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## Schools' priority: Reopen early

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PANAMA CITY — Bay School Board members agreed during an emergency meeting at Mosley High School on Tuesday that streamlining the process of getting students back in school is their

top priority.

To that end, teachers are being asked to return Monday to prepare for the students' return Nov. 14, or possibly sooner. That will present challenges for some teachers who are displaced by the storm and who are desperate for flexibility from the district.

"Our concern is, we have teachers who are living out of the trunks of their cars," said Alexis Underwood, president of Association of Bay County Educators. Underwood said the flexibility the district is granting to principals is comforting but she still is looking for solutions for military

spouses and teachers still without electricity.

District officials said they must get schools going again to help employees of businesses return to work. Superintendent Bill Husfelt will meet with teachers today to discuss how the district can continue to support them.

"We have got to find a happy medium," said Husfelt. "If they need to take leave, they can take leave."

Another issue addressed to facilitate reopening the schools included finding rooms to put students in.

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## For the poor, nowhere to go



Katie Greenwood thanks Na'Kyah Williams, 9, for bringing her food from a Red Cross truck at the Massalina Garden Apartments on Monday. Greenwood is on the board of resident commissioners of the apartments and will live with her daughter temporarily while she evaluates her next step after losing her home after Hurricane Michael. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

## Housing crisis explodes in Panama City after Hurricane Michael's devastation

By Eileen Kelley  
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PANAMA CITY — Amid a crushed water bottle, a sandwich bun and upside down disaster relief meal box was an assortment of little girl's shoes. Size 3.

This particular small, well-worn section of grass at an affordable housing complex was a showcase of childhood and chaos: Silver ballet-style flats, chocolate brown thick-padded boots, a Western set in pink and brown and a look-a-like pair of Buster Browns.

The dropped shoes were not things isolated here. Throughout the grounds of Macedonia Garden Apartments, clothes for all shapes and ages rose from the ground in discarded heaps. A children's bicycle and a blue stuffed monkey with a shock of bright orange hair would



Rosa Perez stands outside her apartment at Macedonia Garden Apartments on Tuesday. Perez, her two children and two others tried to weather Hurricane Michael in the apartment, but as the roof began to collapse ran downstairs to a neighbor's apartment. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

under normal circumstances have been up for grabs.

But this is anything but normal. There is a crisis in Panama City. Poor people are sorting through what is

salvageable and what they can bring with them when they attempt to start their lives over.

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The Bay County Jail is shown Monday after suffering damage during Hurricane Michael. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

## Bay jail almost back to normal after Michael

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PANAMA CITY — In the hallway, a broken pipe dripped into a yellow mop bucket — one of the last reminders of the toll Hurricane Michael had taken on the Bay County Jail.

"We'll fix that next week," said Maj. Rick Anglin, who runs the jail. "It's not a priority."

The jail — with its reinforced concrete walls, and backup supplies of water and power — was one of the safest places to shelter from Michael's 155 mph winds with many staff bringing their families there for safety, but even it didn't come through unscathed.

Industrial air conditioning units were knocked off the roof during the storm, scraping the rubber seal that keeps water out and opening the duct work to the torrents of rain. The combination caused some water to leak into the building,

soaking and collapsing the tiles in some office ceilings.

And the jail wasn't spared from the countywide issues of downed trees in the nearby woods, collapsed buildings, flipped trailers, loss of power, loss of communication and loss of county water, Anglin said. But the jail was better equipped to deal with those issues than most, with recently purchased chainsaws at the ready to cut their way out, generators on hand to power the essential systems, and a well to supply water.

Still, it wasn't perfect.

There was water in the jail, but not with enough pressure to flush toilets, meaning staff members — who were essentially living at the jail following the storm, Anglin said — had to provide the inmates trash barrels of water with buckets to flush toilets. Drinking water also was being provided through 5-gallon coolers.

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**HURRICANE GONE, BUT THE FALLEN TREES WILL REMAIN**



# How to sign up for FEMA assistance

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**FORT WALTON BEACH**— The 716 Federal Emergency Management Agency inspectors on the ground in Northwest Florida have registered just more than 72,000 people affected by Hurricane Michael.

It's a number FEMA spokeswoman Renee Bafalis estimated represents only 40 percent of

those in need.

Bafalis visited GateHouse Media on Tuesday in an effort to get the word out to encourage anyone yet to register with FEMA to do so. The registration number is key to getting assistance.

"The main thing we need to do is make sure everyone has registered with us," Bafalis said. "We don't want people to wait to register."

FEMA is responsible for coordinating all federal

disaster response, and works to support local and state agencies in recovery efforts, she said. The agency thus far has handed out more than \$31 million in relief funds.

It can't duplicate what insurance companies can do to mitigate damage done by a storm, but does provide assistance for what insurance doesn't cover, she said. FEMA can assist with personal property losses, the under insured, renters

and homeowners. It partners with nonprofits and other federal government agencies such as the Small Business Administration to bolster what aid is provided.

The agency has begun the process of opening disaster relief centers in the 12 counties most severely affected by Michael. These centers, when up and running, will provide a location for disaster victims to go and work face to face with

a FEMA inspector.

FEMA disaster assistance providers are going door to door, but so are scammers pretending to work for the federal government, Bafalis said. All FEMA workers wear shirts identifying the agency and carry identification cards.

A person registered with FEMA should ask anyone identifying themselves as a FEMA inspector to present "your registration

number," Bafalis said.

"If they can't provide that, you know it's not a FEMA inspector," she said.

FEMA inspectors never ask for money and there are no FEMA-hired contractors, she said.

A contact number for FEMA is 1-800-621-3362. After registering, individuals can expect a return call and a visit from an inspector, who will be able to provide the registration number.

## HOUSING

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Where and when they start over is anyone's guess. Affordable housing is hard to find in just about every city in America. Panama City and its surrounding communities are no exception.

Hurricane Michael barreled through and made it worse, much worse.

The fierce winds left the area's poor and disenfranchised in even worse shape than before the Oct. 10 storm.

Residents at numerous public and subsidized housing complexes across the city have been told to leave their uninhabitable units — some of which people spent years on waiting lists trying to nail down.

Half of the Panama City Housing Authority's 450 apartment homes will be condemned, said Teri Henry, the authority's executive director. The agency also issued Section-8 vouchers for 415 private units and 60 vouchers for veteran's housing. At this point, Henry still has no idea how many more of the area's poor from that pool of 475 voucher holders will lose their homes because they are deemed unsafe.

Panama City is undergoing a crisis, said Henry.

"I do think there are a lot of people who care, but there is no housing here. It just doesn't exist. There was a shortage before the storm."

The waiting list for housing or vouchers closed well before Hurricane Michael.

In August it opened for a two-week period of time, according to



**Children play basketball at Massalina Garden Apartments on Monday. Wait lists were so long to become a resident at Massalina that the housing authority stopped accepting new applicants before Hurricane Michael, says resident Rebecca Turner.** [PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

the authority's website. Before that, applications to be on the waiting list were accepted for two-week periods in all of 2014 and 2016.

"We don't have no place to live," said Carmen Mendez, a four-year resident of Macedonia Garden Apartments, which is not run by the Panama City Housing Authority, though is considered affordable housing.

Mendez and others were told Oct. 20 they had three days to get out. On the eve of the eviction, residents estimated about 50 percent of the complex's units still were occupied.

Residents at the Massalina Apartments which is run by the Panama City Housing Authority were notified they must start looking for other housing.

Rebecca Turner said she has received two notices ordering her to vacate in three days. Turner has three children, 11, 9 and four. All are considered to have some learning or mental disability.

For the past 20 months, Turner has paid \$175 in rent. She's also responsible for the utilities.

Before the storm her

children had plenty of food, clothing, toys and shelter. Now, the family has two letters telling them to leave their home and little clothing. Turner, who has her own cleaning business, said her car was in the shop when the storm hit. It was destroyed, she said, so sleeping in the family car is now off the table.

The family stayed in its public housing unit as Michael made landfall. As the storm was overhead, her 9-year-old daughter Nakyah Williams kept asking, "Mommy are we going to die?"

As the winds continued to pull away at the structure, she told her mom, "We are going to die. Mommy why did you allow this?"

Now the little girl goes up to strangers and asks if there is a rental car the family can have so they can leave.

A twin bed was brought downstairs and placed up against the sectional sofa. The family of four sleeps on what is now a giant bed.

Turner sits on the couch/bed and stares off. "I can't even plan for tomorrow. I wake up and it is day-by-day."

On Monday, she said

she knew of no one who had been given any vouchers for temporary housing and hotels in far-flung places.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the primary resource for offering vouchers and help not the city's housing authority, according to a notice on the housing authority's website.

The notice says the agency is working with HUD to find units that are available in the Southeast:

"Please remember, those units will be offered to the elderly and disabled as a priority." The notice said that every resident in two low-income communities, the Massalina Apartments and Fletcher Black, are required to leave.

Katie Greenwood, 85, still is waiting to be told in person to leave her Massalina apartment. The gas to her apartment has been cut. She has lived in the low-income community for 10 years after living in a FEMA trailer in Georgia. She knows how to start over, but the thought of it at the age of 85 hurts her.

"It breaks my heart to see this," she said. "At 85, I'm not thinking too far ahead about the idea of starting over."

The News-Herald found one person at a condemned complex, the Macedonia Garden Apartments, who has been offered vouchers for a hotel. The problem is that the hotel is about a three-hour drive from here, said Carmen Mendez. Mendez works in Panama City. The vouchers won't do her any good, she said. So for now, she is staying put.

Rosa Perez opens the door to her Macedonia apartment. The damage is jarring. The drywall has slipped from the studs.

Insulation and drywall blanket the wet couch in the family room. She can see outside through a wall where there was never a window.

Perez knows the apartment is no place for her teenage children to live. They are still at the complex, not in her apartment, because just like almost everyone there, she has nowhere to go.

This dire situation, might ultimately help — or force — Perez to get off government assistance.

Hurricane Michael "is going to force me to be independent and not rely on the government," she said.

Because Perez left her unit, Jackie Workman is staying in what was Perez's bedroom.

"It's freezing cold," she said. Workman raised her hands to her face as she cried, revealing the track marks where she shoots heroin into her knuckles. "I'm overwhelmed."

Workman was evicted from her own unit 10 months ago.

Because she wasn't on a lease, she likely won't qualify for any temporary housing help from FEMA. She said when the buildings are demolished, she won't have shelter unless she turns herself in. Workman said there is likely a warrant for her arrest because she failed to meet the strict conditions when she was sent to drug rehab in lieu of prison.

Workman knows prison is an option, a place where she can be fed and given shelter for 18 months if she turns herself in.

"I'm at the point I don't care now," she says. "If they get me, they get me. I just don't know what else to do."

## JAIL

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There also was damage to the gas lines, which made it impossible to cook hot meals immediately after the storm.

Anglin said inmates in one of the high-security units took issue with the food situation and caused what he classified as a "disturbance" in the days after the storm, ripping televisions off the wall and damaging property when they were served one more "cold waffle and sausage" than they could stand. Chemical agents were used to stop the destruction, and the dorm has been quiet since the instigators were removed, Anglin said. Hot food — which already was in the works — was restored to the entire jail later that day.

The two systems that have proved the most difficult to fix after the storm are air conditioning and communication.

Sunday was the first day visitation — which takes place via computer connection within the jail — was restored, giving people a chance to see their loved ones for the first time after the hurricane. The phone systems have not been restored.

While the systems were down, the staff was relaying short messages to inmates about the status of their loved ones. Inmate Joshua Foster, who helped with the water runs after the storm, said jail staff told him that he lost his home, but that his family was safe.

Air conditioning also continued to be a problem Sunday, but Anglin ordered accommodations that normally wouldn't be allowed, such as fans with extension cords and letting the inmates wear just their undershirts.

"We've made a lot of provisions we would never allow under normal circumstances," Anglin said.

The jail housed about 1,150 inmates during the storm and now is down to 900. Medical needs were met throughout the storm, Anglin said.

## SCHOOLS

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District officials approved spending \$4.5 million on 120

modular classrooms under 12-month leases. They will be used for the influx of students at schools used for split schedules. The split schedules tentatively will run one school from 7 a.m. to noon, then two schools from noon to

5. The split sessions will be temporary until the portables are in place. Students will return to their regular campuses as soon as possible, hopefully before Christmas, officials said.

Initially, Everitt Middle School students will be at Rutherford High, Merritt Brown Middle School students will be at Mosley High, and Bay High students will be at Jinks Middle School. C.C. Washington

and Rosenwald are combining.

Every student in the district will be provided two free meals, whether it be breakfast and lunch or lunch and dinner (depending on session) for free until January.

Discussing school updates, officials said Springfield and Patterson received extensive damage and might not open this year but will be repaired and reopened. Students will be relocated to other schools in the district. There are schools with space.

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# For hurricane recovery, drones offer new perspective

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MEXICO BEACH — Standing on the back porch of a damaged Mexico Beach home, Brandon Smith, 34, and Fred Stevenson, 39, surveyed the damage Hurricane Michael had inflicted.

The two had a view previously reserved for governors and public officials surveying storm damage from a helicopter, but they didn't leave the ground. Stevenson navigated an unmanned aircraft — commonly referred to as a drone — along the Gulf of Mexico coastline while Smith watched the images of the wind-and-water decimated community on a high definition monitor.

Stevenson normally uses the drone to capture pictures of homes for sale for real estate agents, and the sweeping view of crushed houses and debris piles were a departure from his normal subject matter.

"Honestly it is devastating. You see hard-earned money gone," he said. "It's amazing how much damage wind can do."

Stevenson is one of about 25 students in Gulf Coast State College's Unmanned Vehicle Systems Operation program, and Smith works for the college in technology. The associate of science degree program has worked closely with county emergency officials during the relief and recovery efforts — assessing damage, finding entry points for emergency crews and identifying the hardest-hit areas.

On Monday, Smith,



**Fred Stevenson, 39, launches his drone from a home in Mexico Beach. Stevenson and other students in Gulf Coast State College's Unmanned Vehicle Systems Operation program have been using the drones to help disaster relief officials coordinate relief efforts.** [RYAN MCKINNON/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

Stevenson and unmanned vehicle student Dan Schroeder, 56, used the drone to map out a distribution point near Mexico Beach where FEMA and the National Guard will partner to distribute food and supplies.

The men launched a drone from a small orange launch pad in the midst of a broad field. It rose 190

feet in the air, and at 12 miles per hour, made runs back and forth over the site, snapping a picture every few seconds. The pictures will be layered on top of one another, creating a three-dimensional image with drastically more clarity and precision than a Google Earth satellite photograph.

Logistics officials at the

Bay County Emergency Operations Center will use the image to know how many trucks can fit in the distribution point and how to best utilize the space.

"This type of planning is likely to reduce the need to fix things once all the assets are in place," said FEMA spokesman Dave Passey.

After "imaging" the

distribution point, the men drove to Mexico Beach, where they launched the drones and continued to gather videos and still shots of the destroyed community.

Schroeder, a retired firefighter, joined Gulf Coast's program after retiring because he still wanted to help people.

"If you are a firefighter

or a police officer, it's just something that's in you. You can't stop that," he said. "For me, I just want to be part of solutions."

The images he helped capture on Monday will contribute to the EOC's planning of relief and recovery efforts. With roads clogged with traffic, driving from the EOC to the most impacted areas can eat up hours of officials' time. The unmanned aircraft team can provide timely updates on the recovery efforts and helps officials direct efforts.

Tony Lopez-Baquero, the unmanned aero-system section chief for the Bay County Emergency Operations Center, flew drones in Washington County for the first four days after the storm, helping direct officials to the areas with the heaviest damage.

"You can pinpoint where teams need to go quicker," Lopez-Baquero said.

Having grown up in the Caribbean, Lopez-Baquero thought he was used to storm damage, but seeing it from the sky was a new experience.

"For most of these guys and myself it's the first time we've seen the hurricane damage, early on from the air," he said. "It changes your perspective."

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# Canadian military families staying in Destin

The airmen were displaced from Tyndall AFB by Hurricane Michael

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TYNDALL AFB — This time of year, it's not uncommon to see Canadian license plates in condominium parking lots along the Emerald Coast, as people seek refuge from their cold winter.

This year, though, 31 Canadian families lodging in Destin have a different story. The families, all part of the Canadian military, were displaced from Tyndall Air Force Base as Hurricane Michael leveled the base.

Originally evacuated to Mississippi, the Canadian airmen were moved to Destin to be closer to the gutted base as they begin putting their lives back together. Late last week, their deputy commander, Royal Canadian Air Force Lt. Gen. Christopher Coates, met with them to make them aware of available support services and hear their concerns.

Among the major concerns of the Canadian airmen was schooling for their children, Coates said. Otherwise, though, "the morale was incredible," Coates said.

"It was amazing they were so focused and keen to get back to work," Coates said.

The airmen are the Canadian Element of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). Their mission in the joint effort with the U.S. includes monitoring air traffic over the continental United

States, controlling U.S. fighter jet responses to any threats, and watching over air travel of the U.S. president.

As the hurricane approached, Tyndall's Canadian airmen moved their NORAD mission to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. In the days since, they've been rotating personnel into and out of Langley so airmen can return to Destin regularly to handle insurance and other issues.

Coates said just one of the 31 Canadian airmen and families lived in base housing, much of which was seriously damaged by the hurricane. But other airmen and families lived in communities that also were hit hard.

Those families have experienced "the full range" of damage to their homes, according to Coates, with some airmen hopeful of returning to live in their residences while others have been less fortunate.

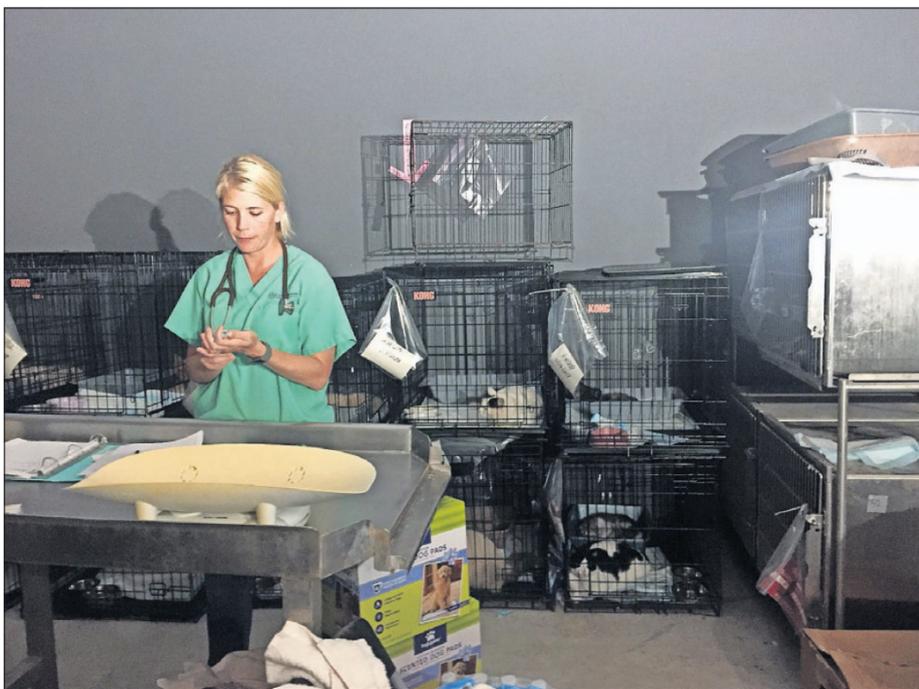
The U.S. and Canadian military have agreements under which the Canadian airmen can get medical and other assistance through the American military, but much of the assistance available will come from the Canadian military, Coates explained. A Canadian team is assessing the needs of the displaced airmen.

"We're taking a family-by-family approach," Coates explained.

As far as the future of the Canadian Element of NORAD at Tyndall AFB is concerned, Coates doesn't yet have much definitive information.

"I've heard the intent is for us to return to Tyndall," he said.

# Fur-ever friends



Dr. Callie Habrun prepares vaccinations for incoming animals. Habrun is a vet from New Orleans volunteering at The Humane Society to help with the emergency. [GENEVIEVE SMITH/THE NEWS HERALD]

## Humane Society sheltering, reuniting animals displaced by Hurricane Michael

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PANAMA CITY — Pet owners who weren't able to find their animals after Hurricane Michael ravaged Bay County can take comfort in the Humane Society of Bay County's around-the-clock effort to reunite families with their pets.

The shelter has become a hub for pets lost during the storm, with residents able to bring in animals they find, have them housed and entered into a database of lost animals. The shelter currently has 150 animals.

Lauryn Gill, shelter manager, said the staff has received training in the field in Bay and Gulf County from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and in-house from the State Animal Response Coalition, which is part of the Florida Department of Emergency Management, USDA Small Animal Division. The Humane Society also received an influx of volunteers.

