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Many first responders have been putting their own recovery second

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Hurricane splits Bay County in half



Aaron Gesegnet cooks up hash browns for customers at a Waffle House in Panama City Beach on Thursday. [HEATHER OSBOURNE/DAILY NEWS]



LEFT: Carillon Beach emerged from the storm unscathed. [HEATHER OSBOURNE/DAILY NEWS] RIGHT: A partially destroyed unit at the Arbours apartments in Panama City, Florida, on Wednesday, Oct. 17. On Tuesday, Arbours residents were given 72 hours to vacate with whatever possessions they needed. The management company left a note on residents' doors telling them to take out everything salvageable and provide a forwarding address for their security deposits. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

By Eryn Dion and Heather Osbourne
GateHouse Media

BAY COUNTY — The divide between east and west has never been more stark.

For years, the gulf between the tourist destination Panama City Beach and its eastern counterpart Panama City has steadily widened, the Hathaway Bridge the

crossing point between two cities growing further apart.

In the days after Hurricane Michael, the two were no longer different cities, but different worlds entirely, the landscape and lifestyle contrasting radically within just 15 miles.

Here is a tale of two cities, two ways of recovery bisected by the Hathaway Bridge.

Waffle House - Panama City Beach

The comforting aroma of eggs and bacon frying on the Waffle House grill in Panama City Beach fills the air Thursday, as folks pack into the restaurant for a little taste of normalcy.

Customers carefully look over pieces of printed-out paper labeled "Limited

Menu," the only real evidence that Hurricane Michael savaged the coast just a week prior. Dave Rickell, executive vice president of the chain known for staying open during natural disasters, is at the Panama City Beach location that day to oversee operations.

Rickell says Waffle House

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Using chain saw, man turns trauma into action

Man picks up chain saw for first time to help community after Hurricane Michael

By Eileen Kelley
GateHouse Media

CALLAWAY — The nightmares chase him from his sleep. He's in a room. George,

his brother, is with him. The ceiling begins to bow, then buckle. He freezes. Boom.

Tyler Gay was already an insomniac, but how much less sleep he can he take?

He crawls out of the front seat of the truck where he has been sleeping nearly every day since Hurricane Michael and feeds an outdoor

cat named Darla. Darla hops up onto the truck bed and meanders over supplies Gay gathered for others who are suffering. The cat crawls over the top of the truck and down the windshield, looking in at him.

With the cat, he can at least smile about some things. He can't do the same with the

reoccurring dream about the ceiling collapsing and his brother. The dreams are partially true and Gay's running from them. He is trying to make better memories of Hurricane Michael.

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Gay doesn't have to be sleeping in a pickup in Callaway, one of the Florida

Panhandle's many mauled cities dealing with the aftermath of the monstrous Category 4 storm that struck Oct. 10. In fact he wasn't even supposed to be here.

Gay, 25, had been on vacation in Philadelphia with his girlfriend and her family as

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worked quickly following the storm to open the restaurants with the least damage, including two in Panama City Beach. Three of the restaurants were destroyed in Panama City — one will take two weeks to fix, another three and the last will take over a month before it opens again.

"Business is always brisk after a storm," Rickell says. "We always try to work to get open as quickly as we can. It's a place for people to not only come to eat, but to share stories and concerns. A huge part of why we respond so quickly is to help communities get back to normal as soon as possible."

Edward Huff, along with his teen son William, share Hurricane Michael stories over syrup-covered waffles. Huff says they've been working with a local church all week to deliver supplies from as far north as Marianna and all the way south to Panama City.

The father and son say seeing places like Waffle House open in Panama City Beach, which was mostly spared by the hurricane's wrath, is a good sign.

"There are big differences from Panama City to here," Huff says. "There is a huge difference once over the Hathaway Bridge. It's like a line, where things start going downhill really quick."

Waffle House — Panama City

The nights in Panama City are endless.

As the sun dips below the horizon around 6 p.m., the area east of the Hathaway Bridge plunges into more than 12 hours of darkness. With the area still without power 10 days after Hurricane Michael, night smothers the city, leaving nothing but the droning sound of generators, the occasional pop of gunshots and the stars for company.

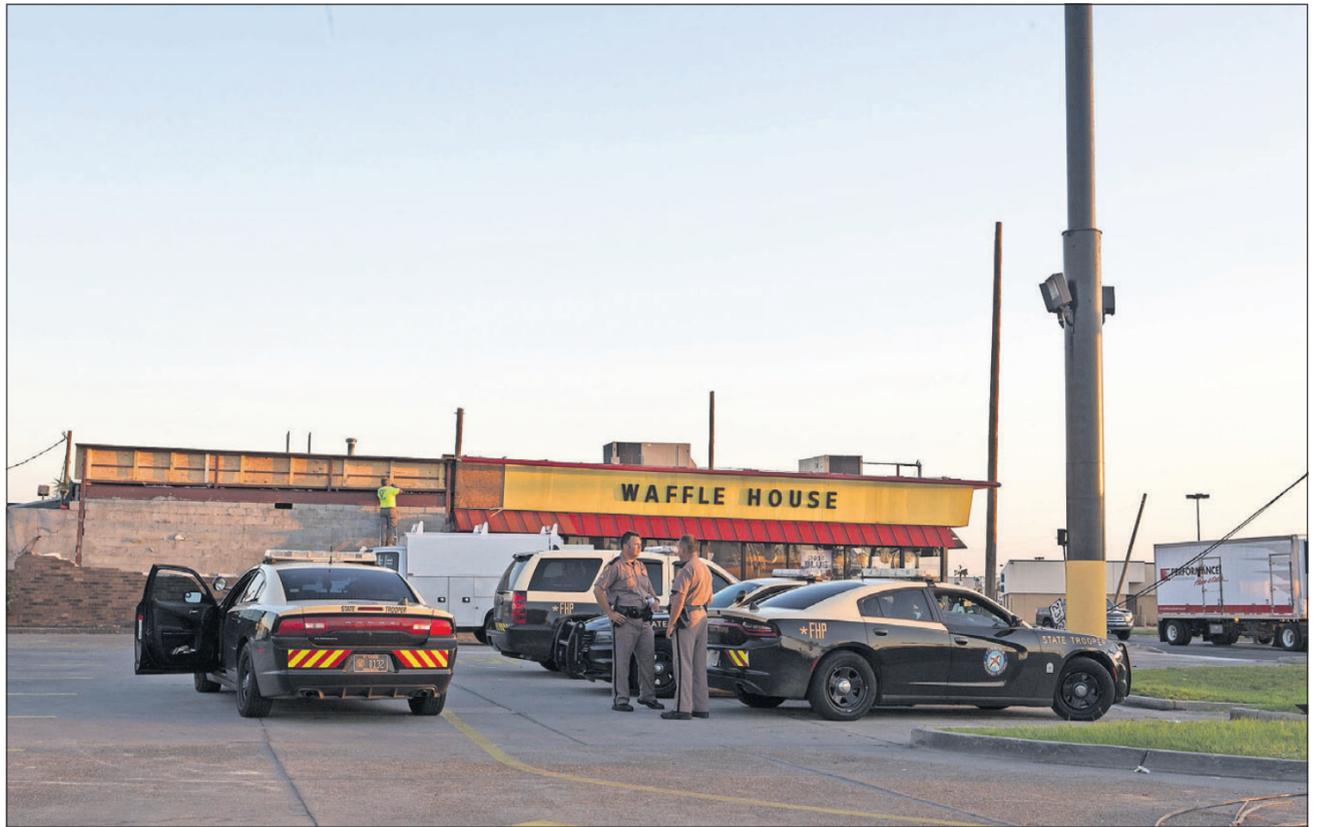
The sun returns at 6:30 a.m. to bring a new day, illuminating the twisted corpses of trees and devastated neighborhoods. No, the sunrise says, it was not all a dream.

For most, mornings mean breakfast, and for many in Panama City, breakfast means Waffle House. The location in town, sitting at the intersection of North Cove Boulevard and U.S. 231, serves all walks of life and counts many city officials as regulars. It's cheap, it's good, and most importantly, it's reliable. So reliable, even FEMA uses it to gauge a disaster. If your Waffle House is closed, something terrible has happened.

One location on Tyndall Parkway has been bisected and gutted.

The restaurant at this intersection, though, appears mostly intact, save the iconic lettered Waffle House sign that's completely blown out, the letters literally lost in the wind. Half-full bottles of hot sauce and maple syrup sit at each empty booth, waiting for customers.

"We're about to get her done," calls out Steve Sutton, maintenance superintendent for Waffle House, as he gathers tools from his trailer



Deputies are pictured outside the Waffle House on the corner of State Road 77 and 231 on Thursday. [PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

parked outside the location.

The back roof of the restaurant caved in during the storm, says Sutton, damaging the commissary where the food and supplies were stored. But the company has made getting these locations back up and running a priority, and the Waffle House Response team is going full tilt.

"Everyone is down here right now," he says.

Target — Panama City Beach

Ann Stewart carefully picks from a pile of fruits and veggies just stocked at Target in Pier Park Thursday, preparing for a long journey to Port St. Joe to deliver supplies to friends in need.

An emotional Stewart said she was one of the few whose home was spared. Her home is still without power, but that's the least of her concerns while knowing her friends further west are running out of supplies.

"I'm planning on bringing a bunch of supplies to my friends in a trailer in Port St. Joe," Stewart says. "All they have down there is canned foods, so I'm stocking up on fruits and vegetables to bring over."

"The biggest thing for us right now is not being able to communicate with people," Stewart continues. "The traffic is awful, too. It took me five hours of driving yesterday to get propane and ice. I don't want to complain because I feel really, really grateful. It's just crazy and stressful."

Workers quickly stock shelves and freezers with dairy, meats and produce. Hurricane Michael still looms over the store, evident by the dozens of missing ceiling tiles and signs stating alcohol sales are prohibited.

Many of the Pier Park Target workers say they are evacuees from Panama City, where the Target remains closed indefinitely. Brittany Owens, one of those evacuees now living with her family in Niceville, says having a place to work is a relief.

"I know it's very difficult on our team because a lot of my team members have lost everything," Owens says. "It's been really hard on them."



Waffle House on the corner of State Road 77 and 231 on Thursday.

It feels good that we're able to come here and work."

Still, the Target holds glimmers of normalcy.

Abby Rice of Inlet Beach stocks her basket with Halloween decorations and birthday presents Thursday, hoping to bring her children a bit of comfort following the hurricane. Rice says her youngsters spent five straight hours cutting sandwiches for victims without one complaint over the weekend, while she continues to visit the area daily to deliver supplies during school hours.

"This is our lives right now," she says. "Even in Target today you see things missing, you see parts that are closed. A lot of the businesses on this end are overwhelmed with people trying to get gas and supplies."

Target — Panama City

The shelves are bare in Target Panama City, all the merchandise bought off by salvage companies or sitting in huge boxes sorted in front. Plastic tubes snake through the store, pumping hot air into the ceiling in a desperate attempt to stave off mold. Workers with SRM Recovery, the large loss firm that handles Target, line up outside with hard hats and fluorescent vests ready to get their first look at the store.

Like most buildings in the crossroads of State 77 and U.S. 231, Target was hit hard by Hurricane Michael. Also like most buildings in these crossroads, the parking lot has become a staging area, a sea of law enforcement vehicles, command centers and relief workers.

But among the first responders and disaster

response, you can still find Target employees returning to work, searching for a sense of normalcy in the chaos unfolding around them.

"I chose to come back here," says Roger Scott, team member at Target Panama City. "This is my store."

Scott rode out the storm at his home then promptly returned to work as soon as it was safe. When he came back on Friday, three days after Hurricane Michael, there was still two inches of water on the floor.

Rob Berry, senior team leader at the store, says every ceiling tile will need to be replaced, along with all the carpet. Some walls will need to be demolished and rebuilt. Right now, they're looking at being operational some time between December and February.

"It's going to be a while," he says.

But Target has been good to them, he adds. Anyone still in town can come to the store and pitch in with the cleanup for hours or go to the Beach location, and anyone who evacuated will be given work.

"They were told they will get hours wherever they evacuated to," he said.

Panama City Beach City Hall

Debbie Ward has to count with her fingers to figure out just how many days the City Hall employees have worked tirelessly to aid their neighbors across the Hathaway Bridge.

"It's been 11 days?" she asks in disbelief. "We've had different staff going over the bridge every day to help over there. A lot of people who work here live over there."

We realize we're serving as the hub for the whole county because we're the closest place to get supplies."

Ward says City Hall remained open, working as a shelter for officials who were the first to aid the community after the storm passed. On Thursday, City Hall is where public officials meet to extend the Panama City Beach curfew and lift the alcohol ban inside the city limits.

In the parking lot of City Hall, semi-trucks await donations to ship off to the other side of the bridge. Volunteers are there also, offering free ice and water.

While most City Hall employees have seen the damage of Hurricane Michael firsthand, Ward says she still hasn't gathered up the strength to drive across the bridge. All she's seen so far, she says, are pictures of her Lynn Haven home damaged by Michael. Her husband asked her not to go home.

"Even though I see pictures and drone photos, he tells me it's just not the same," Ward says. "You just don't stop and think about the magnitude of it."

Springfield City Hall

Springfield Mayor Ralph Hammond is a man of action.

Anyone who knows him says he is always the first person to jump in and help, whether it's hopping on an excavator and helping to demolish condemned houses or cutting through thick brush to help firefighters reach a structure blaze.

It's no surprise then, that Hammond rode out Hurricane Michael inside Springfield City Hall off Highway 22, running the command center with police and firefighters. Looking at the state of the building after the storm, though, it's a surprise he made it out at all.

Both of the building's two roofs were peeled off. Ceilings collapsed in every office, including the one where off-duty law enforcement officers were quartered. Every entrance except one was shuttered, Hammond says, and that door was blocked during the storm,

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many Panhandle residents were packing up and dodging Hurricane Michael's path.

At the airport, Gay learned his connecting flight back to Tallahassee was cancelled. So he flew to the Northwest Florida, the place he grew up, where his family still lives. He then learned about Hurricane Michael and its projected path.

He had no idea of the approaching storm. He said he got distracted by his vacation and wasn't paying attention to the news.

Gay and his family got a few sandbags, bolted a piece of plywood to the front window of his brother's townhouse and pulled the couches close together in the family room. Then they waited: Two girlfriends, parents and three brothers.

After the storm moved over Callaway, a jarring noise from above sent Gay and his brothers, George and Vince, racing up the stairs to a bedroom. The ceiling was warped, Gay said. He saw a crack grow.

"I tried to say, 'Run,'" he said. They barely made it out. "Without a doubt in my mind, I thought one of us would have died."

The front of George Gay's townhouse is on a slope, and the sandbags were no match for the rain. Water gushed through the door and more ceilings dropped. They wanted out.

But the soaked pile of sandbags combined with wind made opening the doors impossible. Five of them bailed out a small window and sought shelter in their nearby cars on higher ground.

Tyler Gay's dad couldn't make it out the window because of an ailing back. So Gay stayed behind in the crumbling townhouse with his father, sitting on the steps as the home continued to fall apart around them.

Later, they joined the family in the four cars which were now surrounded by stacks of toppled slash pines like the old game of Pick-Up Sticks. They stayed there for days — seven people sleeping in four cars — until strangers



Tyler Gay cuts up two trees knocked over by Hurricane Michael in Parker, Florida on Friday. Multiple residents on the street made requests on thechainsawarmy.com for help in removing the trees blocking in cars and the road. He uses a hatchet to cut off small limbs and a chainsaw to cut the large ones into manageable pieces. (JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD)



Tyler Gay speaks with Andy Anderson whose home is blocked in by trees knocked over by Hurricane Michael on Friday. The trees are on city property, but the city of Parker has not yet cleared the trees.



Tyler Gay makes repairs on his girlfriend's mother's roof on Friday.

showed up with chainsaws.

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Gay returned to Tallahassee only long enough to collect money, sending an email to about 100 colleagues about the devastation in his hometown and how he was going back to help.

The information technology worker borrowed a pickup and filled it with medical supplies, soup, water, apples, chips, sandwiches, military MREs and tarps.

Gay picked up a chainsaw, a hatchet and gasoline, and set out on a mission.

He posted the following on his Facebook page: "I know many of you in Panama City may still be trapped on a street or in a home," he began. "If that is the case, send me a message and I will try and get

to you as soon as I can. I have a chainsaw, medical supplies, food for both people and pets, a truck and many other supplies. I'm looking to help get anyone out as soon as possible. Share this if you know someone who needs help. Stay safe out there guys."

That post was shared 63 times. It took little time for people to respond.

Gay, a young man unfamiliar with operating a chainsaw, got to work. He heard about an older woman who was stuck inside her home after the carport came loose and wrapped itself around the front of her house, and a brick wall tumbled over. The woman had been in her home for eight days.

"I didn't think I was going to get her out," Gay said. "But I

didn't know how to tell somebody that I couldn't."

He freed her. He hugged her, he said.

The net he cast on Facebook widened when he heard a radio promotion about a loosely organized group called the Chainsaw Army. It is essentially a web portal created for people in need of someone like Gay, a person with a chainsaw willing to help free of charge.

Gay was asked Thursday to go to Paige Parrott's house: "Go see my mom but be careful, she's packing."

A gun slinging 63-year-old Parrott joined Gay across the street to free Karleesa King's car from the mountain of downed trees in its way.

"I guess he's with the Cajun Navy or Army or something," King said of Gay and his

mission to help people with his chainsaw.

By the end of the day Thursday, Gay had hoppedscotched around the Panama City area and helped people at about 10 different homes. He said before he leaves for another chainsaw project, he tries to take a selfie with the folks he's helped. It's part of his plan to make new Hurricane Michael memories.

"I try and throw a hug on everybody," he said.

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Gay went Friday to the city of Parker where two oaks, roughly 50 feet high, were uprooted along with some 70-foot-tall pines. It was going to be an all-day job.

The Ace bandage Gay wore on his right hand to cushion the blister in his palm had been replaced with a decent pair of construction gloves. Gay admitted he was a novice at this chainsaw business when he started Tuesday.

"This is the first time I have operated a chainsaw and the first time I have tacked up a roof," he said.

Gay slathered on sunscreen and pulled back on the starter chain 15 times before the saw roared to life. He waded into the tangled pile of downed trees, sawdust flying into the air and sticking to his sweating skin like snow.

"He's doing a great job," said Andy Anderson, 76.

"Good things will come back around," said Edward Hazard, Anderson's son.

Perhaps, but what Gay wants are the bad memories to be replaced by good ones. At 1 p.m. Friday, he took a break in his truck — the same seat where he sleeps at night. He'd been at this project in front of Anderson's home for three hours now. There was a lot more to go.

Lack of sleep and thoughts wore on him. He talked of the nightmares that started Oct 10, after Hurricane Michael brought down ceilings and trees at his brother's home. He explained that he can't seem to shake the thought in real life or his dreams that his brother George could have died.

And then his eyes filled with tears.

"I hope so," he said, of the possibility that the good memories he is making chase the bad ones away.

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trapping them inside the shuddering, shaking building for more than three hours.

"It wasn't a tornado sound," he says. "That banging and beating, and we realized we couldn't get out. There wasn't no place to go anyhow — this was the safest place to be."

Every city office, including the police department, maintenance yard and community center, was 100-percent destroyed, Hammond says, along with every computer and every program. Right now, he doesn't even know the state of the city's records.

The floor squishes and buckles with every step. Insulation hangs from drooping wires, swaying in the breeze like ghosts.

Light punctures the gaping holes in the ceiling. Hammond stands in the remains of the planning department, the constant ding of a malfunctioning alarm bell from a nearby railroad crossing cutting through the silence. When asked what it was like in the building, he pauses for a long moment.

"I hate to say it," he answers. "But pure hell."

There is a silver lining though, he explains. In an amazing stroke of foresight, the city purchased the property belonging to Springfield Nursery on Transmitter Road about two years ago, when the owners came to them with plans of retirement. With the



Target on Martin Luther King Boulevard and 23rd street on Thursday. (JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD)

state planning on widening Highway 22, they were in line to lose the front of their building anyway, Hammond says, and needed to make a move. Now, they just need to make it faster.

"In one sense, it's a blessing," he says. "We didn't want to move this way, but we'd already started planning."

Runaway Island

The Gulf of Mexico's emerald green waters sparkle below the back deck of Runaway Island restaurant Thursday as customers sip on cocktails and eat seafood.

Runaway Island was one of the first popular tourist locations to open following Hurricane Michael, serving up a full menu and even alcohol at noon after the ban was lifted.

Although people are hungry and ready to get back to some sort of normalcy, customers like Heather White says all they feel right now is

survivor's guilt.

"It's an emotional feeling when you see all of the devastation," White says. "You really can't help but feel guilty that your home made it through okay."

Downtown Panama City

By locals, for locals, during the seemingly distant Time Before Michael, historic downtown Panama City would fill to the brim for lunch hour.

On Thursday, a week after Michael, it's filled to the brim with debris. With no power or clean water in the city, opening is a distant hope for many restaurant owners.

The front porch of The Place stands in shambles. Around the corner, Trigo fared better but is still closed, though the outside dining area was somehow untouched by the storm. Just a few feet from the signature porch, a clock that once sat atop a nearby bank lies on the sidewalk, completely smashed.



