband with her husband, James W. "Jay" Winters, Jr their daughter, Sonya A. Kittsmiller; and their son, Jeremiah J Winters. Pat also is survived by her sisters, Mary Ennis and Carol Thompson. Preceding her in death were her mother, Ann Thomp son of Fulton, Mis souri; her father, Gerald Florida; her sister Kathy Melton of Lo bard, Illinois; and herbrother, Jerry Thompson of Panama City. Per Pat's wishes, she will be cremated. Close friends and family are invited to gather at her and Jay's home betwee 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.


Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, to pay their respects. Dress will be casual In lieu of flowers, Patricia has asked that a
small donation be made small donation be made to the American Cance. Those wishing to exte condolences may do so at www.heritagefhllc.com. Heritage Funeral Home \& Cremation Services 247 N. Tyndall Parkway Panama City, Fla
850-785-1316

## RICHARD 'DICK'

Funeral services for Richard "Dick" Henry Beach Sr., who died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 today, Dec. 28, 2017 First United Methodist Church. The fam ily will rch. The fambeginning at 10 friends A graveside service A graveside service Friday at Evergreen Friday at Evergreen Wilson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## MAUREENC. <br> GILLEY

Maureen C. Gilley, 71, of Sand Hills Florida, died Tues-
day, Dec. 26, 2017 . Memorial services will be announced by Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

## CECILR.PIPPIN

Visitation for Cecil R. Pippin, 90, of Por St. Joe, Florida, who died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, will be from $10-1$ a.m. ESI today, Dec. Church in Port St. Joe Funeral services will begin at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. EST Interment will follow at 2 p.m. CST at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.
To extend condolences, visit www. heritagefhllc.com

SARA CULBRETH
COOPER
Funeral services for Sara Culbreth Coo per, 90, of Panama City, Florida, who died Dec. 21, 2017, will begin at 1 p.m.
today Dec. 28,2017 today, Dec. 28, 2017, at Wilson Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home

## CARL GIVENS JR.

Visitation for Carl Givens Jr., 83, who died Monday, Dec. 25, 2017, in Panama City, Morida, will be at Battle Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at MacedoChurch. Burial will Church. Burial will Memorial Cemetery.

PATRICIA 'PAT' GRIFFIN

Funeral services for Patricia "Pat" Griffin, 75, of Panama City, Florida, who died Sat urday, Dec. 23, 2017, urday Dec 30 .m. Sat arday, Dec. 30, 2017 Home. The family will Home. The eamily will
receive friends beginning at noon. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. To extend condolences, visit www heritagefhllc.com

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obituaries and sign the online guest books of your love ones at newsherald.com/obituaries.

## CHARLA ANNE COLLINS RIZZUTO

Charla Anne Col lins Rizzuto went to be with the Lord on 2017. Charla was born, at Lisenby Hospital in Panama City, Florida, on April 2, 1954. Charla grew up on Grand Lagoon in Panama City Beach. She had a grand time riding her horse on the beach and in the Gulf with our sister, Carol We all enjoyed paddling ur rowboat across the and dunes and our magnificent magnomagnificent magno a tree house there brilliant and so talented. She was one of hose fantastic cooks who never needed to measure ingredients, another of her gifts that brought joy to those around her. Charla learned to crochet and or all of us. She blso

## FRED CROSBY

Mr. Fred Crosby, 82, of Panama City, Florida, passed away He was born on Nov. 19, 1935, in War County, Georgia, o A.D. and Pauline Lee) Crosby. Fred whildren. He marchildren. He marWayne County, Geor ia, on Aug. 3, 1962 . Fred was a 1953 graduate of Waycross High School. After high school, he attended Berry College in Rome, Georgia, where he eceived his associe's degree. He then f Gerd the University where he earned his, wachelors of Science in forestry. Fred was member of Xi Sigma Pi, National Forestry Honor Society. Upon his graduation, he joined the United States Coast Guard Reserves, where he served for eight years. He worked for Rayonier Advanced Materiss in Madison, Florida, as a procurement forSt Mary's, Georgia,

A celebration of life or Katherine Louise Perry Morgan, 80, of Fountain, Florida, wh died Nov. 13, 2017, will begin at 10 a.m. Thur day, Jan. 4, 2018, at Hillcrest Baptist Church

BONNIE ‘MAGGIE' WHEELER
Funeral services for Mrs. Bonnie "Maggie" Wheeler, who Dec. 20, 2017, will begin at 1 p.m. Fri day, Dec. 29, 2017 at Wilson Funeral

rocheted the pret tiest Christmas trees or family members to noy every year. Charla he could put anythin in the soil and it would grow. She played the iano beautifully by ar. All she had to do was hear a song or have tune in her head, and she could play it with no written music.
She was blessed with he gift of music and shared that blessing with many right through
the last days of her life.

Charla treasured her family and is survived by her sons, Aaron, Rayne sisters, Claudia Shusisters, Claudia Shu-
maker (Bob) and Caro Collins; nieces, Betsy Hughes (Bill) and Court ney Adkinson (Frank); grand-nieces and grand-nephews, Mor gan and Janie Hughes, Ansley, Sawyer, and Robert Adkinson; uncle, Gary Harrington; aunt, an Collins; and cousans, Marion and Brad Sandra McElvey CourSandra McElvey, Courand Chip Collins (Gigi), and Tommy Fletcher. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, John Marion and Sarah Elizabeth McElvey and George Reese and Annie Joy Collins; mother, Marion McElvey Colins; father, Charle McElvey; aunt, Ruthie

McElvey Harrington; and uncle, Bill Collins. The family will receive

## Missing woman's family continues to seek answers

By Tom McLaughlin 315-44351@TomMnwfdn tmclaughilin@nw-

It appears 2017 will draw to a close for the family of Calandra Stallworth with few answers as to what has become of her. "This holiday is going to be very, very hard to being here," said Sheila Knight, Stallworth's Knight, Stallworth's try to make the best of it. That's all we can do." Stallworth, a Crest view resident, was last seen March 29, when she reportedly went to the city's police department headquarters to notify authorities she was not

missing, as her family hadreported
two days earlier. She told police she in Alabama with her boyfriend.

For whatever reason, Stallworth, who from all
accounts was extremely accounts was extremely
close to her family did close to her family, did not reunite with them police station.
Family members had last seen StallworthMarch 27, according to reports, when she dropped off her two young daughters at her grandmother's house next door on her way into work at the Hilton Sand-
estin Beach estin Beach
"We talked to one another every day," said another every day," said the street from Stallworth. "We told each other we loved each other and to be safe. Then that last time she never showed up."
Stallworth had called on the evening of March 27 to report she was on her way home, but she neve
arrived. arrived. Another development in the case came four days after police said they had Antwon Montrex Smith, Stallworth's boyfriend of more than three years according to Knight, was pulled over driving her pulled
car.
Smit

Smith was with another woman, 18-year-old

Taleah Durm. Stallworth's purse and car, Knight said, but sher was not.
Smith arrested on the night the car was pulled over for possession of cocaine driving without a license and a probation viola tion, told officers he had dropped off Stallworth a "Wother man's residence, quite the story, " Knight said. "What womanleaves her personal belongings?" Though Knight said she wishes the Crestview Police Department would have reacted faster to her missing person report Police Chief Tony Taylo said the case has been an remains a high priority.
"We're very concerned
in Raiford on several addressing it as critically and importantly as anything else. Every time we get a lead we're following said. "But right now we're not discovering anything new. It is a missing person's case."
Police department spokesman Brian Hughes confirmed the case tigation and Crestview police have enlisted the polp of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the search for a break in the Stallworth case.
Smith, 33, is serving a 15 -month prison term at the Florida State Prison
in Raiford on several
charges. He is scheduled
for release in June of 2018 . Knight said she has not communicated with Smith or with Durm, the woman who was with Smith in Stallworth's car. Efforts to reach Durm through social media were unsuccessful.
Knight said she hopes someone who knows something about Stallwill come forward with information.
"If anybody knows anything I would ask them to come forward," she said. "We all need closure here, whether good or bad, we wanna know."
"She's got two little girls, and they're missing their momma."

