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Bay health department chief resigns

Reason unclear, but could be linked to investigation of missing student health plans

By Patrick McCreless
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Kent

the Florida Department of Health in Bay County. Why he faced disciplinary action was unclear on Tuesday, but the resignation comes more than

resigned Friday. According to a Tuesday statement, Administrator Doug Kent resigned from

two months after Bay District Schools officials accused the health department of taking school health records and called for the state's Office of the Inspector General to investigate the matter.

Attempts to reach Kent for comment were unsuccessful Tuesday.

Kent's resignation agreement, provided by the health department, states that the

agency, "accepts the resignation in lieu of taking disciplinary action."

An attempt to get clarification from the health department on why Kent faced disciplinary action was unsuccessful Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the statement notes that Holly Holt, administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Walton County, will be

the interim chief of the Bay department until a permanent replacement is found.

For months the department of health and the school system have been embroiled in a disagreement over missing student health records — a disagreement that culminated in Bay District Schools requesting the

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Roger Mendez, a roofer and resident of the tent city at Forest Park United Methodist Church, packs up his belongings on Tuesday. Mendez is from New Jersey, and said he is used to the cold and does not mind staying in a tent. Mendez said he does not know where he will go after leaving the church's parking lot. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Tent city dismantled at Forest Park church

News Herald staff report

PANAMA CITY — The tents have been folding and the sleeping bags rolled up, as the workers who had created an encampment at Forest Park United Methodist Church were forced to move on.

"We have found that the vast majority are contractors

from other parts of the country and we wish them well as they return to their homes in other states," said The Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church in a statement. "With the help of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, we were able

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Volunteers at Forest Park United Methodist Church throw away belongings left by residents of the tent city on Tuesday. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Work moving along on PC Marina

FEMA funds could help pay for repairs

By Katie Landeck
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PANAMA CITY — The last of the waterlogged boats should be pulled out of the Panama City Marina by the end of the year, but it will take far longer than that before the property is usable.

The catastrophic damage to the marina from Hurricane Michael has been well documented — the wooden docks snapped, the boards were crushed and the ground was sucked from under it causing the parts of the pavement to collapse. When it could be reopened to the public remains unclear.

"The conditions are unsafe," said City Manager Mark McQueen. "A significant amount of the ground under it has been washed away ... as soon as we can safely reopen it, we will."

It might be only a portion of the marina that they can reopen, McQueen said.

But "there's a blessing in this," he said. The destruction could end up hastening — and maybe even pay for — the long-talked-about repairs to

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PANAMA CITY — Keeping the Christmas spirit alive and well, the Salvation Army has started distributing aid packages, in part thanks to your contributions.

With no goal other than doing the most good, so far this year collections have surpassed \$270,000 — \$274,163.32 and counting to be exact — which could not come at a better time.

“In light of the number of families impacted by the hurricane, we expect the need for assistance to increase exponentially this year,” said Maj. Otis Childs, director of The Salvation Army Panama City.

This year, those who need help can go to Bill Cramer Chevrolet, Used Car Offices, at 2251 23rd St. Distribution is between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and being sorted by last name. Still left are those with a last name beginning with L-P, X who can go Wednesday, Dec. 12, and those with a last name beginning with Q-U, Y and Z who can go on Thursday.

Families seeking assistance should bring a valid Florida ID, Social Security cards for all who are applying and mail with a home address confirming Bay County residency.

Every bit donated helps to make this happen, and we appreciate both big donors like State Farm that contributed \$10,000 this year, the people who anonymously gave \$5, and everyone in between.

The Empty Stocking Fund began more than 30 years ago, when Salvation Army board member Tommy Thomas and The News Herald joined forces to bring holiday cheer to the area’s needy families. The first goal was \$20,000.

The fund’s target has grown since and the campaign has raised more than \$4 million.

This year the fund was re-purposed in light of the devastation brought by Hurricane Michael with sights set higher than last year’s \$185,000 goal; the need of those who lost their homes, jobs and more to the storm will not end Christmas Day nor will the work of the Salvation Army.

With that in mind, Cramer Chevrolet gave \$50,000 to kick off the campaign rather than waiting until the end for its usual \$5,000 contribution and those in the community also are being challenged like never before to meet a need that is greater than ever before. You can mail donations to either of these addresses: The Empty Stocking Fund, c/o The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 540, Panama City, FL 32402; or The News Herald, P.O. Box 1940, Panama City, FL 32402.

