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**GC TEAMS MAKE HOME DEBUT VS. LB WALLACE**

## RHS going 6-12 for school year

**Everitt's campus too damaged to fix quickly; other split-campus arrangements should end by Christmas break**

By Eryn Dion  
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SPRINGFIELD — In an effort to ensure every student leaves school in the daylight, district

officials are laying the groundwork for getting schools back on their home campuses and, when needed, creating plans for more permanent mergers.

The primary concern, according to Superintendent Bill Husfelt, is the current schedule that has middle school students throughout the county leaving class at 6 p.m. to potentially walk home. One solution Husfelt said district officials

are pursuing is transitioning Rutherford High School into a grades 6-12 school for the rest of the year.

"We hate the 6 p.m. end of the day," said Husfelt.

The new configuration would have Everitt Middle School students share the campus at the same time as Rutherford students, rather than the current time-split configuration. Husfelt said Everitt is one of the

most "devastated" campuses, and students likely won't be able to return in the near future.

"We believe we can divide the campus up so that we don't have students walking home at night," he said.

The other split campuses — Arnold High School at Surfside Middle School, Bay High School at Jinks Middle School

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## 'This is generational'



Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos shakes hands with third-grade Springfield Elementary teacher Robert Heath at Cedar Grove Elementary on Monday. Springfield students are sharing classroom space with Cedar Grove students while their school is undergoes repairs. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

**District shares post-hurricane needs during visit by U.S. Secretary DeVos**

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SPRINGFIELD — Lost in their own city. Awful because they lost their

homes. Mad because they weren't expecting, or prepared for the storm.

Sitting in their desks in their classrooms of the new "Cedarfield" campus, made up of Cedar Grove and displaced Springfield Elementary School students, these were some of the feelings shared by third-graders to Secretary of Education

Betsy DeVos as she toured the school Monday to get a first-hand look at the devastation wrought by Hurricane Michael and its impact on the county's most vulnerable residents — its children.

But in their classroom still missing lights and ceiling tiles, feeling lost and uncertain, there still was a positive sign. One student

spoke up, saying he found a silver lining in the hurricane because it meant he got to meet new friends.

"We noticed some of them have become withdrawn and we've tried to draw them out and talk to them," said teacher Lori Chapman. "But I loved his answer. He took

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## Bay man accused of murder in beating with bat

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LYNN HAVEN — A Panama City man has been charged with an open count of murder after a fight that left a 20-year-old dead in Lynn Haven early Sunday.

**Drinkard**

Justin Drinkard, 33, was arrested after a brawl that the Bay County Sheriff's Office said started with a drug deal, when Drinkard allegedly beat 20-year-old Jerry Benefield Jr. to death with a baseball bat.

According to BCSO officials, Drinkard went to Benefield's Alaska Circle residence to buy narcotics about 3 a.m. Court records show Drinkard has a history with controlled substances, particularly methamphetamine, and was on probation for burglary, trespassing and possession of a controlled substance from a 2017 case. BCSO reported that Drinkard purchased narcotics from Benefield and the two used them together at the apartment when Drinkard allegedly made sexual advances toward Benefield and Benefield's girlfriend, who is a minor.

Benefield and his roommate  
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## 'Flawless': NASA craft lands on Mars

By Marcia Dunn  
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — A NASA spacecraft designed to drill down into Mars' interior landed on the planet Monday after a perilous, supersonic plunge through its red skies, setting off jubilation among scientists who had waited in white-knuckle suspense for

confirmation to arrive across 100 million miles of space.

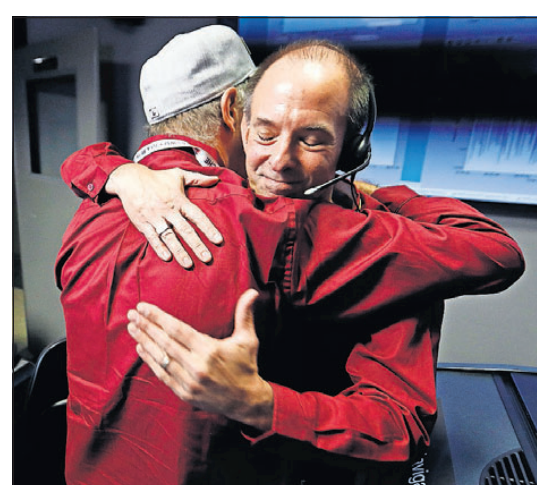
Flight controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, leaped out of their chairs, screaming, dancing and hugging, upon learning that InSight had arrived on Mars, the graveyard for a multitude of previous missions.

"Touchdown confirmed!" a

flight controller called out just before 3 p.m. EST, instantly dispelling the anxiety that had gripped the control room as the spacecraft made its six-minute descent.

Because of the distance between Earth and Mars, it took eight minutes for confirmation to arrive, relayed by a

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Engineers embrace after the Mars landing of InSight in the mission support area at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Monday in Pasadena, Calif. [AL SEIB/LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA AP, POOL]

# HOW TO GET HELP

after Hurricane Michael

News Herald Staff Report

## FEMA Disaster Recovery Center

Representatives from FEMA are available to answer questions about disaster assistance at two locations in Bay County: Bay County Public Library DRC, 898 W 11th Street, Panama City; and John B. Gore Park, 520 Beulah Avenue, Callaway. The centers are open Sunday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To stay in touch with FEMA, and provide updates or changes to your application for disaster assistance, including access to your primary home, utility service, and current location people can visit DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA Helpline 800-621-3362.

## Shelter

Bay County has opened Arnold High School as the shelter for the community. They are continuing to accept Bay County residents.

## Disaster Distress Helpline

The Disaster Distress Helpline is staffed by trained counselors from a network of crisis call centers to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. The number for the 24/7 service is 1-800-985-5990.

## Prescription Assistance

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program has been extended to Dec. 15. EPAP covers prescription drugs, vaccines and other medical supplies damaged in the hurricane. Individuals without health insurance qualify for EPAP. Prescriptions for medications and medical supplies may be renewed every 30 days for as long as the EPAP is activated. To register for EPAP, call 1-855-793-7470. The call line can also answer questions about the program and confirm whether a specific prescription is covered by EPAP. A list of participating pharmacies where claims can be filled is available at the Department of Health & Human Services website: <https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/national-plus/Pages/NationalPlus.aspx>. For additional information about EPAP, visit [www.PHE.gov/EPAP](http://www.PHE.gov/EPAP).

## Debris Pickup

Hurricane debris from a home can be dropped off at the Steelfield Landfill, 11411 Landfill Road, Panama City Beach, at no charge. Bring proof of Bay County residency, such as a driver's license or a bill. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Panama City has established two debris dropoff points for city residents. One at the corner of Maple Avenue and Third Street in the Millville area and one at the Oak Grove Ball Field, located on 17th Street just east of Frankford Avenue. Panama City residents with a photo ID can drop off vegetative debris, construction debris and home appliances (white goods) between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., seven days a week.

## Finding services

The 211 Citizen Hotline continues to receive non-emergency calls. For out-of-state callers, dial 850-248-6099.

## CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

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**Gerald Herd emailed this Picture Perfect photo he called "Just Bear with Me," of a black bear making its way through the Callaway area.**

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Author **Gail Sheehy** is 81. Footwear designer **Manolo Blahnik** is 76. Academy Award-winning director **Kathryn Bigelow** is 67. TV host **Bill Nye** ("Bill Nye, the Science Guy") is 63. Actor **William Fichtner** is 62. **Caroline Kennedy** is 61. Academy Award-winning screenwriter **Callie Khouri** is 61. Rock musician **Charlie**

**Burchill** (Simple Minds) is 59. Jazz composer/big band leader **Maria Schneider** is 58. Former Minnesota Gov. **Tim Pawlenty** is 58. Rock musician **Charlie Benante** (Anthrax) is 56. Rock musician **Mike Bordin** (Faith No More) is 56. Actor **Fisher Stevens** is 55. Actress **Robin Givens** is 54. Actor **Michael Vartan** is 50. Rapper **Skoob** (DAS EFX) is

48. Actor **Kirk Acevedo** is 47. Rapper **Twista** is 46. Actor **Jaleel White** is 42. Actor **Arjay Smith** is 35. Actress **Alison Pill** is 33. Actress **Lashana Lynch** (TV: "Still Star-Crossed") is 31. Actress-singer **Aubrey Peeples** is 25.

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**Tommy Davis shared this photo in the Panama City Fishing Facebook group and said, "My bud and I decided to go see if the storm had scattered the flounder. We found this nice fish and a few of his smaller buddies. The smile on his face says it all."**

[CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



## TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2018. There are 34 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

**On Nov. 27, 1924,** Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade — billed as a "Christmas Parade" — took place in New York.

## On this date:

- In 1901,** the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.
- In 1910,** New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.
- In 1942,** during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon to keep them out of the hands of German troops.
- In 1945,** General George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China by President Harry S. Truman to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.
- In 1962,** the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.
- In 1967,** the Beatles album "Magical Mystery Tour" was released in the United States by Capitol Records.
- In 1973,** the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.
- In 1978,** San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he committed suicide in Oct. 1985.)
- In 1989,** a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.
- In 1999,** Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration.
- In 2000,** a day after George W. Bush was certified the winner of Florida's presidential vote, Al Gore laid out his case for letting the courts settle the nation's long-count election.
- In 2005,** doctors in France performed the world's first partial face transplant on a woman disfigured by a dog bite; Isabelle Dinoire received the lips, nose and chin of a brain-dead woman in a 15-hour operation.
- In 2008,** Indian commandoes fought to wrest control of two luxury hotels and a Jewish center from militants, a day after a chain of attacks across Mumbai. Iraq's parliament approved a pact requiring all U.S. troops to be out of the country by Jan. 1, 2012.

## FLORIDA LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Sunday:  
**Fantasy 5:** 08-09-13-19-30  
**Mega Millions:** estimated jackpot \$172 million  
**Pick 2 Evening:** 9-0  
**Pick 2 Midday:** 8-4  
**Pick 3 Evening:** 9-1-8  
**Pick 3 Midday:** 1-5-2  
**Pick 4 Evening:** 6-4-1-8  
**Pick 4 Midday:** 0-0-2-8  
**Pick 5 Evening:** 5-8-6-4-0  
**Pick 5 Midday:** 8-8-6-4-6  
**Powerball:** estimated jackpot \$171 million

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# LOCAL & STATE

## Franklin sheriff delivers donation to BCSO

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PANAMA CITY — When his friend in a neighboring county needed help, Franklin County Sheriff A.J. Smith made sure to drive over.

Smith delivered a \$7,500 donation to Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford on Monday — \$5,000 from the Florida Deputy Sheriff's Association and \$2,500 from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Charity Fund. The money will help Bay County Sheriff's Office deputies and employees whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Michael.

"I certainly appreciate it and this will go right to our deputies. A lot of them lost everything and we're still in that recovery mode, and will be for a long time," said Ford. "But the kindness of our friends goes a long way to help with the recovery process. ... We've been so touched by the generosity of others, especially sheriffs. At one point, we had over 600 deputies and officers here helping us out."

Other sheriff's offices have sent supplies and aid after the storm, Ford said. About 60 Bay County Sheriff's Office employees lost their homes.

Ford helped Smith when the Franklin County sheriff first came into office, said Smith, who hoped Monday's donation would inspire sheriffs to continue helping each other. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Charity Fund started after the Eastpoint wildfire earlier this year, and Smith is on the board of directors for the Florida Deputy Sheriff's Association. The Bay County Sheriff's Office collected donations for the wildfire victims during the summer.

"When I first got elected and I needed some things, Sheriff Ford always stepped up because he was a friend from before and one of our neighboring sheriffs. He has the resources," said Smith. "After I was in office the first year, we had Irma and Harvey and we reached out to sheriff's offices in Texas. I called it 'Sheriffs helping Sheriffs' and we went out there with tractor trailer loads of stuff and cash money. ... When Michael hit us, the sheriff from Texas came here and he reciprocated."

Smith's trip to hand off the

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## How does hurricane debris pickup work?

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PANAMA CITY — To an outsider, it seems random.

At one house, the debris haulers will pick up the entire pile. Then, they skip a pile. They go down one street, but then not another. Sometimes, they pick up most of a pile but then leave the stumps behind.

"The debris pickup seems completely random," Tim West wrote to The News Herald's Bay Asked, We Answered series. "Is there really some method to it?"

It might, the Cove resident added, help some frustrated folks understand.

There is a method to the madness, officials said, but it's difficult to explain, as many of the decisions the contracted haulers are making are subjective.

"Each round of pickups is unique," said Panama City Public Information Officer Caitlin Lawrence. "Sometimes they are looking for heavier vegetative debris to put on the bottom of the truck and lighter vegetative debris to put on top."

Another factor that can weigh in is if construction debris, such as roofing materials, flooring, and even old furniture, is mixed into the pile. Since those items cannot be brought to the same disposal sites as the vegetative material, the sorting issue can cause the haulers to skip over a pile.

Since the beginning, the city has its contractor, Crowder Gulf, distribute its trucks between the four wards in the city to spread out the work. Right now, the city is focusing on collecting debris in Millville, the Cove, the area between



Workers with New Gen Environmental remove hurricane debris from Beach Drive on Monday in downtown Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE PHOTOS/THE NEWS HERALD]



St. Andrews and Downtown, and the areas along Jenks and Harrison Avenue between Baldwin Road and 23rd Street.

The current projection, according to Lawrence, is that the first pass through the entire city will be finished by Christmas. So far, the city has collected more

than 1 million cubic yards of debris. A second and third pass is anticipated.

The county also is hoping to finish its first pass by Christmas. According to Public Information Officer Valerie Sale, the haulers start at one of the eight debris piles located throughout the county and

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then work concentrically out from those locations during daylight hours, cumulatively collecting about 100,000 cubic yards of debris daily. To date, they have collected more than 2 million cubic yards of an estimated 6 million cubic yards of debris.

"They are first working on vegetative debris, only, so if a pile has other materials in it, it may not be picked up during the first pass," Sale wrote in an email. "It will, however, be picked up on

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## Ballot measure on 'assault' weapons proposed

The News Service of Florida

MIAMI — A Miami-based political committee has proposed a constitutional amendment that would ban possession of "assault" weapons in Florida if approved by voters.

The proposal, backed by the committee Ban Assault Weapons Now, was posted on the state Division of Elections

website this month.

The committee had raised almost \$410,000 since March, while spending almost \$284,000, according to finance information.

The expenditures included \$75,000 last month to a California-based company for what was described in the finance information as "petitions."

Ban Assault Weapons Now

would have to submit hundreds of thousands of valid petition signatures to the state to get the measure on the 2020 ballot.

Political committees had to submit at least 766,200 signatures to get measures on the 2018 ballot, and the petition threshold likely will increase for the 2020 election.

The proposal would define assault weapons, in part, as

being "semiautomatic rifles and shotguns capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition at once."

While it would ban possession of the weapons, it would include exemptions for military or law-enforcement uses.

Also, it would include an exemption for people who had the weapons before the ban went into effect but would add a registration requirement.

### THE BLOTTERS

News Herald staff reports

#### PANAMA CITY BEACH Let me show you what I stole

Some suspects are more forthcoming than others, but a man turning himself in Friday might have given the arresting deputy his easiest case of the year.

The Bay County sheriff's deputy wrote he met with the man, at the Beach Police Department, "and asked the subject what I could do for him."

"He stated that last night, he became intoxicated and threw a bottle through the front of a business," the deputy wrote. "He, then went on to say, 'Actually, I went inside the business.' I asked

him where this occurred, and he stated near a dance place and a bathroom remodeling store. Not being familiar with where he was describing, I asked him if he would show me where this occurred."

The man agreed, and said he was turning himself in to get help with his addiction. He showed the deputy a business on Back Beach Road "and showed me where he threw a Bud Lite beer bottle into the glass. He then stated that he went inside the business and filled up a water bottle with the liquor that was on a shelf inside. He showed this writer the liquor through another window. He then stated that he did not want to be caught inside the business, so he exited through the same

window he broke out and then went to sleep on a bench out front."

