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Ardent selling Bay Medical stake

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PANAMA CITY — With inpatient services still down after Hurricane Michael, changes are coming to Bay Medical Sacred Heart with Ardent Health Services planning to sell its share.

Bay Medical was previously a joint venture between Ardent and Ascension Sacred Heart, a division of Ascension, with Ardent acting as the primary operator of the hospital. On Tuesday, Ardent announced plans to sell its

share to Ascension, citing the damage from Hurricane Michael as the reason. Should the deal go through, the hospital would fall fully under the wing of faith-based nonprofit Ascension Sacred Heart.

Martha Crombie, vice president of marketing and planning for Ardent, said the sale and transfer of operators was “definitely” brought on by the uncertainty left after Hurricane Michael.

“It just made more sense for Bay Medical to be a part of the regional group,” said Crombie. “We know the hospital will be in excellent hands.”

The Ascension system includes hospitals in Pensacola, Miramar Beach and Port St. Joe, along with St. Vincent’s HealthCare in Jacksonville. After Hurricane Michael, which brought catastrophic damage to Bay Medical, Ascension was able to tap that network to transfer 230 patients from Bay Medical to Pensacola, Miramar Beach and Jacksonville by air and ground ambulance in the 48 hours following the storm, according to the press release.

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Bay Medical Center was severely damaged by Hurricane Michael on Oct. 10. (JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD)

County closing Arnold shelter Friday

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — Bay County plans to close its only shelter for residents displaced by Hurricane Michael on Friday because of dwindling use, officials announced Tuesday.

Once a home to 721 people at peak operation, the shelter at Arnold High School has seen its hurricane survivor population decline to just 82 residents in recent weeks. Officials said they will work with the remaining people in the coming days to find them alternative shelter or benefits to get their own housing.

“There’s been a concerted

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NOT THAT SIMPLE: TITANS FOCUS ON TRYING TO WIN A GAME

Panama City-owned sites opened for FEMA trailers



A lot owned by Panama City at the intersection of McKenzie Avenue and 15th Street is being considered for FEMA housing.

(JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD)

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PANAMA CITY — City leaders selected a handful of city-owned properties on Tuesday to offer to FEMA that could hold more than 100 temporary trailers for residents displaced by Hurricane Michael.

If the Federal Emergency Management Agency picks any of the sites, mobile units will be placed to help the 800 city residents currently

approved for temporary housing assistance.

The Panama City Commission approved the properties during its regular Tuesday meeting. The properties included about 6 acres near the intersection of 15th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, 1448 Carver Drive, 1311 Roosevelt Ave. and 1428 Washington Drive.

“We absolutely have to make sure some people have a safe place to live,” Mayor Greg Brudnicki said after the meeting. “We told FEMA

we’d be available for any solution to find places for people to live.”

City Manager Mark McQueen said that while FEMA hasn’t guaranteed it will use any of the city-owned sites, the agency is in great need of property to hold its temporary trailers for displaced residents. McQueen said FEMA first tries to move its temporary housing to existing trailer parks with available concrete pads and utilities.

“There is a lack of land for

mobile homes to move into here,” McQueen said. “The demand for FEMA trailers exceeds the inventory for pads we currently have available.”

McQueen said the city also is reviewing other properties to possibly hold FEMA trailers, noting that there could be far more than 800 residents registered for temporary housing in the near future.

Also during the meeting, the commission voted

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Wrench tossed into Russia probe

Manafort allegations throw new uncertainty into Trump-Russia investigation

By Eric Tucker, Chad Day and Jonathan Lemire
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The breakdown of a plea deal with former Trump

campaign chairman Paul Manafort and an explosive British news report about alleged contacts he may have had with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange threw a new element of uncertainty into the Trump-Russia investigation Tuesday.

A day after prosecutors accused Manafort of repeatedly lying to them, trashing

his agreement to tell all in return for a lighter sentence, he adamantly denied a report in the Guardian that he had met secretly with Assange around March 2016. That’s the same month Manafort joined the Trump campaign and Russian hackers began an effort to penetrate the email accounts of Hillary Clinton’s presidential

campaign.

The developments thrust Manafort back into the investigation spotlight, raising new questions about what he knows and what prosecutors say he might be attempting to conceal as they probe Russian election interference and possible

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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.

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.

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"Al Davis and 'friend' pictured on Al's dock on the Grand Lagoon. Mr. Pelican clacked ominously when Al tried to move even closer." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Ron Waldron, of Panama City Beach, is 84. Singer **Randy Newman** is 75. Former "Late Show" orchestra leader **Paul Shaffer** is 69. Actor **Ed Harris** is 68. Country singer **Kristine Arnold** (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 62. Actor **Judd Nelson** is 59. Movie director **Alfonso Cuaron** is 57. Rock musician **Matt Cameron** is 56. Actress **Jane Sibbett** is

56. Comedian **Jon Stewart** is 56. Actress **Garcelle Beauvais** is 52. Actor/comedian **Stephnie Weir** is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Dawn Robinson** is 50. Actress **Gina Tognoni** is 45. Hip-hop musician **apl.de.ap** (Black Eyed Peas) is 44. Actor **Malcolm Goodwin** is 43. Actor **Ryan Kwanten** is 42. Actress **Aimee Garcia** is 40. Rapper

Chamillionaire is 39. Actor **Daniel Henney** is 39. Rock musician **Rostam Batmanglij** is 35. Rock singer-keyboardist **Tyler Glenn** (Neon Trees) is 35. Actress **Mary Elizabeth Winstead** is 34. R&B singer **Trey Songz** is 34.

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CATCH OF THE DAY

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Tracy Darby shared this photo in the Panama City Fishing Facebook group and said, "Thanks, Capt. Travis Rudolph Nichols." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2018. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring in Tehran during World War II.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name. In 1861, the Confederate Congress admitted Missouri as the 12th state of the Confederacy after Missouri's disputed secession from the Union. In 1905, Sinn Fein was founded in Dublin.

In 1907, future movie producer Louis B. Mayer opened his first movie theater, in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

In 1909, Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Op. 30 had its world premiere in New York, with Rachmaninoff at the piano.

In 1942, fire engulfed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston, killing 492 people in the deadliest nightclub blaze ever. (The cause of the rapidly-spreading fire, which began in the basement, is in dispute; one theory is that a busboy accidentally ignited an artificial palm tree while using a lighted match to fix a light bulb.)

In 1961, Ernie Davis of Syracuse University became the first African-American to be named winner of the Heisman Trophy.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course toward Mars, which it flew past in July 1965, sending back pictures of the red planet.

In 1975, President Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U-S Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

A story on page B1 Friday incorrectly identified the defendant cooperating with authorities. Curtis James Jackson Jr., 17, is being relocated to another facility out of fear for his safety. He was waived up to adult court in connection with the February 2017 burglaries of C&G Sporting Goods in Panama City and Bay Guns & Gear in Lynn Haven.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Monday:

Cash4Life: 18-32-35-52-58;

Cash Ball: 2

Fantasy 5: 06-18-19-27-33

Mega Millions: Estimated jackpot: \$172 million

Pick 2 Evening: 2-9

Pick 2 Midday: 0-0

Pick 3 Evening: 3-3-1

Pick 3 Midday: 5-1-8

Pick 4 Evening: 4-9-5-4

Pick 4 Midday: 5-2-0-2

Pick 5 Evening: 2-3-1-2-2

Pick 5 Midday: 2-3-2-7-5

Powerball: Estimated jackpot: \$171 million

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IN BRIEF

PARADISE TOWNSHIP, PA. Gunman kills 1 at municipal building, is arrested

A man who may have been having trouble getting permits for work on his property shot and killed a township employee in a government building Tuesday, then paced the hallway with his head in his hands until police arrived to take him into custody, authorities said.

The gunman walked inside the Paradise Township municipal building about 8:20 a.m., asked for the victim by name, then shot him in the mouth in his office, according to court documents. A co-worker administered CPR until paramedics showed up, but Michael Tripus, 65, of Stroudsburg, was declared dead at the scene.

PARIS 18 migrants rescued during English Channel crossings

French and British maritime authorities have rescued 18 migrants in two small boats from the English Channel as they tried to get to Britain, the latest of several recent cases.

The French Maritime Prefecture said that its vessels intercepted nine migrants before dawn Tuesday and took them to the port of Dunkirk.

A statement said that minutes later a second alert went out for a boat in trouble, carrying nine migrants, off the coast of Dover. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution recovered them.

The migrants' nationalities weren't disclosed. Last week, French maritime authorities said 18 migrants were rescued, 11 picked up by the French from a boat in distress, and seven intercepted by British authorities.

WAVERLY, OHIO First suspect pleads not guilty in Ohio family slayings of 8

The first of four family members charged with killing eight people from another Ohio family has pleaded not guilty to aggravated murder and other charges in the potential death penalty case.

Twenty-six-year-old Edward "Jake" Wagner acknowledged the 23 counts against him but said little else Tuesday in Pike County court. He's being held without bond.

Wagner, his parents and his brother are charged in the 2016 shootings of seven adults and a teenager from the Rhoden family.

NEW YORK Judge: Trump hotel boost from presidency does not break law

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit accusing Donald Trump of breaking a law on unfair competition by using the presidency to attract customers to restaurants in his Washington hotel.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Leon in Washington ruled Monday that the Cork Wine Bar may indeed be losing customers as lobbyists, political fundraisers and others flock to the nearby Trump International Hotel, but that does not constitute unfair competition under the local law.

The Associated Press

Detention camp keeps growing

By Garance Burke and Martha Mendoza
The Associated Press

TORNILLO, Texas — The Trump administration announced in June it would open a temporary shelter for up to 360 migrant children in this isolated corner of the Texas desert. Less than six months later, the facility has expanded into a detention camp holding thousands of teenagers — and it shows every sign of becoming more permanent.

By Tuesday, 2,324 largely Central American boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17 were sleeping inside the highly guarded facility in rows of bunk beds in canvas tents, some of which once housed first responders to Hurricane Harvey. More than 1,300 teens have arrived since the end of October.

Rising from the cotton fields and dusty roads not far from the fence marking the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the camp has rows of beige tents and golf carts that ferry staffers carrying walkie-talkies. Teens with identical haircuts and government-issued shirts and pants can be seen walking single file from tent to tent, flanked by staff at the front and back.

More people are detained in Tornillo's tent city than in all but one of the nation's 204 federal prisons, and construction continues.

None of the 2,100 staff are going through rigorous FBI fingerprint background checks, according to a government watchdog memo published Tuesday. "Instead, Tornillo is using checks conducted by a private contractor that has access to less comprehensive data, thereby heightening the risk that an individual with a criminal history could have direct access to children," the memo says.

Federal plans to close Tornillo by Dec. 31 may



In this Nov. 15 photo provided by Ivan Pierre Aguirre, migrant teens held inside the Tornillo detention camp look at protestors waving at them outside the fences surrounding the facility in Tornillo, Texas.

[IVAN PIERRE AGUIRRE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

be impossible to meet. There aren't 2,300 extra beds in other facilities, and a contract obtained by the AP shows the project could continue into 2020. Planned closures have already been extended three times since this summer.

The teens at Tornillo were not separated from their families at the border. Almost all came on their own hoping to join family members in the United States.

The camp's population may grow even more if migrants in the caravans castigated by President Donald Trump enter the U.S. Federal officials have said they may fly caravans teens who arrive in San Diego directly to El Paso, then bus them to Tornillo, according to a nonprofit social service provider who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to publicly discuss the matter.

As the population inside the camp swells, young detainees' anguish has deepened.

"The few times they let me call my mom I would tell her that one

day I would be free, but really I felt like I would be there for the rest of my life," a 17-year-old from Honduras who was held at Tornillo earlier this year told AP. "I feel so bad for the kids who are still there. What if they have to spend Christmas there? They need a hug, and nobody is allowed to hug there."

He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal from immigration authorities.

The nonprofit agency contracted to run Tornillo says it is proud of its work. It says it is operating the facility with the same precision and care used for shelters put up after natural disasters.

"We don't have anything to hide. This is an exceptionally run operation," said Krista Piferrer, a spokeswoman for BCFS Health and Human Services, a faith-based organization.

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Mark Weber, said no decisions have been made about whether Tornillo will close by year's end as scheduled.

"Whatever it is we decide to do, in the very near future, we'll do a public notice about that," he said.

In June, as detention centers for migrant children overflowed, Scott Lloyd, director of HHS's Office of Refugee Resettlement, signed a memo granting a waiver to staff up Tornillo without the required child abuse and neglect checks, which flag any potential employee who has a record of hurting a child. There were two reasons, according to a memo by HHS's inspector general's office: first, there was pressure to move quickly to open the detention camp, and second, Lloyd's agency assumed Tornillo staff had already undergone FBI fingerprint checks. They had not.

Lloyd, under fire for his handling of the migrant crisis, was transferred out of the refugee resettlement branch and to a different division of HHS last week. Weber did not immediately respond to questions as to why the department waived

background checks.

Failing to properly check staffers' backgrounds "can lead to potential abuse and neglect of these kids," said Dr. Colleen Kraft, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Since the facility opened, BCFS has been checking job candidates' national and local criminal histories and doing multi-state sex offender registry checks, the nonprofit's spokesperson, Piferrer, said.

BCFS has filed more than 30 reports on "significant incidents" at Tornillo since June, some involving interactions between children and staff, but none of a sexual nature, Piferrer said.

Jeffrey Harp, a retired FBI assistant special agent in charge, told the AP that FBI fingerprint background checks can be completed in a few minutes and reveal much more information about job candidates than checks that simply run a person's name against criminal history databases.

"How do you know the person is who they say they are unless you do a fingerprint check? They can't lie about their fingerprints, but they can lie about their name or take on someone else's identity who has a crystal clean record," Harp said.

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BRUSSELS



In this Dec. 8, 2017, photo, the Union Flag, left, and the EU flag flap in the wind outside EU headquarters in Brussels. The European Union's highest court on Tuesday began considering whether Britain can unilaterally change its mind about leaving the EU, as British Prime Minister Theresa May struggled to contain criticism of her divorce deal from U.K. politicians and U.S. President Donald Trump. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

TIJUANA, MEXICO



As Mexico wrestles with what to do with more than 5,000 Central American migrants camped out at a sports complex in the border city of Tijuana, President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's government signaled Tuesday that it would be willing to house the migrants on Mexican soil if they apply for asylum in the United States — a key demand of U.S. President Donald Trump. [GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



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While repairs to the campus are continuing, Crombie said hospital officials expect to have 75 inpatient beds, eight operating rooms and five cardiac catheterization labs reopen “immediately after the first of the year” in parts of the hospital that have been reclaimed after the

storm, with more inpatient services coming back online in stages. Emergency services continue to be open.

Tom VanOsdol, senior vice president and ministry market executive of Ascension Healthcare, said he also believes the hospital will be best served as being wholly operated by Ascension Sacred Heart.

“Going forward, we believe that Bay Medical will be best positioned to meet the evolving

needs of the community as a full member of our Ascension Sacred Heart ministry,” VanOsdol said in a release. “We look forward to the privilege of bringing the full strength, resources and clinical excellence of Ascension to bear in service to the families and individuals we are so blessed to serve in Panama City and Bay County.”

The sale will be subject to customary regulatory approvals and closing conditions.

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to apply for a \$50 million bank loan to help cover hurricane recovery-related expenses. McQueen said he expected the city to call a special meeting about Dec. 18 to vote to approve a loan from the various banks that respond to the application request.

City officials said the loan is needed since FEMA won't reimburse city disaster recovery spending anytime soon.

“We know we have a tremendous amount of expenses because of the storm and that FEMA reimbursement can take months or even years,” Brudnicki said after the meeting.

McQueen said whatever FEMA eventually reimburses, the city still must cover 12.5 percent of the total recovery costs — spending that could reach tens of millions of dollars. According to city records, about \$2 million has been paid for emergency sewer system repairs so far, while another \$2 million has been paid for resident

comfort stations.

“And it could still be \$40 million or \$50 million just to pick up all the debris in the city,” McQueen said.

To help with FEMA reimbursements, the commission also voted to hire two emergency management consultant firms, including Hagerty Consulting and APTIM Environmental and Infrastructure Inc. The firms' main jobs will be to ensure all recovery spending reimbursement paperwork is properly filed with FEMA. The consultants also will help apply for grants related to hurricane recovery.

McQueen said at least two firms were needed because of the scope of the recovery and the different expertise of the companies.

“The whole idea is to leverage the capabilities of the consultants to get the best we can on securing funding,” McQueen said.

Meanwhile, representatives with the Panama City Housing Authority requested the city help it secure grant money to rebuild destroyed public housing units.

Jan Johnson, chairwoman of the authority,

said during the meeting that her organization planned to apply for a \$15 million federal grant to rebuild 108 public housing units in the city. To ensure the authority got priority in the grant process, it needed the city to commit to cover a portion of the matching funds needed to get the grant — approximately \$354,000. Without backing from a government entity like the city, the authority's grant request would be placed lower on the funding list, even with all the devastation wrought by the hurricane.

Johnson said the city wouldn't need to spend any of the money until next year.

“We have the opportunity to rebuild some ancient infrastructure,” Johnson said, noting that some public housing in the city was erected in the 1950s. “And 70 percent of people in public housing who lost their housing are working people.”

The commission directed McQueen to meet with the authority to review the proposal, then possibly bring the request for a vote in a special meeting next month.

SHELTER

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effort during the duration to get these people into some type of short-term or long-term solutions,” said Bob Majka, county manager. “We're at the point where we feel it's time to start winding operations down and complete the casework for the remaining 82 people.”

Run by the county and operated by the American Red Cross, the shelter has provided cots, supplies and three hot meals daily for residents. Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other organizations also have been on hand to help residents there apply for aid and temporary housing assistance.

In addition to rental and home repair assistance, FEMA has started delivering temporary mobile homes to the county for residents who qualify.

Majka said mass care agencies would continue to help the remaining shelter residents, but only so much can be done.

“We think that out of the 82 people, 50 were chronically homeless prior to the storm,” Majka said. “It's a hard decision to make to close and we want to try to be as compassionate as possible, but

these mass care organizations are running out of options, especially if there are people who choose to remain homeless.”

Majka added that of the remaining people who weren't homeless before the hurricane, some have chosen not to use the benefits available to them, such as rent assistance for apartments outside the county.

“Some folks are not interested in putting money into rental property in another community,” he said.

At least one person staying at the shelter has complained about the closure date, saying it will leave him with nowhere to go. He refused to give his name out of concern it would cause shelter staff to force him to leave sooner.

The county first opened the shelter at the school on Oct. 30 through the consolidation of five smaller shelters at other schools. The deal the county made with Bay District Schools was that it would free up the other schools for classes again if it could get Arnold High through December. Students at Arnold High have used Surfside Middle School during the past month.

“We had originally talked to the school board about possibly needing it until the end of December, but it was always our intent to get people relocated as

soon as possible,” Majka said of Arnold High.

Still, even though the shelter will close before the end of the year, it's been open longer than most facilities of its type, Majka said.

“This has been one of the longest-running emergency shelters in Florida's history for one of the worst disasters this state has ever seen,” Bay County Commission Chairman Philip “Griff” Griffiths said. “We still have a long road to recovery, but we will get through this, together.”

Sharon Michalik, director of communications for Bay District Schools, said the hope is to get students back into Arnold High before Christmas, but there wasn't a set date yet. The original plan was to have the school reopen in January.

Work already has begun to prepare the school for students' return, Michalik said.

“We have our cleaning contractors moving into the shelters today to begin cleaning all of the spaces that they are not currently using because they have shrunk the footprint of the shelter significantly,” Michalik said on Tuesday. “So just as soon as the cleaning can happen and get finished, and it's safe for students to return, we'll be happy to announce an opening date.”

PROBE

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coordination with Trump associates in the campaign that sent the celebrity businessman to the White House.

All the while,

Manafort's lawyers have been briefing Trump's attorneys on what their client has told investigators, an unusual arrangement that could give Trump ammunition in his feud against special counsel Robert Mueller.

“They share with me

the things that pertain to our part of the case,” Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, told The Associated Press.

Giuliani also said Trump, who has recently stepped up his attacks on Mueller, has been enraged by the treatment of Manafort.

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Federal judge delays decision

Judge says she needs to hear more before ruling about unsealing charges on WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

By Rachel Weiner
The Washington Post

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The charges against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will remain sealed for now, with a federal judge in Alexandria saying she would hear more before ruling on whether the public has a right to see the documents.

“This is an interesting case, to say the least,” Judge Leonie Brinkema said Tuesday. “Obviously some kind of mistake has been made.”

That mistake by the government, she noted, exposed Assange’s name and “the fact that he has been charged” in a filing for an unrelated case. “Given the fact that this statement does appear in a government filing, and given that everybody knows where this man is, what is the rationale for sealing the charge?”

But Brinkema said she knew of no other case in which the government had been compelled to unseal a charging document before the defendant’s arrest.

Attorneys for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, the nonprofit pushing for the case to be unsealed, plan to file new documentation bolstering their argument.

“The filing, inadvertent or not . . . confirms the speculation” that Assange has been charged with a crime, RCFP legal director Katie Townsend said in court. “At a minimum, Mr. Assange knows that he has been charged.” Any justification for keeping the case sealed, she said, has “evaporated.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gordon Kromberg countered that no such confirmation exists, although officials have told The Washington Post that charges against Assange were indeed filed. If there is a case, Kromberg said, explaining the need for secrecy in open court would be counterproductive.

“Any discussion of why it would be sealed



Julian Assange, founder of WikiLeaks, speaks from a balcony at the Ecuadorian embassy, May 19, 2017 in London. (LUKE MACGREGOR/BLOOMBERG)

not oppose the unsealing, he does not plan to intervene.

“Mr. Assange as a journalist is certainly aligned with the Reporters Committee,” Pollack said.

Federal prosecutors in the Eastern District of Virginia have been investigating WikiLeaks ever since the anti-secrecy site’s publication of diplomatic cables and military documents in 2010, and took a fresh look at that case after the exposure of CIA hacking tools in 2017.

Special counsel Robert Mueller also has probed whether WikiLeaks coordinated with President Donald Trump’s 2016 campaign to disseminate Democratic emails that prosecutors say were stolen by Russian operatives.

cannot be done in a public forum,” he said. “This court . . . doesn’t know what needs to be said.”