"We are doing very well in the situation that we have," Gill said. "We are working on this as a team, and that's why it is going well so far."

The facility is providing multiple services, including intake of surrendered, rescued or found animals;

medical examinations by volunteer veterinarians; vaccinations; food and water. The staff also is taking lost animal reports, and providing online support for families to post photos of lost and found pets.

According to Andy Bass of the State Animal Response Coalition, the volunteers are staying at a little encampment on the property and sleeping in trucks and trailers, as to not interfere with displaced local residents by taking up hotel rooms. Volunteers search the shelter for matches from submitted pet photos every night in an attempt to reunite families.

"That's the goal. First, it's to reunite them with their family, and if that can't happen, to find them a new forever home," said Bass. "We're not going to ship a potentially owned animal out of the county. That's the whole reason we do this, is to keep animals close because their families are here."

The amount of time the organizations will remain in Bay County is dependent on the amount of animals. The state mandates that found animals be held for 30 days to allow the owners to collect. After 30 days, the animals become adoptable to the public.

Even before the storm struck, the staff was hard at work preparing the shelter by moving adoptable

animals to partnering facilities that would be safe during and after the storm.

"Escambia County officers actually came in and they transferred our animals out to a safer environment where they had running water, food, electricity, things like that," said Gill.

Removing animals from a shelter pre-disaster is a typical practice to ensure there is room for a potential influx of displaced local animals, particularly ones that were separated from their families.

The shelter is taking in all animals, regardless of medical conditions or behavioral problems.

The best way to find a missing animal or to report found pets is by posting pictures on the Humane Society's lost and found page or go to the facility and file a report.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Humane Society will be distributing cat and dog food and supplies at the John Lee Pre-Owned Nissan car dealership on 15th Street.

The shelter will begin making adoptable animals available this week.

You can support the effort by donating dog food, cat food, and new or used linens and towels or sending a monetary donation at AdoptMe.org.

## Bay voters getting 5 'mega voting' sites

By Zack McDonald  
The News Herald

PANAMA CITY — After weathering Hurricane Michael inside the supervisor of elections office in order to protect voting equipment, Mark Andersen said everything in Bay County is ready for the polls to open in the coming days.

In many counties across Florida, voters already have turned out in large numbers to cast their ballots in key elections for local, state and federal seats. This midterm election will decide several state amendments and — among several other positions — who will hold the governor's mansion and a U.S. Senate seat. While many counties in the Panhandle are rebuilding from the wrath of Hurricane Michael, though, Andersen said voting is a chance to return to normalcy and demonstrate the resiliency of the community.

"Bay County voters are tough, they're resilient, they're patriotic and they'll show up," Andersen said. "I know this is a particularly difficult time. But if there's one thing this hurricane can't take away, it is your civic duty."

Andersen said his office, as well as many other voting sites were damaged in Hurricane Michael. As the storm bore down on Bay County, the roof of the Bay County government building peeled away and water began to flow into the supervisor of elections office. However, Andersen and his staff were able to salvage voting equipment, such as the utmost valuable servers.

Now, those will be in place at five "mega voting sites" beginning Saturday. Any Bay County voter can arrive at any of the voting sites and cast a ballot.

### List of 'mega voting' sites

Supervisor of elections office, 830 W. 11th St.  
Lynn Haven Elementary School Cafetorium, 301 W. Ninth St.  
Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane  
Palo Alto Church of Christ, 3119 N. U.S. 231  
Parker United Methodist Church, 908 S. Tyndall Parkway

They will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day all the way through Election Day on Nov. 6.

"I can't stress enough that voting will take place all the way through Election Day," Andersen said. "When you can vote, go vote. We don't want people to all show up at once on Election Day. That would create great lines."

Andersen said mail-in ballots also are ready for the midterms. As a test, he sent one to himself immediately after the storm passed and it arrived Monday via mail. Andersen said his office already has begun to receive mail-in ballots.

Any out-of-town voter can call the supervisor of elections office at 850-248-8602 to receive a mail-in ballot.

Many citizens of Bay County lost everything to historically unprecedented winds of Hurricane Michael. Andersen said that despite the destruction wrought by the storm there are accommodations to fit the circumstances. Provisional ballots are available for people who lost their identification in Hurricane Michael, voters only need to spare a few minutes to cast their ballot.

"It doesn't take long to vote," he said. "Lives are important, but we will be voting. There is no excuse to not vote."

## Hurricane Michael: Storm killed at least 29 in Florida, 39 total

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Authorities in Florida say Hurricane Michael has killed at least 29 people in the state, bringing the overall death toll to 39.

Florida Emergency Management Division spokesman Alberto Moscoso says the state toll stood at 29 on Monday afternoon. Ten deaths have been reported in other states.

The latest update in Florida adds four deaths from the hardest-hit coastal Bay County, bringing the total there to 19. Gulf County had 3 deaths, Gadsden and Jackson counties each had two deaths, and Clay, Liberty and Calhoun counties each had one death.

State emergency management officials tally



In this photo taken Oct. 12, 2018, a body being removed after being discovered during the search of a housing structure in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach, Fla. The Associated Press has put the death toll so far for the storm at 17, including one death in Mexico Beach and deaths in several states. [AP PHOTO/DAVID GOLDMAN, FILE]

storm-related deaths based on rulings from district medical examiners.

Michael slammed into

Florida's Panhandle on Oct. 10 with 155 mph winds, and also affected Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia.

# Hurricane Michael could sour Florida's tupelo honey harvest

By Jennifer Kay  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Hurricane Michael toppled beehives and stripped flowering plants across Florida's Panhandle, threatening tupelo honey production in a tiny Gulf County community that is the primary source of the sweet delicacy.

Tanker trucks of corn syrup and tens of thousands of pounds of synthetic pollen are being rushed to beekeepers from the Gulf of Mexico to the Georgia state line to feed surviving bee colonies that also pollinate crops such as watermelons, cantaloupes and blueberries.

"Just feeding my bees is the biggest concern," said Gary Adkison, a

Wewahitchka beekeeper. "There's no nectar."

Adkison, who named his Blue-Eyed Girl Honey for his granddaughter, lost about 50 of his 150 hives to the storm, each containing 30,000 to 40,000 bees. Unlike other beekeepers who move their colonies to pollinate crops, Adkison keeps his hives local year-round.

"To be honest, I didn't expect this much damage," he said.

About 500 beekeepers are registered in Florida's Panhandle, with more than 1.2 billion bees in their colonies. They range from hobbyists to mom-and-pop businesses to large commercial operations.

Although Florida also produces honey from

orange blossoms, gallberries and wildflowers, the honey from white tupelo gum trees ranks highest in price and flavor.

The trees grow in remote swamps in northwestern Florida and southern Georgia, but are most profuse along the Apalachicola River in Gulf County. The heart of tupelo honey production is Wewahitchka, a one-stoplight town about 15 miles inland from where Michael made landfall Oct. 10 with 155 mph winds.

Beekeepers and business owners like Bertonneau, whose operations shut down without electricity or internet access after Michael, are anxious to find out what kind of spring harvest they should expect.

"The blossoms are so fragile, they're like little snowballs," Bertonneau said. "A heavy wind or rain will knock them off the tree."

Michael's toll on tupelos is as yet unclear because the trees are difficult to reach except by barge and considerable debris remains to be cleared.

David Westervelt, a state apiary inspection supervisor, said damaged trees might take two or three years to start blooming again.

Adkison said all he could do was focus on feeding his surviving bees.

"We are small-time," he said. "If we have a bad year, I'll just have to take care of my bees and wait until the next year."

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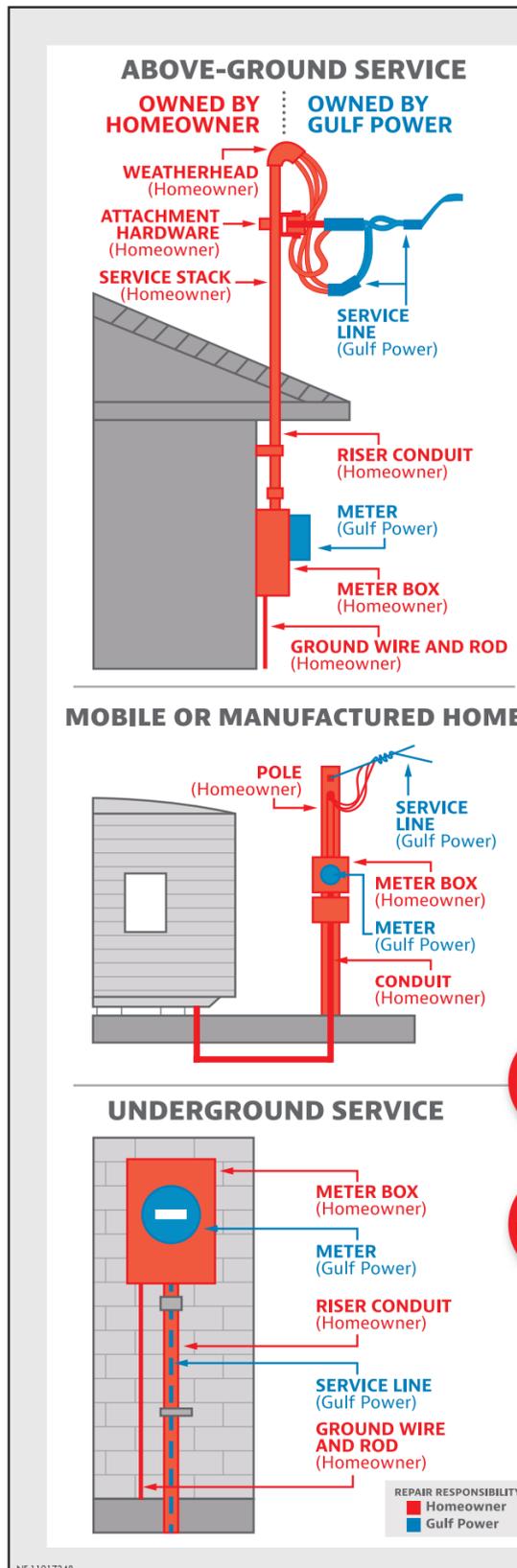
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## OUR VIEW

# Suicides spike, but help is available

**S**uicide is one of the most preventable causes of death, so it is worrisome that suicides are spiking throughout America.

More young veterans are taking their lives, according to the Veterans Administration (VA), despite new efforts to stem those deaths. Veterans account for 14 percent of America's suicides but only represent 8 percent of the population, according to a VA report reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

The Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America noted a high number of calls to the VA suicide hotline had been routed to backup call centers. The VA has resolved that issue; the hotline number is: 1-800-273-8255.

One reason why veterans are more likely to die during suicide attempts is that they're more likely to use firearms than civilians. Overall in America, nearly half of all suicides involve guns — and two-thirds of all gun deaths are suicides.

Florida criminologist Tom Gabor has advocated for gun-related policies that can reduce suicides without dramatically challenging the Second Amendment. "Red flag" laws allow family members or law enforcement to petition courts and require those at risk of self-harm to surrender their firearms.

Waiting periods for purchasing firearms could prevent people from obtaining weapons when they're most at risk. In a study of suicide survivors, those who used guns said that was the easiest method available to them.

One stubborn and ill-informed myth is that people who attempt suicide and fail will simply continue to try killing themselves; only about 15 percent of suicides fall into that category. In the vast majority of cases when suicide attempts are interrupted and prevented, those lives are saved for the long haul.

For example, in a study of more than 500 people who were prevented from jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, 94 percent of them were still alive 26 years later.

One key is to provide those who have attempted suicide with safety plans before they are discharged from hospitals, according to a study published in JAMA Psychology. Too often, patients who have attempted suicide are simply treated and released, but when these patients are given safety plans, the risk of suicide drops by as much as 50 percent.

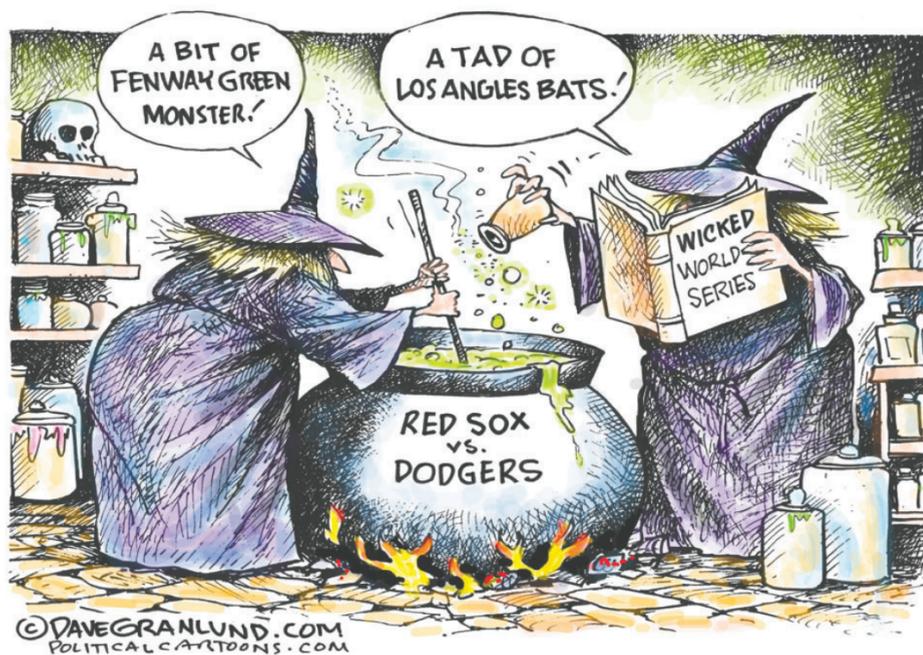
The safety plan includes: listening to patients and determining the warning signs that could trigger them to attempt suicide, creating coping strategies for patients that allow them to confront and overcome thoughts of suicide, and making follow-up calls to patients within 72 hours after they've left hospital care.

What is critically needed is more awareness about the warning signs of suicide, which can be learned through Mental Health First-Aid.

Many warning signs of suicide center on lingering feelings of depression and hopelessness. One major resource is the national suicide hotline, which can be reached at 1-800-273-TALK.

*A version of this editorial first appeared in the Florida Times-Union, a News Herald sister paper with GateHouse Media.*

## ANOTHER VIEW



## Americans living at the expense of posterity

**T**he United Nations released a report this month highlighting the hazards posed by the growing quantity of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said this phenomenon has raised the earth's temperature and "has already resulted in profound alterations to human and natural systems, bringing increases in some types of extreme weather, droughts, floods, sea level rise and biodiversity loss."

These effects will grow worse over time, though they could be moderated with firm global action to reduce emissions. But the chances of that happening are slim. President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the Paris Climate Accord, which commits every other country to ambitious measures to curtail global warming.

Congress also has shown minimal interest in remedies, which would require sacrifices on the part of the voting public. Despite the clear scientific consensus and the growing evidence, it's proved far easier to ignore the problem than to attack it.

Opponents have managed to block action by denying climate change is occurring, questioning the human role in it, suggesting it won't do much harm or insisting we can't afford any feasible solutions. Mostly, though, they have succeeded by exploiting the natural tendency of people to do things that suit their needs even when they will put a heavy burden on posterity.

That same impulse was behind the 2017 federal tax package, which slashed rates on individuals and



**The most enduring consequences of what Congress is doing today comes from two developments about climate change and a big increase in the federal budget deficit.** [EVAN GOLUB/ZUMA PRESS FILE VIA TNS]

corporations. Supporters insisted the cuts would boost economic growth so much that they would pay for themselves.

But Monday, the Treasury Department reported the deficit for the fiscal year that just ended totaled \$779 billion, a 17 percent jump over fiscal 2017. Total revenue as a share of gross domestic product fell by 4.6 percent. At a time of economic prosperity, the Treasury should be raking in a windfall. Instead, it's falling behind.

Though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the deficit is "very disturbing," he blamed it on the high cost of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. But outlays as a share of GDP have fallen sharply since 2009. What mostly accounts for the enormous deficit is the decline in revenue — a product of tax cuts.

It's not impossible to balance the budget. We did it in the 1990s. But restraint soon gave way to recklessness. We have entered an era in which trillion-dollar deficits will be the norm.

In June, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reported: "At 78 percent

of gross domestic product (GDP), federal debt held by the public is now at its highest level since shortly after World War II. If current laws generally remained unchanged, CBO projects, growing budget deficits would boost that debt sharply over the next 30 years; it would approach 100 percent of GDP by the end of the next decade and 152 percent by 2048. That amount would be the highest in the nation's history by far."

What do congressional Republicans propose to do? The House voted last month to make the tax cuts permanent — which would raise the 10-year cost of the tax package to a staggering \$2.7 trillion.

In both the environmental and the fiscal realms, Americans are living high at the expense of our children and grandchildren. Instead of taking corrective measures that would yield benefits to future generations, we are creating ecological damage and government debt. It's not too late to act to undo many of the mistakes, but our policymakers show no desire to act soon, if ever.

## READER FEEDBACK

**Debris collections are underway within the city limits of Panama City this weekend and will continue.**

**Anthony Blueridge:** All that tree debris can be used for particle board and/or plywood manufacturing, biomass, etc. I hope they put it to good use.

**Allen Zyczynski:** They are chipping it up and hauling it off.

**Dave Vincent:** Hopefully they are requiring the trucks to have covers to prevent debris from flying out. Post-Katrina, the police did not enforce this. Lots of flat tires due to boards and roof tiles with nails.

**Checkpoints are planned for**

**Mexico Beach.**

**Nancy Swider:** What is the recommended route to Panama City for doctor appointments from Port St. Joe?

**Jason Curfman:** Wristbands and Nazi Germany seem to rekindle my thoughts of Wal-Fema-mart. Plus the kids in Army tent cities. Is this a practice drill for more government control?

**According to a press release, Verizon Wireless services are back up and running to customers and first responders nearly two weeks after Hurricane Michael.**

**Vicki Gray:** Not working! I had

to buy the AT&T SIM card — over \$50 a piece! I've had the same Cellular One, now Verizon, phone number since 1997. I've done my part and paid thousands of dollars in bills. you haven't done your part, Verizon!

**Dee Dee Pledger:** Very true! So disappointing!

**Mike Roberts:** I have one to two bars at home. I used to have four. Data doesn't work, just calls and texts (sometimes). Definitely not fully restored.

**Aaron Bofa Jett:** Yeah, I'm here at the house now and I have barely anything.

**Steve Maddox:** Two cans and a string works better than

Verizon.

**Angela Whitefield:** The only reason I'm even able to see this posting is because I have left my house and gone into town. I live off Thomas Drive and have absolutely no service.

**Michelle Leigh:** Amen! Verizon's service is not even close to being "restored."

**Chris Mckernan:** I know I pay Verizon every month; my phone said AT&T. I think they are pulling a fast one and we are now on AT&T towers.

**Missy Rooks Ferguson:** Everyone should be calling customer service every time you get a chance. They constantly tell us that we're the only ones

complaining. Yeah, if that were true why did Gov. Scott get involved?

**Bren Patrick:** AT&T still giving free prepaid phones and transferring your sims for free on iPhones and doing prepaid and network deals. i finally did mine yesterday after 12 days of no Sprint voicemail service and have had ive bars 4G all day! AT&T executives at mobile site at Middle Beach AT&T store doing deals. Just do it! Haha. **Britney White Lewis:** Nope! I have maybe one to two bars and I am next to the EOC with a temp Verizon hotspot. Calls drop every day and Internet barely works if at all.

# NATION & WORLD

## Sandy Hook shooter's belongings ordered released to public

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Police must release disturbing writings and other belongings of the Newtown school shooter to the public because they are not exempt from the state's open record laws, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The justices issued a 5-0 decision in favor of The Hartford Courant and state



Adam Lanza

Freedom of Information Commission, whose order to police to release shooter Adam Lanza's belongings had been over-

turned by a lower court judge. It's not clear when the items will be released.

Lanza, 20, fatally shot 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14, 2012, after killing his mother at their Newtown home. He fatally shot himself as police arrived at the school.

The motive for the shooting never has been made clear. A report by the Connecticut Child Advocate said Lanza's severe and deteriorating mental health problems, his preoccupation with violence and access to his mother's legal weapons "proved a recipe for mass murder."

State police searched the Lanza home and seized guns, ammunition and his belongings, including his personal journals.

Among the belongings were a spreadsheet ranking mass

murders and a notebook titled "The Big Book of Granny." The notebook contains a story that Lanza wrote in fifth grade about a woman who uses her "rifle cane" to kill people at a bank, hockey game and Marine boot camp.

The book also contains several chapters with the adventures of "Dora the Beserker," influenced by a popular children's television show. When Granny asks Dora to assassinate a soldier, she replies: "I like hurting people ... Especially children." In the same episode, Dora sends "Swiper the Raccoon" into a day care center to distract the children, then enters and says, "Let's hurt children."