The deputy noticed a new pillow and blanket on the bench and asked the man if they also came from inside the business. He said, "No, I took those last night from the Dollar Store."

The deputy contacts the business owner and while awaiting his arrival the suspect tells him because he knows he is going to jail, he wanted the deputy to know there was marijuana in his backpack.

"I told him that I was going to remove the cannabis so he would not draw another charge for taking it into the jail facility," the deputy wrote. "Upon opening the bag, I

found three more bottles of Bud Lite and three cans of Miller Lite Beer.

"I asked him if that was all and he stated, 'Yes.' I then told him that the alcohol would not be allowed in the jail either. He stated that it was OK as he took the Bud Lite from the Dollar Store as well, but the Miller Lite was his."

The man was charged with retail theft and shoplifting and his wish to go to jail is fulfilled.

PANAMA CITY BEACH  
\$30,000 question:  
Where's the bezel?

There was nothing special about Thanksgiving for a man simply looking "to enjoy a

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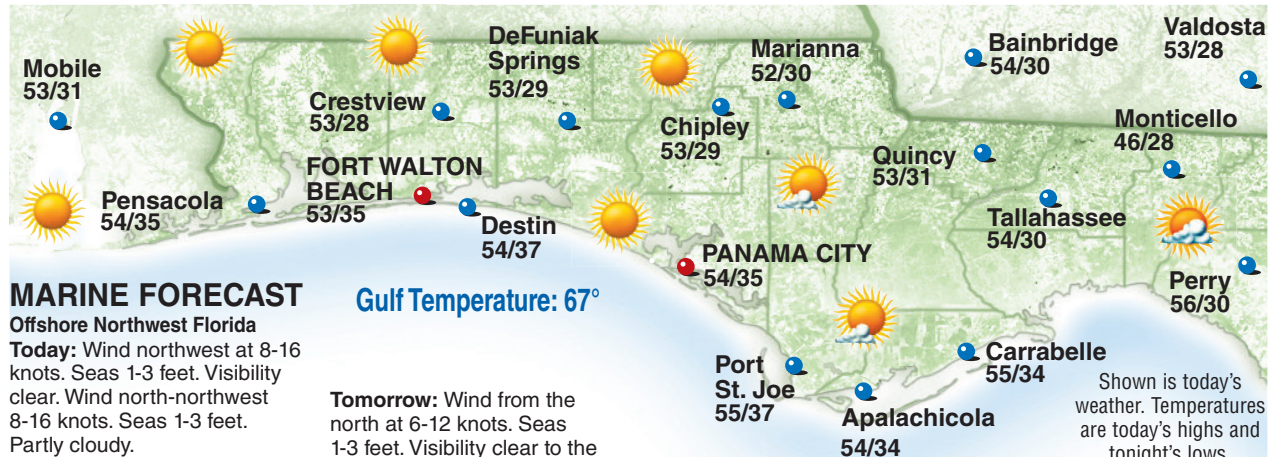
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# WEATHER

## FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

TODAY	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny, breezy and cool today. Winds northwest 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy, breezy and cold tonight. Winds north-northwest 10-20 mph.	Partly sunny and cool	Sun and some clouds	Sunny and beautiful	Periods of rain and a thunderstorm
<b>High 54°</b> <b>Low 35°</b>	<b>55°/40°</b>	<b>65°/55°</b>	<b>74°/62°</b>	<b>75°/63°</b>
6 a.m. Noon 6 p.m. 36° 51° 48° Winds: NW 10-20 mph	Winds: N 4-8 mph	Winds: SE 4-8 mph	Winds: SE 6-12 mph	Winds: S 8-16 mph

## REGIONAL WEATHER



## MARINE FORECAST

**Offshore Northwest Florida**  
**Today:** Wind northwest at 8-16 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility clear. Wind north-northwest 8-16 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Partly cloudy.  
**Tomorrow:** Wind from the north at 6-12 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility clear to the horizon.

**Gulf Temperature: 67°**

## ALMANAC

through 4 p.m. yesterday  
**Panama City**  
**Temperatures**  
 High/low ..... 73°/52°  
 Last year's high/low ..... 74°/46°  
 Normal high/low ..... 70°/49°  
 Record high ..... 82° (1973)  
 Record low ..... 30° (1974)  
**Precipitation**  
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.81"  
 Month to date ..... 7.16"  
 Normal month to date ..... 3.77"  
 Year to date ..... 57.01"  
 Normal year to date ..... 56.36"  
 Average humidity ..... 81%

## Fort Walton Beach

**Temperatures**  
 High/low ..... 70°/47°  
 Last year's high/low ..... 75°/51°  
 Normal high/low ..... 67°/51°  
 Record high ..... 82° (1958)  
 Record low ..... 18° (1950)  
**Precipitation**  
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 1.89"  
 Month to date ..... 7.69"  
 Normal month to date ..... 3.84"  
 Year to date ..... 55.96"  
 Normal year to date ..... 56.98"  
 Average humidity ..... 73%

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10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.  
 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

## MOON PHASES



## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 6:17 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 4:42 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 9:26 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 10:32 a.m.

## BEACH FLAG WARNINGS



## TIDES

Location	High	Low
Apalachicola	4:48a 9:06p	1:16p 11:33a
Destin	---	11:33a
West Pass	4:21a 8:39p	12:49p 10:34a
Panama City	11:59p	10:34a
Port St. Joe	10:22p	11:39a
Okaloosa Island	11:24p	10:39a
Milton	2:11a	1:54p
East Bay	1:15a	1:24p
Pensacola	12:31a	12:07p
Fishing Bend	1:12a	12:58p
The Narrows	2:08a	2:58p
Carrabelle	3:23a 7:41p	11:03a 10:45p

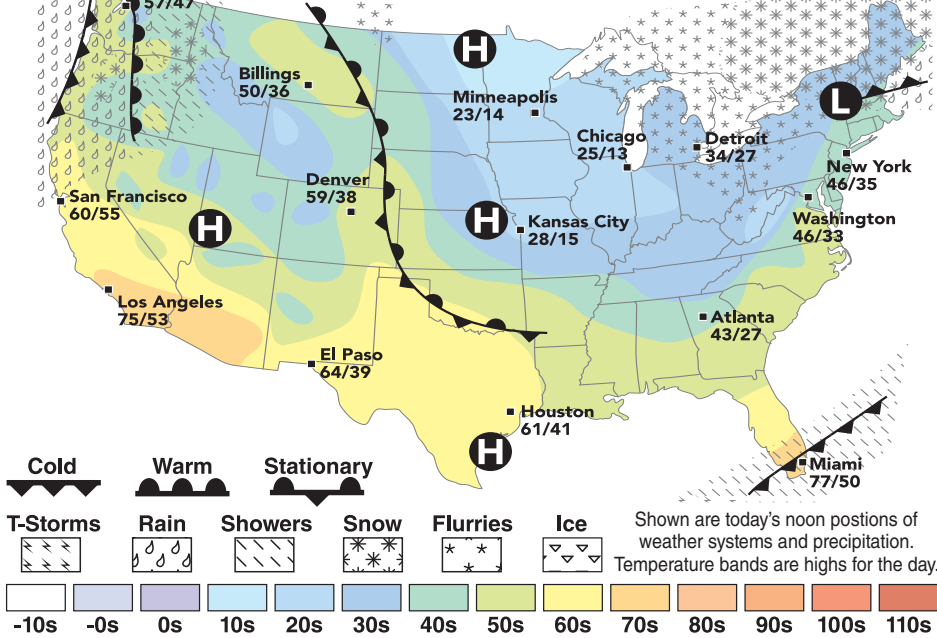
## RIVER LEVELS

Through 7 a.m. Mon.

Location	Level	Flood Stage
Apalachicola	13.31 ft.	15 ft.
Blountstown	13.31 ft.	15 ft.
Choctawhatchee	7.34 ft.	12 ft.
Alabama	NA	42 ft.
Clairborne	8.90 ft.	17 ft.
Escambia	8.90 ft.	17 ft.
Century	8.90 ft.	17 ft.
Tombigbee	8.56 ft.	29 ft.
Coffeeville, AL	8.56 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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and Merritt Brown Middle School at Mosley High School — should end by Christmas break if all goes to plan, with the Red Cross and county turning Arnold back over to the district after its tenure as a shelter, Bay High students back on their campus and Merritt Brown students attending class in a “miniature Merritt Brown” made out of portables, Husfelt said.

“Hopefully by Christmas break,” he said. “It depends on the logistics of hooking up the portables.”

With the community, and many of the schools, devastated after Hurricane Michael, the district made

it a priority to get students back in session as quickly as possible, to both bring a sense of normalcy back to the community and provide an avenue for parents to get back to work. The split-campus approach, at the time, was seen as a necessary but temporary measure until the portable classrooms arrived, born out of a lack of space and resources. Several elementary schools also have combined campuses, though those students attend at the same time every day, rather than following a morning/afternoon schedule.

District officials also are working on getting laptops for high school students to help them catch up on the academics they missed while out of class after the hurricane.

## MURDER

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then attempted to remove Drinkard from the apartment, according to reports. When their backs were turned, Drinkard allegedly cornered Benefield’s girlfriend in a bathroom and began to grope her. Benefield came to her defense,

and the two began fighting while the roommate ran to call 911 and the girlfriend hit Drinkard over the head with a frying pan to no avail. When Benefield passed out, Drinkard grabbed a baseball bat from his hands and hit him over the head repeatedly, BCSO said.

Benefield was transported a hospital in Fort Walton Beach but died about noon on Monday, according to reports.

## MARS

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pair of tiny satellites that had been trailing InSight throughout the six-month, 300-million-mile (482-million-kilometer) journey.

The two satellites not only transmitted the good news in almost real time, they also sent back

InSight’s first snapshot of Mars just 4½ minutes after landing.

The picture was speckled with dirt because the dust cover was still on the lander’s camera, but the terrain around the spacecraft looked smooth and sandy with just one sizeable rock visible — pretty much what scientists had hoped for. Better photos are expected in the days ahead, after the dust covers come off.

## DEVOS

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that and turned it into a complete positive.”

In the moments before DeVos’ arrival, new students still were showing up in the front office for their first day since Hurricane Michael, a month-and-a-half ago, a sign that while buses are rolling, the district remains in flux. DeVos said she was impressed the district and the community were able to come together after such a devastating event to come up with a creative solution to meet students’ needs.

“The combination of two elementary schools, welcoming misplaced and displaced students, working together in news ways, is very encouraging,” DeVos said. “From everything I’ve read and heard about the area, it is an area that people come together.”

DeVos, who was accompanied by Rep. Neal Dunn, said her primary purpose in the visit was to take in the damage first hand, but also assure district officials that her agency intends to support and stand with the district as they recover, mostly by working with and through the state’s department of education and Congress as they pass a Hurricane Michael recovery bill Dunn said he intends to file very soon.

“I think there’s a very receptive Congress to this,” Dunn said. “I think we are ready to act in the next week or two.”

The district is relying on an act of Congress



Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos plays “We Will Rock You” on buckets with Springfield Elementary and Cedar Grove Elementary students as students rewrite the lyrics to be a song about hope after Hurricane Michael. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

and, later, the Florida Legislature, as it is facing significant financial hurdles to even maintain stability. District officials estimate they are facing a \$200 million loss above their \$100 million insurance cap.

Top on their priority list, according to Superintendent Bill Husfelt, is stabilized, pre-storm FTE funding for at least two years to account for the loss and movement of students, as well as diminished property values after the storm. Without that stability, Husfelt said they will be forced to cut positions, limiting the area’s ability to recover economically.

“We’re going to start losing teaching positions and administrators,” Husfelt said. “We can’t do that in this community. We have got to keep people employed and get the jobs they were in before restored. We must do that.”

Also on the district’s financial needs list is financial assistance for transportation to reconfigure bus routes, waivers to help students graduate and

APIB students secure a later testing deadline, housing assistance and direct financial aid for employees along with a 12-month forbearance for employee student loans, long-term extension for district-wide free meal status, millions in funds to rebuild as the district waits for the FEMA process, \$50 million to rebuild Tyn-dall Elementary, \$50 million to repair Merritt Brown, Everitt, Rutherford and Bay High, and assistance in replacing \$15 million in security upgrades destroyed by the storm.

“These are going to be life changing,” said Husfelt. “If we can get these things it will make a huge impact in our recovery efforts.”

After the tour of “Cedarfield,” DeVos and Dunn traveled to Rutherford High School, passing through neighborhoods with more downed trees than standing ones, with ripped up mobile homes and with houses still without power — neighborhoods where those elementary

school students, and the students currently at Rutherford, likely return to every night, if they return to their home at all.

Husfelt said the district’s homeless student population has more than doubled to about 2,500 and he estimates about 30 percent of students are living somewhere else after the storm.

“Every one of us wishes we didn’t need all these people to come and visit us,” Husfelt said. “But pictures don’t do it justice.”

At Rutherford, in the same space that a little over a month ago served as a staging area for a shelter packed with people who had lost their homes in the storm, DeVos, Dunn, district officials and Rutherford staff and students, held a roundtable discussion where officials could explain how the system works and students could ask questions about assistance in paying for college and how the federal government could help rebuild the area.

DeVos told students to talk to their counselors about their financial aid options for college and reiterated that their role was to stand with and work through the state agency, but she encouraged students to look at the storm as an opportunity to look at how things worked before with fresh eyes and make the changes they want to see.

“This is generational, what we’re trying to do,” Husfelt said in agreement. “We aren’t going to fix this in the next year or two. This is going to go on for a long time.”

## LOCAL &amp; STATE

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Today

**WINE AND SONG:** 5-7 p.m. at Neat in Alys Beach. Wine tasting and live music; \$15 each for ages 21 and older only.

**#ARTCITYPC LOCAL ARTIST EXPO:** Exhibit open today through Jan. 18 at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Details: PCCenterForTheArts.com

## Thursday

**BAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:** 4:30 p.m. at the Bay County Government Center, 840 W. 11th St., Panama City. This year, the decorations will be slightly different since Hurricane Michael irreparably damaged the two 22-foot tall trees the county usually lights during the event. However, the celebration will be just as special, with Christmas music by the Mosley High School choir and band, hot cocoa and cookies, and Santa Claus will pass out toys collected during a toy drive organized by Sen. George Gainer and the Bay County Board of County Commissioners.

The public is invited to attend and encouraged to bring cameras for photos with Santa. To help provide a child with a Christmas gift, drop off new, unwrapped toys to the Bay County Government Center by Wednesday. Any toys not distributed at the event will be donated to area nonprofit organizations.

## Friday

**#ARTCITYPC LOCAL ARTIST EXPO:** Exhibit open today through Jan. 18 at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Details: PCCenterForTheArts.com

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** 5-8 p.m. at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Local artists, authors and artisans will have work for sale. Free admission. Details: PCCenterForTheArts.com

## Saturday

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Panama City Center for the Arts, 19 E. Fourth St., Panama City. Local artists, authors and artisans

will have work for sale. Free admission. Details: PCCenterForTheArts.com

**ST. ANDREWS FARMERS MARKET:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the boardwalk at the Smith Yacht Basin in historic St. Andrews, 1209 Beck Ave., Panama City. Open year-round.

**SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET:** 8 a.m. to noon March through November on the green behind Raw & Juicy in Seaside. Details: SeasideFL.com

**GRAND LAGOON WATERFRONT MARKET:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5551 N. Lagoon Drive, in the parking lot at Capt. Anderson's Restaurant in Panama City Beach. Details: Waterfrontmarkets.org

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach. More than 30 local vendors, specialty items, jewelry, crafts, handmade cards and ornaments, gift baskets, decorations, baked goods and raffle baskets. Free admission; open to the public. Tables available. Details: Mugsy, 850-532-3074

**THIRD ANNUAL GRAYT HOLIDAY MARKET:** 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. at Grayton Beer Co., 217 Serenoa Road, Santa Rosa Beach. Enjoy craft beers, vendors, artists, crafters, an appearance by Santa, food for purchase. Free admission. Details: 850-231-4786

**COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. Enjoy s'mores, music, hot chocolate, stories and lots of fun. Provisions provided. Be sure to arrive before the gates close at 7 p.m. Event free with regular park admission.