A temporary ban on the sale of alcohol was put in place after Hurricane Michael. Panama City Beach lifted the ban before other communities. (HEATHER OSBOURNE/DAILY NEWS)

Carillon Beach

The private neighborhood of Carillon Beach remains mostly deserted Thursday, save for a few property managers and a wedding party surveying the area in golf carts.

One of the property managers said almost all of vacationers cancelled their reservations at Carillon Beach until January, and residents are still unable to make their way back home.

Aside from the loss of income caused by Hurricane Michael, however, the beautiful Carillon Beach homes are untouched by the storm.

The Arbors — Panama City

For many residents in The Arbors apartments on 11th Street, the privacy of four walls and a roof is gone.

Audra Burkett, who lives in the building across from one of the structures that lost its roof, caught the whole thing on video. Her apartment is largely

untouched, save for one hole in the wall. The families in those top floor apartments were home when the roof came off, she says, and for days they had to stay there while management worked to move them to an undamaged unit.

"I lived here on and off for 20 years," Burkett says. "My mother said this would happen sooner or later."

For the first few nights after the storm, Burkett says, the complex was alive with radios playing and grills going. She even sat up playing the guitar, trying to stave off the silence of the dark.

A week later, though, the silence has won. The buildings are being condemned, and the looting, which up until now had been under control, is about to get worse as people prowl the empty units looking for leftovers. For the first time since before the storm, Burkett is starting to get nervous.

"I'm terrified, because I'm little and all by myself," said Burkett. "And I only have two candles left."



Downed trees are seen from the air on Tyndall Air Force Base on Oct. 12. Florida's timber industry has taken a massive hit from damages due to Hurricane Michael. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

\$3B in timber lost from Michael

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Trees brought down by Hurricane Michael's ferocious winds took a heavy toll on the timber industry in the heavily forested Florida Panhandle, where \$3 billion in timber was lost, authorities said Friday.

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam said that along with the \$3 billion in timber losses, pulp mills, sawmills and other production facilities were damaged in 11 of the top timber-producing counties in state.

"This is a catastrophic loss to the forest industry in the Florida Panhandle," Putnam said in a news release.

Officials also were concerned that downed trees could pose a fire hazard.

Forest Service Director Jim Karels said the danger grows as the debris dries. The agency is working to clear the debris and establish fire lines that

could help contain forest fire, he said.

In the swath of Florida's Panhandle devastated by the storm, daily life has become a series of frustrations large and small: Missing relatives and worries that looters are just outside the door. No power, no air conditioning, no schools, no information and little real improvement in sight.

Erin Maxwell waited in line for fuel for more than an hour Thursday at a gas station that never opened.

"I'm tired and want to go to sleep. I don't want to wait in another line," said Maxwell, eyes closed and her head tilted back on the seat.

Meanwhile, husband Mickey Calhoun fretted over the fate of his mother, Anita Newsome, 74. The retired sheriff's deputy was last seen when officers took her to a hospital the day before Michael made landfall, her son said.

"We can't find her or

get word anywhere," said an exasperated Calhoun, 54, wearing stained khaki pants and a dingy towel draped around his neck.

A few miles away, 70-year-old Ed Kirkpatrick and his 72-year-old wife, Sandra Sheffield, huddled together in a splintered mobile home surrounded by fallen pine trees. A noisy generator powered the old box fan blowing warm air across their den. They're both afraid to leave because of widespread reports of looting.

The man, a diabetic who has a big scar down the middle of his chest from heart surgery, needed medical attention and ice to refrigerate his insulin, said Sheffield, who has a pacemaker. But getting out in traffic takes hours and precious fuel, she said, and looters could show up at any time.

"I don't want to go anywhere because I know I'm safe here," said Sheffield, burying her head in a twisted towel to cry.

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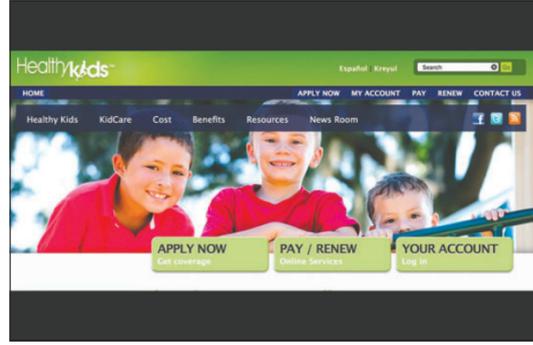
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Healthy Kids could waive premiums in hard-hit areas

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors is expected Thursday to consider waiving children's health-insurance premiums for three months in a dozen counties slammed last week by Hurricane Michael.

Gov. Rick Scott, state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Justin Senior are backing the move, which could waive premiums for about 5,600 children in three insurance programs, according to an estimate posted on the Florida Healthy Kids website.



Most of the children are in subsidized programs in which they qualify for low-cost health insurance because of their family income levels, while about 325 children are in families that pay the full premiums.

The proposed premium

waiver would be for November, December and January in Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla and Taylor counties, according to a letter that Senior sent Tuesday to Florida

Healthy Kids Corp. CEO Rebecca Matthews.

The overall cost of waiving the premiums would be an estimated \$3.58 million, the information posted on the Florida Healthy Kids website said.

Senior wrote in his letter that the Agency for Health Care Administration would "work diligently to ensure that Healthy Kids is reimbursed for premiums and resulting health plan capitation payments for these counties in these months."

In a statement issued Wednesday, Patronis said waiving the premiums "could save lives and help these families rebuild after this catastrophic storm."

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Losing your place

One forgotten tragedy heaped upon the calamity of 9-11 is the great number of people who went missing in the dust and chaos, while relatives stumbled through the following days and weeks searching desperately in hospitals, morgues and cell phones for their beloved.

A similar torrent of anguish and gloom descended in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. As of early this week, some 250 people were unaccounted for, many of them in the area of little Mexico Beach, which was essentially wiped off the map.

The Augusta Chronicle's editorial cartoonist, Rick McKee, who grew up in Tallahassee and Chattahoochee, spent many childhood and even young adult hours at Mexico Beach. Smaller and more obscure than the famous tourist destinations of Panama City, Destin and Pensacola, Mexico Beach has been a favorite of locals for its relative quiet.

There's nothing worse than losing loved ones, and losing them even temporarily when they go missing isn't any better. But you never expect to lose an entire place — one that is so much a part of your past that it has become part and parcel of your psyche.

McKee now knows that gut-punch feeling. "It's just been obliterated," he says of the Mexico Beach of his fondest memories. "It's just gone. It's all gone. A part of my childhood is just gone."

His mother can clutch worn photographs of McKee as a toddler romping the area. At his brother's funeral recently, there was talk of times at Mexico Beach.

"It's like losing a little chunk of your life," he says. "You know you're going to lose people in your lifetime, but you never think you're going to lose a place. You think it's always going to be there. It's turned into a memory, literally overnight."

Even more for himself and his memories, McKee mourns for the people of Mexico Beach and all the other communities devastated by Hurricane Michael. They've lost their own memories too, but their houses and businesses and schools and churches to boot, and that's infinitely worse. The corner drug store, the neighborhood grocery, the local cafe, all the cherished landmarks. Gone. Your home's walls and ceilings, your favorite recliner, your family photos and heirlooms, the pencil marks noting your children's growth. All gone.

Where will you even sleep tonight?
Rick McKee feels their loss more than many today. But you don't have to have lived or frolicked on the Panhandle to know the ache and agony in our back yard — or to help in their recovery. There are myriad ways to pitch in, including the American Red Cross. American Red Cross of Augusta Executive Director Susan Everitt this week was deployed in south Georgia, where she told us "the devastation is real."

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We can't block the wind or avert the gloom or restore a place that exists only in memories. But we can put a small salve on a soul in dire need of it.

This editorial originally appeared in the Augusta (Georgia) Chronicle.

ANOTHER VIEW



Tom Purcell

Say it ain't so: Alcohol in moderation bad for us again!

Say it ain't so: Alcohol in moderation is bad for us again!

According to a recent study published in the journal *Alcoholism*, low-level alcohol use — one or two snorts of hooch on occasion may benefit cardiovascular disease, but it increases the risk of cancer.

To which I respond: Oh, c'mon!

I don't know if our scientists have noticed, but our country is politically and culturally divided. Our people are agitated and angry. Life's simple pleasures are among the few things about which we have any consensus these days.

Yet for years, our simple pleasures have been under scientific assault.

Back in the '90s, a series of alarming reports told us movie-theater popcorn would congest our arteries worse than eating Crisco right out of the can.

Then we learned Chinese food would fatten us, and that a hearty fast-food breakfast could be so risky we might not make it to lunch.

For years, we were told red meat is bad for our hearts. But now, we're being told it also is causing climate

change — so we need to start eating bugs instead!

Look, too few Americans are aware of where our food comes from and what is in it — which partly helps explain our obesity epidemic. But it's awfully frustrating that our scientists can't seem to make up their minds.

For years, they told us coffee was bad for us — before deciding that, in moderation, it stimulates our arteries and protects against Parkinson's disease, type 2 diabetes and liver disease. Coffee certainly makes my noggin sharper as the workday begins!

For years, scientists told us to avoid fat and carbs. Now, they tell us to limit carbs and that proper fats are essential to good health — that some people don't have enough fat in their diets!

For years, scientists told us alcohol was bad. Then they told us that, in moderation, it prevents heart disease, reduces the chance of ischemic stroke and possibly reduces the risk of diabetes!

But now, alcohol in moderation is bad for us again? Regrettably, the issue remains unsettled.

According to *The Washington Post*, the alcohol-in-moderation issue was supposed to be clarified by a 10-year, \$100 million Moderate Alcohol and Cardiovascular Health trial sponsored by *The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism*, part of the National

Institutes of Health (NIH).

But the study's credibility collapsed, *The Post* reports, when an "internal NIH investigation found that researchers had engaged in extensive communication with industry representatives before the government's approval of the trial."

Thus, it was canceled. Which puts us right back at square one!

Some scientists, including an epidemiologist cited by *The Post*, say "drinkers should drink a little bit every day, without any days off, because alcohol makes blood platelets less sticky and keeps other clotting factors low."

But another scientist told *The Post*: "The burden of evidence is toward alcohol having a detrimental effect on heart disease, even in small quantities."

As a result, millions of average Americans are in a constant state of confusion and debate about many things scientific — while they're also in a constant state of confusion and debate about many things political and cultural.

One solution? Embrace the witty wisdom of Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde: Enjoy "everything in moderation, including moderation."

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Mr. West goes East: Kanye raps a song Trump likes

By Ron Hart

Kanye West left California and flew east to visit with Donald Trump. Now the media has to redouble their efforts to destroy Kanye, an African-American who dares to think for himself and is trying to escape the Democrat plantation that owns the black vote.

It is hypocritical the Democrats pretend to be against bullying. Their main tactic when someone disagrees with them on fact is to make fun of, besmirch and bully them in their domain of media, academia and comedy.

Predictably, vicious Kanye late-night jokes followed to send him a message to be quiet. They seem to be saying Kanye is so dumb and out of control, he should be a part of the white side of Meghan Markle's family.

Kanye was born in Atlanta, his dad was the first black photojournalist for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. His mom was a professor of

English at Clark Atlanta University. Kanye's net worth is in the hundreds of millions, as is his wife's, Kim Kardashian. He ain't dumb — he's smart — and that worries the left.

Kanye did overcome his manager and fellow rapper stealing from him awhile back. He and many rappers are self-made millionaire entrepreneurs and should be an example to young blacks. In fact, rapper Dr. Dre made close to a billion selling his headphone company and has diversified into farming. He raises beets now in a company I presume he calls Beets by Dre.

Kanye has had his share of media drama, but his points made in the Oval Office with Trump were spot on from jobs coming back to America, and the prison state the U.S. runs.

In fact, prison reform and reducing the police state in America is an issue that Trump and Jared Kushner should get behind. He sees with the FBI/Mueller \$44 million investigation just how petty, expensive and

unaccountable law enforcement can be. We have so many laws layered upon laws that no one understands — and are unevenly applied in America.

If the Democrats lose the mindless lock they have on the African-American vote, they cannot win elections. They cannot afford to lose other minority thought leader celebrities. They will be really scared if Ice-T changes his name to Arnold Palmer.

Much has been made of Kanye's rejection of the slavery mindset in his "minstrel show" as snarky Don Lemon called it. Almost all countries on earth were involved in slavery at some point in their history. America hasn't had slaves for 150 years, unless you count Amazon employees and interns at CNN.

Black Democrats in America are so polarized and quick to blame slavery on every white person they disagree with when there is scant true understanding of it. But I don't blame African-Americans for not taking many

vacation sea cruises; they are not falling for that trick again.

The pernicious slicing and dicing of purportedly wrong voters into buckets of victims, known as identity politics, was accelerated under Obama and carried out by his enforcer AG Eric Holder. Sadly, both were in a position to heal racial wounds and did just the opposite. Thus, Trump.

Racial issues are intensifying, yet racial double standards remain. Whites can listen to rap music, but we certainly cannot sing along. Whites cannot sort laundry without being called racist now. Calling opponents names is easier for the left rather than reasoning through the issues with facts.

Kanye seems willing and able to have a reasoned discussion on race, and how the victimization mindset has hurt blacks. He talks of the welfare state's effect on blacks and Democrats' willingness to dangle government handout in return for their vote. He realizes: the cheese

in the trap is always free.

The left continues to divide us by race and gender (Kavanaugh debacle) with false narratives. If you are a Democrat, it is a badge of honor to pretend to be a victim.

This DNA test that Elizabeth Warren released showing her less Native American than the average American is another example. She has milked and tried to identify with the #MeToo movement, too. She can meld the Native American lie with the women always being victims lies and should launch the #MeSioux movement.

Trump said he would pay \$1 mil if she proved she was Native American. Now that she is not, Kanye and Trump should buy Elizabeth Warren a super white Jeep Comanche for the 2020 campaign trail of tears.

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Panhandle medical care on life support

By Brendan Farrington
and Jay Reeves
The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Already sick with strep throat and asthma, Aleeah Racette got sicker when she cleaned out a soggy, moldy home after Hurricane Michael, so she sought help at the hospital where she began life. She was stunned by what she saw there.

The exterior wall of Bay Medical Sacred Heart in Panama City is missing from part of the building, and huge vent tubes attached to fans blow air into upper floors through holes where windows used to be.

Plywood signs with green spray-painted letters point to the entrance of the emergency room, the only part of the 323-bed hospital still operating.

"I've never seen anything like this before," Racette, 20, said Thursday in a croaky voice. "I was born in this hospital."

Medical services in the Florida Panhandle are still on life support more than a week after Hurricane Michael.

Panama City's two major hospitals, Bay Medical and the 216-bed Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center, still aren't admitting patients. Only emergency room services are available at either facility. Patients with the most serious needs are being sent to other hospitals by ambulance or helicopter.

Both hospitals are receiving help from Disaster Medical Assistance Teams, which set up air-conditioned tents in parking lots and operate something like the military field hospitals depicted in the old television series M*A*S*H. Besides the care they'd provide on a typical basis, like treating Racette's strep throat, doctors and nurses also are treating many people with storm-related injuries and health conditions.

"We're seeing cuts, we're seeing bruises and fractures," said Martha Crombie, a spokeswoman for Bay Medical Sacred Heart who was flown in from Nashville, Tenn., to help with hospital communications.

Back injuries are common, she said, as are people who have chronic illnesses and are out of medication. The hospital is filling prescriptions and



A Panama City resident who did not want his name used receives medical treatment, inside the Florida 5 Disaster Medical Assistance Team tent, outside the Bay Medical Sacred Heart hospital.

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A man who did not want his name used receives medical treatment inside the Florida 5 Disaster Medical Assistance Team tent, outside the Bay Medical Sacred Heart hospital, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach, Fla., Thursday, Oct. 18.

providing a list of open pharmacies.

Crombie said Bay Medical Sacred Heart and its other facility in Panama City Beach have treated an average of 200 people a day — a number she expects to rise when a county curfew is lifted. She said fewer patients arrive after the nightly curfew takes effect, which does have an exemption for people with medical emergencies.

Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center spokesman Brad Palmer said the facility had treated 560 emergency room patients in the week since the storm.

While they aren't admitting patients, the hospitals are stabilizing people with serious injuries or illness and transporting them to hospitals outside the heavily damaged areas.

Some people go to the outdoor medical tents, which is where Racette was treated at Bay Medical Sacred Heart. Tony Averbuch, who leads the team of government workers providing care outside the hospital, said business is steady.

"Right now we're

seeing between 80 and 100 people a day at this site, but we're one of many sites that are across Florida," he said.

The team's work fills a critical need for patients and the medical community, as Crombie said Bay Medical Sacred Heart is still trying to check on the well-being of its own workers. Of 1,700 employees, she said, the hospital has heard from only about half, many of whom likely lost phone service and internet connection or evacuated because of the storm.

Hospital executives did a helicopter tour with employees' homes mapped out. "It was eye-opening and eye-popping," Crombie said.

Conditions are improving, but it's unclear when area hospitals might resume normal operations. Cleanup crews swarmed Bay Medical Sacred Heart on Thursday, the same day it regained power. The water also is back on, even though it's not yet safe to drink.

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LEOs put own needs on hold

By Zack McDonald
The News Herald

PANAMA CITY — Passing out snacks in the day and hot meals at night from the Bay County Sheriff's Office mobile command unit, Chevina Jackson has heard tales of devastation from scores of her fellow employees.

Jackson, a victim advocate with BCSO, considers herself fortunate in comparison. Her Lynn Haven home was battered by Hurricane Michael, but not beyond repair. Jackson said she was lucky to be able to throw some tarps on her roof and return to work 12-plus hour shifts every day since.

"My whole neighborhood has started cleaning up, and my house is a wreck," she said with a laugh. "But we have a job to do. Of course there is anxiety to get my home in order. But as a first responder, this is what we do."

In the aftermath of the most powerful hurricane in history to make landfall in the Panhandle, all officers have been working at least 12-hour shifts every day to restore order. Like the community in which they serve, many lost their homes to Hurricane Michael yet have put aside their personal recovery to help the many in the community who are in need.

"This is how we cope," Jackson said. "My house is a mess, and it'll still be a mess after we get this community back on its feet."

In total, about 150 officers from BCSO and the local city police departments were rendered homeless by Hurricane Michael. Much of the county likewise was devastated by the storm that raked away power and running water, spawning looting and other lawless behavior. So the week since has demanded officers work "alpha-bravo" shifts, alternating between day and night 12-hour shifts.

Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford said despite 70 of his officers losing homes their morale has not wavered. He said his officers have



A team with cadaver dogs checks rubble in Mexico Beach on Oct. 15. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

been tirelessly serving the public to the point he's had to order some to take leave.

"I've had trouble driving some away," Ford said. "But that's what keeps me going: their will. It's inspiring."

Panama City Police Chief Scott Ervin said 40 of his officers' homes were left unlivable by the storm, but they still showed up to do a difficult job.

"These officers have risen to the challenge," Ervin said. "They have so much passion for this community. They're out there helping with whatever they can."

After the winds died down in the immediate wake of Hurricane Michael, the main duties of officers was search-and-rescue. As they made their way through neighborhoods, they often joined members of the community in clearing the roads of the massive amount of trees felled by the storm's almost Category 5 winds.

In the nights that followed, reports of shootings flooded law enforcement agencies and looting was widespread — resulting in almost 10 arrests for looting per night. And as officers ran into the dark to make the arrests, they often found that the suspected looters and disruptors were armed, officials reported.

As Parker Police Chief Dennis Hutto surveyed the damage of the neighborhoods surrounding the police department, he said that seven of his nine officers lost homes. In the aftermath, police became a defacto public works crew and labored alongside the city employees that chose to ride out the storm.

"As a first responder, when they're activated, they help with whatever they can despite their struggles," Hutto said. "Once the job is done is when they can take care of their own."

Some relief efforts for officers were initiated in the days since the storm. Numerous other law enforcement agencies responded to Bay County to lighten the load of protecting more than 180,000 people and their property at all hours as utility crews rushed to restore power and running water. Some assisting officers stood guard at local officers' homes, and some performed minor repairs for those needed on the road for large amounts of time. Civilian and church groups attempted to alleviate the stress on the public and chipped in with supplies and repairs, which quelled some of the root causes of lawless actions.

Law enforcement agencies also sought temporary housing for families of displaced officers. However, in some cases, it proved more difficult than expected.

Six officers in the BCSO Special Investigations Division lost homes. Of them, some were reluctant to accept charity.

"These are self-sufficient people," said BCSO Lt. Kevin Francis. "They're used to being the ones there to help others. To turn around and admit they need help, that's tough."

Nonetheless, Francis and his counterparts in other agencies doggedly pursued the reluctant officers. As of Friday, all who were willing to accept it were in temporary housing as the recovery efforts



John Arguello, a Panama City Police Department patrol officer, packs food, sanitation items and water into cars at Sam's Club after Hurricane Michael on Friday, Oct. 12. Sam's Club donated the items that will be brought to people in shelters around Bay County. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



First responders gather while checking debris from homes, tree limbs and boats scattered throughout Mexico Beach on Oct. 15. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

county-wide continued.