State police already have released some of Lanza's writings, along with thousands of pages of interviews, documents and other evidence from the investigation. But the full contents of the spreadsheet and the "Granny" notebook have not been released.

The Courant requested to view 35 items seized from the Lanza house, but state police rejected the request citing privacy rights under the state's search and seizure law.

The newspaper appealed to the Freedom of Information Commission, which ruled the belongings must be released to the public because the search and seizure law doesn't specifically bar documents seized from people's homes — and not used in prosecutions — from being released to the public. State police appealed to Superior Court, where Judge Carl Schuman agreed with

state police and overturned the commission's ruling.

Andrew Julien, publisher and editor-in-chief of the Courant, said Lanza's belongings are important for understanding mass shootings.

"Understanding what a mass killer was thinking not only paints a clearer picture of the individual, it helps us identify and understand red flags that could be part of a prevention formula for future mass shootings," he said Tuesday.

The state attorney general's office, which represented state police, declined to comment Tuesday. The office could ask the state Supreme Court to reconsider its decision or possibly appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

State police officials did not return messages seeking comment.

Justice Raheem Mullins wrote in the unanimous decision that the court must "narrowly construe" language in state law that allows exceptions to public disclosure, "otherwise any statute governing an agency's general treatment of records becomes a possible restriction on disclosure."

"The trial court pointed to nothing in the express terms of the search and seizure statutes that creates confidentiality in the documents or otherwise limits the disclosure, copying, or distribution of the documents," Mullins wrote. "Indeed, the search and seizure statutes are silent on the issues of confidentiality, copying, or disclosure to the public."



Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar speaks during a Senate Finance Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on June 26. Azar says the number of drug overdose deaths has begun to level off after years of relentless increases driven by the opioid epidemic. [AP FILE]

## Health chief: Overdose deaths leveling off

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of U.S. drug overdose deaths has begun to level off after years of relentless increases driven by the opioid epidemic, health secretary Alex Azar said Tuesday, cautioning it's too soon to declare victory.

"We are so far from the end of the epidemic, but we are perhaps, at the end of the beginning," Azar said in prepared remarks for a health care event sponsored by the Milken Institute think tank.

Confronting the opioid epidemic has been the rare issue uniting Republicans and Democrats in a politically divided nation. A bill providing major funding for treatment was passed under former President Barack Obama, and two more have followed under President Donald Trump.

More than 70,000 people died of drug overdoses last year, according to preliminary numbers released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this summer — a 10 percent increase from 2016.

Azar said in his speech that toward the end of last year and through the beginning of this year, the number of deaths "has begun to plateau." Azar was not suggesting that deaths are going down, but noting that they appear to be rising at a slower rate than previously seen.

Earlier this month, the CDC released figures — also preliminary — that appear to show a slowdown in overdose deaths in late 2017 and the first three months of this year. From December to

March, those figures show that the pace of the increase during the previous 12 months has slowed from 10 percent to 3 percent, according to the preliminary CDC figures.

Despite the slowdown, the nation remains in the midst of the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in its history. Opioids were involved in most of the deaths, killing almost 48,000 people last year.

While prescription opioid and heroin deaths appear to be leveling off, deaths involving fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamines are on the rise. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid much more powerful than heroin, and it's used as an additive in street drugs.

In an interview with The Associated Press this summer, a CDC expert said the overdose death numbers appear to be shifting for the better, but it's too soon to draw firm conclusions.

Month-to-month data show a leveling off in the number of deaths, said Bob Anderson, a senior statistician with the National Center for Health Statistics. However, those numbers are considered preliminary, since death investigations have not been completed in all cases.

"It appears at this point that we may have reached a peak and we may start to see a decline," said Anderson. "This reminds me of what we saw with HIV in the '90s."

Final numbers for 2018 won't be available until the end of next year and things also could get worse, not better.

## Trump says he's cutting Central American aid

**President blasts caravan, looks to make immigration focus ahead of midterms**

By Zeke Miller and Jill Colvin

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Monday the U.S. will begin cutting aid to three Central American countries he accused of failing to stop thousands of migrants heading for the U.S. border. But across his administration

there was no indication of any action in response to what he tweeted was a "National Emergency."

For hours on Monday, White House officials were unable to provide an explanation for the president's threats, which reflected both his apparent frustration with the migrant caravan and his determination to transform it into Republican election gains. Federal agencies said they'd received no guidance on the president's declaration, issued as he attempts to make illegal immigration

a focus of next month's mid-term elections.

If Trump should follow through with his threat to end or greatly reduce U.S. aid, that could worsen the poverty and violence that are a root cause of the migration he has been railing against, critics said.

Trump tweeted, "Sadly, it looks like Mexico's Police and Military are unable to stop the Caravan heading to the Southern Border of the United States." He added without evidence that "criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in."

## 'Obamacare' shapes opioid grant spending

By Carla K. Johnson and Nicky Forster

The Associated Press

With Republicans and Democrats joining forces again in a bipartisan effort to target the U.S. opioid crisis, an Associated Press analysis of the first wave of emergency money from Congress finds that states are taking very different approaches to spending it.

To a large extent, the differences depend on whether states participated in one of the most divisive issues in recent American politics: the health overhaul known as "Obamacare."

The AP analysis found states that expanded Medicaid under President Barack Obama's health overhaul reported spending their allocations more slowly than states

that didn't expand the health insurance program to poor, childless adults.

Why? In states that expanded Medicaid, the insurance program already covers addiction treatment for nearly everyone who is poor and needs it.

Medicaid allows states to go beyond the basics with the grant money, while non-expansion states have to fill in for basic needs with fewer dollars, said Brendan Saloner, an addiction researcher at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In effect, Medicaid expansion states had a running start on the opioid crisis, while states without the extra Medicaid funding hastened to catch up.

"Non-expansion states are dealing with populations more likely to be uninsured and more

likely to need coverage for addiction treatment," Saloner said. In contrast, states with Medicaid expansion can use the grants to create new infrastructure, "asking providers to take risks by investing in new personnel, new systems and new ways of doing things," Saloner said. "The puzzle is how to keep momentum going after the funds are gone."

The Medicaid insurance expansion gives states a head start because they have "a coordinated, reliable and consistent source of coverage" for a demographic group hit hard by addiction, said Trish Riley, executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy. "It's not grant funded. It's not stopgap," Riley said.

"Coverage matters, period," Riley said.



Michael Robinson, of North Reading, Mass., in recovery from heroin addiction, stands for a photo Oct. 1 near the Charles River in Boston, Mass. Robinson recently became a union carpenter and has been working on building projects across the Boston area since. [STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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FX	45	51	136	248	(6:00) ** The Visit (15)		** Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (14)		How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Mike & Molly		
HALL	23	59	185	312	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Home & Family Actor John C. McGinley; Nico Santos. (N)				Home & Family Actress Linda Gray; actress Sarah Drew.					
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Boise Boys		Boise Boys		Boise Boys		Boise Boys		Fixer Upper		Property Brothers: Buying			
HIST	35	42	120	269	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars		
LIFE	56	56	108	252	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		The First 48		The First 48 "Off the Tracks"		The First 48			
PARMT	28	48	241	241	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue "Twin vs. Twin"		Bar Rescue "Dragon Lady"		Bar Rescue		Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men		
SUN	49	42	656	656	To Do Florida	Addict. Fishing	Spirit of the Florida Keys		College Football						College Football			
SYFY	70	52	122	244	(6:30) ** Hellbenders (12) Clifton Collins Jr.	(:28) SticKman (17) Alanna Bale, Valerie Bhuhagiar.							(:29) *** Fright Night (11) Anton Yelchin, Colin Farrell, David Tennant.					
TBS	31	15	139	247	King	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
TCM	25	70	132	256	(6:30) ** Flight Commander (30)		** Ace of Aces (33) Richard Dix.				The Eagle and the Hawk (33)		(:15) ** Today We Live (33) Joan Crawford, Gary Cooper.					
TLC	37	40	183	280	The Little Couple		7 Little Johnstons		7 Little Johnstons		Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Island Medium	Island Medium		
TNT	29	54	138	245	Charmed "Ms. Hellfire"		Charmed "Heartbreak City"		Supernatural "The Foundry"		Supernatural		UEFA- BR Football Matchday		UEFA Champ. League Soccer			
USA	62	55	105	242	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D. "Disco Bob"			
WGN-A	13		239	307	Creflo Dollar	Paid Program	Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night			

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WJHG (7)	3	3	7	7	Rachael Ray (N)		The Doctors (N)		The Real (N)		Family Feud	Jeopardy! (N)	News	Nightly News	News	Wheel Fortune		
CW (72)	99	9	8	8	Paid Program	Paid Program	Jerry Springer		Jerry Springer		blackish	blackish	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy		
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	General Hospital (N)		Hot Bench (N)	Hot Bench	The Dr. Oz Show (N)		Dr. Phil (N)		News	World News	News 13 at 6	Ent. Tonight		
METV (132)	209	133	2	2	Bonanza "The Prisoners"		The Rifleman	The Rifleman	Wagon Train		Charlie's Angels "Taxi Angels"		Mama's Family	The Jeffersons	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	The Talk (N)		Millionaire	Millionaire	Family Feud	Family Feud	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		Day Jeopardy	Local 18 News	Evening News	Inside Edition		
MNT (182)	227	13			Providence	Providence	Dateline "Black Friday"		Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Chicago P.D.		Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly		
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	Maury (N)		Me/Frangela	ThisMinute	Steve (N)		Judge Mathis		Judge Judy (N)	Judge Judy	Big Bang	MLB Pregame		
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Curious	Pinkalicious	Nature Cat	Wild Kratts: Creepy Creatures	Odd Squad	Odd Squad	Arthur (E)		PBS NewsHour (N)		World News	Rick Steves		
A&E	34	43	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars		
AMC	30	62	131	254	(:03) Cult of Chucky (17) Fiona Dourif, Jennifer Tilly.		(:03) ** Trick 'r Treat (07) Anna Paquin, Brian Cox.				** Thirteen Ghosts (01) Tony Shalhoub, Embeth Davidtz.							
ANPL	46	69	184	282	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Tanked		Tanked			
BET	53	46	124	329	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	** Sparkle (12)			
COM	64	53	107	249	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park		
DISC	36	39	182	278	Alaska Marshals		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown (N)			
E!	63	57	114	236	Parks/Recreat	*** The Other	Guys (10) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Eva Mendes.		** Little Fockers (10) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.				El News (N)					
ESPN	9	23	140	206	(12:30) NFL Live (N) (L)		NBA: The Jump (N) (L)		High Noon (N)		Questionable		SportsCenter (N) (L)		NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	47	24	144	209	Jalen & Jacoby (N)		NFL Live		Football Live		Baseball Tonight (N) (L)		Around/Horn	Interruption	Baseball Ton.	Football Live		
FOOD	38	45	110	231	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games			
FREE	59	65	180	311	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Decorating Disney: Halloween		*** Monster House (06) Voices of Steve Buscemi.				** The Addams Family			
FS1	24	27	150	219	The Herd with Colin Cowherd		Speak for Yourself with Whitlock and Wiley (N)		Lock It In (N) (L)		Fair Game		NASCAR Race Hub (N) (L)		TBA	Turning Point		
FX	45	51	136	248	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	*** 10 Cloverfield Lane (16) John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead.		*** Don't Breathe (16) Jane Levy, Dylan Minnette.						Purge			
HALL	23	59	185	312	My Favorite Wedding (17) Maggie Lawson.		A Country Wedding (15) Jesse Metcalfe, Autumn Reeser.				Under the Autumn Moon (18) Lindy Booth, Wes Brown.							
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying			
HIST	35	42	120	269	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Forged in Fire "Spiked Shield"		Forged in Fire			
LIFE	56	56	108	252	The First 48		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy			
PARMT	28	48	241	241	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends		
SUN	49	42	656	656	(12:00) College Football Michigan at Michigan State. (Taped)		Ins. Lightning	Ins. Lightning	3 Wide Life (N)	Time Tee Flor	Inside HEAT	Inside HEAT	Inside HEAT	Inside HEAT	Pregame	Basketball		
SYFY	70	52	122	244	(12:48) *** Van Helsing (04) Hugh Jackman, Kate Beckinsale.		(:18) *** Insidious (10) Patrick Wilson, Rose Byrne.				*** Insidious: Chapter 2 (13)							
TBS	31	15	139	247	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers		
TCM	25	70	132	256	(:15) ** Suzy (36) Jean Harlow, Franchot Tone, Cary Grant.		*** The Dawn Patrol (38) Errol Flynn.		John Jones		** Flight Command (40) Robert Taylor, Ruth Hussey.							
TLC	37	40	183	280	Island Medium	Island Medium	American Gypsy Wedding		American Gypsy Wedding		Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	My 600-Lb. Life "Milla's Story"			
TNT	29	54	138	245	UEFA Champ. League Soccer		UEFA Champions League Soccer		UEFA		*** Iron Man (08) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow.							
USA	62	55	105	242	Chicago P.D.		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU			
WGN-A	13		239	307	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing		

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CW (72)	99	9	8	8	Riverdale (N)		All American "I" (N)		Page Six TV	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Engagement	Engagement	King		
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	The Goldbergs	Am Housewife	Modern Family	Single Parents	Gomer Pyle WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Heroes	Hogan Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone	Alf. Hitchcock	Alf. Hitchcock		
METV (132)	209	133	2	2	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	(01) SEAL Team (N)		Criminal Minds "Innocence"		Family Feud	Late Show-Colbert	Late Late Show	James Corden	DailyMailTV			
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	Survivor "Jackets and Eggs"		Dateline "Suspicion"		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Game	The Game	Forensic Files	Forensic Files		
MNT (182)	227	13			Dateline "Silent Witness"		NBA World Series Game 2: Teams TBA. (N) (L)		Neanderthal		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Game	The Game	Forensic Files	Forensic Files		
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	Nature (Season Premiere) (N)		NOVA "Flying Supersonic" (N)		Neanderthal		Amanpour and Company (N)		TMZ Live (N)		Pawn Stars	Imp. Jokers		
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Nature (Season Premiere) (N)		NOVA "Flying Supersonic" (N)		Neanderthal		Amanpour and Company (N)		PBS NewsHour (N)		NOVA "Flying Supersonic"			
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# LOCAL & STATE

## City OKs relief stations, repair work

By Patrick McCreless  
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PANAMA CITY — City leaders voted Tuesday to spend up to \$17 million for relief stations for residents and on repair work for the sewage system needed following Hurricane Michael. Approximately \$9 million

will go to Trumbull Bottled Water, Inc. in Panama City, which has set up six relief stations across the city that include free showers, water and ice for residents. Up to \$8 million will cover a contract extension with Marshall Brothers Construction and Engineering — first hired by the city to construct a new

wastewater treatment plant — to help fully restore sewage services knocked out by the hurricane two weeks ago.

“The city will be responsible for paying for all of that,” Jenna Haligas, Panama City commissioner, said during the meeting. “We need to make decisions for what people need today. ... Our

hopes are we’ll be reimbursed by FEMA.”

The City Commission approved the spending during its regular meeting Tuesday, though held at the Oakland Terrace Clubhouse since its main meeting building was too damaged by the hurricane. Commission members and city officials had to share

a microphone as they talked over the rumbling sound of equipment pumping air through plastic tubes in the hallway to mitigate water damage from the storm.

Mark McQueen, city manager, said each of the relief stations would last for 30

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Sean Gennari, owner of Top Tree Care, stands in front of a large tree being lifted off property by a crane. Gennari said his Michigan-based company has removed hundreds of trees in the Panama City area. [SARAH LEBLANC/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

## Hurricane gone, but downed trees remain

**Homeowners must endure a wait to get trees off their property because of the high demand of insurance adjusters and hefty costs**

By Sarah LeBlanc  
Gatehouse Media

LYNN HAVEN — Drive through Lynn Haven, and the roar of chainsaws fills the air.

Branches litter the streets, and cut up tree trunks sit on corners waiting to be picked up two weeks after Hurricane Michael tore through

the region. There’s only a few houses on each block that haven’t been damaged or destroyed by a tree falling on the roof.

One of those damaged houses belongs to Philip Sweeny. Ten years ago, Sweeny and his father built a home together in Lynn Haven. Now, Sweeny isn’t sure he will be able to stay.

Hurricane Michael toppled four trees onto his home. Two landed on his porch, the others on the roof of his home. His in-laws, who are contractors, helped cut down the trees from the porch so his family could see

the damage inside.

Monday, Sweeny met with an insurance adjuster. That visit will help Sweeny decide if he can afford to keep the home, as well as remove the trees.

“We found some significant damage to the house so we didn’t want to pay out of pocket to get the tree removed until we had the adjuster come out and find out what the next steps are from the insurance company,” Sweeny said.

Waiting for an adjuster seems to be the reason other Lynn Haven residents haven’t removed trees both large and

small from their home either. Sean Gennari, owner of Top Tree Care Inc., said without insurance, people could be paying between \$1,800 to \$15,000 to remove trees from yards and homes.

That price tag, on top of other possible damage to the home, means people like Sweeny can’t afford to move back into their homes right away.

“We’re pretty much tapped out as far as funds go,” Sweeny said. “We can’t spend money unless we get it back.”

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## Running mates to add heft on health care fight

By Christine Sexton  
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Republican gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis and Democratic nominee Andrew Gillum have clashed over health care as they battle in the Nov. 6 election.

But when it comes to the nuts and bolts of providing access to coverage, it might be their running mates who have a deeper knowledge of the industry and the ripple effects that potential changes could have across the state.

DeSantis, who has sharply criticized the federal Affordable Care Act and government-provided health care, tapped as his running mate state Rep. Jeanette Nunez, a Miami Republican whose income comes in part from a public hospital that relies heavily on Medicaid.

Gillum, meanwhile, chose as his running mate Winter Park businessman Chris King, who spelled out a detailed health-care proposal while running unsuccessfully in the Democratic primary for governor. King has shied away from discussing the concept known as “Medicare for all,” which Gillum embraced in the primary.

Health care has become a major issue in the race for governor and in numerous other races. A key part of that issue is the role government programs, such as Medicaid and Medicare,

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## Fried, Caldwell face off over medical pot, water

By Jim Turner  
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Democrat Nikki Fried, a medical-marijuana lobbyist, had to defend her desire to move the state’s oversight of medical marijuana into the agency she wants to run.

Her Republican opponent, state Rep. Matt Caldwell, was questioned about his support for a bill that delayed for 20 years an unmet deadline to reduce nutrients flowing into Lake Okeechobee.

Fried and Caldwell — running in the Nov. 6 election to replace term-limited Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and head the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services — engaged in a fast-paced debate Sunday during the show “Facing South Florida” on CBS Miami.

While the two have appeared at the same events during the campaign, the television show was the only time they are scheduled to jointly discuss issues.

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Republican state Rep. Matt Caldwell and Democrat Nikki Fried, running in the Nov. 6 election to replace term-limited Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and head the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, engaged in a fast-paced debate on the show “Facing South Florida.” [CBS MIAMI]

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GoFundMe means big bucks for dubious care



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**ICONIC ROCKER**

Family, fans of Tom Petty gather to name park in his honor

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should play in the health-care system.

While DeSantis criticizes the Affordable Care Act and government programs, his running mate has deep ties to the public Jackson Memorial Hospital, one of South Florida's most important health-care providers.

A financial-disclosure form filed with the state shows that Nunez drew a \$148,000 salary last year from OnPoint Strategies, a consulting firm she launched in 2013 after she left a job with Kendall Regional Medical Center.

The firm's biggest client, according to the form, is Jackson Memorial. Public hospitals have been among the biggest proponents in recent years of efforts to expand eligibility for Medicaid, a key element of the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare.

Nunez, who opposed Medicaid expansion in the House, wrote in an email to The News Service of Florida, that, if elected, her experience in health care, will "only benefit Florida families."

"Jackson is a well-known and respected institution that saves lives, invests in cutting edge technology and is a valued community partner," she wrote in the email. "I am proud of my work and I know that the experience I have from working in health care and seeing the real impacts it has on Floridians."

While Nunez has a long track record on health-care issues, the DeSantis campaign has come under fire for not releasing a detailed health-care plan ahead of the election.

But Gillum, who as Tallahassee mayor has a limited record of dealing with health-care issues, also hasn't released a detailed plan explaining his priorities.

Gillum is quick to support Obamacare, and with it, a Medicaid expansion for many low-income adults who are currently blocked from getting coverage in Florida. Medicaid is a government program that pays health-care costs for poor and disabled people.

Outgoing Republican Gov. Rick Scott and the GOP-controlled Florida House have blocked attempts to expand Medicaid, while 32 other states have approved such expansions under Obamacare.