**JAYCEES CHRISTMAS PARADE:** 3 p.m. along Harrison Avenue in downtown Panama City. This year's theme is "A Hometown Holiday."

## Sunday

**FREDDIE AND FRANCINE CONCERT:** 7:30 p.m. at the Seaside Repertory Theatre, 216 Quincy Circle, Seaside. Tickets \$25. Details: LoveTheRep.com

## Monday

**SEA NEEDLES HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Panama City Beach Library.

## Insurance rebuilds homes with public money repeatedly

By Emery P. Dalesio  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, N.C. — Floodwaters rose about 15 inches (40 centimeters) into Danielle Rees' home in September when Hurricane Florence drenched this tidewater city on the Pamlico River and overwhelmed a local creek and marshland. The first floor was a sopping mess of gritty, swampy water in three bedrooms, a bathroom and a laundry.

"It's part of living close to the river, and Washington is really low land," said Rees, a graphic designer who grew up in the city.

But she anticipates her \$2,000-a-year policy through the taxpayer-subsidized National Flood Insurance Program will help her rebuild the home about a quarter-mile from the river, just as it did in 2011 after Hurricane Irene — and as it did, under previous ownership, after floods in 1996, 1998 and 1999, according to her

property history provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The program has done something similar, over and over, for others.

Records at FEMA, which operates the program, show that nearly 37,000 properties from the Carolinas to California have repeatedly flooded and been rebuilt — some dozens of times — with help from a federal insurance program that is, itself, financially underwater. About 18,000 of those are currently covered by policies, and 15,000 of those haven't taken voluntary steps to reduce the risk of future damage to their property, FEMA said this week.

The National Flood Insurance Program was \$20 billion in the red before the start of the current hurricane season, even after Congress last year wrote off an additional \$16 billion. The program must be reauthorized by Congress this month.

## OBITUARIES

## SHIRLEY FOREHAND KINSEY

Shirley Forehand Kinsey passed away Nov. 18, 2018, finishing the race that began Dec. 19, 1946.

Born in Panama City, Florida, to Burlie and Hazel Fortner Forehand, she is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Henry Kinsey; their son, Thomas Kinsey (Christy Kinsey); daughters, Karmen Faile, Kristi Peoples and Karla Rackard (Leon Rackard Jr.); grandchildren, Marcus Kinsey, Kansas Kinsey Hall (Jacob Hall), Gabriella Kinsey, Kayla Sumnerlin, Luke Faile and Victoria Rackard; her siblings, Peggy Norris (Dave Norris), Janice Kelly (Donny Kelly), Francis Walters, Brother Jerry Forehand and (Carolyn Forehand).

Shirley, a graduate of Rutherford High School Class of '64, went on to receive her B.A., graduating summa cum laude in Education from Southeastern University and furthered her education at Georgia Southern.

She dedicated her life to ministry, teaching children along with her husband on the



mission field for 40 years in Latin America.

She was an accomplished singer/songwriter and a published author, as well as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and served as president of the 42nd Rainbow Division Infantry Auxiliary.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at Living Word Fellowship, 500 E. 19th St., Panama City, FL 32405, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to her lifelong mission: Kings Kids International. Donations can be made online at [www.kingskids.family/donate](http://www.kingskids.family/donate)

We love you Mom, and we will see you again.

## KATHRYN KEMP ANDREWS

Kathryn Kemp Andrews, 63, of Panama City Beach, Florida, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018. She was born on Sept. 26, 1955, in Lumpkin, Georgia, to Tom and Alice Kemp.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one son, Mark Walker. She is survived by her husband, James Walter Andrews; two granddaughters, Lucy Andrews and Haley

Walker; brother, Slade Kemp; nephew, Tripper Kemp; stepmother, Ginger Kemp; and one stepsister, Melinda Sabo.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel.

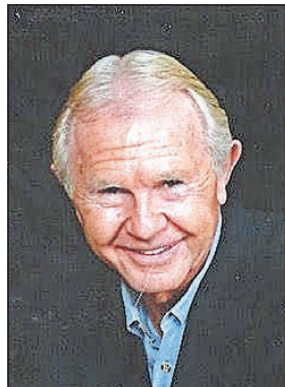
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## DON LLOYD DOCKEN

Don Lloyd Docken, 73, of Panama City Beach, Florida, passed away Oct. 25, 2018, in his home surrounded by loved ones.

Don was born on Dec. 5, 1944, in Ventura, California, to James Lloyd and Gertrude Walters Docken. He loved spending time with his family, on the beach, hiking in Montana, playing tennis and golf, creative projects, listening to classical music. Don worked for Bullocks, Robinsons, Montgomery Wards and Saks Inc. as VP of Store Planning, Design and Construction. He was a chameleon in his ability to adapt well to all circumstances. He was charismatic, charming, intelligent and ambitious, along with silly and fun, and was inspirational to all.

He was preceded in death by both parents; his sisters, June Davis, Shirley Azevedo and Gretchen Selig; and brother, James David Docken. Don is survived by



his wife, Kathleen Docken; daughters, Cari Madden-Murray (Damien) and Celeste Docken Steed (Bobby); sons, Brandon Lloyd Docken (Hannal-ize) and Bryce Henry Docken (Ingrid); and nine grandchildren.

There will be a private celebration of life with family and close friends. Arrangements were made by Heritage Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gulfview United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 7477, Panama City Beach, FL 32413.

## RONALD CLAYTON RAFFIELD

Funeral services for Mr. Ronald Clayton Raffield, 75, of Port St. Joe, Florida, who died Nov. 25, 2018, will begin at 11 a.m. EST Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at Oak Grove Assembly

of God Church. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. EST. Interment will follow in Pleasant Rest Cemetery.

Southerland Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## SARAH JOHNSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Johnson, 69, of Lynn Haven, Florida, who died Nov. 24, 2018, will begin at 11 a.m. today, Nov. 27, 2018, at First United Methodist Church of Panama

City Community Life Center. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Southerland Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## JOAN LEONARD KYSER

It is with great sadness that the family of Joan Leonard Kyser, 85, of Lynn Haven, Florida, announces her passing on Oct. 18th, 2018.

Joan was born in Augusta, Georgia, to James Waldo and Sally Venelda Hall Leonard. She was the oldest sister of James Waldo "Buzzy" Leonard and Delle Leonard Carr. She was married to Perry Eugene Kyser for more than 50 years and was a loving mother to her two daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Joan had many fond memories of growing up with her siblings, attending the University of Alabama, and her career as a local Florida realtor and broker. She was a member of the Junior Service League, The Red Hat's Society, Panama City Country Club, and attended Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church and Lynn Haven United Methodist Church.

Joan was a talented artist and used her unique style and eye for color and light to create portraits and landscapes that are cherished and enjoyed by countless friends and family members. She enjoyed reading, decorating, traveling, staying current with the latest trends and styles, cards and games, classic movies, and spending time with her



loved ones and precious pets. She was a devoted wife and mother, a feisty "Mimi" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and wonderful aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Her sparkling smile, quick wit, creative style and unforgettable laugh will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Joan was predeceased by her parents, James Waldo and Venelda Hall Leonard; her sister, Delle Leonard Carr; and her husband, Perry Eugene Kyser. She is survived by her two daughters, Kim Wilcox and Karen Arnold (Randy); brother, James "Buzzy" Leonard (Pamela); four grandchildren, Gena Stang (Seth), Matthew Arnold (Rachel), Kara Arnold and Holly Wilcox; and three great-grandchildren, Parker, Caroline and Grant Stang.

Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements at this time.

## GEORGE COLEMAN GAY

Funeral services for George Coleman Gay, 82, of Panama City, Florida, who died Nov. 24, 2018, will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, at Wilson Funeral

Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

## Guidelines and deadlines

Obituary notices are written by funeral homes and relatives of the deceased. The News Herald reserves the right to edit for AP style and format. Families submitting notices must type them in a typeface and font that can be scanned into a computer. Deadline for obituaries is 3 p.m. daily for the following day's newspaper. Obituaries may be e-mailed to [pcnhobits@pcnh.com](mailto:pcnhobits@pcnh.com) or delivered to The News Herald, 501 W. 11th St., Panama City. View today's obituaries and sign the online guest books of your loved ones at [news Herald.com/obituaries](http://news Herald.com/obituaries).

# BLOTTER

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night out of drinking alcoholic beverages.”

A Bay County sheriff's deputy was sent to a call where a man wanted to report a “missing watch bezel.”

“He explained sometime last night between the hours of 2100 and this morning at 0400 hrs, he lost his 21 karat gold watch bezel,” the deputy wrote. “He said he went out for Thanksgiving to enjoy a night out of drinking alcoholic beverages and some where between Newby's and Show N Tail the bezel to his watch came loose and fell off.

“He said the bezel is worth approximately \$30,000 which is why he felt he should report this to Law Enforcement.”

The watch itself was fine, the man said, in fact he was wearing it. It was only the \$30,000 bezel that was lost. The man said he made contact “with both Newby's and Show N Tail to ascertain if the bezel was possibly located and turned in but however he was advised it had not,” the deputy wrote.

The deputy files a lost property report.

## CALLAWAY Orange cone wins another race

A Bay County sheriff's deputy who spotted a woman driving without her seat belt became involved in a chase when he tried to pull her over Friday.

The deputy said the driver ran numerous stop signs at 40-50 mph and passed two cars using the wrong lane.

Her luck began to turn sour when her vehicle approached a crew working on power lines, however. The crew was in a truck with a lift working on lines being pulled from a spool on the ground; the spool was connected to the truck.

“The driver passed multiple cars and then hit the spool,” the deputy wrote. “After doing this she hit a

cone which got stuck under the left front tire of the car. I continued to pursue the vehicle as it continued to flee at approx 40-50 mph. There were several people in their yards during this time.”

With its next turn the vehicle came to a stop when the cone it was dragging locked up the wheel, the deputy wrote. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and had a used syringe and a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle.

The deputy also noted the woman was released from prison less than two years ago for grand theft-auto and was arrested again Aug. 21 for possession of methamphetamine and failure to register as a felon.

The woman was taken to jail.

## PANAMA CITY Disrobing doesn't deter arrest

A Bay County sheriff's deputy working security at Home Depot spotted a man walking with tools toward the register, but noticed the man kept on walking out the door without paying.

“Finding this unusual, I exited the store after the male and asked to see his receipt,” the deputy wrote. “The male dug through his pockets, and when he could not find the receipt, I asked him to accompany me inside while we cleared the issue up. The male ... then tried to flee from me.”

He did not get far before the deputy was able to grab him, but the man then “began to disrobe his shirt as he shoved me, this caused us to fall to the ground. It was at this moment that he was able to take his shirt off and kicked at me while he was getting up, allowing him a moment of opportunity to escape my grasp. He then began to run southeast and as I gave chase he lost his phone and his shoe.”

The deputy collected those two items, but not his suspect.

A short time later, however, the deputy saw the man “hiding near a dumpster” and the chase was on again, except this time the deputy caught and kept him.

# AREA & STATE BRIEFS

Staff and wire reports

## PANAMA CITY District: 30 percent of students relocated after hurricane

Preliminary enrollment and attendance numbers from pre-storm and post-storm are in for Bay District Schools and they show a significant drop in students.

Superintendent Bill Husfelt said he estimates about 30 percent of students have relocated, either temporarily or permanently, after Hurricane Michael, and the number of homeless students has doubled.

According to the enrollment numbers on Oct. 5 compared to Nov. 15, some schools lost hundreds of students. Others, though, like Rosendal High School, are seeing only a single-digit difference.

Some of the biggest losses were at Merritt Brown Middle School, which lost an estimated 271 students; Tyndall Elementary, 154 students; Bay High, 136 students; Mowat Middle, 135 students; Rutherford High, 120 students; and Hiland Park Elementary, 91 students.

These numbers are preliminary, as students are still returning to class for the first time since the storm.

## PANAMA CITY PC buildings might be used for FEMA housing

Panama City commissioners will be considering offering a handful of city-owned properties for the FEMA direct housing program.

During their regular meeting Tuesday,

commissioners will vote on whether to enroll 1448 Carver Drive, 1311 Roosevelt Ave., 1428 Washington Drive, and one other parcel in the program. Staff is currently working on identifying other properties.

The measure is one of a series of storm-related items on the agenda. The city also will be considering hiring a FEMA consultant to help the city maximize federal reimbursements, hear the first reading of an ordinance to amend the manufactured housing standards so people can temporarily live in trailers and travel trailers on their property and vote on the guiding principles for how the city will rebuild.

The commission will meet at 8 a.m. at the Bay County Commission meeting room in the Bay County Government Complex, 840 W. 11th St.

## MEXICO BEACH SBA Recovery Center to open in Mexico Beach

A mobile Small Business Administration Recovery Center will be set up at the Mexico Beach City Hall starting on Wednesday.

The new location, at 201 Paradise Path, will be open through Dec. 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center will be closed on Sunday.

SBA representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

## PANAMA CITY Deer Point Reservoir drawdown begins

The annual winter drawdown of Deer Point Reservoir began Monday.

The drawdown, which is recommended by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission, is aimed at reducing shoreline vegetation in the reservoir by prolonged exposure to drying conditions and freezing temperatures, a press release from Bay County stated.

“This action will potentially decrease nuisance aquatic vegetation, consolidate and release nutrients from the exposed shoreline sediments, improve fishing and boating access and enhance fish and wildlife habitat,” the release said.

Because of Hurricane Michael, Bay County Utility Services has maintained a reservoir level of approximately 4 feet above sea level, one foot less than the normal 5 feet above sea level. This is in an effort to minimize threats of upstream flooding from debris on the Econfina River that is restricting water flow. Next week, the reservoir level will be reduced by about another foot to a level of approximately 3 feet above sea level for the duration of the drawdown.

The county recommends that waterfront property owners who plan to manually remove vegetation from their shoreline should consult with FWC to determine acceptable practices and whether a permit is necessary. Any chemical treatment is prohibited, the release said.

The drawdown also is the time to make repairs to damaged docks and bulkheads, according to the release. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection must approve and permit any major projects.

The drawdown will last until Feb. 28.

For more information,

call Bay County Utility Services at 248-5010.

## TALLAHASSEE Authorities: Hurricane Michael killed at least 43 in Florida

Florida authorities have linked more deaths to Hurricane Michael, raising the state's death toll to 43.

Florida Division of Emergency Management spokesman Alberto Moscoso said Monday that two more deaths were confirmed in hard-hit Bay County, raising the county's total to 23.

Florida also has raised the toll in Jackson and Washington counties to four deaths in each county. The new totals also include one death in Leon County, one death in Franklin County and one death in Wakulla County.

Gulf County had three deaths, Gadsden and Liberty counties had two deaths, while Clay and Calhoun counties each had one death.

State emergency management officials tally storm-related deaths from rulings from district medical examiners.

Michael slammed the Panhandle on Oct. 10.

## TALLAHASSEE Divided court backs Scott after justice flips sides

Gov. Rick Scott is getting to pick a new judge for Northeast Florida after a state Supreme Court justice flipped his position on the case.

A divided court ruled Monday to not hear the case. In August, the high court ruled by a 4-3 margin to consider the legal dispute. Justice Jorge Labarga was on the prevailing side both times.

# DEBRIS

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subsequent passes that include other materials. Because the total

area that the county is responsible for picking up is so large, it is impossible to provide a pickup schedule of specific locations.”

Lynn Haven officials have reported debris pickup is nearing

completion of the first pass, and starting the second pass in parts of the city. On the west side of State 77, haulers are starting to pick up construction and demolition debris.

Lynn Haven City Manager Michael White said

on Facebook the process will take several months, but “I promise we will get all of it before we are completed.”

As West said in response to the information, “in the end, it's just a waiting game.”

