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# 'Live the dream'



## Terminally ill Navarre man jumps out of plane to cross item off bucket list

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It was eight minutes Richard Mase will never forget. Sunday morning, the 54-year-old Air Force veteran got to cross skydiving off of his bucket list.

"It's always been right at the very top," he said. "To put it politely, the only thing that topped the experience was watching my kids being born."

Mase has moved from his Navarre home and is currently living at the Clifford C. Sims State Veterans Nursing Home in Panama City where he is supervised by staff 24-hours for liver failure.



**"I'm in the process of dying. Skydiving was a release and escape from daily life."**

Richard Mase

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Richard Mase got to mark skydiving off of his bucket list Sunday morning thanks to the Dream Foundation, an organization that fulfills final wishes for adults and families suffering life-threatening diseases. Tony Antonovich of Skydive Panama City took terminally ill Mase, of Navarre, out to skydive from 13,500-feet.

## Hotel owners: Summer outlook remains positive

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**PANAMA CITY BEACH** — Despite the unsavory attention Panama City Beach gleaned following college Spring Break this year, local hotel owners still are counting on a positive summer season.

"At this point it still looks good," said Jim Morris, manager of the Sunset Inn, a family-owned property on the east end of the beach. "The phones are still ringing for summer days."

While the outlook moving forward is still positive, Morris and the Sunset Inn did see cancellations last weekend stemming from an event pegged as a "Freaknik" dance party at the Palms Conference Center. Promoters eventually called off the event following backlash from law enforcement and members of the community.

"We definitely had some cancellations last week because of the Freaknik scare," Morris said. "For summertime, I don't know that we've had any major push of people canceling."

Morris said visitation was slow in April overall, but not because of cancellations, just lack of

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Homeowners, hospitality groups try to reach compromise on Spring Break

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## Former BCSO deputy killed, woman arrested

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**FOUNTAIN** — A former deputy who asked twice for protection against a woman he'd been in a relationship with for 13 years has been shot and killed in a Fountain home following a domestic quarrel, according to BCSO investigative reports.

Cheryl Gay Hundley, 56, was arrested and charged with an open count of murder Monday after an early-morning shooting that left former deputy Sam Walter Denham, 60, with a gunshot wound to the chest. Denham died from his wounds shortly after being rushed to a local hospital for treatment. Hundley was later charged with his death after investigators learned the two had allegedly been in a verbal altercation when she shot Denham, BCSO reported.



**CHERYL GAY HUNDLEY**

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Sophia Lama, 7, of New York, makes sure a message of hope holds onto a wall after on a growing memorial.

## Nepal earthquake death toll tops 4,000

**KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)** — As the death toll from Nepal's devastating earthquake climbed past 4,000, aid workers and officials in remote, shattered villages near the epicenter pleaded Monday for food, shelter and medicine.

Help poured in after Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake, with countries large and small sending medical and rescue teams, aircraft and basic supplies. The small airport in the capital of Kathmandu was congested and

chaotic, with some flights forced to turn back early in the day.

Buildings in parts of the city were reduced to rubble, and there were shortages of food, fuel, electricity and shelter. As bodies were recovered, relatives cremated the dead along the Bagmati River, and at least a dozen pyres burned late into the night.

Conditions were far worse in the countryside, with rescue workers still struggling to reach mountain villages two days after the earthquake.

Some roads and trails to the Gorkha district, where the quake was centered, were blocked by landslides — but also by traffic jams that regularly clog the route north of Kathmandu.

"There are people who are not getting food and shelter. I've had reports of villages where 70 percent of the houses have been destroyed," said Uday Prashad Timalina, the top official for the Gorkha region.

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### Setting It **STRAIGHT**

A story and headline on page A1 Saturday about home price gains included incorrect references. The Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach metro area, which includes Bay and Gulf counties, recorded the largest year-over-year price gain for home sales, according to data from Florida Realtors' multiple listing service, and the metro area's median sales price ranked fifth-highest for single-family homes and third-highest for town homes and condos. Separate figures provided by the Bay County Association of Realtors were for Bay County only.

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