Gillum also supports a popular provision of former President Barack Obama's signature law that provides protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

But during the Democratic primary campaign, Gillum also came out in support of "Medicare for all," which is an alternative to Obamacare espoused by Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont progressive who unsuccessfully sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016.

Even though "Medicare for all" would have to be approved by Congress and not at the state level, Gillum's stance helped earn him Sanders' endorsement.

While "Medicare for all" and Obamacare have a similar goal of ensuring more people have access to health coverage, the approaches are different. Obamacare

works to make private insurance affordable and largely picks up the tab for states to expand Medicaid eligibility.

In contrast, "Medicare for all" would allow all Americans to enroll in the Medicare program, which currently is limited to people who are 65 or older or have disabilities. But it also would fold funding for existing health care programs — including Medicare, Medicaid and the military's TRICARE — into one new program.

"Medicare for all" would replace private insurers with a public insurance system, and employers and individuals wouldn't choose plans. They essentially would be enrolled in a program.

King, who was one of five candidates in the Democratic gubernatorial primary, did not come out in support of the Medicare-for-all proposal during the primary campaign. He released a detailed health-care proposal showing how he would work to improve Obamacare by increasing the number of insurance companies selling health policies on the federal health-insurance exchange.

King's plan would have required the insurance companies that want to sell Medicare plans in the state or participate in Medicaid to also write on the exchange.

After becoming Gillum's running mate, King has stumped across the state promising that he and Gillum would work to do everything they can to protect Medicare, which he described as an "extraordinary program that serves so many of Florida's seniors."

But that is not the same thing as the "Medicare for all" concept.

Gillum also is now appearing to sidestep questions about the Medicare proposal.

In their first debate Sunday, DeSantis repeatedly hit Gillum over his past support for "Medicare for all," even asking him pointedly if he would sign legislation that would put the system in place in Florida.

Gillum did not address his support for the proposal and, instead criticized DeSantis, a former congressman, for votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

"His votes have deluded him into his own definition of what health care is," Gillum said.

DeSantis and Nunez are on the record saying details of their health care plans will be released. But with two weeks left before the election, that hasn't occurred.

DeSantis' answer to a reporter's question this week, though, shows insight into how Nunez might be helping shape his positions. Scott and House leaders, including Nunez, tried unsuccessfully to eliminate an arcane health-care licensure program called certificate of need.

They offered it as an alternative to Medicaid expansion, arguing that the licensure requirement is an unnecessary regulation that enables some providers to monopolize the health-care delivery system.

While their efforts fell short, DeSantis has appeared to take up the cause.

"Health care is really the only area that where if you go to a building on one side of the street, a procedure may cost \$5,000 but if you go two blocks the other way the same thing can cost \$17,000. It makes no sense," DeSantis said.

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The show's host, veteran reporter Jim DeFede, ran through a series of topics, including the department's handling of concealed-weapons licenses under Putnam, marijuana, water quality, the North American Free Trade Agreement, immigration, clemency and the state's "Do Not Call" solicitation list.

Fried, a Fort Lauderdale attorney and lobbyist who recently was endorsed by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, and Caldwell, a North Fort Myers real-estate appraiser who has been part of the Republican leadership of the state House, differed on almost every issue, including their approaches to strengthen the "Do Not Call" list.

DeFede jokingly said stopping the "annoying" phone calls would be the key to winning the statewide contest.

Caldwell said the agency needs to investigate and prosecute "scam artists" and suggested the agency set up a system so people can immediately text the agency from their cellphones the numbers of telemarketers.

"It's really about time," Caldwell said. "As soon as they give you the call, reporting that and getting that investigation away immediately, that's going to improve the chances that we can track them down through the internet to where they're hiding."

Fried, a former attorney with the Alachua County Public Defender's Office, agreed with Caldwell that improving technology and quickly starting investigations is needed. But she said the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services also must provide more consumer services.

"When individuals actually are calling in and complaining about these things, there is no one on the other line," Fried said. "So one of the other

things, when I'm in office, is to re-prioritize the consumer services of this job to make sure there is someone actually on the other line to answer these complaints."

Fried, who was a registered lobbyist this year for the marijuana operator San Felasco Nurseries, faced stiffer questioning about her stances on the separate issues of moving the state's oversight of medical marijuana from the Department of Health to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and her criticism that the Putnam-run agency has been too cozy with the National Rifle Association.

Putnam, a Republican, has drawn Democratic criticism, in part, for a past statement that he was a proud NRA "sellout." The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is in charge of issuing concealed-weapons licenses.

Fried said she is "beholden" to patients who need medical marijuana, not the industry that she has represented and has supported her campaign. She pointed to criticism that the GOP-dominated Legislature has not properly carried out a 2016 constitutional amendment that broadly legalized medical marijuana in the state.

"My campaign is supported by many people, including over 1,000 individuals, who have given campaign contributions, who believe that they deserve access," Fried said. "Seventy-two percent of our citizens voted for medical marijuana, and the Legislature and the governor's office continues to put up roadblocks."

Caldwell, who is endorsed by the NRA, said he would "let the voters" decide who Fried is beholden to, while noting he co-sponsored a bill in 2014 — commonly known as the "Charlotte's Web" bill — that legalized limited types of non-euphoric medical cannabis.

However, Caldwell was put on the defensive as discussion turned to a 2016 water bill and problems with toxic algae and red tide that have plagued waterways and coastal areas

in Southeast and Southwest Florida.

Fried said water legislation by Caldwell "gutted" Department of Environmental Protection regulations and has played a key role in degrading the state's environment.

Caldwell, who has been a point man for the Republican-dominated House on water issues, said his measures require farmers to implement "the most cutting-edge technology" related to the use of phosphates and didn't roll back any water quality standards.

One of the state's key water issues has involved polluted water being released from Lake Okeechobee and going into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries, helping lead to algae in waterways.

DeFede asked if the 2016 bill — which included issues such as extending the deadline related to nutrients flowing into Lake Okeechobee and limiting responsibilities for water-management districts on water supplies — "kicked that problem down the road."

Caldwell replied that "the original bill was to develop a plan for how you're going to solve Lake Okeechobee" and that his legislation drew bipartisan support.

"Lake Okeechobee is going to be the biggest problem to solve," Caldwell continued. "It's got 100 years of inputs, muck just sitting at the bottom of the lake. That's a much larger question than how we're going to reconfigure the flood control system."

After Fried retorted that Caldwell's Southwest Florida district is suffering from the water-quality problems, Caldwell said people are misrepresenting the issue for political gain.

"This is why this problem didn't get addressed for 20 years. It's why I ran for the House," Caldwell said. "People are misrepresenting what the situation is. People are trying to utilize this bad situation to make political gains, rather than focusing on solutions, rather than bringing people together."

## TREES

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Gennari estimates the Panama City area has lost 95 percent of its trees. Many of those trees are still leaning on homes like Sweeny's, waiting to be removed once residents who evacuated return to assess the destruction. Sweeny himself has been staying in Atlanta with family and his two young children.

The extent to which homeowners are reimbursed for damage depends on their policy, but insurance adjusters look for wind damage, dents, and any dislocation that has happened as a result of the storm. When a person calls their insurance company also can affect how soon the adjuster can make it

to their home.

Sunday Davis called her insurance company last week. While she was in Tallahassee during the hurricane, a large tree snapped near its base and fell on to her roof. She met with her adjuster this week to determine if they would cover the cost of removing the tree.

Davis said she has gotten quotes of about \$800. If that cost isn't covered by insurance, she isn't sure what she will do.

"You're just about homeless," Davis said. "Houses got torn all the way down, you have to stay with somebody or try to find an apartment."

While her home is without water or power, Davis still sleeps there at night, and stays with friends and family during the day. She hopes to repair her home and move back in eventually.

Where there are fallen trees,

there also are tree removal services. Skyler Delmott works with Timber Warriors, a company that is subcontracted by insurance companies to remove trees. He said his team has been traveling from Dothan, Alabama, every day to work in the Panama City area from dawn to dusk.

Delmott said Timber Warriors might be working to clean up tree debris in Florida through Thanksgiving.

"We've been working since the day after it blew through," Delmott said. "Even coming in 100 miles north we were hitting downed power lines on the road."

Gennari said his crew has removed hundreds of trees, and has enough work for at least another week.

"Every home has damage," Gennari said. "This is by far the worst hurricane I've ever seen."

## RELIEF

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days and had been set up around the city.

"Twelve days have passed and we still don't have potable water for citizens and some still don't have power," McQueen said, describing why the stations were needed. "They're supposed to have tents with showers, air conditioning, food, water and ice."

Locations for the stations include the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center at 705 E. 14th Court; Daffin Park at 320 Kraft Ave.; Cove Shopping Center at 925 Cherry St.; Al Helms Dog Park at 1022 Balboa Ave.; Northstar Church at 2379 St. Andrews Blvd.; Boys and Girls Club at 3404 W. 19th St.; Old Party City Store at 2015 W. 23rd

St.; Palm Bay Prep Academy at 1104 Balboa Ave.; and the Panama City Mall at the corner of 23rd Street and State 77.

McQueen added that representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency would be at each station to help residents register for federal assistance.

McQueen said Marshall Brothers had worked with the city since the hurricane to help restore sewage services. The city awarded a \$37 million contract with the company two years ago to replace the 30-year-old St. Andrews Water Treatment Facility. The new facility hasn't officially gone online, McQueen said.

"They got their staff together to get our sewer system back up," said Mayor Greg Brudnicki.

Also during the meeting, the commission expanded McQueen's

spending authority. For the next 90 days, McQueen has the authority to spend up to \$100,000 without commission approval. Previously, he was limited to \$25,000.

McQueen said after the meeting that the change gives him more flexibility to deal with issues caused by the hurricane. Some purchases the city must make include dumpsters, water, food, pumps and generators.

"The scale of things I have to purchase is much larger than before," McQueen said.

During the meeting, Brudnicki thanked all the city workers who have helped in the recovery efforts so far, particularly McQueen.

"Everyone in this city has done so much, and this man has led them," Brudnicki said, pointing at McQueen. "There's nobody else who could have done that, I guarantee it."



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# Painted chairs reflect life, celebrate cancer survival

By Hannah Morse  
The Palm Beach Post

PALM BEACH GARDENS — These days, it's rare not to see Grace Carpenter greet the morning sun at the beach.

It was something she had done in her early 20s, but stopped because "I just got caught up in life just like everyone else does," she said from her Palm Beach Gardens home on a recent afternoon.

At age 36, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Now, three years later, she starts her days with the ocean.

"It was a place I could go, I could tell my day was just a good day for the most part," she said. "Yeah, I hit bumps in the road during the day, but the way I was handling it was greatly different. I like the way I feel and I keep coming back to it."

That day, in the corner of Carpenter's living room, the sound of crashing waves emanated from speakers attached to an Adirondack chair. With the help of artist Jordan Clemmons, the chair's back slats are painted with



At age 36, Grace Carpenter was diagnosed with breast cancer. Now, three years later, she starts her days with the ocean. (PALM BEACH POST)

a pink sunrise, sand and seashells dust the chair's front, yoga figures strike various poses on the left armrest and a yin and yang is drawn with positive and negative words from her journey through life.

The sunrise is what keeps Carpenter healthy — mind, body and soul — after being cancer-free. Her chair is placed at Loggerhead Marinelife Center for the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as part of Jupiter Medical Center's Pink Chair Project.

The medical center and the Margaret W. Niedland Breast Center asked breast cancer survivors to paint a chair that represented their motivation through

treatment. The chairs and survivor stories are placed around Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens.

The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 266,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and 2,550 new cases diagnosed in men. It most often is found from the discovery of a lump in the breast, but early breast cancer is most commonly diagnosed through mammograms.

There are 29 chairs in all, mostly representing women who were treated by Jupiter Medical Center. Some had beach themes, like Carpenter's. Others had flowers, like survivor Jo Nagorka. One had

a blunt message for the disease: "Cancer, Kiss My A(asterisk)(asterisk)."

Before her diagnosis, "I was not a happy person," Carpenter said. She was studying to become a funeral director and writing a paper when she put her laptop aside. It was her time of the month and her breasts were sensitive. But a pea-sized knot in the tissue gave her pause. It kept growing as the weeks passed.

She found out a tumor was growing in her breast, but was not in her lymph nodes.

"For me, it was a bad diagnosis, but I made it a positive experience," she said.

Carpenter has tackled

up a piece of paper titled "My 'Saving Grace' Checklist." She checked off items like going through eight rounds of chemotherapy, going through 33 rounds of radiation therapy, having a double mastectomy and reconstruction. One item not yet complete, as it's an ongoing process: "Live in the moment, Healthy, Advocate, Love, Laugh."

"I think for me the biggest growth and change for me has been spiritually within myself and wanting to live a life fuller than what it was before," she said.

Nagorka, 58, emanates a quiet calm in her personality and paintings. Before cancer, she considered herself a positive person. As her five-year anniversary of being cancer-free comes up in November, she is still appreciative of life.

"I appreciate every day," she said. "Everybody I meet, that's the most important person I meet because they are."

When Nagorka found out she had Stage 2 breast cancer, she didn't tell anyone for three days.

She had skipped a few annual doctor visits, but in 2013 a nurse practitioner felt something Nagorka had discovered in the shower a week before:

a golf ball-sized lump in her left breast.

The first time she cried, she said, is when she found out she needed chemotherapy.

"First one, your body kind of goes into shock, but you get through it. The second one wasn't so bad. But the third one is when everything kind of fell apart," she said. It starts killing the cancer cells and the other cells. It took two years for her body to feel normal again.

Nagorka loved painting as a child and into her college years, but it wasn't until after her mother, Aileen, died two years after her cancer diagnosis that she picked it back up and never let go.

She enjoys painting flowers, serene beach scenes and designs on children's rocking chairs.

"You get lost in it," she said. "You do it and it's fun."

Her hibiscus chair, displayed at Bloomingdale's at The Gardens Mall, has some pink in it, but explodes with green, purple, blue and yellow, too.

In a way, Nagorka sees life after cancer the same way Carpenter does.

"The sun goes up. The sun goes down," Nagorka said. "You're still here to see it."

# GoFundMe means big bucks for dubious care

By Lindsey Tanner  
The Associated Press

People seeking dubious, potentially harmful treatment for cancer and other ailments raised almost \$7 million over two years from crowdfunding sites, a study found.

Echoing recent research on campaigns for stem cell therapies, the findings raise more questions about an increasingly popular way to help pay for costly, and sometimes unproven, medical care.

Soliciting money on GoFundMe and other sites eliminates doctors, hospitals, insurance companies and other "gatekeepers" that can be a barrier to expensive treatment, said lead author Dr. Ford Vox, an ethicist and brain injury expert at Shepherd Center rehabilitation hospital in Atlanta. He calls it "the democratization of economic power

through social media" but says it can pose an ethical dilemma.

Online fundraising "has a big bright side" when it helps patients pay for legitimate care, he said. "Communities are really being able to rally around people in rough times. That's fantastic, but there is this very clear dark side" when treatments sought are worthless or even dangerous.

His study was published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

GoFundMe says campaigns for medical care are increasing and are among the most numerous on its site. They include solicitations for conventional treatment and for unproven alternative therapies.

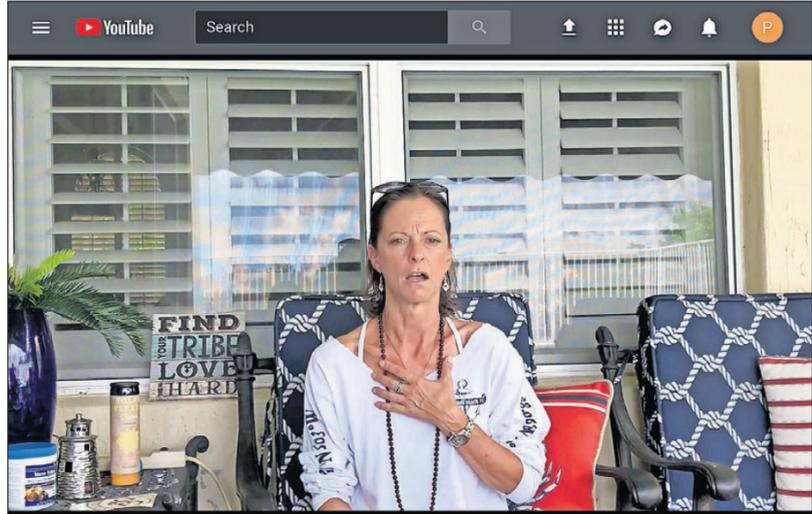
"We always encourage people to fully research whatever it is they are raising money for and to

be absolutely transparent on their GoFundMe page, so donors can make an informed decision on what they're donating to," GoFundMe said in an emailed statement.

The researchers examined campaigns posted from November 2015 through mid-December 2017, mostly on GoFundMe. They focused on five treatments sought in about 1,000 campaigns: homeopathy or naturopathy for cancer; hyperbaric oxygen for brain injuries; stem cells for brain or spinal cord injuries; and long-term antibiotics for persistent Lyme disease.

While some patients swear they have benefited from some of the treatments, there is no rigorous scientific evidence that any of them work for the conditions involved, the researchers said.

The most numerous were solicitations for homeopathy or naturopathy for cancer — 474 requests seeking more than \$12 million. About one-quarter of that was raised.



In this image from video posted on YouTube on Aug. 11, Michelle Drapeau, a stomach cancer patient in West Palm Beach, speaks about her condition. Drapeau set up a GoFundMe account to help pay for her medical expenses. Drapeau has raised about \$7,000 for homeopathy and other alternative remedies since being diagnosed. (AP)

Homeopathic products typically contain heavily diluted drugs, vitamins or minerals said to promote healing, although some have been found to contain toxic amounts. Naturopathy, another alternative medicine practice, sometimes uses homeopathic products, herbs and dietary supplements or body cleanses.

Michelle Drapeau has raised about \$7,000 on GoFundMe for homeopathy and other alternative remedies since being diagnosed with advanced stomach cancer in February 2017. The 45-year-old investment banker from West Palm Beach credits them with keeping her alive since she stopped chemotherapy more than

a year ago.

"I wanted to make sure I explored every and all options," Drapeau said. "It's vital for everyone to have that opportunity."

Dr. Leonard Lichtenfeld, the American Cancer Society's deputy chief medical officer, said it's important to consider what might drive some patients to turn to unproven remedies. U.S. health care costs are exorbitant and many patients run out of money trying to pay them.

And despite considerable progress against cancer and other illnesses, conventional treatment can't cure every patient, he noted.

"We should not be judgmental and come out and say this is terrible," Lichtenfeld said. "No one wants to hear, 'You have cancer,' and especially no one wants to hear that there's no treatment available that can help you," he said. "You begin to understand why people may turn to unproven treatments and you can understand why others reach out to try to support them."

"What we need to do is to better inform, even better care for our patients and their families, so they don't feel this is what they need to do."

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2<sup>nd</sup> DOWN: N<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> U<sub>3</sub> I<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub>

3<sup>rd</sup> DOWN: R<sub>2</sub> G<sub>3</sub> I<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> I<sub>2</sub> Y<sub>7</sub>

4<sup>th</sup> DOWN: D<sub>3</sub> Y<sub>7</sub> N<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub> Y<sub>7</sub> Y<sub>7</sub> A<sub>2</sub>

JUDD'S TOTAL = 283  
AVERAGE GAME 180-190 PTS

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

10-24-18 **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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1<sup>st</sup> DOWN = 63: M<sub>6</sub> A<sub>2</sub> C<sub>6</sub> H<sub>7</sub> O<sub>2</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> DOWN = 37: T<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> D<sub>3</sub> I<sub>2</sub> U<sub>3</sub> M<sub>6</sub>

3<sup>rd</sup> DOWN = 90: C<sub>6</sub> H<sub>7</sub> E<sub>1</sub> M<sub>6</sub> I<sub>2</sub> G<sub>3</sub> S<sub>2</sub>

4<sup>th</sup> DOWN = 27: P<sub>6</sub> A<sub>2</sub> L<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub> Y<sub>7</sub>

AVERAGE GAME 135-145 PTS  
JUDD'S TOTAL = 217

10-23-18

## ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF

"Trickery and treachery are the practices of fools who have not wits enough to be honest."  
— Benjamin Franklin

At the 1998 Cap Gemini World Pairs Invitational, one of the pairs in contention comprised Krzysztof Martens and Marek Szymanowski of Poland.

Martens has recently developed a second career as a coach and writer of some excellent books, which are both entertaining and informative. Meanwhile, Szymanowski is known to be a tricky opponent, and he produced an excellent false-card against the Hacketts, brothers from England who were regular contenders on the Great Britain team for most of the last decade.

After Szymanowski had opened a Polish club with the East cards, Jason Hackett elected to overcall one no-trump rather than one heart, and consequently found himself in two no-trump as South after having shown strong no-trump values, together with a heart suit.