Barry Pollack, who represents Assange, watched the proceedings and said that while his client does

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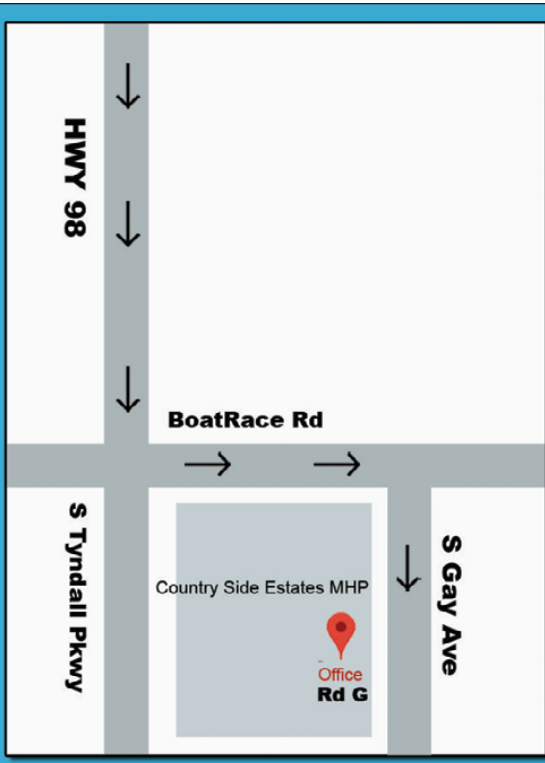
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DeVos warns of crisis amid ballooning student debt

By Collin Binkley
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said Tuesday that ballooning student debt has caused a “crisis in higher education,” and that the traditional path to college might not be the best choice for all students.

DeVos made the comments in Atlanta at a training conference for the Education Department’s Federal Student Aid division, which oversees student loans awarded by the federal government. The department released a text of her remarks.

“Our higher-ed system is the envy of the world, but if we as a country do not make important policy changes in the way we distribute, administer and manage federal student loans, the program on which so many students rely will be in serious jeopardy,” she said.

DeVos said the federal government holds \$1.5 trillion in outstanding student loans, a threefold increase from 2007 and a \$500 billion increase from 2013. She said Federal Student Aid’s loan portfolio now accounts for nearly 10 percent of America’s national debt.

She blamed the Obama administration and its 2010 takeover of federal student loans, which stopped private banks from giving out federally subsidized student loans.



Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) listens as Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks to students Nov. 13 at Sevier County High School in Sevierville, Tenn. [ROBERT BERLIN/THE DAILY TIMES VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

DeVos says the decision encouraged colleges to hike their tuition rates.

“When the federal government loans more taxpayer money, schools raise their rates,” she said. “FSA financing accounts for 80 percent of the actual tuition and fee revenue received by schools.”

She said most of the loan growth since 2010 is tied to individuals taking on more debt, rather than a growing number of students taking out loans. She said 70 percent of the growth is tied to increases in individual debt, while 30 percent is driven by growing numbers of borrowers.

As a result, she said, many students are struggling to pay off their debt, with 43 percent of all loans considered “in distress” by the federal government.

“The parade of programs, repayment options and complex rules serves no one well,” she said. “Everything

has become more cumbersome and confusing for everyone. The government monopoly has proven costly to taxpayers and it hasn’t been a panacea for students either.”

DeVos didn’t propose specific changes but laid out “core principles” that she said must guide changes to the student loan system. Chief among them is an emphasis on helping students find “the education that’s right for them,” even if it isn’t a traditional four-year university.

She also pushed for greater innovation in education, and better information to guide families and policymakers.

DeVos said the federal government must become a “more responsible” lender, but also said schools and families should bear greater responsibility as the nation tackles its student debt woes.

At FDA, a new goal, then a push for speedy reviews

By Matthew Perrone
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dr. Jeffrey Shuren was adamant: The United States would never cut corners to fast-track the approval of medical devices.

“We don’t use our people as guinea pigs in the U.S.,” Shuren said, holding firm as the new director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s medical devices division.

Again and again in 2011 — four times in all — Shuren was summoned before Congress. Lawmakers accused the agency of being too slow and too demanding in reviewing new devices like heart valves and spinal implants, driving U.S. manufacturers overseas where products faced less rigorous review. Each time, he pushed back.

And yet the next year, Shuren and his team adopted an approach that surprised even some of his closest colleagues: The FDA would strive to be “first in the world” to approve devices it considered important to public health.

The agency’s shift mirrored the talking points of the \$400 billion medical device industry — a lobbying behemoth on Capitol Hill — and ushered in a series of changes that critics say have allowed manufacturers to seek regulatory approval for high-risk devices using smaller, shorter, less rigorous studies that provide less certainty of safety and effectiveness.

Under Shuren, annual new device approvals have more than tripled, while warnings letters



A patient’s head cap is marked to pinpoint an area of the brain to use the transcranial magnetic stimulation at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System on Nov. 7 in Palo Alto, Calif. [TONY AVELAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

to device manufacturers about product safety and quality issues have fallen roughly 80 percent, an Associated Press investigation found.

The assortment of medical devices now on the market includes spinal rods that can leave metal shards in children and a nerve-zapping obesity implant that may not work for many patients.

The cheaper and faster medical device approvals began despite multiple, high-profile safety problems involving pelvic mesh, hip replacements and other implants.

An AP analysis of FDA data shows that since 2012, tens of thousands of injury and death reports have been filed in connection with devices that were cleared through a streamlined pathway that minimizes clinical trial testing. The FDA’s database for reporting device problems often includes incomplete, unverified information submitted by manufacturers, physicians, lawyers and patients. Because of these limitations, it’s often unclear whether a device played any role in

an injury or death.

In response to questions from the AP, the FDA said its “first in the world” goal was not about a competition with other countries but rather was adopted as part of a strategy that also focused on quickly identifying defective products to ensure U.S. devices “remain safe, effective and of high quality.”

The agency said it has focused on taking steps to reduce the time and cost of device development “that do not compromise our standard of reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness.”

Warning letters have declined, the FDA said, because the agency is using a new approach that involves fewer warnings but more inspections to oversee companies that violate its rules.

Last week, the FDA announced a new goal to be “consistently first” among the world’s regulatory agencies to identify and address medical device safety issues.

The agency also rejected the idea that Shuren’s approach to regulation has changed over time, saying he has worked for years to improve patient safety.

Still, some current and former FDA officials are worried about the ambition to be first on approvals. They include Dr. Peter Lurie, who calls the agency’s new direction “an invitation to a race to the bottom for scientific standards” seemingly prompted by industry pressure. Lurie held senior posts at FDA from 2009 to 2017 and now heads the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest.

The FDA’s medical device standards are still considered among the highest in the world, requiring “reasonable assurance” of both safety and effectiveness. But by trying to outpace countries with less stringent requirements, Lurie said, the FDA has opened the door to lowering its own standards to achieve its goal.

The FDA’s struggle to find the right mix of regulation and innovation in overseeing more than 190,000 medical devices — from pacemakers to contact lenses to surgical robots — has been chronicled for decades by government inspectors and outside researchers.

For almost as long, the agency has had a symbiotic relationship with industry.

Fees paid by medical device manufacturers for the review of their products now cover about 35 percent of the annual budget of the agency’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health. The last four officials in Shuren’s position have gone on to higher-paid positions in industry.



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MARKET MOVERS

• **United Technologies Corp., down \$5.30 to \$122.68:** The conglomerate said it will split into three smaller companies and won't buy back stock during the breakup.

• **General Motors Co., down 96 cents to \$36.69:** President Donald Trump said the White House is "looking at cutting all GM subsidies" after the automaker announced plant closures.

BRIEFCASE

WASHINGTON Consumer confidence slips in Nov. but still strong

U.S. consumer confidence slipped this month but remains strong.

The Conference Board, a business research group, said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index fell to 135.7 in November from October's 18-year high 137.9.

The index measures consumers' assessment of current economic conditions and their outlook for the next six months. Their evaluation of today's economy improved — but their assessment of future conditions slipped in November.

WASHINGTON US home prices rise more slowly amid weaker sales

U.S. home prices increased more slowly in September from a year ago as higher mortgage rates weighed on sales.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index, released Tuesday, rose 5.1 percent from a year earlier. That's down from a 5.5 percent yearly gain in the previous month. It was the sixth straight month that home price increases have slowed.

The weaker price gains reflect a broader slowdown in the nation's housing market. Sales of existing homes rose modestly in October, snapping a six-month streak of declines. But sales are still 5.1 percent lower than they were a year ago. New home sales have fallen for four straight months.

BUFFALO, N.Y. Court rules against proposed pipeline project

An appeals court in upstate New York has ruled in favor of landowners who are fighting against a gas company's plans to build a pipeline from Pennsylvania to Lake Ontario.

WIVB-TV in Buffalo reports the court ruled corporations can use eminent domain to gain access to private property only if the project is legal, which it says the planned project by National Fuel Gas is not.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation previously ruled that the pipeline by National Fuel does not meet water quality standards.

The suburban Buffalo-based company has issued a statement saying it remains committed to the project and is considering an appeal.

Lia Oprea, one of four landowners opposed to the project, says they are thrilled. National Fuel has until Dec. 9 to file its appeal.

The Associated Press



Assembly worker Julayne Trusel works on a Chevrolet Volt at the General Motors Hamtramck Assembly plant July 27, 2011, in Hamtramck, Mich.

[PAUL SANCYA/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Auto letdown

White House expresses 'disappointment,' 'anger' at GM's layoffs

By Jonathan Lemire and Zeke Miller

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he was "very disappointed" that General Motors was closing plants in the United States and warned that the White House was "now looking at cutting all GM subsidies," including for its electric cars program.

Trump unleashed on Twitter a day after GM announced it would shutter five plants and slash 14,000 jobs in North America, with many of the job cuts coming from the Midwest, where the president has promised a manufacturing rebirth.

Trump wrote that he was "Very disappointed with General Motors and their CEO, Mary Barra, for closing plants in Ohio, Michigan and Maryland. Nothing being closed in Mexico & China."

And, referring to the 2008 federal bailout of

the auto industry, Trump angrily continued that "the U.S. saved General Motors, and this is the THANKS we get! We are now looking at cutting all @GM subsidies, including for electric cars. General Motors made a big China bet years ago when they built plants there (and in Mexico) — don't think that bet is going to pay off. I am here to protect America's Workers!"

Trump's incendiary tweet came a short time after National Economic Council director Larry Kudlow said the White House's reaction was "a tremendous amount of disappointment maybe even spilling over into anger." Kudlow, who met with Barra on Monday, said that Trump felt betrayed by GM, which the government had been trying to help.

"Look, we made this deal, we've worked with you along the way, we've done other things with mileage standards, for example, and other related regulations," Kudlow said. "We've done this to help you and I think his disappointment is, it seems like that they kind of turned his

back on him."

A White House rebuke to GM would fly in the face of long-held Republican opposition to picking winners in the marketplace. It's not clear precisely what, or when, action may be taken. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said that she did not have any additional information on the president's threat.

Buyers of electric vehicles made by GM and other automakers get federal tax credits of up to \$7,500, helping to reduce the price as an incentive to get more of the zero-emissions vehicles on the road.

Among the vehicles GM offers is the battery-powered Chevrolet Bolt, which can go 238 miles on a single charge. The company has pinned much of its future business plan on consumers switching to battery-powered vehicles, promising to roll out 20 new ones globally by 2023.

GM on Monday announced it would cut six gas-powered car models as part of a plan to close factories and cut costs so it can spend more on electric and autonomous vehicle development.

Global lawmakers grill Facebook exec; Zuckerberg's a no-show

By Kelvin Chan

The Associated Press

LONDON — A cohort of international lawmakers is trying to turn up the pressure on Facebook, grilling one of its executives and making a show of founder Mark Zuckerberg's refusal to explain to them why his company failed to protect users' data privacy.

The rare "international grand committee" of lawmakers from nine countries gathered in London to get answers about Facebook's handling of personal data and made a point of leaving an empty seat with Zuckerberg's name tag.

Richard Allan, the company's vice president for policy solutions, said he volunteered to attend because Zuckerberg had already appeared before other committees this year, including in Washington and, briefly, Brussels.

Lawmakers from

Canada, Ireland, Brazil, Argentina, Singapore, Belgium, France and Latvia joined their British counterparts at the parliamentary select committee hearing — the first such cross-border event in London since 1933. They want to scrutinize Facebook over its handling of data privacy, most notably involving consultancy Cambridge Analytica's improper use of information from more than 87 million Facebook accounts to manipulate elections.

British select committees are used to investigate major issues and have the power — from CEOs to government officials — explain their decisions in a public forum. They don't have the power to make laws but the government takes their recommendations into account when formulating new policies.

Allan appeared after the committee's chairman, Damian Collins, took the

unusual move of seizing a trove of confidential internal Facebook documents from a visiting U.S. tech executive. The committee wanted the files, which have been sealed by a California judge, in the hope they would shed light on Facebook's privacy policies.

Collins, who has not yet made the documents public, asked Allan about one item he said was of considerable public interest that suggests Facebook was alerted to possible Russian hacking years before it became a major issue. He said the document indicates a Facebook engineer notified his superiors in October 2014 that "entities with Russian IP addresses" were pulling more than 3 billion data points a day from Facebook.

Allan said that information was "at best partial and at worst potentially misleading."

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Men are from Mars but women travel there



Margaret McDowell

"I've been everywhere, man; I've been everywhere, man; Crossed the deserts bare, man ... I've breathed the mountain air, man; Travel, I've done my share, man ... I've been everywhere."
"I've Been Everywhere" as performed by Hank Snow

One of the fascinating dynamics of retirement is the difference in attitudes many men and women harbor about travel. Women like it. Men? Not so much.

Yes, this is a generalization, and it's obviously not always true. But it's been my experience that women simply seem to enjoy travel more than men during their retirement years.

If you could transport and replant the Louvre, Broadway theaters, the Caribbean and Hawaii, the Sistine Chapel, the south of France and a quaint Italian village into downtown Destin, my husband would gladly visit several times a week. Then he'd come home at day's end. One of the reasons he espouses for not being a fan of travel is the hotel experience.

"I've slept in enough bad hotel beds to last several lifetimes." And, "I always get the room next to the ice machine."

Some men don't like big cities or hotels; they don't like fighting traffic on strange streets; they don't care for eating foreign food, hearing different languages or exchanging dollars for euros. In essence, they don't like their routine disturbed. For many women, this immersion into foreign culture is part of the charm of the travel experience. Small inconveniences are far outweighed by the stimulation and excitement of a journey to a new locale.

Many couples do actually travel together and enjoy it. As we all know, there is an entire subculture of motor home enthusiasts, most of whom are retired couples. For those couples who do travel together, many evolve through the "Go Go," the "Slow Go," and the "No Go" phases of travel in retirement, hitting the road frequently in the early retirement years and less and less as they age.

For those solitary travelers, some women join travel clubs or take trips with friends, leaving their partner behind to take care of the homefront. For many years it was considered odd to travel without your partner. Now there's no stigma attached for women traveling alone, which is healthy.

The bottom line is that it's nice to have saved enough to enjoy recreational choices in retirement. Many underbudget the cost of trips, but overbudget the number of sojourns that actually will be taken.

Travel is supposed to be fun, and doing it with people who enjoy it probably makes it a more pleasurable experience for the happy wanderer. My passport is ready.

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Don't dismiss climate change

A federally issued 1,600-page report on the dangers of climate change has been quickly dismissed by the White House in a reckless manner that defies logic and common sense.

Congress ordered the National Climate Assessment to document the harm caused by climate change, which some on the right have foolishly mocked.

Critics of the White House's friendly fossil fuel-industry policies on the environment say the document may be used in court to challenge the executive branch's attempts to undo previously set policies intended to, for example, protect endangered species and preserve federal lands.

These types of lawsuits could require taxpayers to fork over money we don't have to uphold Trump's short-sighted policies.

Congress asked for this report for a reason. That the Trump administration released it on Black Friday provides a clue as to what they wanted to do with it: Bury the bad news while most Americans weren't paying attention.

But survey after survey show Americans are paying attention to climate change, and they want policies that preserve the environment so their children can grow up in a world that's as beautiful as the one they enjoyed.

When Congress returns next year, we believe they should take a serious look at the findings of the report and weigh the cost-benefits of doing nothing versus the health of their children. They deserve that consideration, if nothing else.

Closing the border

While the economy is humming along, President Trump seems determined to throw another tantrum to scare the markets, which have seen big ups and downs over the past few months.

The latest salvo is the president's threat to close the border with Mexico because of the reported migrant caravans that have traveled from Central America and wait in Mexico to be processed for potential asylum.

It's this sort of hyperbole that has limited the president's Twitter opinions to mere nonsense — thankfully — but once again he is embarrassing the nation by catering to his base and, in the long run, playing into Democrats' hands by provoking nativist tensions that already are inflamed in a way that has arguably led to riots and, at the least, furthered the partisan divide that instead needs to be bridged.

Perhaps we're wasting space by asking his advisers to take away his tweeting privileges, but then again, it is a free country and everyone is allowed to have an opinion, no matter how reckless and dangerous it may be.

We hope he will stop damaging the reputation of respectable Republicans and instead focus on the nation's problems instead of sending the military to do a job that has been tasked to the Border Patrol. If he is not satisfied with them, he has the power to fix it. If he doesn't want to do that, perhaps another round of golf is in order.

News Herald editorial board



Growing consensus for legalizing marijuana



Stephen Chapman

The United States remains starkly divided between red and blue, but on one important issue, a national consensus is emerging that transcends party and ideology. America is becoming Weed Nation.

Earlier this month Michigan became the 10th state, along with the District of Columbia, to decide to legalize marijuana for purely recreational use. A quarter of Americans will live in states that let them get stoned without fear of the constable.

The states include not only reliably crunchy Oregon and Massachusetts but two that went for Donald Trump in 2016 — Alaska and Michigan. They range from the East Coast to the West and from the first in population, California, to the 49th, Vermont. The others are Colorado, Maine, Nevada and Washington.

Then there are the states that allow marijuana to be used for medical needs, with Missouri and Utah — Utah! — voting to join the club. That brings the total number of states that allow pot to be legally consumed in some circumstances to 32, according to the Drug Policy Alliance, plus D.C.

Pro-pot candidates also

did well this month. Illinois elected a governor, J.B. Pritzker, who favors allowing recreational cannabis. So did Connecticut (Ned Lamont), Maine (Janet Mills), Minnesota (Tim Walz) and New Mexico (Michelle Lujan Grisham).

Cannabis already has run away with the contest for public favor. In 2000, according to the Pew Research Center, only 31 percent of Americans supported legalizing recreational pot. Today, 62 percent do.

But even in states where cannabis is legal, it isn't. Federal law still bans weed, with penalties that include prison time even for mere users.

Under Barack Obama, the Justice Department adopted a hands-off policy toward states with permissive policies. Then-Attorney General Eric Holder issued directives instructing U.S. attorneys to defer to state laws on medical and recreational cannabis. The administration also tried to provide banks some assurance they could handle the accounts of legitimate marijuana suppliers without being prosecuted.

But as soon as he was installed as attorney general, die-hard prohibitionist Jeff Sessions reversed course. Sessions, who was forced to step down after drawing the ire of President Trump, ordered prosecutors to fully enforce federal laws reflecting "Congress' determination that marijuana is a dangerous drug and that marijuana activity

is a serious crime."

Does Congress really still believe that? This ought to be an issue on which the two parties can come together — not on whether marijuana should be legal but on whether states should be allowed to make their own choices. Last year, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., joined with Democratic colleagues Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York to propose ending the federal prohibition on medical cannabis.

The conservative Tenth Amendment Center regards the federal law as an unconstitutional usurpation of state sovereignty.

He lost the case, but the court's most conservative justice agreed with him. "Our federalist system, properly understood, allows California and a growing number of other States to decide for themselves how to safeguard the health and welfare of their citizens," Clarence Thomas wrote. "If Congress can regulate this under the Commerce Clause, then it can regulate virtually anything."

Republicans might gain politically from eliminating the federal role. Taking a more moderate position on a matter that millions of people regard as no business of politicians could soften their image among independent voters. Passing an important measure with bipartisan support would demonstrate that the 2018 election results didn't prevent our lawmakers from getting anything useful done.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Too many problems, not enough solutions

As a nation we are facing very complicated problems that have plagued us for decades. We have an obesity epidemic. There is an opioid crisis happening across the country, as many are overdosing daily on fentanyl-laced heroin. Ironically, considering obesity, there is a hunger problem in this country; countless Americans are starving on the day to day, not knowing where their next meal will come from.

Gang violence is as prevalent as ever. Gang-bangers of all types roam America's metropolitan areas; gun violence in Chicago is horrific, all while the police are under attack by tons of criminals, as they're outnumbered.

Politically, cops are attacked by those of the Left in high government positions as those leftists constantly undermine our law enforcement, in turn limiting their powers. It's the same way in a lot of other cities, most all Democrat-run.

Education is crippled in America; some states are doing quite well, but many others are faltering, declining steadily. Students are not getting an adequate education, and it's mostly due to "Common Core" standardization and federalization. Also, teachers are not paid as they should be; standard pay for any educator should be \$100,000, and for more strenuous teaching the pay should only rise from there.

To go along with this list of problems, domestic

terrorism is manifesting more than ever in America; shootings, and other types of violence beyond measure, unnecessary evil.

Gun control will be pushed by Dems, but they're so wrong on the issue. Why take away law-abiding citizen's rights to own a weapon to defend themselves, from active-shooters and tyrannical forces? Or, even, why make it harder for good people to get guns, when bad folks can walk down the street and get a fully automatic rifle?

Gun control is a conundrum. To try and confiscate guns by the government cannot be allowed, and the government must not be given the power to complicate the purchasing of weapons for law-abiding Americans;

because bad-guys, they're still going to have guns.

Let's be clear, yes, guns are weapons, but it's every American's natural born right to own and use one, as guaranteed in the Constitution.

Overseas, the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are still being waged; many lives have been lost. Also, hundreds of thousands of people have died in the civil war in Syria.