You also can drop off donations at The News Herald, 501 W. 11th St., Panama City, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Circulation Department housed in the modular structure between



Royal Canadian Air Force Master Cpl. Terry Gibbins prepares Christmas assistance packages at Bill Cramer Chevrolet on Tuesday. Because the Salvation Army was not able to hold its yearly Angel Tree program, the Salvation Army is providing additional assistance to those who qualify. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]



Shawn Wilder, assistant program coordinator and head of the domestic violence program at the local Salvation Army, prepares Christmas assistance packages at Bill Cramer Chevrolet on Tuesday. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

the damaged News Herald at 501 W. 11th St. and Mulberry Avenue.

The News Herald runs a list of contributions several times during the week. You can make donations anonymously, in the giver’s name or in someone’s memory.

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Grand total: \$274,163.32

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2018. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlights in History:

On Dec. 12, 2000, George W. Bush became president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida’s contested election.

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.
In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the “Mona Lisa,” stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1917, during World War I, a train carrying some 1,000 French troops from the Italian front derailed while descending a steep hill in Modane; at least half of the soldiers were killed in France’s greatest rail disaster. Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China’s Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1946, a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to be the site of the U.N.’s headquarters.

In 1963, Kenya became independent of Britain.

In 1977, the dance movie “Saturday Night Fever,” starring John Travolta, premiered in New York.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

In 1995, by three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory.

Thought for Today: “To escape criticism — do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.” — Elbert Hubbard, American author and publisher (1856-1915).

The Associated Press

FLORIDA LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Monday:

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is 71. Actor **Bill Nighy** is 69. Actor **Duane Chase** (Film: “The Sound of Music”) is 68. Country singer **LaCosta** is 68. Gymnast-turned-actress **Cathy Rigby** is 66. Author **Lorna Landvik** is 64. Singer-musician **Sheila E.** is 61. Actress **Sheree J. Wilson** is 60. Pop singer

Daniel O’Donnell is 57. Rock musician **Nicholas Dimichino** (Nine Days) is 51. Author **Sophie Kinsella** is 49. News anchor **Maggie Rodriguez** is 49. Actress **Jennifer Connelly** is 48. Actress **Madchen Amick** is 48. Actress **Regina Hall** is 48. Country singer **Hank**

Williams III is 46. Actress **Mayim Bialik** is 43. Model **Bridget Hall** is 41. Actor **Lucas Hedges** (Film: “Manchester by the Sea”) is 22.

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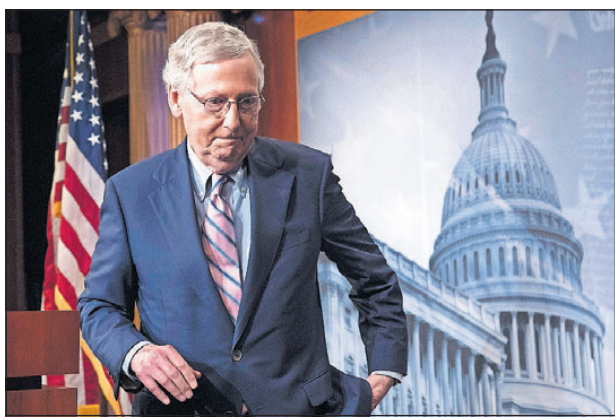
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In this Oct. 6 photo, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., finishes speaking to reporters at the Capitol in Washington. (J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

McConnell agrees to criminal justice vote

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Kevin Freking
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under pressure from President Donald Trump and many of his Republican colleagues, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday that he will bring legislation to the floor to overhaul the nation's sentencing laws.

McConnell's decision comes after more than three years of overtures from a large, bipartisan group of senators who support the criminal justice bill, including Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley and House Speaker Paul Ryan. Trump announced his support for the legislation last month, but McConnell treaded cautiously, as a handful of members in his caucus voiced concerns that it

would be too soft on violent criminals.

Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican, said Trump's push for the legislation had been "critical to the outcome."

"Senator McConnell was always concerned about the small window of time that we have to do all these things we need to do, but the president was insistent that this be included," he said.