Martens accurately selected a spade lead, which Hackett won in hand and played a heart to the nine — and Szymanowski took it with the king! Then he cleared the spades, and declarer, not unnaturally, repeated the finesse in hearts, allowing the defenders to win a second heart trick.

Together with two spade winners and three diamond tricks, that meant two off. But note that if East had taken the heart jack at trick two, declarer would have used dummy's spade entry to finesse East out of the heart king, and would have made eight tricks in comfort.

Declarer's play would have succeeded against an original 4-1-4-4 pattern in the East hand, which was entirely consistent with the partnership style.

NORTH 10-24-A  
♠ K 9 7  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ Q 5 4 3  
♣ J 8 7

WEST EAST  
♠ Q 8 3 2 ♠ J 10 6 5  
♥ 8 7 ♥ K J 6  
♦ J 10 7 ♦ A K 6  
♣ Q 10 9 4 ♣ 5 3 2

SOUTH  
♠ A 4  
♥ A 5 4 3 2  
♦ 9 8 2  
♣ A K 6

Vulnerable: Neither  
Dealer: East

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 2 NT All  
pass

Opening Lead: Spade two

BID WITH THE ACES 10-24-B

South holds:  
♠ J 10 6 5  
♥ K J 6  
♦ A K 6  
♣ 5 3 2

South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

ANSWER: All answers have drawbacks here. Raising hearts may get you to an awkward 4-3 fit. Rebidding one spade may make it harder to find hearts (since a heart rebid at your third turn would now show real extras). Finally, rebidding no-trump shows the hand type but may miss the best fit facing a weak hand. I prefer the last option, though, since for me a one-spade call would guarantee real clubs.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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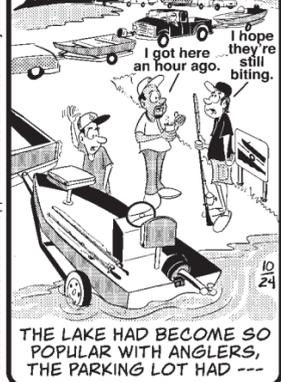
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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TREND GRIPE TRUDGE PODIUM  
Answer: When he was asked to train the new horse, the jockey said he would — GET "RIDE" ON IT

## DEAR ABBY

# Wife's close friend gets too close for husband's comfort



Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife, "Grace," and I have been happily married for 48 years. We're retired and enjoy an active sex life. Grace has a female friend, "Ricky," we have known more than 45 years. She's a close friend, and they often get together for lunch.

Ricky has been an out lesbian for many years and, in the past, had female companions. The problem is she repeatedly asks Grace to do things on Saturday

evenings. She has also invited her to spend the night and tells her how much she loves her. My wife loves Ricky, too, but strictly as a friend and has not encouraged her in any way.

I'm not ordinarily the jealous type, but I'm convinced Ricky is in love with my wife. I have been tempted to tell her to quit making advances, but I don't want to cause the end of the friendship. I have told Grace how I feel, and she agrees. In fact, she has told me about some of the requests Ricky has made and she has rejected. I believe Ricky has crossed the line. What do you think?

— **CROSSED THE LINE**  
**DEAR CROSSED THE LINE:** Your wife is not

responsible for the fact that her longtime friend may be in love with her. I agree that asking your wife to spend the night is inappropriate, but Ricky may want more of Grace's time because she's simply single and lonely. The person to set boundaries would be your wife, who needs to tell her friend that her Saturday nights belong to you, and as much as she loves Ricky, she's unavailable as a romantic partner.

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## TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY



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**1. When did "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" debut as the first feature-length animated movie?**

1925, 1937, 1942, 1950

**2. Medical studies support that if you eat "what" it will help prevent sunburned or sagging skin?**

Boiled peanuts, Brownies, Breath mints, Tomatoes

**3. The Oder-Niesse Line is the border between Germany and which country?**

Austria, France, Poland, Switzerland

**4. What's the fleshy top part of a horse's tail called?**

Dock, Crest, Poll, Coronet

**5. Where did chop suey and the fortune cookie originate?**

USA, England, China, Egypt

**6. What U.S. city is famous for its French Quarter?**

Boston, New Orleans, Seattle, Baton Rouge

**ANSWERS:** 1. 1937, 2. Tomatoes, 3. Poland, 4. Dock, 5. USA, 6. New Orleans

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — A little comedy will give a nice hum to an otherwise run-of-the-mill scenario. Your wry humor lands perfectly with the company you'll keep, and you could attract an admirer at that.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Everyone wants a piece of the pie today, and you'll take it one step further, preferring to call the flavor, too. You guessed it: You're going to have to do the baking now... more work, and more satisfaction.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** — Feeling special in the eyes of others is important to everyone. It's wonderful to be adored and loved. While praise from others is a highlight today, real and lasting validation comes from within.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** — If life is, as the song suggests, a highway, then today represents that stretch of road dominated by a rumbling hunger. Look for signs that will tell you where you might drive up and order what you need to feed your soul.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — The same outcome could be considered a victory or a loss, depending on the larger surrounding context and the expectations of those involved. Success may be a matter of opinion.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Disorder threatens to make work inefficient, though it will tend to make life more interesting. It's a trade-off you might consider before you clean, clear and organize it all.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Fresh, rested, energized, happy minds make the best decisions. It's why some people are a different person two hours into their day than they are 14 hours into it. It's also why nothing great happens past 2 a.m.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** — Listen to your trusted people. They see you more clearly than you'll see yourself. There also may be excellent information from the unvetted general public.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Business is not the only area of

life ruled by the laws of supply and demand. Certain social roles are in high demand. People in those roles who feel underappreciated can easily find a different and better placement.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You can't control what people think about you while it's happening, so don't worry about it. The time to influence people's impression of you is before you ever meet them. How you prepare will be everything.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — There are those who work very hard to make it look easy, and then there are those who make it look easy because it is actually easy to them. The first category appreciates compliments; the second doesn't.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — As you concentrate on executing improvements that can be quantified (such as number of books read, number of calories consumed, number of people reached out to...), unquantifiable improvements will take hold.

## SUDOKU

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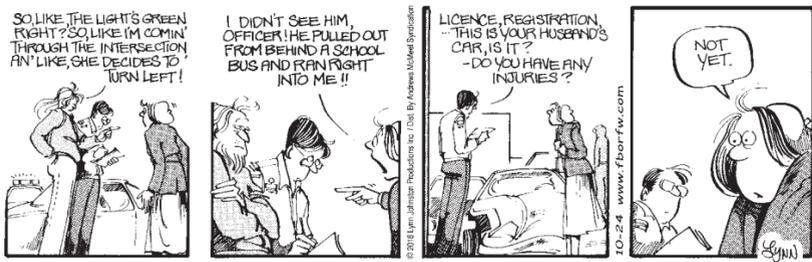
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Monday - Bronze; Tuesday - Silver; Wednesday - Gold; Thursday - Bronze; Friday - Silver; Saturday and Sunday - Gold.

Answer to yesterday's sudoku

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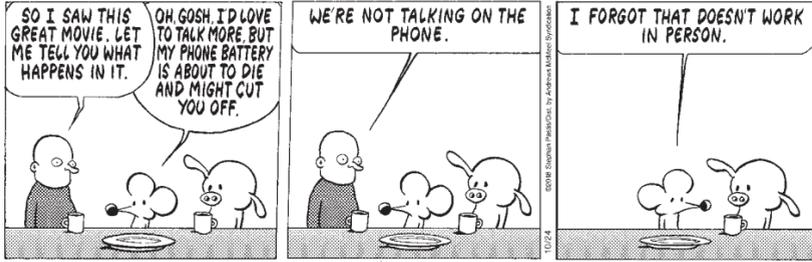
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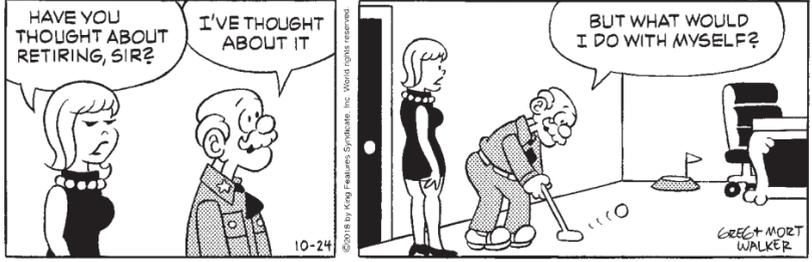
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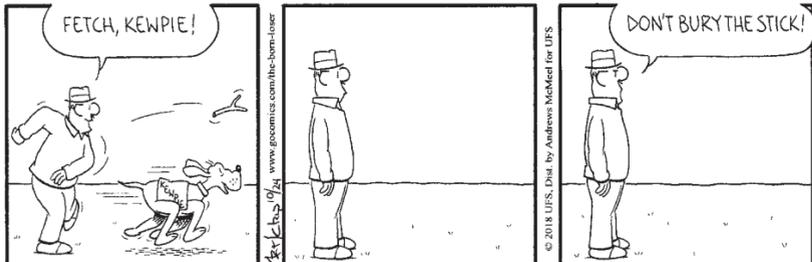
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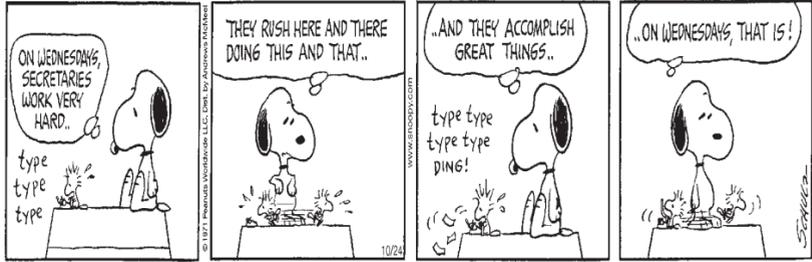
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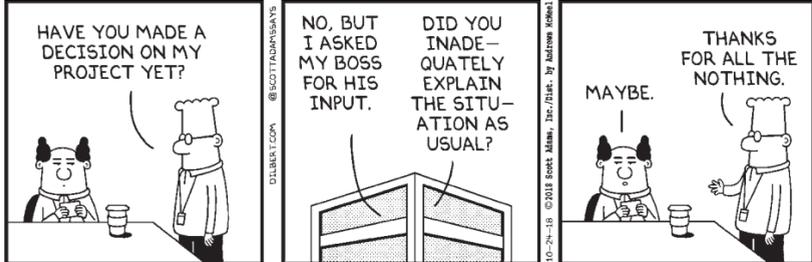
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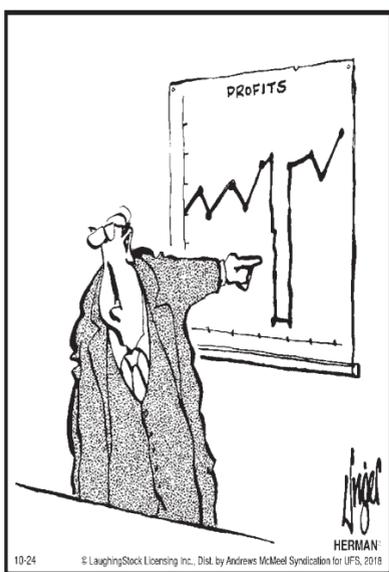
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- 5 Tennis strokes
- 9 Easy-to-find constellation
- 14 Israeli diplomat — Eban
- 15 Early garden?
- 16 Striped antelope
- 17 One lacking manners
- 18 Actress — Freeman
- 19 Said in fun
- 20 Lawmaker
- 22 Uses a steam iron
- 24 High-IQ group
- 26 Libras' mo.
- 27 Heads a meeting
- 30 Zipped up
- 35 Waker, as an excuse
- 36 Sincere
- 37 Scandinavian
- 38 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
- 39 Opposed
- 42 Fleetwood —
- 43 Close relatives
- 45 Part of CPA
- 46 Noted wise guy
- 48 Longfellow hero
- 50 Uses dynamite
- 51 Gladiator's hello
- 52 Claws or talons
- 54 On horseback
- 58 Gives money to a merchant (2 wds.)
- 62 Camel relative
- 63 Cookbook amts.
- 65 Needing a shampoo
- 66 Fire iron
- 67 Walk-on, maybe
- 68 Raines or Fitzgerald
- 69 Like some watermelons
- 70 Took a good look
- 71 Dizzy of baseball

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- 1 Nudges
- 2 "Peter and the Wolf" duck
- 3 Poet's black
- 4 Oater town
- 5 Citrus fruits
- 6 Some bouquets
- 7 Pa Cartwright
- 8 Cinch
- 9 Thing
- 10 Perched
- 11 Writing fluids
- 12 Type of arch
- 13 Nonverbal OKs
- 21 — incognita
- 23 Delicate blooms
- 25 From Kenya
- 27 Lock horns
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- 53 Orchard product
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- 55 — gin fizz
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- 64 Oriental sauce

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# Chuck E. Cheese robot helped man find his way

By Christopher Spata  
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — Jared Sanchez's master bedroom has the vibe of a novelty pizza restaurant for children, with an electric bill to match. It's close to \$400 a month.

Lights spell out "The King" in every direction. There are 50-inch monitors, arcade machines, mint condition He-Mans. The floor is a black-and-white checkerboard.

Then there's the live wire that is Sanchez himself. Seated at his control center, his frosted tips perfectly gelled, he taps his foot in a sparkly Air Jordan. His shirt says "The King is back."

This is a 37-year-old man living his dream. The dream of finding an obscure Chuck E. Cheese robot from his childhood and bringing it back to life.

To his left, a 10-foot metal skeleton with creepy eyeballs the size of baseballs stares down. To his right, two 700-pound lions with the same blue eyes stand idle in the sequined costumes he sewed for them. He taps a button and the lions come alive. They dance, strum guitars and sing a parody of a booming Bon Jovi song, a sharp "pfft, pfft, pfft" shooting from their pneumatic cylinders.

These are the Kings. "All it takes is the right person to see this, and we could make a television show out of this, like easily," Sanchez yells over the music. "And I have people saying, 'Oh, it's old technology, it's old technology.' Well, that's what they told Jim Henson. That's exactly what they told him!"

He takes a pull from a vape pen, checks wires and changes inputs. He sings along with the Kings.

It's King life! It's my new endeavor! This is gonna rock for -ev-errrr! I just wanna sing while I'm aliiiiive!

Sanchez was scarred by his 12th birthday. It was 1992 and his parents brought him to Chuck E. Cheese in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as they had many times before.

At the time, Chuck E. Cheese's Pizza Time Theatre featured a full band of animatronic, human-sized animals. It was a wild, futuristic concept when Atari founder Nolan Bushnell convinced the company to open the first Chuck E. Cheese's in 1977.

But young Sanchez didn't care about Chuck E., Helen Henny or the rest. He was enraptured by The King — a giant, Elvis-impersonating lion



Jared Sanchez poses with The King, left, and King Puff in his Tampa home. Sanchez is so obsessed with the 10-foot tall animatronic lions that sang Elvis tunes in Chuck E. Cheese's restaurants, he now owns four. Sanchez converted the master bedroom of his home into a studio and now films the lions singing parody songs and posts them to YouTube. [JAMES BORCHUCK/TAMPA BAY TIMES]

that performed in the lounge, its own corner of the restaurant.

"He moved so smoothly, it looked to me as if he was real," Sanchez said of The King. "All the other robots moved like robots."

That year, Sanchez remembers rushing to The King's stage only to find an empty space and a woman sweeping the floor.

"Son, they done threw that thing out months ago."

Heartbroken and without answers, he forced his parents to leave and go to Pistol Pete's Pizzeria.

For the next two decades, he had a recurring nightmare. He would be walking into Chuck E. Cheese about to see The King again, but just as he turned the corner, he would wake up.

The King was collateral damage in the great pizza wars of the 1980s, ending with Chuck E. Cheese's bankruptcy and takeover by corporate arch enemy Showbiz Pizza. Shortly before the company failed, a few Kings were converted to King Kats, Michael Jackson impersonators meant to keep up with the times. It was probably too little, too late.

Most Kings were tossed out, destroyed or auctioned as stores closed or were remodeled under Showbiz's new vision. Separate lounges, The King's domain, were eliminated, said Michael Scherpenberg, an amateur Chuck E. Cheese historian in Texas who maintains a Dolly Dimples piano-playing hippo in his living room.

Showbiz robots were stripped of their fur and rubber skin and

Frankensteined into Chuck E. Cheese branded characters. Training videos detailing this nightmarish process have survived on YouTube.

After high school and four years in the Navy, Sanchez moved to Florida and worked as a stocker at Walmart before moving to the vision center and eventually becoming a licensed optician.

He loved video games, so for a while, he created custom, multigame arcade machines as a business. He realized optical software was bad, so he taught himself to code and sold his own software for managing optical practices. He wasn't really satisfied.

He eventually ended up back with Walmart, and after a couple years, he said, landed a \$93,000-a-year job as a corporate project supervisor. But spending weeks at a time on the road got to him. Knowing before the employees when their store would be closing, or having to fire someone personally, made him sick. He left the position after a year, wiped out by the stress.

"I didn't know what a nervous breakdown was then," he says now. "But it was a nervous breakdown."

It was around this time that the first King arrived.

The King's disappearance had bugged Sanchez for years. In the mid-1990s, he would sit in the library at his military boarding school on weekends, when other cadets left campus, scouring the early internet for info on The King.

It was almost a decade before he found anything, but in 2006, a King suddenly appeared on eBay for \$25,000.

It was an impossible sum, but Sanchez started emailing owner Arthur Green in Saugerties, New York — for another 10 years. He explained how much he adored The King. He sent childhood photos of himself at Chuck E. Cheese.

Green, who supplies props for films and TV, relented in 2015.

"He was, uh, persistent. A nice persistent," Green said. "I actually had people offer me more money, but Jared deserved it. I knew he was the one who could get it going again. ... So we let him make payments, and we don't do payments."

Sanchez eventually paid Green \$10,000. The King arrived in Tampa on a truck in 2016.

After sitting in storage for decades, it was shot. Squirrels had stuffed its fuzzy head full of acorns. Sanchez spent months replacing its cylinders and learning to sew so he could fit him with new fur. He figured out how to make The King work with a modern computer instead of its old reel-to-reel machine, and learned to painstakingly program each of its movements.

At the same time, he was an emotional wreck. He was trying medications from his doctor with little success. He stayed cooped up in his house for weeks, watching videos he had made of The King.

The King was the one thing who had comforted him through his life. That, and singing.

"That's when me and The King kind of started blending."

If he wanted The King to live on, it was up to him. If he wanted more King videos to watch, he would have to make them.

So, he remodeled his master bedroom into a studio and started writing and recording parody songs. He took voice lessons, bought a professional microphone and used green-screen special effects. He spent weeks perfecting videos and posted them to his YouTube channel.

He took a job with Nationwide Vision on Dale Mabry Avenue but avoided getting into a work situation that would keep him away from his creative passion. When he gets home, he makes King videos into the middle of the night. "I Got the King Set on You." "Do You Believe in King?" "The Power of King."

His partner of 14 years sits in the den watching TV and listens to Sanchez sing.

"Oh my God," Brent Culver will say.

"I'm glad that take is done," Sanchez will say.

"What was that? Take 200?"

A few months ago, Sanchez heard about another King at Captain Dave's roller rink in Michigan. He gave Captain Dave \$2,500 and returned with King No. 2 in his passenger seat. He made a pit stop at Jungle Jim's, a bizarre grocery store near Cincinnati with a dilapidated King on display. Sanchez wheeled the King in a shopping cart to visit "his brother."

A few weeks ago, he heard from a guy in Texas who had a couple more Kings in storage in Ocoee. Sanchez helped the man clean out the storage unit and let him sleep at his house. He got the Kings in exchange.

Now, he owns four Kings out of seven he believes exist. He has a few thousand YouTube subscribers.

Parents email him, he said. Autistic children are calmed by the YouTube videos. He sent one boy a piece of the King's fur. The mother cried.

His goal is to build his YouTube following up to 100,000 subscribers. That, he said, would bring in about \$5,000 a month and allow him to run The King full time. His channel currently makes about \$30 a month.

Then there could be a TV show, and then, who knows? Maybe a children's restaurant, with a salon attached and a bar for the dads to play retro video games in and the Kings performing live for an audience again.

# Killer epidemic of October 1918 hit Jacksonville hard

By Matt Soergel  
GateHouse Media Florida

JACKSONVILLE — As the killing pandemic spread through Jacksonville in the dire month of October 1918, W.S. Henley, acting district manager of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, grew increasingly desperate.

By Oct. 7, 64 out of his 191 telephone operators were sick, one in every three. By Oct. 9, 83 operators were missing. The next day, 95 were out. By then, for every operator able to make it to work, there was one unable to work, sick or perhaps dead.