In the week since Hurricane Michael ravaged Bay County, The News Herald rode along with several local law enforcement officers throughout

their shifts. While spates of unruliness arose in some areas Bay County, the predominant trend was officers assisting citizens and citizens returning the courtesy.

It was not infrequent that officers handed out ice and water to those in need, and civilians in return would stop passing officers to thank them for their service.

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Notorious Dozier School could become a hurricane shelter

By Carlos R. Munoz
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MARIANNA — Its history is repulsive, but the Dozier School for Boys in Marianna could open as a temporary shelter for victims of Hurricane Michael.

A Jackson County emergency management official told the Daily News on Thursday that the aging reform school, where state and federal investigations confirmed child abuse and torture, is undergoing a damage assessment to determine if it could be habitable.

Evacuees are currently staying at Marianna High School, which can house 1,252 people.

County commissioners were unable to be reached for comment due to the impact of Hurricane Michael in Jackson County.

There are nearly two dozen buildings on the sprawling Dozier School campus. State officials closed the school for at-risk youth after a Federal Department of Law Enforcement and U.S. Department of Justice investigations confirmed students were brutally beaten and tortured throughout the institution's 111-year-old history.

A University of South Florida investigation found records of nearly 100 deaths from 1900 to 1973 at Dozier School. Two deaths were staff members and the rest were boys ranging from 6 to 18 years old. Historical records are incomplete and the causes and



Roger Kiser, center, stands in front of "The White House" as he recalls his time as an inmate at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys during ceremonies dedicating a plaque to the boys who were punished at the former reform school Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, in Marianna. [AP FILE PHOTOS]

manner of death are unknown.

At least 22 deaths in the records did not indicate a burial location. Other state-run institutions kept detailed records of burials on the property; Dozier did not mark graves.

The USF study alleged that poor record-keeping was an effort to cloud the true number of burials and hinder future investigations. The university's final report said 55 burial locations were exhumed at the Marianna school for forensic investigation.

The state issued a formal apology to victims — dubbed The White House Boys — in April 2017. Further legislation

was passed to ensure the 55 students exhumed during the USF investigation did not have to go back to the Dozier cemetery. The state approved \$1.6 million to re-inter the students with monuments at a perpetual cemetery in Tallahassee.

"The only family they have left are the White House Boys," said Jerry Cooper, president of The White House Boys Organization. "I fought like hell so that they didn't have to go back to that plot."

Because the reform school boys were beaten in a concrete building known as the "White House," they began calling themselves the "White



In this Oct. 21, 2008 file photo, Dick Colon, a member of the White House Boys, walks through gravesites near the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in Marianna. Several men who suffered through severe beatings at what's now called the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys believe the crosses mark the graves of boys who were killed at the school, victims of punishments that went too far.

House Boys later in life, and they had a bond that could never be broken or understood by outsiders. In fact, in 2010, when

67-year-old Frank Marx died of cancer in Sarasota, he was wearing his "White House Boys" T-shirt, the one that said

"Florida's Shame" on it. Marx insisted that he be cremated in it.

About 18 of the White House Boys showed up to receive the state's apology. Some accepted; some didn't.

In all, the school encompasses 1,400 acres. The state deeded the north and south campus — around 360 acres — back to Jackson County in 2017. County commissioners have discussed rezoning the property for commercial and residential usage.

The plan has stirred controversy among the White House Boys who don't want the crimes at the facility to be forgotten with time. Some have suggested the "White House" be preserved as a museum.

Cooper would like to see the building demolished. He is endorsing a plan to use part of the facility for a rehabilitation program to help autistic people in their 18 to 20s return to work.

The irony of his recommendation doesn't escape Cooper. He's met with city officials and residents to discuss hiring practices and school policies.

Florida State University is a big part of the plan, according to Cooper, who said, "I'll vouch for this."

He's written a letter of approval to Gov. Rick Scott saying the majority of the White House Boys are in favor of this.

"We hope that it will wind up being what they wanted it to be," Cooper said. "To turn something so evil into something so good."

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In storm's aftermath, heart of small community

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THEATERS: SHOW WILL GO ON AFTER MICHAEL — EVENTUALLY



Local resident Dennis Peak volunteered to help unload supplies at the old high school gym in Wewahitchka earlier this week.

[TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

Wewahitchka residents pull together



Hurricane Michael tore down trees near the Wewahitchka Elementary School. [TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

By Tina Harbuck
GateHouse Media Florida

WEWAHITCHKA — They may be small in number, but they're big in heart.

The residents of Wewahitchka, home of the Dead Lakes and Tupelo Honey, took a beating from Hurricane Michael but they are well on their way to getting back up and running.

The small fishing town of Wewa, located on the Chipola River about 25 miles east of Panama City and 20 miles north of Port St. Joe, found themselves

caught in the cross-hairs of the hurricane.

"It was a rough one. I don't want to see another one," said City Commissioner Johnny Paul.

Paul has lived in Wewa for 59 years, and said he had never left for a hurricane. However, Michael may have changed his mind.

"If there's an old thunderstorm coming up now ... I might leave," he said.

Paul, like most in the area, stayed in his home on State 71 across the street

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Traffic slows to a crawl

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PANAMA CITY — Even summer tourism traffic might be a welcome relief at this point.

In recent days, thousands of motorists have poured back into Panama City since Hurricane Michael struck last week, and in many cases slowed traffic to a crawl. Travel into Panama City has been made mainly one inch at a time. A simple 14-mile trek from Pier Park to Panama City on US 98 has taken up to two hours each morning this week.

"This is worse than tourist season," Jeff Rogers, spokesman for Gulf Power, said with a laugh. "It's Destin on steroids."

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'We wanted it to be a beacon of hope'

Tyndall airman, Panama City nurse married days after Hurricane Michael interrupted plans

By Jim Thompson
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FORT WALTON BEACH — Although buffeted by Hurricane Michael, U.S. Air Force Capt. Ryan Torres and Christina Blair found some solid footing for themselves, their family and friends Friday as they united in marriage.

The couple — he's a weapons evaluation engineer at Tyndall Air Force Base and she's a neonatal intensive care nurse at Gulf Coast Regional

Medical Center — had planned to be married at Out of the Blue, a Panama City Beach event venue. But after the hurricane caused significant damage to the venue, and interfered with the plans of vendors already contracted for flowers and other wedding accoutrements, that plan was thrown into chaos.

Until, that is, Torres and Blair — along with a very determined wedding planner, Kelly Henderson — decided there would, in fact, be a wedding, even as they were also working to recover from the hurricane.

"There were a lot of phone

See WEDDING, B2

Facebook group finds new purpose

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — Just a year-and-a-half ago, Laura and Chris Jennings began the All Things Panama City Beach group through Facebook, and soon gathered a following of over 16,000 locals and visitors who love Panama City Beach.

Now, with the town's sister city all but destroyed by Hurricane Michael, this shared love of Panama City Beach has been instrumental in helping people who have lost everything get something to wear, something to eat, and get back on their feet.

"I'd like to fix everything," Laura Jennings said, but realistically, "we really just want to help as much as we can and as many as we can ... whether that be feeding them, clothing them, getting them to the right people."

Once Hurricane Michael was upgraded to a Category 4 the night before the storm,

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Chris Jennings and fellow volunteers unload boxes of donations. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

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TWO DOGS RESCUED FROM HOUSE BOAT IN WATSON BAYOU

FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

TODAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly sunny, breezy and less humid today. Winds north-northeast 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight. Winds east-northeast 6-12 mph. High 72° Low 54° 6 a.m. Noon 6 p.m. 62° 68° 66° Winds: NE 10-20 mph	Partly sunny and pleasant 76°/63° Winds: E 7-14 mph	Periods of rain and a thunderstorm 75°/63° Winds: NE 7-14 mph	Delightful with clouds and sun 79°/63° Winds: E 7-14 mph	Rain and a thunderstorm 75°/60° Winds: ESE 8-16 mph

REGIONAL WEATHER



MARINE FORECAST

Offshore Northwest Florida
Today: Wind north-northeast at 12-25 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear. Wind east-northeast 12-25 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Partly cloudy.

Gulf Temperature: 82°

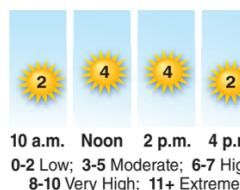
Tomorrow: Wind from the east at 8-16 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear to the horizon.

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Panama City
Temperatures
 High/low 87°/71°
 Last year's high/low 84°/62°
 Normal high/low 80°/59°
 Record high 89° (1985)
 Record low 42° (1977)
Precipitation
 Friday 0.00"
 Month to date 3.28"
 Normal month to date 2.40"
 Year to date 45.88"
 Normal year to date 51.39"
 Average humidity 76%

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MOON PHASES



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:48 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:05 p.m.
 Moonrise today 4:43 p.m.
 Moonset today 3:47 a.m.

BEACH FLAG WARNINGS



TIDES

Location	High	Low
Apalachicola	2:43a	9:00a
Destin	12:57a	3:00a
West Pass	9:02a	4:38p
Panama City	2:16a	8:33a
Port St. Joe	2:07p	8:43p
Okaloosa Island	9:06a	2:55a
Milton	10:17p	3:51p
East Bay	8:25a	2:13a
Pensacola	11:31p	3:08p
Fishing Bend	7:35a	2:06a
The Narrows	9:52p	3:44p
Carrabelle	3:10a	5:21a
	11:15a	6:59p
	2:14a	4:51a
	10:19a	6:29p
	1:30a	3:34a
	9:35a	5:12p
	2:11a	4:25a
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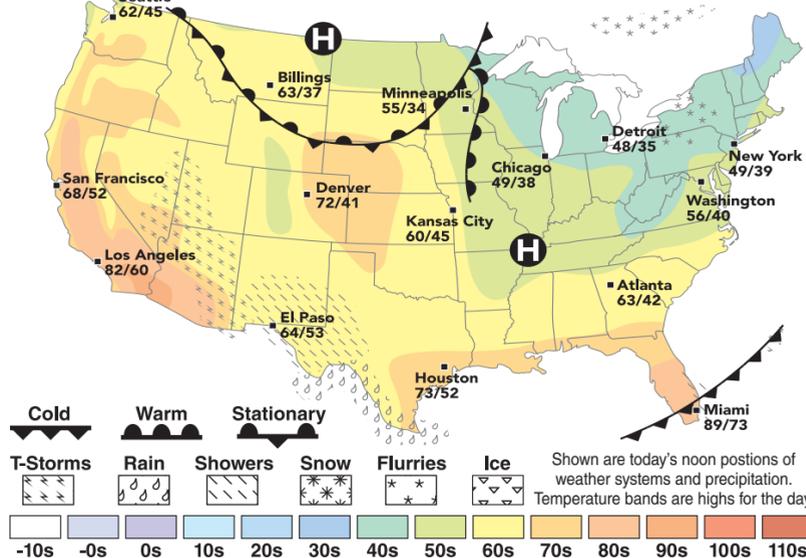
RIVER LEVELS

Through 7 a.m. Sat.	Level	Flood Stage
Apalachicola	12.44 ft.	15 ft.
Blountstown		
Choctawhatchee	8.24 ft.	12 ft.
Caryville		
Alabama		
Clairborne	34.70 ft.	42 ft.
Escambia		
Century	7.72 ft.	17 ft.
Tombigbee		
Coffeeville, AL	2.31 ft.	29 ft.

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Clearwater	81/66/pc	82/69/pc	Lakeland	81/61/pc	82/64/pc
Daytona Beach	75/64/pc	80/69/pc	Melbourne	82/70/pc	83/70/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	88/75/pc	83/73/pc	Miami	89/73/pc	83/72/pc
Gainesville	76/51/pc	79/60/pc	Naples	88/71/s	87/68/pc
Jacksonville	71/53/s	77/61/pc	Ocala	79/54/pc	81/61/pc
Jupiter	85/74/pc	81/74/pc	Okeechobee	83/66/pc	81/65/pc
Key Largo	86/77/pc	82/77/pc	Orlando	79/63/pc	81/66/pc
Key West	87/78/sh	86/77/pc	Palm Beach	85/75/pc	82/77/pc
Lake City	73/46/s	77/59/pc	Tampa	84/64/pc	84/67/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Baghdad	85/67/sh	89/69/s	Mexico City	67/54/sh	71/53/pc
Berlin	57/39/pc	52/39/r	Montreal	41/29/c	44/36/c
Bermuda	81/69/sh	75/68/pc	Nassau	88/76/pc	86/77/pc
Hong Kong	81/73/pc	82/74/pc	Paris	65/46/s	61/41/pc
Jerusalem	73/60/s	79/65/c	Rome	75/50/t	70/53/s
Kabul	71/40/s	72/39/s	Tokyo	70/57/s	70/58/s
London	64/43/c	55/44/s	Toronto	42/36/sf	52/38/c
Madrid	71/51/t	74/50/pc	Vancouver	58/42/pc	57/43/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	64/48/s	67/52/pc	Memphis	58/39/s	64/45/s
Anchorage	52/42/c	47/34/c	Milwaukee	50/37/pc	59/39/pc
Atlanta	63/42/s	68/48/s	Minneapolis	55/34/s	57/32/s
Baltimore	54/35/pc	59/42/s	Nashville	56/35/s	65/41/s
Birmingham	63/40/s	69/48/s	New Orleans	72/58/s	76/63/pc
Boston	50/34/s	52/42/pc	New York City	49/39/s	53/47/pc
Charlotte	60/36/s	64/42/s	Oklahoma City	64/46/pc	67/46/pc
Chicago	49/38/s	59/39/pc	Philadelphia	52/38/pc	56/46/s
Cincinnati	50/34/s	60/41/s	Phoenix	86/69/pc	85/69/pc
Cleveland	47/37/sf	56/44/pc	Pittsburgh	44/32/sf	54/40/pc
Dallas	66/47/pc	64/47/pc	St. Louis	55/41/s	68/43/s
Denver	72/41/s	68/44/pc	Salt Lake City	70/49/pc	66/49/c
Detroit	48/35/pc	54/39/pc	San Antonio	69/53/c	58/53/r
Honolulu	86/73/pc	87/75/pc	San Diego	76/61/s	74/60/pc
Houston	73/52/pc	66/53/r	San Francisco	68/52/s	65/51/s
Indianapolis	50/35/s	60/39/s	Seattle	62/45/pc	63/48/s
Kansas City	60/45/s	67/40/pc	Topeka	64/45/s	69/40/pc
Las Vegas	77/61/pc	78/60/pc	Tucson	82/64/pc	81/63/pc
Los Angeles	82/60/s	80/60/s	Wash., DC	56/40/pc	59/46/s



Ryan and Christina Torres of Lynn Haven celebrate after exchanging vows Friday at WaterVue in Fort Walton Beach. Hurricane Michael forced the couple to relocate their wedding from the Panama City area to Fort Walton Beach.
 [PHOTOS BY NICK TOMECEK/DAILY NEWS]

WEDDING

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calls, and trying to find people," Henderson said as she greeted guests prior to the Friday ceremony. That work was hampered, of course, by the spotty or nonexistent cell phone service in the area struck hardest by the hurricane. Nonetheless, the couple was able to book WaterVue, a Fort Walton Beach venue on Santa Rosa Sound, for Friday at a substantially reduced rate.

Other work by the couple and their wedding planner led to a number of area businesses providing services free of charge and on short

notice for the nuptials. In the wake of the hurricane, the couple were determined that the wedding should go forward, Capt. Torres said. "We wanted it to be a beacon of hope," Torres explained as he and his bride greeted guests outside WaterVue after exchanging rings. The idea, Torres said, was to show their guests, many of whom also are dealing with hurricane recovery, that it is possible to move beyond those circumstances. "We wanted to share that with everybody," he said. Christina Torres credited divine intervention with bringing the wedding together. "It's all God, I think," she said. "We're nothing without Him."



Ryan and Christina Torres of Lynn Haven pray during their wedding on Friday at WaterVue in Fort Walton Beach.

And even though Friday's wedding wasn't exactly what they'd planned, she had no complaints. "It's been amazing,"

she said. "It was perfect." The couple is facing something of an uncertain future. Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center sustained some damage during Hurricane Michael, and Tyndall Air Force Base, which took a direct hit, was all but destroyed. But the couple's Lynn Haven home escaped the storm virtually unscathed, apart from what the new Mrs. Torres described as "a few leaks." For the immediate future, though, the couple is going to try not to think too far ahead. They'll use their honeymoon trip to Europe as a chance to decompress. "We're going to be breathing. We're going to be praying," said Christina Torres.

TRAFFIC

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The heavy traffic has impeded some emergency personnel and repair crews from doing their jobs as effectively as possible, officials say. To make their return as smooth and safe as possible, residents are advised to go slowly, adhere to those directing traffic, be mindful of downed traffic signals and to stay off roads once they arrive where they're going. Rogers said the traffic has been an issue for the many linemen trying to restore power to the city and Bay County. To mitigate travel time, crews use police escorts if they need to get to an area as soon as possible, Rogers said.

"It is a challenge, but it's not hampering us," Rogers said of the traffic. Valerie Sale, spokeswoman for Bay County, said traffic had slowed county workers from cleaning up debris and helping restore services. "We need people to stay off the roads if at all possible," Sale said. Sale said there are still many inoperable traffic lights that motorists should look out for as they return. "You should treat those as four-way stops," Sale

said of downed traffic signals.

Sale noted that the state had sent more crews into the county on Thursday to help restore traffic signal lights.

"That should help alleviate a lot of those problems," she said.

Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford said that with the exception of Mexico Beach, motorists have full access to and from Bay County, albeit slow access because of the heavy traffic. Ford said Mexico Beach is the only area in the county still with checkpoints into it since the hurricane did so much damage there.

"There is a checkpoint being manned by National Guard," Ford said. "They're only letting in residents and relief aid workers."

Ford said returning motorists should be courteous with other drivers and to expect long travel times, particularly since some traffic lights are still down.

"At some intersections we've got Florida Highway Patrol directing traffic," Ford said.

Ford said the best thing motorists can do is avoid the county if possible so emergency and repair personnel can do their jobs.

"If you do not need to be in Bay County, don't be," he said.



Eastbound traffic moves slowly over the Hathaway bridge Oct. 19 in Panama City, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

Local theaters, art centers clear the decks for repairs

Productions, exhibitions canceled in wake of the storm

By Tony Simmons
The News Herald

Across Bay County, the community theater troupes and art gallery directors are attacking Hurricane Michael damage with that “break a leg” attitude: The show may not be on time or even what was advertised, but it will go on — eventually.

In Panama City, the Marina Civic Center is closed until further notice. All events have been cancelled until repairs can be completed, which may take several months, according to Bay Arts Alliance Executive Director Jennifer Jones. “As soon as we’re able to set up some sort of office, we’ll be updating status and answering questions,” she added.

Jason Hedden, head of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Gulf Coast State College, said Thursday he is unsure of the status of the arts department facilities at this time, but his students, cast and crew are in the early stages of planning some sort of public performance as soon as a venue and appropriate timing can be determined.

The Martin Theatre in Panama City is notifying those who had dates booked through the end of the year that they should find alternate venues. “As soon as we can pull it together, we will let everyone know what is going on,” according to a notice on Facebook.

Kaleidoscope Theatre in Lynn Haven was badly damaged, but board President Hillary McAlinden said the theatre will rebuild: “Our theatre is in shambles. Once everyone is done fixing their own house we will be hoping for your help as well,” she said. “We will rebuild and go back to bringing you quality theatre and an opportunity to be on stage. Theatre runs in our blood. Nothing will stop us.”

“‘Deathtrap’ has been cancelled,” said board member Lois Carter, referring to the show that was due to open this month. “‘On Golden Pond,’ scheduled for January, may be moved to a different date if we can find an available venue. We are perhaps crazily optimistic that we can rebuild.”

The Todd Allen Herendeen Theatre in Panama City Beach made it through the storm, but has postponed its Tribute to the Legends show originally scheduled for Oct. 20, citing the ongoing curfews; the show will now take place at the theater off Front Beach Road on Oct. 27. For details, visit ToddHerendeen-Theatre.com.

Meanwhile, Herendeen donated his outdoor tent — which he has used for traveling concerts and preaching — for use in the Tyndall Federal



The Martin Theatre in downtown Panama City is advising those who have booked the venue to seek alternate facilities until Hurricane Michael repairs are completed. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]



The Amelia Center Theatre at Gulf Coast State College may be temporarily closed, but the show will go on for student actors in other venues.

Credit Union parking lot in Lynn Haven to provide shade for those seeking assistance.

Historic Roberts Hall in Lynn Haven took significant damage. Volunteers are asked to help with cleanup and protecting the building off Florida Avenue from further damage. Tarps and boards are needed, along with cleaning supplies. Events planned there have been cancelled until further notice.

Area Fine Arts

Panama City Center for the Arts on Fourth Street had minimal damage, possibly in part because of a new roof recently installed. Director Jayson Kretzer said only two windows were broken during the storm, and the City of Panama City has supplied ventilators/

dehumidifiers to push air through the building and offset any chance of mildew.

“We are postponing some of our openings and classes, but are working on a Halloween event to lift spirits,” Kretzer said. “As far as when we will open, it will depend heavily on when we get power.”