If the legislation passes, it could be a rare bipartisan policy achievement for this Congress and the largest sentencing overhaul in decades. AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for Ryan, said "the House stands ready to act on the revised Senate criminal justice reform bill." Ryan has long supported sentencing reform and is retiring at the end of the session.

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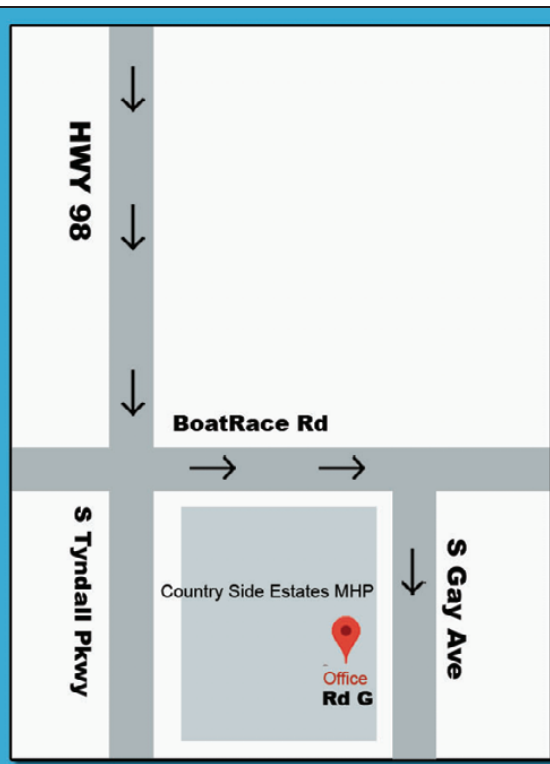
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NATION & WORLD

How did Brexit become such a mess?

By Jill Lawless
The Associated Press

LONDON — Tuesday was supposed to be the day that Britain's battle over Brexit was resolved.

Parliament was supposed to approve a plan painstakingly worked out by Prime Minister Theresa May and the European Union for Britain's orderly departure from the 28-nation bloc.

But the road out of the EU has been anything but smooth as Britain heads for the Brexit ramp.

Tuesday's vote was postponed by May, who acknowledged that a "significant majority" of lawmakers would oppose it. Instead, she spent the day shuttling through European capitals, seeking changes to the deal to try to win over skeptical legislators before Britain leaves the EU on March 29.

How did we get here?

Britain joined the European Economic Community — now the EU — in 1973, but has long been an ambivalent member. The U.K. never adopted the euro as its currency, and British politicians have been cool to the bloc's calls for ever-closer political union.

In 2013, then-Prime Minister David Cameron pledged to hold a referendum on Britain's EU membership "to settle this European question" once and for all.

He was confident voters



A view of the Banksy Brexit mural of a man chipping away at the EU flag is seen Tuesday in Dover, England. [GARETH FULLER/PA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

would choose to remain, but on June 23, 2016, they voted by 52 percent to 48 percent to leave. Cameron resigned, leaving his successor, May, to carry out the monumental move. Last year, May triggered the two-year countdown to departure for March 29, 2019.

What is at stake?

Every divorce involves paperwork. Britain can leave without a deal, but it won't be pretty. Departure will tear up thousands of laws and rules stitched together over more than four decades, covering every aspect of

British life and the economy.

If Britain and the EU can't agree on what will replace them, there could be chaos. Planes would lose permission to fly, British motorists would find their driver's licenses invalid on the continent, medicine supplies could run short. British officials have warned of gridlock at ports, the need to charter vessels to bring in essential goods and shortages of imported foodstuffs.

The Bank of England has warned that a worst-case "no deal" Brexit would plunge Britain into the worst recession for decades.

What's the sticking point?

With compromises on both sides, Britain and the EU managed to reach agreement on many contentious issues. But one has proved intractable: the border between Northern Ireland and Ireland, which will be the U.K.'s only land border with the EU after Brexit.

During Northern Ireland's decades of violence, the border bristled with soldiers, customs posts, smugglers and paramilitaries. But since a 1998 peace accord, the

border has become all but invisible. That's helped by the fact that Britain and Ireland currently are both EU members, meaning goods and people can flow across the border with no need for customs checks.

Brexit could end all that, disrupting lives and businesses on both sides of the border and potentially undermining the peace process.