The wars in the Middle East have been disastrous to say the least. But, in the not too distant future, I expect that the next wars will be amongst the stars.

Whoever invests and militarizes space will rule the Earth and in turn the galaxy. We didn't have the technology of today in 1995 or even 2000, but

now we have self-driving cars making their way into the market, self-operating systems combined with search engines on miniaturized supercomputers — smartphones.

That's how space-tech will be if approached properly. Space technology will evolve with significant rapidity. Think about it: If you would've shown Abraham Lincoln a rocket ship or an ICBM during the Civil War days, he would've probably had a heart attack.

The Space Race that JFK initiated will not be in vain, and I'm of the opinion that we'll win the Space Race as the finish line approaches.

It's not the final frontier, it's the first.

Brandon S. Todd, Kings Mountain, N.C.

Scientist kept much of his work secret

By Christina Larson
The Associated Press

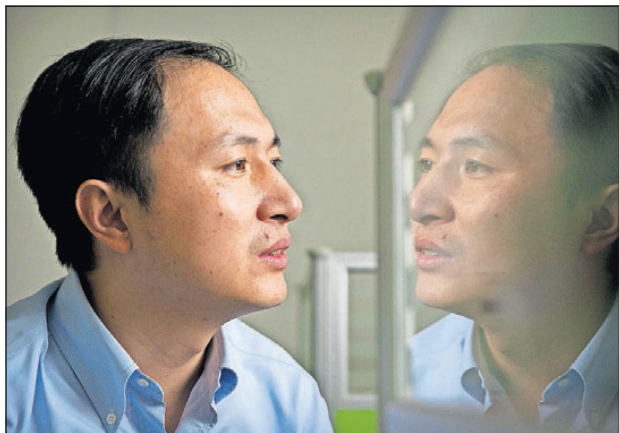
SHENZHEN, China — The Chinese scientist who says he helped make the world's first gene-edited babies veered off a traditional career path, keeping much of his research secret in pursuit of a larger goal — making history.

He Jiankui's outsized aspirations began to take shape in 2016, the year after another team of Chinese researchers sparked global debate with the revelation that they had altered the DNA of human embryos in the lab. He soon set his mind on pushing the boundaries of medical ethics even further.

The China-born, U.S.-trained scientist once confided to his former Stanford University adviser his interest in gene-edited babies. He told The Associated Press last month that he had been working on the experiment for more than two years — a period in which, by his own account, he concealed information from some medical staff involved in the research, as well as apparently from his own bosses.

He took advantage of the loosely worded and irregularly enforced regulations and generous funding available today in China, in some cases skirting even local protocols and possibly laws.

"The enormous ambition in China, the desire to be the first, collides



In this Oct. 10 photo, He Jiankui is reflected in a glass panel as he works at a computer at a laboratory in Shenzhen in southern China's Guangdong province.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

with the desire to create and enforce standards," said Jing-Bao Nie, an expert on Chinese bioethics at the University of Otago in New Zealand.

On the eve of an international gene-editing summit in Hong Kong this week, the 34-year-old scientist stunned the world by claiming he had used the powerful CRISPR gene-editing tool to alter the DNA of twin girls born earlier this month. His claim could not be independently confirmed, and it has not been published in a journal, but it drew swift outrage from both researchers and regulators.

Mainstream scientists in China and globally said the experiment should never have been tried.

"They chose to short-circuit the entire process. They went rogue," said Dr. Kiran Musunuru, a University of Pennsylvania gene-editing expert.

On Monday, China's National Health Commission ordered local officials in Guangdong province — which includes He's laboratory in Shenzhen — to investigate his actions. It was not clear if he could face criminal charges.

His career trajectory did not follow the expected script. He did not publish most of his earlier research on modifying mice and monkey DNA, as most scientists would have done. And the way he advanced his latest study included questionable decisions on secrecy and medical ethics.

"If you're going to do something this controversial and this early, and you want to be the leader of this movement, you want to do it in an exemplary way," said Dr. Eric Topol, who heads the Scripps Research Translational Institute in California.



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LOCAL & STATE

Cold weather passing through Bay

By Collin Breaux
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PANAMA CITY — A deep dip in the temperature has sent chills through Northwest Florida this morning.

“You definitely want to bundle up, especially in the morning hours,” said National

Weather Service meteorologist Jeanie McDermott.

A cold dry air mass that moved in from the north caused a freeze watch to be issued for the area. Inland portions of Bay County were expected to experience freezing temperatures of 32 degrees or less, while temperatures in the lower to upper 30s are

expected in coastal areas.

The NWS advised sensitive crops and plants might be damaged.

The cold front is part of seasonal weather variations this time of year, said McDermott. Whether more cold fronts will come through Bay County this winter is up in the air — there are equal chances of

temperatures being below and above normal, according to a three-month outlook from the Climate Prediction Center.

However, McDermott said the outlook is “experimental” and “not always accurate.”

Other parts of the Panhandle also were expected to be affected by the cold front, including Marianna and

Tallahassee. Temperatures are expected to warm throughout the week and heading into the weekend, with temperatures expected in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

“The chance of showers and thunderstorms will increase Friday night going into Saturday,” an online NWS Tallahassee post stated.

Hancock Whitney donates \$40K to county

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PANAMA CITY — Tuesday at the Bay County Courthouse, Ben Lee, market president of Hancock Whitney Bank, presented a novelty check to Bay County in an effort to aid in Hurricane Michael relief for county employees.

The giant check symbolized a \$40,000 donation from the organization, which will go into a foundation established by the county post-storm.

“The county has been greatly impacted and we appreciate everything they’re doing to hold our community together,” said Lee. “We wanted to reach out and help the community that has given so much to us over the years, and what better way to help our county government that has certainly had a lot of damage.”

Lee said the check was given in recognition of the work the county has done pre- and post-storm, and to ensure the needs of its employees are met.

“People have been scattered a bit, and we wanted to make certain that they have some of the relief effort as well,” he said.

The county has asked its employees to fill out surveys to help identify where there are needs, including house repairs and insurance deductibles.

“We have hundreds that are having some sort of troubles,” said Bay County Commission Chairman Philip “Griff” Griffiths. “We’re using all this money to try to help our employees to bridge this problem, these gaps that they’re having.”

According to Griffiths, the foundation will be maintained by appointees from the county and a county commissioner to ensure proper distribution of the funds.

“We have hundreds that are having some sort of troubles. We’re using all this money to try to help our employees to bridge this problem, these gaps that they’re having.”

Philip Griffiths

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CHIEF OF STAFF

Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis chooses Shane Strum

‘We’re here to stay’



James Johnson, owner of Fowhand Furniture, on Tuesday shows the parts of the building that were damaged by Hurricane Michael. After suffering damage from Michael, the store was able to reopen with some furniture slightly damaged and now heavily discounted.

[PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Fowhand Furniture reopens after Hurricane Michael

By Collin Breaux
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PANAMA CITY — A long-time furniture store in downtown Panama City recently reopened after cleaning up Hurricane Michael-related damage.

Fowhand Furniture on Harrison Avenue reopened Friday, after employees spent a month clearing debris. The roof and windows were damaged in the storm, and workers pulled 12-hour days to get the store up and running. James Johnson, the owner, had emergency money stashed away and kept up with workers’ hours and bought them food during the cleanup work.

“Customers can experience the process with us

from here on out,” said Johnson. “We’ve been here for 70 years and if we packed up and left that would be a big hole for a lot of us, because I’m from here. I just decided we needed to rebuild this store, not just for us, but for the community. This is an anchor. We have a lot of loyal customers and think of them as family.”

Customers have come in since the reopening to replace lost items or simply check on the familiar faces working there. Fowhand is selling mattresses, Florida-themed decorations, massage chairs and other items. Prices are marked down, and the items are a mix of new items and already existing items that

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Fowhand Furniture reopened Friday after sustaining damage from Hurricane Michael on Oct. 10.

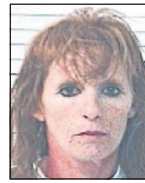
Charge dropped against bank robbery suspect

One man expected to change plea to guilty in case

By Zack McDonald
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Goff



Kennedy

PANAMA CITY — An alleged scout for a Panama City bank heist will have a charge against her dropped as the man accused of carrying out the robbery is

expected to change his plea to guilty, according to court documents.

Andrea Kennedy, 53, of Abbeville, Alabama, had been charged with bank

robbery by force when she was arrested in connection with the September 2017 robbery at Summit Bank, 101 W. 23rd St. in Panama City, along with 46-year-old John Lowell Goff. However, the charges against Kennedy have been dropped without prejudice by the U.S. Attorney’s Office after Goff and another man began pleading guilty to a bank-robbery spree in other areas of the

state, court records show.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle has agreed to drop the charges against Kennedy. On Thursday in Tallahassee, Goff is expected to plead guilty to his final charge of robbery of a bank by force for the Panama City robbery.

Goff and a conspirator, Lemuel Tony Davis, 43, of Eufaula, Alabama, pleaded

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OBITUARIES

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SAMANTHA B. JOHNSON

Samantha B. Johnson, 45, of Panama City, Florida, passed away Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018. She was born on July 29, 1973, in Panama City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Teddy M. Beck; and two sisters, Peggy Sue Moody and Malissa Waters.

Those left to cherish Samantha's memory include her loving children, Camellia Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Antonio Johnson and Samantha Johnson; her loving mother, Janice Beck; grandchildren, Nolan Johnson, Jiraiya Johnson, Aarias Johnson, Malayah Daniels, Aiyanna Johnson and Symirah Johnson; three brothers, Lamar Moody, John Moody and James Moody (Donna); two sisters, Angela Moody and Darlene Chenney (Jason); brother-in-law, Shawn Waters; a very special



friend, Aaron Bennett; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at Heritage Funeral Home. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

To extend condolences, please visit www.heritagefhllc.com.

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MARIE E. GLOR SMITH

May 4, 1927 – Nov. 22, 2018

Marie Smith, 91, of Bayou George, Florida, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, in Montgomery, Alabama, after a brief illness.

She was born in Attica, New York, to Allen Glor and Martha Schlenker Glor. Marie was a graduate of Alexander Central School, Alexander, New York.

Marie was predeceased by her husband, Norman J. Smith, Jr.; a brother, Leo Glor; granddaughter, Tricia Barfield Cecil; and a son-in-law, Jimmy Barfield. Marie raised six children in Bethany, New York: Carol Barfield of Panama City, Florida, Linda Duke (William) of Wetumpka, Alabama, Barbara Earle (David) of Batavia, New York, Robert Smith (Kim) of Warsaw, New York, Gerald Smith (Kathy) of Youngstown, Florida, and Kathleen Roush (Phil) of Youngstown, Florida. Marie also was the proud grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother of 32.

Marie also is survived by four sisters, Violet Glor Colton of Grass Valley, California,



Doris Glor Besok of Santee, South Carolina, Elma Glor Smith of LeRoy, New York, and Arlene Glor Teal of Angola, New York.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, in Bayou George Cemetery on Cemetery Road, Panama City, Florida, with the Rev. Jay Powell officiating.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, all memorials be made to Bayou George Baptist Church, 6227 County 2301, Panama City, FL 32404, in memory of Marie Smith.

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JOHN M. 'CHEECH' VUCICEVIC

John Vucicevic, 58, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, at Tidewell Hospice in Venice, Florida. John was born Feb. 25, 1960, to Andria and Helene Vucicevic in Gary, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; two sons, Evan and Andy; and his sister, Mira.



JEFFREY SCOTT STEPHENSON

A celebration of life service for Jeffrey Scott Stephenson, 72, of Panama City, Florida, who died Nov. 23, 2018, will begin at 4 p.m. Monday,

Dec. 3, 2018, at Heritage Funeral Home, with a reception to follow.

To extend condolences, visit www.heritagefhllc.com.

JULIE ANN WILSON

Julie Ann Wilson, 52, of Cleveland, North Carolina, passed away on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018.

She was born on April 5, 1966, in Scotland, to the late Allen and Sylvia Robinson Wilson. Julie was very generous and loved taking care of animals and helping people. She was a loving sister and aunt and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Julie is survived by her brother, Clive Wilson and his wife, Deborah; her significant other, Jeff Burton; nephew, Brandon Paduana and wife, Pamela; nieces, Tiffany Wilson and Amanda Wilson; and great-niece and great-nephew, Adrianna and Jacob Paduana.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Randy Sherrill officiating.



Inurnment will follow at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville, North Carolina.

The family will be holding a reception for family and friends immediately following the graveside service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your local Humane Society. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, North Carolina, is serving the Wilson family.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

LEROY FREDERICK FRENCH

Memorialization for LeRoy Frederick French, 84, of Panama City, Florida, who died Nov. 24, 2018, will be by cremation.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be

made to the Springfield Community Church Building Fund. To extend condolences, friends and family may visit the family home or visit www.heritagefhllc.com.

DON JERNIGAN

Funeral services for Don Jernigan, 78, of Panama City, Florida, who died Nov. 24, 2018, will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018,

at Heritage Funeral Home. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m.

To extend condolences, visit www.heritagefhllc.com.

SHIRLEY FOREHAND KINSEY

Memorial services for Shirley Forehand Kinsey, 71, of Panama City, Florida, who died Nov. 18, 2018, will begin at 10:30

a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at Living Word Fellowship.

To extend condolences, visit www.heritagefhllc.com.

RONALD CLAYTON 'RONNIE' RAFFIELD

Mr. Ronald Clayton "Ronnie" Raffield, 75, of Port St. Joe, Florida, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, in Port St. Joe.

Ronnie was born at home in Highland View to the late Capt. Carl and Laura Raffield. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe. Ronnie was a lifelong commercial fisherman and a founding member of Raffield Fisheries, Inc. in Port St. Joe. Ronnie loved fishing, crabbing and cookouts with his family and friends.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Carl Eugene Raffield. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Raffield; two sons, Tommy Humphrey and wife Stephanie, and Bink Norton and wife Kim; one daughter, Heather Sheppard and husband Al; two brothers, Harold Raffield and wife Sandra, and Danny Raffield and wife JoAnn; grandchildren, Trey and Kayla Humphrey, Thomas and Rachel Allen, Zane Sweazy, Savannah and Chase Ford, Brooklyn Sheppard, Alyson Sheppard and Lexi Combs; great-grandchildren, Clayton Humphrey, Aarsen Humphrey, Aiden Humphrey, Austen Allen and Aneyha

Allen; brothers-in-law, Perky White and wife Johanna White, Scott White and wife Amelia, Johnny White and wife Judy, and Mike White; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. EST Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at Oak Grove Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Scott White and Bro. Dave Fernandez officiating. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. EST prior to the services. Interment will be in Pleasant Rest Cemetery. The following gentlemen will serve as pallbearers: Chris King, Jason White, Zane Sweazy, Trey Humphrey, Greg Rutland, Bink Norton, Chase Ford, Daniel Raffield, Daniel Bronson, Jerry Branch and Tommy King.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Gideons International at <https://www.gideons.org/donate> in memory of Ronald Clayton Raffield. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted at www.southerlandfamily.com.

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MARIANN RITA BACEN

Mariann Rita Bacen, 80, of Panama City, Florida, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Bacen was a homemaker. Known as "Grandma B" to her grandchildren, "Groovy Grandma" to her great-grandchildren, and "Miss Glitz" to her friends, Mariann loved horses and dogs. She and her family went on many camping adventures from South Florida all the way to Washington state. She and Frank enjoyed traveling together and made trips to Germany, Ireland, Alaska, San Francisco, the Caribbean, and many other beautiful and interesting places. She enjoyed family gatherings and decorating for the holidays; Christmas was her favorite.

During her life, Mariann played accordion, organ, piano and autoharp, and wanted to learn to play guitar. In recent years, Mariann enjoyed attending Parkway Presbyterian and made many new church friends. She supported St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in her name.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Frank Bacen. Mrs. Bacen is survived by three children,



Vickie Lee (Gary), Mitch Bacen and Jeff Bacen; two grandchildren, David Lee and Katie Hill (Dub); two great-grandchildren, Cody Hill and Colton Hill; sister-in-law, Nancy Molledo (Ramon); best friend, Carol Forehand; and many extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at Parkway Presbyterian Church with Dr. Richard Connor officiating. Entombment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends and visitors from 1-2 p.m. immediately prior to the services at the church.

Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.kentforestlawn.com.

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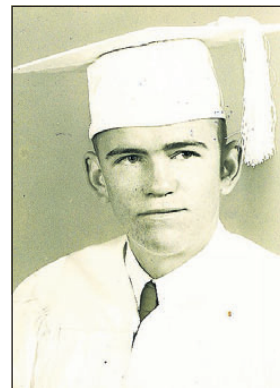
GEORGE COLEMAN GAY

George Coleman Gay, 82, of Panama City, Florida, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1936, in Geneva, Alabama, to William and Sarah Gay. He was the owner and operator of a heating and air conditioning business for 62 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Mary Nell Gay; his parents; and two brothers, Bill Gay and Mike Gay. He is survived by his daughter, Gladys Scollon; one grandson, William Scollon; and one brother, Jim Gay (Betty).

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at



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

Those desiring may make memorial donations to United Way in memory of George Gay.

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THOMAS HAMILTON WARNER

Thomas Hamilton Warner, 57, of Panama City Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, at his home. He was born on Oct. 9, 1961, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Warner. He is survived by his father, Bill Warner (Myrna Warner); brothers, Mark and Alan Warner, Michael and Oscar Wells; wife, Holly Johnstone Warner; sons, Josh Warner (Amber Kelly) and Will Mathis; and beloved granddaughter, Aaliyah Daughter.

Tom could do anything he set his mind to. He loved his family and his famous sunsets. His granddaughter was truly

the apple of his eye.

Tom's life would seem short to many, but those who knew him understood that to him the quality far exceeded the quantity of one's life. He fought so very hard to make that happen for the ones he cherished in his life.

At Tom's request, there will be a celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Vic's Sports Bar, 2727 Joan Ave., PCB, FL. As an avid APA pool player, he wanted everyone to play one on him.

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JAMES MATTHEW ANDERSON

James Matthew Anderson, 31, passed from this life Friday, Nov. 23, 2018. He was born in Panama City, Florida, on April 7, 1987, to James and Myrna Anderson.

Matthew was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Mary Williams, and Millard and Maggie Anderson; his uncle, Bobby Williams; and aunts, Aulene Turner and Patricia Whiddon. He is survived by his parents; his brother, Mark Anderson; sister-in-law, Bambie Anderson; nephew, Jase Anderson; aunt, Joanne Williams; uncles, Jimmy Williams,

Wayne Anderson and Winnon Anderson; and many, many cousins.

Matthew was loved by many friends and family and he would help anyone who needed help. He loved hunting deer and hog, and being out on the water. Matthew was the life of the party, and he never met a stranger. Matthew worked for the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, for more than 13 years. He loved his parents so much and valued everyone's friendship; he was there if you ever needed him, no questions asked. Matthew will be

missed very much. He might be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts and memories.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at Brown Funeral Home of Chipley, Florida. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018. Interment will be held at Gunlock Cemetery in Ebro, Florida.

Brown Funeral Home of Chipley, Florida, is in charge of arrangements.

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WILLIAM C. BROWN

William C. Brown, 81, of Lynn Haven, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, in his home.

He was born Oct. 22, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan, to William and Dorothy Brown. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a retired supervisor

for General Motors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 10 siblings. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Tierce Brown; son, Billy Brown and his wife, Ruth; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three siblings.

Memorial services will be held at a later date

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of William Brown.

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Funeral services for William Donald Walters, 84, of Chipley, Florida, who died Nov. 19, 2018, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at

First United Methodist Church of Chipley. Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. Memorialization will follow by cremation. Brown Funeral Home

is handling arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

KATHRYN KEMP ANDREWS

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GEORGE B. DOWLING

George B. Dowling, 91, of Panama City, Florida, passed away Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet D. Dowling; and his daughter, Hope Dowling Dinkins. He is survived by four children, Jan D. Turner, Claire D. Delmonago, Christopher A. Dowling and Joy D. St. Amant; 11 grandchildren, Eleanore Delmonago Paramore, Stefanie Delmonago, Anthony J. Delmonago, Jennie V. Turner, Lauren St. Amant Sauls,

Sarah Dowling Dixon, Aimee St. Amant Dale, Juliet Turner Rogers, Andrew T. St. Amant, Emily G. Dinkins and Caroline F. Dinkins; nine great-grandchildren; and brother, Dr. Glen Dowling.

Born in Bradenton, Florida, Mr. Dowling was a resident of Bay County, Florida, for more than 65 years. He moved here to accept a position at the Navy base, the then newly designated U.S. Navy Mine Countermeasures Station. Previous to this,

he served his country in the Navy for four years — two years at the end of World War II and two years during the Korean Conflict — and received his B.S. in chemistry (Emory University), his M.S. in physics (Florida State University) and completed doctoral work towards a Ph.D. in physics (Florida State University). During his 32-year career at the base, he was involved in mine countermeasures, special warfare, underwater acoustics, marine physics and diving. Mr.

Dowling's role in the concept and development of many of these systems was crucial to the Navy, especially in acoustic swimmer detection. He pioneered the concept of oceanographic research towers which led to location of the Navy's first oceanographic tower in Panama City. He originated the scientific engineering diving program at the base, known then as Coastal Systems Station (CSS), and was an aquanaut in Sealabs II & III. Mr. Dowling is the author

of more than 100 technical publications. After retirement from CSS, he continued to work for government contractors and eventually as an entrepreneur consulting for the Navy on a variety of topics. Mr. Dowling was a proponent of math and science education providing tutoring services to young students anytime requested.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at Alice's on Bayview, 1000 Bayview Ave. Anyone wishing to pay condolences

to the family may stop by between 2-4 p.m. with the eulogy being delivered at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to be made to the Museum of Man in the Sea in George's name. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted or viewed online at www.kentforestlawn.com.

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guilty to a bank-robbery spree between August and September 2017, during which the duo hit four banks spanning Citrus, Hernando and Hillsborough counties.

At one of the later scenes outside a Citrus County bank, Goff dropped his cellphone while leaving, allowing detectives to identify him.

About a week later at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 14, 2017, a man fitting Goff's description walked into Summit Bank in Panama City, demanded money and then fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The heist was similar in style to the previous three in the state, including the one where officers discovered Goff's cellphone. Authorities said they

believed Goff carried out the Summit Bank robbery while Kennedy's role was allegedly to help scout out the location.