## Suspect named in brutal Ocala homicide



Marion County Sheriff's Office Inspector Eric Dice inspects the scene of a murder in Citra on


Man arrested on unrelated charges might be suspect in Tuesday's slaying

By Austin L. Mille GateHouse Media
OCALA - Detectives told a judge Wednesday that a man facing him for a first appearance on warrants was considered a suspect in a brutal homicide on Tuesday. Billy Dee Johnson, had his first appearance in front of Judge Tommy Thompson on Wednes day morning via video link from the Marion County Jail. Detective with the Marion Count Sheriff's Office had on warrants for battery on warrants for battery false imprisonment and He is being held ha with
Hes. out bond at the jail Someone had called 911
shortly after 6 a.m. Tuesshortly after 6 a.m. Tues day about a disturbance at a home in the 3100 block of Northeast 162 nd Place in Citra. Deputies found one man dead and


Johnson, injuries. On
Wednesday, Johnson detectives identified the dead man as Alfred Jackson Jr., 65, of Citra. the judge that thice foun the judge that they found with cuts on his face. Dice with cuts on his face. Dice
said the injured man's said the injured man's that the man, whom he did not name, remained in critical but stable condition in a local hospital. As Johnson was having his appearance before the judge, Dice and Detective Bradley Bartlett asked thempson to continue Johnson as it appeared Johnson as it appeared
he was the man who killed Jackson and hurt the other man and that he could be charged with homicide.
Bartlett told the judge that Johnson had told them he had moved to Ocala to hide from the warrants for his arrest.
He said Johnson also said He said Johnson also said .
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Steven Smith and Michael Jones
After hearing what the detectives had to say, the judge told Johnson that he would remain at the jail with no bail and that his next court date for the warrants arrest would be Jan. 30 .
As for his impending charge, the judge
told Johnson, it sounded like he was going to see him Thursday for first appearance on a homicide charge.
Outside the courtroom at the jail, Johnson said he was the one who called 911 early Tuesday and that he stayed on the phone with a dispatcher until authorities
arrived. He said he did arrived. He said he did not remember how he got declined to answer any other questions. Glenn Miller, who lives at the home, said Tuesday that Jackson and the man who remains hospitalized are related and that both of them had been staying at the home, but Jackson only for a few days. Miller said a neighbor called early Tuesday and work. He said when he left the home, Jackson left the home, Jackson was asleep on a couch and
the other man was sitting the other m
Miller said when he returned about 20 minutes later, he was unable to enter the home through the front door. He said he went to the back door and, when he opened it, saw blood on the floor and on the refrigerator. inside holding a knife inside holding a knife he refused to enter. Miller said he ran and got into his car and that, as he was preparing to drive away, deputies arrived.
Miller said deputies handcuffed the man with the knife, who later was identified as Johnson. Johnson was first taken to a hospital for treat ment, the
at the jail.
State records show Johnson has been in and out of prison since and out of prison since convictions, including for drug possession and fleeing and eluding. He was most recently released in November 2016.

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# Derailment should prompt better safety policies 

0ur hearts go out to victims of the Dec. 18' horrifying Amtrak derailment in DuPont, Washington, and to their families Perhaps one way to pay tribute to them is by
promptly addressing the factors in this accident promptly addressing the factors in this accic Although the NTSB investigation is just get ting underway, some important questions must be answered by the public and private operators of pas senger trains in Washington state and beyond. Amtrak Cascades Train 501 was going 80 mph into a 30 mph curve when it derailed Monday morning, strongly suggesting operating errors. This makes it eerily similar to a 2015 Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia that killed 8 and injured 200, when a train entered a curve at more than twice the speed limit. both incidents - an automatic braking system - was installed on Cascades Train 501 but not yet operational Sound Transit, which owns the track segment and upgraded it with federal money passed through the st Department of Transportation, said the automatic braking system, known as positive train control (PTC), was scheduled to be operational in the second quarter of 2018.
It's beyond disappointing that PTC wasn't working before service began on this segment. Multiple parties share blame on this front. Safety regulators have called for PTC systems for decades, but Congress and the U.S. railroad industry have been slow to implement this life-saving technology. Congress finally mandated PTC in 2008, after 25 people died in a California train accident that same year
PTC was required by the end of 2015. But after the rail PTC was required by the end of 2015. But after the rail
industry struggled to finish the work on time, Congress industry struggled to finish the work on time, Congress
relented and extended the deadline to December 2018. Yes, PTC systems are expensive and complicated, but the public pays a far greater price whe proven, effective safety systems are delayed. Then there is a design question: Does it make sense to launch fast rail service on a segment of track with an S-curve that requires trains to slow from 79 mph to 30 mph as they snake across an old bridge crossing Interstate 5 ? State and regional rail operators must provide a fuller explanation of why the bridge at DuPont wasn't realigned as part of the upgrade to 79 mph sertem for tricky segments that add risk and complicat efforts to increase speeds and frequency of passenger trains, and then explain how they will be mitigated.
The deadly accident also highlighted the city of Lake wood's earlier warnings about safety on this new route at rail crossings and the city's difficulty getting the state and Sound Transit to address its concerns. As the investigation and grieving continues, policymakers need to show the public that they're doing everything possible to improve the safety of passenge rail service. Further delays are simply unacceptable.
This editorial was excerpted from the Seat-
tle Times, where it first appeared.

ANOTHER VIEW


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## Brightline high-speed trains have a dark side



CarlHiaasen

卫the the new high-speed train between Miam
and West Palm Beach, would have been a cool stocking-stuffer for the holidays this year. Unfortunately, you can't buy tickets yet, even posed to begin soon. The company still hasn announced the price of the ride, or even the schedule of departures and arrivals. Festively painted trains have been seen zipping up and down the tracks in what is touted as a "simulated" service, meant to spark public excitement for the first short leg of the project, which is basically The price of the tickets is important because that will determine how much mone the Boondoggle Express will lose, and how fast it will lose it. Every passenger rail in this country spews red ink, and Brightline has zero chance of being the lone exception. Its exorbitant Phase 2 is a nonstop run from West Palm to Orlando, via Cocoa Eventually, we ll all be paying for this doomed
folly, falsely promoted as privately funded. The mea of its financing is gove ment-backed bonds.
Despite the support of Gov Rick Scott, Brightline has failed to attract a stampede o failed to attract a stampede of agency, the Florida Development Finance Corp., issued the company $\$ 1.75$ billion of private-activity bonds, which almost nobody wanted to buy. That's because running even super-fast trains from Miami to Orlando using an Last Coast route is an ind fensibly cockeyed plan. thousands of South Florid thousands of South Florida a train ride to visit Disney World and the other theme parks. Fine, but Brightline isn't going to Disney or Universal. It's going to Orlando International Airport, a place most sane people try to avoid unless they're catching a plane. Brightline's parent firm, still called All Aboard Florida, has town Miami will take about three hours. That's two hours longer than a nonstop flight, which are offered daily as cheap as $\$ 81$ - a price Bright line can't sustainably match The train ride would be shorter if it were a straight shot, but Brightline's bent coat-hanger route will use the Florida East Coast Railway to Cocoa, where it will then hook up with an as-yet-
unbuilt east-west connection
o Orlando. That would be a marvelous plan if you happened to own some of that between Cocoa and the air port, but otherwise the detour seems puzzling and expensive.
Track upgrades along the Treasure Coast segment ar under way despite heated opposition. Residents worr about noise, traffic jams and delays for first responders stuck at rail cross ings that Brightline trains will pass 32 times a day. Another big issue is safety
since the locomotives will since the locomotives wil oo-plus miles per hour as they approach many towns. Last week's dead high-speed Amtrak derailment near Seattle has only heightened local concerns. Its ridership surveys predict great success and long-term profitability - a wizardly feat of accounting, in the absence of a fixed ticket price. All Aboard Florida's latest strategy is to andthe a $\$ 600$ million bond sale for the Miami-West Palm leg. Now all theyneed is som. body to buy all those bonds, along with the remaining $\$ 1.15$ billion worth to complete the Orlando connection. If Brightline still exists in five years, it will be taxpayer subsidized like all U.S. passenger rails - even the ones that send their trains in

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unhappy with paid ad
I am writing in response to a paid advertisemen that recently appeared in this newspaper. The ad was shown to me by a friend, as I do not live in the internet, nothing is really local anymore, and the impact of publicathe impact of public The ad was signed by William Flynn, MD and Luli Flynn (presumably his wife) and made two points The first thanked the Trumps for their service to our country The second thanked them for the emotional angst that their actions had caused "the (in the Flynns words), According to the ad, infliction of emotional by the current administration is, to the Flynns,
almost like experiencing Christmas every day." Most likely, as a physi cian, Dr. Flynn and his wife have more disposable ncome than most, and if they want to spend it by tak ing out an ad thanking the ive. And had they left it at that, it would have been jus nother tribute ad signifinother tribute ad, signis However, taking pleasure in the emotional pain of others is antithetical to the oath taken by physicians to heal, not harm. It is also no coincidence that, like the people they are praising, Dr. Flynn and his wife are using their money as power to bully people This then leads to the uestion of the standard used by this newspaper to determine which paid ads
it will and will not accept. I assume (and fervently hope) that if the ad had celebrated emotional harm to a group of people based on their religion, race, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation, or used slurs in conjunction wit tions, this newspaper would tions, this newspaper would have refused to publish it.
Why, then, is it acceptable to this newspaper to publish an ad that insults a group based on its political views? I understand the need for a newspaper to generate ad revenue in order to remain viable. However, there are some principles that and defense against bullying and name-calling should be one of them.