To avoid that, the withdrawal agreement includes a border guarantee, known as the "backstop." It stipulates that if no other solution can be found, the U.K. will remain in a customs union with the EU after Brexit to avoid a hard border. Both sides hope the backstop will never be needed: The agreement gives them until 2022 to reach a permanent new trade deal that could render it unnecessary.

But pro-Brexit British politicians hate the backstop, because Britain can't get out of it unilaterally; it can only be ended by mutual agreement. So potentially it could endure indefinitely, binding the U.K. to EU customs regulations and unable to make new trade deals around the world.

Pro-EU lawmakers hate it too, because it leaves Britain subject to rules it has no say in making — an inferior position to remaining in the bloc, they say.

DATELINES

QUINTON, OKLA.



In this Jan. 22 photo from video by Tulsa's KOTV/NewsOn6.com, fires burn at an eastern Oklahoma drilling rig near Quinton, Okla. Drilling company officials ignored multiple warnings that safety equipment at an Oklahoma gas well was malfunctioning before an explosion that killed five workers and badly injured another, the family of one of the dead workers contends in a recent court filing. [CHRISTINA GOODVOICE/KOTV/NEWSON6.COM VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

BEIRUT



Lebanese President Michel Aoun, right, shakes hands with his Austrian counterpart Alexander Van Der Bellen, at the Presidential Palace on Tuesday in Baabda, east of Beirut, Lebanon. Lebanon's president said Tuesday Israel's operation to destroy what it says is a series of cross-border attack tunnels built by the militant Hezbollah group won't endanger the calm along the frontier, adding that his country takes the issue seriously. [BILAL HUSSEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

KATOWICE, POLAND



A metal sculpture sits in front of the Brandenburg Gate on Tuesday in Berlin as Greenpeace activists protest against Germany's strategy against global warming. The world needs to "do more and faster" to prevent global warming on a scale that would cause irreversible environmental damage and hit poor societies hard, the head of the U.N.'s top science panel on climate change said Tuesday. [GREGOR FISCHER/DPA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

NEW YORK

Judge frees mom arrested in video that sparked outrage

A judge on Tuesday ordered the release of a mother jailed after police violently pulled her toddler son from her arms in a videotaped encounter in the crowded waiting room of a New York City social services office.

The development came hours after Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said that "in the interest of justice" he was dropping all charges against Jazmine Headley in Friday's incident.

Headley, who was also being held on a warrant in an unrelated credit card fraud case in New Jersey, is due to appear in court Wednesday in that matter.

TAMPA, FLA.

Mom ruled incompetent for trial in girl's drowning

A Florida woman accused of drowning her screaming 4-year-old daughter in a river in Tampa has been declared incompetent to stand trial.

Hillsborough Circuit Judge Kimberly Fernandez on Tuesday reviewed reports from three doctors who have examined 26-year-old Shakayla Denson since her August arrest.

The Tampa Bay Times reports the judge's ruling means Denson will be sent to a state hospital for treatment before the case can continue.

Police have said Denson stole a car Aug. 2 and drove to the Hillsborough River, which runs through Tampa.

RIO DE JANEIRO

Gunman kills 4, then himself, after Mass at Brazil cathedral

A man opened fire in a cathedral in southern Brazil after Mass on Tuesday, killing four people and wounding four more before taking a bullet in the ribs in a firefight with police and then shooting himself in the head, authorities said.

The shooting happened right after the midday service had ended at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Campinas, a city about 60 miles north of Sao Paulo.

Hours after paramedics were seen taking bodies and injured out of the church, authorities identified the shooter as 49-year-old Euler Fernando Grandolpho from Valinhos, a nearby city in the densely populated state of Sao Paulo.

MOSCOW

Russia says 114,000 Syrians returned home in 2018

Nearly 114,000 Syrian refugees have returned home this year, the Russian military said Tuesday, a mere fraction of the nearly 6 million who have fled the country since the start of the seven-year conflict. U.N. agencies said they need \$5.5 billion in the coming year to support Syria's neighbors hosting the refugees.

The U.N. said Tuesday that Syria's neighbors, Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt and Iraq, are hosting the majority of the Syrian refugees, while dealing with their own economic and social challenges. The U.N. refugee agency, UNHCR, however, said it has verified only around 37,000 refugees who have voluntarily returned to Syria in 2018.