Goff was apprehended as he fled the scene of a fifth robbery on Sept. 20, 2017, in Hernando County.

Police already had developed Kennedy as a suspect and coincidentally were speaking with her at the time officers in Hernando County arrested Goff. They reported that Kennedy helped scout the location, but it was unclear if she or another person assisted directly in the robbery, or if Goff carried it out on his own.

No other defendants were named in the Panama City case, court records indicate.

Goff previously had served 15 years in prison for robbing banks, officials reported. He faces 20 years for each of the five counts of bank robbery to which he is expected to plead guilty.

DeSantis chooses Strum as chief of staff

By Dara Kam

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — In the first of his high-profile administration hires, Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis on Monday tapped Shane Strum, a Broward County Republican who's worked for two other governors, to serve as his chief of staff.

Strum, who will begin in the post when DeSantis takes over as governor on Jan. 8, currently is an executive at Hollywood-based Memorial Healthcare System.

"I am very pleased to announce that Shane is returning to public service and bringing his expertise to our administration," DeSantis said in a statement. "Having spent many years in both the private and public sector, and previously serving two Florida governors, Shane will be a great addition to our team."

Strum also worked for former Gov. Charlie Crist, capping his tenure as chief of staff during Crist's final two years as governor. Strum also was an adviser to Gov. Rick Scott's transition team following Scott's election in 2010.

Heralded by supporters as a competent and loyal strategist, Strum also brings a strength as a relationship-builder to the inner sanctum of the newly minted governor. DeSantis, a former congressman, was a virtual unknown to most state lawmakers until his primary-election victory over Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam in August.

"The first chief of staff for a new governor, or a governor who is coming to Tallahassee with a fresh start or a fresh

face, you need somebody who's a steady hand. You need somebody who's loyal, who's going to be driving your agenda. And there's nobody better for taking the reins of the executive office of the governor and doing it in a way that's going to have Gov. DeSantis be positioned to succeed," Everglades Foundation CEO Eric Eikenberg, who was Strum's boss and preceded him as Crist's chief of staff, told The News Service of Florida.

The selection of Strum — a onetime head of the Broward County Young Republicans and a familiar entity to many legislative leaders and Capitol insiders, aides and lobbyists — could help the incoming governor establish a rapport with House and Senate members and build on relationships already developed by Lt. Gov.-elect Jeanette Nuñez, a former state representative.

"He's very strategic and smart about how to get things done and also forms great relationships with people. He's able to use those relationships to achieve his principal's goals," former U.S. Sen. George LeMieux, who served as Crist's chief of staff prior to Eikenberg, said in an interview. "I really don't think you will find anybody who has a bad word to say about Shane."

While DeSantis might be a relative stranger to legislators, Strum, 49, already has a decade-old bond with Senate President Bill Galvano. In the waning days of the Crist administration, Galvano worked to seal a gambling deal between the Legislature, the governor's office and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

"I always found him

to be extremely competent," Galvano, R-Bradenton, said. "He has a great demeanor. We developed a friendship at that time that has remained strong through the years. I think the governor-elect made a good choice. What it signals is that Gov.-elect DeSantis sees competence and he realizes that a competent chief of staff is going to help him carry out his agenda."

But newcomers might not want to misconstrue Strum's mild-mannered demeanor.

"He's a nice guy, but there's a lot of nice guys. You also have to be able to carry out objectives and be stern when you need to be. He's got all of that," Eikenberg said.

Strum is known for "integrity and loyalty," Eikenberg said.

"That's missing in today's body politics. That's missing in Tallahassee. And to have Gov.-elect DeSantis have a fresh start and have himself surrounded by a guy like Shane Strum, it's a great choice," he said.

Strum's expertise in health care, expected to be a prominent issue in the upcoming legislative session, includes an eight-year stint — from 2001 to 2009 — on the South Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners, which he also chaired. The hospital district, which operates under the Memorial Healthcare System moniker, is an independent special taxing district that includes hospitals across southern Broward County. Strum is now a senior vice president for the system.

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Former U.S. Sen. George LeMieux

box for a while," said Jan Gorrie, a hospital lobbyist who is the managing partner of the Ballard Partners lobbying firm's Tampa office. "I think if you want to get ahead of the curve on health care, then the South Broward Hospital District is the poster child."

After the federal government pared the amount of money it was sending to Florida to offset uncompensated care costs, Gorrie said it was Strum who helped blunt the impact of reductions to large safety-net providers, such as the hospitals in the Memorial system. She also said Strum was influential in the establishment of programs in southern Broward County to help treat opioid-addicted mothers.

Strum is an "excellent public servant" and "real professional" who will help DeSantis achieve his goals as governor without drawing attention to himself, said LeMieux.

"He's liked by and respected by everybody that he works with," LeMieux said. "He's tremendously effective, but he's not there to raise his own flag. He's there to help his principal."



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Senator takes aim again at garden regulations

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — After being unable to get the House to go along during the 2018 legislative session, state Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, will try again to prevent local governments from regulating homeowners' vegetable gardens.



Bradley

Bradley last week filed a bill (SB 82) that would largely bar regulations on vegetable gardens on residential property. The bill stems from a legal dispute between homeowners Hermine

Ricketts and Laurence Carroll and the Village of Miami Shores over an ordinance that banned front-yard vegetable gardens.

The couple had maintained a front-yard garden for almost two decades but uprooted their vegetables when faced with the possibility of fines.

They challenged the constitutionality of the ordinance but lost in court.

Bradley convinced the Senate during the 2018 session to approve a bill that would prevent such ordinances, but the measure did not pass the House.

The new bill is filed for the 2019 legislative session, which starts in March.

4 inmates sentenced for attack on officers

Staff report

MILTON — State Attorney Bill Eddins announced Tuesday that four inmates who attacked correctional officers have received the maximum sentence for their crime.

Santa Rosa County Circuit Judge John Simon sentenced Dukene Myrtil, Andre Williams, Markus Vincent and Johnslaw Sauvour to the maximum sentence they could each receive stemming from the Jan. 1 attack at Santa

Rosa Correctional Institution, according to a news release from the State Attorney's Office.

Each defendant was convicted on Oct. 11 of multiple charges following a jury trial.

Myrtil was sentenced as a habitual felony offender and as a prison releasee reoffender to life in prison with a 30 year mandatory minimum, consecutive to all other sentences he is now serving. He already is serving a life sentence in another case, the release said.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

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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.

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: Waterfront-markets.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.

Tuesday

ZUMBA GOLD: 9-10 a.m. at the Lyndell Conference Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach; full-body workout for all ages. Details: 850-236-3033

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Seagrass Village, 401 N. Alf Coleman Road, Panama City Beach. Free support group for patients, caregivers and family members of those diagnosed with dementia. Details: Vivian Smith, 850-625-0737

SANTA ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY: 5:30-8 p.m. at The Bay, 24215 State 331 S., Santa Rosa Beach. Bring your family and friends and get a free photo with Santa with the Choctawhatchee Bay in the background. Winter Wonderland includes holiday lights and snow.

Friday, Dec. 7

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

FREE WINE TASTING: 5-7 p.m. at Somethin's Cookin', 93 E. 11th St., Panama City, with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. Details: 850-769-8979

Saturday, Dec. 8

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.

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: Waterfront-markets.org

CHRISTMAS SALT AIR FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST in the City Commons at Port St. Joe.

CITY OF LYNN HAVEN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE: 10 a.m. along Florida Avenue in Lynn Haven. To enter the parade, visit CityOfLynnHaven.com to fill out the parade form.

JUST FOR KIDS — EASY HOLIDAY RECIPES: 1:30 p.m. at Somethin's Cookin', 93 E. 11th St., Panama City. Owner Hannelore Holland will teach children easy holiday recipes, such as crepes that can be stuffed with sweet or savory fillings. \$28.50 per child. Reservations: 850-769-8979

HOPE AND HEALING HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: 2 p.m. at Tommy Oliver Stadium in Panama City. Enjoy a Santa Station, food trucks, choirs and carols, a free toy giveaway for the first 1,000 children (under age 16), free DIY ornament station, free hot chocolate and cider, and more.

CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST: annual Christmas parade at 6 p.m. EST along Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe.

LEIGH NASH CONCERT: 7:30 p.m. at the Seaside Repertory Theatre, 216 Quincy Circle, Seaside. Tickets \$25. Details: LoveTheRep.com

AREA BRIEFS

BAY COUNTY Comcast: Downtown and Cove next for services, Callaway by Dec. 14

Comcast has provided an update for Bay County residents on when services are expected to be restored.

Crews are working throughout Callaway, and "pockets of customers" there already have had service restored, according to a release.

"Comcast expects to be able to restore service for the majority of its Callaway customers by December 14, with restoration of the Springfield and Millville areas to follow shortly thereafter," the update stated.

The Marianna and Sneads areas are reported to be fully restored, although "there might be small pocket outages or individual line issues that are tied to a specific address."

Network activation work is almost finished on the west side of Panama City, Lynn Haven, Pretty Bayou and Hiland Park, while crews are moving into the downtown and Cove neighborhood. Work on that remains to be done on the west side of Panama City, Lynn Haven, Pretty Bayou and Hiland Park areas.

The update also confirmed online comments saying debris removal trucks do "at times" bring down new lines if debris is piled high.

An Xfinity WiFi hot spot van will be coming to the Callaway area, with the location announced in the near future. It currently is in the Lynn Haven Walmart Supercenter parking lot daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As for WOW!, estimated restoration rates vary — Dec. 6, 7 and 8 for varying parts of Panama City, Dec. 7 for Cedar Grove and Dec. 14 for Parker and Callaway.

PANAMA CITY BEACH Sharky's donating Thursday proceeds to Empty Stocking Fund

Sharky's Beachfront Restaurant will donate 100 percent of its proceeds Thursday to The Salvation Army's Empty Stocking Fund.

Traditionally, the Empty Stocking Fund, which is a partnership between the Salvation Army, Bill Cramer Chevrolet Buick GMC and The News Herald, helps people in the Panama City area overcome hunger, homelessness and poverty, but this year it also will help those who have been affected by Hurricane Michael.

To date, The Salvation Army has provided more than 760,000 meals to Hurricane Michael survivors and responders.

Sharky's, 15201 Front Beach Road, will be open from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

PANAMA CITY Boil water notice issued after water main repairs

A precautionary boil water notice has been issued for residents living on West 27th Street between Frankford Avenue and Airport Road and Airport Road north of West 27th Street including side streets.

Because of emergency water main repairs on Tuesday, a loss of water pressure was experienced.

Therefore, a precautionary boil water notice has been issued for this area. You could experience discolored water for about 24 hours after water has been restored.

This boil water notice will remain in effect until a bacteriological survey shows the water is safe to drink.

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SPORTS



Gulf Coast's Jerrel Kelly tries to get by LB Wallace's Elijah Jones during Tuesday's game at the Billy Harrison Field House. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Rivera's 22 spurs Gulf Coast comeback

By Dustin Kent
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PANAMA CITY — Through the first 30 minutes of Tuesday night's home opener for Gulf Coast against Lurleen B. Wallace, it looked as though the Commodores' return to the Billy Harrison Field House after spending nearly the first month on the road might not have a happy ending.

Fortunately for the Commodores, they got a defensive spark from KK Godwin and some hot shooting from Reggie Rivera to avoid what could've been an embarrassing loss to a winless Saints squad.

Rivera scored 16 of his

game-high 22 points in the second half to lift Gulf Coast to 74-58 victory to improve to 7-3 on the season. The Saints dropped to 0-5. Rivera made three of his four 3-pointers during the final nine minutes of the game, a stretch in which the Commodores outscored LB Wallace 25-2 to turn a seven-point deficit into a 16-point win.

Gulf Coast coach Jay Powell said the 6-foot-5 sophomore Rivera gave him a little hint as to what he might do even before the game tipped off.

"In warm-ups, Reggie said, 'coach, I'm shooting it really well right now,'" he said. "It didn't necessarily

See COMEBACK, C3

Lady Commodores crush LB Wallace

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PANAMA CITY — Gulf Coast had to wait nearly a month to play a game on its home court this season. For the home fans in attendance, the Lady Commodores made it well worth the wait.

The Lady Commodores knocked in 14 threes and cruised past Lurleen B. Wallace 105-35 on Tuesday night at the Billy Harrison Field House, the first game in GC's home gym after renovations due to damage from Hurricane Michael kept them on the road for much of the season's first month.

Gulf Coast coach Ronnie Scovel said that just getting back into the familiar surroundings of a home basketball game was a big deal for her team, which has not only had to deal with the fallout from Hurricane Michael but also the death of sophomore forward Keshawn Johnson in a car accident in September.

"Oh my God, the atmosphere was great, it's a great crowd and a good event, good to get the community involved and socialize. We haven't had this," she said. "It's just been tragedy, the storm, displacements; tonight, to get back and feel some normalcy and some excitement was good."

Dominique Banks scored



Gulf Coast's Dominique Banks puts a shot in over a trio of LB Wallace defenders during Tuesday's game at the Billy Harrison Field House. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

18 points and Brittany Davis added 15 to lead the Lady Commodores, who improved to 5-1 on the season. Kaitlyn Watts and Nadia Marshall added 11 points each, while Naomi Mbandu, Reneasha Payton, and Alexus Dye all scored eight points.

It took very little time for

Gulf Coast to establish its dominance over the still-winless Saints (0-6), with a basket by Banks, a 3-pointer by Davis, and an offensive rebound and putback by Mbandu giving the Lady Commodores the first seven

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SEC REMATCH

Make no mistake, Georgia has eyed this rematch with mighty Alabama since last January. That's when the Crimson Tide pulled out a 26-23 overtime victory in the national championship game.



Oklahoma ahead of Ohio State in pivotal playoff rankings

By Ralph D. Russo
The Associated Press

Oklahoma was No. 5 in the pivotal second-to-last College Football Playoff rankings released Tuesday night, ahead of Ohio State heading into championship weekend when the final four will be set.

The biggest question facing the selection committee this week was how much to value Ohio State's 62-39 blowout of Michigan on Saturday. The answer: The Buckeyes moved up four spots but were still stuck behind the Sooners.

The top three teams in the selection committee's rankings, released Tuesday, held steady for a fourth straight week. Alabama, Clemson and Notre Dame — all unbeaten — are Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Georgia moved into the fourth spot that was previously occupied by Michigan, heading into its SEC championship game against Alabama. It's a given the SEC winner makes the playoff. Maybe the loser, too.

Notre Dame is already in the clubhouse at 12-0 and Clemson faces Pittsburgh in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. That leaves one spot very much in play.

Ohio State faces Northwestern (8-4) in the Big Ten championship in Indianapolis and Oklahoma rematches Texas (9-3) in the Big 12 title game in Arlington, Texas. The Longhorns handed the Sooners their only regular-season loss in October. Ohio State's lone loss was by 29 points at Purdue.

Can the Buckeyes vault past the Sooners if both win Saturday?

There is some precedent. In 2014, Ohio State beat Wisconsin 59-0 in the Big 12 championship game and jumped from sixth to fourth, passing co-Big 12 champions Baylor and TCU. The Buckeyes might need a similar performance to have a shot this time.

See RANKINGS, C3

Not that simple: Titans focus on trying to win a game

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Titans' playoff hopes are slim at best after losing five of their last seven games. So Tennessee's focus for December is simple. And desperate.

"Try to find a way to win a game. Put our full focus on the Jets," first-year head coach Mike Vrabel said Tuesday.

The Titans (5-6) had a chance to stay in the AFC South race, but disappointing performances resulted in a 38-10 thumping at Indianapolis last week and then a 34-17 loss in Houston on Monday night.

The back-to-back losses have dropped Tennessee three games behind Houston. Now five teams stand between the Titans and the second AFC wild-card slot that they squeezed into last season with a 9-7 record.

If that's not bad enough, Baltimore, Indianapolis and Miami all hold a crucial tiebreaker having beaten the Titans head-to-head.

"We can't think about no playoffs, no nothing, anything about health," safety Kevin Byard said after the loss in Houston. "The only thing in front of us is the New York Jets."

The Titans, who have lost five of their last seven, wrap up the regular season playing four of five at home. Three opponents currently are 3-8, starting with the Jets and followed by a matchup against the Jaguars on Dec. 5. Their lone road trip is a trip to New York against the Giants (3-8) on Dec. 16.

Sunday's game with the



Houston Texans outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus (59) celebrates after sacking Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota. [AP PHOTO/DAVID J. PHILLIP, FILE]

Jets will be only the Titans' third home game since the end of September.

"We got to give our fans something to cheer about," Vrabel said.

First, Tennessee needs to figure out how to give Mariota more time. No team has allowed more sacks this season than the Titans, and they gave up six to the Texans for a total of 39 through 11 games. Mariota has been sacked 35 times through 10 games and easily is on pace to top the 38 sacks in 12 games in his rookie season when Tennessee went 3-13.

The Titans wasted a franchise record performance by Mariota as the quarterback completed his first 19 passes and finished 22 of 23 for 303 yards with a 95.7 percent completion rate that was second only in NFL history to Phillip Rivers' mark of 96.6 percent set a day earlier.

Mariota said he can do a better job of helping his teammates.

"I was holding onto the ball a little too long," Mariota said. "I got us into negative situations taking some of these sacks. I'll look back at the film, I'll get better from it, and improve."

The Titans also gave up a season-worst 281 yards rushing. And a team that went to Houston with the second-fewest accepted penalties in the NFL racked up seven flags for 50 yards.

Now they face playing two games in the span of five days, their third in 11 days.

"It's all about us," Mariota said. "It's all about us taking care of our business and just focusing on what we can control."

Notes: Vrabel said CB Malcolm Butler (stinger) is in the concussion protocol. He said they hope to get WR Taywan Taylor (left foot) back this week, though S Dane Cruikshank should miss another week.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Who's happiest to see the 2018 season end?

GODSPEAK: Rookie of the Year William Byron gets my vote. You are handed the wheel of the iconic No. 24 Chevy and don't get a top-five finish? That is rough.
KEN'S CALL: Gotta go with Jimmie Johnson. It became apparent very early that the No. 48 team wasn't in gear, so he had to be thrilled to see the Homestead checkers.

On the other side, who's most looking forward to 2019?

GODSPEAK: Denny Hamlin saw his year-to-year winning streak come to a stop. He has stuff — a lot of stuff — to prove next season.
KEN'S CALL: I'm also gonna go with Jimmie Johnson on this one. Kevin Meendering will bring that "new crew-chief smell" to the team, and maybe that'll light the dormant spark.

FEUD OF THE YEAR

MARTIN TRUOX JR. VS. KYLE BUSCH

BUSCH: Two of the "Big 3" butted heads at the Bristol night race in August. Truex crashed out on Lap 432 after contact with Busch. You know it's big when loved ones step in.
GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: Truex had an extra week to stew about this incident with an open date after Bristol. Truex's girlfriend Sherry Pollex tweeted, "OMG I can't believe that just happened. Kyle Busch is a moron."

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR 2019

2019 CHAMPION: Kyle Busch
REST OF TOP 5: Erik Jones, Chase Elliott, Joey Logano, Kevin Harvick
FIRST ONE OUT: Ryan Newman
DARK HORSE: Kyle Larson
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Busch dominates the Cup Series from the opening bell. He is perfectly positioned for a second Cup championship.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The Pod Squad is back in full force and at full throttle ... just in time for the off-season!

Tune in online at www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths



THREE THINGS TO WATCH IN 2019



NASCAR tested the 2019 engine-aero package in the All-Star Race at Charlotte, won by Kevin Harvick. You can see the large rear spoiler used in that event during this Harvick pit stop. [AP/TERRY RENNA]

1. New package

NASCAR announced a new engine and aerodynamic package for tracks that measure 1.5-miles or longer and don't run restrictor plates. Engine horsepower will be knocked down from about 800 to 550 thanks to engine tapers, and the stock cars won't be as slick as in years past. They will run higher rear spoilers and have air-flow ducts in the front bumper. This was done with the hopes of tightening competition. Fingers crossed.

2. End of era

The restrictor-plate era is over. Well, almost. NASCAR will use the plates one last time in the Daytona 500, and then rely on engine tapers to limit the amount of air that gets to the engine. The plate

era started in 1988 after Bobby Allison's unrestricted engine sent him flying into the catch fence at Talladega at over 200 mph in 1987. After a 30-year (plus one race) run, the plate will go into the NASCAR history books.

3. Two new cars

Ford won't be selling the Fusion after 2019 and decided to use Mustang for its NASCAR Cup Series template next season. Ford hopes to avoid the pain endured by Chevy in 2018 when it swapped its proven SS for a Camaro and suffered its worst season ever. In the Xfinity Series, Toyota is pulling the Camry and reviving a sports-car model called the Supra, which has a pointy front nose.

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THREE THINGS WE LEARNED IN 2018

1. Fusion rules

Ford has been using the Fusion template since 2006, unlike Toyota and Chevy which went to newer models. Twelve years of research paid off as Ford won both the drivers' and manufacturers' NASCAR Cup Series championships. Fusion won 108 times before its retirement.



Joey Logano helped bring Ford back into focus by winning the 2018 NASCAR Cup Series championship. [NEWS-JOURNAL/NIGEL COOK]

only four races. The car lacked speed and handling from the get-go. It turned champions, such as Jimmie Johnson, into second-class racers.

3. Driver churn

Several drivers may have turned their last laps in Cup Series competition. Matt Kenseth came off the bench for 15 starts. Trevor Bayne doesn't have a ride for 2019. Neither does Jamie McMurray, AJ Allmendinger or Daniel Suarez. Kurt Busch's future isn't finalized yet.

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2. Tunnel numbers

Don't always trust those wind-tunnel numbers. Chevy thought it had a winner when Camaro made its debut this season, but won

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Why does your top-10 list for 2019 look very familiar?

The short answer is, it's safe to go with what you know. And you tend to know — or at least assume — that Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick will continue finding their way to the front until further notice. Having said that, here's something else we know: That top 10 list will likely look very different by the end of March. Even minor mechanical changes lead to big shakeups in the running order, year after year. Next year, major changes are coming, and nobody knows who will adjust best.