Elaine Fishman, Richmond, Va.

SQUALL LINE
I am concerned about corporations just chasing up equity prices with
their increased wealth.

My NYE resolution is to try to spend more money at locally owned businesses Do we haveloud murfler laws anymore Lots of large trucks making too much noise

Catch of the Day! The photo would show me empty handed only holding fresh air. Fresh fish nowhere to be seen. Please sir. I wan some more. Fish that is.
Development boom grips Bay. It needs to get a grip alright. Harrison tion. It needs help badly but is totally ignored. Lucky's Market has been
n asset for us this side of he bridge. Not everything has to be located at PCB. We need far more stuff and NOT the same old thing we already have.

Christmas spending upalmost 5\%. Beware the next 6 months.

I recycle my Christmas tree every year. I fold it up put it back in the box or next year. Talk about being a good conserva tionist! ham rocking it

Lobsters given away to the needy in Maine. God bless that lobster man. His catch will increase out God knows whe goe the good people are an they will be rewarded in some form or another.

## BUSINESS

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BRIEFCASE
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA Prosecutors want 12-yea term for Samsung heir

South Korean prosecutor on Wednesday demanded a 12-year prison term for Sam
sung's jailed billionaire heir Lee Jae-yong, who main tained his innocence during an appeal of his conviction on bribery and other charges. In August, a lower cour sentenced Lee to five year in prison for offering bribes to former South Korean Presi dent Park Geun-hye and her confidante while Park was in office. Both Lee and prosrequested a 12 -year priso term, appealed that ruling term, appealed that ruling.
Prosecutors said Wednes day during Lee's appeal hearing that they still want Lee to receive 12 years in prison, according to the Seoul High Court.


Stocks eke out gains in quiet day

## By Alex Veig

The Associated Pres
U.S. stock indexes capped another quiet day on Wall Street Wednesday with slight gains, recouping some of the market's modest
osses from a day earlier.
Technology, health care and industrials stocks accounted or much of the gain. pending U. S home sales inched higher last month helped lift homebuilder helped hares
Retailers and onsumer-goods mana most, following a te-afternoon slide Energy stocks also fell along with the price o crude oil. Bond yields fell following a report onfidence dipped this confidence dipped this onth
"Trading is obviusly very light, but the market is certainly going out on a high as we head aid Erik Davidson, chief sidestment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank
The Standard \& Poor's 500 index gained 2.12 points, or 0.1 percent, to industrial average added 28.09 points, or 0.1 percent, to $24,774.30$ The Nasdaq rose 3.09 points, or 0.04 perent, to 6,939.34. The ussell 2000 index of maller-company stocks lost 0.29 points, or 0.02 percent, to $1,543.94$. Wednesday was another quiet, post-holday day for the markets, ough courts helped nomic reports help
The National
ciation of Realtors said signed contracts to buy U.S. homes increased 0.2 percent in November. The report is a barometer of future purchases. Most homebuilder shares moved higher after the report Gimbing led the pack, climbing \$2.47, or 3.4 ercent, to $\$ 75.46$. Separately, the Conerence Board said its fidence index declined slightly this month, just missing analysts' forecasts. The decline in the index drove a pickup in bond purchases, sending prices higher. The yield on the 10-year Trea sury slid to 2.41 percent from 2.48 percent late Tuesday

## World markets

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NEW YORK - Thinking about getting a new flatscreen C forthebabyays, or actor saty intoyour choice The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commissionwarns TVs and furniture like dressers and chests pose tip-over risks if they are not properly anchored to walls. This is especially true in households with young children, who can be tempted to climb on anything. But plenty of adults get injured, too.
Emergency rooms treat an average of 30,700 people - 52 peach year for injuries related tofallingtelevisions furniture and appliances, according to a 2017 CPSC report. Between 2000 and 2016, 514 people were killed by tip-overs, morethan 80 percent of them children.

The CPSC's "Anchor-It!"
campaign encourages families furniture to walls.
"The holidays are a time when households are very busy," said Ann Marie the CPSC "This is reallykind of a hidden hazard." Withth hazard." some things to consider while shopping.

## Where to put it?

Take a look at the room where you want the item to go. What kind of walls does it have? In most homes, bedrooms have sheet rock walls, making it relatively simple It's just a matter of finding the studs and following the instructions properly

## Read up on standards

Most American furniture manufacturers adhere to safety standards developed
by ASTM International for a wide range of products Manufacturers' compli ance is voluntary, however Ikea has recalled more tha 17 milion chests and cres standards, after eight chil dren were killed by toppled Ikea furniture. The Swed ish retailer says it no longe sells furniture in the U.S. that doesn't meet the standards. Dressers must pass two stability tests to meet the standards. The first requires the piece not to tip over when all drawers are opened to the "stop," or two-thirds of the way if there is no "stop. tip over when all of its doors are opened 90 degrees. For the second test, the furniture must not fall over when a 50 -pound weight - the average weight of a 5 -yearold - is gradually applied to the front of the drawer. The furniture must also be sold with anti-tip restraint kits.

## NATION\&WORLD

## Pulling apart the threads

Trump's Clinton tweets cut against Comey

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - When President Donald Trump fired James Comey in May he said he was acting on the recommendation of Justice Department leaders who had faulted the FBI director fo publicly releasing "deroga tory information" abou Hillary Clinton at the conclusion of the email server Yet with each tweet about the Clinton probe, Trump the Clinton probe, Trump seems to be further under-
mining his administration's mining his administration's nation that's now central to special counsel Robert Muel ler's Russia investigation.
The disconnect between Trump's attacks on Comey's handling of the email investigation and the criticism of Comey by his own Justice Department could muddy why Comey was fired. This why Comey was fired. This the president's legal team to present a coherent narrative as Mueller and his prosecutors examine whether the dismissal could sup port obstruction of justice allegations.
Trump has complained for months about the FBI's decision not to pursue criminal charges against Clinton, his 2016 presidential election


In this combination photo, President Donald Trump, left, appears in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington on May 10, and FBI Director James Comey appears at a 2014 news conference in Washingto With each tweet about the Clinton probe, Trump seems to be further undermining his administration's stated rationale for the termination of Comey. [EVAN VUCCI, LEFT, AND SUSAN WALSH/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE]
for her use of a personal email server. He has suggested the criminal investigation was rigged in her favor, claiming in one October tweet that Comey "totally protected" her. In the last few weeks alone, he seized on the revelation of politically charged text messages from an FBI agent who worked on that probe to again deride the investigation and, in a Saturday tweet that appeared to suggest Clinton should have been prosecuted, gally deleted emails."