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**Franklin County Sheriff A.J. Smith, left, delivers a \$7,500 donation to Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford to help employees who lost homes in Hurricane Michael. The Florida Deputy Sheriff's Association contributed \$5,000 and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Charity Fund contributed \$2,500.** [COLLIN BREAUX/THE NEWS HERALD]

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## DONATION

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donation was his first time in Panama City since Hurricane Michael, and Smith said he was “sad to see all the destruction.”

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### Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief Fund

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or visit: [www.UnitedWayNWFL.org](http://www.UnitedWayNWFL.org)

*(100% of the donations collected will be applied to LOCAL relief efforts in the NWFL area.)*

Support our Partner Agencies as they recover from Hurricane Michael and continue to serve our communities:

- American Red Cross of Northwest Florida
- America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend
- AMIkids Panama City Marine Institute
- Anchorage Children's Home of Bay County
- Angel House Bereavement Center
- ARC of Washington-Holmes Counties
- BASIC NWFL
- Bay County Council on Aging
- Bay Education Foundation
- Bay, Franklin, Gulf Healthy Start Coalition
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida
- Boy Scouts of America, AL-FL Council #3
- Boy Scouts of America, Gulf Coast Council #773
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County
- Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida
- Chemical Addictions Recovery Effort
- Children's Home Society of FL - Emerald Coast Division
- Chipola Healthy Start
- Covenant Hospice
- Dancing for Hope, Healing and Health
- Early Education and Care
- Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida
- Elder Care Services
- Epilepsy Association of the Big Bend
- Family Service Agency of Bay County
- Feeding the Gulf Coast
- Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle
- Girls Incorporated of Bay County
- Growing Minds Center
- Gulf Coast Childrens Advocacy Center
- Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens
- Habilitative Services of North Florida
- Habitat for Humanity of Bay County
- Independence for the Blind of West Florida
- Juveniles Understanding Discipline Order & Service (JUDOS)
- Life Management Center of Northwest Florida
- Mental Health America Bay County
- North Florida Child Development
- Office of the Public Guardian
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of NWFL
- Second Chance of Northwest Florida
- St. Andrew Bay Center (The ARC of the Bay)
- St. Andrew Community Medical Center
- The Salvation Army
- The Science & Discovery Center of NWFL
- Tyndall Air Force Base Youth Programs
- Washington County Council on Aging

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# VIEWPOINTS

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## Spending money we don't have

It's not fun to talk about fiscal responsibility, but it's becoming a mathematical necessity.

In 2008, the national debt was \$10 trillion. It nearly doubled under President Barack Obama, despite the savings from budget sequestration, which severely strained military resources but saved precious revenue. (Military officials said it threatened national security due in part to the automatic nature of the cuts.) Under President Donald Trump, the debt has grown to \$21.5 trillion and is now larger than the country's annual gross domestic product, a level not seen since the end of World War II.

It's not just that the United States owes its lenders trillions. It must pay interest on those loans. The Federal Reserve kept interest rates low during the Obama administration as the economy struggled. This artificially lowered the government's interest payments. Now, with low unemployment and tax cuts that cushioned the corporate bottom line, the Federal Reserve has been increasing interest rates to curtail inflation and ensure the economy doesn't overheat.

This has led to more than simply higher costs for borrowers. It also has raised rates for the federal government, the biggest debtor of all. As The Wall Street Journal reported earlier this month, in 2017, the federal government spent \$263 billion on interest, accounting for 6.6 percent of all outlays.

That amount will balloon to \$915 billion by 2028, equivalent to 13 percent of all federal spending. It's hard to comprehend numbers that large, so consider how this compares with other items.

By 2020, interest will cost the federal government more than Medicaid. In 2023, the federal government will spend more on interest than defense. In 2025, interest spending will outpace spending on all discretionary programs, excluding defense. Those estimates come from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

That's a best-case scenario. The CBO projections don't include the ramifications from an economic downturn in the next 10 years, which is a virtual certainty. Expenses, such as food stamps and unemployment benefits, would increase. Revenues, especially income taxes, would drop. That would explode the debt at a greater rate, as the government relies on even more deficit spending to make up the difference.

Democrats are quick to blame the tax cuts Republicans passed last year, but that's deliberately short-sighted. The doubling of the deficit under Mr. Obama resulted from spending increases. Profligate spending has continued under Mr. Trump; the budget deal he signed last March increased spending by \$300 billion over the sequestration caps.

In addition, the biggest expenditures — the automatic growth of Social Security and Medicare — are the politically hardest to reform.

The politics are tricky, but the math isn't. Government spending is unsustainable — just like fiscal conservatives and libertarians have noted for decades.

*A version of this editorial first appeared in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, a News Herald sister paper with GateHouse Media.*

### ANOTHER VIEW



## TSA, stop handling kids



David Harsanyi

The other day — after slogging through a check-in line at one of the nation's busiest airports, dutifully removing my shoes and belt, and checking my bag and pockets for other potentially dangerous items (water and loose change) — I was pulled aside by a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agent so he could further investigate the contents of my carry-on. While waiting, I witnessed what looked to be a 10-year-old boy being handled by a 250-pound man.

Now, normally I would have reported this incident to the proper authorities. Inappropriate contact with a child, inside or outside his clothing, is a criminal act. But in this case, the proper authorities were the ones feeling up the kid, and the father already had protested the frisking — although, like all of us, he probably understood that no matter how vociferously he objected to this bit of state-sanctioned criminality, it wasn't going to change anything.

Who knows? Maybe the

kid had earned the attention of TSA by sporting that "Minecraft" hoodie. Or maybe his laptop had set off the explosive detection machine. Or maybe he was randomly picked. The boy looked innocent enough to me — which may have been exactly what the little would-be villain had in mind. When the father inquired, the agent told him — right before touching his son's crotch — that this sort of thing has become necessary because of drug mules using children.

If you don't think the terrorists have won, you probably haven't visited an airport in a while. Not only do these places needlessly gobble up hours of our days and billions of our dollars, but here we also collectively lose all dignity and act like a bunch of automatons just so they'll let us out of the place. If we really wanted to slow the caravan from Central America down, we would make the migrants enter through a TSA checkpoint.

It is at those checkpoints that we suspend our disbelief and pretend that government agents who separate us from our water bottles possess the expertise to ferret out terrorist plots.

Then again, it's one thing to force millions of adults to schlep through these slow-moving lines so their toiletries can be scanned by some

uninterested government worker — on occasion sharing a few moments of rough intimacy with a blue-gloved stranger — and another for kids to be used as props in this production of security theater.

Let's not forget that in 2015, the TSA sent internal investigatory units, "red teams," to airports around the nation to see whether they could sneak explosives and guns through the screening process and onto planes — which they did 67 out of 70 times.

This information, incidentally, was only leaked to the public. We have no idea whether the TSA is performing any better today.

The TSA claims it has employed "modified screening procedures for children 12 and under that reduce the likelihood of pat-down screening." Is there any evidence of this? And why do we allow any children to be patted down after they've walked through body scanners and metal detectors anyway?

Is it really worth subjecting hundreds (thousands?) of boys and girls — not to mention septuagenarians, the disabled, etc. — to this kind of search on a daily basis? There has to be a better way.

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### READER FEEDBACK

**Faced with the possibility of watching her beloved trees hauled away to be run through a chipper, Marcia MacLean enlisted Cliff Jenkins with his portable sawmill and couple Toni and Galla Paxton with their specialty furniture workshop to make Hurricane Michael dining room tables for herself and her son.**

**Wendi Garrett:** I keep seeing these old trees and it breaks my heart to think they will become mulch when they contain such beauty.

**Marie Presser:** I am so impressed that folks are doing this with all the wonderful wood our area has after this catastrophic storm. Make something good from it, an heirloom for the future.

**Vickie Williams:** Heard of several people making things with their trees. Awesome.

**Kathy Setzer:** I would love to have a part of something like that! Although it's sad, it can be made beautiful.

**Janesta De:** This kind of reminds me of when Mount St. Helens blew. There were a few forward thinking artists who saved semi-trucks of volcanic ash and later used the ash as glaze on pottery. There is money in those trees.

**Nancy Flores:** What a good investment. Hire woodworkers to turn trees into furniture, then take profits from the sale of them for victims of the storm. Make art from debris and sell it doing the same. Wish I knew how to make

furniture. That's what I would be doing right now. Free wood and free stuff to make art from.

**John Cugler:** I know a guy who was scooping up all the white maple he could find.

**Dana Jahn:** Make good privacy fences too, or wishing wells, bird houses, arched pond bridges, wood wind chimes, landscaping, flower boxes.

**Matthew Hilgenberg:** I run an Alaskan sawmill for cuts up to 48 inches. Have a 36" live oak that we recently did for a customer.

**Joey Albert Bryan:** So glad. I hate seeing all these old oaks besides the road knowing that they are going to a landfill to be shredded into mulch, later burned.

**Residents of the area ravaged by Hurricane Michael now have less than 40 days to retrieve any property they believe may have been blown or washed onto Tyndall Air Force Base.**

**Susan Maultsby Fleck:** Families living on military installations are like folks that rent from civilians. Renter's insurance is available to them and should be able to help them with a lot of their losses. You can never replace your treasures, but the renter's insurance should be able to replace material things.

**Christiné Terry:** Irma Gray, I think I figured out where your bed might be.

**The UF IFAS Extension Bay County is offering tips on which tree species are more wind**

**resistant and what ones you should stay away from. Tip: Live Oaks, Cypress and Southern Magnolias are good bets, while pines, pecans and elms have trouble standing up to the wind and rain.**

**Theresa Porter:** Our magnolia was the first to go.

**Brenda Rees:** Leaving native landscaping is key. Palmetto stands can live 400 years and their ancient root systems can hold the soil and other roots in place.

**Rosie Miller:** Our healthy live oak was the size of the one at Oaks by the Bay and it came down.

**Brittney Clarson Bezdek:** Our cypress trees fell; I'm planting all palm trees.

**Kristel Erkal:** Crepe myrtles and palms did the best!



# BUSINESS

## MARKET WATCH

Dow 24,640.24 ▲ 354.29  
 Nasdaq 7,081.85 ▲ 142.87  
 S&P 2,673.45 ▲ 40.89  
 Russell 1,505.96 ▲ 17.28  
 NYSE 12,181.25 ▲ 145.01

## COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold 1,220.20 ▼ 0.80  
 Silver 14.183 ▼ .038  
 Platinum 847.80 ▲ 2.80  
 Copper 2.7585 ▼ .0120  
 Oil 51.63 ▲ 1.21

## MARKET MOVERS

• **General Motors Co., up \$1.72 to \$37.65:** The automaker said it will lay off up to 14,000 factory and white-collar workers and could close five plants.  
 • **Newell Brands Inc., up \$1.78 to \$23.52:** The consumer products company named former Revlon and Procter & Gamble executive Chris Peterson as its new chief financial officer.

## BRIEFCASE

**TOKYO**  
**Mitsubishi fires Ghosn, CEO to be interim chair**

The board of Japanese automaker Mitsubishi Motors, which is allied with Renault and Nissan, voted unanimously Monday to dismiss Carlos Ghosn as its chairman following his arrest last week.

Prosecutors arrested Ghosn on Nov. 19 on suspicion he under-reported his income by \$44 million over five years. Nissan Motor Co. ousted him as its chairman last week, saying an internal investigation prompted by a whistleblower also found Ghosn misused company money and assets.

Mitsubishi Motors' CEO Osamu Masuko, chosen by the board as acting chairman pending a shareholders' meeting, said Ghosn would not be able to perform his duties, considering his arrest and Nissan's dismissal of him as chairman.

## CVS, Aetna closer to closing \$69B combination

Shares of CVS Health and Aetna are rising with the companies now saying they expect to close their \$69 billion tie-up later this week.

The companies say in regulatory filings that they have the final regulatory approval needed and expect to close on or around Wednesday.

CVS Health Corp. had told investors earlier this month that it expected to close the deal for the nation's third-largest health insurer before Thanksgiving.

## CARACAS, VENEZUELA

### Venezuela holds onto prized US refineries

Venezuela will hold onto its U.S.-based Citgo refineries, settling a long-standing dispute that threw ownership of the crisis-racked country's prized assets into peril as its massive debt mounts.

Venezuela on Friday began paying off \$1.4 billion that an arbitration panel said was owed to the Canadian mining firm Crystallex, following a disputed takeover of the company nearly a decade ago by the late-President Hugo Chavez. The initial payment of \$425 million enables it to hold onto the refineries.

The Associated Press



Members of Unifor, the union representing the workers of Oshawa's General Motors assembly plant, stand near the entrance to the plant Monday in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. GM will lay off thousands of factory and white-collar workers in North America and put five plants up for possible closure as it restructures to cut costs. GM is closing the Oshawa plant. [EDUARDO LIMA/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP]

# Throttling back

## GM to lay off up to 14K workers, close as many as 5 plants

By Tom Krisher  
 The Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors will cut up to 14,000 workers in North America and put five plants up for possible closure as it abandons many of its car models and restructures to focus more on autonomous and electric vehicles, the automaker announced Monday.

The reductions could amount to as much as 8 percent of GM's global workforce of 180,000 employees.

The restructuring reflects changing North American auto markets as manufacturers continue to shift away from cars toward SUVs and trucks. In October, almost 65 percent of new vehicles sold in the U.S. were trucks or SUVs. That figure was about 50 percent cars just five years ago.

GM is shedding cars largely because it doesn't make money on them, Citi analyst Itay Michaeli wrote in a note to investors.

"We estimate sedans operate at a significant loss, hence the need for classic restructuring," he wrote.

The reduction includes about 8,000 white-collar employees, or 15 percent of GM's North American white-collar workforce. Some will take buyouts while others will be laid off.

At the factories, around 3,300 blue-collar workers could lose jobs in the U.S. and another 2,600 in Canada, but some U.S. workers could transfer to truck or SUV factories that are increasing production. The cuts mark GM's first major downsizing since shedding thousands of jobs in the Great Recession.

The company also said it will stop operating two additional factories outside North America by the end of next year, in addition to a previously announced plant closure in Gunsan, South Korea.

General Motors Co.'s preemptive strike to get leaner before the next downturn likely will be followed by Ford Motor Co., which has said it is restructuring and will lay off an unspecified number of white-collar workers. Toyota Motor Corp. also has discussed cutting costs, even though it's building a new assembly plant in Alabama.

GM isn't the first to abandon much of the car market. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles got out of small and midsize cars two years ago, while Ford announced plans to shed all cars but the Mustang sports car in the U.S. in the coming years.

The layoffs come amid the backdrop of a trade war between the U.S., China and Europe that likely will lead to higher prices for imported vehicles and those exported from the U.S. GM CEO Mary Barra said the company faces

challenges from tariffs but she did not directly link the layoffs to them.

GM doesn't foresee an economic downturn and is making the cuts "to get in front of it while the company is strong and while the economy is strong," Barra told reporters.

Factories that could be closed include assembly plants in Detroit and Oshawa, Ontario, and Lordstown, Ohio, as well as transmission plants in Warren, Michigan, and near Baltimore.

The announcement worried GM workers who could lose their jobs.

"I don't know how I'm going to feed my family," Matt Smith, a worker at the Ontario factory, said Monday outside the plant's south gate, where workers blocked trucks from entering or leaving. "It's hard. It's horrible." Smith's wife also works at the plant. The couple has an 11-month-old at home.

Workers at the Ontario plant walked off the job Monday but were expected to return Tuesday.

After the morning announcement, Barra was to head for Washington to speak with White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow in what was described as a previously scheduled meeting, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the meeting publicly.

# Global trade at stake as Trump, Xi come face to face

By Paul Wiseman  
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To hear President Donald Trump tell it, he was made for a moment like this: A high-stakes face-off. A ticking clock. A cagey adversary.

The man who calls himself a supreme dealmaker will have the opportunity this week to put himself to the test. The question is whether he can defuse a trade war with China that is shaking financial markets and threatening the global economy — and perhaps achieve something approximating a breakthrough.

Trump is to meet with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, during the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Friday and

Saturday. Unless the two leaders can achieve a truce of sorts, their conflicts will likely escalate: On Jan. 1, the tariffs Trump has imposed on many Chinese goods are set to rise from 10 percent to 25 percent, and Beijing would likely retaliate.