What? Morgan Shepherd news?

NASCAR's most famous start-and-parker, now 77, says he plans to make the Xfinity Series rounds again in 2019. He started 20 races this year but turned just 586 total laps. He put Landon Cassill in the car at Homestead for a handful of laps, and suggests that, yes, eventually the team would be better "with a younger driver." Younger than 77? Quick, someone find Geoff Bodine's helmet!

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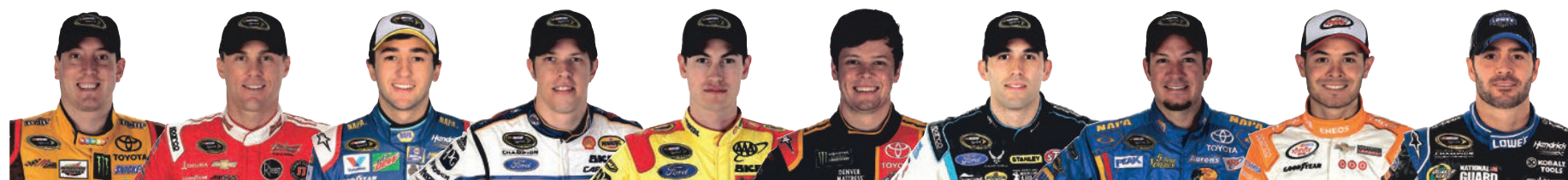
CUP STANDINGS

1. Joey Logano	5040
2. Martin Truex Jr.	5035
3. Kevin Harvick	5034
4. Kyle Busch	5033
5. Aric Almirola	2354
6. Chase Elliott	2350
6. Kurt Busch	2350
8. Brad Keselowski	2343
9. Kyle Larson	2299
10. Ryan Blaney	2298
11. Denny Hamlin	2285
12. Clint Bowyer	2272
13. Austin Dillon	2245
14. Jimmie Johnson	2242
15. Erik Jones	2220
16. Alex Bowman	2204
17. Ryan Newman	769
18. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	701
19. Paul Menard	692
20. Jamie McMurray	683

WHAT'S ON TAP

Upcoming racing events

- Nov. 29:** NASCAR Cup Series Awards Banquet, Wynn Las Vegas
- Dec. 7:** NASCAR Home Tracks Champions Awards, Charlotte Convention Center at the NASCAR Hall of Fame
- Dec. 8:** NASCAR Xfinity Series / NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Awards, Charlotte Convention Center at the NASCAR Hall of Fame
- Jan. 4:** Roar Before The Rolex 24, IMSA sports-car test session at Daytona (three days)
- Jan. 24:** Rolex 24 at Daytona (four days)
- Feb. 11:** Advance Auto Parts Clash (2018 Cup Series pole winners)
- Feb. 14:** Can-Am Duel at Daytona (Daytona 500 qualifying races)
- Feb. 15:** NextEra Energy Resources 250 (Ganders Outdoors Truck Series)
- Feb. 16:** PowerShares QQQ 300 (Xfinity Series)
- Feb. 17:** Daytona 500



KEN WILLIS' EARLY LOOK AT THE TOP 10 IN 2019

KYLE BUSCH Adding a wing to his trophy case	KEVIN HARVICK An elder statesman with horsepower	CHASE ELLIOTT Finally a winner, can he be a champ?	BRAD KESELOWSKI Was teammate's title a motivator?	JOEY LOGANO Multiple championships surely possible	ERIK JONES More progress expected, not guaranteed	ARIC ALMIROLA Suddenly he's a legit player	MARTIN TRUOX JR. No longer Mile High, but should still win	KYLE LARSON First things first, win races again	JIMMIE JOHNSON Expecting a rebound of some sort
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

2018 SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

- Feb. 11:** Clash at Daytona (Brad Keselowski)
- Feb. 15:** Can-Am Duel at Daytona (Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott)
- Feb. 18:** Daytona 500 (Austin Dillon)
- Feb. 25:** Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta (Kevin Harvick)
- March 4:** Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas (Kevin Harvick)
- March 11:** Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix (Kevin Harvick)
- March 18:** Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Martin Truex Jr.)
- March 26:** STP 500 at Martinsville (Clint Bowyer)
- April 8:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas (Kyle Busch)
- April 15:** Food City 500 at Bristol (Kevin Harvick)
- April 21:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Kyle Busch)
- April 29:** Geico 500 at Talladega (Joey Logano)

- May 6:** AAA 400 at Dover (Kevin Harvick)
- May 12:** Go Bowling 400 at Kansas (Kevin Harvick)
- May 19:** All-Star Race at Charlotte (Kevin Harvick)
- May 27:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (Kyle Busch)
- June 3:** Pocono 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)
- June 10:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Clint Bowyer)
- June 24:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (Martin Truex Jr.)
- July 1:** Chicago 400 at Chicagoland (Kyle Busch)
- July 7:** Coke Zero 400 at Daytona (Erik Jones)
- July 14:** Quaker State 400 at Kentucky (Martin Truex Jr.)
- July 22:** New Hampshire 300 at Pocono (Kevin Harvick)
- July 29:** Pennsylvania 400 (Kevin Harvick)
- Aug. 5:** 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen (Chase Elliott)
- Aug. 12:** Pure Michigan 400 (Kevin Harvick)

- Aug. 18:** Night Race at Bristol (Kurt Busch)
- Sept. 2:** Southern 500 at Darlington (Brad Keselowski)
- Sept. 10:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis (Brad Keselowski)
- Sept. 16:** Las Vegas 400 (Brad Keselowski)
- Sept. 22:** Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond (Kyle Busch)
- Sept. 30:** Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course (Ryan Blaney)
- Oct. 7:** Delaware 400 at Dover (Chase Elliott)
- Oct. 14:** Alabama 500 at Talladega (Aric Almirola)
- Oct. 21:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas (Chase Elliott)
- Oct. 28:** First Data 500 at Martinsville (Joey Logano)
- Nov. 4:** Texas 500 (Kevin Harvick)
- Nov. 11:** Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix (Kyle Busch)
- Nov. 18:** Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead (Joey Logano)

PREP ROUNDER

Rutherford rolls over Niceville

The News Herald

PANAMA CITY — Justin Martin scored 23 points for the Rutherford boys basketball team on Tuesday night to lift the Rams to an 84-64 victory over Niceville in their regular season debut.

Jermaine Daniels added 16 points for the Rams and Lavar Hills scored 15 points. Rutherford will next play Friday at Fort Walton Beach.

Franklin County 62, NBH 56

PANAMA CITY — Michael McLaughlin and Wesley Wilmot each scored 17 points to lead the Buccaneers in the loss, with Corey Turner and Wade Wilmot both adding eight points. The Bucs (0-1) next play Dec. 3 at South Walton, while the Seahawks (1-0) are home Friday for Arnold.

Freeport 62, Bozeman 32

SAND HILLS — Jaidon Dorsey and Logan Cox each had seven points for the Bucks in their season-opening loss. Kayden Inns had 16 points to lead Freeport. The Bucks next play Thursday at Arnold.

Walton 66, Arnold 62

PANAMA CITY BEACH — Zack Sinclair and Manny Echeverry each scored 21 points to lead the Marlins in the season-opening loss, with Chandler Taylor adding 12. Arnold will next play host to Bozeman on Thursday before playing at Franklin County on Friday.

Bay 53, Graceville 46

GRACEVILLE — Samuel Compere scored 18 points to lead the Tornados to the win in their regular season opener, with Jeremiah Hudson adding 15 points, and Jhykeith Holton eight. Bay next plays Dec. 3 at Crestview.

Girls basketball

Mosley 57, Rutherford 19

LYNN HAVEN — Mattie Towson led the Dolphins with 18 points, five assists, and four rebounds, while Ladai-izha Taylor had 14 points, four rebounds, and five steals. Jalei Jomalon added 10 points, five rebounds, and five steals, with Ja'Mya Broglen contributing eight points, 10 assists, and four rebounds. The Dolphins (1-1) next play Thursday at Dothan. The Rams (0-2) are at home Friday for Wewahitchka.

NBH 45, Franklin County 16

PANAMA CITY — The Buccaneers picked up their second win of the season, with Jamesha King leading the way with 16 points. Shanelle Grant added nine points and Aaliyah Bell had seven. Jahneese Braithwaite and Hannah Sweet each had five points for the Seahawks. The Bucs (2-1) next play Dec. 3 at South Walton, while the Seahawks (0-1) are at Wakulla on Dec. 3.

Boys soccer

Arnold 6, Wakulla 0

CRAWFORDVILLE — Seth Ward and Ben Lebdaoui each had a hat trick to lead the Marlins, who improved to 3-0 on the season. Alex Downing, Liam Kearns, Diego Nunez, Taylor Bradley, and Braden Masker each had assists. Arnold next plays Friday against Mosley at Gavlak Stadium.

Girls soccer

Rutherford 3, Baker 1

SPRINGFIELD — Lameriah McCloud, Kiera Banton, and Lindsey Holmes scored goals for the Rams to take the victory in their season debut. Rutherford will next play host to Freeport on Thursday.



Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray (1) scrambles against Texas during the first half at the Cotton Bowl, Oct. 6 in Dallas. The Sooners face Texas in the Big 12 championship game on Saturday. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

RANKINGS

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What else could make for mystery heading into selection Sunday?

MAXIMUM OUTRAGE

The defense-smitten committee could be presented with an alternative option for the fourth spot depending on how things go in the SEC championship game. It will drive fans outside of SEC country out of their minds, but Alabama seems like a lock to make the playoff even if it loses — barring some kind of epic beatdown of the Tide by the Bulldogs in Atlanta. Note: Alabama has never lost a game by more than 14 points under Nick Saban.

What will make SEC haters even angrier: What if Alabama beats Georgia 31-28 on a last-play field goal and the committee is so impressed with the Bulldogs they just throw them in there at No. 4, despite the two losses and lack of a conference championship?

That seems extreme considering the committee has yet to include a two-loss team in the playoff, bypassing ones with conference championships for one-loss teams without. But if Ohio State and/or Oklahoma are unimpressive winners on Saturday — or they both lose — the CFP could have two SEC teams in it for the second straight season. And, just to make even more people angry, Notre Dame's inclusion would mean three of the Power Five conference would not be represented.

Tiger's Tour Championship win changes conversation

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — The first stop is Sam Snead and his 82 career PGA Tour victories.

The ultimate stop is Jack Nicklaus and his 18 majors, the gold standard in golf.

Both milestones are now in play for Tiger Woods, which is not to suggest they are within reach. That they are at least a topic of conversation is a victory in itself considering it took four back surgeries — the last one to fuse his lower spine — for Woods to even compete again.

And then he took hopes to another level by winning the Tour Championship for his 80th career tour victory.

"I know I can win tournaments again," Woods said Tuesday.

His next chance is at

the Hero World Challenge this week, an unofficial event that counts only in the world ranking, his bank account and his confidence. More curious is what Woods will do in 2019 and for how much longer.

He turns 43 at the end of the year, and with age comes a dose of practical thinking.

His expectations are high by his standards. Given the level of attention he draws, the expectations of everyone around him are sure to be much higher. He was asked if he was close to having the same expectations he did 15 years ago.

"It's not the same. It never will be. I'll never feel that again," he said. "To be what, 28 years old? Physically, I'll never be like that. So expectations are different than they used to be, for sure. Now, can I still win? Can I still compete? Yes. Can I do it for the next 20 years? No.

Because that's not realistic."

Indeed, his expectations at the peak of his career were far different.

"Just win. Win everything," he said. "Because I felt like I could."

And now he knows he can win again, a process that took two weeks short of a full year.

It began in early October a year ago when he posted a short video of a slow, full swing that was the first sign he could return. He was No. 1,199 in the world ranking when he played his holiday event in the Bahamas last year. He twice had a chance to win on the back nine in Florida. He had the lead on Sunday in a major at Carnoustie, and he challenged Brooks Koepka to the finish at Bellerive in the PGA Championship. He went from being a vice captain to a captain's pick in the Ryder Cup.

CRUSH

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points of the game 96 seconds in.

Back-to-back threes by Mbandu put GC up 13-3, with a putback by Banks, a transition layup by Davis, and a 3-pointer from Astou Gaye making it 20-6 midway through the first quarter. Two straight buckets inside by Banks, a steal and layup by Davis, and a basket in the paint by Dye capped off a 16-0 run to put the Lady Commodores up 29-6.

The barrage continued to finish the quarter, with two more threes from Diéné Diané and Marshall followed by a steal by Teiyahna Hutchinson and a buzzer-beating layup by Marshall making it 40-7 after one quarter.

Many of the Gulf Coast reserves got into the act in the second quarter, with Watts and Savannah Slade knocking in consecutive triples to give the Lady Commodores a 54-15 edge with 3:05 until halftime. Two more threes from Gaye and Diané, four straight baskets in the paint by Banks, another 3-pointer



Gulf Coast's Brittany Davis plays is defended by LB Wallace's Kesijah Wilcher. Davis scored 15 points in the Lady Commodores' victory. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

from Davis, and two more buckets inside by Dye gave the Lady Commodores an 83-13 lead with 3:10 left in the third quarter.

There was something for everyone in a Gulf Coast uniform, as all 13 Lady Commodores players played and all 13 scored.

"For the most part it was pretty much a flawless game," Scovel said. "Everybody got to play. I would say the subs probably got more minutes than the starters, which is good. Everyone was hitting threes. I thought the young

ladies did a great job utilizing the clock and getting good looks. It was a great win tonight."

LB WALLACE (35)
Miller 1 0-0 2, Dark 0 0-0 0, Wilcher 0 0-0 0, Turner 0 0-0 0, Westbrook 0 1-2 1, Crittendon 1 0-0 2, Clayton 8 1-1 21, Nesbit 3 1-1 9. Totals: 13 3-5 35.
GULF COAST (105)
Farcy 1 0-0 2, Watts 5 0-0 11, Dye 4 0-0 8, Kinsey 0 1-2 1, Hutchinson 2 1-2 5, Marshall 5 0-0 11, Payton 3 0-0 8, Diané 2 0-0 6, Davis 6 0-0 15, Slade 2 1-2 6, Banks 9 0-2 18, Mbandu 3 0-1 8, Gaye 2 0-0 6. Totals: 44 3-9 105.
LB Wallace 7 8 8 12 — 35
Gulf Coast 40 20 30 15 — 105
3-point field goals: Gulf Coast 14 (Davis 3, Payton 2, Diané 2, Mbandu 2, Gaye 2, Watts, Marshall, Slade), LB Wallace 6 (Clayton 4, Nesbit 2). Total fouls: Gulf Coast 9, LB Wallace 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

COMEBACK

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come to fruition in the first half, but in the second half it did and carried over and we're glad Reggie was able to be so successful."

The Commodores were in desperate need of a spark after a 13-2 run by LB Wallace to close the first half put the Saints in front 45-28 at the break. An offensive rebound and putback by Roger Davis opened the scoring in the second half and put the margin at 19.

Godwin helped get the Commodores going with steals on three consecutive possessions, converting two into layups of his own and another into a fastbreak dunk by Jerrel Kelly to cut the deficit to 47-40.

The margin remained seven at 56-49 when Rivera heated up, making a 3-pointer to cut it to four and another later to tie it up 58-58 with 5:35 remaining. A thunderous one-handed dunk by Maurice Gordon put Gulf Coast ahead for good moments later, with Rivera blocking a 3-point attempt on the next Saints possession and knocking down another three at the other end to make it 63-58



Gulf Coast's Jacolbey Owens is defended by LB Wallace's Antonio Buckley. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

with 4:20 to play.

A dribble pull-up jumper by Godwin and a 3-pointer by Kelly extended the Commodores' lead to 10 with 3:02 remaining. Kelly finished with 14 points, while Gordon had 13, and Godwin 12. Cameron Holden scored nine points.

While the red-hot shooting of Rivera pushed Gulf Coast across the finish line, Powell said it was at the other end of the court where the Commodores were able to turn the game around.

"Our man press in the full court was very effective in the second half," he said. "We were able to force 16 turnovers in the second half alone.

Many of those resulted in us getting easier buckets than the ones we were trying to get in the first half. It was a very good job by the men to turn our defense into offense."

Davis and Yuseff Carpenter were the two leading scorers for LB Wallace with 13 points apiece.

LB WALLACE (58)
Davis 6 0-0 13, Palmer 1 0-0 3, Collins 2 0-0 4, Buckley 2 0-0 6, Carpenter 5 0-0 13, Aaron 2 1-2 6, Jones 2 0-0 4, Drish 2 0-0 5, Mack 1 0-0 2, Smith 1 0-0 2. Totals: 24 1-2 58.
GULF COAST (74)
Godwin 5 2-2 12, Gordon 5 1-4 13, Owens 1 2-6 4, Holden 3 3-8 9, Kelly 6 0-0 14, Rivera 7 4-4 22. Totals: 27 12-24 74.
Halftime — LB Wallace 45, Gulf Coast 28
3-point field goals: LB Wallace 9 (Carpenter 3, Buckley 2, Davis, Palmer, Aaron, Drish), Gulf Coast 8 (Rivera 4, Kelly 2, Gordon 2). Total fouls: LB Wallace 19, Gulf Coast 4. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

SCOREBOARD

ON THE AIR

Today
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
5:30 p.m.
FS1 [–] Miami (OH) at Xavier
SEC [–] Eastern Kentucky at Tennessee
6 p.m.
CBSSN [–] Richmond at Georgetown
6:15 p.m.
ESPN2 [–] Syracuse at Ohio State
ESPNU [–] Rutgers at Miami
6:30 p.m.
ESPN [–] Virginia at Maryland
7 p.m.
FS2 [–] Cleveland State at Depaul
7:30 p.m.
FS1 [–] Montana at Creighton
SEC [–] Monmouth at Kentucky
8:15 p.m.
ESPN2 [–] Purdue at Florida State
ESPNU [–] Georgia Tech at Northwestern
8:30 p.m.
ESPN [–] North Carolina at Michigan
GOLF
8:30 p.m.
GOLF [–] European Tour Golf, Australian

PGA Championship, first round, Queensland
2:30 a.m. (Thursday)
GOLF [–] European Tour Golf, Mauritius Open, first round, Mauritius
NBA
6 p.m.
NBA [–] New York at Philadelphia
9 p.m.
NBA [–] Orlando at Portland
NHL
6 p.m.
NBCSN [–] St. Louis at Detroit
8:30 p.m.
NBCSN [–] Pittsburgh at Colorado
SOCCER
11:55 a.m.
TNT [–] UEFA Champion League, Atletico Madrid vs. Monaco
1 p.m.
FS2 [–] U-17 Women's World Cup, Semifinals, New Zealand vs. Spain
2 p.m.
TNT [–] UEFA Champions League, Tottenham vs. Inter Milan
4 p.m.
FS2 [–] U-17 Women's World Cup, Semifinals, Canada vs. Mexico

ODDS

PREGAME.COM LINE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Today		
at Milwaukee	13½	229 Chicago
at Philadelphia	12½	227½ New York
at Charlotte	12½	233 Atlanta
at Brooklyn	Off	Off Utah
at Minnesota	4½	217½ San Antonio
at Houston	Off	Off Dallas
at Oklahoma City	13	216 Cleveland
at New Orleans	6	241½ Washington
at Portland	Off	Off Orlando
at L.A. Clippers	12	227½ Phoenix

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today		
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Georgia St.	2	at Tulane
at Xavier	12	Miami Ohio
Kent St.	4	at Detroit
at Georgetown	10½	Richmond
Bradley	4½	at IUPUI
at Marshall	8½	William & Mary
at Miami	12	Rutgers
at Mississippi	6	San Diego
at Ohio State	4	Syracuse
at Old Dominion	3½	VCU
at Rhode Island	9	Brown
at St. Joseph's	9½	Ill.-Chicago
Virginia	4	at Maryland
at DePaul	17	Cleveland St.
at Evansville	3½	Wyoming
BYU	1½	at Illinois St.
at Southern Miss.	7	South Alabama
at Texas State	10½	Rice
at Green Bay	1½	N. Illinois
at Florida St.	3½	Purdue
at Michigan	2½	North Carolina
at Northwestern	7½	Georgia Tech
at Colorado	15	Portland
at Utah St.	9	N. Iowa
at UCLA	15½	Hawaii
Missouri St.	1	at Air Force
at St. Mary's Calif.	4½	UC Irvine
at Fresno St.	9½	Pacific
Indiana St.	7	at San Jose St.
at UNLV	5½	Valparaiso
at Southern Calif.	13½	Long Beach St.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Today			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Florida	Off	Anaheim	Off
St. Louis	-116	at Detroit	+106
at Toronto	Off	San Jose	Off
at Calgary	Off	Dallas	Off
at Colorado	Off	Pittsburgh	Off

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Buffalo	4	3	49	N. Illinois
Washington	3½	5	44½	Utah

Saturday				
at Middle Tenn.	1½	1	45	UAB
at UCF	7	3	65	Memphis
Oklahoma	4½	7½	78	Texas
at Appalachian St.	.19	18½	59	ULL
Alabama	10½	13	63½	Georgia
at Boise St.	2½	2½	50½	Fresno St.
Clemson	22½	26½	53	Pittsburgh
Ohio State	13	14	60½	Northwestern
at N.C. State	25	24	60½	East Carolina
at Virginia Tech	4½	4½	53	Marshall
at So. Carolina	28	28½	56	Akron
Stanford	2	2½	48½	at California

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Thursday				
FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
New Orleans	7	7	53	at Dallas

Sunday				
Indianapolis	3	4	47½	at Jacksonvil
at Pittsburgh	5	3½	51½	L.A. Chargers
Carolina	4	3½	56	at Tampa Bay
Baltimore	2½	1	49	at Atlanta
at Houston	6½	6	47½	Cleveland
at Miami	6½	5½	40½	Buffalo
Chicago	3	Off	Off	at N.Y. Giants
Denver	3½	4½	42½	at Cincinnati
L.A. Rams	6	10	54½	at Detroit
at Green Bay	11	14½	45	Arizona
Kansas City	13½	15	55½	at Oakland
at Tennessee	9½	9½	40½	N.Y. Jets
at New England	5½	6	48½	Minnesota
at Seattle	8	10	46	San Fran.