PHILADELPHIA

Cosby lawyers detail 11 alleged trial errors as they appeal

Bill Cosby's lawyers detailed nearly a dozen alleged legal errors Tuesday, including the judge's decision to send the case to trial, as they appeal his sexual assault conviction and three- to 10-year prison term.

They've also asked the Pennsylvania Supreme Court this month to release the 81-year-old disgraced comedian from a state prison near Philadelphia while the appeal proceeds.

The lawyers said trial Judge Steven O'Neill had a feud with a pretrial witness, the ex-prosecutor who had declined to charge Cosby in 2005.

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Volunteers at Forest Park United Methodist Church throw away belongings left by residents of the tent city on Tuesday.
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connect the dozen or so disaster-displaced

individuals with the services they needed to start to rebuild their lives.”

Police pushed people to move along on Tuesday.

With 800 people at its peak and no potable

water or sanitation, the “tent city” as it was known had become a safety hazard and had the potential to create a public health crisis, Mayor Greg Brudnicki

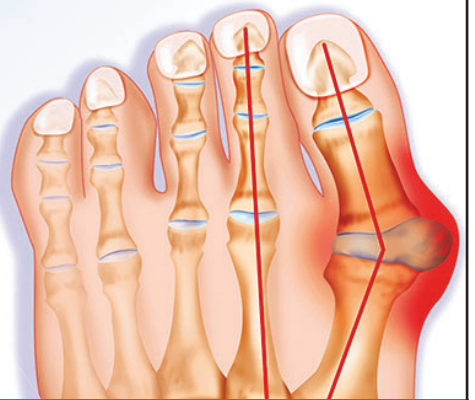
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★★★★★ 8 months ago

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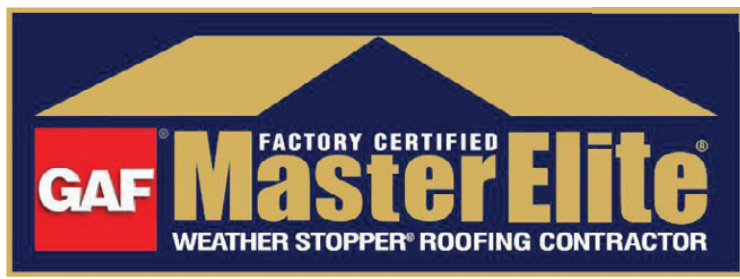
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MARINA

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the bulkheads and tiebacks. In 2013, the city took out a \$12.9 million loan to make repairs to the seawall, where the tiebacks have rusted away. Parts of the work have been done, but the T-dock portion of the repairs and more than \$7 million of the loan still remain.

With the storm, there's now a possibility that FEMA money could pay for those repairs.

"We'll submit a compelling proposal that could free up those monies to further repair the marina in ways we couldn't do before," McQueen said.

One potential example, replacing the now-destroyed wood piers that people often complained about loose

boards on with much more expensive concrete floating docks. A better boat ramp, more green space and making the marina more accessible to traveling boaters also is in the picture, McQueen said.

Having everything out of the way also could speed up the timeline for the repairs since workers no longer will have to work around the vessels. McQueen said the work could take six to eight months, instead of the original estimate of 18 months.

But first, the continued assessment of the state of the marina needs to be done and then there needs to be time for public comment.

The commission previously voted to end slip rental agreements at the Panama City Marina and most agreements at the St. Andrews Marina,

other than for a few commercial ships that are still operational.

The process of getting the destroyed boats out is well underway, according to acting Marina Director Brandy Waldron who gave an update during the commission meeting.

Of the 93 boats that were at the Panama City Marina at the time of the hurricane, 40 have been removed. At the St. Andrews Marina, 65 of the 91 vessels there during the hurricane have been removed.

The city is working with insurance companies to ensure the salvage work happens as quickly as the winds and tides allow.

"We are constantly working with salvage companies to help them identify the pieces and particles of boats," Waldron said. "It's a tedious process."

CHIEF

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Office of the Inspector General investigate the issue. Superintendent Bill Husfelt said in October that the state office had agreed to investigate.

"As far as anything after that, it's been handled by the state and they haven't told me anything about the investigation," said Heather Hudson, Bay school board attorney. "I do know they're still actively investigating."

Hudson said on Tuesday that she had not heard about Kent's resignation and could not comment on if it was related to the missing student health records.