Yet those attacks are increasingly hard to square with a Justice Department in May held up as justification for firing Comey. That memo, authored by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, cites an unusual July 2016 news conference in which Comey described Clinton and her aides a "extremely careless" as well as notification to Congress days before the election, that the investigation was being
sudden discovery of addi tional emails.
"From the beginning there's always been seriou doubt that the memo from the the actual reason the presi dent fired the FBI director, said Scott Fredericksen, a Washington criminal defens lawyer and former federal prosecutor. "These tweets, he added, "probably don't help the president in that regard."
not return a Trump did
seeking comment
Mueller's team has been keenly interested for months in the circumstances of ecutors obtaining an initial ecutors obtaining an initial but never released, that purported to lay out a basis for Comey's removal.
The final memo that the White House released on May 9, signed by Rosenstein, castigated Comey for announcing that criminal charges were not warranted against Clinton even though such determinations are Department prosecutors. He also faulted Comey for comments made during that news conference, which he said broke with Justice Department protocol by issuing "derogatory information" about someone who was not charged. Though he did not explicitly say it, his assessment seemed in line with that of Clinton and her supporters - that Comey's statements tigation had harmed her tigation had har
"The Director laid out his version of the facts for the news media as if it were a closing argument, but without a trial," Rosenstein wrote. "It is a textbook example of what federal prosecutors and agents are taught not to do." In a single-page letter to Comey released alongside Rosenstein's memo, Trump said he was accepting the mendation to fire him

## DATELINES

WEST PALM BEACH


Members of the White House staff inspect the trimming of the famed Magnolia tree, planted on the south grounds of the White House by President Andrew Jackson in 1835. A large portion of the tree has bee removed because it posed a safety risk. The nearly 200-year-old tree was trimmed Wednesday morning while President Donald Trump and his family are in Florida for the holidays. [ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]


Army General Constantino Chiwenga smiles during the presidential inauguration ceremony Nov. 24 in Harare Zimbabwe Zimbabwe's state-run media is reporting that new President Emmerson Mnangagwa has appointed Chiwenga as one of his two vice presidents. The naming deepens concerns about the military's close ties with Mnangagwa, who took power last month after Chiweng led a military takeover to oust longtime leader Robert Mugabe. [TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/AP FILE]

SELFOSS, ICELAND


A bus lays on its side on a road Wednesday near the Eldhraun lava field, about 155 miles east of Reykjavik, Iceland. Police in Iceland say one person was killed and 12 more were critically injured Wednesday after bus carrying 46 Chinese tourists skidded off the road after a rear-end collision with a compact car. Police say the bus flipped on its side when it went off the oad, trapping two passengers underneath. [JONAS ERLENDSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]
atlanta
Preacher fights ban on spreading gospel on sidewalks

A Georgia preacher who A Georgia preacher who sidewalks and feared arrest for spreading the gospel on the fringes of a large outdoo concert in Atlanta is challeng ing the restrictions in court. In a federal lawsuit, Eric Love says his free speech rights were violated outside the Shaky Beats music festi val, which drew thousands in May to downtown Alan
ntene is orking a park. Love is asking a judge to gia World Congress Cente Authority and its police force can prohibit preaching from the surrounding sidewalks The authority oversees the park, which was created fo the 1996 Olympic Games.

EIJING
hina lashes out at German ambassador over cyber security

China's foreign ministry lashed out at the German ambassador on Wednesday after he said Beijing failed to respond to requests to discuss Chinese internet controls foreign companies worry will disrupt business.
Ambassador Michael Clauss told the South China Morning Post newspaper of Hong Kong the two governments agreed in 2016 to set issues but it "has yet to see the light of day."
the light of day."
The remarks by the relconstructive, and some of them are even wrong," said a foreign ministry spokeswoman, Hua Chunying, at a regular briefing.

TUNIS TUNISIA Turkish president calls Syria's Assad a 'terrorist'

Syria's peace efforts cannot include President Bashar Assad Turkey's leader said Wednes day, calling him a "terrorist." President Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke during a visit to Tunisia at the end of a four-day Africa trip focusing on eco nomic issues. At a joint news conference with Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebsi, Erdogan called Assad a "terrorist who engaged in state terrorism, post-conflict future.
post-conflict future.
"How can we embrace future with a Syrian leader who future killed close to a million of his citizens?" said the Turk ish leader, whose country has seen a flood of refugees from neighboring Syria during the fighting.
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Florida man says he punched ATM for giving too much cash

AFloridamantoldinvestigaAFloridamantoldinvestiga teller machine because it gave him too much cash. An arrest report says 23-year old Michael Joseph Oleksik man caused about $\$ 5,000$ in damage to an ATM at a Wells Fargo bank branch in Coco on Nov. 29. He was arreste Dec. 22 on a criminal mischief charge.
Florida Today reports sur veillance video capture Oleksik pummeling the touch screen. An arrest report say that Oleksik told abank man machine was giving him to much money and he didn't know what to do because h was in a hurry for work. He apologized for causing damage
rewror
O-creator of MTV Unplugged dies after being struck by taxi

The co-creator of MTV's "Unplugged" was struck by a taxi while crossing Fifth Avenue in Manhattan andlater died.
Jim Burns was struck Saturday. The taxi turned onto the avenue and accidentally struck the 65 -year-old who had been walking with his seeing-eye dog near his Upper East Side home, police said. He had some ype or visionproblem, and the dog was a se lice said
Burns suffered a serious head injury and died from his injuries Tuesday. The taxi driver remained at the scene; police still were investigating but said it did not appear to be criminal.

The Associated Press

Before 1990s, little recourse for harassment victims

By David Crary

NEW YORK - Back in 1979, Karen Schneider was an entry-level copy editor in her 20 s when a paper offered her a ride after some late-night drinks with colleagues. At her destination, he locked kissed her. kissed he
Terrified, she managed to get away. She
subsequently told her boyfriend about what happened - and no one else.
sexual harassment was. I sexual harassment was. I
didn't know that what he did was actually illegal," Schneider recalled in a recent phone interview. was scared was that worried about my career, because this man was in a position of authority and I was a very eager young journalist."
The recent wave of sexual misconduct allegations, costing dozens of prominent men their jobs and reputations, shows that experiences
common in American how to address it. Gillian
workplaces. But even Thomas, an American as the problem persists, Civil Liberties Union there is far more public attorney who has written harasess now of sexual moresment and far more recourse for vicdecadompared with the Schneider rethe 1990s. the Hartford Comained at the Hartford Courant for five more years after the
kiss, keeping her secret kiss, keeping her secret. other news and advocacy organizations and is now vice president of communications for the National Women's Law Center, which is assisting women speaking out about harassment.

There has been greater recognition that sexual harassment is against the law and should not said. "But there are many industries and offices where people are still afraid to speak out." Technically, sexual Technically, sexual gal under the 1964 Civil Rights Act's ban on sex discrimination, but it took three more decades of court rulings to establish the current concepts of what it entails and

Civil Liberties Union on the topic, said the term sexual harassment" wasn't even coined until 1975.
A tur

A turning point in public awareness came in 1991, when sexua harassment was the focus
of Anita Hill's testimony during Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confir mation hearings. There also were pivotal Supreme Court rulings, including one in 1986 declaring that a "hostile working environment" could constitute sexual harassment, whether or not an aggrieved employee suffered economic harm by being fired or denied promotion. In 993, the high court said vail in harassment cases without having to prove hey suffered psycho ogical damage. In 1998, a pair of Supreme Court rulings prompted many employers to adopt anti harassment policies and ormalize mechanism for employees to lodge confidential complaints.

FEMA sells disaster trailers cheaply despite victim demand

By Emily Schmall
and Michael Sisak
The Associated Press
FORT WORTH, Texas - The federal government typically spends up to $\$ 150,000$ apiece - not
counting utilities, maincounting utilities, maintrailers it leases to disastrailers it leases to disasthem at cut-rate prices them at cut-rate prices
after 18 months of use or the first sign of minor damage, The Associated Press has learned.
Officials have continued the practice even amid a temporary housing shortage in Texas, where almost 8,000 applicants are still awaiting federal support ner Hurricane Harvey landed in the Gulf Coast.
The Federal Emergency Management Agency briefly halted trailer sales following Harvey but resumed them in November, online records show. Since then, at least 115 units manufactured this year have been sold for pennies on the dollar, auctions have listed such things as dirty mattresses, missing furniture pet odors or loose trim as the lone damage.
"I don't care what shape it's in, it beats sleeping on a dirt floor," said Christy Combs, who moved with her husband, four children and five dogs into a tent after their rented apartment in Aransas Pass, Texas, was left uninh
FEMA hod water.
ten policy or regulation

## WEATHER

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ibruprofen after all that to get me to work."
Snow plows descended on the Erie area and Pennsent 21 National Guard sent 21 National Guard
troops driving Humvees and other high-clearance and other high-clearance
vehicles to help with emergency response and transport essential emergency services and hospital employees.


