



PJC's Deana Allen, left, and Chipola's Bianca Jarrett

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BACK TO THE START

Lane Kiffin returned to California on Wednesday to lead USC.

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Matt Marek/American Red Cross

An earthquake survivor weeps Wednesday in a shantytown on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, following a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked the country Tuesday.

HAITI DEVASTATED

Rescuers working tirelessly to find survivors as thousands feared dead

Jonathan M. Katz
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers desperately searched collapsed buildings as fear rose that the death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake could reach into the tens of thousands. The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and

sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people. Tuesday's earthquake brought down buildings great and small — from shacks in shantytowns to President Rene Preval's gleaming white National Palace, where a dome tilted ominously above the manicured grounds.

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Jorge Cruz/Associated Press

Injured children sit along the roadside in on Wednesday in Port-au-Prince.

Locals poised to help country pick up pieces

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As the scope of the devastation in Haiti becomes clearer, residents, churches and disaster relief volunteers from Escambia and Santa Rosa counties are poised to lend a hand. "People here have the memory of Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis and Katrina ... and are more conditioned to reach out to people who are victims of natural disasters," said Monsignor Luke Hunt, vicar general of the Catholic Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

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OIL IN THE GULF

Drilling a big hit to Eglin

Training, testing would be affected, commander says

Jim Ash

News Journal capital bureau
TALLAHASSEE — In an unusually candid acknowledgement, the commander of Eglin Air Force Base told lawmakers Wednesday that oil and gas drilling in Florida waters could pose a threat to military operations. Col. Bruce McClintock, who commands 5,400 men and women and a base that generates \$1.54 billion in economic activity, told the House Military Affairs and Local Policy Committee that pipelines associated with drilling could interfere with flight testing.



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Destin is seen from the turret gunner's position on a B-17 Flying Fortress named Nine-O-Nine as it flies over the Gulf of Mexico. If drilling is allowed in the Gulf, it would interfere with Eglin Air Force Base's flight and missile testing, the base's commander told lawmakers Tuesday.

When Eglin tests missiles by firing them at drone aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico, the drones and the spent missiles "have to fall somewhere," McClintock said. The problem arises when the industry installs above-water pumping stations for the pipelines, McClintock said. The pumping stations attract sport fishing and put boaters at risk, he said. "Is there a potential for offshore

operations to affect military operations? The answer is yes," he said. Republican House leaders last spring launched a late-session proposal to lift a two-decade ban on oil and gas drilling in state waters. The issue is scheduled to be discussed again today by the House Select Policy Council on Strategic & Economic Planning.

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ECONOMY

Bankers: Sorry for money lost, but not money gained

Companies offer apologies for actions leading to crisis, no regrets for pay raises

Jim Kuhnenn and Daniel Wagner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Challenged by a skeptical special commission, top Wall Street bankers apologized Wednesday for risky behavior that led to the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. But they still declared it seemed appropriate at the time.

The bankers — whose companies collectively received more than \$100 billion in taxpayer assistance to weather the crisis — offered no regrets for executive pay that is now likely to increase as a result of their survival. They did say they are correcting some compensation practices that could lead to excessive risk-taking. The tension at the first hearing of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Com-

mission was evident from the outset. "People are angry," commission Chairman Phil Angelides said. Reports of "record profits and bonuses in the wake of receiving trillions of dollars in government assistance while so many families are struggling to stay afloat has only heightened the sense of confusion," he said.

Lloyd Blankfein, the chief executive of Goldman Sachs, took the brunt of the questions, especially on his firm's practice of selling mortgage-backed securities and then betting against them.

"I'm just going to be blunt with you," Angelides told him. "It sounds to me a little bit like selling a car with faulty brakes and then buying an insurance policy on the buyer of those cars."

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Quick Read

In Local

HOMELESS EFFORT: Santa Rosa County wants to better coordinate efforts by churches, government agencies and nonprofit groups to respond to the issue of homelessness. The county set two community meetings this week to discuss the issue. **Page 1B**

PARTY PERMITS: Beginning today, vacationers or nonbeach residents hosting weddings, parties or gatherings of 35 people or more on Pensacola Beach will need an event application from the Santa Rosa Island Authority for their soiree. **Page 1B**

SALARY IMPASSE: The Escambia County faculty and staff unions are proposing a \$3.7 million salary increase to the School District — down from an original offer of \$5.5 million two months ago. Both sides meet next week. **Page 2B**

In Business

TIGER'S WHEELS POPPED: General Motors Co. says an agreement with Tiger Woods that allowed the fallen golf star to have free access to its vehicles is over. **Page 6B**

In Sports

SAINTS ONLY HOPE: If the Saints are going to slow down the Cardinals' offense this weekend, then the struggling defense is going to have to step up its game. **Page 1C**

In the Nation

CHILD SAFETY: The nation's product safety agency issued an unprecedented warning to parents: Don't give your children cheap metal jewelry. **Page 6A**

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