Most analysts have said they doubt Trump and Xi will reach any overarching deal that would settle the dispute for good. The optimistic view is that the two sides may agree to a cease-fire that would buy time for more substantive talks and postpone the scheduled escalation in U.S. import taxes.

Yet no one really knows. Each side seems prepared to wait out the other in a conflict that could persist indefinitely.

In advance of the meeting,

Trump has sounded his usual note of boastful confidence. Speaking to reporters on Thanksgiving Day, he said:

"I'm very prepared. You know, it's not like, 'Oh, gee, I'm going to sit down and study.' I know every stat. I know it better than anybody knows it. And my gut has always been right."

Most trade analysts are skeptical that any significant agreement is likely this week.

"Expectations should be very low," said Wendy Cutler, vice president of the Asia Society Institute and a former U.S. trade official who negotiated with China. "We need to be very clear-eyed. It's going to be a very difficult negotiation. The issues at hand don't lend themselves to quick solutions."

# Stocks rebound as tech, retail, banks up

By Marley Jay  
 The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Global stocks rose Monday after taking big losses last week. Major technology companies recovered some of their recent losses and retailers and travel companies climbed on the first full trading day of the holiday shopping season.

Major indexes in the U.S., Europe and Asia all climbed. London's main stock index jumped after the British government and the European Union agreed to terms governing Britain's departure from the EU in March. It's not clear if Parliament will approve the deal.

Stocks have been in a steep downturn since early October, but that slump has included some substantial rallies. Banks rose Monday as interest rates turned higher after a two-week slide. The first full trading day of the holiday shopping period was a strong one for companies that sell goods and services to consumers. Amazon surged 5 percent and Tiffany rose almost 4 percent.

On Friday the benchmark S&P 500 index closed 10.2 percent beneath the record high it had set in late September. That's the second time this year the index has dropped 10 percent from a recent peak, a mark known on Wall Street as a "correction." The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite and the smaller, more U.S.-focused Russell 2000 have suffered even worse downturns dating to late August.

Stocks have skidded recently as investors have grown doubtful that the U.S. and China will resolve their differences over technology policy and other issues. Their fears could be confirmed or upended in a few days, as U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are scheduled to discuss their trade dispute at the Group of 20 summit meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina at the end of this week.

"A fair amount of trade escalation between the U.S. and China is being priced in by the market," said Justin Waring, a strategist at UBS Global Wealth Management's Chief Investment Office.

## World markets

How key international stock markets performed:

Market	Index	Change	% Change
Amsterdam	AEX	513.84	1.0%
Milan	FTSE MIB	18,714.90	2.8%
Brussels	BEL20	3,441.42	1.0%
Paris	CAC40	4,946.94	1.0%
Frankfurt	DAX	11,192.69	1.5%
Sydney	ASX All Ordinaries	5,793.41	-0.8%
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	25,927.68	1.7%
Tokyo	Nikkei	21,646.55	0.8%
London	FTSE 100	6,952.86	1.2%
Zurich	Swiss Market Index	8,845.90	1.0%

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# NATION & WORLD

## Ukraine to impose martial law

By Nataliya Vasilyeva  
and Efrem Lukatsky  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's parliament voted Monday to impose martial law in parts of the country to fight what its president called "growing aggression" from Moscow after a weekend naval confrontation off the disputed Crimean Peninsula in which Russia fired on and seized three Ukrainian vessels amid renewed tensions between the neighbors.

Western leaders and diplomats urged both sides to de-escalate the conflict, and the U.S. blamed Russia for what it called "unlawful conduct" over Sunday's incident in the Black Sea.

Russia and Ukraine blamed each other in the dispute that further ratcheted up tensions ever since Moscow annexed Crimea in 2014 and threw its weight behind separatists in eastern Ukraine with clandestine support, including troops and weapons.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko asked lawmakers in Kiev to institute martial law, something the country did not do even during the worst of the fighting in the east that killed about 10,000 people.

After a five-hour debate, parliament overwhelmingly approved his proposal, voting to impose martial law for 30 days starting Wednesday morning in 10 of Ukraine's 27 regions



Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko gestures during a parliament session Monday in Kiev, Ukraine. [EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

— those bordering Russia, Belarus and Moldova's pro-Moscow breakaway republic of Trans-Dniester. The locations chosen were ones that Poroshenko identified as potentially in the front line of any Russian attack. The capital of Kiev is not under martial law.

Poroshenko said it was necessary because of intelligence about "a highly serious threat of a ground operation against Ukraine." He did not elaborate.

"Martial law doesn't mean declaring a war," he said. "It is introduced with the sole purpose of boosting

Ukraine's defense in the light of a growing aggression from Russia."

Ukraine's Defense Ministry already announced earlier in the day that its troops were on full combat alert in the country.

The approved measures included a partial mobilization and strengthening of air defenses. It also contained vaguely worded steps such as "strengthening" anti-terrorism measures and "information security" that could curtail certain rights and freedoms.

But Poroshenko also pledged to respect the rights

of Ukrainian citizens.

His critics reacted to his call for martial law with suspicion, wondering why Sunday's incident merited such a response. Poroshenko's approval ratings have been plunging, and there were concerns that he would postpone a presidential election scheduled for March.

Just before the parliament met to vote, Poroshenko sought to allay those fears by releasing a statement revising his original martial law proposal from 60 days to just 30 days, in order to "do away with the pretexts for political speculation."

Oksana Syroid, a deputy speaker of parliament, noted that martial law was not introduced in 2014 or 2015 despite large-scale fighting in the east. A state of emergency "would present a wonderful chance to manipulate the presidential elections," she said.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Poroshenko assured him that martial law would not have a negative impact on the election.

Despite Poroshenko's vow to respect individual rights, opposition lawmaker and former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko warned before the vote that his proposal would lead to the possible illegal searches, invasion of privacy and curtailing of free speech.

"This means they will be breaking into the houses of Ukrainians and not those of the aggressor nation," noted Tymoshenko, who is leading in various opinion polls. "They will be prying into personal mail, family affairs ... In fact, everything that is written here is a destruction of the lives of Ukrainians."

Poroshenko's call also outraged far-right groups in Ukraine that have advocated severing diplomatic ties with Russia. Hundreds of protesters from the National Corps party waved flares in the snowy streets of Kiev outside parliament and accused the president of using martial law to his own ends.

## DATELINES

### TIJUANA, MEXICO



A migrant girl with a U.S. flag sits on the shoulders of a man marching with other migrants to the Chaparral border crossing Sunday in Tijuana, Mexico, as they try to reach the U.S. A chaotic border clash with choking tear gas fired by U.S. agents left Central American migrants sullen and dejected, with some opting Monday to leave and others worrying the incident may have spoiled their chances at asylum.

[RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### PARIS



A barricade lays on the side Sunday at the Champs Elysees avenue in Paris, France in the aftermath of a protest against rising fuel taxes. French President Emmanuel Macron's government vowed Monday an "uncompromising" stance toward troublemakers who use protests over rising fuel taxes to damage businesses and clash with police — including in the heart of Paris, on the glittering Champs-Elysees.

[MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### NAIROBI, KENYA



A Somali policeman stands guard next to destroyed shops after a car bomb attack at a busy junction Monday in the Wadajir district of the capital Mogadishu, Somalia. Somalia was hit by two violent attacks Monday, one killing an Islamic cleric and 17 of his followers for playing music and a second killing at least six people in a car bomb blast in the capital, Mogadishu, police said.

[FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### ROME Oscar-winning director Bernardo Bertolucci dies

Italian film-maker Bernardo Bertolucci, who won Oscars with "The Last Emperor" and whose erotic drama "Last Tango in Paris" enthralled and shocked the world, died Monday. He was 77.

Bertolucci's press office, Punto e Virgola, confirmed the death in an email to The Associated Press.

Italy's state-run RAI said Bertolucci died at his home in Rome, surrounded by family.

"He will be remembered among the greatest in Italian and world film," the Venice Film Festival, which awarded Bertolucci a lifetime achievement award in 2007, said in a statement.

### MILWAUKEE Oprah Winfrey's mother, Vernita Lee, dies at 83

Oprah Winfrey's mother, Vernita Lee, has died at the age of 83.

A Winfrey spokeswoman on Monday issued a statement saying Lee died at her Milwaukee home on Nov. 22. The spokeswoman says private funeral services were held. No other details were provided.

Lee was a teenager when she gave birth to Winfrey in Mississippi in 1954. They moved to Milwaukee when Winfrey was 6 years old.

Lee was featured getting a makeover on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in 1990.

Lee is also survived by another daughter, Patricia Amanda, and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey, and by a daughter, Patricia.

### ST. LOUIS Catholic Supply attack suspect makes first court appearance

The man accused of sexually assaulting two women and fatally shooting another at a Catholic store in suburban St. Louis has requested a public defender.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that 53-year-old Thomas Bruce appeared for his first court appearance in shackles Monday and said little while the 17 charges against him were read.

He told the judge he hasn't spoken to a lawyer and requested a public defender.

Bruce, of rural Jefferson County, is charged with first-degree murder and multiple counts of sodomy, armed criminality, kidnapping, burglary and tampering.

### LAWRENCE, MASS. Politicians say utility at center of explosions should close

Executives at the utility company responsible for September's natural gas explosions and fires in Massachusetts should step down, congressional members said Monday at a special hearing into the disaster.

The six House and Senate members from Massachusetts and New Hampshire held the hearing at a packed middle school gymnasium in Lawrence. They took aim at the corporate culture at Columbia Gas of Massachusetts and its parent company, Indiana-based NiSource.

They painted a picture of a corporation that cut corners and lacked the internal procedures to prevent, let alone respond to, the Sept. 13 disaster that killed one person,

injured dozens more, damaged more than 100 homes and left thousands without heat or hot water in the Merrimack Valley communities of Lawrence, North Andover and Andover.

### OCILLA, GA. Georgia judge sets trial in 2005 slaying of missing teacher

A judge says a man will go on trial next spring in the killing of a Georgia high school teacher last seen 13 years ago.

Irwin County Judge Bill Reinhardt set an April 1 trial date for 33-year-old Ryan Alexander Duke at a hearing Monday.

He's charged with murder in the slaying of one-time beauty queen Tara Grinstead, who vanished from her home in the southwest Georgia town of Ocilla in 2005.

The Associated Press

# Supreme Court could allow suit over Apple iPhone apps' sales

By Mark Sherman  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seemed ready Monday to allow an antitrust lawsuit to go forward that claims Apple has unfairly monopolized the market for the sale of iPhone apps.

Apple faced skeptical questions from justices who seemed concerned about the control the Cupertino, California-based company exerts over iPhone users who must purchase software for their smartphones exclusively through its App Store.

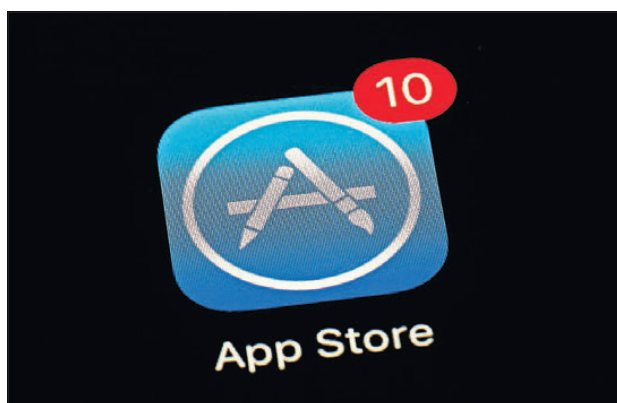
The arguments dealt with the fruits of technology that, over the past 10 years, have made more than 2 million apps available to iPhone users, but in the courtroom there were also references to older antitrust cases involving concrete, aluminum, natural gas and shoes.

The suit by iPhone users could force Apple to cut the 30 percent commission it charges software developers whose apps are sold through the App Store. A judge could triple the compensation to consumers under antitrust law if Apple ultimately loses the suit.

But the issue before the high court at this early stage of the suit is whether the case can proceed at all. Justice Stephen Breyer, who used to teach antitrust law at Harvard Law School, said the consumers' case seemed straightforward and in line with a century of antitrust law.

Apple argues it's merely a pipeline between app developers and consumers, and that iPhone users have no claims against Apple under federal laws that prohibit unfair control of a market.

Tens of thousands of software developers set the prices and agree to pay Apple a 30 percent commission on whatever they sell, the lawyer representing Apple said in



This March 19 file photo shows Apple's App Store app in Baltimore. [PATRICK SEMANSKY/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

the courtroom. If anyone should be able to sue Apple, it's a developer, Daniel Wall said. "There have been plenty of disputes, but none has ever gone to litigation," he said.

Chief Justice John Roberts was alone among the nine justices who seemed prepared to agree with Apple.

Among the justices who appeared to be on the other side, Justice Elena Kagan said consumers appear to have a direct relationship with Apple. "I pick up my iPhone. I go to Apple's App Store. I pay Apple directly with credit card information that I've supplied to Apple. From my perspective, I've just engaged in a one-step transaction with Apple," Kagan said.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh said if consumers are paying more than they should, then perhaps they should be able to sue. The relevant federal antitrust law says "any person injured" can sue, Kavanaugh said.

His comments could align him with justices who would allow the suit to proceed. In other cases, the court has ruled there must be a direct relationship between the seller and a party complaining about unfair, anti-competitive pricing.

Consumers can choose from among more than 2 million apps, compared with the 500 apps that were available when Apple created the App Store in 2008. "The phrase 'there's

an app for that' is now part of the popular lexicon," Roberts noted in a 2014 decision limiting warrantless searches of cellphones by police. Apple has trademarked the phrase.

But the company says the popularity of software for iPhones and its App Store shouldn't obscure that consumers buy apps from developers, not Apple. Developers set the prices, though Apple requires prices to end in .99, Wall said. The Trump administration is backing Apple at the high court.

Representing consumers, lawyer David Frederick said the monopoly Apple has over iPhone apps is unique in the digital age. "Apple can't point to another e-commerce distributor that does what it does," Frederick said. Even Apple allows third parties to sell computer software directly to purchasers of its laptop and desktop computers, he said.

A trial court initially dismissed the suit. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals revived it.

A victory for Apple could severely restrict consumers' ability to sue over antitrust violations even though Congress envisioned such suits "would form a central component of enforcement of the anti-trust laws," warned 18 scholars of antitrust law in a Supreme Court filing.

A decision in Apple Inc. v Pepper, 17-204, is expected by late spring.

# Ominous US climate report offers few policy solutions

Eric Roston  
Bloomberg

A landmark U.S. climate change study by 13 federal agencies brings greater urgency to the question of what Americans can do to avoid an unprecedented shift in how they live in coming decades. What it doesn't do is provide any answers.

"The report does not make policy recommendations, but it is abundantly clear that there are strong policy implications," said Andrew Light, a co-author and a senior fellow at the World Resources Institute. "Every single one of them is, unfortunately, not something that the U.S. is pursuing at the national level."

The National Climate Assessment catalogs the environmental and projected financial damage from a climate that's broken free from 12,000 years of relative stability. It looks forward to 2090, when even in a lower-carbon projection the added cost to American society will be more than \$100 billion in 2015 dollars, and maybe as much as \$200 billion annually. And that's a

best case scenario.

Unstated in the report is that the U.S. government, like most around the globe, isn't doing enough to slow a planetary march toward the cliff's edge. The Trump administration has dismissed without evidence the scientific consensus that humans are responsible for global warming, and moved instead to roll back existing initiatives to slow pollution—to the benefit of fossil fuel interests.

Widely accused of trying to bury the NCA report by releasing it on Black Friday, a traditionally busy day for Americans focused on family gatherings and shopping, the White House has since sought to downplay the congressionally mandated report.

In recent years, thousands of Americans have died during, or as a consequence of, extreme weather tied to climate change—from powerful hurricanes fueled by extremely warm seas to calamitous conflagrations stemming in part from drought. Evidence assembled by climate scientists suggests that such phenomena will get worse as the global temperature continues to rise.