Monday				
at Philadelphia	6½	6½	44	Washington

Updated odds available at Preadgame.com

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

All times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD
New England	8	3	0	.727	307	249	All times Eastern (Subject to change)	10-2
Miami	5	6	0	.455	223	283	Friday's Games	12-0
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	161	272	MIDWEST	12-0
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	221	281	MAC Championship: Buffalo (10-2) vs. N. Illinois (7-5) at Detroit, 7 p.m.	12-0
SOUTH								
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD	
Houston	8	3	0	.727	273	222	Pac-12 Championship: Utah (9-3) vs. Washington (9-3) at Santa Clara, Calif., 8 p.m.	11-1
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	325	273	Saturday's Games	11-1
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	195	223	SOUTH	11-1
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	197	243	La.-Lafayette (7-6) at Appalachian St. (9-2), noon	11-1
NORTH								
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD	
Pittsburgh	7	3	1	.682	316	249	East Carolina (3-8) at NC State (8-3), noon	11-1
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	271	198	Akron (4-7) at South Carolina (6-5), noon	11-1
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	276	347	Marshall (8-3) at Virginia Tech (5-6), noon	11-1
Cleveland	4	6	1	.409	253	283	Conference USA Championship: UAB (9-3) at Middle Tennessee (8-4), 1:30 p.m.	11-1
WEST								
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD	
Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	404	294	Norfolk St. (4-6) at Liberty (5-6), 2 p.m.	11-1
L.A. Chargers	8	3	0	.727	307	219	American Athletic Championship: Memphis (8-4) at UCF (11-0), 3:30 p.m.	11-1
Denver	5	6	0	.455	252	252	SEC Championship: Georgia (11-1) vs. Alabama (12-0) at Atlanta, 4 p.m.	11-1
Oakland	2	9	0	.182	187	327	SWAC Championship: Southern U. (7-3) at Alcorn St. (8-3), 4:30 p.m.	11-1

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	234	213	ACC Championship: Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Clemson (12-0) at Charlotte, N.C., 8 p.m.	11-1
Washington	6	5	0	.545	220	229	MIDWEST	11-1
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	230	253	Drake (7-3) at Iowa St. (7-4), 2 p.m.	11-1
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	237	288	Big Ten Championship: Northwestern (8-4) vs. Ohio St. (11-1) at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.	11-1
SOUTH								
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD	
New Orleans	10	1	0	.909	409	256	SOUTHWEST	11-1
Carolina	6	5	0	.545	287	282	Big 12 Championship: Texas (9-3) vs. Oklahoma (11-1) at Arlington, Texas, noon	11-1
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	280	307	FAR WEST	11-1
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	294	338	Mountain West Championship: Fresno St. (10-2) at Boise St. (10-2), 7:45 p.m.	11-1
NORTH								
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD	
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	317	211	Stanford (7-4) at California (7-4), 3 p.m.	11-1
Minnesota	6	4	1	.591	265	246	FCS PLAYOFFS	11-1
Green Bay	4	6	1	.409	264	267	Second Round	11-1
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	238	286	Jacksonville St. (9-3) at Maine (8-3), noon	11-1
WEST								
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	SCHEDULE	RECORD	
L.A. Rams	10	1	0	.909	389	282	James Madison (9-3) at Colgate (9-1), 1 p.m.	11-1
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	276	243	Wofford (9-3) at Kennesaw St. (10-1), 2 p.m.	11-1
Arizona	2	9	0	.182	155	293	Montana St. (8-4) at N. Dakota St. (11-0), 3 p.m.	11-1
San Francisco	2	9	0	.182	239	293	Duquesne (9-3) at S. Dakota St. (8-2), 3 p.m.	11-1

WEEK 12

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

Nov. 25
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 21
Buffalo 24, Jacksonville 11
L.A. Chargers 45, Arizona 10
Indianapolis 27, Miami 24
Denver 24, Pittsburgh 17
Minnesota 24, Green Bay 17

Monday's Game
Houston 34, Tennessee 17

Open: L.A. Rams, Kansas City

WEEK 13

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

Sunday's Games
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.

LATE MONDAY

TENNESSEE	10	0	7	0-17
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HOUSTON

7	17	3	7-34
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First Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 31, 11:47.
Ten—J.Smith 61 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 9:21.
Hou—D.Thomas 12 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 5:21.

Second Quarter
Hou—Watson 15 run (Fairbairn kick), 14:53.
Hou—Miller 97 run (Fairbairn kick), 9:22.
Hou—FG Fairbairn 43, :00.

Third Quarter
Hou—FG Fairbairn 47, 8:53.
Ten—Davis 48 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), :13.

Fourth Quarter
Hou—D.Thomas 10 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 8:15.
A—71,826.

HOUSTON

Today		
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	12½	233 Atlanta
at Charlotte	12½	233 Atlanta
at Brooklyn	Off	Off Utah
at Minnesota	4½	217½ San Antonio
at Houston	Off	Off Dallas
at Oklahoma City	13	216 Cleveland
at New Orleans	6	241½ Washington
at Portland	Off	Off Orlando
at L.A. Clippers	12	227½ Phoenix

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today		
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Georgia St.	2	at Tulane
at Xavier	12	Miami Ohio
Kent St.	4	at Detroit
at Georgetown	10½	Richmond
Bradley	4½	at IUPUI
at Marshall	8½	William & Mary
at Miami	12	Rutgers
at Mississippi	6	San Diego
at Ohio State	4	Syracuse
at Old Dominion	3½	VCU
at Rhode Island	9	Brown
at St. Joseph's	9½	Ill.-Chicago
Virginia	4	at Maryland
at DePaul	17	Cleveland St.
at Evansville	3½	Wyoming
BYU	1½	at Illinois St.
at Southern Miss.	7	South Alabama
at Texas State	10½	Rice
at Green Bay	1½	N. Illinois
at Florida St.	3½	Purdue
at Michigan	2½	North Carolina
at Northwestern	7½	Georgia Tech
at Colorado	15	Portland
at Utah St.	9	N. Iowa
at UCLA	15½	Hawaii
Missouri St.	1	at Air Force
at St. Mary's Calif.	4½	UC Irvine
at Fresno St.	9½	Pacific
Indiana St.	7	at San Jose St.
at UNLV	5½	Valparaiso
at Southern Calif.	13½	Long Beach St.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

PLAYOFF RANKINGS

WEEK 5	RECORD
1. Alabama	12-0
2. Clemson	12-0
3. Notre Dame	12-0
4. Georgia	11-1
5. Oklahoma	11-1
6. Ohio State	11-1
7. Michigan	10-2
8. Central Florida	11-0
9. Florida	9-3
10. Louisiana State	9-3
11. Washington	9-3
12. Penn State	9-3
13. Washington State	10-2
14. Texas	9-3
15. Kentucky	9-3
16. West Virginia	8-3
17. Utah	9-3
18. Mississippi State	8-4
19. Texas A&M	8-4
20. Syracuse	9-3
21. Northwestern	8-4
22. Boise State	10-2
23. Iowa State	7-4
24. Missouri	8-4
25. Fresno State	10-2

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 SCHEDULE

Friday
No. 10 Washington vs. No. 17 Utah, Pac-12 championship at Santa Clara, Calif., 8 p.m.

Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Georgia, SEC championship at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
No. 2 Clemson vs. Pittsburgh, ACC championship at Charlotte, N.C., 8 p.m.
No. 5 Oklahoma vs. No. 9 Texas, Big 12 championship at Arlington, Texas, noon
No. 6 Ohio State vs. No. 21 Northwestern, Big Ten championship at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
No. 7 UCF vs. Memphis, AAC championship, 3:30 p.m.
No. 19 Boise State vs. No. 25 Fresno State, MWC championship, 7:45 p.m.
No. 24 Iowa State vs. Drake, noon

SCHEDULE

All times Eastern (Subject to change)

Friday's Games
MIDWEST
MAC Championship: Buffalo (10-2) vs. N. Illinois (7-5) at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Pac-12 Championship: Utah (9-3) vs. Washington (9-3) at Santa Clara, Calif., 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games
SOUTH
La.-Lafayette (7-6) at Appalachian St. (9-2), noon
East Carolina (3-8) at NC State (8-3), noon
Akron (4-7) at South Carolina (6-5), noon
Marshall (8-3) at Virginia Tech (5-6), noon
Conference USA Championship: UAB (9-3) at Middle Tennessee (8-4), 1:30 p.m.
Norfolk St. (4-6) at Liberty (5-6), 2 p.m.
American Athletic Championship: Memphis (8-4) at UCF (11-0), 3:30 p.m.
SEC Championship: Georgia (11-1) vs. Alabama (12-0) at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
SWAC Championship: Southern U. (7-3) at Alcorn St. (8-3), 4:30 p.m.
ACC Championship: Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Clemson (12-0) at Charlotte, N.C., 8 p.m.

MIDWEST
Drake (7-3) at Iowa St. (7-4), 2 p.m.
Big Ten Championship: Northwestern (8-4) vs. Ohio St. (11-1) at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

SOUTHWEST
Big 12 Championship: Texas (9-3) vs. Oklahoma (11-1) at Arlington, Texas, noon

FAR WEST
Mountain West Championship: Fresno St. (10-2) at Boise St. (10-2), 7:45 p.m.
Stanford (7-4) at California (7-4), 3 p.m.

FCS PLAYOFFS
Second Round
Jacksonville St. (9-3) at Maine (8-3), noon
James Madison (9-3) at Colgate (9-1), 1 p.m.
Wofford (9-3) at Kennesaw St. (10-1), 2 p.m.
Montana St. (8-4) at N. Dakota St. (11-0), 3 p.m.
Duquesne (9-3) at S. Dakota St. (8-2), 3 p.m.
SE Missouri (9-3) at Weber St. (9-2), 4 p.m.
Nicholls St. (9-3) at E. Washington (9-2), 5 p.m.
N. Iowa (7-5) at UC Davis (9-2), 7 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION				
Toronto	17	4	.810	—
Philadelphia	14	8	.636	3½
Boston	11	10	.524	6
Brooklyn	8	13	.381	9
New York	7	15	.318	10½
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
Charlotte	10	10	.500	—
Orlando	10	11	.476	½
Washington				

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. North Carolina brings back Mack Brown

Mack Brown is North Carolina's new football coach in a second stint with the Tar Heels.

The school officially announced the move in a news release Tuesday morning. Financial and contract terms were not immediately available, though the school has scheduled a news conference for later Tuesday with Brown, athletic director Bubba Cunningham and Chancellor Carol Folt.

Brown replaces Larry Fedora, who was fired Sunday after seven seasons.

The 67-year-old Brown coached the Tar Heels from 1988-97, with his last two teams finishing in the top 10 nationally. He went on to spend 16 seasons at Texas, where he won the national championship for 2005.

Brown left Texas in 2013 and has been working in broadcasting in recent years.

ATLANTA Donaldson, Braves reach a deal that works well

Josh Donaldson needed the Braves. The Braves needed Josh Donaldson. Call this one a perfect match.

The slugging third baseman was officially introduced to Atlanta on Tuesday, joining the team he cheered for as a youngster. Donaldson agreed to a \$23 million, one-year deal that provides the sort of flexibility both sides wanted.

Plus, he gets to play with his favorite team from childhood. Donaldson is a native of Pensacola, Florida who played his college baseball at Auburn — about a two-hour drive from SunTrust Park.

PITTSBURGH Chisenhall agrees to \$2.75M deal with Pirates

Outfielder Lonnie Chisenhall has agreed to a \$2.75 million, one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates, leaving the Cleveland Indians after eight seasons.

The Pirates are in need of help in the outfield while right fielder Gregory Polanco recovers from surgery on his left shoulder. Polanco is expected to be out until May after dislocating the shoulder during an awkward slide into second base in September.

The Pirates initially selected Chisenhall in the 11th round of the 2006 first-year player draft. He opted not to sign and was later selected by Cleveland in the 2008 draft.

The 30-year-old can earn an additional \$3 million in performance bonuses for plate appearances under the deal announced Tuesday: \$250,000 each for 250, 300, 350 and 400, and \$500,000 apiece for 450, 500, 550 and 600.

Chisenhall hit .321 in 29 games and 84 at-bats during an injury-shortened 2018 season, when he earned \$5,587,500. He didn't play between April 7 and June 5 because of a strained right calf, and he played his last game on July 1, a day before he injured his left calf before a game against Kansas City.

The Associated Press



Georgia's Jake Fromm and Jonathan Ledbetter reacts after their overtime loss to Alabama in College Football Playoff National Championship, Jan. 8 in Atlanta. [CURTIS COMPTON/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION VIA AP, FILE]

Georgia gets its wish: an Alabama rematch

By Paul Newberry
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — As soon as Tua Tagovailoa let go of the pass, the one that ended the national championship game in the blink of an eye, Georgia has wanted another shot at Alabama.

Oh sure, the Bulldogs tried to play it cool. They insisted that it didn't do any good to dwell on such a bitter disappointment. Learn from it and move on.

Even after both teams clinched their spots in the Southeastern Conference championship game with a month to spare, Georgia's players wouldn't get drawn into any discussion about the Crimson Tide.

Well, now they can talk about it.

The rematch is here.

"I didn't come back this year to not be here," said senior defensive end Jonathan Ledbetter, who passed on a chance to enter the NFL draft. "We had unfinished business. We intend to go ahead and handle that."

In what amounts to a play-in game for a spot in the College Football Playoff, No. 4 Georgia (11-1) gets another shot at top-ranked Alabama (12-0) in Saturday's SEC championship game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta — the very same place where the Tide won its national title last January, overcoming a 13-point deficit to beat the Bulldogs 26-23 in overtime.

A do-over has seemingly been in the cards ever since that dramatic night.

With Nick Saban guiding Alabama and protege Kirby Smart running things at Georgia, these talent-rich programs were heavily favored to win their respective divisions and largely lived up to expectations.

In fact, the Crimson Tide could go down as one of the greatest teams in college football history by winning out. No one has come close to beating 'Bama, its average margin of victory a staggering 35 points a game.

Tagovailoa is heavily favored to claim the Heisman Trophy, guiding what can only be viewed as a nightmare scenario for Saban's opponents: a team that has always been among the best in the nation defensively running up and down the field with a fun-and-gun offense. Alabama is averaging 49 points a game, twice dropping more than 60 and putting up at least 50 six other times.



Alabama wide receiver DeVonta Smith (6) celebrates after scoring the game-winning touchdown during overtime of the College Football Playoff National Championship Game against Georgia, Jan. 8, in Atlanta. [JOSHUA L. JONES/ATHENS BANNER-HERALD VIA AP, FILE]

"They've got a great team. I don't think anybody would argue that," Smart said. "They've got very few deficiencies in any area, a talented quarterback, explosive offense, and the first thing you notice when they turn the tape on is how fast and how much they score. They play some good teams in our conference, and they still score a lot of points."

Georgia slipped up once, losing 36-16 at LSU in mid-October, but romped past everyone else. The Bulldogs have scored at least 40 points in seven games, with an average margin of nearly 27 points in those 11 victories.

"They've got an extremely talented team. We respect that," Smart said. "But we also have a good football team. Our kids take a lot of pride in their performance."

The Bulldogs certainly gave Alabama all it could handle in the last meeting.

Georgia dominated the first half, going to the locker room with a 13-0 lead that prompted Saban to make a decision that would go down as one of the best in his long, celebrated career. The coach benched Jalen Hurts, the quarterback who led the Tide to a pair of national championship games, and brought in Tagovailoa, a touted freshman whose college experience to that point was limited largely to mop-up roles.

The left-handed Hawaiian threw three touchdown passes, including a 41-yarder to DeVonta Smith that ended the game after Georgia started overtime with a field goal. Making that play even more galling for the Bulldogs, they sacked Tagovailoa on Alabama's first offensive play to leave the Tide in a

second-and-26 hole. Then, a busted coverage allowed Smith to break free behind the secondary. The touchdown looked downright easy.

"That game came down to more than just that," Smart insisted. "I mean, that's just what people remember the most. When we teach that coverage, we teach it the same way we taught it before. We just hope that we do a better job of executing it."

Saban knew if his team reached the SEC championship game — remember, the Tide missed out a year ago after losing to Auburn in its regular-season finale — there was a very good chance that Georgia would be the opponent. The Bulldogs are actually the reigning conference champions, but Alabama has the title that really matters.

"They have been a pretty dominant team all season long," Saban said. "I really thought that, in playing Georgia last year and knowing the kind of players they had coming back and the job they do there and the job that Kirby does with his entire staff, that they would have an excellent chance to come back to this game."

Alabama remains the team everyone is chasing.

Saban has set an almost impossibly high template during his dozen seasons in Tuscaloosa, claiming five national titles and becoming the only team to earn a spot in the College Football Playoff during each of its first four seasons.

"Everybody in this business is striving for greatness," Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm said. "They're a great example. Everybody is kind of striving for that."

States eye sports betting, wrestle with details

By Wayne Parry
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Numerous U.S. states are considering jumping on the legal sports betting bandwagon, even as they struggle with the details of regulating it.

How much to tax it, and how to regulate mobile betting on phones are emerging as thorny issues for states.

So far, seven states offer legal sports betting: Nevada, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. And although New Mexico has not passed a sports betting law, the Santa Ana Star Casino & Hotel started taking sports bets last month through a tribal gambling compact.

At a sports betting conference Tuesday in New York, state representatives from Minnesota, New York and Ohio discussed their states' interest in such bets. They're also interested in making sure players are protected, taxes are adequate but not punitive and that mobile gambling is widely accessible.

Patrick Garofalo, a Minnesota state representative, said the betting public knows exactly what it wants, and it's up to states and gambling companies to give it to them.

"The American sports fan has made a decision: they want to be able to bet on their favorite sports teams from their home," he said. "They want to do it from their couch."

The illegal, unregulated sports betting market is vast; Sara Slane, senior vice president of the American Gaming Association, cited estimates ranging from \$150 billion to \$500 billion.

"All we know is there is a lot of money being bet illegally," she said.

Vic Salerno, president of Nevada-based US Bookmaking, said the size of the illegal market is "unbelievable."

"I know one guy that does \$6 billion just himself," he said. "It's much larger than any of us can imagine."

New Jersey won a U.S. Supreme Court case in May clearing the way for all 50 states to offer legal sports betting should they so choose. David Rebeck, director of New Jersey's Division of Gaming Enforcement, predicted at least 12 states will move "very aggressively" to legalize sports betting in early 2019.

New York, one of the largest potential markets, has yet to pass sports betting legislation, but hasn't given up.

"In New York, sports betting is on its back with its feet and arms sticking in the air," said state Assemblyman Gary Pretlow.

In the meantime, New York is watching many of its residents commute to New Jersey to place bets on mobile apps or at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, just outside New York City.

DIVERSIONS

WORD SCRIMMAGE: JUDD HAMBRICK

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1st DOWN: T₂ L₂ F₇ A₂ E₁ E₁ L₂

2nd DOWN: O₂ D₃ S₂ T₂ C₆ A₂ I₂

3rd DOWN: I₂ L₂ B₆ N₂ L₂ G₃ I₂

4th DOWN: H₇ E₁ L₂ Y₇ T₂ G₃ N₂

JUDD'S TOTAL = 419
AVERAGE GAME 265-275 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.

11-28-18 **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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1st DOWN = 99: D₃ E₁ F₇ I₂ A₂ N₂ T₂

2nd DOWN = 88: O₂ P₆ P₆ R₂ E₁ S₂ S₂

3rd DOWN = 16: P₆ L₂ O₂ P₆

4th DOWN = 44: B₆ O₂ O₂ R₂ S₂

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

11-27-18

ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF

"The truth is too simple: One must always get there by a complicated route."
— George Sand

At last year's Nail Life Master Open Pairs, the combination of a bad trump break and a 4-2 spade break meant that West could have defeated three hearts with the lead of a club. However, Agustin Madala made the natural lead of the diamond jack, and Francisco Bernal made a nice play when he ducked this as East. Declarer won, drew three rounds of trumps, and played a spade. Bernal took the spade king and shifted to a low club. When declarer played low, Madala could win and revert to spades, letting Bernal cash out for down one and a decent score.

At the next table, Andrew Russell and Ranald Davidson held the North-South cards and gave their opponents a much harder task after stopping in two hearts. Here, too, East ducked his diamond ace at trick one. Declarer, however, won, played the heart queen and a second heart, then led a diamond from dummy. East had to take his ace, but what now? He cashed both spades before they got away, but now declarer could pitch dummy's clubs on the spade and diamond winners, to register plus 140.

A better line is for East to shift to clubs before cashing a second top spade (he can take one spade if he likes), but he must play the club queen. If East plays the low club, South takes the ace, pitches a spade on the diamond king, ruffs a spade, and lets East win the club queen. Now a trump is fatal, and a high or low spade will see declarer get rid of dummy's remaining club loser, one way or another.

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♥ A K 10 8 7 4
♦ 7 4
♣ 9 8 6

WEST
♠ 8 4
♥ 6
♦ J 10 9 6 3
♣ K 10 5 3 2

EAST
♠ A K 5 3
♥ J 9 3 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9 6
♥ Q 5
♦ K Q 5
♣ A J 7

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ All pass

Opening Lead: Diamond jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ A K 5 3
♥ J 9 3 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ Q 4

South West North East
? Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: It is important to understand the logic of opening in third seat. While you can stretch to make a lead-directing call with a good suit and full values (say 13-14 points), you have no reason to assume that it is not your hand. So make the call you would have made in another seat — here, one diamond. You might break this rule for an exceptionally good four-card major, but not here.

JUMBLE

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

NAGIT

LENKT

INIOCC

BBRASO

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Excuse me, ma'am! Would you be interested in a free checking account? No fees? That sounds good.

We really need to get people inside.

FREE CHECKING TODAY!

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS NEED YOUR BUSINESS AND ARE ---

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

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(Answer tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SCOFF IGLOO DEFIED BOBBLE
Answer: The movie set in the pizza parlor showed a SLICE OF LIFE

DEAR ABBY

Mom stays close to married son through a tracking app



Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for five years. We live in the same town as my in-laws, and for the most part, we get along great. However, my mother-in-law does something that makes me uneasy. She uses an app to track my husband. She pressured him into installing it right before our wedding and has tracked him ever since.

