



EVERETT TITTERINGTON, a native of Milford, Iowa, who died aboard the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, is laid to rest in Riverside.

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A date which lived on for a family

For decades an uneasy grief followed the relatives of sailor Everett Titterington, who died at Pearl Harbor. Thanks to DNA testing, he has finally returned home to them.

By THOMAS CURWEN

No one knows where Everett Titterington was when the first torpedoes slammed into the USS Oklahoma on that infamous day in 1941. Was he thrown out of his bunk? Was he thrown to the deck? Did he die fast, or did he die slow? The force of the explosions, as one survivor recounted, seemed to lift the massive battleship out of the water before it settled and, within 15 minutes, capsized. Titterington was one of the 429 sailors and Marines attached to the Oklahoma who were killed during the attack, and one of the 2,400 who perished at Pearl Harbor. When the news reached Milford, Iowa, Titterington's hometown, details were sketchy. His



FIREMAN First Class Titterington was one of the 429 sailors and Marines attached to the Oklahoma who were killed in the attack. He initially was buried in a mass grave above Honolulu.

family had to wait almost two weeks before a telegram arrived, addressed to his mother. The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son Everett Cecil Titterington Fireman First Class US Navy is missing ... Hardship and grief seemed forever braided into Pearl Titterington's life. She had lost her husband 15 years earlier — in a scaffolding collapse — leaving her with five children, ages 15 months to 6. The family had weathered the Depression, but now the country was at war and Everett, her oldest boy, would soon be reported dead. A new sorrow had forced itself into her home, an unwanted guest she and her children made room for, and every year on Dec. 7, they were reminded of its unwanted [See **Sailor**, A10]

Milton's death toll climbs to 16 as rescue, recovery continue

Hurricane-weary Floridians assess storm damage, start cleanup.

By JENNY JARVIE AND SANDRA McDONALD

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Hurricane-weary Floridians picked up a familiar rou-

tine Friday — assessing storm damage and clearing out muck and debris — a day after Hurricane Milton tore through the state, flooding low-lying barrier islands and inland communities in the heavily populated central west coast and spawning deadly tornadoes in the east. At least 16 people were dead, killed by tornadoes,

falling trees, downed power lines, wrecked vehicles or medical emergencies after Milton lashed the state with powerful wind and rain. In just 24 hours, Milton dropped more than 18 inches of rain on St. Petersburg — a more than 1-in-1,000-year rainfall event for the area, according to the National Weather Service.

And the threat of flooding had still not receded. In Dover and Lithia, small communities about 20 miles inland from Tampa, rescue teams plunged into murky brown water to save seniors and families trapped in flooded homes as the Alafia River swelled. In some homes, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said,

the water rose as high as 6 feet. After making landfall as a Category 3 storm near Siesta Key, a barrier island in Sarasota County, Milton barreled east with powerful winds and tornadoes that downed trees, snapped power lines, flipped semitrucks and tossed [See **Milton**, A5]

'Skinfluencers' drive Gen Alpha's skin-care obsession



ASHLEY PAIGE, 37, and her daughter Naiya White, 10, have more than 40,000 followers on their joint skin-care account on TikTok, @sparkleandchaos.

Preteens are using moisturizers, toners, even anti-aging items. It worries some adults.

By ANDREA CHANG

Fourth-grader Naiya White knows what you think about her twice-daily beauty regimen and her Sephora shopping trips. "I heard all you guys were freaking out about 10-year-olds using skin care," she says in a TikTok video posted last month, standing outside a Sephora store in Grand Junction, Colo. "So let's go pick some out!" Moments later, Naiya is making her way down the

hot pink Glow Recipe aisle in an oversize Lilo & Stitch T-shirt and sparkly green eyeliner, ticking off her favorite products in rapid succession. "I'd recommend this avocado cleanser; it's nourishing and gentle," she says, holding up a \$28 tube of face wash. "The mist is also a yes — it makes your skin look super glowy and it's hydrating. This moisturizer is also one of my favorites and it smells delicious. The hyaluronic Plum Plump balm is a great sleep mask for lips." In conclusion, she says with more than a hint of sass, "For all the cranky, musty, dusty adults out there who think little kids shouldn't be using skin care [See **Skin care**, A6]

Coastal panel rejects SpaceX proposal

Regulators deny latest bid to increase rocket launches, some citing CEO Musk's behavior.

By SALVADOR HERNANDEZ

SpaceX's plans to launch more rockets from the California coast were rejected by a state commission this week, with some officials citing Elon Musk's political posts on X and raising concerns about the billionaire's labor record at his companies. The plan to increase the number of rocket blasts into space up to 50 a year was rejected by the California Coastal Commission on Thursday despite assurances from Space Force and Air Force officials that they would increase efforts to monitor the effects that rocket launches have on nearby wildlife. The military also vowed to mitigate the reach of sonic booms that often span across 100 miles of coastline, an issue that has caused controversy.

Members of the California Coastal Commission commended Space Force and Air Force representatives for reaching an agreement, but some then cited their concerns about Musk, the owner of SpaceX, before rejecting the plan. Among the issues raised by some commission members were Musk's decision to insert himself in the presidential race, his spreading of conspiracy theories, the labor record of his companies and derogatory comments he has made about the transgender community. "We're dealing with a company, the head of which has aggressively injected himself into the presidential race," said Commission Chair Caryl Hart. Military officials argue that launches by SpaceX, a leading contractor, at Vandenberg Space Force Base should be considered a federal activity because all of its launches benefit military objectives, regardless of whether the payloads being carried by the rockets are for the government or for [See **SpaceX**, A8]

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Obama's blunt talk to men

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Test scores rise, but many lag

L.A. Unified students show strong gains in English and math, but most are still not proficient. **CALIFORNIA**, B1

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