The NCA addressed the practical effects of climate change on everyday Americans. It assessed a range of rising prices, from household expenses to the availability and pricing of food, energy and other goods. Additional emphasis was placed on how U.S. reliance on other nations will cause it to suffer their climate consequences as well.

"The impacts of climate change, variability, and extreme events outside the U.S. are affecting and are virtually certain to increasingly affect U.S. trade and economy—including import and export prices and businesses with overseas operations and supply chains," the authors write.

When it comes to offering solutions, however, the report is silent. The authors describe the benefits of avoiding worst-case scenarios, called mitigation, without suggesting which specific policies would achieve them. They suggest technological and behavioral changes that lead to significantly lower emissions can cut potential financial damage by half, but fail to offer up one as the best course of action.

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# New Youth Restoring Pill Helps You Grow Biologically Younger

Based on groundbreaking research from UC Davis, anti-aging pioneer creates the world's first life-extension pill that boosts the energy center of cells

By Ray Wilson  
Associated Health Press

AHP — Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have discovered a new compound that has the amazing ability to reverse the aging process in cells, extending lifespan and restoring health.

The compound was immediately formulated into an all-natural pill which adults and seniors, from all over the country, are now taking every day.

Sold under the brand name *Ultra Accel II*, the new once-daily pill can significantly improve many of the ailments associated with aging including memory and recall, heart and lung function, poor immunity, and low energy levels.

According to the pill's developers, it may also increase the average lifespan to 146 years old, shattering the current U.S. average of 78.

Research shows the pill works by triggering the growth of new mitochondria in the body's most important organs, a phenomenon known as mitochondrial biogenesis.

Scientists long believed this was impossible to experience after a certain age. But the new research proves that it can now be achieved at any age with *Ultra Accel II*.

## Energizes the Body's Most Vital Organs

Mitochondria are found in all cells (and there are trillions of them in your body). They produce the cellular energy required by your organs to function.

In the most energy-demanding organs, like the brain and heart, there can be as many as 2,000 mitochondria per cell. And according to a landslide of clinical data, the health of these mitochondria determines our level of health and how long we live.

When organs lack the cellular energy they require to work at a 100% efficiency, your health deteriorates and you age faster.

This is why mitochondria dysfunction are the root of many problems associated with growing older. Low energy, fatigue, muscle weakness, memory loss, poor immunity, skin aging, and blood sugar problems, are often the result of an energy crisis in your cells.

But now, for the first time ever, there's a fix for the estimated 50 million adults and seniors who suffer — often unknowingly — from these ailments.

"With daily use, *Ultra Accel II* helps users feel more energetic and vital. Many also notice significant improvements in brain, heart, and lung function too," explains Dr. Al Sears, creator of the *Ultra Accel II* pill.

"And that's because *Ultra Accel II* multiplies the number of youthful mitochondria in every cell of your body in every important organ and tissue.

The result is an enormous spike in cellular energy that literally reverses your biological clock. In laymen terms, you grow younger."

## The University Study That Started the Anti-Aging Movement

Dr. Sears' inspiration for *Ultra Accel II* came after reviewing the new study published by researchers at UC Davis. These researchers discovered that when mice were fed the natural compound called PQQ the number of mitochondria in their cells multiplied.

In eight weeks they saw a staggering 55% increase in young, youthful mitochondria. Even more remarkable was the fact that the mice with the strongest mitochondria showed no signs of aging even when they were the equivalent to 80 years old.

"After reading the study on PQQ, I immediately called my manufacturer. He explained to me PQQ was incredibly hard to source but after a few months I finally got my hands on some and



Dr. Al Sears with fellow physician Dr. Oz at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

successfully blended it into a softgel" explains Dr. Sears.

"I was the first to try it. After the first dose I felt an immediate boost in energy. With daily use I noticed my endurance, memory, vision and even the appearance of my skin and hair improved. It was truly amazing."

## Science of Age Reversal

Two key ingredients make up the *Ultra Accel II* softgel. The first is a patented form of PQQ called BioPQQ. The second is Ubiquinol, the most effective form of CoQ10.

Research shows that as we get older the number of mitochondria in our cells declines sharply. In fact, by age 67 nearly 80% of the mitochondria we had at 25 have died.

This dramatic decline can trigger many serious health problems including heart failure, memory loss and relentless fatigue. It can also cause the skin to look older and accelerate the overall aging process.

The BioPQQ in *Ultra Accel II* is one of the only known compounds to actually multiply the number of mitochondria in your cells! And just like a power cord, the Ubiquinol has the amazing ability to energize these new, youthful mitochondria so that they are fully charged.

## Patients Hail Improvements in Health and a Deceleration in Aging

The initial feedback from patients using *Ultra Accel II* has been strong. Many say they have never felt better.

"I'm a 70-year-old man and I've been taking Accel for 2 1/2 months. On a recent treadmill stress test, I was told that I did as well as several patients tested who were in their 20s," raves one user.

Adds another: "I noticed a difference within a few days. My endurance almost doubled. But it's not just in your body. You can feel it mentally too."

## Changing the Way We Age

*Ultra Accel II* is an exciting new anti-aging pill that's now helped thousands of people reclaim their energy, vitality, and youth regardless of their age or health status.

With daily use, it can help you look and feel decades younger and sidestep the illnesses that accompany aging and can make life hard.

You can now regain boundless energy, new vigor and physical capabilities you enjoyed in your youth.

## Where to Find Ultra Accel II

This is the official release of *Ultra Accel II* in Florida. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any reader who calls within the next 48 hours.

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# SPORTS

## GC teams make home debut vs. LB Wallace

The News Herald

PANAMA CITY — After nearly a month on the road, the Gulf Coast women's and men's basketball teams will finally get to play in their own gym Tuesday night as the Billy Harrison Field House plays host to a doubleheader against Lurleen B. Wallace.

The gym was unavailable

for much of the first month of the season while renovations were underway due to damage from Hurricane Michael. The Lady Commodores will tip off Tuesday night at 5 p.m., followed by the Gulf Coast men at 7 p.m.

Gulf Coast's women (4-1) come in ranked No. 3 in the nation and No. 4 in the state, with their only setback this

season a 68-65 defeat at the hands of No. 21 Wabash Valley on Nov. 16 in Vincennes, Ind.

Freshman guard Brittany Davis has been the Lady Commodores' go-to offensive player thus far, averaging 18 points per game on 46 percent shooting from the field and 43.9 percent from the 3-point line. Sophomore

center Dominique Banks has raised her numbers across the board from her freshman campaign, posting 13 points, 4.4 rebounds, and 1.4 blocks per contest.

Freshman post player Naomi Mbandu is having a nice rookie season with 11.6 points, 6.2 rebounds, and 3.6 assists per game. Sophomores Alexis Dye (7.0) and Astou

Gaye (6.8) are fourth and fifth in scoring for GC, with Gaye leading the way with 1.8 blocks per game.

They'll face an LB Wallace squad (0-5) still searching for its first win of the season. All but one of the Saints' losses this season has come by double digits, with a 63-59

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## ACC Mismatch?



Clemson's Tavien Feaster rushes for a touchdown while defended by South Carolina's R.J. , left, and D.J. Wonnum. [AP PHOTO/RICHARD SHIRO]

### Pitt hopes to challenge No. 2 Clemson

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Neither Clemson coach Dabo Swinney nor Pitt's Pat Narduzzi sees the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game as a looming blowout, no matter how many others do.

The second-ranked Tigers (CFP No. 2) come in on a major roll, the ACC Atlantic champions capping their second 12-0 season since 2015 with a satisfying, 56-35 victory over state rival South Carolina on Saturday night.

"We really have had a historic season, not just a great season," Swinney said. "A lot of first time whatever."

First-time Coastal Division winner Pitt (7-5) stumbled in its final regular-season contest, dropping a 24-3 contest at Miami, dropping out of the Top 25 — and dropping their chances, in the eyes of many, of staging an upset of the powerhouse Tigers.

"I think our kids understand

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Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett passes against Miami. [LYNNE SLADKY/AP PHOTO]

## Patriots not quite at Super Bowl level

By Barry Wilner  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — When Patriots players looked around the locker room Sunday, they saw a generally healthy squad. That's scary for the rest of the NFL.

Or maybe not.

Unless New England makes some key improvements over the next month — and can anyone doubt the Patriots will, given their track record? — a third straight trip to the Super Bowl will be problematic.

In their 27-13 victory over the game-but-outmanned Jets, the Patriots (8-3) pretty much were workmanlike. Given the competition this season from the likes of the Chiefs, Steelers, Chargers and Texans, that might not be enough.

Sure, the running game was a major positive as New England rushed for 215 yards, led by rookie Sony Michel's season-best 133 on 21 carries. And the defense was OK.

But these were the Jets, who don't measure up in any way to any AFC contenders. Things will get more difficult in December, though not terribly so.

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## Experienced Gonzaga, Virginia stand tall early in season



Gonzaga forward Rui Hachimura (21) reacts to play against Duke during the second half Wednesday at the Maui Invitational in Lahaina, Hawaii. [MARCO GARCIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By Aaron Beard  
The Associated Press

Experienced Gonzaga and Virginia sent not-so-subtle reminders not to discount talented, veteran-led teams.

While Duke and its vaunted freshmen class were the talk college basketball for the first two weeks of the season, Gonzaga and Virginia walked away with titles to cap off Thanksgiving holiday tournaments.

The Zags held off the much-ballyhooed Blue Devils to win the Maui Invitational — and replaced them as the No. 1 team in the country on Monday — in what could have been a preview of a late-March showdown. At the other end of the spectrum were the fourth-ranked Cavaliers, who beat Wisconsin to win the Battle 4 Atlantia in a low-scoring game featuring teams content to grind it out

with defense and clock-melting stretches that limited the number of possessions and magnified any mistake.

Both styles worked.

"We said we want to learn something as every team would as they come into this tournament," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said after Friday's win against the Badgers and preseason Associated Press All-American Ethan Happ.

Experience also showed for No. 5 Nevada and No. 9 Michigan State in winning separate brackets at the Las Vegas Invitational, with both being led by upperclassmen (Wolf Pack fifth-year senior Caleb Martin and Spartans junior Cassius Winston) who earned MVP honors. And in Michigan State's case, that title came by maintaining poise well enough to rally

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AROUND THE NBA  
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Under a new format, some teams already are more than a quarter of the way through their schedule. And some things are hard to explain: The Clippers and Nuggets are up. Rockets and Celtics are down. The Warriors already have been both.

PREP ROUNDER

# Rutherford tops Bozeman, 34-29

The News Herald

SPRINGFIELD — The Rams used a dominant third quarter to edge past the Bucks in girls basketball action Monday night. Rutherford evened its record to 1-1 this season, while Bozeman fell to 0-3.

Bozeman led the game 18-15 at halftime, but Rutherford moved in front for good with a 10-2 third quarter.

Zy'Aeria Johnson was the top scorer for the Rams with 10 points. Abby Williams and Kaylee Jones had eight points each to lead the Bucks.

Rutherford will next play Tuesday night at Mosley.

Bozeman is next home for Blountstown on Thursday.

PSJ 33, NBH 17

PANAMA CITY — The Tiger Sharks notched their first victory of the year in their regular season debut, while the Buccaneers took their first loss to fall to 1-1.

Jae Lennox scored 18 points to lead Port St. Joe, with India Gant adding eight points. Jamesha King was the leading scorer for NBH with eight points. The Bucs will next play Dec. 3 at South Walton. The Tiger Sharks next play at Bay on Tuesday night.

BOYS BASKETBALL Godby 61, Mosley 51

TALLAHASSEE — Carlos Dominguez and Russell Russ each had 15 points to lead Mosley in the loss. It was the regular

season opener for the Dolphins, who will play two more road games this week against Dothan on Friday and Gulf Breeze on Saturday.

BOYS SOCCER Mosley 4, Pensacola 1

PENSACOLA — The Dolphins bounced back from a season-opening loss to Arnold to get in the win column, with Nick French scoring all four goals for Mosley in the victory.

Austin Priemer had two assists, Noah Hapner had one assist, and Cole Smith had six saves. Zach Moenter also had two saves. Mosley next plays Wednesday at Tommy Oliver Stadium against Bay.

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loss to Trinity College on Nov. 8 the lone single-digit defeat.

It has been an up and down pre-conference schedule for the Gulf Coast men thus far. Gulf Coast dropped its season opener to Coastal Alabama-Bay Minette before reeling off four straight

victories. The Commodores have split their last four outings, winning their last game 74-60 over Polk State on Friday after suffering their worst defeat of the year, 95-54 to Daytona State, the day before.

The Commodores have four players averaging double figures scoring this season led by freshman guard Jacobbey Owens at 16 points per game, followed by Daniel

Kiely (15.3), KK Godwin (12.9), Cameron Holden (12.8), and Reggie Rivera (12.1). Maurice Gordon is also putting in 9.5 points per contest and Jerrel Kelly 7.1.

LB Wallace's men (0-4) are also winless, falling most recently 73-59 to Shelton State on Nov. 17 and suffering single-digit defeats to Marion Military, Southern Union State, and Wallace State-Hanceville.

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that we're the underdog," Narduzzi said Sunday. "Turn on any TV station or ESPN they'll probably find out."

But it was Narduzzi's Panthers who own just one of two regular-season upsets of Clemson the past four seasons [-] the Tigers are 46-2 in the regular season during that stretch — when they went into Death Valley two years ago and defeated the nation's second-ranked team.

Narduzzi said that landmark win won't affect this week's game, although it certainly helped build his program into ACC Coastal champions.

When you can topple a highly ranked opponent, Narduzzi said, "it gives your kids the belief that what you're doing is the right stuff."

Clemson has had plenty of the right stuff since its first ACC championship season under Swinney in 2011. The Tigers have 10 or more victories each year since, have made the past three playoff fields and won the 2016 national championship less than two months after getting

shocked by the Panthers. Swinney's team has been heavy favorites against nearly everyone they've played this year and won their final eight games by margins of 20 points or more.

"It's just business as usual," Swinney said about facing lightly regarded Pitt.

Swinney holds players to a high standard of play, the focus totally on their week of practice and not who the opponent is, where the game is played or how high the stakes.

"Our team has done an amazing job of staying focused on the task at hand," he said.

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And in January, unless the Patriots grab home-field advantage in the AFC — they trail only Kansas City by one game and own the tiebreaker — their defense will need to be stout against some high-scoring, big-play offenses.

Considering the holes in that defense that the Jets were incapable of exploiting often enough, New England has some issues it hasn't been plagued by during its remarkable Tom Brady-led run since the early 2000s.

These Patriots don't have the look of a team that can avoid shoot-outs, especially on the road. When you have Brady and Julian

Edelman and Rob Gronkowski — and now Michel — on your side, you'll score your share of points. They will need to do exactly that, probably throughout the playoffs, to get to the big game in Atlanta.

"You'd love to be perfect out there," Brady said. "The other teams are well-coached and they have a lot of good players, too. When you win, you feel really good. Obviously, a couple of weeks ago, we did everything the opposite of what we needed to do (at Tennessee). I think we're doing a better job taking care of the ball; it gives us a much better chance to win games. Scoring more points, converting on third downs, scoring in the red area, all those things are really important that we talked about.

"We made some plays,

there are certainly ones we left out there, but we'll take it and keep moving forward."

As they move forward, observers' eyes will be on several areas:

Gronk's health

Getting back Gronkowski is huge. He's a difference maker even when he's not targeted because of the attention defenses must pay to the star tight end, and the lift he provides teammates. He's also brittle, an effect of his playing such a rugged game and taking so many massive hits.

Other than Edelman and the ultra-dangerous James White out of the backfield, Gronk's support crew isn't intimidating. Josh Gordon remains limited and Chris Hogan is solid, but not a No. 1 wideout.

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from 19 down against No. 17 Texas.

Here are some takeaways from those holiday tournaments:

MAUI'S TOP TRIO

Maui had the best field of the week with Duke, Gonzaga and Auburn, so there were plenty of measuring-stick moments among legitimate Final Four contenders.