Kretzer said children and adults alike need opportunities to express themselves through art, especially after experiencing trauma such as the community has suffered.

“It’s even more important when words may not come so easily in a time of trauma and uncertainty,” he said. “That’s why we are already working on new children’s programming and a new class schedule.”

Jones, who oversees the Center for the Arts, noted that Bay Arts Alliance is



The Marina Civic Center in Panama City is canceling or postponing scheduled shows until repairs are completed.

committed to resuming programming there as soon as possible.

“The city has been incredibly responsive to the cultural facilities while working to restore the utility and safety services they provide to the community,” she added. “We’re terribly grateful

and look forward to opening up and offering opportunities for the arts to be part of the recovery for downtown, the Arts District.”

The CityArts Cooperative building on Luverne Avenue weathered the storm well, according to director Heather

Clements: “It was built as an armory, so Mat and I rode out the storm there,” she said, referring to her husband, Mat Wyble, owner of Mat’s Good Coffee. The building sustained some broken windows and water damage, but all of the art in the Fringe Gallery inside appears to have gone unharmed.

“What gets us through such tragedy is our immense gratefulness that we have our lives and each other,” Clements said. “Never have I seen so much kindness among complete strangers. Everyone goes out of their way to ask how others are doing, if they need any food or water, or any help at all. Our community is more a community now than ever, as everyone is helping everyone.”

Floriopolis gallery in St. Andrews was not as lucky. According to founder Heather Parker, the building is not safe to enter. As assessments are completed, she’ll be able to share more information, but currently, the gallery remains closed.

“The roof blew off, and the ceilings and walls are actively collapsing,” Parker said.

The Palms Conference Center on Front Beach Road houses Beach Art Group and came through with very little damage, according to group president Helen Ballance. The group also has work displayed at Sheraton’s Bay Point Resort, but may not be able to open a new exhibit at the first of November, as planned.

“Of course we had to cancel all our programs for October,” Ballance said. “I have a new show at the (Panama City Beach Library) planned but it is not up yet. The Palms has been taken over by an emergency repair company; not sure when we get it back.”

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PURPOSE

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Jennings and her family made the call to evacuate. The family headed to New Orleans, but their town never left their thoughts.

Upon returning to Panama City Beach on Thursday, an outpouring of support began through the Facebook page. Within two to

three days, there were thousands of requests to donate money, deliver supplies, or volunteer.

"I would say that most of our crew is operating out of our neighborhood," said Jennings. "We've got tons of crews. People who are dropping stuff, people who are sorting stuff."

So far, the group has raised over \$15,000 in monetary donations, and tens of thousands of dollars worth of in-kind

donations. And every penny, says Jennings, has been redistributed right back into the hands of those in the community who need it most.

The group has received calls to help from Home Depot, Harley Davidson, Builders First, Tyson Foods, Jetboil, and Life Straw, and has partnered with Pens for Pals Organization, a 501(c)3 which assembles teams to provide long term disaster relief.

By the grace of their volunteers, the group has also been able to open two clinics and supply many others.

Jennings said she designed the online group to be a safe haven for Panama City Beach visitors and local business owners to discuss and collaborate, but had no idea it would one day turn into a huge logistical recourse after a natural disaster.

"We just wanted a safe place for open

discussion," she said, where tourists and locals could feel welcome.

But since the disaster, it has become clear to Jennings and her husband Chris that the page was destined for something much greater.

"I think this was meant to be in place so we can help our neighbors," she said. "I think there is always a bigger plan that we don't know about"

Jennings says right

now the group is looking to supply churches and continue their work with national contacts to increase the help funneling into the city.

Locals looking to help are asked to drop off donations to the Harley Davidson store on Panama City Beach Parkway. Others looking to donate, to help, or for help can contact the page directly at www.facebook.com/AllThingsPCB.



The bleachers on the visitors' side of the Wewahitchka Gator stadium were mangled and tossed on the field by Hurricane Michael. [TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

HEART

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from Rich's IGA and listened to the wind blow steadily for about three hours, ripping shingles and tar paper off the roof. At one point, he said, they got so scared they moved into the bathroom of the home.

"The wind was pure sucking the water out of the toilet," he said.

When it was all said and done, the Pauls had roof and water damage to their home as well as trees down, like most of the town. But as soon as the storm blew through, the people of Wewa came together and started sorting out their homes and their community.

"People grabbed chainsaws ... it wasn't planned. They all just went to work," said City Commissioner Charlie Pettis. "People with tractors started clearing roads ... some people were not even from here."

Pettis said most houses in Wewa suffered some kind of damage; however, the main infrastructure, stores and city buildings remained mostly intact.

Many of the huge oak trees and pines that make Wewa so quaint have fallen. Lake Alice Park, which is home to the annual Tupelo Honey Festival, has limbs down everywhere. Trees are down at Wewahitchka Elementary School on East River Road and the awning where school buses load and unload is missing.

Just beyond the elementary school at Wewa Gator football field, the bleachers were mangled by the storm and tossed into the middle of the field. The baseball/softball complex at the high school suffered at the hand of Michael as well, and the high school has roof damage on the back of the building.

Nevertheless, Gulf District Schools are looking to get back on track.

"On Monday, we're going to try and get (teachers) back and



Hurricane Michael ripped through Wewahitchka, tearing down trees and damaging homes. A neighbor helps Gene Hanlon put a tarp on his roof that was damaged by the hurricane. [TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

checking in ... the ones who are available to come back," said Bill Carr, assistant superintendent.

Carr said they hope to be able to have students back Wednesday.

"It's going to be different," he said, noting they may have a split schedule. But they are trying to provide some kind of normalcy for the children, he said.

In the meantime, Pettis said Wewa got city water back and up and running on Wednesday, and they hope to have electricity this weekend.

"People are helping everywhere," Pettis said as tears welled up in his eyes and he helped to unload a trailer that had just backed in at the old high school gym on Main Street.

"And they just keep bringing stuff in, and our people need it."

The old gym is being used as a drop-off center for canned goods, water and supplies. The need is great, but the heart of the little fishing community still beats strong.

"I can't speak good enough about our local people and the people coming in," Pettis said. "And I can't thank the people of Destin and Santa Rosa Beach enough (for bringing in everything from water, ice, food and more). ... We appreciate everything coming in."

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Daily New staff Report

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the bacteria that causes the red tide, which kills sea life and can cause breathing issues and skin irritation in humans, were measured in "high" concentrations off Santa Rosa County. This is the first time the high level, denoting *Karenia Brevis*, the bacteria responsible for causing red tide in Florida, is occurring in quantities greater than 1 million cells per liter of water, have been discovered in Northwest Florida.

Low to medium concentrations have also been discovered in Okaloosa and Walton counties. Reports of fish kills were recorded in Bay County.

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Search for houseboat dogs ends in success

By Alicia Adams
GateHouse Media

PANAMA CITY — When Carol Melody got a call saying her daughter Heather was arrested, she knew she could take care of herself. Then it hit her — what about her dogs?

Heather and her boyfriend were living on a boat on Watson Bayou in Panama City with her two dogs. They survived Hurricane Michael's wrath, but got in trouble after the storm passed.

According to Joann Lowe, the boyfriend's mother, the pair was picked up for possible looting. She says they were trying to take valuable items off a neighboring boat that started sinking in order to salvage them. The police didn't see it that way, and they were taken to jail.

"Wrong place, right time," Lowe said.

When Melody found out the dogs were stuck on the boat, in the middle of the bayou, with no food or water, she panicked. She lives in central Florida and couldn't travel to the Panhandle, so she called everyone she could think of.

Since most of the law enforcement in the area was focused on storm relief, she quickly hit a dead end.

On Tuesday, Melody called the Daily News to see if someone could help.

"There's two dogs. I know one of their names is Bella," Melody said. But she didn't have many other details. She knew the boat was probably old and its general location, but that was it.

"It's bad enough learning about my daughter, and now I have these dogs to worry about," she said.

Laurie Hood — the founder of Alaqua Animal Refuge in Freeport — and her team have been traveling to Panama City and other hard-hit areas

regularly since the hurricane to rescue as many animals as they could.

When she learned about these stranded dogs, she and other Alaqua volunteers went to look for the dogs, but were stymied by the number of boats in the bayou.

They tried again the next day, but to no avail.

That's when Lowe, who lives not too far from the bayou, spent her day tracking down the boat. And she found it in the middle of the water.

"I don't know how in the world anybody's going to get to that boat without another boat," Lowe told the Daily News on Wednesday. "I don't know what else to do. I could swim to the boat, but that's just scary as hell to me."

However scary she thought it was, Lowe decided to make the trip out to the boat that night. It was nearing a week and the dogs needed to be saved.

She and her son found some kayaks and paddled out to the boat about half a mile from shore.

"That one dog is huge. As soon as we got her in the kayak, she flipped us," Lowe said.

"We put the big dog back on the boat and paddled the (smaller) dog in. And then we went back, and my son had to paddle the kayak and pull us while I kept the dog (held) so it would be calm enough so she wouldn't tip us ...

"We did it. I couldn't believe we did it."

The dogs are now safe in Lowe's home, but since she has animals of her own, she was looking for someone to foster them. She got in touch with Hood, who agreed to take the dogs.

After a tragic week, at least one story has a happy ending.

"(I) needed a happy," Hood said.



The week-long search for a pair of dogs left alone on a house boat following Hurricane Michael ended in success. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

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A cadaver dog and its handler look for bodies buried in the rubble left from Hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach. [LANNIS WATERS/PBPOST.COM]

Hurricane Michael: Devastation could signal the death of a beach town

By Kimberly Miller
Gatehouse Media

MEXICO BEACH — Bubba Harmon gunned the front-end loader through downed power lines thick enough to push back at the Caterpillar before he could find a way through.

The city clerk followed behind, driving a wrecker fire truck he didn't know how to drive.

Hurricane Michael's winds still stung and chunks of houses blocked roads but Harmon, 63, knew the only way to get to the people in the condos was by brute force.

"Anybody there!" they yelled as they mined their way through the streets of Mexico Beach.

Harmon's back hurt like hell from an old injury, but what did that matter after the ocean rose like a mountain, wiping away his hometown like crumbs from a countertop.

"We ended up pulling seven people out from the second floor," said Harmon, a burly retired real estate business owner with a charming Southern drawl that turns McDonald's into MACDonald's. "The Caterpillar was the only way."

A week after Hurricane Michael destroyed 85 percent of the homes in the 1,200-resident town of Mexico Beach, the streets were clear and new power poles were raised in a ballet of synchronization. Four people were dead, two dug out from mangled homes just Tuesday, but as far as Mayor Al Cathey knew at the time, there was no one else unaccounted for.

As residents trickled back to empty beachfront slabs where homes once stood, Harmon opened his 160-acre estate with the driving range, putting green and Grecian-style home to become a staging ground for relief efforts. Trucks dug deep muddy ruts in the grass, helicopters landed and took off with a persistent thwack, thwack, thwack and celebrity chef Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen served pork sausage and chicken jambalaya with corn and peas.

The dizzying scene matched the state of the town — dumbstruck by the devastation and numbed by the thought of what happens next to the quiet fishing village with no stop light, big chain restaurants or towering condos.

Coveted land

Mexico Beach has held the line for so many years against development that tried to push its Goofy Golf and high-rise hotels east into Florida's Forgotten Coast.

Buffered by Tyndall Air Force Base to the west and the old paper mill town of Port St. Joe to the east, city leaders and community stalwarts like Harmon kept its shoreline for the generations that enjoyed a bit of Old Florida away from the Jell-O-shot Spring Break circus of Panama City Beach.

But those concrete-block homes built on the sand that were obliterated by Michael have to be rebuilt to Florida code, able to withstand 120-mph winds and 18-feet above sea level, said



Sitting in front of her condo in Mexico Beach Tuesday, Oct. 16, Susan Seagraves talks about her plans for the future after Hurricane Michael.



A house in Mexico Beach sends a plea to FEMA Tuesday, Oct. 16, after Hurricane Michael hit north Florida.



Janice and Charles Anderson of Thomasville, Georgia hunt for their possessions in the ruins of their neighbors' homes in Mexico Beach Tuesday, Oct. 16, after Hurricane Michael destroyed their own house.

Harmon, who owns a real estate business in town now run by his children.

Like the owners of the grandfathered-in trailers and homes in the Keys that were lost to 2017's Hurricane Irma, some Mexico Beach residents may find it unaffordable to rebuild.

One Realtor told full-time resident Susan Seagraves, 65, she started getting calls from developers less than a week following Michael's landfall.

"The vultures are already swooping in asking what kind of lots they can buy," Seagraves said. "Everyone wants a piece of the pie."

Hurricane Michael slammed into Florida's Panhandle on Wednesday, Oct. 10 around 2 p.m. as a 155-mph cyclone — just 2 mph below a Category 5 and with the third strongest wind speeds to hit the Sunshine State in recorded history.

Only the Labor Day Hurricane of 1935 and 1992's Hurricane Andrew had higher winds. In the continental U.S., Michael was the fourth strongest storm ranked by winds behind the Labor Day storm, Andrew and 1969's Camille, which made landfall in Pass Christian, Miss., as a 175-mph Category 5.

Michael's 45 mph gain from a Category 2 hurricane to a high-end Cat 4 in 24 hours is not unique — 2004's Hurricane Charley leapt 40 mph in the hours before it made landfall on Florida's southwest coast as a Cat 4.

But it was a shock to forecasters and Panhandle residents who went to bed with a Cat 3 and awoke to a monster.

Defenseless beach

Michael pushed a horrifying storm surge of up to 14 feet into Mexico Beach, an area especially vulnerable to a saltwater massacre.

There's a 160-mile fetch of the shallow continental shelf off Mexico Beach for storm surge to build. It is also a piece of the coast not protected by a barrier island and with a slightly concave shape that acted like a funnel for the rushing Gulf of Mexico, said Hal Needham, founder and president of the consulting firm Marine Weather and Climate.

"It really focuses the water. It was a great set up for a massive storm surge there," Needham said. "If Mexico Beach was a tiny island in the ocean the storm surge would veer off and go around it but with a bowl shape it's a focused push."

On Wednesday, Caron Spencer, 64, of Tallahassee saw what remained of her 1974-built townhome on the glistening Gulf for the first time after Michael. Her tiled downstairs floor was intact, but that was it.

Next door, Gene Strickland, of Woodstock, Ga., was looking at a similar blank slab, seeing for the first time what remained.

One street west, Janice and Charles Anderson, of Thomasville, Ga., had just pulled up to where their two-story home once stood.

"Is this your cooker?" 76-year-old Charles asked, holding up a red crock pot that was scattered in debris behind the lone corner wall that remained of their home. "This is our home, but our stuff is over here," said Janice, 75, pointing with one hand toward the Gulf and the other behind her to where her neighbor's home once sat.



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State seeks to bolster tourism after Hurricane Michael damage

By Jim Turner
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Visit Florida is moving forward with a \$9 million marketing plan to combat media reports and negative public perceptions about how much of the state remains in ruins from Hurricane Michael.

The tourism-marketing agency's executive committee voted Friday to support a plan that includes highlighting what has reopened in areas hit by the deadly Oct. 10 storm in Northwest Florida. The plan also seeks to call attention to other areas of the Panhandle, such as Pensacola, that were largely unscathed and deliver a message that "the rest of Florida is wide open for business."

"If we do not manage the customer perception, it could be very devastating to our economy if they think that (hurricane damage) is very widespread," said committee member Dan Rowe, president and CEO of the Panama City Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The marketing effort will feature domestic and international ads along with heavy use of videos on social-media sites showing what's open and the recovery efforts. It is seen, in part, as a continuation of ongoing work to address concerns of potential tourists about algae and red-tide problems in

waterways in Southeast and Southwest Florida this year.

Staci Mellman, Visit Florida's interim chief marketing officer, said the post-Michael effort will be layered on a planned \$500,000 campaign that is set to kick in once the red tide problems subside.

"It's all about maintaining Florida's brand perception and ensuring we stay a top tourist destination," Mellman told members of the executive committee during a conference call.

A goal for the agency is to find a balance in marketing what is open while being respectful to people in areas like Mexico Beach and Port St. Joe, which were decimated by the storm and face a long recovery. The agency also has to grapple with media images of storm-damaged areas.

Committee members balked at a proposal to prominently display on the Visit Florida homepage a map outlining areas of the state that are open and closed.

"The general perception is Florida is in a hurricane, a lot of damage happened and everything is closed," committee member Danny Gaekwad of MGM Hotels said as he unsuccessfully pitched the idea. "The best way to fight, to educate the customer on how big is Florida, is very simple, where the damage is and where the damage is not.

The airline is coming. The roads are open. Bridges are open. Points of interest are open. And that gives the best perception, I think, because we are fighting the media."

Committee members said such information will be on a webpage focused on Northwest Florida, but they don't want to highlight hurricanes on the homepage.

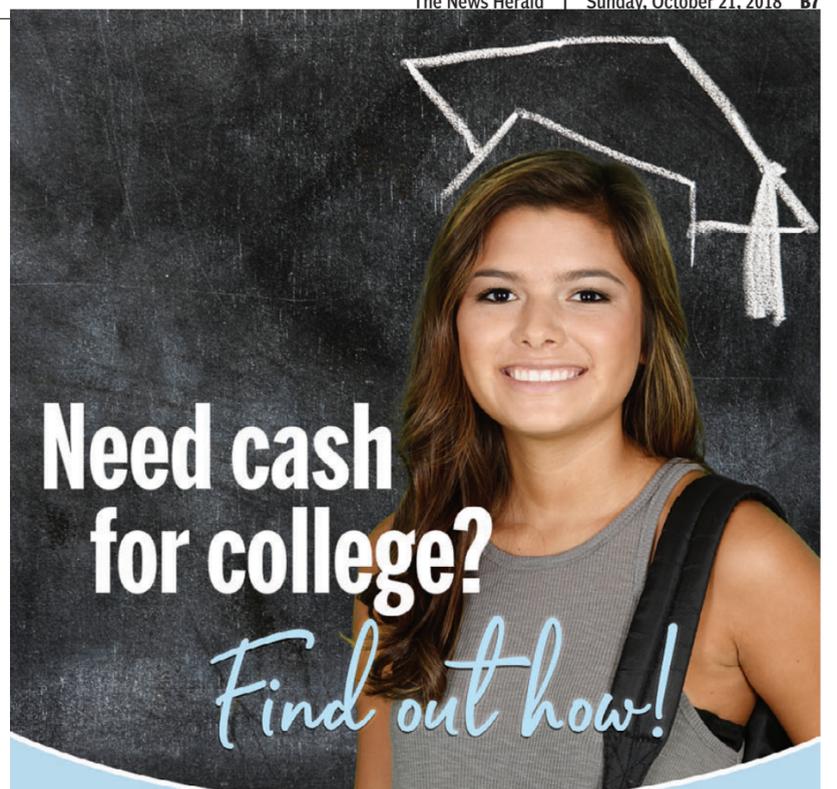
Visit Florida has contracted with the international public-relations firm Ketchum, and the state agency will begin working next week with tourism officials in four Panhandle counties — Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton — that were mostly unscathed by the storm.

The plan must still go before Visit Florida's Finance Committee as the agency determines where the money will come from.

Cynthia Hefren, Visit Florida chief financial officer, said the agency is looking at a "variety" of sources, such as \$1 million available for a crisis and shifting about \$1.3 million from the agency's uncontracted funds.

The agency received \$76 million from the state Legislature for the fiscal year that started July 1.

A year ago, Visit Florida enacted a similar \$5 million winter-marketing plan to promote the Florida Keys after the island chain was ravaged by Hurricane Irma.