She'll often text or call him to ask why he's going to the store, or what he was doing when he was late to work, etc. Once he tried to remove the app, but she quickly noticed and confronted him. Abby,

I have never seen her so angry! My husband caved and reinstalled it. Since then, he says it doesn't really bother him that she tracks him.

Part of me feels that if he wants to let his mother track him, that's his business. But another part of me feels this is an invasion of my privacy as well, since we are together much of the time. It also worries me that he's so quick to cave to his mother's demands, and that he isn't bothered by such an obvious invasion of privacy.

Am I wrong to be upset about this? What can I do to get my mother-in-law to give us some privacy?

— UNEASY IN KANSAS

DEAR UNEASY: You're not wrong. Your husband should revoke the location permission on the app on his phone or delete it altogether. What his mother is

doing is sick. She is using the tracker as a substitute for the umbilical cord that should have been severed when her son was born. It's a huge invasion of your and your husband's privacy.

He is so used to caving in to his mother that he doesn't have the strength to assert himself. I do not think you should take your mother-in-law on by yourself. Enlist the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist for suggestions about how to create some separation, because that process may be somewhat complicated.

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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

1. From surveys, what's the most popular response when asked to name something found on a movie theater's floor?

Gum, Popcorn, Cups, Tissues

2. Reportedly, what was the first rock 'n' roll song to utilize a string section?

"I'm Walkin'," "Teen Angel," "There Goes My Baby," "Jailhouse Rock"

3. What were the first and middle names of catalog merchant "L.L. Bean"?

Leonard Lyn, Lawrence Lecter,

Ledger Lenox, Leon Leonwood

4. "Tinea pedis" is more commonly known as what ailment?

Earache, Nosebleed, Gout, Athlete's foot

5. As a big-league pitcher, Babe Ruth won 96 games and lost ...?

46, 61, 82, 111

6. When does Superman celebrate his birthday?

Jan. 1, Feb. 29, April 1, July 4

ANSWERS: 1. Popcorn, 2.

"There Goes My Baby," 3. Leon Leonwood, 4. Athlete's foot, 5. 46, 6. Feb. 29

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're not sure why you feel the way you do, but you can be sure that there's a good reason. There's a gift in these feelings that will be presented as you heed them or explore them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're brilliantly intuitive, but smart to keep it to yourself today. While your best guess might be correct, it won't be a good idea to share the speculation, certainly not publicly, and especially not in writing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — The giving you do will be better when there's no price tag involved. Here's the best gift: Tell someone the story of where your love started and how it grows. There's no story sweeter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Ask for it in writing. Start a paper trail. Take a picture. You trust people, but everyone behaves better when the systems of accountabilities are obviously in place. Records matter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The expected norms and safely appropriate behaviors aren't usually

high on your list of fun things to adhere to, but today they'll give you a thrill anyway. You'll approach them as an artist and a diplomat to excellent effect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Close your eyes and imagine the best version of you. This is who you really are. Now find the scissors (they are in the drawer behind your mind's eye) and cut ties with any part of you that opposes the vision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The actions you take every day are adding up and you'll soon open your bloom to the sun, experiencing life in the way you feel you were meant to. It takes time though. Keep working and be patient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Your life is an expression of your soul. When you align with that idea, making a good impression seems a little beside the point, though it might happen anyway, quite by accident.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You understand your role better

than ever. Because you know what it feels like to get to the place where a sense of appreciation, excitement and pride kick in, you'll find it impossible to stop before you get there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The sunrise is a spectacle extraordinary that most people miss on the daily. While we need the sun very much, our lives orbit around other things. Something magical will happen when you put a higher priority on beauty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Once you figure out that the remote control you hold doesn't go to the device you're pointing it at, you set it down and go looking for the right controller. Letting go doesn't take courage; it takes intelligence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — It is possible for a person to change your energy just by existing in the vicinity. It's why spiritual protection is just as important for you as a jacket or umbrella when it's cold out.

SUDOKU

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Level of difficulty (Bronze - easy, Silver - medium, Gold - difficult):

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

Answer to yesterday's sudoku

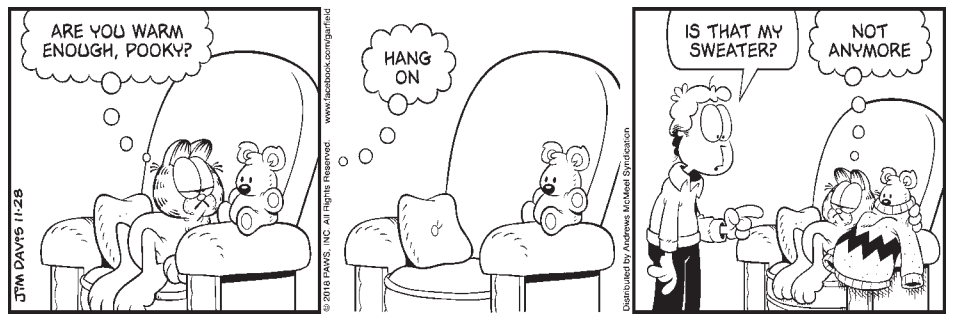
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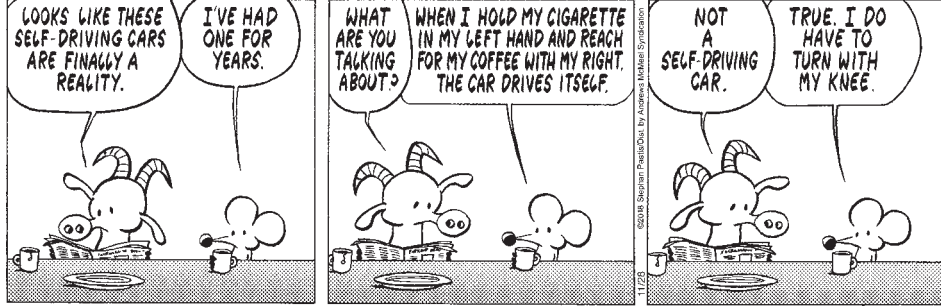
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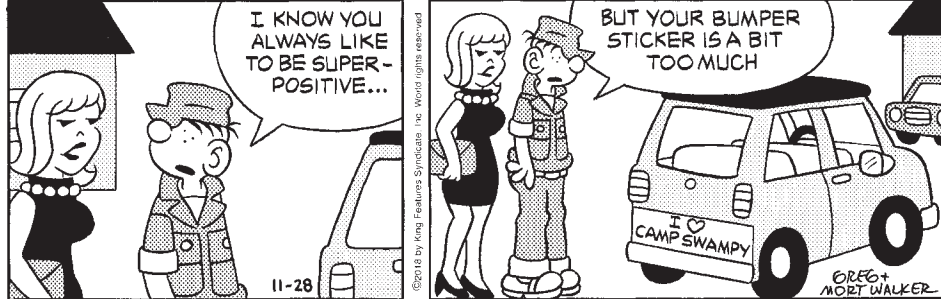
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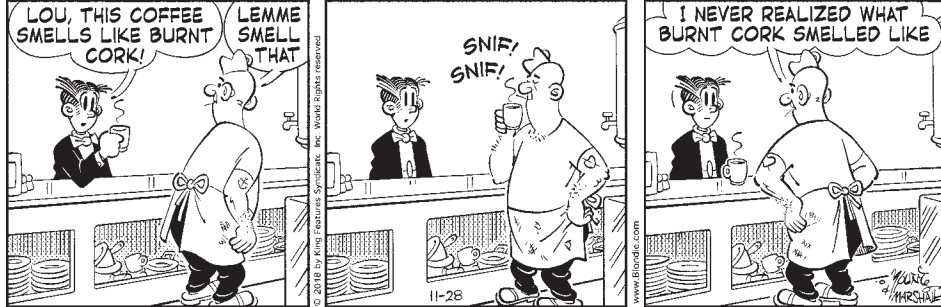
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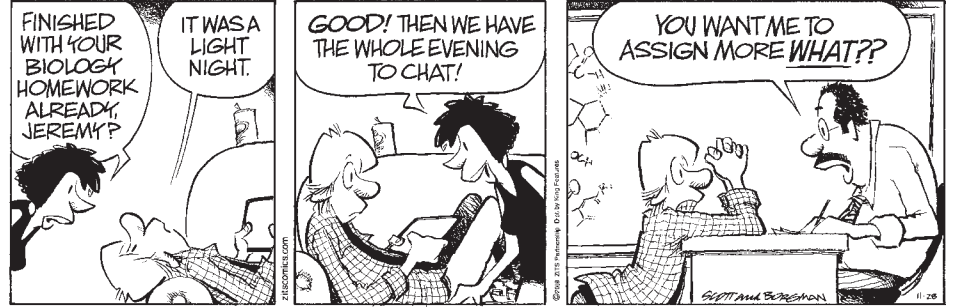
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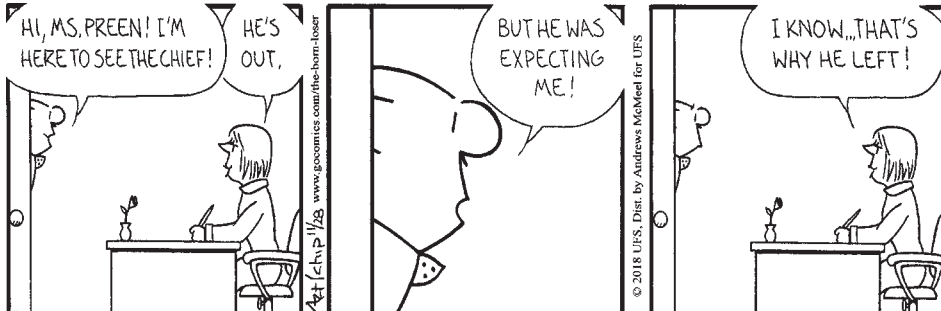
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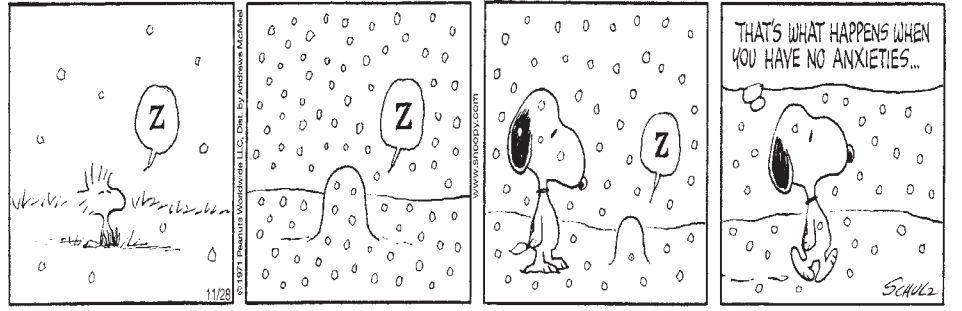
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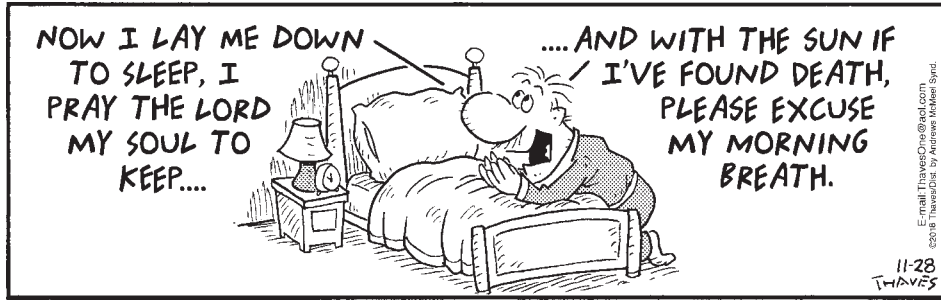
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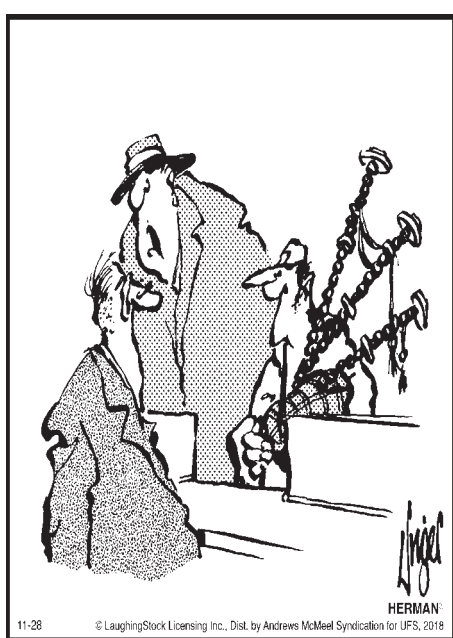
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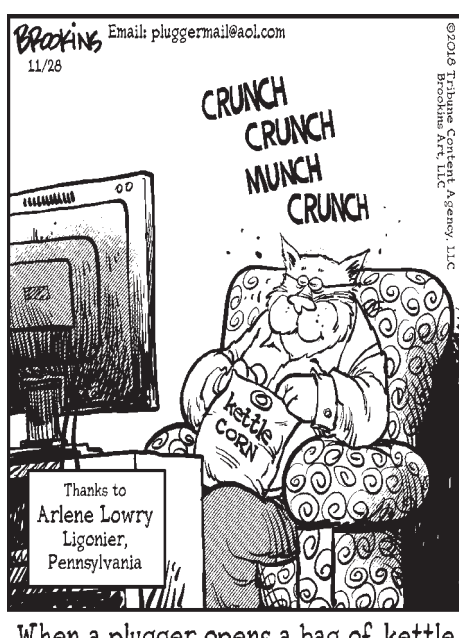
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 - 17 Lorena —
 - 17 You said it!
 - 18 Pacific island
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 - 20 Encouragement
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 - 24 The 'Supremes' label
 - 25 Had a bite
 - 27 Went quickly
 - 30 Hunter's org.
 - 31 Peace gesture
 - 34 Doled out
 - 36 Kitchen appliance
 - 40 Lemony
 - 42 Ocean, in Mongolian
 - 44 Ancient Roman poet
 - 45 Slightly tinted
 - 47 Like an old piano
 - 49 Actress — Irving
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 - 52 More logical

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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 - 3 Pick up the tab
 - 4 Motion detector
 - 5 Sashayed
 - 6 Crowd noise
 - 7 — Khan
 - 8 Names of things
 - 9 Turns down a page (hyph.)
 - 10 Berlin pronoun
 - 11 Stun
 - 12 Two-door car
 - 13 Buffet item
 - 21 Did the crawl
 - 22 24-hour info station
 - 26 "Elder" statesman
 - 28 "L'—, c'est moi"

- 29 NYC eateries
- 31 Tank
- 32 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 33 One, to Fritz
- 35 Funny — Carvey
- 37 Roe
- 38 Enthusiasm
- 39 Ice cream pioneer
- 41 Hockey feint
- 43 Sly suggestion
- 46 Left in the lurch
- 48 Cravings
- 51 "Bien" opposite
- 53 Eye part
- 54 Campus women (hyph.)
- 55 Courage
- 56 Misprint
- 57 Marx brother
- 59 Staff members
- 60 Move furtively
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- 64 —do-well
- 65 Sup well
- 67 Rural elec. provider

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FOOD

TIP OF THE WEEK

COOK UP ASIAN FARE

Celebrity chef and restaurateur Roy Yamaguchi offers these tips to cook tasty Asian-inspired meals at home:

- Assemble appropriate tools such as a wok, a sharp knife set, bamboo steamers and a Chinese cleaver.

- Follow cooking directions for different rice varieties, since the shape, texture and starch content will dictate technique.

- Avoid over-seasoning. Err on the side of caution with unfamiliar ingredients.

EL SALVADOR

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Follow these tips for experiencing El Salvador's top attractions and eating like a local along the way.

San Salvador: Start your trip in the capital city and explore fusion-focused restaurants representing Spanish, Mediterranean and American cuisine.

The Flowers Route: This roadway guides visitors through the Apanecallamatepec mountains. Catch the weekend food festival in Juayua.

La Libertad Coast: Known as an international surfing destination, it is also a favorite among seafood connoisseurs who feast on the daily catch at its top eateries.

TEQUILA TRAIL

EXPLORE MEXICO

Just outside of Guadalajara, Mexico are sprawling agave fields, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the world's tequila is produced.

Guadalajara is the birthplace of tequila, and offers culture, cuisine and shopping.

For more information, see www.visitguadalajara.com.

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FLASH IN THE PAN



ARI LEVAUX

Getting to the ROOT

The path to perfectly roasted veggies

By Ari LeVaux
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The technique is an open secret among those who have the most to gain or lose from the optimization of food. Food professionals like chefs and caterers know it, because flavor is money. Savvy home economists, who make it their business to satisfy demanding palates on the cheap, know it, too. I learned the technique from a farmer who learned it from a farmer — the kind of farmers who make it their pleasure to enjoy their harvest prepared in a way that celebrates the local terroir.

Potatoes must be soaked or parboiled before roasting. This washes away excess starch and allows them to cook perfectly.

The heat produced by a load of roasting roots is dry, much different from the steam bath of the simmering soup pot. If all goes well, that dry heat helps create a crispy brown exterior. We want a roasted root to taste like a perfectly roasted potato.

Most recipes for roasted potatoes (and roots) direct the cook to heat them until brown, but that's not enough. How it browns matters.

Many suggest stirring, or solving every problem with more oil. Even if they are brown and crispy on the outside, the interiors may be gooey, or chewy, or bland like a steakhouse baked potato. They may be dry, or mushy like a mashed potato. They all have the same thing in common: The technique was not employed.

Soak it in

Given how foolproof a pathway it may be to carb-o-licious bliss,

Roots that Rock

- 2 pounds roots, peeled and cut to roughly the same size
- 3 tablespoons salt
- 1 to 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- Optional: fresh garlic and butter for dressing; ketchup, mayo and hot chile flakes for dipping

Add 2 tablespoons salt to a gallon of water and bring to a boil. Add the roots and boil for 10 minutes. Drain the roots, and allow to steam for a minute. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees, along with a tray.

Mix the cumin, black pepper, garlic powder, paprika and remaining tablespoon salt, add two tablespoons of this mixture to the still-warm roots, and stir them around roughly, to help disintegrate the soft, starchy exteriors. Add the olive oil and stir again.

Spread the roots upon the hot tray and hear them sizzle. Put as many pieces on the tray as possible without letting any of them touch.

Bake for 30 minutes. Remove the tray and inspect. Turn each piece so a different side faces down and bake again, removing pieces periodically and testing them, until you decide they are done.

Serve with some kind of tangy sauce or dip. I like a mix of ketchup and mayo. If I really want to impress, I melt some butter in a pan and saute fresh garlic and green herbs, like parsley, sage, rosemary and/or thyme. Toss the roots in the garlic herb butter, and serve.

Pre-soak variation: Don't peel the roots, but do peel squash, if using. Soak them in a gallon of water with 2 tablespoons salt. Cook until they whistle with the sound of 100 little blimps with pinpricks.

I'm baffled at how few cooks do the presoak. Google "roasted roots" and peruse the first page of results, recipes from the likes of Epicurious, Genius Kitchen, Food Network, Eating Well and the New York Times. Not a single recipe mentions the presoak. If you Google "roasted potatoes" it's the same: zero mention of soaking the spuds after cutting them.

When I have a big assortment of roots, I parboil, because when they are all cooked together, it creates a starchy mix of all of the constituents, as if they had all been mashed together. This veneer absorbs the oil and spices, coats the pieces and cooks into a tasty crust.

But if I'm doing potatoes alone, especially purples, golds and russets, I do a presoak in cold water.

Each type of root is different. Within the potato category alone, starchy ones like russets or Yukon

golds will outperform waxy types, like fingerlings or reds. My favorite potatoes to use, in both soaking and parboiling contexts, are purples, the starchiest of all. When soaked, they blow up the fattest.

When it comes to choosing roots, the earth is the limit. Use whatever you like, though be advised some can be problematic. I avoid roots that are too watery, like onion, or roots that are bitter, like garlic or rutabaga, as the bitterness can intensify. I avoid red beets, which will stain the entire tray, even if you don't mix them together. As for the honorary root squash, I like 'em starchy, like my spuds. Kabocha and Sunshine and Buttercup varieties are my favorites. Carrots, yams, sweet potato, parsnip and celeriac are all good choices, although many of these will stay moist inside and won't crisp up. Ditto for kohlrabi, another honorary root.

FLEUR DE LOLLY

'Scramble' breakfast routine by baking eggs



Laura Tolbert

If you tire of preparing eggs the same way over and over, here's an option that will undoubtedly "scramble" your breakfast routine. This recipe also would be perfect for a light lunch or served for dinner along with a green salad.

Baked Breakfast Omelette

If you're intimidated by

making omelets, here is the perfect solution. This baked breakfast omelet is as much fun to make as it is delicious. Begin by choosing your choice of proteins: bacon, ham, sausage or chorizo. The choice of veggies is up to you. The addition of shredded carrots or diced broccoli can transform this dish into a dinnertime version. Enjoy!

- 1 cup diced cooked ham (or choice of protein, make sure whichever you choose is fully cooked)
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- ½ cup diced green bell pepper
- ½ cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup diced yellow onion
- 1/3 cup diced mushrooms
- 8 large eggs

- 1/3 cup milk
- ½ tsp. granulated garlic
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. your favorite hot sauce
- ½ cup shredded mild or medium cheddar cheese
- Chopped chives to garnish

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 7x11 baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle whichever protein you have chosen and pre-cooked evenly over bottom of baking dish.

Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add bell peppers, onions and mushrooms, and cook until softened, about 4 to 5 minutes. Gently pour vegetable mixture over protein layer and

then sprinkle with cheese.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper, granulated garlic and hot sauce until well blended. Pour over the mixture in the baking dish.