As more and more families fell victim to Spanish influenza, more and more phone calls were made, and Henley's beleaguered operators could not keep up. So he took out advertisements in the city's newspapers, pleading for the "patriotic cooperation of the entire telephone using public" to refrain from making unnecessary calls, while begging for experienced operators to be volunteer "during this trouble."

He signed each ad the same way: "Yours respectfully, W.S. Henley, Acting District Manager" — likely leading many to wonder what had happened to the district manager he

replaced.

The suffering among those Southern Bell operators shows how widespread the Spanish flu pandemic was 100 years ago, when it killed an estimated 50 million across the globe, including 675,000 in America.

As seen in newspapers of the time, it's clear Jacksonville suffered too: In October alone, the deadliest month, the city reported that more than 400 residents died from Spanish flu, out of a population that was likely close to 90,000.

It's a staggering amount: If translated to today's Jacksonville, that would be more than 4,000 victims in a month.

The number could have been even higher: From the reporting in newspapers, it's not apparent that the total included the 155 reported dead that October at Camp Joseph E. Johnston. That was the Army base where Naval Air Station Jacksonville is now, where men trained for the war in Europe in crowded conditions ripe for the disease to fester and spread.

Even in the epidemic, though, the Florida Times-Union, the morning paper, and the Florida Metropolis, the afternoon paper, devoted much of their space to the Allies' breakthroughs in the

last weeks of World War I. And story after story pushed the sale of Liberty Bonds to help the war effort.

The Spanish influenza outbreak received much less attention, and some of that seemed insistent on downplaying the danger, with stories regularly saying how the worst was over and how much better off Jacksonville was compared to other cities of its size.

The scrapper Metropolis, though, did list many of the city's deaths in sparse but heartbreaking detail. Consider the toll in Oct. 15's edition, when it reported that 25 people had died the previous day — and that recent victims included "three young brothers by the name of Keene ... one a boy of 7 years, and a colored man and wife named Wingard, (who) died within several hours of each other Sunday."

Most days, it listed the names of those reported dead, from infants to the elderly, with many victims in their teens, 20s and 30s. The dead were grouped by race: In this segregated city, even that daily death toll was broken down by white and black.

The newspapers noted that Jacksonville wasn't alone in its struggles: The pandemic had

gone coast to coast. So there was room for the brief, tragic story of 46-year-old Joseph Morr of Richmond, Virginia, who, after his wife died of the flu, put a revolver to his forehead and fired, falling dead over her body.

## 'Menace to others'

It didn't seem that big a threat at first.

Sept. 19's newspapers did take note of 1,000 cases of "mild influenza" found at a naval training station in Michigan. But they approvingly noted, nine days later, that just 13 cases had been reported at Jacksonville's local base, Camp Johnston: "Influenza is under perfect control here ... there is no cause for alarm as to the spreading of the disease."

As September turned to October, though, cracks appeared in that reassuring tone.

In Oct. 1's Times-Union, city health director Dr. William W. McDonnell reported that just two people had died from flu in Jacksonville during the previous two weeks. Still, given the news from elsewhere, it would behoove citizens to take caution anyway.

Avoid crowds, he advised

— patriotic rallies, theaters, churches and crowded street cars. Stay away from people who are sneezing or coughing.

And if you fall sick? "Go to bed and stay there — you are a menace to others if you are about."

The next day's papers told of the flu spreading in military camps, while in Washington, D.C., 3,000 teachers and children were down with the flu.

Meanwhile from Lake City came the sad story of Mrs. D.W. Black, whose husband, a railroad conductor, went ahead with his usual run on the Coast Line because she had seemed to be recovering from the flu. Not so: "Upon his return in the afternoon (he) found her gone."

On Oct. 4, McDonnell and other doctors agreed in the Metropolis that the peak of the disease had been reached in Jacksonville. There was no need to panic or close public buildings.

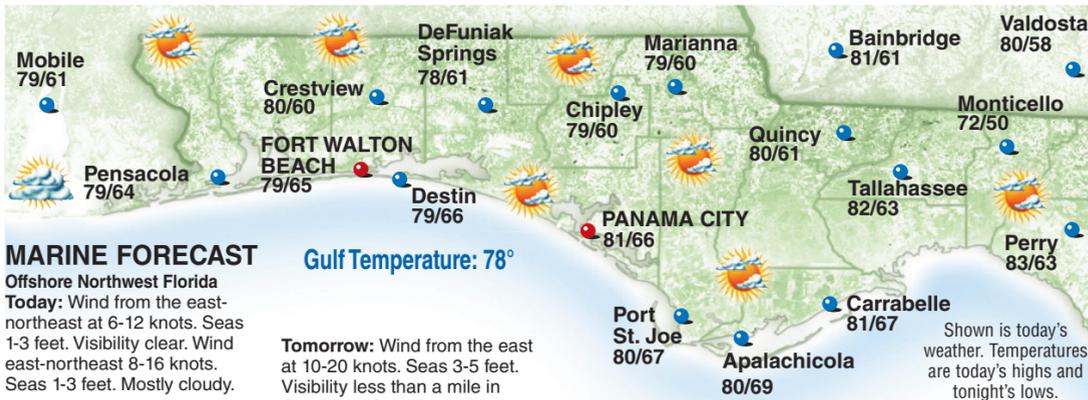
Yet observant readers might have felt some alarm anyway: Bracketing that article was one clacking the situation at Camp Johnston was "well in hand" at Camp Johnston, even though 181 new cases of the flu were observed in the previous day.

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## FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

TODAY	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 Times of clouds and sun today. Winds east-northeast 6-12 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight. Winds east-northeast 6-12 mph. <b>High 81°</b> <b>Low 66°</b> 6 a.m. Noon 6 p.m. 64° 77° 75° Winds: ENE 6-12 mph	 Heavy rain and a thunderstorm <b>72°/66°</b> Winds: E 10-20 mph	 A little a.m. rain; cloudy, breezy <b>78°/58°</b> Winds: WNW 10-20 mph	 Mostly cloudy <b>71°/59°</b> Winds: WNW 8-16 mph	 Sunny with low humidity <b>75°/58°</b> Winds: WNW 7-14 mph

### REGIONAL WEATHER



### MARINE FORECAST

**Offshore Northwest Florida**  
**Today:** Wind from the east-northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility clear. Wind east-northeast 8-16 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Mostly cloudy.

**Tomorrow:** Wind from the east at 10-20 knots. Seas 3-5 feet. Visibility less than a mile in thundery rain.

Gulf Temperature: 78°

### ALMANAC

through 4 p.m. yesterday

**Panama City Temperatures**  
 High/low ..... 72°/65°  
 Last year's high/low ..... 80°/61°  
 Normal high/low ..... 79°/58°  
 Record high ..... 87° (1985)  
 Record low ..... 39° (1995)

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... trace  
 Month to date ..... 3.28"  
 Normal month to date ..... 2.79"  
 Year to date ..... 45.88"  
 Normal year to date ..... 51.78"  
 Average humidity ..... 77%

**Fort Walton Beach Temperatures**  
 High/low ..... 72°/65°  
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 Normal high/low ..... 77°/61°  
 Record high ..... 94° (1939)  
 Record low ..... 35° (1987)

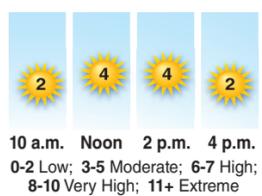
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 Normal month to date ..... 3.12"  
 Year to date ..... 47.54"  
 Normal year to date ..... 52.45"  
 Average humidity ..... 74%

### BEACH FLAG WARNINGS



### UV INDEX TODAY

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



### MOON PHASES



### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 6:50 a.m.  
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 Moonset today ..... 6:37 a.m.

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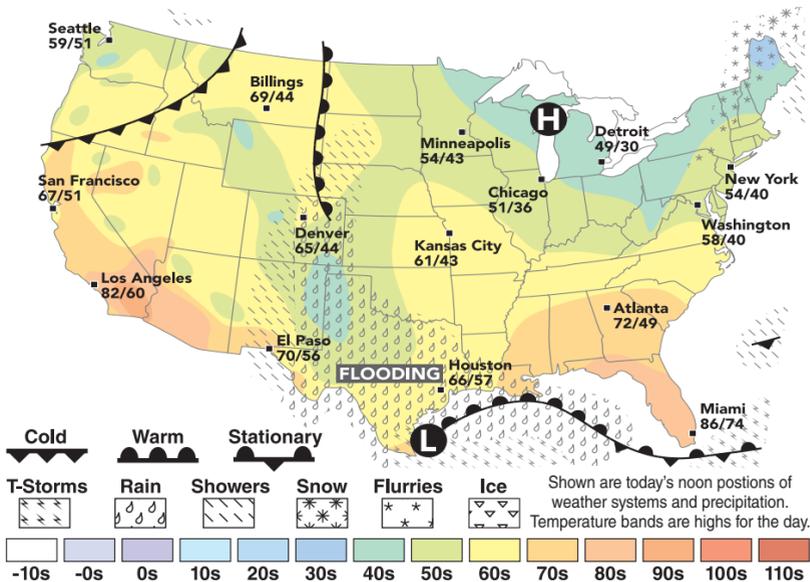
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West Pass	3:13a	10:17a
Panama City	9:57p	6:09a
Port St. Joe	2:15p	4:58a
Okaloosa Island	8:55p	4:36p
Milton	9:11p	6:05a
East Bay	11:55p	8:50a
Pensacola	11:11p	7:33a
Fishing Bend	11:52p	8:24a
The Narrows	12:42a	10:24a
Carrabelle	2:15a	8:31a
	3:49p	8:27p

### RIVER LEVELS

Location	Level	Flood Stage
Apalachicola	8.16 ft.	15 ft.
Blountstown	5.46 ft.	12 ft.
Choctawhatchee	5.81 ft.	17 ft.
Caryville	2.12 ft.	29 ft.
Alabama	34.68 ft.	42 ft.
Clearborne	5.81 ft.	17 ft.
Escambia	5.81 ft.	17 ft.
Century	5.81 ft.	17 ft.
Tombigbee	5.81 ft.	17 ft.
Coffeeville, AL	2.12 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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# Gainesville park named in honor of Tom Petty

The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — A Florida park was renamed after iconic rocker Tom Petty, who played at that park as a boy.

GateHouse Media Florida reported that hundreds of members of the Tom Petty Nation! fan club visited Gainesville on Saturday to celebrate the star's birthday with his music and the dedication of the former Northeast Park as Tom Petty Park.

His family also was on hand. "My brother and I grew up in this park. We played as kids. My cousin reminded me the other day of my remark that it was a sanctuary, and it really was," said Bruce Petty. "It was a place for us to escape and be kids and have fun. The fact that we are doing this today and the part that we played in it makes it so much more special."

Tom Petty died Oct. 2, 2017. He was born Oct. 20, 1950, in Gainesville and lived in the city until he left for Los Angeles to make it big in the music business.

Petty sold millions of records worldwide with the Heartbreakers, the Traveling Wilburys supergroup and as a solo artist. He was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

His family lived a block from the Gainesville park and it was like a second home for him and his brother.

Other area events celebrated the singer and included the Tom Petty Birthday Bash and Tom Petty Weekend.

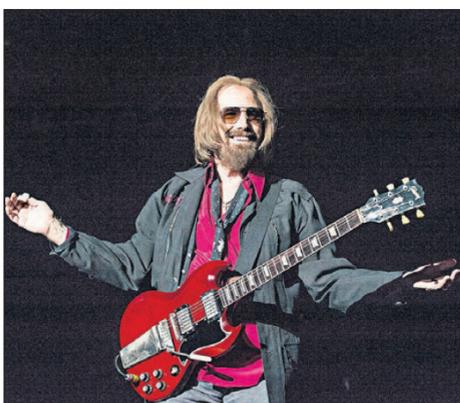
Adria Petty, Tom's daughter, grew up in Los Angeles but spent time in North Florida with her parents. She talked about a song called "Gainesville" that's on "An American Treasure," a new four-CD box set of Petty's music.

"Gainesville is an extraordinary place and if you listen to my dad's music here, it has a different meaning. The idea of the air smelling good and the trees are green — there is nothing like this park to really illustrate that," she said.

"'Gainesville' has been blasting in my head since I landed," she said. "It's a very important town to Florida. Florida is a really beautiful and complex state and (Gainesville) fosters a lot of intelligence and compassion and incredible manners and incredible decency."

Local artists Carrie and Jesus Martinez painted a Tom Petty Mural at the Sidney Lanier Center, the elementary school Petty attended. They were asked to paint an 8-by-8-foot mural on canvas that was auctioned Saturday night to benefit the UF program.

"We hope to make a lot of money for a really good cause," Carrie Martinez said. "We're Tom Petty fans. Everybody is a Tom Petty fan."



**Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers perform at KAABOO 2017 at the Del Mar Racetrack and Fairgrounds in San Diego, California, on Sept. 17, 2017.** [AMY HARRIS/AP]

# EPIDEMIC

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And below that was a note explaining that many newspaper deliveries just weren't being made, because "there are a number of the Metropolis carrier boys ill with Spanish influenza."

Two days later, Duval County schools were ordered closed. Before the month was over, church services were cancelled and indoor public meetings were outlawed. The Ringling Brothers Circus never got underway, and dance halls and pool rooms shut down. Camp Johnston was put under quarantine. Stores and banks were ordered to cut back on their hours.

Furchgott's department store, by request of the Department of Health, canceled its 50th anniversary sale, though it promised to hold all sale items until the troubles ended.

The health department even asked those grieving for flu victims to hold private funeral services, to keep crowds and the risk of infection down.

More than half the city's streetcar operators fell ill. Milk deliveries were cut way back. Just about every business, from ice makers to shipyards, was hurt. Sister Mary Ann's Orphanage needed help, badly: "Nearly every inmate of the home was a victim, though fortunately there were no fatalities."

Brief stories noted the deaths of Mack Tucker, councilman and deputy sheriff, along with prominent doctors, business leaders, military officers and leading members of society.

Grocer G.D. Perkins took out an ad boasting that "the Spanish 'Flu' Hasn't Got Us!" Next to that, the ad of W.T. Edwards, "An American Grocer" at Eighth and Evergreen, said he was just thankful he had recovered: "Not as lucky as our competitors, I've been down with the

'FLU,' but now back on the job."

Easy fixes must have been tempting in the face of so much suffering. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic and Cheney's Expectorant promised to be of help to the ill. And taking a yeast cake a day "will keep influenza away," the Times-Union said.

In the face of the epidemic, people helped others. Red Cross volunteers made thousands of masks to wear when out in public, and urgent pleas went out for more volunteer nurses. Soup kitchens sprung up to feed the sick. Southern Bell's acting district manager W.S. Henley even got a few volunteer operators to handle some of those many calls.

Meanwhile, Gladys Baker of the Metropolis wrote a paean to the "ministering angels" of Jacksonville — its women — who stepped forward to nurse the sick and keep food supplies going in a city that was falling apart. "Jacksonville," she wrote, "is indeed proud of her womanhood, who out of the throes of agony, have proved themselves magnificently sublime!"

### 'Helpless little mite'

The newspapers back then didn't spend much time on the details of the heartbreak that must have accompanied so much death. But the intrepid Baker did spin a heartbreaking tale from the Children's Home Society, of a dad left with four children after his wife died while he too was ill.

How, he pleaded, could he take care of them himself, in these tragic straits? And what would become of his youngest, a "helpless little mite?" She did not yet have a tooth in her head, though, he said, she did have her late mother's eyes, "like big, brown pansies — sorter wicket-like."

By Oct. 11, about 20,000 cases of flu had been reported in the city, health officials estimated. That day Camp Johnston reported 1,032 sick among the 17,000 men there. Forty-two at the camp had

died since Sept. 20, including 11 on Oct. 10 alone.

By Oct. 15, the city reported 180 flu deaths since the deadly month began. Two days later, the toll climbed to 256. On the 23rd, it was 361.

Among the most recent victims was a Pullman checker named Louis Symans, 33. He was followed five hours later by his son Francis, 4.

As the month went on, the daily toll went steadily downward, and health officials said again that the worst was over. By the 24th, the quarantine at Camp Johnston was lifted and rural schools in the area announced plans to reopen.

By the 29th, Jacksonville's death toll was 423 for the month.

A story that day noted that drugstore soda fountains were having trouble finding young men to work; after being closed so long, the employees had gone on to get new jobs. And there were orders that no glasses could be reused at fountains that didn't have sterilizers — so "customers reveled in the sport of drinking from the bottle."

The state, tracing the pandemic's progress, said the disease showed up first in northern Florida before sweeping south and west. It killed 1,031 Floridians between Oct. 5 and the 27th, officials reported. Jacksonville, with 398 dead during that time, far outpaced Tampa's 225 fatalities.

The flu would take more victims in the weeks and even months to come. But by the end of October, the worst was indeed over.

So on Nov. 5, Furchgott's, as promised, continued with its 50th anniversary sale, which had been postponed "on account of the epidemic of influenza." With conditions safe again, the department store promised many "sensational" deals for the thrifty shoppers of greater Jacksonville.

"Repeat the glad tidings to your family and friends," its advertisement said. "Get them all enthused."

# SPORTS

## Mosley makes state

**Dolphins golf headed to Howie-in-the-Hills**

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The Mosley boys golf team played just one round in between the time Hurricane Michael touched down in the Florida Panhandle and the first hole of Monday's Region 1-2A tournament at Tiger Point Golf Club in Gulf Breeze.

With Sunday's practice round their only action over the past two weeks, the Dolphins still managed to punch their ticket to the state tournament with a runner-up finish Monday. Mosley lost to Pace in the second round of a playoff but will still get to go to Howie-in-the-Hills on Nov. 2-3 to compete for a state title.

"It's pretty shocking

because our kids really haven't played since the storm," second-year Mosley coach Josh Laatsch said Monday. "I know we surprised some people today."

The Dolphins shot a 343 as a team to force a playoff with Pace, with each team sending its top five golfers to play the first hole and keeping the top four scores. Mosley was in position to win after the first playoff hole, but a Patriots golfer made a 10-foot birdie putt to force a second playoff round.

That round was played on No. 18, which the Dolphins lost by two strokes. It was disappointing to come so close to winning a region title and fall short, but Laatsch said he felt only pride for what his players accomplished under the circumstances.

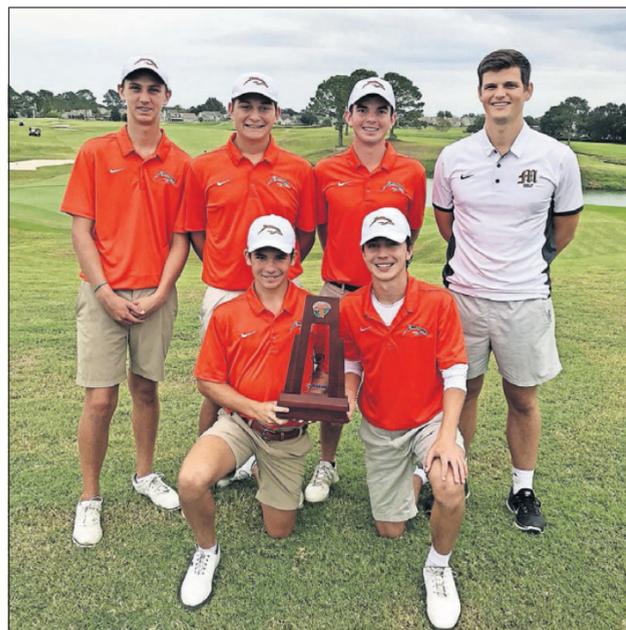
"Our kids have gone through a lot of adversity with the whole town being shook

and devastated by what happened," he said. "I didn't get in touch with all of them until a few days ago. I'm just proud of how they responded. They didn't make any excuses, they just went in and played. We knew it would be a grind, but I'm really proud of how they responded."

Mosley will now begin preparation for the state tournament, which presents just as big of a challenge for Dolphins as it was to get there. There are no golf courses in Bay County that are currently suitable to play on, so the Dolphins will have to find somewhere outside of the county to play their practice rounds.

"It's just the nature of the beast," Laatsch said. "We have to find a way to pick up our clubs and get back at it. It's unfortunate because a

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The Mosley boys golf team finished second in Monday's Region 1-2A tournament at Tiger Point Golf Club in Gulf Breeze. The Dolphins advanced to the state tournament Nov. 2-3 in Howie-in-the-Hills. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



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### COLLEGE POLL

Kansas, with a restocked roster after losing three starters, is voted No. 1 in the AP preseason men's college basketball poll. The Jayhawks, coached by Bill Self and featuring 7-footer Udoka Azubuike, are followed by Kentucky, Gonzaga, Duke and Virginia.