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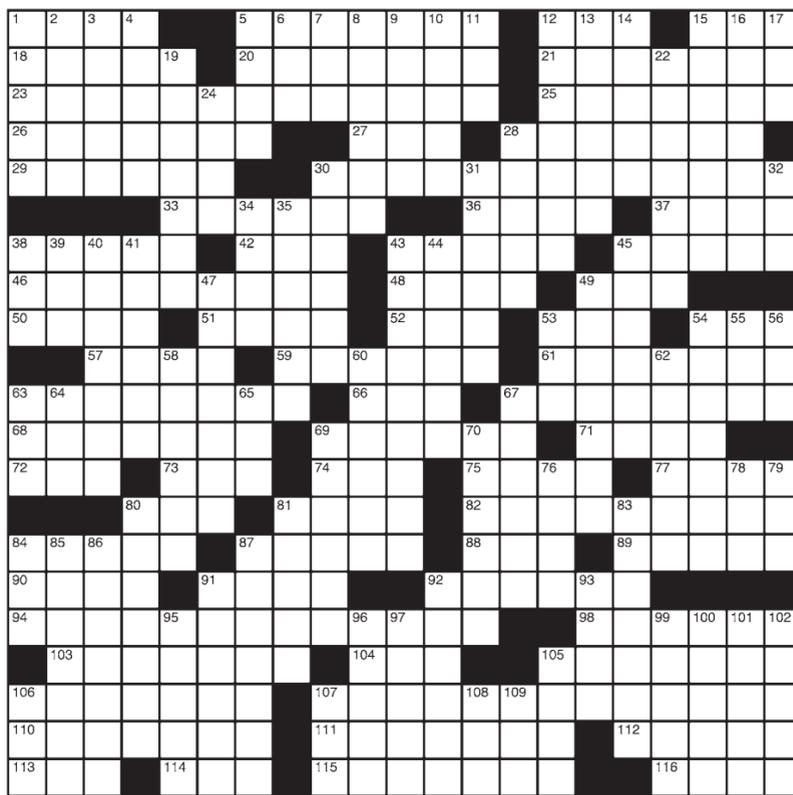
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 - PC linkup
 - Mexican mama bears
 - Slip away
 - Popular Oahu beach
 - Dollar for a shot?
 - "Hmm"
 - Dollars for shots?
 - Piles up
 - Captain Hook's creator J.M. ___
 - Eight furlongs
 - Caught
 - Erstwhile U.K. recording giant
 - Kind of trading, briefly
 - Sweet Sixteen org.
 - With the bow, in music
 - Of ___ mind
 - Qatar's capital
 - "Snow White" witch's download?
 - Refine, as ore
 - Stick on the grill
 - Beat it
 - Jamaican hybrid fruits

- Fine-tune
- China-related prefix
- Irritates
- Mud, slop, pig, etc.?
- Mist and such
- Show great respect for, perhaps
- Mythical flapper
- Gulf of Guinea country
- Easy time
- Sailing maneuver to avoid a pirate's threat?
- City on the Elbe
- Morning paper, e.g.
- "Gymnopēdies" composer
- French article whose singular form is "disconnected" from nine puzzle answers
- Newroom VIPs
- Boot protectors
- Smartphone component

- Down**
- Full range
 - "That's ___!"
 - Twists
 - Their pockets aren't deep
 - Dutch town
 - Geological period
 - Movement at a boring concert?
 - Twin-but-not-Twins' city
 - Half a fitness motto
 - Freezer ___
 - Allow
 - Window hanging
 - Where brownies come together
 - Wasp's weapon
 - Disc golf "ball"
 - More eccentric
 - WSJ news bit
 - Sets money aside
 - What an X may mark
 - Arm or chin follower
 - Bios unread by their honorees
 - Universal
 - Endemic
 - Neh. and Esth.
 - Penalty callers
 - Ric of The Cars
 - Opinion
 - French word in bios

- Home of Elaine, in Arthurian legend
- Forces fraudulently (upon)
- Vehicle hired to carry steeplechase horses?
- Tip for changing your answer?
- 61-Across wear
- Cavalier "My bad"
- Emotional wounds
- Iconic WWII island, briefly
- Unlike idioms
- Going by, for short
- Tip for solving in ink?
- Not in class
- Mystery award
- "Constant Craving" singer
- Carousel item
- Broody rock genre
- Long-running forensic series
- Put more varnish on
- Owie
- Not out-of-bounds, as a ball
- Goals
- Cost-of-living no.
- Photo possibilities
- Bama rival
- Tightly packed
- Some leave you powerless
- Miss, say
- "Tartuffe" dramatist
- Foes
- Cute calendar subjects
- Caught
- "Blah, blah, blah," briefly
- Tel ___
- Liszt work
- Middle Corleone brother
- Mezzo-soprano Anne ___ von Otter
- Part of a flower
- 100 Speak
- "Breaking Bad" toxin
- Benefits
- 18-Across and family
- Cholesterol letters
- Tigers' home: Abbr.
- Vardalos of film
- Bread, for stew



Pumpkins present a predicament for pair of petulant neighbors



Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I've had it up to here with my crabby next-door neighbor. She grows vegetables in her garden — squash and pumpkins at this time of year. Our properties are separated by a wire fence. A few days before Halloween last year, a friend brought her two grandsons, who are 4 and 6, for a visit. They were excited to find a

pumpkin in my yard that weighed about 10 pounds and managed to get it into my house because they wanted to make a jack-o'-lantern. No sooner did I reach for the phone to tell my neighbor what they had done than she came banging at my door accusing the boys of theft! To make peace, I handed the pumpkin to her with my apologies. This morning I noticed two pumpkins have tendrils that have crept through the fence and are now growing on my property. More than one person has told me, "They're on your property, so they belong to you." Another has said

that if my tree grows over her property, she has the right to trim the branches. Ergo: I get to keep the pumpkins. I think a fair solution is to keep one pumpkin and give her the other. But "Crabby Cathy" might have other ideas. Before this gets ugly again, what do you say? — PUMPKIN PILFERER IN PETALUMA, CALIF. **DEAR P.P.:** Your "crabby" neighbor was correct. Your friend's grandsons DID help themselves to her pumpkin, and it was wrong. You and your friend should both have apologized to the woman when you realized they had

purloined the pumpkin, returned it and taken the kids to the store to buy one they could cut up. If you pull the trick you're planning, it won't necessarily be a treat. You may escalate an already unpleasant situation beyond pumpkin season, and I don't recommend it. **DEAR ABBY:** I volunteer for a group that supports a cause close to my heart. Our group supports the local chapter in any way we can, and we're currently preparing for a fundraiser. In an effort to get donations I have contacted some large national businesses and some small local ones. I try to

send an email if I can, so I won't interrupt the owner during business hours and get an answer either when business is slow or after hours. Many of the small businesses have not responded, and it has been well over a month since I contacted them. Would it be rude to contact them again to ensure they received my original message, or would it be better if I went in person to talk to someone? I understand not every business can afford to donate, but having a definite answer would be helpful. — WEL-COMING DONATIONS **DEAR WELCOMING DONATIONS:** I have always

believed the personal touch is the best, particularly when you're putting a "touch" on someone for money. Businesses are often solicited for donations by mail and email, and the requests usually go straight to the trash. By paying a call on these businesses, if only to schedule an appointment so you can talk, you may have better luck. *Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — "Please show me how to do this for myself?" This is the request that will grow your skills, increase your personal power and ultimately give you more control over your destiny than you had before. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Purity-seekers will love your offerings today. From a sacred and remote place where few have ever been, you've cultivated something simple, authentic and innocent. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** — Love isn't often a loud expression, a big gesture or a showy offering. It's felt more than seen. "Love by the way you walk, the way you sit, the way you eat. This world very much needs love." — Thich Nhat **CANCER (June 22-July 22)** — You'll set out to get what seems like a very simple thing accomplished, but the people involved may make it more difficult than it needs to be. Apply flattery, sweetness and compliments to ease the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Hope can be a feeling or it can be an action. What you do today is proof that you believe that things are going to get better. In a quiet way, you are telling the world that the future is bright. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Complaining isn't entirely useless. At least it helps to crystalize into words what exactly the problem is. Next, gather up possible solutions and experiment. Change takes action. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — In a perfect world, you'd check in often with the many people you love, but your busy life does get in the way of these intentions. It's why you'll make extra efforts today to be sure you don't lose touch. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** — While it's certainly impressive to take on the elements of air, fire or water, today's most impressive feat will involve acknowledging those who walk with grace on the element of earth. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.**

21) — It can be much easier to give your kindness and compassion to the world at large than it is to give it to the familiar people with whom you've shared all sorts of good and bad history, or, for that matter, to give it to yourself. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You may be focused on improving yourself when actually what's needed has nothing to do with getting better at a thing, rather it's about letting go of the thing that's keeping you small. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Just like a snack food engineered for a crave-worthy balance of sweetness and saltiness, the balance of spice in your personality is getting someone addicted to you. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — If you're to have a peaceful influence on others, bringing yourself into harmony is an absolute must. Resolve whatever is between you and total acceptance of what is.

PET PEEVES

Special IDs not required for service animals



Dara Johns

Dr. Johns, What do you think of the idea that all service animals be AKC registered where it can be verified and certified? They could issue a patch for the vest that shows the public they are certified. **Adrian Winstead Crestview** **Dear Adrian,** Why are you suggesting AKC registration for service animals? Is it because you, like so many of us, are having trouble identifying service animals these days?

In today's world, "service animal" can have so many meanings. For help in defining a service animal, I went to the website for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights section. I discovered that on Sept. 15, 2010, the Department of Justice published revised final regulations for the Americans with Disabilities Act in the Federal Register. First, let's look at the definition of service animal. A service animal is defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. This includes dogs that guide people who are blind, alert people who are deaf, pull a wheelchair, alert and protect

a person from seizure activity, calm a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder during an anxiety attack, remind a person with mental illness to take their medicine, or dogs that perform other duties related to disabilities. These are working animals. The report states that, "Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA." Defining a service dog is important, because under the ADA, state and local governments, businesses, and non-profit organizations that serve the public generally must allow service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is normally allowed to go.

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Vernon shuts down error-plagued HC

The News Herald

BONIFAY — Vernon came into Friday's game against Holmes County riding the wave of four straight lopsided victories following a season-opening loss to Baker. It turns out not even Hurricane Michael was able to break up the Yellowjackets' momentum.

The Yellowjackets took advantage of six Holmes County turnovers to cruise to a 31-0 victory to improve to 5-1 on the season. The Blue Devils dropped to 2-5. Dyvion Bush led Vernon offensively, completing 5 of 8 passes for 159 yards with a touchdown and an interception while rushing seven times for 44 yards and another score.

K'wan Powell led the

Vernon rushing attack with 76 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries, with Christian Proctor and Keane Neal also adding touchdown runs. Vernon coach Gerald Tranquille said he thought the two-week layoff showed with his team early on, though it didn't take long for the Yellowjackets to regain their mid-season form.

"I told them that I knew we would start a little sluggish because we had to knock some of the rust off, but I was really proud of the effort," he said. "We weathered the storm early and finally found a groove in the third quarter. I was proud of how they responded after only two days of practice."

Powell got Vernon on the board first with a rushing

touchdown, followed by Proctor scoring from 8 yards out on a jet sweep to make it 13-0. A quarterback sneak by Neale from 3 yards out put the Yellowjackets up 19-0 at the break.

Bush helped Vernon blow the game open for good in the third quarter by hitting Demetrious Walston for a 25-yard touchdown and then adding a rushing touchdown to make it 31-0 in the third quarter.

Holmes County's offense was able to move the ball for much of the game, but the Blue Devils couldn't avoid the big mistake all night. Four lost fumbles — including two inside Vernon's 20-yard line — and two interceptions sabotaged every Blue Devils offensive threat.

"We didn't really help our own cause," Holmes County coach Kevin Womble said. "Vernon did what they've done all year, which is capitalize on mistakes and they did a good job of putting it in the end zone where we didn't. It's not a lot more complicated than that."

Vernon will play at Florida A&M next week before finishing the season at home Nov. 2 against Blountstown. The Blue Devils will finish the season with games at Marianna and at Chipley.

Lighthouse Christian Academy 47, Liberty County 38

For one half of football, Liberty County's return to the field couldn't have

possibly been scripted any better. And then the second half happened.

The Bulldogs surrendered a 32-6 halftime lead to suffer a stunning defeat at the hands of the Stingrays, who ran off 41 consecutive points to start the second half and take over the game. Liberty County fell to 3-5 with the loss, while Lighthouse improved to 3-4.

It was a disappointing finish to say the least for the Bulldogs, who were simply unable to sustain their first half energy for four full quarters, according to their coach Derek Causseaux.

"We just ran out of gas," he said. "That's what happens when you have 10 days out of school and only one practice

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Tigers stun Dolphins 24-21



Mosley's Don McKay Jr., wearing No. 5, slips tackles during the game against Pensacola on Saturday at Tommy Oliver Stadium.

[JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Mosley dealt heartbreaking loss in return to action

By Dustin Kent

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PANAMA CITY — Mosley and Pensacola put on a wild and exciting show for the many fans in attendance at Tommy Oliver Stadium on Saturday afternoon. In the end, the Dolphins weren't quite able to give their fans the fairy tale ending they were hoping for.

The Tigers rallied from an 18-6 halftime deficit to stun the Dolphins 24-21 and move into first place in the District 1-5A standings. With the loss, Mosley fell to 2-1 in league play and 6-2 overall. Pensacola is now 4-3 and a perfect 2-0 in the district.

A 19-yard touchdown pass from Tony Williams to Ernest Stallworth on a fourth-and-15 play with 31 seconds left in the game put Pensacola up for good, and a frantic finish by Mosley ended with a missed 41-yard field goal by Connor Cunningham as time expired.



Mosley High School students hold signs supporting Bay District Schools and the area code common in the hurricane-impacted area before Mosley plays Pensacola High at Tommy Oliver Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 20. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Daveno Ellington made a spectacular reception over two defenders for a 47-yard gain to the Tigers' 24-yard line with 3 seconds left to give Cunningham a shot. But

the senior kicker's attempt was pushed just right and the Tigers stormed onto the field to celebrate.

Mosley jumped out to the early lead with a 14-play,

67-yard opening drive, with a fake punt converted on a 15-yard pass from Josh Ligenfelter to Ellington setting up a

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Whitlow rushes for 170 yards in Auburn's 31-16 victory

The Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — JaTarvious Whitlow rushed for 170 yards on 19 carries as Auburn scored on three consecutive touchdown drives to open the third quarter Saturday and defeat Mississippi 31-16.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Tigers (5-3, 2-3 Southeastern Conference), who broke open a 10-6 halftime lead with the second-half surge. Auburn rolled up 484 yards in total offense in a turnover-free performance.

The Tigers put together scoring drives of 68, 75 and 62 yards to build a 31-9 cushion that was never seriously threatened. Anthony Schwartz recovered a fumble in the end zone after a 54-yard run by Whitlow while Malik Miller capped drives with scoring runs of 1 and 2 yards.

Whitlow added a touchdown reception of 3 yards from Jarrett Stidham and Anders Carlson converted a 28-yard field goal to build the halftime lead.

Stidham finished 13-of-22 passing for 215 yards.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Brewers roll, force Game 7

Milwaukee jumps out to early lead, pushes NLCS to deciding game

By Jay Cohen
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun slid across home plate and raised his arms in sheer joy.

A big lead, a bruising bullpen and a boisterous crowd have the Milwaukee Brewers all set up for Game 7.

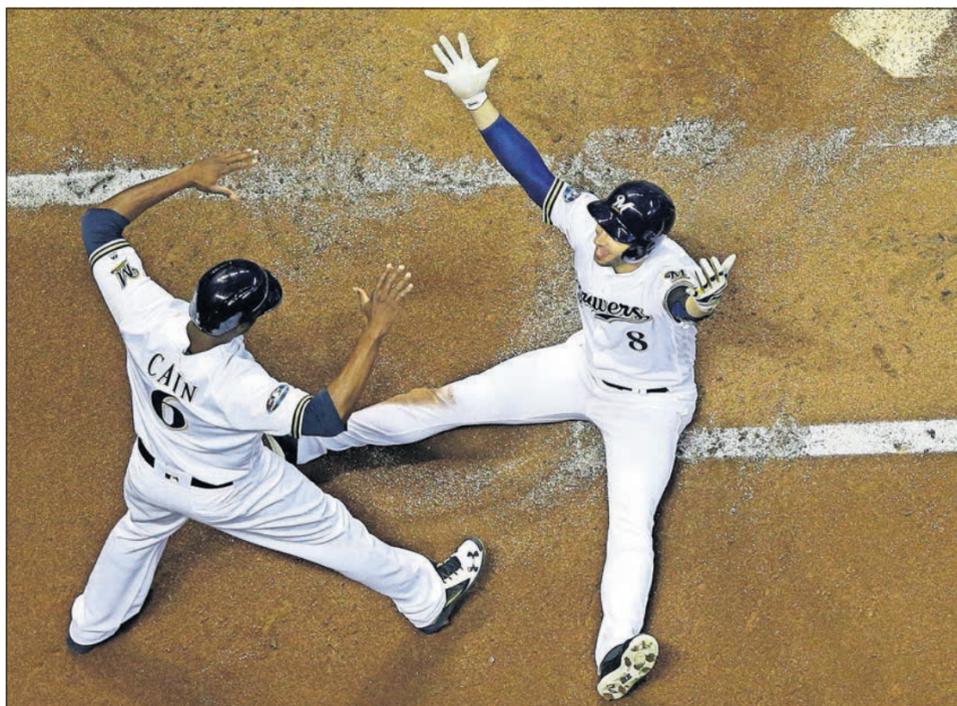
Jesus Aguilar sparked Milwaukee's slumping lineup with three RBIs on a pair of two-out hits, and the Brewers beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2 on Friday night to even the NL Championship Series at three games each.

"I don't think about me. The most important thing, at the end of the day, is win games," said Aguilar, who had driven in just two runs in the playoffs.

"Tomorrow it can be somebody else. Tonight, it was me."

Game 7 is Saturday night in front of the same frenzied crowd that booed Manny Machado vociferously after he tangled with Aguilar while the series was in Los Angeles. Dodgers rookie Walker Buehler faces journeyman Jhoulys Chacin, with well-rested relief ace Josh Hader looming in the bullpen for Milwaukee after a surprise day off.

It's the first Game 7 for the Brewers since losing to St. Louis in 1982 in their only World Series appearance. The



Milwaukee's Ryan Braun, right, celebrates with Lorenzo Cain after scoring on a ball hit by Jesus Aguilar during the first inning of Game 6 of the NLCS against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Friday in Milwaukee. [MORRY GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Dodgers dropped Game 7 of the World Series last year to Houston.

"Got to get them tomorrow. We got one more game," Machado said. "They played good baseball today. So, we just got to play a better one tomorrow."

David Freese led off this Game 6 with a home run that quieted Miller Park — but just for a moment.

Backed by raucous fans

waving yellow towels that read "ONE TOUGH CREW," Milwaukee rebounded from consecutive losses at Dodger Stadium with the same formula it used to win the NL Central during a breakout season.

Some timely hitting by Aguilar and company produced an early lead, and Corey Knebel and Jeremy Jeffress led the way in another shutdown performance by Milwaukee's

tough bullpen.

"Anybody, anywhere, anytime," Knebel said. "We're ready to go."

Los Angeles was looking for its second straight NL pennant and some time to prepare for the mighty Boston Red Sox in the World Series. But losing pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu was tagged for four runs in the first inning, two on a double by Aguilar that sent Braun sliding home.

Up next

NATIONAL LEAGUE
LOS ANGELES VS. MILWAUKEE

Tonight: Los Angeles (Buehler 8-5) at Milwaukee (Chacin 15-8), 8:09 p.m. ET

After Wade Miley pitched into the fifth inning in his second straight start — he faced only one batter in Game 5 — Knebel, Jeffress and Corbin Burnes closed it out with hitless relief. Knebel got the win and Burnes retired the Dodgers in order in the ninth, setting off a wild celebration for the crowd of 43,619.

Manager Craig Counsell considered bringing in Hader, especially in the eighth, but Aguilar scored on a wild pitch in the seventh and singled in Lorenzo Cain in the eighth. The extra room helped persuade Counsell to give Hader another day of rest. The rocket-armed reliever hasn't pitched since Tuesday in Game 4.

"Best-case scenario for sure for us," Counsell said.

Freese drove in both runs for the Dodgers. The rest of the Los Angeles lineup managed just three measly singles. Hounded by boos all night long, Machado went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts.

"You know what? I'm focused on the game," Machado said. "Try to go pitch by pitch, drive in runs. Do what we got to do on the field. We didn't execute today."

AUBURN

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Ole Miss (5-3, 1-3) moved the ball, accounting for 447 yards in total offense, but settled for three field goals on three tries in the red zone. Luke Logan converted field goals of 36, 37 and 35 yards, respectively.

Jordan Ta'amu was 27 of 46 for 324 yards with a 12-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Brown in the final period after Auburn had built an insurmountable lead. Brown finished with 10 receptions for 155 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Auburn: Defensively, the Tigers were brilliant when the game was still in doubt, limiting Ole Miss to field goals and forcing the ball over on downs twice. Deshaun Davis had 13 tackles, Nick Coe added three sacks and Marlon Davidson blocked a field-goal

attempt.

The Tigers face three ranked teams, including archival No. 1 Alabama in November, but the inspired performance should turn down the volume temporarily on Gus Malzahn's job status. The Tigers need one win to become bowl eligible.

Ole Miss: The Rebels moved the ball effectively, but failure to reach the end zone in three quarters prevented keeping pace with Auburn. The offense performed unevenly after last week's season-ending injury to deep-threat receiver D. K. Metcalf. The defensive unit was unable to get a stop during the crucial third quarter and finished without forcing a turnover.

UP NEXT

Auburn: The Tigers get an open date before hosting No. 17 Texas A&M on Nov. 3.

Ole Miss: The Rebels, after an open date, host South Carolina on Nov. 3.



Auburn running back JaTarvious Whitlow (28) runs past Mississippi defenders towards the goal line, before fumbling the ball into the end zone, during the second half of an NCAA college football game on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, in Oxford, Miss. Auburn recovered the fumble for a touchdown and won 31-16. [AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS]

MOSLEY

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2-yard touchdown run by Jacarri Greene to make it 6-0.

Pensacola later tied it up 6-6 when Keontrel Culpepper found the end zone from 4 yards out with 11:27 left in the second quarter. The Dolphins' defense then reclaimed the lead when Kendall Moore dropped Tigers running back Abram Smiley in the end zone for a safety with 8:21 on the second quarter clock.