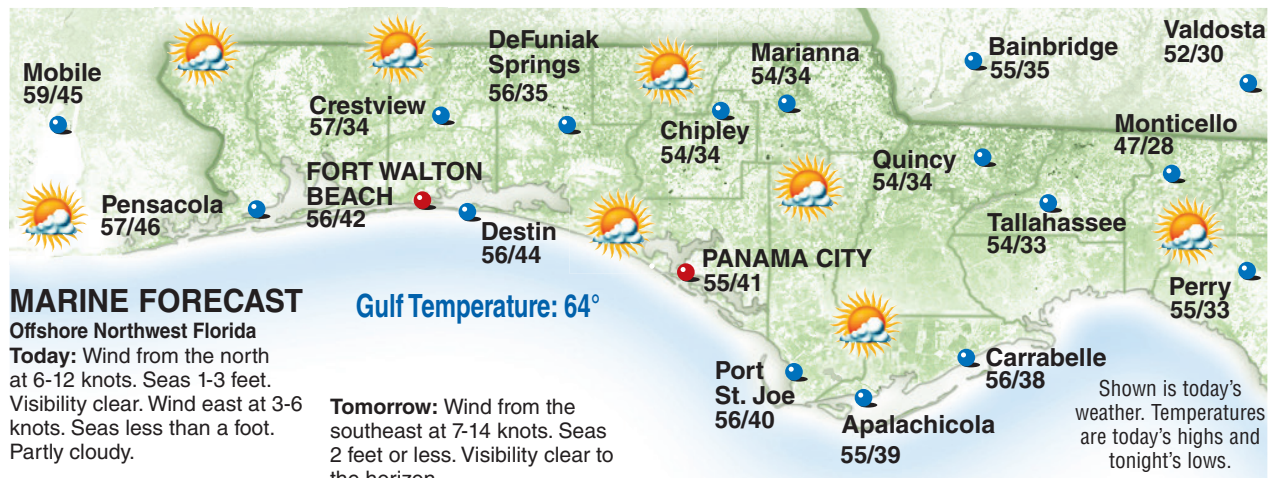
Bake until eggs are puffy and set, about 22 to 25 minutes. Garnish with chopped chives. Cut and serve warm.

Laura Tolbert, also known as Fleur de Lolly, has been sharing recipes and advice for fellow foodies and novices on her blog, fleurdelolly.blogspot.com for more than eight years. Contact her at facebook.com/fleurdelolly.5, on Instagram, and fleurdelolly@yahoo.com.

FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

TODAY	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cool today with some sunshine. Winds north-northeast 4-8 mph. Partly cloudy and chilly tonight. Winds light and variable.	Partly sunny	Comfortable with plenty of sunshine	Cloudy, a shower and t-storm around	Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible
High 55° Low 41°	65°/53°	73°/62°	75°/65°	76°/64°
6 a.m. Noon 6 p.m. 34° 51° 48° Winds: N 4-8 mph	Winds: SSE 4-8 mph	Winds: SE 6-12 mph	Winds: SSW 8-16 mph	Winds: S 4-8 mph

REGIONAL WEATHER



MARINE FORECAST

Offshore Northwest Florida
Today: Wind from the north at 6-12 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility clear. Wind east at 3-6 knots. Seas less than a foot. Partly cloudy.

Gulf Temperature: 64°

Tomorrow: Wind from the southeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon.

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through 4 p.m. yesterday
Panama City
Temperatures
 High/low 52°/38°
 Last year's high/low 71°/41°
 Normal high/low 70°/49°
 Record high 81° (2001)
 Record low 30° (1991)
Precipitation
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.00"
 Month to date 7.16"
 Normal month to date 3.94"
 Year to date 57.01"
 Normal year to date 56.53"
 Average humidity 62%
Fort Walton Beach
Temperatures
 High/low 53°/36°
 Last year's high/low 71°/49°
 Normal high/low 67°/51°
 Record high 84° (2001)
 Record low 20° (1950)
Precipitation
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.00"
 Month to date 7.69"
 Normal month to date 4.02"
 Year to date 55.96"
 Normal year to date 57.16"
 Average humidity 58%

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MOON PHASES



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:18 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 4:42 p.m.
 Moonrise today 10:31 p.m.
 Moonset today 11:21 a.m.

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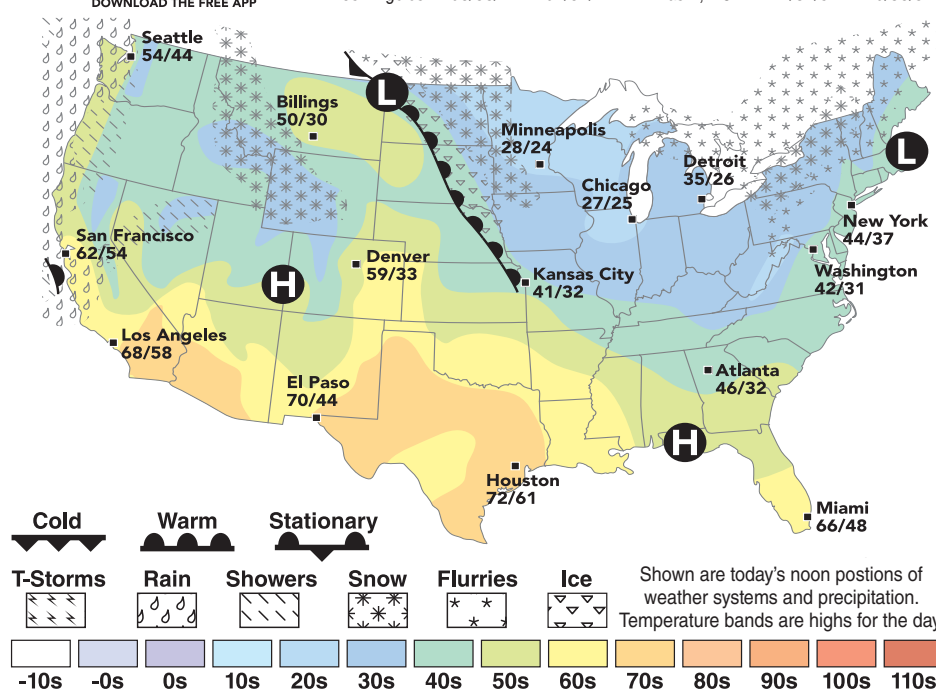
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Apalachicola	5:46a	12:58a
Destin	9:53p	2:15p
West Pass	5:19a	12:31a
Panama City	9:26p	1:48p
Port St. Joe	11:16p	12:16p
Okaloosa Island	---	11:28a
Milton	3:04a	2:43p
East Bay	2:08a	2:13p
Pensacola	1:24a	12:56p
Fishing Bend	2:05a	1:47p
The Narrows	3:01a	3:47p
Carrabelle	4:21a	12:02p

RIVER LEVELS

Location	Level	Flood Stage
Apalachicola	12.11 ft.	15 ft.
Blountstown	---	---
Choctawhatchee	7.76 ft.	12 ft.
Caryville	---	---
Alabama	---	---
Clearborne	35.50 ft.	42 ft.
Escambia	---	---
Century	8.54 ft.	17 ft.
Tomigbee	---	---
Coffeeville, AL	8.11 ft.	29 ft.

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

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FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Clearwater	59/46/pc	65/56/pc	Lakeland	60/37/pc	67/49/pc
Daytona Beach	57/38/pc	64/48/pc	Melbourne	61/39/pc	69/53/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	66/49/pc	73/65/c	Miami	66/48/pc	72/63/c
Gainesville	55/31/pc	63/39/pc	Naples	65/44/pc	71/58/c
Jacksonville	55/32/pc	63/40/pc	Ocala	56/32/pc	64/40/pc
Jupiter	64/47/pc	72/61/c	Okeechobee	62/34/pc	70/51/pc
Key Largo	67/56/pc	73/68/c	Orlando	58/38/pc	66/49/pc
Key West	70/62/pc	74/70/c	Palm Beach	64/51/pc	72/65/c
Lake City	54/30/pc	63/38/pc	Tampa	60/42/pc	67/52/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Baghdad	69/50/s	71/57/pc	Mexico City	64/52/pc	61/50/t
Berlin	36/28/s	38/32/c	Montreal	36/29/sn	36/27/pc
Bermuda	73/63/sh	69/65/sh	Nassau	75/61/pc	77/67/pc
Hong Kong	72/67/sh	75/69/pc	Paris	52/48/r	54/47/r
Jerusalem	68/52/s	67/49/pc	Rome	54/39/s	57/43/s
Kabul	51/28/sh	56/29/s	Tokyo	63/50/pc	59/49/pc
London	58/51/r	56/45/sh	Toronto	37/31/c	37/31/c
Madrid	55/31/pc	55/38/pc	Vancouver	51/40/sh	48/38/c

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	59/35/pc	58/36/pc	Memphis	53/45/s	64/61/r
Anchorage	35/25/sn	31/25/sf	Milwaukee	30/26/pc	36/31/sn
Atlanta	46/32/s	58/48/s	Minneapolis	28/24/sn	35/26/c
Baltimore	42/28/pc	44/30/s	Nashville	42/33/pc	54/52/r
Birmingham	50/35/s	58/54/s	New Orleans	63/53/pc	72/64/sh
Boston	45/36/c	45/33/s	New York City	44/37/pc	45/34/pc
Charlotte	47/25/s	55/42/pc	Oklahoma City	61/37/s	64/38/pc
Chicago	27/25/pc	36/31/c	Philadelphia	43/33/pc	46/30/pc
Cincinnati	33/25/pc	42/39/sh	Phoenix	76/50/s	72/50/pc
Cleveland	32/25/sf	38/34/c	Pittsburgh	31/23/sf	38/33/c
Dallas	70/54/s	78/57/s	St. Louis	37/33/pc	51/39/sh
Denver	59/33/c	50/27/pc	Salt Lake City	47/35/sh	48/38/sh
Detroit	35/26/c	36/33/c	San Antonio	69/56/s	76/59/pc
Honolulu	83/70/pc	83/72/c	San Diego	70/60/pc	66/58/r
Houston	72/61/s	78/67/c	San Francisco	62/54/r	60/51/r
Indianapolis	32/27/pc	43/37/sh	Seattle	54/44/r	51/42/c
Kansas City	41/32/c	45/29/sh	Tepeka	44/28/pc	46/28/c
Las Vegas	69/52/c	60/47/sh	Tucson	78/46/s	75/50/pc
Los Angeles	68/58/r	64/51/r	Wash., DC	42/31/s	46/35/s

Glazed nuts that are effortless to make

By Ellie Krieger
 The Washington Post

These scrumptious nuts, glazed with maple syrup and seasoned lightly with warming hints of cinnamon and cayenne, are practically effortless to make. They have the seemingly magic power of elevating any number of dishes you might be serving this Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season.

For starters (pun intended), pile them onto your cheese platter along with fresh and dried fruits, which will upgrade it instantly, both flavorwise and healthwise. Or sprinkle them on salad and atop creamy squash soup for a compelling, crunchy contrast. Even for the main course they can lend pizzazz as a garnish for mashed sweet potatoes, cooked green beans and roasted Brussels sprouts. And, of course, at meal's end they can be chopped and tumbled onto roasted fruit or scattered over pumpkin pie.

I recommend making a double batch so



Maple Spiced Glazed Nuts. [PHOTO BY DEB LINDSEY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST]

you have some left over, because they are nice for everyday eating, too — unbeatable in oatmeal, on yogurt and simply nibbled on their own. While you are at it,

Maple Spiced Glazed Nuts

6 to 8 servings
Make ahead: The nuts can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.
 From nutritionist and cookbook author Ellie Krieger.
Ingredients
 • 3 tablespoons maple syrup; • ¼ teaspoon salt
 • 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
 • 1/8 teaspoon ground

cinnamon
 • 1 ½ cups unsalted walnut or pecan halves
Steps
 Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
 Stir together the maple syrup, salt, cayenne pepper and cinnamon in a medium bowl until well blended, then stir in the nuts so they

are evenly coated. Spread the nuts on the baking sheet in a single layer, drizzling over them anything that's left in the bowl.
 Roast (middle rack) for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring them every 2 to 3 minutes, until browned, shiny and fragrant. (If you don't stir them, they will burn.) Let cool completely; they will crisp up as they cool.

A new, easy-to-peel avocado promises to send fewer people to the ER, but there's a problem

By Maura Judkis
 The Washington Post

Of all the dangers that lurk in our kitchens, avocados might be the most quietly sinister. The green-fleshed fruit of Instagram-perfect avocado toast and party platters of guacamole has caused so many injuries that it even has an ailment named after it: Avocado hand. That's what happens when you try to dig out an avocado pit with a sharp knife and end up slicing your palm instead.

But the British grocery chain Tesco is trying to combat this epidemic. The brand has introduced an easy-peel avocado, with "a thicker and corkier consistency to its skin," which the company says should help with "one of the messiest and potentially dangerous kitchen chores," according to a news release. The EasyAvo, as it's called, is a naturally developed hybrid grown in South Africa. It costs the equivalent of \$2.50, more than double a conventional avocado at the chain. It went on sale this fall.

Westfalia Fruit, the company that grows it, said the product is not yet available in the United States.

According to the Chicago Tribune, avocado consumption has increased by 250 percent since 2002. There aren't reliable statistics on how many Americans have been injured cutting an avocado, but emergency



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rooms report that it is becoming more frequent. In New Zealand, an average of 100 people a year who have cut themselves while handling an avocado request compensation from a government fund for injuries.

The British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons called for safety labels on the fruit. One London doctor said he was treating four patients a week for avocado-related injuries.

"I see it fairly frequently," Scott Dresden of Northwestern University's Department of Emergency Medicine told the Tribune. "Patients try to stab the pit, the knife slips off the pit and they stab the hand. Or patients do a sort of hacking motion with the long blade of the knife into the pit, and hack into the webbing between the thumb and the forefinger instead."

But that's the problem with these new avocados: It's not the skin that's causing injuries, it's the pit. It's unclear how an easier-to-peel skin

would prevent injuries — it could possibly make the avocado even more slippery, leading to more lacerations.

Tesco is not the only company that has tried to address the growing scourge of avocado hand. Dozens of kitchen goods companies make avocado slicers, but they've been met with derision from Bon Appétit and chefs. A group of British schoolchildren invented a device called the "Avogo," a hooked blade that extracts the pit. And NPR reports that Marks & Spencer, another British company, has introduced the cocktail avocado, a small avocado grown with no pit. It tastes just like a regular avocado; even the peel is edible, but that part reportedly doesn't taste very good. The only problem is that they are grown only in Spain and available only in December.

If you're scared of avocado hand, remember: Always cut against a flat surface, not with the fruit in your palm. Want a tutorial on how to do it the safe way? Look here: <https://wapo.st/2RoP2d7>



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22062 Public Notice

The Bay County Planning & Zoning Division, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the County's intent to revise the flood hazard information on FIRM 12005C0309H, an area generally located north of Panama City Beach Pkwy, and just west of Wildwood Rd. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Case No. 18-04-5961P for the Vantage Apartments development, and will, in part, revise the following flood hazards within the area of revision.

- Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will increase, decrease, and be established along area of revision.
- The SFHA will increase, decrease, and be established along area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Planning & Zoning Division located at 840 West 11th Street, Panama City, Florida 32401. Interested persons may call the Planning & Zoning Division at (850) 248-8258 M-F from 9am -3pm for additional information.
Pub: November 28, 2018

22076 NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

New Tech Construction Services

located at 919 Fitness Rd, in the County of Bay, in the City of Panama City, Florida, 32409 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Panama City Beach, Florida, this 21st day of November, 2018.

Lisa Murphy
Pub: November 28, 2018

22080 Public Meeting

The Bay County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will hold a public meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 5, 2018, in the Callaway Arts and Conference Center, 500 Callaway Parkway, Callaway, Fla. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) will meet at 11 a.m. and the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet at 1:30 p.m. The TPO will consider: accepting the FDOT Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Tentative Work Program; amending the FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Design Phase S.R. 30 (US 98) from College Entrance/Exit to Ivy Road Lighting Project; amending the FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add Construction Phase for S.R. 30

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(98) from College Entrance/Exit to Ivy Road lighting project; amending the FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Design Phase for S.R. 77 (Martin Luther King Boulevard) from S.R. 30 (US 98) 15th Street to Mowat School Road lighting project; amending the FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Construction Phase for S.R. 77 (Martin Luther King Boulevard) from S.R. 30 (US 98) 15th Street to Mowat School Road Lighting Project; amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 - FY 2020 Bay County TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); appointing a Bay County TPO member and alternate to serve on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) for Calendar Year 2019; appointing a Bay County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) member and alternate to attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Institute Workshop for Elected Officials in Calendar Year 2019; approving of a Bay County Transit Spending Threshold Increase. A full agenda, to include consent items for approval, can be viewed at www.wfprc.org.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations to access meeting, and for limited English proficiency, are available upon request. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services should contact Public Involvement toll-free 800-226-8914, ext. 220 or 800-995-8771 for TTY-Florida, at least 48 hours in advance. For favor a la Sr. Dan Deanda, de los requisitos de acceso o el idioma en el 850-332-7976, ext. 227 o 800-995-8771 para TTY-Florida al menos 48 horas de antelación. Participación es solicitada sin importar el origen, raza, color, nacionalidad, edad, sexo, religión, discapacidad, o estatus familiar. Personas que creen que han sido discriminadas en estas condiciones pueden presentar una queja con el Título VI Coordinador, 850-332-7976, ext. 220. Pub: November 28, 2018

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was: [check all used () E-mailed () Mailed this day of 2nd day of October, 2018, to all parties on the attached service list.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2018.
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As Clerk of the Court BY: Ladyne Swearingen
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LIL STEVE'S WRECKER SERVICE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on December 3, 2018, 09:00 am at 133 SPRINGFIELD AVE PANAMA CITY, FL 32401-4924, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. LIL STEVE'S WRECKER SERVICE reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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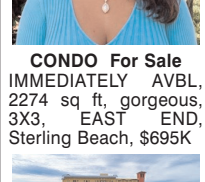
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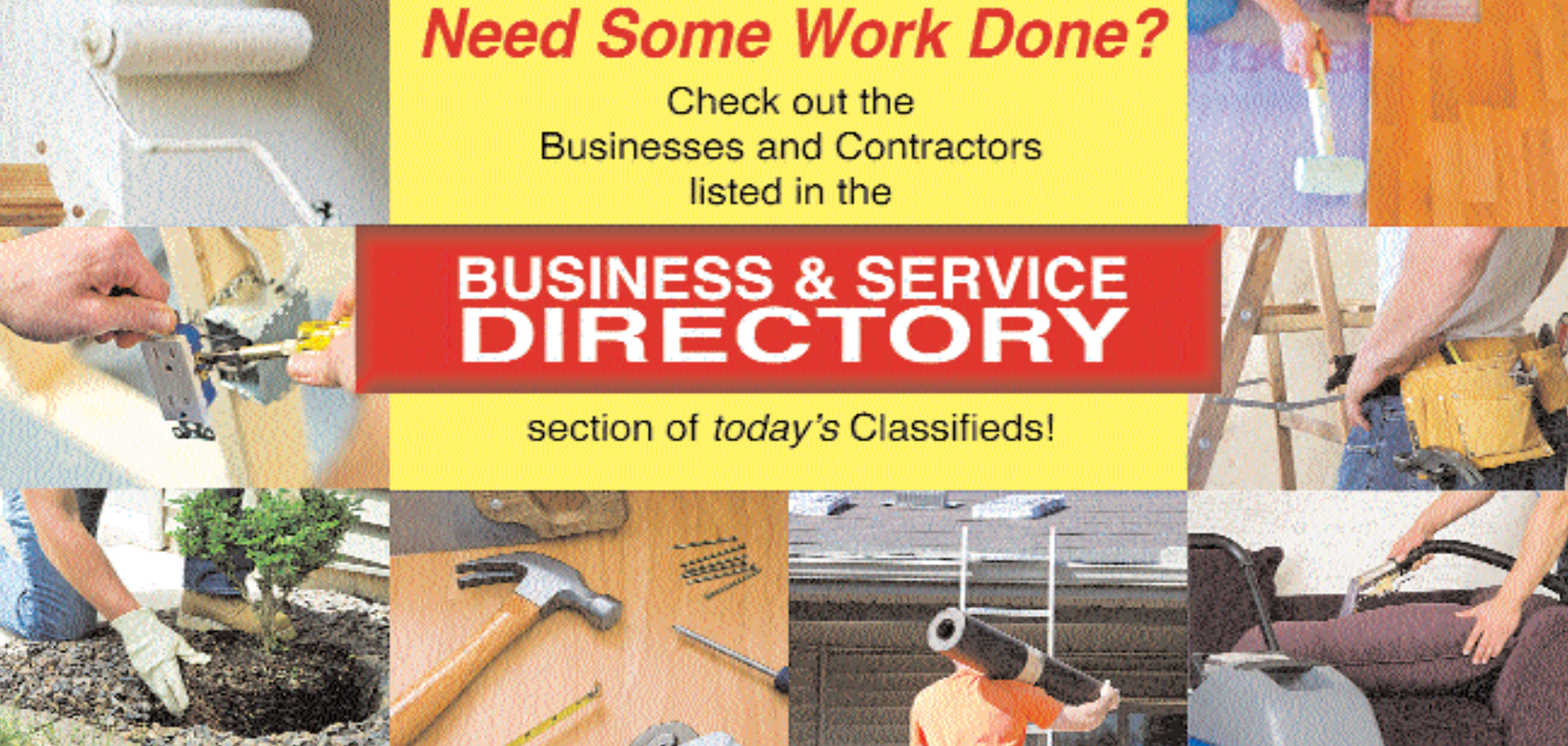
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- Pipefitter Trainee

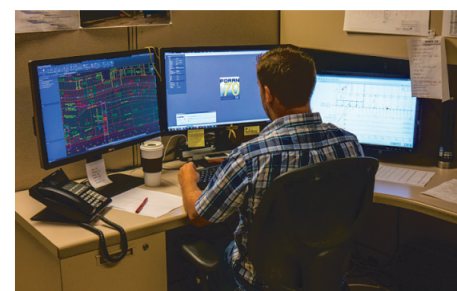
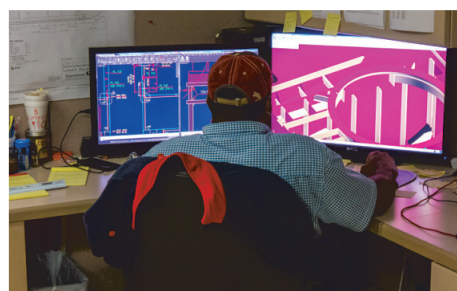
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