## Dolphins, Marlins open playoffs away from home

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Mosley volleyball team will begin its postseason tonight with a Region 1-6A quarter-final matchup with Suwannee at 6 p.m. As the District 1 champions, the Dolphins are technically the home team, though like much of Bay County's population, they remain far away from their actual homes.

The Dolphins have been using the South Walton High School gym to practice and they'll use the gym to start their playoff run, with district runner-up Arnold also opening postseason play by playing its quarterfinal in Wakulla against the War Eagles at 3 p.m. Central Time. Like the Dolphins, the Marlins have struggled to put practices together while trying to get players together who have evacuated or been displaced.

It's not an ideal situation for either side of the county's biggest volleyball rivalry to enter into the most significant part of the season, but it

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## New approach



Georgia linebacker Reggie Carter hits Florida Gators wide receiver Brandon Powell on a screen pass during last year's game in Jacksonville. [STAFF PHOTO]

## Florida faces Georgia with different mindset

By **Robbie Andreu**  
Staff writer

At this time a year ago, there were no big games in Florida's foreseeable future.

The Gators were a 3-3 team in turmoil, coming off back-to-back

heartbreaking SEC losses, about to lose their head coach, who had made unsubstantiated claims that he and his family had received death threats.

There was no real reason to think better times — and a big, important game — were

on the way any time soon.

But, well, they are here. Better times. A big game on the national stage.

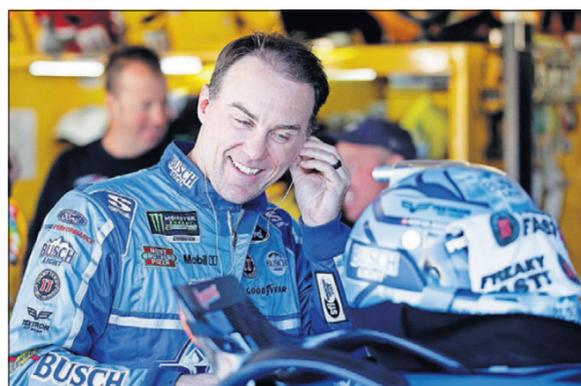
A year after all the mess, the Gators are in the top 10 nationally, getting ready

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### Up next

**Who:** No. 9 Florida (6-1, 4-1 SEC) vs. No. 7 Georgia (6-1, 4-1)  
**When:** 3:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Jacksonville  
**TV:** CBS  
**Radio:** 103.7-FM, AM-850

## SHR will be hard-pressed to get 4 cars into finale



Driver Kevin Harvick prepares to practice for the NASCAR Cup Series auto race Saturday at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan. [COLIN E. BRALEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By **Jenna Fryer**  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Aric Almirola, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch and Kevin Harvick are through to the next round of NASCAR's playoffs. That is the entire lineup at Stewart-Haas Racing, for those keeping score at home, and quite an impressive display of balance and teamwork.

It is also half the eight slots in the playoff field and SHR of course wants to get its quartet into the championship round and guarantee itself a title at Homestead-Miami next

month.

Will all four make it to the finale? Probably not.

"This is what we have built up to all year with our Fords," said Kurt Busch, who in 2004 won Ford's last Cup Series title. Busch won in the first year NASCAR moved away from its season-long championship race to a playoff-style system, and Ford has been trying to claw its way back into contention ever since.

Numbers are certainly on Ford's side with the four SHR cars and Joey Logano

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# SPORTS TICKER

## IN BRIEF

### DALLAS Cowboys trade for Raiders WR Cooper

The Dallas Cowboys made a bold move for the present Monday, trading a first-round pick for Oakland receiver Amari Cooper in Raiders coach Jon Gruden's latest play for the future.

The Cowboys gave up their top pick in the next draft in hopes of giving quarterback Dak Prescott another weapon just a few months after releasing franchise touchdown catch leader Dez Bryant in a cost-cutting move.

Dallas (34) has struggled to score points while losing all four road games, including 2017 Sunday at Washington. And Cowboys receivers haven't made many big plays in their first season without Bryant and retired tight end Jason Witten, the club leader in catches.

The Raiders also made news by announcing that running back Marshawn Lynch was being placed on injured reserve with a groin injury.

He would be eligible to return for the Christmas Eve game against Denver in Week 16.

### MANCHESTER, ENGLAND Ronaldo defends himself against rape accusation

Speaking publicly for the first time since being accused of rape, Cristiano Ronaldo defended himself against the allegation and said Monday he is confident the truth will come out in the case.

The soccer superstar has been accused of rape in the United States. Kathryn Mayorga filed a civil lawsuit last month in Nevada claiming Ronaldo raped her in his Las Vegas hotel room in 2009. Police also reopened an investigation into the allegation at her request.

Ronaldo's attorney, Peter S. Christiansen, issued a statement on Oct. 10 denying wrongdoing by his client.

"I'm not going to lie in this situation," Ronaldo said at a news conference ahead of a Champions League match between his Italian team, Juventus, and former club Manchester United at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

### ELIZABETH, N.J. Dykstra pleads not guilty to threat charge

Ex-Major League Baseball player Lenny Dykstra has pleaded not guilty to drug and terroristic threats charges stemming from an altercation with an Uber driver.

Dykstra appeared in a New Jersey court Monday to answer charges of cocaine and methamphetamine possession as well as making terroristic threats.

All three crimes are punishable by up to five years in prison.

The three-time All-Star player, who was also a member of the New York Mets' 1986 championship team, was indicted this month in connection with the May 23 incident.

The Associated Press



Kansas' Silvio De Sousa (22) celebrates during the second half of a game against West Virginia in the Big 12 men's tournament on March 10 in Kansas City, Mo. Kansas is ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason Top 25 poll. [CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

## Chalking up the top spot

### Restocked Kansas nabs No. 1 position in AP Top 25 preseason poll

By Aaron Beard  
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Kansas coach Bill Self sees big holes when he looks at his roster after losing three starters, including Associated Press All-American Devonte' Graham.

The voters in the AP Top 25 poll see something different: a roster restocked so well that Jayhawks will start the season as the nation's top team.

Kansas checked in at No. 1 in the preseason poll released Monday, earning the top spot to start a season for the third time in program history, all under Self. The Jayhawks topped the ballot for 37 of 65 voters, nearly double that of No. 2 Kentucky.

"Obviously we lost a lot off last year's team with Devonte', Svi (Mykhailiuk) and Malik (Newman), so I'm a little surprised that the writers put us there this preseason," Self said in a statement to the AP. "It's definitely a spot we welcome and certainly know the goal is to be playing to that ranking by when it counts the most."

"With the young players, we know it's going to take some time before we're anywhere close to where we're going to be, but I do like this team and I think we have a chance to be very good."

The Jayhawks return veteran starters in junior 7-footer Udoka Azubuike and senior Lagerald Vick from a team that reached its first Final Four since 2012. They're also adding transfer help from Memphis twins Detric and K.J. Lawson as well as California's Charlie Moore — all double-digit scorers on their previous teams.

And yet, the previous two times the Jayhawks started at No. 1 didn't end well. The 2004-05 squad lost to Bucknell in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. And the 2009-10 team that held the top spot for 15 of 19 weeks overall and won 33 games lost to Northern Iowa in the second round.

The ranking comes as the program finds itself entangled in the federal corruption case tied to payments used to steer recruits to certain schools. Testimony during the recent first trials included

references to Self and sophomore forward Silvio De Sousa, though Self isn't charged with wrongdoing and it's unclear if De Sousa's status will be affected.

### Clear choices

Voters established a clear top tier: Kansas, Kentucky, No. 3 Gonzaga and No. 4 Duke. Those four teams appeared in some combination at the top of nearly half the ballots (32 of 65).

John Calipari's latest group of touted recruits helped the Wildcats earn 19 first-place votes to open as a top-5 team for the eighth straight season.

Gonzaga's ranking is the program's highest in a preseason AP poll, though the Zags have reached No. 1 during the regular season before. As for Duke, the Blue Devils had started No. 1 in each of the past two preseason AP polls.

The points gap between the Jayhawks and the Blue Devils (129 points) at fourth was slimmer than between Duke and fellow Atlantic Coast Conference program Virginia (166 points) at No. 5.

### Fresh start

Speaking of Tony Bennett's Cavaliers, one of the biggest things to watch will be how well the Virginia responds to the most historic of tournament losses.

The Cavaliers ended the regular season as the unanimous AP No. 1-ranked team and the No. 1 overall NCAA Tournament seed, yet somehow became the first 1-seed to lose to a No. 16 against UMBC. Bennett said all the right things about learning from that moment. And his team returns Kyle Guy (14.1 points), Ty Jerome (10.6 points) and its best NBA prospect in sophomore De'Andre Hunter.

### Lofty start

The Martin twins are back along with Jordan Caroline, and that has Nevada starting the year with the program's highest ever AP poll ranking at No. 7 after last year's NCAA Sweet 16 run.

### Champs at 9

No Jalen Brunson, no

### At a glance

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' preseason 2018-19 men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final 2016-17 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking:

Team	Rec	Pts	Prv
1. Kansas (37)	31-8	1581	4
2. Kentucky (19)	26-11	1529	18
3. Gonzaga (1)	32-5	1461	8
4. Duke (4)	29-8	1452	9
5. Virginia (2)	31-3	1286	1
6. Tennessee (1)	26-9	1268	13
7. Nevada	29-8	1230	24
8. North Carolina	26-11	1221	10
9. Villanova (1)	36-4	1085	2
10. Michigan St.	30-5	1024	5
11. Auburn	26-8	974	19
12. Kansas St.	25-12	922	-
13. West Virginia	26-11	678	15
14. Oregon	23-13	638	-
15. Virginia Tech	21-12	630	-
16. Syracuse	23-14	620	-
17. Florida St.	23-12	530	-
18. Mississippi St.	25-12	451	-
19. Michigan	33-8	437	7
20. TCU	21-12	311	-
21. UCLA	21-12	297	-
22. Clemson	25-10	268	20
23. LSU	18-15	187	-
24. Purdue	30-7	170	11
25. Washington	21-13	165	-

Others receiving votes: Loyola of Chicago 162, Marquette 124, Indiana 98, Florida 71, Nebraska 35, Maryland 28, Wisconsin 24, Notre Dame 22, Cincinnati 21, UCF 15, Alabama 15, Arizona 14, Buffalo 14, Louisville 11, Miami 10, San Diego St. 9, Texas Tech 6, Southern Cal 6, Butler 6, Texas 5, St. John's 3, Arizona St 3, Providence 2, Xavier 2, Davidson 1, Missouri 1, Marshall 1, NC State 1.

Mikal Bridges, no Final Four most outstanding player Donte DiVincenzo. And yet reigning national champion Villanova checks in at No. 9.

The Wildcats still have Eric Paschall and Phil Booth back while adding Albany graduate transfer Joe Cremo. There's also a bit of respect built into this ranking, both for the stature of program Jay Wright has developed (two national championships in three seasons) and for the Wildcats' dominating romp through the postseason.

### Conference watch

The ACC had the most teams ranked of any conference: Duke, Virginia, No. 8 North Carolina, No. 15 Virginia Tech (its highest spot since the 1995-96 season), No. 16 Syracuse, No. 17 Florida State and No. 22 Clemson.

The Southeastern Conference was next up with five teams: Kentucky, No. 6 Tennessee, No. 11 Auburn (the program's highest ranking since 2000), No. 18 Mississippi State and No. 23 LSU.

## Players first

### Cora has focused on club 1st during Red Sox run to World Series

By Kyle Hightower  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — When Alex Cora was hired to manage the Red Sox a year ago, he knew he wanted to put relationships with his players first.

It made him a success as general manager of Puerto Rico in the 2017 World Baseball Classic, again as a GM and manager in the Puerto Rican Winter League and as bench coach for the Houston Astros during their World Series title run last season.

Cora was toting those lessons with him when he arrived at spring training to find a talented, young Boston team in need of a new voice following back-to-back early exits from the postseason.

He made his new team a promise during their first meeting.

"I told them no matter what I was going to strive to be genuine and accessible," Cora said.

Six months later, the 43-year-old known to his players as "A.C." has remade the culture of the Red Sox clubhouse by taking a player-centric approach that pointed them toward a franchise-record 108 wins in the regular season.

"I learned talking to players is not bad, having a relationship with players is not bad," Cora said. "Doing that, you're going to get the best out of them. People may think that crossing that line is not helpful, but I see it the other way around, and I lived it."

It's continued in the playoffs with an AL Division Series victory over the Yankees and an AL Championship Series win over the Astros that has Boston back in the World Series for the first time since 2013.

With four victories over the Los Angeles Dodgers, Cora can become the fifth manager to win the championship in his first season, joining Bob Brenly (Arizona, 2001), Ralph Houk (Yankees, 1961), Eddie Dyer (Cardinals, 1946) and Bucky Harris (Washington Senators, 1924).

While the Red Sox have benefited this season from roster changes such as the addition of slugger J.D. Martinez, Cora's success isn't a surprise to those that have seen the former player embrace the dual challenges of managing personalities and day-to-day decisions.

Pitcher David Price had a difficult time acclimating to Boston's unforgiving sports environment during his first two seasons of the seven-year, \$217 million deal he signed in 2015.

He's found a groove this month, breaking through with his first career victory as a starter in the postseason, pitching the clinching Game 5 of the ALCS to help the Red Sox advance.

# Ryan throws for 379 yards, Falcons beat Giants

By Paul Newberry  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Matt Ryan threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Hall, Tevin Coleman broke loose on a 30-yard scoring run and the Atlanta Falcons added another chapter to New York's miserable season, beating the Giants 23-20 on Monday night.

Ryan completed his final 18 passes and finished 31 of 39 for 379 yards, sending the Giants (1-6) to their fourth straight loss. Giorgio Tavecchio, filling in for injured Atlanta kicker Matt Bryant, sealed the victory for Atlanta (3-4) with the longest field goal of his career from 56 yards.

Facing one of the NFL's worst defenses, New York botched its best scoring chance by going for a touchdown on fourth-and-goal from the 1 early in the third quarter. To the surprise of no one who has seen the Giants stumble through the season, Eli Manning's pass for tight end Scott Simonson fell harmlessly to the turf.

Manning was sacked four times but still managed to complete 27 of 38 for 399 yards. Odell Beckham hauled in eight passes for 143 yards, his fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season, and Sterling Shepard finished with 167 yards on five



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan (2) works against the New York Giants during the second half of an NFL game Monday in Atlanta. The Atlanta Falcons won 23-20. (JOHN AMIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

receptions.

The passing game got little help from the ground attack, however. Rookie Saquon Barkley was limited to 43 yards on 14 carries, forcing the Giants to go one-dimensional.

Both teams got off to sluggish starts offensively. The Falcons failed to cross midfield on their first three possessions, and the Giants weren't much better.

Then, suddenly, Atlanta

struck for two big plays to grab the lead. Ryan went down the left sideline to tight end Austin Hooper for a 36-yard gain, pushing the Falcons into New York territory for the first time. Then Ryan spotted Hall breaking free down the middle of the field, hitting him perfectly in stride for the touchdown.

The teams traded field goals in the final minute of the first half, sending the Falcons to the

locker room with a 10-3 lead.

Tavecchio, who first connected from 40 yards, added a 50-yard kick that extended the lead to 13-6 on the opening play of the fourth quarter.

Coleman rumbled for another Atlanta TD without being touched, giving the home team some breathing room before the Giants finally showed some life offensively. Manning completed five passes for 61 yards

before Barkley powered over from the 2 with 4:47 remaining for New York's first TD of the game. But coach Pat Shurmur decided to go for 2, looking to put his team in position to win with another score.

Manning pass for Beckham was knocked away, and the Falcons drove for Tavecchio's clinching field goal.

The Giants did manage a touchdown with 5 seconds remaining as Manning hooked up with Beckham on a 1-yard scoring play, but only after the quarterback was stuffed on two straight attempts to run it over, burning off most of the scant time on the clock.

## Injury report

The Falcons lost another guard when Brandon Fusco went down late in the first half with a right ankle injury.

Fusco had to be helped off the field by a pair of trainers, and he was quickly taken to the locker room on a cart.

After initially announcing that Fusco's return to the game was questionable, the Falcons declared him out.

Atlanta had already lost another starting guard, Andy Levitre, to a season-ending injury.

Ben Garland took Fusco's spot on the line.

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has quickly become the new normal for all of the area's sports teams.

"It's been really weird," first-year Arnold coach Madison Wichterman said. "There was a time where I wasn't even sure if we would be able to continue. It wasn't my first thought by any means and once things started kind of getting back to somewhat normal, or as normal as it can be with all of this, we made the decision (to play) and I'm glad we did because the girls will be able to put an end to the season and not just be left with a lot of what ifs."

Mosley coach Michelle Mask, whose home suffered extensive damage that she said would take about two months to repair, also was unsure of continuing her team's season, and left it open for her players to decide against going forward when they first met after the storm.

"We had a practice last week and 10 girls showed up, and we just sat in a circle and hugged each other and cried," she said. "I threw it out there to the girls that if they didn't want to play, we could cancel the season. There was no pressure to play. We can just say, 'OK, we had a great season, but there are more important things to worry about, like having a place to live and being safe.' But the girls said they wanted to play, so I said OK. I knew we had to take that first step and at least try to get back to some normalcy."

While the Dolphins haven't had all of their players at practice, Mask said she expected to have at least 15 of her 16 varsity players at the match. When Mosley has been able to practice in Santa Rosa Beach where Mask is staying, she

said that the experience has been therapeutic for herself and her players.

"When we're in there, we're playing and we don't have to worry about what we're going through and all these kids are playing and laughing, smiling, and forgetting about the chaos and everything they've lost," she said. "Even if we don't get another game, just to be with each other and have each other makes all the difference in the world."

Arnold has been practicing at Emerald Coast Middle School this week and Wichterman said the energy has been extremely high and that it's obvious her players were ready to get back on the court.

"We were all excited to be in there," she said. "The girls are just so excited to be back on the court again. The girls spend all their time together during the season and out of season as well. It's just different being able to see someone and know they're OK. We had some conversations before, but it's so different just to see them and hug them and start playing again. It was a cool thing to see."

If Mosley and Arnold both win, they would face off in the region semifinals Oct. 30. It's difficult to forecast how either team will be able to perform given the circumstances, with Mask saying she has "no idea" what to expect going into the match.

"It's so hard to say what it will look like just because there are so many emotions and so many things that are bigger than the game of volleyball that these girls have to worry about," she said. "I'm hoping and praying for the best. They've been knocked down, but they're not quitters. We started in July with the dream of making it to the state finals and that dream hasn't changed. They still want it, they just have to fight a little bit harder."

## GOLF

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lot of my players don't have homes or power or are displaced in other counties, so it's going to be very tough to get everybody on the same page. I know the circumstances are tough, but we'll find a way to get it done and be ready to go."

Bay finished sixth in the

team standings and Arnold was 10th.

Mosley 343 — Noah Zedicker 75, Will Massey 80, Jack Hundley 91, Hunter Lark 97, Hayden Ricks 101.

Bay 389 — Mac Chapman 91, JP Harbison 93, Jake Harbison 93, Garrett Nelson 112, Jake Chapman 118.

Arnold 438 — Mitchell Campbell 95, Luke Moskowitiz 104, Kaleb Cunningham 112, Mason King 127, Andrew Sexton 148.

## FLORIDA

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play another top 10 team (Georgia) in a game with championship ramifications that is drawing ESPN's "GameDay" and the SEC Network's version of it to Jacksonville this weekend.

"It's really exciting, especially after last year, turning this thing around and getting back what Florida's known for," sophomore safety Donovan Stiner said Monday. "So, we're really excited and we've worked really hard for it."

"(Last year) was pretty difficult. It was emotional. We're just glad to be back. We've worked really hard to get where we are now. We're really excited and looking forward to this game."

Led by new head coach Dan Mullen and his staff, the Gators have put themselves in this position by winning five consecutive games since losing to Kentucky on the second Saturday in September.

Since that humbling loss in The Swamp, Florida has won four straight SEC games, including two on the road (Tennessee and Mississippi State) and one at home against the No. 5 team in the nation (LSU).

So, here the Gators are, back in the top 10, back in a really big game.

"It's going to be unreal," junior linebacker Rayshad Jackson said. "It's going to be a great game. It'll be a

fist-fight the whole time."

Last year's game was a fist-fight, too, but the Bulldogs were the only ones throwing and landing punches. The Gators seemed lifeless, their minds in a different place.

And it's understandable.

Earlier in the week, then coach Jim McElwain made his claim about death threats, which triggered the athletic department to meet with McElwain and investigate the alleged threats.

By the end of the week, it was clear McElwain's job was in jeopardy.

By Saturday morning, the reports started coming out that McElwain's agent and the University Athletic Association were negotiating a buyout that would terminate McElwain's job.

The UF players were well-aware of all of it.