Alex Noble returned the ensuing free kick 41 yards and Greene scored his second touchdown of the game from 8 yards out to make it 15-6. A 28-yard field goal by Cunningham on the last play of the first half gave the Dolphins an 18-6 advantage going into the break.

Mosley had a chance to build onto the lead to start the third quarter after recovering an onside kick. With a first down at the Pensacola 34-yard line, the Dolphins had a disastrous turnover, as a fumbled exchange on a hand-off between Michael Maddox and Greene was scooped up by JaRod Nobles and returned 61 yards for the touchdown to make it 18-12.

The Tigers tied the game up with a 2-yard touchdown run by Smiley with 10:20 left in the fourth quarter. Alex Noble



Mosley running back Jacarri Greene drags Pensacola tacklers along during Saturday's game. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

returned the ensuing kickoff 61 yards to set the Dolphins up with great field position, but a 32-yard field goal attempt by Cunningham was no good. The Dolphins got another chance in the red zone following an interception by freshman Josiah McCall that set Mosley up at the Pensacola 18-yard line.

This time Cunningham's kick was true from 27 yards out to give the Dolphins a 21-18 edge with 2:16 remaining. Out of timeouts, the Tigers marched right back down the field into scoring position thanks to a 35-yard pass connection from Williams to Stallworth up to the Mosley 24-yard line.

A sack by Nick Smith on third-and-8 from the Mosley

12-yard line knocked the Tigers back to the 19 for fourth down. Williams then put a ball up into the back right corner of the end zone and Stallworth made a terrific catch in traffic for the go-ahead touchdown.

Williams finished 7 of 17 passing for 117 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions, with Stallworth catching six passes for 106 yards. Williams also rushed 18 times for 58 yards. Maddox completed 8 of 17 passes for 105 yards with an interception. Don McKay led the Mosley rushing attack with 92 yards on 14 carries, while Greene rushed 22 times for 68 yards and two touchdowns. Ellington had three receptions for 81 yards.

FOOTBALL

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and you try to get out there. Guys were excited to go play again and hyped about that. We had that good energy and good vibes and it was going good there for the first half.

"I told the guys we shouldn't have went in and sat down at halftime. When they stood back up, the cramps started and everything else. The defense couldn't

even tackle. We were just gassed and couldn't make a play."

Senior quarterback Brady Peddie had a big night for the Bulldogs, tossing four touchdown passes and rushing for another. Austin Waller caught two of the touchdowns, with Crisanto Rangel catching another. TyTy Brags had a receiving touchdown and also added a defensive touchdown on a scoop and score.

While the loss was devastating in a football context, Causseaux said it meant a lot

to both the players and the coaches simply to be playing football at all.

"We were excited just to be able to get back on the field and play," he said. "We thought the season was over. Now we have an opportunity to get back out there and finish out the season and we're pretty happy about that. We've got two more weeks and two chances to get a win."

Liberty County will take on Chipley next week and finish the season Nov. 2 against Sneads.



WEEK 7



Thursday's game

Broncos 45, Cardinals 10: Denver overwhelmed Josh Rosen and Arizona, leading 35-3 at halftime.

AFC AT A GLANCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	4	2	0	.667	176	148	4-0-0	0-2-0	4-1-0	0-1-0	1-0-0
Miami	4	2	0	.667	130	145	3-0-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	165	139	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	76	138	1-1-0	1-3-0	1-3-0	1-1-0	0-0-0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Tennessee	3	3	0	.500	87	107	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Houston	3	3	0	.500	135	137	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	109	126	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
Indianapolis	1	5	0	.167	152	180	0-2-0	1-3-0	0-4-0	1-1-0	0-1-0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	174	158	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	153	77	2-0-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	0-0-0	1-2-0
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	.583	171	154	1-2-0	2-0-1	1-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-1
Cleveland	2	3	1	.417	128	151	2-1-1	0-2-0	2-2-1	0-1-0	1-0-1

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	215	172	2-0-0	3-1-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
L.A. Chargers	4	2	0	.667	175	144	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Denver	3	4	0	.429	165	164	2-2-0	1-2-0	1-3-0	2-1-0	1-1-0
Oakland	1	5	0	.167	110	176	1-2-0	0-3-0	1-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0

AFC STAT LEADERS

QUARTERBACKS					PUNT RETURNERS						
Name	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int	Name	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Rhishirbrg, PIT	261	170	2033	12	6	Roberts, NYJ	11	237	21.5	78	1
Mahomes, KC	212	135	1865	18	4	Grant, MIA	8	143	17.9	71	1
Watson, HOU	217	140	1798	9	7	D. King, LAC	10	153	15.3	56	0
Luck, IND	288	186	1792	16	8	Harris, OAK	8	121	15.1	49	0
Flacco, BAL	264	164	1788	9	4	Switzer, PIT	10	103	10.3	22	0
D. Carr, OAK	233	167	1783	7	8	Ervin, HOU	16	146	9.1	27	0
P. Rivers, LAC	194	133	1702	15	3	Ti. White, BAL	9	75	8.3	14	0
Keenum, DEN	233	147	1687	7	8	Peppers, CLE	13	100	7.7	33	0
Bortles, JAC	237	145	1674	9	8	Mickens, JAC	12	59	4.9	16	0
Dalton, CIN	229	149	1674	14	7						

RUSHERS					KICKOFF RETURNERS						
Name	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Name	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Gordon, LAC	91	466	5.1	34	6	Erickson, CIN	8	277	34.6	51	0
K. Hunt, KC	103	456	4.4	45	4	Grant, MIA	11	378	34.4	102	11
Conner, PIT	103	453	4.4	30	7	Ervin, HOU	10	253	25.3	36	0
Crowell, NYJ	70	430	6.1	77	5	Peppers, CLE	11	241	21.9	28	0
Michel, NE	91	400	4.4	34	4	Switzer, PIT	14	296	21.1	35	0
C. Hyde, CLE	114	382	3.4	22	5	Pascal, IND	9	182	20.2	28	0
Lynch, OAK	90	376	4.2	52	3	Roberts, NYJ	11	206	18.7	28	0
Lindsay, DEN	61	346	5.7	53	1						
Mixon, CIN	71	336	4.7	31	2						
Powell, NYJ	75	323	4.3	38	0						

RECEIVERS					
Name	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Hopkins, HOU	44	657	14.9	49	3
T. Hill, KC	34	567	16.7	75	6
S-Schstr, PIT	42	561	13.4	67	2
Sanders, DEN	40	501	12.5	43	2
A. Green, CIN	33	494	15.0	38	5
A. Brown, PIT	40	478	12.0	48	6
Kelce, KC	33	468	14.2	40	3
Boyd, CIN	37	455	12.3	49	4
K. Allen, LAC	36	434	12.1	25	1
Brown, BAL	21	424	20.2	71	3

NFC AT A GLANCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Washington	3	2	0	.600	106	104	2-1-0	1-1-0	3-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	123	103	3-0-0	0-3-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-0-0
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	137	117	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-0-0
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	.167	117	162	0-3-0	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-1-0	0-2-0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	180	140	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Carolina	3	2	0	.600	121	114	3-0-0	0-2-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	141	173	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
Atlanta	2	4	0	.333	167	192	2-2-0	0-2-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	2-1-0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	139	96	2-0-0	1-2-0	3-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
Minnesota	3	2	1	.583	140	148	2-1-0	1-1-1	3-1-1	0-1-0	0-0-1
Green Bay	3	2	1	.583	148	144	3-0-1	0-2-0	2-2-1	1-0-0	1-1-1
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	125	137	2-1-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	1-0-0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
L.A. Rams	6	0	0	1.000	196	118	3-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	143	117	1-1-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
San Francisco	1	5	0	.167	148	179	1-1-0	0-4-0	1-3-0	0-2-0	0-1-0
Arizona	1	6	0	.143	92	184	0-4-0	1-2-0	1-5-0	0-1-0	1-2-0

NFC STAT LEADERS

QUARTERBACKS					PUNT RETURNERS						
Name	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int	Name	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Rodgers, GBY	254	156	1997	12	1	Natson, LA	10	170	17.0	60	0
Ryan, ATL	224	156	1956	14	2	Cohen, CHI	12	146	12.2	42	0
Goff, LA	194	134	1928	12	5	Kirk, ARI	8	61	7.6	44	0
Cousins, MIN	260	185	1921	12	3	Lockett, SEA	13	86	6.6	19	0
Manning, NYG	230	158	1662	6	4	Austin, DAL	10	58	5.8	22	0
Brees, NOR	190	148	1658	11	0	Agnew, DET	7	39	5.6	16	0
Stafford, DET	191	126	1385	10	5	Hardy, ATL	9	43	4.8	14	0
Fitzpatrick, TAM	129	87	1356	11	5						
Wilson, SEA	165	106	1308	13	4						
Trubisky, CHI	161	113	1261	11	4						

RUSHERS					KICKOFF RETURNERS						
Name	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Name	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Gurley, LA	129	623	4.8	29	9	D. Reed, SNF	11	332	30.2	90	0
E. Elliott, DAL	117	586	5.0	41	3	Countess, LA	9	233	25.9	40	0
Barkley, NYG	84	438	5.2	68	4	M. Hall, ATL	9	232	25.8	53	0
Breida, SNF	63	430	6.8	66	2	Ta. Hill, NOR	7	170	24.3	47	0
Carson, SEA	78	352	4.5	24	1	Lockett, SEA	8	182	22.8	42	0
McCaffrey, CAR	71	349	4.9	45	0						
Peterson, WAS77	339	4.4	41	3							
Kamara, NOR	62	299	4.8	49	5						
Johnson, ARI	92	296	3.2	21	5						
Johnson, DET	50	286	5.7	32	1						

RECEIVERS					
Name	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Thielen, MIN	58	712	12.3	68	4
Ju. Jones, ATL	44	708	16.1	58	0
D. Adams, GBY	47	557	11.9	51	6
R. Woods, LA	36	524	14.6	36	3
Thomas, NOR	46	519	11.3	35	3
Beckham, NYG	45	506	11.2	33	1
Cooks, LA	28	505	18.0	57	1
Jackson, TAM	21	501	23.9	75	3
M. Evans, TAM	33	484	14.7	51	3
Ertz, PHL	48	480	10.0	34	2

NUMBER TO KNOW

5: Number of teams Tom Brady has never lost to in his NFL career — including the Chicago Bears, the Patriots' opponent on Sunday.

GAME PREVIEWS For broadcast information on teams of area interest, check TV/radio listings.



Titans (3-3) vs. L.A. Chargers (4-2)

When: Sunday (in London), 9:30 a.m. ET
Opening line: Chargers by 7
Series record: Chargers lead 27-17-1
Last meeting: Chargers beat Titans 43-35, Nov. 6, 2016
Last week: Titans lost to Ravens 21-0; Chargers beat Browns 38-14
Notes: Chargers have won 10 of last 11 in series.



Vikings (3-2-1) at N.Y. Jets (3-3)

When: Sunday, 1 p.m. ET
Opening line: Vikings by 3 ½
Series record: Jets lead 8-2
Last meeting: Vikings beat Jets 30-24, OT, Dec. 7, 2014
Last week: Vikings beat Cardinals 27-17; Jets beat Colts 42-34
Notes: Teams square off for 11th time, with New York undefeated at home in series (5-0).

SCOREBOARD



This June 24, 2010, photo shows John Isner and Nicolas Mahut posing next to the scoreboard following their record-breaking men's singles match at Wimbledon.

[ALASTAIR GRANT/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Wimbledon will introduce final-set tiebreakers in '19

By Chris Lehourites
The Associated Press

LONDON — That epic 70-68 fifth set at Wimbledon will never be matched or surpassed, or even challenged.

The All England Club said Friday it will introduce final-set tiebreakers next year, starting when the score reaches 12-12 in the decider.

The grass-court Grand Slam tournament is the second of the four majors to use a final-set tiebreaker to determine a singles match — either the fifth set in a men's match or the third set for the women. The U.S. Open, however, starts its final-set tiebreakers at 6-6.

At the Australian Open and the French Open, players still have to win by two games in the final set in singles matches.

"Our view was that the time had come to introduce a tie-break method for matches that had not reached their natural

conclusion at a reasonable point during the deciding set," Wimbledon chairman Philip Brook said in a statement.

In a tiebreaker, the first player to get seven points — leading by at least two points — wins the set.

In 2010, John Isner and Nicolas Mahut played the longest match in tennis history at Wimbledon. The match took more than 11 hours and lasted over three days before Isner won 70-68 in the final set.

According to Wimbledon CEO Richard Lewis, many players were in favor of the change.

"There were mixed views, it's fair to say. But predominantly, players favored the final-set tiebreak," Lewis said. "They recognize the quality of tennis goes down, players start playing not to lose rather than the excitement or the determination to win. And they recognize it affects the quality of the matches on subsequent rounds."

Mack embraces challenge at Louisville

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mack embraces challenge at scandal-plagued Louisville Chris Mack expected big changes when he left a school coming off a NCAA Tournament No. 1 seeding for scandal-plagued program with a rich basketball tradition.

Louisville's first-year coach hit the ground running after leaving Xavier, attracting several transfers to supplement the Cardinals' reserve holdovers. Mack's challenge will be melding them into a cohesive rotation he hopes can be competitive.

"We've got a lot to learn, but I've seen a lot of growth in our team over the last two-and-a-half, three weeks," Mack said during Friday's media day. "There's a lot more to come, but the attitude's been great. I think our guys are improving, and their willingness to improve has been really impressive."

"We have one of the toughest schedules in the entire country, so our resiliency will be tested, our ability will be tested. And that's a good thing."

Mack, 48, takes over Louisville after going 215-97 in nine seasons at Xavier with eight NCAA Tournament appearances. The Musketeers went 29-6 last season and earned their first No. 1 tournament seeding before losing in the second round to Florida

State.

Louisville hired Mack in late March to replace interim coach David Padgett, who led the team to a 22-14 finish and the NIT quarterfinals. Padgett replaced Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino, who was fired for cause last October in the wake of the school's involvement in a federal corruption investigation of college basketball.

Mack said he has followed the ongoing trial in New York and will deal with any possible NCAA scrutiny when it happens. Right now, he said "I only want to make sure we're ready to go in the opener" on Nov. 8 against Nicholls State.

Louisville has faced an uphill battle toward that end.

Besides losing four of its top five scorers and nearly 23 combined rebounds per game, the Cardinals also lost a lot of size and length. Junior wing V.J. King (8.6 points per game), guards Darius Perry and Dwayne Sutton and 6-foot-11 sophomore Malik Williams are back, but Mack spent his early months filling openings with seasoned veterans.

The Cardinals landed graduate transfers guards such as Christen Cunningham (Samford) and Khwan Fore (Richmond) while luring 6-8 Akoy Agau back for a second stint in the program. Also eligible after sitting out last year per NCAA transfer rules is 6-10 junior Steven Enoch (Connecticut).

PRO BASEBALL

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
All games on TBS
BOSTON 4, HOUSTON 1
Oct. 13: Houston 7, Boston 2
Oct. 14: Boston 7, Houston 5
Oct. 16: Boston 8, Houston 2
Oct. 17: Boston 8, Houston 6
Thursday: Boston 4, Houston 1

National League

Fox and FS1
L.A. DODGERS 3, MILWAUKEE 3
Oct. 12: Milwaukee 6, Los Angeles 5
Oct. 13: Los Angeles 4, Milwaukee 3
Oct. 15: Milwaukee 4, Los Angeles 0
Oct. 16: Los Angeles 2, Milwaukee 1, 13 innings
Oct. 17: Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 2
Friday: Milwaukee 7, Los Angeles 2
Today: Los Angeles (Buehler 8-5) at Milwaukee (Chacin 15-8), 8:09 p.m.

NLCS GAME 6: BREWERS 7, DODGERS 2

LOS ANGELES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Freese 1b	3	1	2	2	0	0	.250
Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Flores p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Ferguson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
c-Grandal ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Muncy 2b-1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.167
Turner 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Machado ss	4	0	0	0	2	2	.261
Bellinger cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.190
Taylor lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.350
b-Pederson ph-1f	1	0	0	0	1	2	.250
Puig rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Barnes c	3	0	0	0	2	1	.143
Maeda p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Hill p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
g-Kemp ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Ryu p	1	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Urias p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
a-Dozier ph-2b	1	1	0	0	0	0	.111
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	2	9	

MILWAUKEE AB R H BI BB SO AVG.

Cain cf	5	2	2	0	1	1	.276
Yelich rf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.167
Braun lf	4	2	1	1	2	2	.280
Shaw 2b	3	0	0	0	2	2	.200
f-Perez ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.125
Aguiar 1b	4	2	3	1	1	1	.318
Moustakas 3b	4	1	1	1	2	2	.120
Kratz c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.154
d-Granderson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Pina c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Arcia ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.318
Miley p	2	0	0	0	1	5	.500
Knebel p	1	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Jeffress p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
e-Santana ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.400
Burnes p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
TOTALS	35	7	11	6	13	9	

LOS ANGELES 100 010 000-2 5 0

MILWAUKEE 410 000 11X-7 11 0
a-walked for Urias in the 5th. b-hit by pitch for Taylor in the 6th. c-flied out for Ferguson in the 7th. d-struck out for Kratz in the 7th. e-struck out for Jeffress in the 7th. f-out on batter's choice for Shaw in the 8th. g-popped out for Hill in the 9th. LOB—Los Angeles 6, Milwaukee 11. 2B—Freese (1), Yelich (1), Braun (2), Aguiar (2) (3), Moustakas (1). HR—Freese (1), off Miley. RBIs—Freese 2 (2), Braun (4), Aguiar (3) (4), Moustakas (1), Kratz (1). Runners left in scoring position—Los Angeles 2 (Freese, Machado); Milwaukee 6 (Moustakas 2, Miley, Knebel 2, Santana). RISP—Los Angeles 0 for 3; Milwaukee 5 for 16.

Runners moved up—Yelich, Shaw, Arcia.

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ryu, L, 0-1	3	7	5	2	3	57	8.59	
Urias	1	0	0	0	2	16	3.00	
Wood	1	0	0	0	3	23	2.70	
Flores	2	1	0	0	0	14	0.00	
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	1	3	0.00	
Maeda	1	2	2	2	1	28	6.75	
Hill	1	1	0	0	1	17	1.50	
MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Miley	4.1	5	2	2	2	4	87	1.80
Knebel, W, 1-0	1.2	0	0	0	2	25	14.42	
Jeffress, H, 2	1	0	0	0	1	13	5.40	
Burnes	2	0	0	0	2	24	3.60	

Maeda pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

Inherited runners scored—Ferguson 1-0, Hill 1-1, Knebel 2-0. HBP—Wood (Kratz), Knebel (Pederson). WP—Maeda. Umpires—Home, Brian Gorman; First, Greg Gibson; Second, Alan Porter; Third, Gerry Davis; Right, Jim Wolf; Left, Hunter Wendelstedt. T—3:34. A—43,619 (41,900).

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

(All games televised on FOX)

BOSTON VS. NL CHAMPION

Tuesday: Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner at Boston, 8:09 p.m.

Wednesday: National League winner at Boston, 8:09 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26: Boston at NL winner, 8:09 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27: Boston at NL winner, 8:09 p.m.

x-Sunday, Oct. 28: Boston at NL winner, 8:15 p.m.

x-Tuesday, Oct. 30: NL winner at Boston, 8:09 p.m.

x-Wednesday, Oct. 31: NL winner at Boston, 8:09 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THE AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

Today's Games

No. 1 Alabama at Tennessee, 3:30 p.m.

No. 2 Ohio State at Purdue, 7:30 p.m.

No. 3 Clemson vs. No. 16 North Carolina State, 3:30 p.m.

No. 5 LSU vs. No. 22 Mississippi State, 7 p.m.

No. 6 Michigan at No. 24 Michigan State, noon

No. 9 Oklahoma at Texas Christian, noon

No. 10 Central Florida at East Carolina, 7 p.m.

No. 12 Oregon at No. 25 Washington St., 7:30 p.m.

No. 14 Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt, 7:30 p.m.

No. 15 Washington vs. Colorado, 3:30 p.m.

No. 18 Penn State at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.

No. 19 Iowa vs. Maryland, noon

No. 20 Cincinnati at Temple, noon

No. 21 South Florida vs. UConn, 7 p.m.

No. 23 Wisconsin vs. Illinois, noon

RESULTS/SCHEDULE

All times Eastern (Subject to change)

Thursday's Games

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas State 51, Georgia State 35

FAR WEST

Stanford 20, Arizona State 13

Friday's Games

EAST

Yale 23, Penn 10

FAR WEST

Boise State 56, Colorado State 28

Air Force 41, UNLV 35

Today's Games

EAST

Miami (Ohio) (3-4) at Army (4-2), noon

Lafayette (1-5) at Bucknell (1-6), noon

Princeton (5-0) at Harvard (3-2), 1 p.m.

Central State (Ohio) (3-4) at Robert Morris (0-5), noon

Northwestern (3-3) at Rutgers (1-6), noon

Duquesne (4-3) at St. Francis (Pa.) (2-4), noon

Cincinnati (6-0) at Temple (4-3), noon

N. Carolina (4-2) at Syracuse (4-2), 12:20 p.m.

Cornell (2-3) at Brown (1-4), 1 p.m.

Sacred Heart (3-3) at Central Conn. (4-3), 1 p.m.