People live in tents and trailers, Dec. 15 in Rockport,
Texas. [KIM PORTER VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]
requiring disposal of used trailers, but an official confirmed to AP that it's a longstanding internal policy and that seldom are the housing units given to another family in need after stint.
"Because of the challenges associated with damaged units, and the tenance, and because we are required to maintain a ready reserve for disasters, FEMA, by practice, doesn't return used units to our reserve inventory," said Jenny Burke, a Department of Homeland Department of Homeland SEMA.
Burke was unable to explain why FEMA leases new units for only 18 months before consigning them to the General Services Administration's online auction.
The agency's experience after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 could provide one explanation for a
strict policy governing strict policy governing
what kind of housing can go to storm victims
things were under control as well as could be expected, considering the heavy snowfall.
"We're used to a lot of snow here in Erie, but this is unprecedented, the amount we got," The timing wa ince people were off the since people were off the
streets and staying home for Christmas, giving for Christmas, giving plows more space to clear
streets, Dahlkemper said. Emergency calls have been relatively slow and, with streets in relatively
good condition, the big

144,000 FEMA trailer became symbols of the troubled federal response after some victims who lived in them for years won millions of dollars the units leached high he units leached high formaldehyde.
FEMA spokesman Bob Howard stressed the units being used now are much higher quality than those and don't have formalde hyde problems, meeting U.S. Housing and Urban Development standards for mobile homes. Harvey survivors in Trailers so far but reced 859 some 7,000 applicants are some 7,900 applicants are in need of some type of tance, whether rent, home repairs or trailers, Howard said.
FEMA's policy of selling off its used trailers left the agency with a standing nventory of only 1,700 units as an unusually active hurricane season battered southeast Texas,
Florida, Puerto the U.S. Virgin Island this year
tasknow is digging out cars and driveways, Dahlkem per said.
Weather also was being blamed for a Kansas acci dent that killed four people after the pickup truck they were in fell off a bridge on Interstate 70 on Tuesday ies near Lake Onmunilies near Lake ontaio' astern end, including Redfield and Boylston, oad crews were trying to has fallen since Christ mas Day. Other towns in western New York east of Lake Erie also received

## New Pill Reverses Memory Loss in an Amazing Way

Developed by top Israeli doctor; study shows key ingredient reverses years of mental decline and may also prevent dementia; initial users in America report improvements in memory, concentration, and thinking power

Daniel Ward, Sr.
Associated Health Press AHP - It is not often beats the US to a medical breakthrough. So when it breakthrough. So when it
happens, you know it' something special. That's why doctors and patients are so excited that Israel's new memory pill is no
available in America available in America.
Sold under the Sold under the brand
name Lipogen PS Plus, the name Lipogen PS Plus, the new pill contains a key
ingredient that regrows ingredient that regrows
cells in the part of the brain that stores memories, which improves memory concentration,
thinking power.
The phenomenon of growing new brain cells is known medically as neurogenesis. American scientists believed it was impossible to experience after a certain age. It may
now be achieved at any now be achieved at any
age with Lipogen PS Plus "With daily use,
Lipogen PS Plus will help Lipogen PS Plus will help
replenish your natural brain's "building blocks" and develop healthy cells, which restore memory functions, enhance cognition, and prevent
further mental decline" further mental decline"
explains David Rutenburg, explains David Rutenburg,
President of the parent President of the parent
company behind the Lipogen pill.
"This is what the clinical studies have shown and is why so many U.S. doctors
are now recommending it are now recommending
to patients," he added.

## EXCITEMENT?

Since hitting the market, sales for Lipogen there are some very good reasons why.
To begin with, the
clinical studies have been impressive. Participants taking the active ingredient in Lipogen PS Plus saw a $44 \%$ improvement in mental function. They also enjoyed a stronger
memory, better recall, and meme notably more upbeat and happy.
Lipogen's
Lipogen's activ
ingredient is made of ingredient is made of a
natural compound. It is both safe and healthy. There are also no known side effects and it can be taken safely alongside any other medications.
Scientists believe that it helps to stimulate the growth of new brain cells in the hippocampus.
The hippocampus is the part of the brain that's responsible for forming and storing long and short term memories.
Research has shown that as we get older, brain cells in this area of the brain become dysfunctional. lapses in concentration, forgetfulness, and mental
decline and why Lipogen decline and why Lipogen
PS Plus seems to be so effective.
"I no longer have the memory lapses
experienced before my recall and focus are once again effortless!" says Raymond $H$ of Oregon.

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Facebook, and were giving out incorrect information got people excited," he said. Some members of the audi ence, including a faction led by Burnie Thompson, who ha a talk show on Facebook and now is running for Beach City Council, didn't take kindly to Thomas' agenda or his strons personality. They liked the new les even less.
The policy resulted in people like Thompson being limited to council, and then only if it was about an item on the agenda. "Our meetings are not place you want to carry your children," Thomas said in response to what he described as the out landish behavior of some.
Thomas' public comment policy was supported by three other council members exception. But the pelicy was criticized by Barbara Petersen, criticized by Barbara Petersen, First Amendment Foundation "I don't think they can do it under state law, and I think they are putting themselves up to a constitutional challenge under the First Amendment, Petersen said. "I think it's
bsurd.'
But Thomas and city attor neys pointed out that the City of that stood up in court. If, as Thompson and his supporters believed, the ordinance was aimed at limiting his time before the council it was only partially successful - he has ince moved into the city and filed to run for the seat being acated by Josie Strange. The meetings, however, have been less tumultuous.

## Code enforcement

In addition, code enforcement remained a focus for the council in 2017. Several city fficials campaigned on promses to clean up the city.
"If youlive in a neighborhood in a city, I don't think you have theright to destroy the property rights of your neighbor because of the way you keep your yards, your vehicles, the way you park, things all over the yards,"
romasinaprevious interview. Thomas suggested many rom rental parking to carport debris to storefront signage. Councilman Hignage who along with Phil Chester and Thomas joined the council in April 2016, said the cleanup effort is part of the platform on which he and other counci members ran to take the city in
new direction.
"It's a slow process, but it's process. Ithink it's movingthat way," Solis said.
Amongthe laws passed were those requiring more parking for rental properties, allow ing the city to remove junked automobiles and debris from carports, and forbidding people fromturning travel trailers into anchored homes
The city in 2017 also stepped up its demolition projects for dilapidated structures. And it has been going after code vio lators more aggressively. initiative the city hired anup initiative, the city hired a thir Also, in October the issued several notices to rental property owners, which identified regulations placed on public lodging establishments. The notices came on the heels of a dispute the city had with property owner Genes Hatcher - whose water and sewer services were shut of after she failed to comply with dispute betw. It was ano the city that she said aros from Solis using his position a romuncilmanto pickonher and her rental business. In anothe run-in, Hatcher told the City Council she was stunned and offended when she ran into a planning board member, who in turn gave her a copy of the
book "The Joy of Sex " New ordinances continued to fourish, though, creating som city officials. In October, th council amended the times which people were to be con sidered camping on the beach Several residents repeatedly voiced their frustrations to the council at meetings.
Recently, the council voted to approve regulations regarding wooden beach chairs. Busines owners said the law - which is expected to go into effect in 2020 - will hurt their busiall are in lace to keepthe beac clean.
"We are making a lot of rules but we've grown so much," h said. "When you're a small town or community, you don have problems until you grow. There's still going to be a lot of confrontations. No one likes change."
Thomas said a lot of peopl speak with him about the city move to clean up the beach. He said ne gets complaints about ing majority of people are in favor of what the council is trying to accomplish.
"New businesses are comin to the Beach," he said. "Thes things support what we do, and you can't apologize for that."

The good and the bad

This year has given Thomas ime to reflect on the decimade. He said he realized this year that many years aso year that many years ago it wrong when they decided to create buildingheight requirements on the Beach.
"When I was on the County (Commission), I was wrong about the height requirements. The county and city agreed some time ago on a 22- story building height requirement on the Beach. Looking back, most people would agree 22 stories is thon o beach.
Thomas said one of the hings he is proud the city has taken to address the Back Beach Road widening project. The project will expand U.S. 98 from four to six lanes from Mandy Lane to Thomas Drive. Officials have held a community forum to get input from the community, as well as discussed the project with state egislative officials.
He also is proud of the Tourist Development Council's drive to make Panama City Beach a family-friendly ily-oriented events as "Beach Home for the Holidays."
"The spring and summer population is more familyfriendly," he said. The TDC has helped with that."