No team was more impressive than Gonzaga — in any tournament.

The Zags offense created problems for then-No. 1 Duke, with the Blue Devils having a hard time deciphering all their ball screens and motion. Gonzaga will only get stronger when 6-foot-10 junior Killian Tillie returns from pre-season ankle surgery in the coming weeks. Tournament MVP Rui Hachimura, a versatile and aggressive 6-8 junior forward, is establishing himself as one of the nation's top players.

But it was Gonzaga's defensive efforts that most impressed coach Mark Few, who said, "We can really build on that."

Gonzaga's win moved the Zags from third to No. 1, while Duke dropped to No. 3. Auburn, which finished third in Maui, stayed at No. 8.

DOMINANT HUNTER

Fourth-ranked Virginia showcased a growing, game-changing presence in 6-7 redshirt sophomore De'Andre Hunter.

Hunter was the Atlantis MVP in the Bahamas after three sometimes-dominant performances. First came a near triple-double against Middle Tennessee. Then he matched a career-high with 23 points and hit a key 3-pointer with about a minute left to help hold off Dayton. He closed with 20 points against No. 22 Wisconsin.

He was the ACC's sixth man of the year last year but suffered a broken wrist that sidelined him for the NCAA Tournament — and the Cavs certainly missed him as they struggled to contain UMBC's guards in that unprecedented 16-vs-1 March upset. As long as he stays healthy, he's a weapon at both ends alongside veterans Kyle Guy and Ty Jerome, not to mention Virginia's best NBA prospect by far.

"You look at the length and the dimensions, and some of those nice plays he makes offensively," Bennett said. "But I get equally excited about what he's doing defensively, spreading out and being able to guard sometimes a 4, sometimes a perimeter guy. And his alertness took a step in the right direction."

CHAMPS BACK?

There is reason for optimism at Villanova, though the reigning national champs still have work to do.

The Wildcats looked befuddled in a blowout home loss to Michigan in a rematch of last year's title game and an overtime home loss to Furman, which knocked the Wildcats out of the Top 25 poll. Guard Phil Booth said at the time the Wildcats are "a young team trying to find our way."

Villanova, which jumped back into the poll at No. 23 on Monday, looked more like it had figured out that path at the AdvoCare Invitational in Orlando, Florida.

The Wildcats beat Canisius, Oklahoma State and No. 15 Florida State. Sunday's 66-60 win against the Seminoles prompted coach Jay Wright to note: "We've grown so much."

ON POINT

Freshman Coby White could be taking hold of the starting point guard job for North Carolina.

He had 33 points — the most by a UNC freshman since Harrison Barnes had 40 in the 2011 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament — and seven 3-pointers in the loss to Texas in the Las Vegas Invitational. He followed with 19 points and eight assists against UCLA, though the loss dropped North Carolina to No. 11.

The production came with junior point guard Seventh Woods sidelined by a concussion. Woods lacks White's scoring potential but has 27 assists with just six turnovers.

Dexter Lawrence lining up in the backfield might make it to the ACC championship game.

"It's been a fun year," Swinney said.

Even if it hasn't always been adversity free. Swinney demoted last year's quarterback starter Kelly Bryant behind strong-armed freshman Trevor Lawrence after the fourth game and Bryant, a graduate student in his fourth season, left the program with the intent to transfer.

Former Clemson running back C.J. Fuller, who was with the team last year, died suddenly at 22 years old in early

October, shaking many of his former teammates.

Through it all, Swinney, Clemson has stayed the course play for another league title.

Pitt's Narduzzi believes several of his players were looking ahead to the Clemson matchup during their week prepping for Miami. He's confident the group that takes the field Saturday night will be ready to put forth their best performance and give themselves a chance few believe they have.

"The stars have to be aligned," Narduzzi said. "You have to do things right and have a little luck along the way."



New England Patriots' Rob Gronkowski (87) catches a pass for a touchdown during the first half against the New York Jets on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J. [SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

The defense

Here's the great mystery.

Other than safety Devin McCourty, a long-time standout who rarely has gotten the credit he deserves, and linebacker Dont'a Hightower, New England appears to lack difference makers. This group is more a collection of parts fit into roles. They don't get a lot of pressure on passers, aren't particularly ball hawks, and, far too many times, New York's so-so group of receivers was roaming free.

Doing that against Antonio Brown, Tyreek Hill or DeAndre Hopkins in the postseason — not a good idea.

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## IN BRIEF

### JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

#### Jaguars fire OC Hackett, bench QB Bortles

The Jacksonville Jaguars sacked offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett and quarterback Blake Bortles one day after the team's seventh consecutive loss.

Coach Doug Marrone fired Hackett and benched Bortles on Monday, making sweeping changes to one of the league's worst offenses.

Marrone also promoted quarterbacks coach Scott Milanovich to offensive coordinator. Milanovich spent five seasons (2012-16) as head coach for the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts before landing in Jacksonville.

Marrone believes Milanovich and backup quarterback Cody Kessler will energize a lackluster offense Sunday when the Jaguars (3-8) host Indianapolis. Kessler lost all eight starts for Cleveland in 2016.

### PHILADELPHIA

#### Struggling Flyers fire general manager Hextall

Caught at a crossroads between a full-blown rebuild and a legitimate playoff push, the Philadelphia Flyers fired general manager Ron Hextall on Monday, the latest front-office leader to fail to win the franchise's first Stanley Cup in 44 years.

The Flyers might not be done cleaning house.

Coach Dave Hakstol has now lost his biggest backer and his job clearly is in danger. The Flyers have a 10-11-2 record and have lost five of six. They are fresh off a 6-0 loss to Toronto in which an organization once stamped as "Broad Street Bullies" played without a penalty.

"I feel a responsibility for what happened today," Hakstol said. "Nobody feels good about that in our room."

### NEW YORK

#### Notre Dame-UConn still 1-2 in women's Top 25

Notre Dame and UConn remain the top two teams in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, setting up a 1-vs.-2 matchup on Sunday. Both teams faced deficits this past week in holiday tournament games before prevailing. The Irish needed to rally from 14 points down to beat No. 9 Oregon State in the Vancouver Show-case championship game to stay No. 1. The Huskies trailed St. John's early in the fourth quarter at the Paradise Jam before winning by 10.

Oregon, Baylor and Louisville followed Notre Dame and UConn in the poll voted on by a 31-member national media panel Monday.

The top 10 teams remained unchanged, with Mississippi State, Maryland, Stanford, Oregon State and Texas rounding out the group.

There was change at the bottom of the poll, with Iowa State, Drake and Kentucky all entering for the first time this season at Nos. 23, 24 and 25. West Virginia, Missouri and South Florida fell out.

### NEW YORK

#### Braves make splash with Donaldson, McCann

The Atlanta Braves added a pair of free agents following their first division title in five years, agreeing to one-year contracts with third baseman Josh Donaldson and catcher Brian McCann.

Donaldson agreed to a \$23 million, one-year contract, a person familiar with the agreement told The Associated Press on Monday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was subject to a successful physical.

McCann's deal was announced by Atlanta, where he became a seven-time All-Star from 2005-13. He got a \$2 million, one-year contract to play near his home.

Donaldson was the AL MVP with Toronto in 2015 but has struggled since. He had a hip injury in 2016, was slowed by a strained right calf in 2017 and by shoulder inflammation and a calf strain this year. A three-time All-Star who turns 32 next month, Donaldson hit .246 with eight homers and 23 RBIs in 52 games this year for Toronto and Cleveland, which acquired him on Aug. 31.

### No. 25 Mississippi St cruises past Alcorn St

The Associated Press Nick Weatherspoon and Lamar Peters both scored 17 points, Reggie Perry added 16 points and 11 rebounds and No. 25 Mississippi State beat Alcorn State 88-65 on Monday night.

Mississippi State was efficient on offense, shooting 33 of 54 (61 percent) from the field. Weatherspoon shot 6 of 10, including 2 of 3 from 3-point range. Peters was 6 of 9 shooting, including 5 of 8 from behind the arc. The Bulldogs led by as many as 33 points in the second half. Quinndary Weatherspoon added 14 points and Tyson Carter had 10.

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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
At Davidson	16		Charlotte	
At UNC-Wilmington	7		East Carolina	
At Notre Dame	5½		Illinois	
At Penn State	1		Virginia Tech	
Michigan State	6½		At Louisville	
Boise State	3		At Drake	
Nevada	7		At Loyola of Chicago	
At Oklahoma	10		North Texas	
At Tulsa	9		Texas-Arlington	
S. Illinois	2½		At Colorado State	
At Iowa	13½		Pittsburgh	
At Missouri	4		Temple	
At Wisconsin	7		NC State	
At Duke	13½		Indiana	
At Washington State				13
CS Northridge				

### NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
San Jose	-110		At Buffalo	+100
At Philadelphia	Off		Ottawa	Off
At Montreal	-105		Carolina	-105
At Tampa Bay	-230		Anaheim	+210
At Minnesota	-195		Arizona	+180
At Nashville	-148		Colorado	+138
At Winnipeg	-140		Pittsburgh	+130
Las Vegas	-115		At Chicago	+105
At Edmonton	-138		Dallas	+128
At Vancouver	-110		Los Angeles	+100

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Friday	FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	LINE
Buffalo	4	3½	49	N. Illinois		
Washington	3½	5	44½	Utah		

### Saturday

At Middle Tenn.	1½	2½	45	UAB
At UCF	7	3½	70½	Memphis
Oklahoma	4½	7½	78	Texas
At App. State	19	17½	59La.-Lafayette	
Alabama	10½	13	63½	Georgia
At Boise State	2½	2½	50½	Fresno State
Clemson	2½	26½	55	Pittsburgh
Ohio State	13	14	60	Northwestern
At NC State	25	24	60½	East Carolina
At Virginia Tech	4½	5½	Marshall	
At S. Carolina	28	28½	56	Akron
Stanford	2	2½	48½	At California

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### Thursday

Today	FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	LINE
New Orleans	7	7	53	At Dallas		

#### Sunday

Indianapolis	3	3½	48	At J'ville
At Pittsburgh	5	3½	52	LA Chargers
Carolina	4	3½	56AT Tampa Bay	
Baltimore	2½	2½	49	At Atlanta
At Houston	6½	4½	Off	Cleveland
At Miami	6½	5½	40½	Buffalo
Chicago	3	4½	45	At NY Giants
Denver	3½	3½	42	At Cincinnati
LA Rams	6	10	55	At Detroit
At Green Bay	11	14	45	Arizona
Kansas City	13½	15	55½	At Oakland
At Tennessee	9½	9½	Off	NY Jets
At New England	5	6	48½	Minnesota
At Seattle	8	10	46	San Fran

### Monday

At Philadelphia	6½	6½	44	Washington
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Updated odds available at Pregame.com

## PRO FOOTBALL

### NFL

All times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA			
New England	8	3	0	.727	307	249			
Miami	5	6	0	.455	223	283			
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	161	272			
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	221	281			

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	7	3	0	.700	239	205
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	325	273
Indianeeep	5	5	0	.500	178	189
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	197	243

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	3	1	.682	316	249
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	271	198
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	276	347
Cleveland	4	6	1	.409	253	283

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	404	294
L.A. Chargers	8	3	0	.727	307	219
Denver	5	6	0	.455	252	252
Oakland	2	9	0	.182	187	327

NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA			
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	234	213			
Washington	6	5	0	.545	220	229			
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	230	253			
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	237	288			

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	1	0	.909	409	256
Carolina	6	5	0	.545	287	282
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	280	307
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	294	338

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	317	211
Minnesota	6	4	1	.591	265	246
Green Bay	4	6	1	.409	264	267
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	238	286

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	10	1	0	.909	389	282
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	276	243
Arizona	2	9	0	.182	155	293
San Francisco	2	9	0	.182	239	293

### WEEK 12

**Nov. 22**  
 Chicago 23, Detroit 16  
 Dallas 31, Washington 23  
 New Orleans 31, Atlanta 17

**Sunday's Games**  
 New England 27, N.Y. Jets 13  
 Baltimore 34, Oakland 17  
 Seattle 30, Carolina 27  
 Philadelphia 25, N.Y. Giants 22  
 Tampa Bay 27, San Francisco 9  
 Cleveland 35, Cincinnati 20  
 Buffalo 24, Jacksonville 21  
 L.A. Chargers 45, Arizona 10  
 Indianapolis 27, Miami 17  
 Denver 24, Pittsburgh 17  
 Minnesota 24, Green Bay 17

**Monday's Game**  
 Tennessee at Houston, late  
**Open:** L.A. Rams, Kansas City

### WEEK 13

**Thursday's Games**  
 New Orleans at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 2**  
 L.A. Rams at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Arizona at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Denver at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
 Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Houston, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
 Minnesota at New England, 4:25 p.m.  
 L.A. Chargers at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 3**  
 Washington at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### PLAYOFF RANKINGS

WEEK 4	RECORD
1. Alabama	11-0
2. Clemson	11-0
3. Notre Dame	11-0
4. Michigan	10-1
5. Georgia	10-1
6. Oklahoma	10-1
7. Louisiana State	9-2
8. Washington State	10-1
9. Central Florida	10-0
10. Ohio State	10-1
11. Florida	8-3
12. Penn State	8-3
13. West Virginia	8-2
14. Texas	8-3

15. Kentucky	8-3
14. Washington	8-3
17. Utah	8-3
18. Mississippi State	7-4
19. Northwestern	7-4
20. Syracuse	8-3
21. Utah State	10-1
22. Texas A&M	7-4
23. Boise State	9-2
24. Pittsburgh	7-4
25. Iowa State	6-4

The playoff semifinals match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl on Dec. 29. The championship game will be on Jan. 7, 2019 at Santa Clara, Calif.

### THE AP TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	RECORD	PTS.	LV
1. Alabama (61)	12-0	1,525	1
2. Clemson	12-0	1,458	2
3. Notre Dame	12-0	1,409	3
4. Georgia	11-1	1,336	5
5. Oklahoma	11-1	1,266	6
6. Ohio State	11-1	1,229	10
7. Central Florida	11-0	1,146	8
8. Michigan	10-2	1,058	4
9. Texas	9-3	959	11
10. Washington	9-3	897	16
11. Florida	9-3	876	13
12. Washington State	10-2	818	7
12. Louisiana State	9-3	818	7
14. Penn State	9-3	751	15
15. West Virginia	8-3	672	12
16. Kentucky	9-3	602	17
17. Utah	9-3	536	18
18. Syracuse	9-3	475	19
19. Boise State	10-2	409	21
20. Mississippi State	8-4	324	22
21. Northwestern	8-4	322	20

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# DIVERSIONS

## WORD SCRIMMAGE: JUDD HAMBRICK

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1st DOWN  
N<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> D<sub>3</sub> I<sub>2</sub> F<sub>7</sub> 1st Down + 20 PTS

2nd Letter  
E<sub>1</sub> S<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub> P<sub>6</sub> P<sub>6</sub> S<sub>2</sub> 2nd Letter + 7 PTS

3rd DOWN  
L<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub> P<sub>6</sub> P<sub>6</sub>

4th DOWN  
O<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub> B<sub>6</sub> U<sub>3</sub> O<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> 4th Down + 30 PTS

JUDD'S TOTAL = 247  
AVERAGE GAME 155-165 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.

11-27-18 **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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1st DOWN = 75  
G<sub>3</sub> R<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> U<sub>3</sub> L<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub>

2nd DOWN = 63  
E<sub>1</sub> R<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> Z<sub>14</sub>

3rd DOWN = 56  
F<sub>7</sub> A<sub>2</sub> M<sub>6</sub> I<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub> H<sub>7</sub>

4th DOWN = 89  
D<sub>3</sub> E<sub>1</sub> F<sub>7</sub> I<sub>2</sub> C<sub>6</sub> L<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub>

AVERAGE GAME 180-190 PTS  
JUDD'S TOTAL = 283  
11-28-18

## ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF

"Mad, bad and dangerous to know."  
— Lady Caroline Lamb, of Lord Byron

In the daily bulletin from the North American Bridge Championships last year, a tongue-in-cheek article appeared in which the author commented that the late Rixi Markus had penned a volume titled, "Bid Boldly, Play Safe." By contrast, Marty Fleisher, who was fresh off his world title in Lyon, had jokingly suggested that if he ever wrote an autobiography, he would title it "Bid Boldly, Play Like a Lunatic." He suggested that this deal, from the first semifinal session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, would be a candidate for the title page.

