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# **Hurricane Michael/Local News**

## Mike Williams mystery to be featured on CBS

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ing the disappearance of Mil Williams — and the dramatic corfession last year by his best frier that he murdered the Tallahasser real estate appraiser so he ar Mike's wife cou be together — w be featured on 4 Hours at 10 pr Saturday.

Ke Network broadlillams cast, "Cold-Blooded Killer," is hosted correspondent Richard Schleager. The show includes intertop with Williams' friends being the be

Detriman.

Williams the episode cornes would have been Williams 40th oirthday. His mother, Cheryl Williams, who has declined television interviews until after the December murder trial of Mile's benevative williams, told the Democrat: "It's the first time in 7 years that I've known where he was on his birthday."

MORE ONLINE: See a video

# State to bend voting rules in counties hit by hurricane

**Gary Fineout** 

With tens of thousands throughout the region still without power, Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Thurnday relaxed or waived voting rules for eight counties harmered by Hurricane Michael last week.

Scott's order represents a delicate shalancing act for the Republican governor since most of the Panhandiel countries affected by the decision are GOP strongholds that usually delivers thousands of votes for Republican candidates. Scott himself is challenging Democrat US. Sen. Bill. Nelson in a ring the property of the US. Sen. Bill. Nelson in a decide control of the US. Sense.

oughly 90 miles, stretching from the build of Mexico to the Geoegia border. Using his emergency power as govermor, Scott relaxed rules on early votren, including limits on where local election officials are normally allow on the user of the second of the second of the hast election supervisors could extend the early voting period all the way to light the second of the second of the period of the second of the secon

people to request that mail-in ballots be delivered to a different address than the one on file in the state's voter registration list. "Any flexibility like this gives me the

"Any flexibility like this gives me the ability to give my voters more of a chance and opportunity to vote, especially when conditions are like this," said John Hanlon, the elections super-visor for Gulf County on the coast.

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"We're going to take a voter turnout hit, there's no question."

John Hanlon, Gulf Caucty elections supervise

moves amid reports of damaged polling places, power outages and limited phone service. The Department of State said in a press release that no voting equipment was damaged. Sarah Revell, a spokeswoman for Secretary of State Ken Detzner, said he was port possible to disease.

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The Florida Democratic Party supports efforts to increase access to voting, especially in light of the effects of Hurricane Michael." Rizos aid. "We are in close communication with local officials and our grassroot leaders and when the Division of Elections begins to implement the framework laid out in the executive order we will be vigilant in our oversight to ensure the

Republican Party of Florida, praised Scott's order and called it a "thoughtful comprehensive and targeted solu-

Hanlon said his county would use the executive order to create two supe voting centers that would offer early voting until Election Day. He said tho only idea that the Scott administration did not go along with was a proposal at allow displaced woters to receive a bal lot via email, an option available tr voters living overseas or in the mili

postponed the election beyond Nov. 6, but there's is a legal question on whether that authority would extend to federal races.

tion over former Gov. Chartie Crist ib more than 64,000 votes, winning seven of the eight counties covered by this esecutive order. Scott got more than 30,000 votes from this part of the Florida Panhandle, including nearly 28,000 votes in coastal Bay Gounty which was pounded by the storm. Hanlon said that although there has been an uptick in interest this week, he predicts the storm could depress turn-

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## Corrections

In Bill Cotterell's column on Thursday, the attorney representing petitioners in the Supreme Court case was mistakenly referred to as former Florida House Speaker Jon Mills of Geinesville. The lawyer is John S. Mills of Tallahassee. To report a correction, please contact Randi Atwood, Platform Editor, 599-2148



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# STATE BRIEFS

## MELBOURNE BEACH - A toxic algae bloom has reached Florida's Space

gae boom has reached Fiorida's Space Coast. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on Wednesday said red tide had reached parts of Brevard County.

tide now spans from Miami-Dade County to halfway up Florida's east Coust. Red ted also has been found on beaches on Florida's Gulf Coast, stretching from St. Petersburg to the Florida Keys, as well as some parts of the Florida Panhandle east of Pensa-

The red tide began last October off southwest Florida after Hurricane Irma swept up the state. It has killed massive numbers of fish, along with scores of sea turtles and the state's belowed manatees. The bloom also causes respiratory irritations in people.

#### Nature-themed resort will be built at Walt Disney World

LAKE BUENA VISTA – Walt Disney World says it's going to build a new nature-themed resort.

The Florida based theme park re-

home.
The Florida-based theme park retrisald Thursday that the as-yet-unamed resort will open in 2022. It will
ave 900 hotel rooms as well as villas
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resort construction projects underway at Disney World.
The 27,000-acre tourist destination already has 36 resorts on its property,

#### Florida couple charged after child found on roadway

PENSACOLA – A Florida couple has been charged after authorities say a child in their care was found on Gulf Beach Highway. The Pensacola News Journal re-

The Pernacola News Journal reports 37-year-old Leslie Bailey and 33year-old James Bailey were charged with offenses including child neglect. An arrest report states a woman noticed a man trying to stop a young girl from going into traffic Sunday. News outlets report she told the woman she didn't want to go home because the Baileys were mean to her.

the couple hit her with a whipping stick, and hit her on the bottom of her feet, causing bilsters. A deputy noted the child's feet were purple and had cuts on them, and her face was flush.

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men for burglaries and vehicle breakins and use of excessive force.

Prosecutors say former police chief Raimundo Atesiano orchestrated the scheme to improve his department's crime-solving rote. Atesiano has pleaded guilty and faces up to 30 years at sentencing next month.

Two other former Biscayne Park of-

Two other former Biscayne Park of ficers were sentenced Tuesday to a year each in prison for false arrest of black teenager.

# child found in Florida

ORLANDO – Authorities have recovered a child in Florida they say was abducted by his mother in Massachusetts two wars are

The Orlando Sentinel reports that
40-year-old Christina Hale was arrested Tuesday at an Orange County
home.

Authorities say Hale fled Webster,
Massachusetts, with her now-5-yearold son after a court in that state
awarded full custody to the child's father in September 2046.
The National Center for Missing

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children recently received a tip about Hale, and Webster police contacted the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Florida deputies began watching a home and eventually spotted her.

The child reunited with his father, who lives in Massachusetts, and Hale was jailed as a fugitive for an out-ofstate kidnapping charge.

#### Man charged in DUI crash that killed daughter

man has been charged in a drunken driving crash that left his 3-year-old daughter dead.

The Sun Sentinel reports that 29-

homicide and several DUI counts.
Authorities say Ibasdeo was traveling 60 mph in a 25 mph zone in Miramar in October 2016 when he lost control and hit a guardrail and two trees.
Basdeo, his wife and their daughter
were all hospitalizaed, but the little girl,
Sophia, died the next day.

criminal record.

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