## TRIUMPH

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Henderson currently is the point person for Enterprise Florida's Job Growth Grant Program, which served as the model for Triumph Gulf Coast "She has a really vast background in economic development, community agement," Dana said. "She
knows the players out there in Florida.'
Should she accept, Henderson will serve as the program administrator for three years, starting on Jan. 15, 2018 and will make $\$ 96,914.40$ per year. While Henderson travels all over the state for Enterprise Florida, Triumph Executive Director Susan Skelton said Henderson is familiar with the needs of Northwest Florida, having been a part of the Floriprocess. Thejobwith Triumph
still would require quite a lot of travel throughout the eight-county area, meeting face-to-face with applicants and potential applicants, but boardmember Don Gaetz, who will take over the chairmanship Jan. 1, said he expects Hender son will have an office in Destin. "This is not something you do on the telephone," Gaetz said. "This requires an extensive amount of face-time in all eight counties."
Accorrgitothe job descrip
tion devised by Dana, the
program administrator willhel shepherd applications through the vetting process, weedin out applications that don't fit Triumph's standards, work ing with applicants that need more assistance, and serving a the first point of contact for the public. The administrator also will work with the executiv director to assemble a panel of experts in a variety of fields who will help review applications. During the next several will begin separating th
pre-applications that already havebeenreceivedinto projects that don't meet the Triumph criteria, projects that might meet the criteria but need work, and projects that are ready to move into the formal application phase. That list will be presented during the board's next meeting at 1 p.m. EST Jan. 29 in Apalachicola.
"We've been deliberate and thoughtful on our staff," ChairmanAllanBense said. "Let'sbe houghtful and deliberate on


## SPORTS

## 2017 A YEAR IN REVIEW

## No. 4: Seiffert makes a dent

Mosley graduate has a breakthrough on PGA circuit

By Pat McCann
The News Herald
Mosley graduate Chase Seiffert had a sponsor exemption to play in the FedEx St. Jude Classic shortly after concluding his college career at Florida State. He failed to make the 36 -hole cut in the PGA event.
That was 2013. It was a long wait to the RSM Classic held in Georgia in November, ified to make that field and lasted three rounds this time, a secondary cut fol lowing 54 holes curtailing
his tournament production. A check for \$11,280 did help A check for \$11,280
ease his frustration.
His participation in the Travelers Championship outside of Hartford, Connecticut, brought the immediate rewards that he had pursued while struggling to get his pro career on solid footing.
Seiffert again had to survive Monday qualifying, which consists of about 60 players is an 18-hole elimination that rewards the top four scores rewards the top four scores regular tournament beginning on Thursday.
But this time Seiffert took that accomplishment one step farther. Not only did he open
the Travelers with a 2 -under 70 , he followed that with a 70, he followed that with a
fine 68. After 36 holes he only fine 68 . After 36 holes he only was two shots behind leader ally won the tournament held in late June with a spectacular birdie on the 72nd hole. Seiffert, 25 at the time, carded a 1-over 71 on Sunday in the final round of the Travelers at TPC River Highlands That put him at 3-under 277 for the tournament and tied fheck for about \$19,000 and gave him countless memories and experiences to fortify his budding career.
"I wish I'd prepared myself a little bit better as far as

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Former Mosley standout Chase Seiffert follows through after an approach shot during the Travelers. [FILE PHOTO]

## FSU whips Southern Miss



Florida State quarterback James Blackman (1) passes under pressure from Southern Mississippi linebacker Darian Yancey (22) and defensive lineman Xavier Thigpen (32) in the first half of the Independence Bowl NCAA college football game in Shreveport, La., on Wednesday. [GERALD HERBERT/AP PHOTOS]

Young players star in Seminoles' 42-13 win in Independence Bowl

By David Brandt The Associated Press
SHREVEPORT, La. Freshman James Blackman was throwing the touchdown passes. Another freshman, big chunks of yards on the ground. ground.
Forida State might still be a little melancholy after a season that started with national championship hopes ended on Wednesday with an Independence Bowl win. But the performances from young players like Blackman and Akers in the 42-13 victory over Southern Mississippi are a solid hint that the Seminole could be a powerhouse agai in a hurry
Blackman threw for 233 yards and an Independence Bowl-record four touchdowns, including three to junior receiver Auden Tate Akers led the Seminoles with

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Horida State running back Jacques Patrick (9) is tackled by Southern Mississippi defensive back Tarvarius Moore, in the first half of the Independence Bowl NCAA college football game in shreveport, La., on Wednesday.


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Dolphins' Cutler says he is undecided regarding 2018

## Alabama,

 Clemson in playoffs after mass talent exodusBy John Zenor
The Associated Press
Clemson was fresh from the national championship game two years ago when the coaches called a highly touted recruit already being pursued by other big-name programs. Kansas high school safety Isaiah Simmons listened, welomed coach Dabo Swinney's signed with the Tigers. He's now a significant contributor
"Our reach is much, much further than it has ever been," Swinney said.
Welcome to Alabama's world, Clemson. Sustaining high-level success is never

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## BOYS AND

GRLSHOOPS
Holiday basketball tournaments, plus college signings and basketbal

## Iowa rallies to beat BC 27-20 in Pinstripe Bowl

The Associated Press
NEW YORK - Akrum Wadley never had been to Yankee Stadium, even though he grew up about 20 miles across the river in New Jersey. On his
first visit, he seemed to bring out all of Newark to cheer him on. His 40 tickets to give away 40 tickets to give away
weren't enough to satiweren't enough to sati "I couldn't get mor tickets," he said, laughing.
He had all his fans in New Jersey to the ones freezing inside Yankee Stadium to the black-and-gold faithful in Iowa in approval: Wadley's homecoming ended with an MVP trophy that helped put the Hawkeyes' bowl misery onice Wadley rushed received and returned in dazzling fashion on a frozen field and Iowa beat Boston College 27-20 in the frigid Pinstripe Bowl on Wednesday night to snap a five-game bowl losing streak.
You can't pay for Woments lik
The only milestone that eluded him was the winning touchdown: Drake Kulick fought for a 1-yard run late in the fourth quarter on his only carry of the game that clinched the win for the Hawkeyes.

## FSU

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94 yards rushing and also caught a 14-yard touchdown pass.
Blackman started the season's final 12 games after sophomore starting quarterback Deondre Francois suffered a sea-son-ending knee injury in the opener. He's had some ups and downs but saved the best for last against Southern Miss.
"It's pretty impressive he had to grow up really fast," Florida Stateinterim coach Odell Haggins. "He had to take the diapers off and go to work.
Florida State (7-6)
ended the season ended the season on a four-game winning first losing season since first losing season since Willie Taggart takes over and appears to have plenty of talent on the roster to work with going forward.
Southern Miss took
a 6-0 lead in the first a 6-o lead in the first quarter after a 63 -yard touchdown drive that was aided by two 15 -yard
Florida State penalties, Forida state penalties, one for unsportsmanike roughing the kicker But the Golden Eagles couldn't keep the momentum, mainly because of their own mistakes, including four defensive offside penalties on Florida State's


Iowa players and coaches celebrate after lowa defensive end Anthony Nelson (98) forced a game-changing fumble after sacking Boston College quarterback Darius Wade in the fourth quarter of Wednesday's Pinstripe Bowl in New York. [KATHY WILLENS/AP]
had been the only team in the nation to lose a bowl
game in each of the past game in each of the past
four seasons. Iowa had last won a bowl game in 2010 and started the losing streak the next season.

It ended in New York. The Hawkeyes used their first sack of the game late in the fourth drive. Iowa winning drive. Iowa defensive hit Darius Wade, and hit Darius Wade, and a fumble at the BC 45 . Nate Stanley's pass to Nate Wieting on a rollout was ruled a touchdown until a review showed the tight end was down at the 1 . No worries. Kulick got the call over Wadley, who had 283 total yards in hi


Florida State tight end Naseir Upshur (82) celebrates with teammates after stopping Southern Mississippi a kickoff in the second half of the Ind-pendence Bowl NCAA college football game in Shreveport, La Wednesday. [GERALD HERBERT/AP PHOTO]
opening drive.
"If you can get a little momentum going you've got a chance to get this thing into the third quarter or the fourth quarter and we'll see what happens," Southern Miss coach Jay
Hopson said. "But (Florida State) credit they deserved to win They made plays, but I They made plays, but Just a tough loss today." Blackman matched an Independence Bowl record with three touch-
down passes in the first half to help Florida State
take a 23-6 lead. The Seminoles pushed the advantage to 33-6 late in the third quarter before Southern Miss finally responded with a touchdown. By then, the game was essentially out of reach.
Southern Miss (8-5) was led by Ito Smith, who ran for 92 yards. Kwadra Griggs completed 13 of 25 and a touchdown.