Here, Fleisher, playing with Chip Martel, managed to bid the spots off his cards and then had to justify his approach after a top heart lead. He ruffed, then decided West was favored to hold the singleton spade king, so he laid down the ace. It turned out that he had the wrong idea, but it is results that count. The king duly put in an appearance, albeit from an unexpected quarter.

Since Fleisher still had all his entries to dummy, he could cross to the club ace to ruff a heart and then play a low club from hand to West's king. Fleisher won West's diamond shift with the ace, ruffed a third heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, then drew the last trump.

When Fleisher played the spade queen, East was forced to surrender his guard in one minor or the other, and Fleisher had his 12 tricks. Martel consoled the opponents: "You were lucky he didn't bid the slam."

NORTH 11-27-A  
♠ Q J 8 2  
♥ 8 5 3 2  
♦ A J 5  
♣ A 3

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

SOUTH  
♠ A 10 9 7 5 3  
♥ ---  
♦ K 7 4  
♣ 8 7 6 5

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: West

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Dbl. 1NT\*  
4♠ 5♥ Pass Pass  
5♣ All pass  
\*Clubs

Opening Lead: Heart king

### BID WITH THE ACES

11-27-B

South holds:  
♠ K  
♥ J 4  
♦ Q 10 8 6 3  
♣ Q 10 9 4 2

South West North East  
Pass 1♥ Dbl. Pass  
?

ANSWER: I would respond two diamonds rather than two clubs, planning to compete over two hearts by bidding my clubs. It is also quite likely that partner has a good hand with spades, in which case I will again be better placed to bid my suits in economical order if I start with diamonds rather than clubs.

## Adult children fail to warm up to stepdad of 8 years



Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married for 19 years and have three adult daughters from that marriage. I remarried eight years ago to a woman who has two adult children. My relationship with them is not good, in spite of my efforts to engage them in basic conversation. She told me recently that neither one of them likes me. In fact, she has suggested I just say hello and goodbye and leave it at that. I'm not sure what I am supposed to do with this information. I don't think at this point in my life (age 66) I'm interested in changing myself to coax anybody to like me. I'm irritated with my wife for telling me her kids don't like me. If any of my daughters said, "I don't like your wife," I wouldn't

mention it to her because I know she wouldn't want to go with me to visit them. My desire to visit either of her kids is now nonexistent. Your thoughts? — UNLIKED IN OHIO

**DEAR UNLIKED:** I think it is interesting that your wife didn't tell you WHY her children don't like you, or if she did, that you didn't elaborate. Under the circumstances, your reaction is understandable, so stay home and enjoy yourself while your wife visits them. If you do, I suspect you will all be happier.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary and went away for a long weekend. Late in the second day, my wife said, "Don't get mad at me, but a guy who works for me asked me to bring him a souvenir." Then she told me she didn't want to get me involved. My question is, why wouldn't she mention it at the start of the trip and instead bring it

up two days into our get-away? It makes me feel like she was thinking of him on our anniversary. Am I reading too much into this, or should I be concerned? By the way, I wouldn't think of another woman — co-worker or not — during a getaway with my wife. — UNSURE IN THE WEST

**DEAR UNSURE:** Please stop worrying. If you and your bride have had a happy marriage for 30 years, I'm guessing that on your special day, she was thinking about how lucky the two of you are to have had three blessed decades together. If she had anything to hide, she wouldn't have mentioned the souvenir. I'm guessing she brought it up because she didn't want to forget she had agreed to bring something and come home empty-handed.

Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY



Wilson Casey

"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country. Comments, questions or suggestions? [WC@TriviaGuy.com](mailto:WC@TriviaGuy.com)

**1. "Meat and three" cuisine is popular throughout the United States, but its roots can be traced to ...?**

Jonesville, South Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; Lynn Haven, Florida; Otis Orchards, Idaho

**2. What was Charles Lindbergh's average speed on his historic nonstop Atlantic flight in 1927?**

45, 68, 89, 105

**3. Along with Valentine, who was the other of Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona"?**

Leonato, Macduff, Tybalt, Proteus

**4. A premature infant is five times more likely to be ...?**

Blind, Mentally challenged, Left-handed, Blue-eyed

**5. Which does a labrophilist ordinarily collect?**

Parking tickets, Cigar bands, Beer bottle labels, Car tags

**6. What is a male rabbit called?**

Buck, Doe, Hare, Bun

ANSWERS: 1. Nashville, Tennessee; 2. 105; 3. Proteus; 4. Left-handed; 5. Beer bottle labels; 6. Buck

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — When people mean well but don't make the impact they hope to, it's usually a function of misreading the situation or simply not knowing enough about it. The best move you can make now is to sit tight and learn all you can.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — In nature, the bull goes with the herd; it suits the bull and it suits the herd. But if it doesn't suit the bull, the bull leaves. Be the same. Only stick with the herd if it is what's in your heart.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** — There you go again, moving forward as if unafraid. What the onlookers don't know is your internal dialogue and how you quiver inside your boots. And that's what makes you truly brave. You feel the fear and do it anyway.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** — Public speaking is easier for some than others. There will be shy ones who aren't sure if it's worth the trouble to stand and be counted. You've felt like that

in the past, which is why you'll be a most encouraging presence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — There are some decisions you'll make that you'll never really know the consequences of. That's why today it will be most satisfying to get evidence that a choice you made long ago was the right one.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Bringing people together will be your specialty today, though you may not be consciously aware that it's what you're doing. Your inclusiveness starts a ripple of happy effects.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — What you see is not only what you get; it's what you'll keep getting. So if you don't like it, make a quick change. It will be way easier to set things on track in the early stages of an arrangement.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** — The best ones to spend time with today will fall into one of two categories. Either they are people you're sure to have fun with, or they are people who genuinely need you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — For some, loneliness is a palpable problem, an actual chill that your fire sign energy can thaw with the stretch of a smile. Don't underestimate the good a little warmth and kindness can do.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — They're better because of you, and this much they'll tell you. Nothing could be more soul-fortifying than knowing you improved the lives of those closest to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — People make mistakes, but people are not their mistakes. For learning purposes, separate the person from the deed. Examine each factor separately and then reassemble and reconsider.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Before you leave the house, or go into any dealings at all, consciously set an expectation for what's to come. In doing so, you'll take a more assertive, conscious role and get clearer outcomes as a result.

## JUMBLE

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

FCOSF  
OILGO  
DIDFEE  
LOBBBE

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now, give me this scene as an everyday conversation.

Do you want to deliver for me?  
Do you have a job for me, Sal?

THE MOVIE SET IN THE PIZZA PARLOR SHOWED A ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LOFTY SAVOR  
Answer: The pony that was getting over a bad cold was a — LITTLE "HORSE"

## SUDOKU

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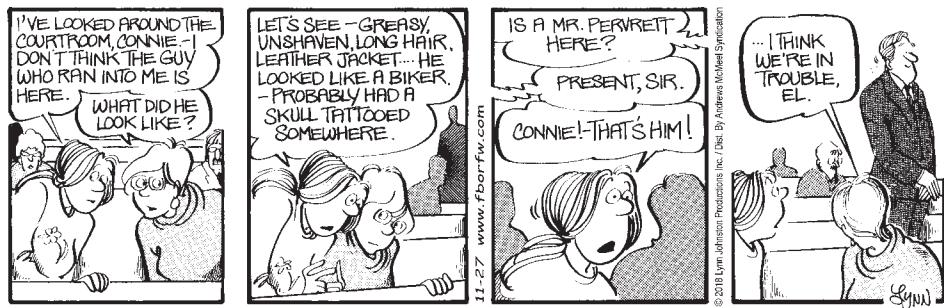
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Monday - Bronze; Tuesday - Silver;  
Wednesday - Gold; Thursday - Bronze;  
Friday - Silver; Saturday and Sunday - Gold.

Answer to yesterday's sudoku

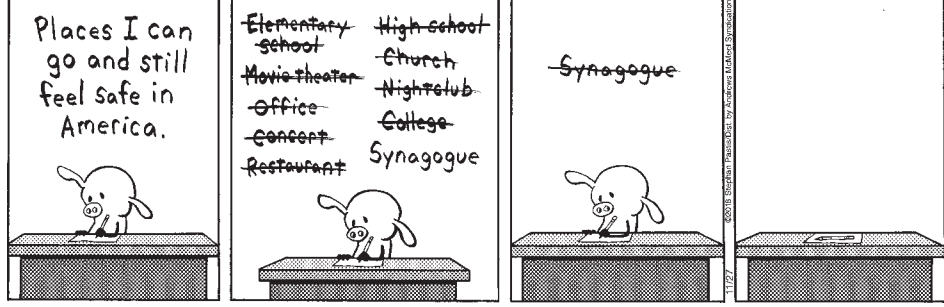
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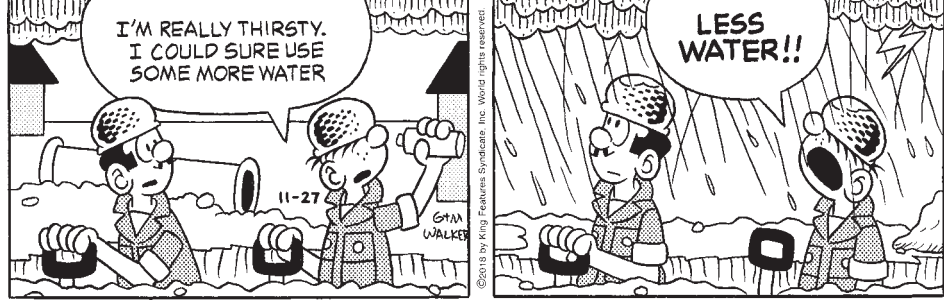
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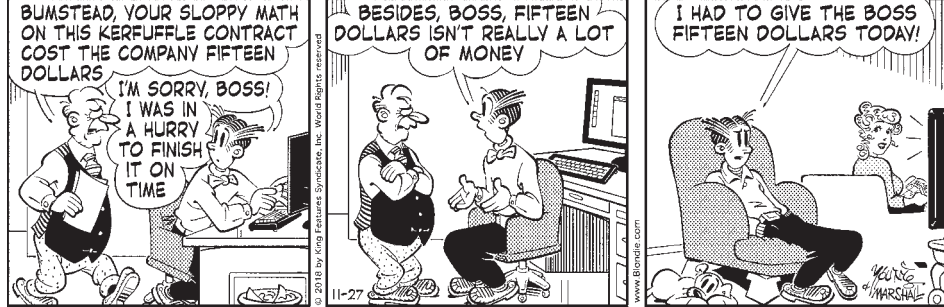
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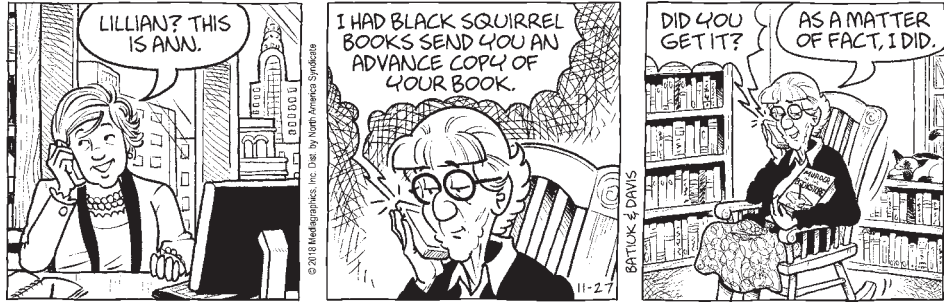
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## CRANKSHAFT



## FRANK & ERNEST



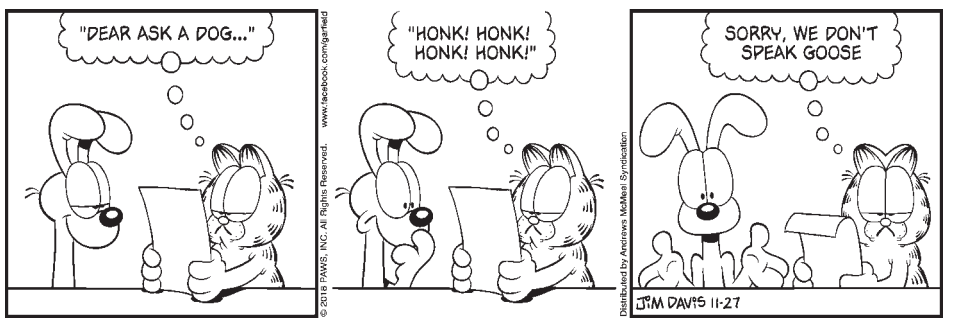
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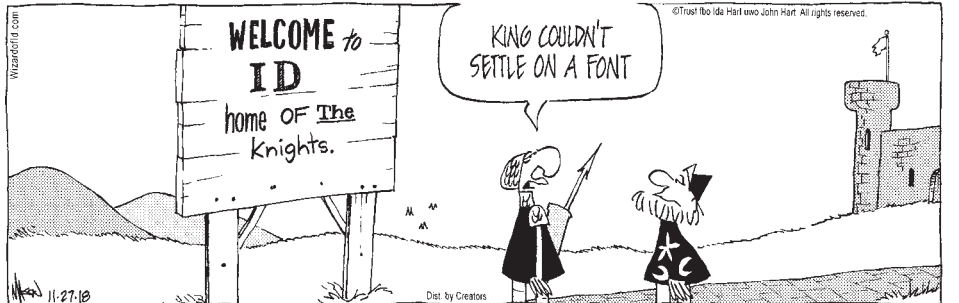
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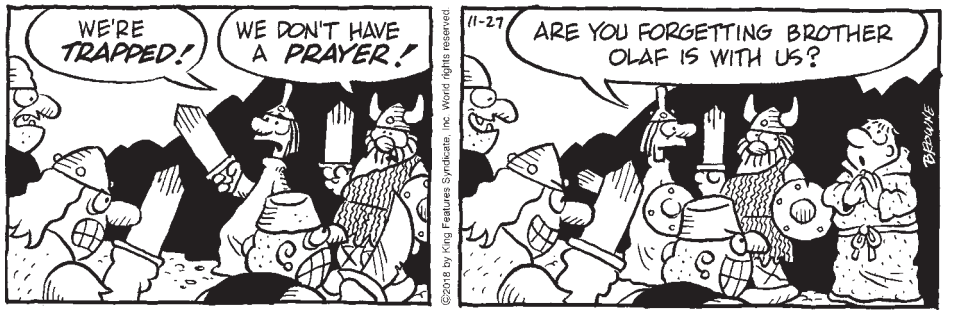
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## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## Daily CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Lowest depth
  - Nosegay holder
  - Cry of woe
  - Loose it (2 wds.)
  - "Jake's Thing" writer
  - Finished last
  - Pitch-black
  - Investor's concern
  - FBI member
  - Go-aheads
  - Family member (hyph.)
  - Moose's smaller kin
  - Unser and Gore
  - Lurched
  - Aggressive chieftains
  - Monstrous giant
  - Medium's session
  - Lubricate
  - Issued from
  - Banned bug spray
  - Stall
  - Sz. option
  - Most dull
  - Bellow
  - Kept from falling
  - Like an evening gown
  - In the know
  - Purposes
  - Very quickly
- DOWN**
- Water, in Spanish
  - Bell sound
  - Harvard rival
  - Turntable parts
  - Couch
  - Smoke or mist
  - On a rampage
  - Gentlemen
  - PST minus 3
  - Maria Conchita
  - Sprawl out
  - Minor
  - Put away
  - Fixed a tooth
  - Mag. staffers
  - Orbit segment
  - Gallivants

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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A	R	M	L	B	S	D	I	A	M	O	N	D
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