Bryant (4-2) at Fordham (1-5), 1 p.m.

Davidson (5-2) at Marist (2-4), 1 p.m.

Campbell (5-1) at Monmouth (NJ) (4-2), 1 p.m.

Dartmouth (5-0) at Columbia (3-2), 1:30 p.m.

Lehigh (1-5) at Georgetown (3-4), 2 p.m.

Towson (5-1) at Albany (NY) (2-4), 3:30 p.m.

Houston (5-1) at Navy (2-4), 3:30 p.m.

Delaware (4-2) at Duke (5-1), 12:30 p.m.

Coastal Carolina (3-3) at UMass (2-5), 3:30 p.m.

Rhode Island (4-2) at Stony Brook (5-2), 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Auburn (4-3) at Mississippi (5-2), noon

Virginia (4-2) at Virginia Tech (5-1), 12:30 p.m.

Richmond (3-4) at Elon (4-2), 1:30 p.m.

Delaware State (0-6) at SC State (1-5), 1:30 p.m.

The Citadel (1-4) at VMI (0-6), 1:30 p.m.

ETSU (6-1) at Wofford (4-2), 1:30 p.m.

Samford (3-4) at Furman (2-3), 2 p.m.

Idaho State (4-2) at Liberty (3-3), 2 p.m.

Valparaiso (1-5) at Morehead State (2-4), 2 p.m.

NC Central (2-3) at Norfolk State (3-2), 2 p.m.

FAU (3-3) at Marshall (4-2), 2:30 p.m.

Grambling State (3-3) at Alcorn State (5-2), 3 p.m.

Murray State (3-3) at E. Kentucky (3-3), 3 p.m.

N. Alabama (4-3) at Jackson State (3-2), 3 p.m.

Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-5) at MVSU (0-5), 3 p.m.

Charlotte (3-3) at Middle Tennessee (3-3), 3 p.m.

Louisiana-Lafayette (3-4) at Appalachian State (4-1), 3:30 p.m.

NC State (5-0) at Clemson (6-0), 3:30 p.m.

Wake Forest (3-3) at Fla. State (3-3), 3:30 p.m.

UTEP (0-6) at Louisiana Tech (4-2), 3:30 p.m.

Alabama (7-0) at Tennessee (3-3), 3:30 p.m.

SMU (2-4) at Tulane (2-4), 3:30 p.m.

Maine (4-2) at William & Mary (2-4), 3:30 p.m.

NC A&T (5-2) at Bethune-Cookman (4-3), 4 p.m.

W. Carolina (3-3) at Mercer (3-3), 4 p.m.

Tenn. Tech (0-6) at Tenn. State (2-3), 4 p.m.

Presbyterian (2-3) at Charleston Southern (2-3), 6 p.m.

Jacksonville (1-4) at Stetson (4-1), 6 p.m.

UCF (6-0) at East Carolina (2-4), 7 p.m.

Mississippi State (4-2) at LSU (6-1), 7 p.m.

Texas State (1-5) at La.-Monroe (3-4), 7 p.m.

Howard (2-3) at Morgan State (2-4), 7 p.m.

UConn (1-5) at South Florida (6-0), 7 p.m.

UTSA (3-4) at Southern Miss. (2-3), 7 p.m.

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

TEMPE, ARIZ. Cardinals' OC gone after blowout loss

The Arizona Cardinals fired offensive coordinator Mike McCoy a day after the team was blown out at home by the Denver Broncos on national television.

First-year head coach Steve Wilks said Friday that quarterbacks coach Byron Leftwich will take over the job for a club that is 1-6, the worst record in the league.

"Seven weeks into the season, based off where we were from the standpoint of production on the offensive side of the ball, I felt the need to make a change, and that's what I did," Wilks said at a news conference.

McCoy, former head coach of the San Diego Chargers, was fired for the second time in as many seasons. He was let go after 10 games as Broncos coordinator last year.

KANSAS CITY, KAN. Larson denied appeal of rules violation

Kyle Larson's appeal of a rules violation from last week's race at Talladega was denied Friday, a blow to the Chip Ganassi Racing driver's chances of advancing in NASCAR's playoffs.

Larson was docked 10 points, crew chief Chad Johnston was fined \$25,000 and car chief David Bryant was suspended for Sunday's race at Kansas Speedway after officials determined the team used unapproved metal tabs in violation of NASCAR's policy on damaged vehicles.

The penalty dropped Larson from 26 points behind the playoff cutoff to 36, meaning the elimination race at Kansas to trim the field to eight is practically a must-win for him.

"I don't know much about the appeals stuff. I kind of just drive," Larson said. "Obviously, a 10-point penalty doesn't help, but I felt like with even being 26 points back we were going to have to go into this week and get a win to make the next round. So it doesn't mean much to me."

JEJU ISLAND, SOUTH KOREA Piercy shoots 65 to lead at CJ Cup at Nine Bridges

Brooks Koepka, recently named the PGA Tour player of the year, gave himself the perfect opportunity to become the No. 1 player in the world when he shot a 7-under par 65 to move to within one shot of the lead in the CJ Cup on Friday.

At the Nine Bridges course, the three-time major champion made an eagle on his closing hole to finish on 8-under par 136 after two rounds, just one stroke behind Scott Piercy, who was bogey-free in matching Koepka's 65.

With the wind subsiding and the course playing much easier than on the opening day when the scoring average was 73.26, 44 players — more than half the field of 78 — had under-par rounds.

The Associated Press



Northwestern State's Ryan Reed, left, waves for a fair catch on the opening kickoff against Texas A&M on Aug. 30 in College Station, Texas. About 1 of every 10 kickoffs in the Football Bowl Subdivision have resulted in a fair catch giving the return team possession at its 25-yard line under a rule that went into effect this year. The purpose of the rule was to minimize kick returns, which have a higher injury rate compared with other types of plays. [SAM CRAFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

That's no fair

Kickoff fair catches not catching on

By Eric Olson
The Associated Press

The new college football rule rewarding teams for making fair catches on kickoffs has not caught on like officiating supervisors expected and more changes could be made in 2019 to further reduce kick returns or make them safer.

If a fair catch is made on a kickoff anywhere between the goal line and 25 this season, it is ruled a touchback and the ball is marked at the 25. The goal was to have fewer kick returns, which have a higher injury rate compared with other types of plays because of the likelihood of high-speed player collisions.

Fair catches were made on just 11.2 percent of kickoffs in the Football Bowl Subdivision through games of Oct. 13 or approximately half the season. There were touchbacks in the end zone on 45 percent of kickoffs while 40.6 percent were returned (compared with 51 percent returned for the entire 2017 season). The remaining 3.2 percent of kickoffs were either out of bounds or onside attempts.

The figures were generated by reports submitted to the NCAA by game officials and provided to The Associated Press on Friday.

According to a study done in 2012, the most recent data available, the average starting position after a kickoff return was between the 22- and 23-yard line if the returner starts in the end zone.

"When we put the rule in place, No. 1, I thought it was probably good for the game and I expected to see it used a little bit more because the average return is not the 25," Big Ten coordinator of officials Bill Carollo said.

A downside to the rule: A

muffed fair catch is marked at the spot regardless of which team recovers, as happens on a punt. Atlantic Coast Conference coordinator of officiating Dennis Hennigan said coaches told him they would prefer their returners to run back kicks instead of risking a muff and getting pinned deep in their end. Hennigan said coaches also told him they don't want to forfeit the possibility of a long return.

Alabama's Nick Saban is in that camp. The Crimson Tide's Josh Jacobs leads the FBS with a 34.2-yard average on nine returns, and he ran one back 77 yards for a touchdown.

"We're using that as a play in the game to try to make a big play," Saban said. "We have explosive players to do it. A lot of people have used the fair catch against us and taken the ball at the 25-yard line, which is their prerogative."

Pittsburgh has employed the rule even though Maurice Ffrench ranks second to Jacobs and has run back two kicks for touchdowns. Ffrench has four fair catches and teammate Mychale Salahuddin has three.

"You stand on the goal line inside the hash, and if you have to take one step backward or you take one step to the right, you fair catch it because it's just too hard to get (a return) timed up," Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi said.

Narduzzi added, "The 25-yard line is a great place to start, let me tell you. It's a lot better than the 10-yard line or the 15 or the 20."

Utah has returned only two kicks, fewest in the nation, and taken four fair catches. Playing home games at an elevation over 4,600 feet, balls carry farther, and opponents have put 68 percent of their kicks into the end zone for

touchbacks.

Utes coach Kyle Whittingham said his staff has researched areas on the field where successful kick returns are most likely to originate.

"We have definite areas on the field where it's called the green zone, where we will return the ball," he said. "If it's not in that green zone, we're going to let it go into the end zone or fair catch it."

NCAA national coordinator of officials Rogers Redding said the Football Rules Committee probably will consider more changes to kickoff rules next year with the objective of reducing returns or making them less likely to result in injury.

A possible tweak, he said, would be allowing a team whose return man recovers his own muffed kick on a fair-catch attempt to still get possession at the 25 rather than at the spot of the recovery.

Also likely, he said, is consideration of some of the NFL kickoff rules that went into effect this year. In the NFL, kickoff coverage players must be stationary before the ball is kicked; previously they could start running before the kick. The NFL also does not allow blockers to engage defenders until the ball is received and it eliminated two-man blocking wedges.

Colorado coach Mike MacIntyre, who has had input on rules issues on behalf of the American Football Coaches Association, said the fair catch rule was a first step and that the look of kickoff coverage and returns will continue to evolve.

"I think when we get it all set up in a couple years, when it gets all like it should," MacIntyre said, "I think it will be a really good play."

Good times, but ...

NFL giddy right now, must watch for storm clouds

By Barry Wilner
The Associated Press

NFL owners were almost giddy about the state of their game as they departed their fall meetings on Wednesday. So was Commissioner Roger Goodell.

That's easy to do when TV ratings are up, viewership across all digital media is strong, scoreboards are practically exploding with all the points being scored, and the number of close games through six weeks has been eye-catching.

There's also the prospect of attracting billionaires from other sports when NFL franchises hit the market now that a cross-ownership ban has been lifted. Going in the other direction, the football billionaires are free to purchase teams in baseball, hockey or basketball that are not located in their NFL areas.

"I will leave you with something that I have said to the owners many times," Goodell said. "I don't think there has been a better time to be an NFL fan. The quality of the games and the enjoyment that comes with that, I hear it from the fans all the time — that is No. 1 for them. No. 2 is the access to the games and the way that fans are able to engage with the NFL. There are more platforms and more opportunities to do that. The experience is better because of technology. All of that creates a much better opportunity for our fans to enjoy football and NFL football."

"From our standpoint, we look at this as a great moment for us: the tremendous growth and the tremendous popularity of our game."

There are storm clouds ahead, though.

The unilateral policy the league put together in May barring players from demonstrating against social and racial injustice on the sideline during the national anthem remains in limbo.

The players' union and its members fought back against the policy that would allow players to remain in the locker room during "The Star-Spangled Banner," but they could not kneel or sit by team benches during the anthem.

And while Goodell correctly cited the strong and widespread community involvement being done by the league and players, the protests haven't gone away, nor should the players be penalized for expressing their concerns.

Colin Kaepernick, whose kneeling during the anthem soon was embraced by many of his peers, hasn't been with a team since 2016. That comes down to the individual teams, of course, and not the league itself, and it's uncertain that Kaepernick would return to the field if given the opportunity.

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No. 9 Oklahoma rebounds from only loss

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Tyler Murray threw four touchdowns, Kennedy Brooks and Trey Sermon both had 100-yard rushing games with scores and ninth-ranked Oklahoma rebounded from its only loss this season by beating TCU for the third time in 11 months, 52-27 on Saturday.

The Sooners (6-1, 3-1 Big 12) won their 18th consecutive true road game, never trailing after scoring touchdowns on each of their first four drives in their first game since losing to Texas two weeks ago.

Brooks ran for 168 yards on 18 carries with an early 21-yard TD. Sermon ran 17 times for 110 yards and scored twice before walking gingerly off the field after being tended to by trainers with about 8 minutes left.

This was a rematch of the Big 12 Conference championship game last December, when Oklahoma won three weeks after beating TCU in the regular season. The Sooners have scored at least 38 points in their last four meetings against Gary Patterson's defense, which entered this game tops in the league allowing only 20 per game.

TCU (3-4, 1-3) trailed 28-7 midway through the second quarter when former Penn transfer Michael Collins replaced ineffective starter Shawn Robinson. The Horned Frogs had only 25 total yards before the quarterback switch, and their only score was KaVontae Turpin's 99-yard kickoff return.

Collins threw touchdowns on consecutive passes just less



Oklahoma quarterback Tyler Murray (1) keeps the ball during the first half. [AP PHOTO/BRANDON WADE]

than three minutes apart, with Turpin turning a short throw into a 41-yard touchdown and Jalen Reagor's 33-yard score after Oklahoma went three-and-out and punted from its own 9 after a sack and two penalties.

Murray completed 19 of 24 passes for 213 yards, and two of his TDs were to Lee Morris (9 and 27 yards) on his only catches.

The Frogs were within 31-27 midway through the third

quarter when Cole Bunce kicked his second 41-yard field goal, but they didn't score again.

No. 19 Iowa 23, Maryland 0

Nate Stanley threw for 86 yards and a touchdown and 19th-ranked Iowa pummeled Maryland for its third straight victory. Anthony Nelson added a TD on a fumble recovery for the Hawkeyes (6-1, 3-1 Big Ten Conference), whose defense

held the Terrapins to just 115 yards and seven first downs on a day when wind gusts topped 40 mph.

After settling for a pair of short field goals, Iowa went into halftime ahead 13-0 after Stanley found Brandon Smith for a 10-yard TD grab — which Smith made with one hand — with eight seconds left in the second quarter.

Nelson, a defensive end, made it 23-0 Hawkeyes late in the third quarter by falling on a botched handoff from backup quarterback Tyrrell Pigrome in the end zone.

Ivory Kelly-Martin ran for 98 yards for Iowa, which had its first shutout since a 28-0 victory at Illinois two years ago.

Kasim Hill was 6 of 15 passing for 47 yards and a pick for the Terps (4-3, 2-2), who ran for just 68 yards after entering play averaging 245 a game on the ground.

All three of Maryland's losses have come by at least 21 points.

No. 23 Wisconsin 49, Illinois 20

Jonathan Taylor rushed for 159 yards and Taiwan Deal ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns as No. 23 Wisconsin took advantage of five first-half turnovers to rout Illinois.

Wisconsin (5-2, 3-1 Big Ten), which has won nine straight against Illinois (3-4, 1-3), had three interceptions and recovered two fumbles on the way to building a 28-10 halftime lead. Alex Hornibrook, coming off an awful outing in a loss at Michigan last week, threw

two touchdown passes and two interceptions.

Illinois turned Hornibrook's second interception into a 10-yard scoring drive to make it 28-17 early in the third quarter, but Wisconsin countered with a pair of touchdowns to push the lead to 42-17.

The Badgers opened with an 11-play, 75-yard scoring drive, capped by Alec Ingold's 1-yard run. On the ensuing possession, linebacker T.J. Edwards returned an interception 28 yards to the Illinois 25-yard line and two plays later freshman Aron Cruickshank scored on a 23-yard jet sweep to put Wisconsin up 14-0.

Reggie Corbin scored on an 80-yard run for Illinois to cut the lead to 14-7.

Arkansas 23, Tulsa 0

Arkansas' defense earned its first shutout since 2014, and the Razorbacks held Tulsa to 12 yards in the third quarter on their way to a victory.

The game ended a six-game losing streak for Arkansas (2-6) and marked the first win for freshman quarterback Connor Noland, who started in place of the injured Ty Storey.

After a first-drive interception, the Arkansas native settled down and led the offense alongside running back Rakeem Boyd.

Boyd carried the ball 22 times for 99 yards before he came out of the game early in the third quarter. The Arkansas rushing game racked up 196 yards and opened up the passing game for Arkansas' inexperienced gunslinger.

Kansas native Bowyer plans for plenty of racing Sunday

By Dave Skretta
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — One of the first things Kansas City Chiefs general manager Brett Veach did when he learned their game against Cincinnati had been moved to Sunday night was pick up his phone and dial Clint Bowyer.

Veach had met the Stewart-Haas Racing driver when he joined other members of the Chiefs for a visit to Kansas Speedway in May. The two hit it off, keeping in touch throughout the summer and into the fall, and built a friendship based on mutual passions: racing and football.

"I've always been a car guy and really enjoyed watching NASCAR races," Veach told The Associated Press. "We've texted here and there, kept up our relationship, and with him being a Kansas guy I have been trying to get him out here to a game this season."

The time change to accommodate television provided the perfect opportunity.

Now, Bowyer has a secondary reason to be fastest to the finish line in Sunday's race at Kansas Speedway. The primary one? Winning would assure him a spot in the next round of NASCAR's playoffs, and even a strong run should be enough to make the cutoff for the top eight to advance.

But kickoff is only a couple hours after the race is expected to end — assuming no weather issues or other delays — and Bowyer will be pushing it join Veach at the game in time.

"He's been telling me how good they are and I've been telling him how excited I am," Bowyer said, "and I'm like, 'Man, I'm getting to a game. Just be patient with me.' And he called and said the game was moved and my butt better be there. I've got

a ticket, so my butt will be there."

It's another demonstration of the everyman love affair Bowyer has with his home state.

He was raised in Emporia, a couple hours south of Kansas City, and once raced dirt late models at nearby Lakeside Speedway. When he struck it big in NASCAR, Bowyer returned to Emporia to purchase the dealership where he once worked as a lot attendant, dent specialist and detailer.

Things have changed a lot this season, too.

Bowyer failed to qualify for the playoffs or was knocked out before the fall race at Kansas the past four years. But with the backing of the hottest team in NASCAR, he arrives this weekend seventh in the standings and firmly in the championship hunt for the first time since 2012.

While he loves everything about Kansas, the track itself has hardly loved him back. Bowyer has made 20 career starts in the Cup Series and led laps just three times. He has one top-10 run in the past five years, and that was a ninth-place finish in the spring race last year.

His career-best of second came more than a decade ago for Richard Childress Racing.

"I feel like we have a shot at competing for the championship when it comes down to Homestead," he said, "but we have to be solid this weekend on my home track. Typically the mile-and-a-halfs are not my favorite tracks. I hate to say that because Kansas is my home track. I need a solid weekend to take care of business and move on to the round of eight."

It would also make palling around with Veach at Arrowhead Stadium a bit more fun.

Bonds forged through activities tie Nuggets together

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets gave team unity the full-court press over the offseason.

There were voluntary workouts in the Mile High City that were well attended, training sessions in Las Vegas and even an informal camp in Atlanta hosted by Paul Millsap.

All this to foster chemistry on a team that hasn't been to the playoffs since 2012-13, because as LeBron James noted after his first game with the Los Angeles Lakers, the bonding of a squad is not "instant oatmeal."

"Outside of basketball and the outside work, that's really where you build the chemistry," Millsap said.

The Nuggets' strength this season just may reside in that bond. The closest they have to a star player is big man Nikola Jokic, who's looking for his first All-Star nod. Really, though, their most potent asset is being a tight-knit group that's been tethered for a while. The young nucleus of Jokic, Gary Harris, Will Barton and Jamal Murray are entering their third season together.

"Everybody wants everything yesterday. It takes time," said newly extended coach Michael Malone, whose team plays Phoenix in the home opener Saturday, followed by hosting Golden State on Sunday. "One of the luxuries we have is continuity ... the same players and the same philosophy and terminology. That's something we feel we have a lot of advantage on a lot of teams with. Our guys have bought in."

That's why they frequently got together over the summer. They had dinners. They played pickup games. They nurtured that bond. Millsap invited the team to Atlanta just to promote even more growth. Granted, Jokic and Harris couldn't make it in as they participated in an international NBA event.



Denver Nuggets' Gary Harris drives to the basket against the Los Angeles Clippers. [AP PHOTO/MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ]

"We're blessed to have a group of guys who like each other, who like being around each other," Millsap said. "Anytime you can get guys in a room that have agreed to being a good teammate, being a brother, it helps."

"Some teams are blessed to have guys who are in sync, but there are not too many of those teams. The team that's patient with it, is normally the team that comes out on top."

It's a connection that showed up at crunch time in the season opener Wednesday, when the Nuggets used a 23-6 spurt to beat the Clippers 107-98 in Los Angeles.

"You need chemistry, because there are going to be tough moments in a game, where you have to have a comeback, and you need that chemistry to put you over the edge," Barton said. "Guys trust each other. We're able to communicate with each other differently now. We can get on each other a little different."

The burgeoning strength of their relationship afforded Millsap the ability to have a heart-to-heart chat with Jokic last season. As Millsap returned from a wrist injury, he wanted Jokic to be fully aware of one thing: It was his team. Don't play second

fiddle.

"I was like, 'Be yourself, because the ball is going to find you and you're going to be the guy who makes the plays,'" Millsap said. "You make everyone around you better. Those are the conversations we have. Before every game, let him know that."

In addition, he reminds Jokic of something else — be aggressive.