## AKERS GETS 1,000

Akers finished his
freshman season with
forced players to chang from cleats to sneaker to get some grip. Th most common huddle was the one around the sideline heaters. Boston College's AJ
Dillon found the field Dillon found the fiel just to his liking, and ripped off a 66-yard ru had 126 yards rushin had 126 yards rushing He had a 4-yard TD rum in the first quarter. His monster half helped the Eagles hold a 281 - 56 edge in total yards, a stag gering discrepancy that made little impact on the scoreboard.
"I thought we moved the ball well given what the conditions were,
Boston College coach Boston College co
Steve Addazio said.
The Hawkeyes had t
clutch plays that kept it clutch plays that kept it
close: Iowa safety Jake Gervase intercepted a pass on the third play of the game and returned it to the BC 6 .
The Hawkeyes got a field goal. And Wadley returned a kickof 72 yards that led to touchdown on Stanley's 8 -yard TD pass to Noah
Fant. With a short field Fant. With a short field
Iowa was stout and kept it at $17-10$ at halftime. Wadley, a two-time 1,000 yard rusher scored on a 5 -yard run in the third and Miguel Recinos and Colton Lichtenberg swapped field goals in the fourth to make it 20 -all wi
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1,024 yards rushing after 1,024 yards rushing after running for 94 yards on just 13 carries agains 5-foot-11, 213-pounde broke Dalvin Cook's program record for the most yards rushing by a freshman in a season. Cook had 1,008 yards in

## THE TAKEAWAY

Florida State: The Seminoles earned a good ending to an otherwis State was simply more talented than Southern Miss at just about ever position and it showed. Southern Miss: The Golden Eagles were able to grab an early lead, but couldn't keep the momentum. Southern Miss is a program that relishes its opportuni opponents, but the talent gap was too much for the gap was too much for th come on Wednesday.

## UP NEXT

Florida State: The Sem inoles get a fresh star with Taggart. Florid State still has a talented roster and there's ample be a quick turnaround for the storied program. Southern Miss: T Golden Eagles should be in pretty good shape nex season, though they'l have to replace star running back Ito Smith and the entire starting secondary. season's national title No 4 Alabama lost a similar amount of defensive stars. Perhaps the respective units haven't been quite as dominant but both teams are right back where they were last year - and the year before - in the
"It was a packed house and the fans were great. Everyone wants you to do
well." Seiffert continued his
efforts at Monday qualiefforts at Monday quali-
fying, but failed until the fying, but failed until the
$\$ 3.3$ million Barracuda $\$ 3.3$ million Barracuda summer in Reno, Nevada This time he qualified under medal play, then competed in the tournament on the Tour's only event held under the Modified Stableford system points format. the cut, but faltered on the cut, but faltered on
Sunday to finish 66th. Sunday to finish 66 ch . from the Travelers, and his finish in the RBC just one month prior to 2017, it gave Seiffert career earnings of $\$ 38,047$.
In addition to a renewed commitment for the coming year, it provided Seiffert with a goal of not only qualifying for tournaments, but attaining a a spot in the ensuing PGA tournament. tournamen
Tomorrow: No. 3, Mike thing wrong while shaving.

College Football Playoffs contending for a national title. They've split the past two championships.
Nick Saban has made Alabama In his words, the Alabama. process.
NFL draft picks exit. Similarly talented high
school prospects enter The machinery keeps running.
Swinney's doing it awfully well these days, too.
Alabama arrived at Louis Armstrong International New Orleans day morningto begintheir day morning to begin their The Tid had to replace seven defensive players drafted within the first four rounds, including first-rounders Marlon Humphrey, Jonathan Allen and Reuben Foster. The Tigers had seven offensive starters depart, including a 4,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard receiver and 1,000-yard Only 22.7 percent of the Only 22.7 percent of the returned from 2016, less than all but two of 130 FBS teams.
Saban praises the way Alabama players have embraced new roles, and sees similar results from Clemson's offense led by quarterback Kelly Bryant. "They have really good players. They recruit well," Saban said, "And the guys that they've had done a fantastic job for them this year, starting them this year, starting
with the quarterback. The receivers, the new running backs, those guys have all been very effective for them. They are almost as productive offensively as they were a year ago." And that's saying something from a group that averaged 39 points and 503 yards per game. The 2017 a still-not-shabby 35.4 points and 448 yards


Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Cutler (6) warms up before an NFL football game against Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday. IED ZURGA/AP рното

## Dolphins' Cutler says he's undecided regarding 2018

By Steven Wine
The Associated Press
DAVIE - Even though DAVIE - Even though
Jay Cutler says he made a good decision to come out of retirement, he may call it quits again soon.
The 34-year-old Cutler will start in the finale to the Miami Dolphins' disappointing season Sunday against Buffalo, and he said Wednesday he hasn't decided whether he wants to play a 13 th NFL season in 20 A
A return to Miami as a Cutkup seems unlikely. Cutler delayed the start of August to join the Dolphins when quarterback Ryan Tannehill suffered a seasonending knee injury.
Tannehill is expected to return as the starter next season, and Cutler said playing in 2018 likely would appeal to him only if he's the
starter. starter
"I woahl, Ithink so," he said. again and go somewhere just to back up. ... A lot of these decisions are out of players' control."
Why might he want to return next year?
"I love playing football," Cutler said. "You can only do it for so long. Everyone has some point in their
career that they can't play anymore. Whether it's your decision or someone else's decision or someone else
Cutler's inconsist this season mirrored the Dolphins' - and vice versa. He ranks 26th in the NFL in quarterback rating, and 29th in yards per attempt. Miami (6-9) ranks 26th in points and 27th in yards.
Cutler has lived in a hotel during his entire stay in
Miami, while his wife and Miami, while his wife and children remained back
home in Nashville. Even so he's glad he came back he's glad he came back. ence," he said. "It's a really good locker room, really good coaches, great organization, great owner. I had a really good time."
No so for coach Adam Gase, who said he anticipates a "horrible" offseason stewing about the many what-ifs of a disappointing season. The Dolphins were eliminated from the playoff race with a loss Sunday at Kansas City.
Coming off a 10 -win season in 2016 that ended an eight-year postseason drought, the Dolphins didn't make the most of their talent, Gase said.
"I think we all feel that way," he said. "That's why the offseason is a horrible
experience to go through when you have a situation like this, where you start telling yourself, 'I should have done this. I should have done this. Maybe I shouldn't have called this.' You have to be extremely hard on yourself so you make sure you don't make those mistake again."
Gase said the collective disappointment is shared by executive vice president Tannenbaum, operations Mike ager Chris Grier and owner Stephen Ross. The Dolphins still haven't won a postseastill havene since Ross first bought an ownership stake in 2008.
"He does everything he can to be supportive to us and give us everything we "possibly need," Gase said. "For me, and I know Mike and Chris feel the same, you feel like you let him down.
He's given us so much, and we have to find a way to be more consistent "
Cutler will start the finale said Gase, who hedged only slightly regarding whether he'll play the entire game. "We'll see how the game goes," Gase said. "Jay hasn't done anything to come out. There's no reason for him to come out of the game right


Charlotte Hornets' Kemba Walker, left, and Boston Celtics' Kyrie Irving, right, battle for the ball during the first half Wednesday in Charlotte, N.C. [CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Irving scores 21 points, Celtics hold off Hornets

The Associated Press
CHARLOTTE, N.C. Kyrie Irving scored 21 points, Al Horford had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Boston Celtics beat the Charlotte Hornets 102-91 on Wednesday night. Jayson Tatum scored 10 of his 18 points in the pivotal fourth quarter, helping Boston break open a tight game. The Celtics had dropped three of four, including a 111-103 loss to visiting Washington on Christmas Day.
fits all night, hitting 8 of shots, including 4 of 6 from beyond the 3 -point 6 . Kemba Walker scored 24 points and Dwight Howard had 12 points and 17 rebounds for the Hornets, who are in the midst of a freefall down the Eastern Conference standings. Charlotte has lost 13 of 17 ahead of a four-game West Coast trip beginning Triay night at Golden State. many as 20 in the first half many as 20 in the first half, ing the fourth quarter after holding the Celtics to 7-of-23 shooting in the third.