"Guys in the hotel for pre-game meal were on their phones seeing all the commotion saying Coach Mac was going to be fired," junior wide receiver Josh Hammond said. "It definitely was bringing up some confusion and guys were kind of looking around wondering like, 'What's really going on? Is he really getting fired? Is he not?'"

"He broke us up pre-game meal and let us know that he hadn't heard anything yet and to block everything out. But, still, as a kid, 20, 19, 21-year-olds, just seeing that stuff on Twitter about your coach being fired is a little awkward. It kind of just throws your mind a little bit.

"It was big for us mentally

just kind of taking our focus off of the game. Things were kind of weird from that point forward."

Weird — and one-sided.

Less than midway through the first quarter, the Gators were already down 21-0. The final eventually turned out to be 42-7. McElwain and UF parted ways the following day.

"It was pretty weird knowing that Coach Mac was going to get fired after this game," Jackson said. "His whole mindset, his whole demeanor was different. And it just felt like we weren't going to play well because his demeanor wasn't right."

"We all came to the game like, 'Man, our coach about to get fired and we can't do nothing about it.'"

Playing in a big game again did not seem in sight back then.

But with a new coach and a new season, it is here.

The Gators, obviously, are excited about this opportunity, and the changes that have brought them to this point.

"Last year wasn't so fun for our team, but just coming from then to this year, our record's a lot different," quarterback Feleipe Franks said. "We went through a coaching change which turned out for the better for us. Just a bunch of different things have changed. Our guys, obviously we love it, and you know we're excited for the challenge, and we're going to prepare our tails off for the challenge this Saturday."

## SHR

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from Team Penske in the round of eight. Five spots to Ford drivers left room only for a pair of Toyota drivers, reigning champion Martin Truex Jr. and 2015 winner Kyle Busch, and a lone representative from Chevrolet in Chase Elliott.

But those numbers can also hurt Ford's chances, particularly if SHR suddenly fractures and its drivers take a selfish approach during the next three races.

"Racing teammates is tough," said Alan Gustafson, crew chief for Elliott. "They

can give each other no quarter at all. That's a hard thing to do. That's a hard thing to kind of balance. To move on, you have to full throttle, hammer down. If you get into a riff, which is going to happen with your teammate, it's a tough situation."

Gustafson even wondered if SHR's juggernaut will inadvertently help Elliott and the Hendrick Motorsports team, which doesn't have a single Chevrolet ally remaining in the playoffs. But if SHR turns on each other, well, the rest of the field better be ready to pounce.

"In some ways I think it can be an advantage for us because it is difficult to balance it when you're all kind

of infighting against each other," Gustafson said.

There's no infighting yet at SHR, at least not publicly. The four drivers executed perfectly at Talladega Superspeedway two weeks ago by sweeping the front two rows of qualifying and working together to stay in line and hold off traffic for almost the entire race.

Had a late caution not sent it to overtime, where Kurt Busch ran out of gas and Harvick had to stop for fuel, SHR cars might have raced each other four-wide for the finish. It was Almirola who got the victory, the first for the No. 10 car that Almirola took over from Danica Patrick this season, and it pushed him into title talk.

# SCOREBOARD

## ON THE AIR

**Today**  
**GOLF**  
**9 p.m.**  
**GOLF [-] PGA Tour & WGC, HSBC Champions, first round, at Shanghai**  
**MLB**  
**7 p.m.**  
 FOX [-] MLB World Series, Game 2, L.A. Dodgers at Boston  
**NBA**  
**6 p.m.**  
 ESPN [-] Dallas at Atlanta  
**8:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN [-] Philadelphia at Milwaukee  
**NHL**  
**6 p.m.**  
 NBCSN [-] Toronto at

Winnipeg  
**8:30 p.m.**  
 NBCSN [-] Tampa Bay at Colorado  
**Soccer**  
**11:55 a.m.**  
 TNT [-] UEFA Champions League, Group B: PSV Eindhoven vs. Tottenham  
**2 p.m.**  
 TNT [-] UEFA Champions League, Group B: Barcelona vs. Internazionale Milano  
**WRESTLING**  
**11:30 p.m.**  
 NBCSN [-] UWW World Championships, Day 4, Women's finals, at Budapest, Hungary (same-day tape)



**Former Carolina Panthers NFL player Rae Carruth, center, exits the Sampson Correctional Institution on Monday in Clinton, N.C.** [JEFF SINER/THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

# Ex-NFL player out of prison after 18 years for murder plot

By Steve Reed  
 The Associated Press

Rae Carruth is a free man. The former NFL wide receiver was released from prison Monday after serving more than 18 years for conspiring to murder the mother of his unborn child.

The Carolina Panthers' 1997 first-round draft pick was released from Sampson Correctional Institution in Clinton, North Carolina, after completing his sentence of 18 to 24 years. Carruth did not speak to reporters as he left prison wearing a knit cap and an unzipped jacket on a chilly morning with temperatures in the high 30s. There was a smattering of applause when he got into a white SUV and was whisked away. He was taken to an undisclosed location.

The 44-year-old Carruth will be on a nine-month post-release program, according to North Carolina Department of Public Safety spokesman Jerry Higgins. He would need special permission from a case officer to leave the state or the country during that span but is free to go wherever he pleases after nine months.

Carruth was found guilty of orchestrating a plot to kill Cherica Adams on Nov. 16, 1999, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to avoid paying child support. Adams was shot four times while driving her car but managed to make a 911 call that helped implicate Carruth.

Adams went into a coma and died less than a month later after the shooting.

The child she was carrying, Chancellor Lee Adams, was delivered by emergency cesarean section but suffers from permanent brain damage and cerebral palsy.

Carruth has never admitted guilt in Adams' murder, but in a complex 15-page letter to

WBTV-TV in Charlotte in February he wrote that "I feel responsible for everything that happened. And I just want (Saundra Adams) to know that truly I am sorry for everything."

Carruth's former attorney, David Rudolf, did not immediately return phone calls Monday seeking comment about Carruth's release and plans.

Last week, Carruth told WSOC-TV in Charlotte in a telephone interview, "I just truly want to be forgiven."

He went on to say he was "somewhat frightened" about his release, adding that "I'm nervous just about how I'll be received by the public. I still have to work. I still have to live. I have to exist out there and it just seems like there is so much hate and negativity toward me."

Carruth has repeatedly said he wants to have a relationship with his son, who remains in the custody of his grandmother, Saundra Adams, who has raised him since birth. Adams had previously said she would be there when Carruth got out of prison, but she was not present Monday.

Carruth's arrest on charges of conspiracy and attempted murder nine days after the shooting sent shockwaves throughout the Panthers organization.

The team released Carruth and the NFL suspended him indefinitely after he fled the Charlotte area after posting \$3 million bail and was found by federal authorities hiding in the trunk of a car in Tennessee, about 500 miles from Charlotte.

Panthers center Frank Garcia played with Carruth for more than two seasons. He said players were stunned when they heard the news of Carruth's possible involvement in the murder, about 20 miles from the team's downtown stadium in the affluent section of South Charlotte.

## ODDS

**PREGAME.COM LINE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Today	FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
At Detroit	Off	Off	Philadelphia	
At New Orleans	6	23½	LA Clippers	
At Denver	11	227	Sacramento	

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Florida	-108	At NY Rangers	-102	
At Columbus	-160	Arizona	+150	
Calgary	-116	At Montreal	+106	
Boston	-137	At Ottawa	+127	
At Nashville	-125	San Jose	+115	
At Chicago	-130	Anaheim	+120	
At Dallas	Off	Los Angeles	Off	
Pittsburgh	-121	At Edmonton	+111	

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

Today	FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Troy	10	12½	55½	At S. Ala.	

**Thursday**

At W. Mich.	+2½	5½	66	Toledo
At Ohio	10½	10	61½	Ball St.
App. St.	12	8	47	At Ga. Sthm
At Va. Tech	4½	3½	57½	Ga. Tech
At W. Virginia	13½	14	62	Baylor

**Friday**

Miami	3	3½	51½	At Boston Col.
Indiana	2½	2½	54½	At Minnesota
Utah	9½	10	55	At UCLA
At Colo. St.	3½	2½	48	Wyoming
At FAU	3½	3½	58	La. Tech

**Saturday**

Middle Tenn.	5½	4	59½	At ODU
At Syracuse	+1	PK	62	NC State
At Virginia	8½	9	49	N. Carolina
At Akron	6½	5½	45½	Cent. Mich.
Duke	4	2½	47	At Pitt.
At Maryland	16	18	53½	Illinois
At Louisville	2	1½	64	Wake Forest
Wisconsin	7	6	50	At N.western
At E. Michigan	2	2	47½	Army
Southern Miss	9½	7½	46	At Charlotte
TCU	14	14½	50½	At Kansas
UMass	6	4½	74	At UConn
Cstl Carolina	3½	3½	58½	At Ga. St.
At Utah St.	20½	21½	63½	New Mexico
At Colorado	24	23½	63½	Oreg. St.
UAB	18½	17	48½	At UTEP
At BYU	6½	7½	44½	N. Illinois
San Diego St.	3½	2½	47½	At Nevada
At Stanford	4½	3	55½	Wash. St.
At Southern Cal	4	6½	53	Ariz. St.
Washington	14	10½	45	At California
Georgia	10	7	51½	Florida
UNLV	5	1½	59½	At SJSU
At Tulsa	1½	2½	49	Tulane
At Miss. St.	4	2½	44	Texas A&M
At Missouri	5½	7	53½	Kentucky
At S. Carolina	7½	7½	53	Tennessee
Texas	1½	3	60	At Okla. St.
At N. Texas	28½	28	54	Rice
At Houston	7½	7½	72	S. Florida
At Penn St.	10	5½	54½	Iowa
At Mich. St.	2½	2	51	Purdue
FIU	4	4	55	At W. Ky.
Cincinnati	9½	8½	54½	At SMU
Vanderbilt	+2½	1	51½	At Arkansas
At Oklahoma	21½	23½	64½	Kan. St.
Arkansas St.	5	3½	66	At La.-Lafayette
At Texas State	2½	2½	58	NMSU
At Iowa St.	3½	4	55	Texas Tech
Boise St.	10	10	57½	At Air Force
Clemson	16	16	50½	At Florida St.
Notre Dame	22	23½	56	Navy
Oregon	9½	9½	62	At Arizona
At Fresno St.	21½	24	55½	Hawaii

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Thursday	FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
At Houston	7	7	45	Miami	

**Sunday**

Philadelphia	3	3	41½	Jacksonville
At Pittsburgh	7½	8	50½	Cleveland
At Kansas City	9½	10	55½	Denver
At Chicago	6	7	46	NY Jets
Washington	PK	1	Off	At NY Giants
At Detroit	3	2½	49½	Seattle
At Cincinnati	5	5	53½	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	PK	1½	43½	At Carolina
Indianapolis	+1	3	50½	At Oakland
At Arizona	1	1	43½	San Francisco
At LA Rams	8½	9	56½	Green Bay
At Minnesota	2	1½	52½	New Orleans

**Monday**

New England	11	13½	44½	At Buffalo
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## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**National League**  
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agree to terms with INF Eduardo Escobar on a three-year contract through the 2021 season.  
 MIAMI MARLINS — Signed OFS Victor Mesa and Victor Mesa Jr. to minor league contracts.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
 LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Assigned G Isaac Bonga to South Bay (NBAGL).

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released CB Deatrick Nichols. Signed S Eddie Pleasant.  
 DENVER BRONCOS — Placed G Ron Leary on injured reserve. Signed OL Nico Falah off the N.Y. Jets practice squad.  
 GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed FB Danny Vitale to the practice squad.  
 HOUSTON TEXANS — Waived/injured LB Tyrell Adams. Signed LB Josh Keyes.  
 OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed RB Marshawn Lynch on injured reserve. Traded WR Amari Cooper to Dallas for a 2019 first-round draft pick.  
 TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — Placed LBs Jack Cichy and Kwon Alexander on injured reserve. Signed LB Riley Bullough.  
 WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DB Jeremy Reaves to the practice squad.  
**Canadian Football League**  
 WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released DE Patrick Choudja from the practice roster. Added WR Kenny Lawler to the practice roster.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 CAROLINA HURRICANES — Activated FG Scott Darling from injured reserve and assigned him to Charlotte (AHL) for conditioning.  
 DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Justin Dowling from Texas (AHL).  
 LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned F Jaret Anderson-Dolan to Spokane (WHL) and F Spencer Watson from Ontario (AHL) to Manchester (ECHL). Recalled D Sean Walker from Ontario (AHL).  
 NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F Carl Persson from Atlanta (ECHL) to Milwaukee (AHL).  
 NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed D Steven Santini on injured reserve. Recalled F Kevin Rooney and D Egor Yakovlev from Binghamton (AHL).  
 NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned G Marek Mazanec to Hartford (AHL). Recalled G Alexander Georgiev from Hartford.  
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned F Mitch Hulfs from Syracuse (AHL) to Orlando (ECHL).  
 WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed F Kody Clark to a three-year, entry-level contract.  
**American Hockey League**  
 TEXAS STARS — Loaned D Nolan Gluchowski to Idaho (ECHL).

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**THE AP TOP 25 POLL**  
 The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 20, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

RECORD	PTS.	PVS.	
1. Alabama (61)	8-0	1,525	1
2. Clemson	7-0	1,454	3
3. Notre Dame	7-0	1,400	4
4. LSU	7-1	1,327	5
5. Michigan	7-1	1,250	6
6. Texas	6-1	1,186	7
7. Georgia	6-1	1,136	8
8. Oklahoma	6-1	1,065	9
9. Florida	6-1	998	11
10. UCF	7-0	996	10
11. Ohio St.	7-1	985	2
12. Kentucky	6-1	754	14
13. West Virginia	5-1	747	13
14. Washington St.	6-1	692	25
15. Washington	6-2	677	15
16. Texas A&M	5-2	622	17
17. Penn St.	5-2	528	18
18. Iowa	6-1	489	19
19. Oregon	5-2	450	12
20. Wisconsin	5-2	357	23
21. South Florida	7-0	291	21
22. NC State	5-1	186	16
23. Utah	5-2	180	—
24. Stanford	5-2	144	—
25. Appalachian St.	5-1	79	—

**Others receiving votes:** Texas Tech 54, Utah St. 50, San Diego St. 48, Fresno St. 35, Miami 34, Virginia 25, Houston 19, Purdue 17, Michigan St. 8, Cincinnati 7, Auburn 5, Mississippi St. 2, Boston College 2, UAB 1.

## AMWAY COACHES TOP 25 POLL

The Amway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 20, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

RECORD	PTS.	PVS.	
1. Alabama (60)	8-0	1,548	1
2. Clemson (2)	7-0	1,488	3
3. Notre Dame	7-0	1,409	4
4. LSU	7-1	1,352	5
5. Michigan	7-1	1,228	7
6. Georgia	6-1	1,207	6
7. Texas	6-1	1,146	8
8. Oklahoma	6-1	1,075	10
9. Ohio State	7-1	1,030	2
10. UCF	7-0	1,008	9
11. Florida	6-1	968	12
12. West Virginia	5-1	794	13
13. Washington	6-2	729	14
14. Kentucky	6-1	689	17
15. Washington State	6-1	633	23
16. Penn State	5-2	606	16
17. Texas A&M	5-2	583	18
18. Iowa	6-1	447	22
19. Wisconsin	5-2	430	19
20. South Florida	7-0	390	20
21. Oregon	5-2	383	11
22. N.C. State	5-1	222	15
23. Stanford	5-2	180	24
24. Utah	5-2	107	—
25. Miami	5-2	95	—

**Others receiving votes:** Appalachian State 78, Utah State 63, San Diego State 62, Cincinnati 30, Houston 30, Fresno State 22, Mississippi State 18, Virginia 17, Auburn 13, Buffalo 9, Colorado 9, Army 8, Duke 8, Texas Tech 8, Purdue 7, UAB 6, South Carolina 5, Virginia Tech 4, Syracuse 3, Georgia Southern 2, Michigan State 1.

## TOP 25 SCHEDULE

**Thursday**  
 No. 13 West Virginia vs. Baylor, 6 p.m.  
 No. 25 Appalachian State at Georgia Southern, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
 No. 23 Utah at UCLA, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday**  
 No. 2 Clemson at Florida State, 11 a.m.  
 No. 3 Notre Dame vs. Navy at San Diego, 7 p.m.  
 No. 6 Texas at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m.  
 No. 7 Georgia vs. No. 9 Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., 2:30 p.m.  
 No. 8 Oklahoma vs. Kansas State, 2:30 p.m.  
 No. 12 Kentucky at Missouri, 3 p.m.  
 No. 14 Washington State at No. 24 Stanford, 6 p.m.  
 No. 15 Washington at California, 5:30 p.m.  
 No. 16 Texas A&M at Mississippi State, 6 p.m.  
 No. 17 Penn State vs. No. 18 Iowa, 2:30 p.m.  
 No. 19 Oregon at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.  
 No. 20 Wisconsin at Northwestern, 11 a.m.  
 No. 21 South Florida at Houston, 2:30 p.m.  
 No. 22 NC State at Syracuse, 6 p.m.

## SCHEDULE

All Times Eastern (Subject to change)

**Today**  
**SOUTH**  
 Troy at South Alabama, 8 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
**EAST**  
 Baylor at West Virginia, 7 p.m.

**SOUTH**  
 Appalachian St. at Georgia Southern, 7:30 p.m.  
 Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, 7:30 p.m.

**MIDWEST**  
 Ball St. at Ohio, 7 p.m.  
 Toledo at W. Michigan, 7 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
**EAST**  
 Miami at Boston College, 7 p.m.

**SOUTH**  
 Louisiana Tech at FAU, 6:30 p.m.

**MIDWEST**  
 Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

**FAR WEST**  
 Wyoming at Colorado St., 10 p.m.  
 Utah at UCLA, 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
**EAST**  
 Wagner at CCSU. Noon  
 Georgetown at Colgate. Noon  
 William & Mary at Rhode Island. Noon  
 St. Francis (Pa.) at Robert Morris. Noon  
 UMass at UConn. Noon  
 Penn at Brown, 1 p.m.  
 Yale at Columbia, 1 p.m.  
 Lafayette at Fordham, 1 p.m.  
 Lehigh at Holy Cross, 1 p.m.  
 Albany (NY) at Maine, 1 p.m.  
 Cornell at Princeton, 1 p.m.  
 Bryant at Sacred Heart, 1 p.m.  
 Harvard at Dartmouth, 1:30 p.m.  
 New Hampshire at Villanova, 2 p.m.  
 Towson at Delaware, 3:30 p.m.  
 Iowa at Penn St., 3:30 p.m.  
 Duke at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.  
 NC State at Syracuse, 7 p.m.

**SOUTH**  
 Clemson at Florida St., Noon  
 Wake Forest at Louisville, Noon  
 North Carolina at Virginia, 12:20 p.m.  
 Stetson at Davidson, 1 p.m.  
 E. Illinois at E. Kentucky, 1 p.m.  
 SC State at Howard, 1 p.m.  
 Marist at Morehead St., 1 p.m.  
 Mercer at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.  
 Southern Miss. at Charlotte, 2 p.m.  
 NC Central at Delaware St., 2 p.m.  
 Coastal Carolina at Georgia St., 2 p.m.  
 Va. Lynchburg at Hampton, 2 p.m.  
 Furman at The Citadel, 2 p.m.  
 Monmouth (NJ) at Presbyterian, 2:30 p.m.  
 VMI at Chattanooga, 3 p.m.  
 Ark.-Pine Bluff at Grambling St., 3 p.m.  
 Norfolk St. at Savannah St., 3 p.m.  
 SE Missouri at UT Martin, 3 p.m.

Alabama A&M vs. Alabama St. at Birmingham, Ala., 3:30 p.m.  
 W. Carolina at ETSU, 3:30 p.m.  
 Florida vs. Georgia at Jacksonville, Fla., 3:30 p.m.  
 Stony Brook at James Madison, 3:30 p.m.  
 Arkansas St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 3:30 p.m.  
 Illinois at Maryland, 3:30 p.m.  
 Middle Tennessee at Old Dominion, 3:30 p.m.  
 Gardner-Webb at Campbell, 4 p.m.  
 Morgan St. at Florida A&M, 4 p.m.  
 Jacksonville St. at Murray St., 4 p.m.  
 Incarnate Word at Nicholls, 4 p.m.  
 Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay, 5 p.m.  
 Kennesaw St. at Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.  
 Cent. Arkansas at McNeese St., 7 p.m.  
 Texas A&M at Mississippi St., 7 p.m.  
 Houston Baptist at Northwestern St., 7 p.m.  
 Jackson St. at Southern U., 7 p.m.  
 Tennessee at South Carolina, 7:30 p.m.  
 FIU at W. Kentucky, 7:30 p.m.

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