"Because when he plays at that aggression level that we know he can play at, he's getting a triple-double every night," Millsap said. "That's the beauty of this team — we have guys pulling for each other. When one guy struggles, other guys are pulling for them and trying to help them out. You don't get that on every team."

NOTES: Sue Bird, who helped the Seattle Storm to a WNBA title last month, is in town for the weekend. She's visiting the facility and with Nuggets players. No official role with the team has been offered yet. ... Guard Isaiah Thomas (hip) is out for Saturday's game. "No update on any timeline," Malone said. "I definitely know he's making improvements. ... Everything is definitely moving in the right direction."

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Making sense in the aftermath



Workers bring out more generators for sale and pod coffee machines for free coffee at Sam's Club after Hurricane Michael on Friday, October 12.

[PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Kenneth Cooper at his apartment at the Whispering Pines Apartments in Springfield, Florida on Monday, October 15, 2018. He moved to Florida from Indiana ten days ago, and in the rush of moving had not had time yet to buy renter's insurance. Cooper says his landlord is not willing to patch the holes in his roof and his worried more of his possessions will be ruined.



Ferrell Leah and Dewayne McGill help take the inventory out of the Bottle Stopper in Millville after Hurricane Michael on Friday, October 12, 2018. Both workers are concerned about the health of the owner and being able to reopen the liquor store.



Adrian Brown, 3, sleeps at the emergency shelter at Rutherford High School after Hurricane Michael on Saturday, October 13. As windows broke and the roof peeled away during the storm his seven-year-old sister A'Eria Brown grabbed him, cellphones and her mother's medication and brought them to a safe spot under the stairs in their home. Since then they and their mother Ashley Brown have stayed at the emergency shelter.



Gulf Coast Tree Specialist's office sits destroyed by Hurricane Michael on Monday. Most of the company's equipment is trapped in the wreckage, making it difficult to clear trees in the city.



Goats wander in Callaway near Transmitter Road near destroyed homes and recreational vehicles on Friday.



Jillian Young and Swizzy Nickels pack up Young's apartment at the Arbours apartments in Panama City, Florida on Wednesday. On Tuesday, Arbours residents were given 72 hours to vacate with whatever possessions they needed. She is not sure what all she needs to take with her and cannot find a storage unit in Panama City.



A.D. Thomas's home in Parker, Florida on Thursday. Thomas and his daughter were trapped in the house for four days because of tree limbs and his fallen roof. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Solar lanterns illuminate the front of a home on Oct.11 in Panama City. Hurricane Michael knocked down power lines in most of Panama City Fla. during the storm. This eliminated normal amounts of light pollution in the area and allowed the night sky to shine over Bay County. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Wreckage lines Canal Parkway in Mexico Beach. Debris from homes, tree limbs and boats were scattered throughout Mexico Beach on Oct.15. Hurricane Michael tore through the Florida Panhandle on Oct.10. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Springfield mayor Ralph Hammond enters the destroyed Springfield City Hall and Police Department on Thursday. The entire building is unusable after Hurricane Michael. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Rich Wolff gathers China plates and other fragile items that survived Hurricane Michael while his home was destroyed. Debris from homes, tree limbs and boats were scattered throughout Mexico Beach on Oct.15. Hurricane Michael tore through the Florida Panhandle on Oct.10. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Residents of Northgate Terrace in Panama City, Florida are lead in prayer by members of The River Church in Tampa on Wednesday. Volunteers from the church left at late at night the day of Hurricane Michael made landfall and have partnered with Feed the Hungry to provide food and water around the storm affected area. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



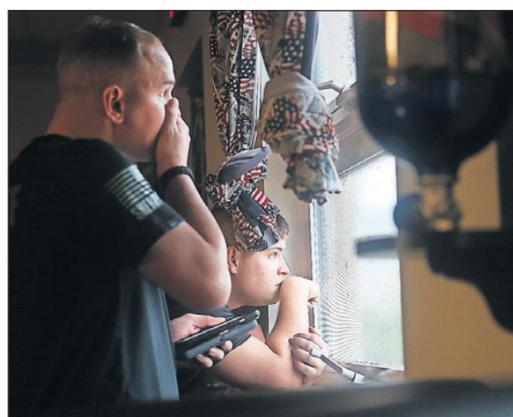
Margarite DiSpirito directs traffic at Tyndall Parkway and US 98 on Oct.15 in Callaway, Fla. The Callaway resident has directed traffic for the area every day since Hurricane Michael hit. When asked why she was directing traffic she replied, "This is what Americans do." [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Tiffany Latiolas comforts her daughter, Eva, after drinking a cup of ice water to help cool down in the 80 degree weather Oct.16 in Callaway, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Mexico Beach on Oct.19. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Bay County Sheriff's Office Dept. Alex Young and Dept. Jared Waker watch Hurricane Michael from a fire station off Thomas Drive in Panama City Beach, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



The Jinks Middle School gym is missing walls on Oct.11 in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Homes, water craft and debris littered a canal in Mexico Beach, FL. As first responders searched for missing people, some residents of Panama City and returned back their homes Monday to see what was left after Hurricane Michael, a category 4 hurricane, struck the panhandle last Wednesday. [DOUG ENGLE/OCALA STAR BANNER]



Daylight floods the press room through holes in the roof left by Hurricane Michael on Saturday at the Panama City News Herald in Panama City, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



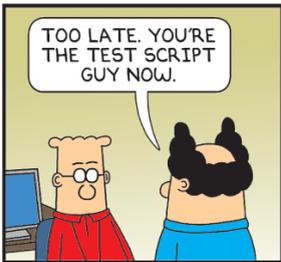
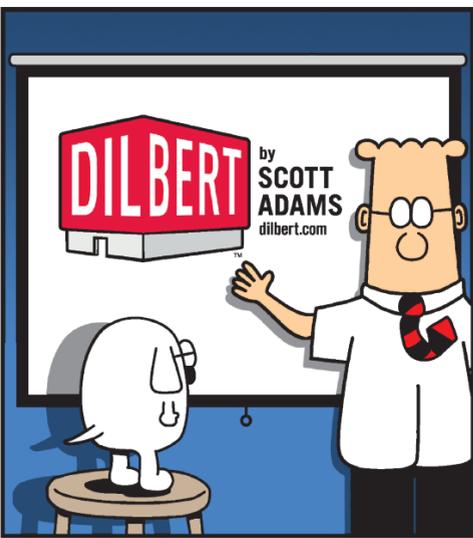
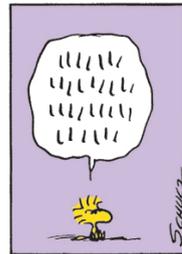
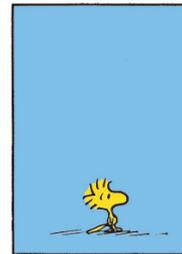
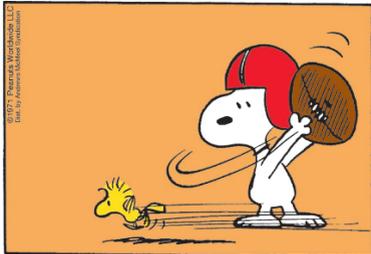
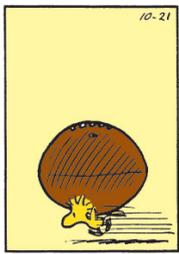
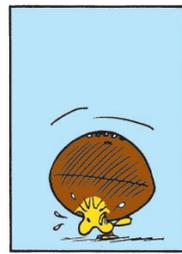
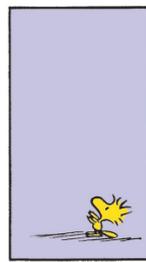
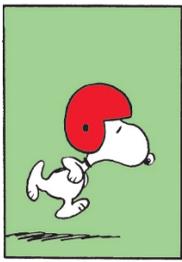
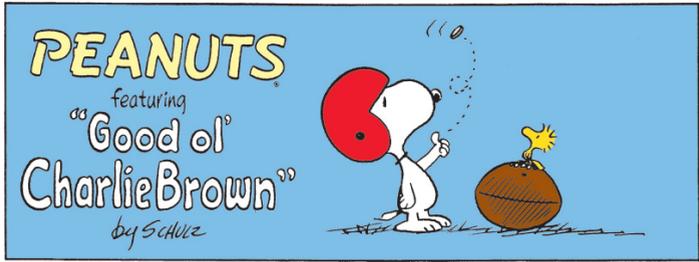
Portions of the walls and ceiling are missing at the St. Andrew United Methodist Church on Oct.11 in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/NEWS HERALD]



Mexico Beach, FL. resident Jim Paulson looks over the damage near his home after returning back to his home Monday to see what was left after Hurricane Michael, a category 4 hurricane, struck the panhandle last Wednesday. [DOUG ENGLE/OCALA STAR BANNER]2018

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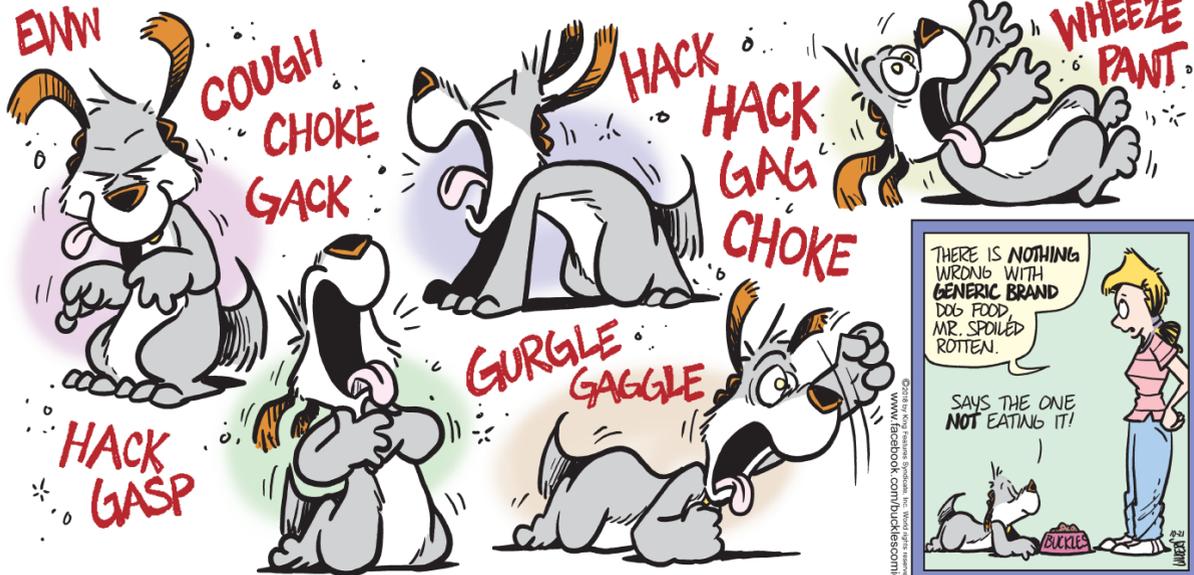


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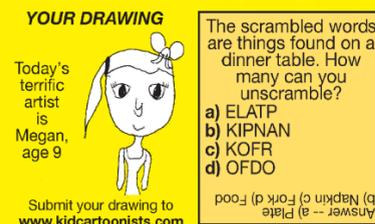
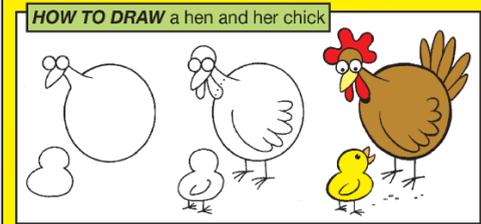
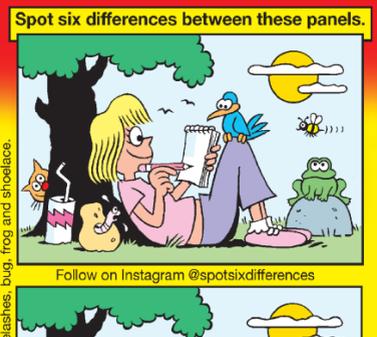
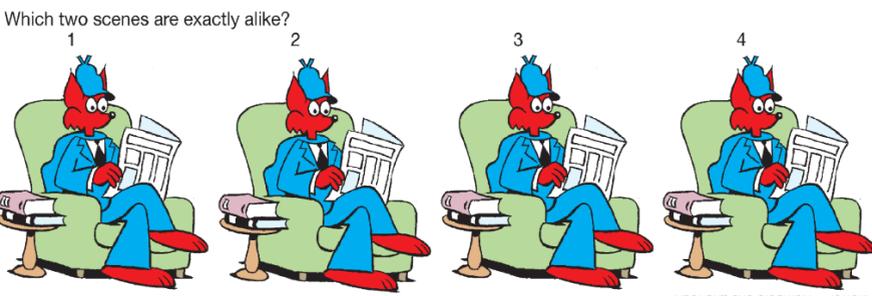
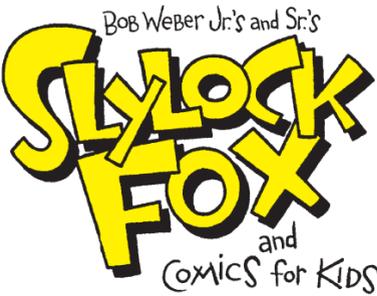
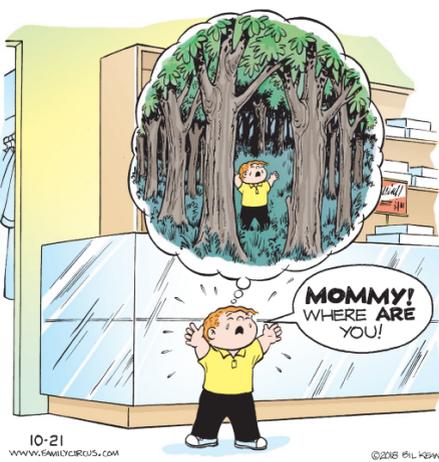
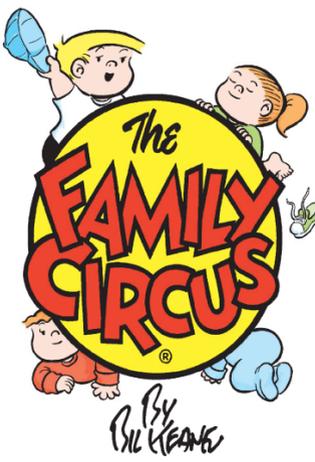
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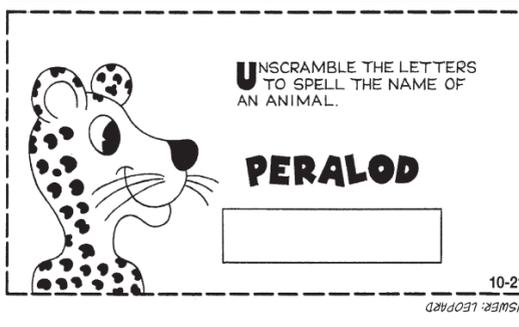
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PLACE TEN COINS OR MARKERS AS SHOWN. NEXT, TRY TO MAKE THE TRIANGLE POINT DOWN BY MOVING ONLY THREE OF THE COINS OR MARKERS. CAN YOU DO IT?



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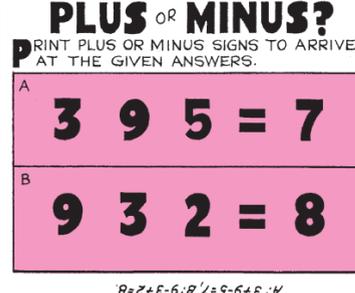
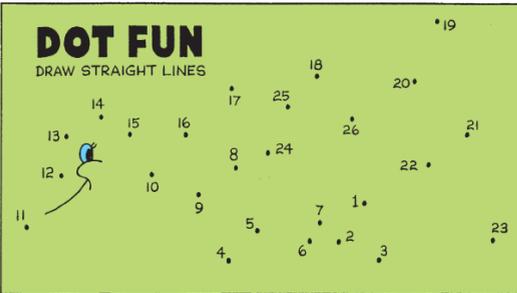
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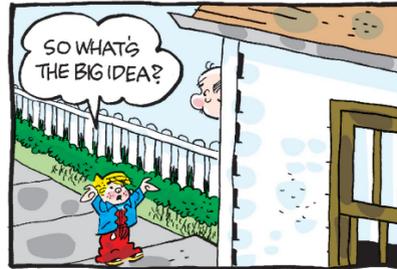
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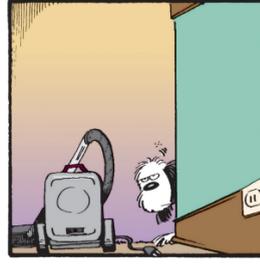
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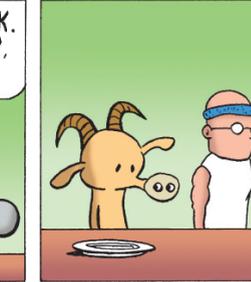
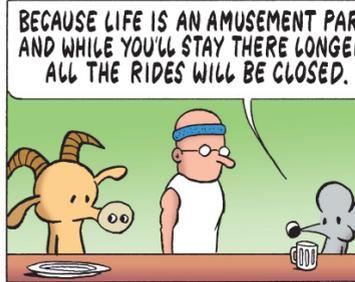
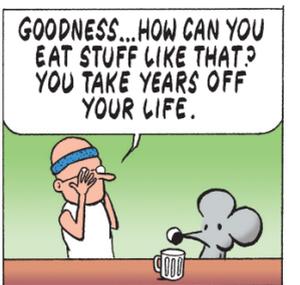
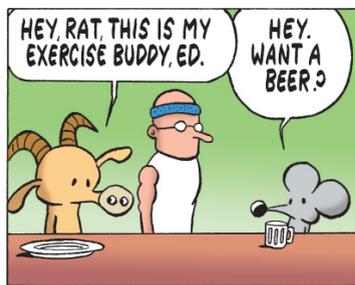
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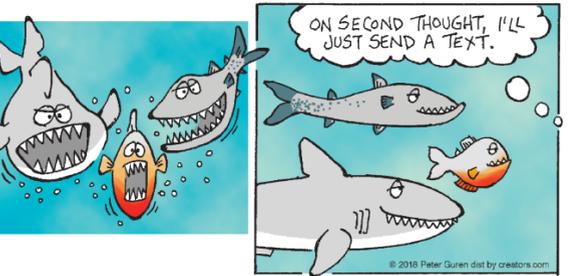
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"GIRAFFE" COMES FROM THE ARABIC "ZARAF," WHICH MEANS "THE ONE WHO WALKS VERY FAST."

...THE NAME ALSO GIVEN TO THE GUY WHO CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE HE LEFT HIS BEACH SHOES.

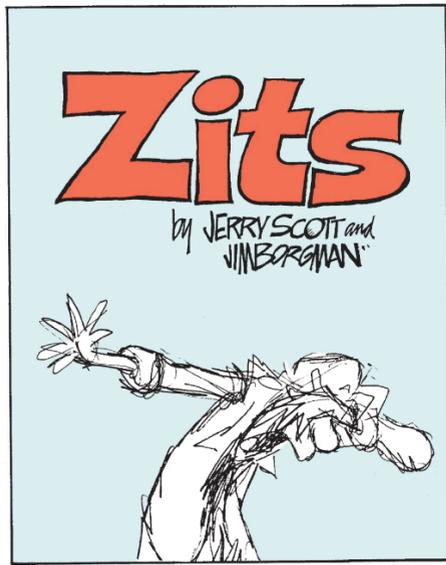
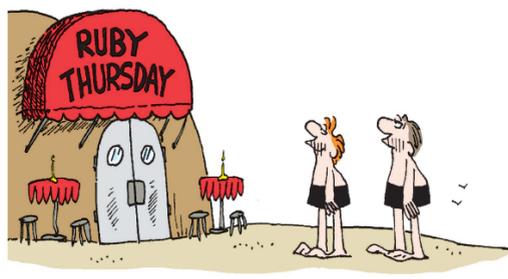
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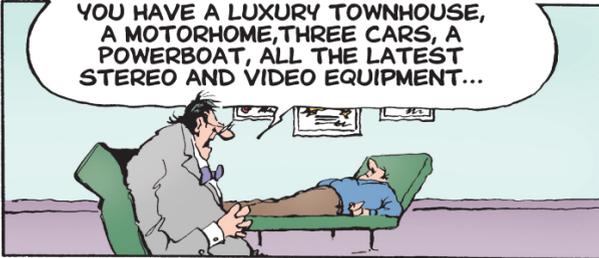
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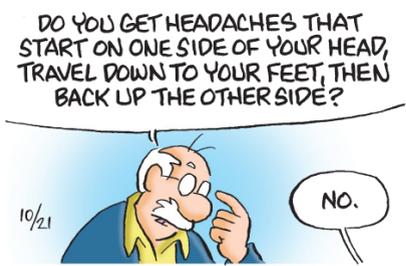
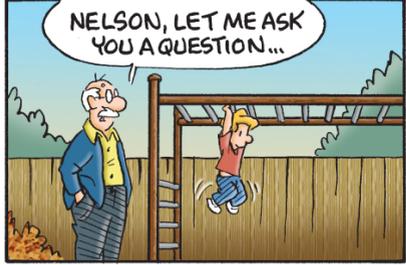
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