## MAVERICKS 98, PACERS 94

 Dirk Nowitzki scored 15 points, Harrison Barnes made the tiebreaking free throw with 37.7 seconds left and the Dallas Mavericks snapped an eight-game road losing streak with a 98-94 vo Wednesday night Nowitzki, on franchise's career leading the franchise's career leading scorer in his 20th season, scored help the Mavericks rally for their third win in 17 road games.
## HAWKS 113, WIZARDS 99:

 Dennis Schroder scored 21 points, Ersan Ilyasova added 20 and the Atlanta Hawks won consecutive games for the firsttime this season with a 113-99 victory Monday night over the mercurial Washington Wizards. The Wizards were coming off their best win of the season, a high-energy 111-103 victory havoston on Monday, but the reputation for playing down to the competition. Marco Belinelli scored 19 points in 20 minutes for Atlanta,
PELICANS 128, NETS 113: Rajon Rondo set a franchise record in just 30 minutes on the court Anthony Davis had 33 points, 11 Anthony Davis had 33 points, the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Brooklyn Nets 128-113 on Wednesday night. DeMarcus Cousins had 27 points and 14 rebounds, and Jrue Holiday scored 23 points for the Pelicans, who've won three straight.
BULLS 92, KNICKS 87: Kris Dunn scored 17 points, including two clutch free throws in the Chicago Bulls rallied to beat the New York Knicks 92-87 on Wednesday night. Chicago railed by as many as 15 in th first half, but shut down New York down the stretch of its ninth win in 11 games.

THUNDER 124, RAPTORS 107: Russell Westbrook had 30 points, 13 assists and eight rebounds and the Oklahoma City Thunder held off the Wednesday night Paul George Wednesday night. Paul George 10 from 3-point range - and Carmelo Anthony and Steven Adams had 18 points each for Oklahoma City, which has won six straight and is $12-3$ in December. The Thunder won despite being on the wrong end of a 23-2 run in the first half, during which the Raptor built a 12-point lead.


SCOREBOARD

## AREAEVENTS

## Boys basketball

Bay Barnstorm Classic Arnold
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## ON THE AIR

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| COLLEGE BASKETBALL | 7 p.m. <br> TNT-Houston at Boston |
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Liverpool is break ing the world transfer igning Virgil van Dijk from Southampton in Following Liverpool's suit of the 26 -year-old etherlands internaannounced on Wednes day that it accepted the ens.
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Daveno Ellington (11) is a member of host Arnold for the 13th Marlins Christmas Classic. [JOSHUA BOUCHER, the news herald.


CHRISTMAS CLASSIC girls high school pasketball tournament. All games at Arnold High School. Daily admission Today
8:40 am. - Girls I, Alma Bryant (Ala.) vs. Liberty (Va.) 10:10 a.m. - Boys I, East Hamilton (Tenn.) vs. Bul11:40 a East Hamilton (Tenn.) vs. North Paulding (Ga.) Roswell (Ga.) vs. Spencer County (Tenn.) Arnold vs. Warren County (Tenn.) 4:25 p.m. - Girls IV, Pleasant Grove (Ala.) vs. South Paulding (Ga.) 5:55 p.m. - Boys III,
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1:30 p.m. - Chifley JV vs. Bozeman JV
2:30 p.m. - Cross roads Academy vs. Wewahitchka
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Josselin Geer (middle) is averaging 18 points per game for North Bay Haven. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



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ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF
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NORTH



Vulnerable: North-South
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Today's auction was straightforward enough, with North de-
ciding not to beat around the bush with a cue-bid en route to what he thought was his side's
best contract. As you can see, three no-trump by North can perhaps a less precipitate route play that game if if appropriate to heart against four spades. De clarer saw two possible losers in
clubs and one each in diamonds and spades. The bidding marked West with very little, but as long king or club ace, the contract
seemed safe. Similarly if East held the spade king, all would be
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Problems would only ma-
terialize if West held the spade king and reasoned (as he surely would) that he should win and
push a club through dumm's tenace. Having worked all of this
out, South realized he could take advantage of the fact that West couldn't see East's cards.
So declarer won the lead in hand and followed with the spade queen. Now consider all the world as if East had the trump ace, and based on the bidding, that card would surely be queen won. After playing off the with a diamond finesse. East took his king and returned a heart.
But now South could pitch his losing clubs on dummy's diawith his master trump, but by now, it was too late.


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## DEARABBY

## Husband loses desire for wife after witnessing her overdose



## Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for three years to a tiful inside and out. (We have been together for six years.) Recently, I found out she is addicted to pain meds - and two months ago she confided that she ha goten hookedonheroin. get her into rehab. But whe the time came to go, she kept putting it off. She said she wanted to get high "one
more time," so I told her OK, as long as she did it at home, so I'd know she was safe. After she injected herself, and ont her into the hospital It is now two months later, and she is back Ilove later, and she is back. Ilove desire to be intimate with her. How do I tell her I will always stand by her, but no longer want to be intimate? She's younger and still has a strong sex drive. - LOST THAT PART IN THE EAST DEAR LOST: The news should be conveyed in the office family therapist While your sexual problem may result from the shock of seeing your wife nearly die in fro of you, there may be more to
t. You say she is "younger and STILL has a strong sex drive." This suggests that you are older and your lack of rese- or hormone-related. The two of you have alot of alking to do about your feelings and your future. It would be better if it's done with the help of a trained moderator. Also, if your wife was shar ing needles, you both need o be tested for any diseases she may have contracted.
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## TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY



## WilsonCasey

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1. Whose ritual includes burning
Christmas trees on the street and fireworks to purge the and welcome the new? Spanish
2. In the Jewish new year cele2. In the Jewish new year celealong with apples to symbolize a sweet new year? Honey, Ice cream, Chocolate, Pie 3. Why do the Chinese celebrate the new year by setting off firecrackers?
Honor deceased, Control mos quitoes, Stimulate luck, Scare spirits
3. In Italy, what do people com monly wear on New Year's Day to bring good luck?
Old boots, Homed underwea Sld boots, Homemade hats calendar, when was New Year's Day celebrated?
Jan. 11, Feb. 4, March 25, April 1 6. New Year's Day in what coun try also is the Festival of Saint Basil?
Mexico, France, Scotland, Greece
ANSWERS: 1. Dutch, 2. Honey, 3 . Scare spirits, 4. Red underwea
4. March 25, 6. Greece

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You don't have to be the cause of an event to feel that you're the one to do something about it. If all you do is hope for the best, you will be doing more than most. Of course, you'll take bigger action than that. It's TAURUS (Ap
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have plenty that you can all how you play it. Step back and assess where you are. Talk to outsiders about it - people who see you more objectively than you can.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) When you act to please people, the opposite will happen - not always, just today. See, it's really supposed to be your turn. So take care of your own needs, and pursue what delights you.
for it.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) Narrow your focus. If you go too
broad, people will have no idea how to relate to you, where to hook in or what to do with you. Home in on the one thing you want that people can support
you in now. You'll make friends. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - There
are things that should be discussed, and a lot that shouldn't. Discretion will be the better part of diplomacy. The proverb states, "Even a fish wouldn't ge into trouble if it kept its mouth
VIRGO
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Common sense isn't always
common practice. If anyone can get in there and improve the ratio of logical action to nonsense, it's you. Bonus: You have a nice way of getting people to see it your way. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You'l| spend time in planning mode and in living mode too. You're doing this right. When in planning mode, you think of the long term and the distant results. But when youre in likg it's the last.
last. key secret to love, war and life in general: Know when to get out. Everything has its cycle. Leave the party when the going is good and you'll have the right energy for what's next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21) - Positive leaders and influences will help get your mind off of nagging issues that can't be changed. They'll inspire you instead to start dealing with things that can be changed: There's so much to work with in hat realm.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The more you care about others
the more they care about you Respect is the same. You've a healthy amount of it flowing through your world now to com mand and to give. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) t's as though your purpose clears a path for you. Once you know why you're doing a thing, you can figure out how to do it much more easily. Also, you can understand, see and tolerate ISCES (Fab.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The quarrelsome people tend to find each other - or rather, Avoid them altogether, because they'll be especially difficult, and there's no sense in messing up the perfect peace available to you today.

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Level of difficulty (Bronze - easy, Silver - medium, Gold -difficult): Monday - Bronze; Tuesday - Silver; Friday - Silver; Saturday and Sunday - Gold.

Answer to yesterday's sudoku

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## COMICS \& PUZZLES



## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

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THE BORN LOSER


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"I love doing that!"
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