In several August emails between Kent

and Husfelt, Kent denied knowing that any records were taken, stating several times that the records were available electronically. According to the emails, upon checking it was discovered that the student health plans had been ended without the district's knowledge or parental consent and would need to be re-activated.

"And no, the records were never returned," Hudson said on Tuesday.

The discovery of the missing health records began in August, soon after the school system decided to hire PanCare Inc. for health technician services in all the county schools. PanCare was hired after the two entities failed to reach an agreement to continue their contract for health

technicians.

Emails from Husfelt to the inspector general's office state that 16 people at more than a dozen schools reported witnessing health department registered nurses and health technicians go into health rooms and remove items. Witnesses also reported they were unable to locate the paper copies of the student health records, which are used as the basis for drafting new health care plans.

Hudson said the school district was still working with the county health department to negotiate some type of health care service.

"That's what's been the subject of ongoing negotiations — what their role is with the school system," Hudson said of the health department.



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In this July 10 photo, former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn leaves a federal courthouse in Washington, following a status hearing. [MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Flynn to make arguments against prison time

By Eric Tucker and Chad Day
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, are poised to ask a judge to spare him prison time in a sentencing memorandum due by the end of Tuesday.

Defense lawyers are expected to echo arguments from special counsel Robert Mueller's office that Flynn has been so cooperative with investigators, meeting with them 19 times, that he is entitled to avoid prison when he is sentenced next week.

Flynn, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about conversations during the presidential transition period with the then-Russian ambassador to the United States, will become the first White House official punished in the special counsel's ongoing probe into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia during the 2016 presidential election.

The filing comes as lawyers for former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort said they were still deciding whether to dispute allegations that he lied to investigators and breached his plea agreement. A judge gave Manafort until Jan. 7 to respond to prosecutors' claims that he misled them about his interactions with an associate who they say has ties to Russian intelligence and with Trump administration officials.

The defendants, their fortunes sliding in opposite directions, represent starkly different paths in Mueller's investigation — a model cooperator on one end and, prosecutors say, a dishonest and resistant witness on the other. Even as prosecutors recommend no prison time for Flynn, they've left open the possibility they may seek additional charges against Manafort, who is already facing years in prison.

Given both men's extensive conversations with prosecutors, and their involvement in key episodes under scrutiny, the pair could pose a threat to Trump, who in addition to Mueller's investigation is entangled in a separate probe by prosecutors in New York into hush-money payments paid during the campaign to two women who say they had affairs with the president.

Since his guilty plea a year ago, Flynn has stayed largely out of the public eye and refrained from discussing the Russia investigation despite encouragement

Trump threatens shutdown

By Matthew Daly and Catherine Lucey
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a wild Oval Office confrontation, President Donald Trump heatedly threatened to shut down the U.S. government Tuesday as he and Democratic leaders bickered over funding for his promised border wall and offered a grim preview of life in Washington the next two years under divided government.

Trump and House and Senate Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer squabbled for more than 15 minutes in the stunning, televised encounter. Each of them, especially Trump, interrupted the others to question facts, quibble over election results and lob insults.

Trump questioned

Pelosi's ability to count votes in her own House. She questioned his manhood — after she left the building.

The public clash marked Trump's first meeting with the newly empowered Democrats since their midterm victories that put them in control of the House, laying bare the tensions on both sides and suggesting how divided government might work — or not — as the 2020 presidential election nears.

Neither the public nor the private face-to-face portion of the meeting appeared to resolve the wall-funding dispute with a partial shutdown looming on Dec. 21. However, Pelosi said Trump called her later in the afternoon and told her the White House was looking at options she and Schumer had laid out.

In the public debate, Trump sounded more determined than ever to allow a partial government shutdown unless he gets the billions he wants for his long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down," he declared.

Pelosi later crowed that she and Schumer had goaded the president to "fully own that the shutdown was his." She told Democratic lawmakers back at the Capitol, according to an aide who was in the room, that the wall was "like a manhood thing for him ... as if manhood could ever be associated with him. This wall thing."

The aide was not authorized to speak publicly and commented only on condition of anonymity.

While Trump has

suggested he may be willing to trade with Democrats and has publicly praised Pelosi, he was focused Tuesday on reinforcing his hardline immigration promises, repeatedly stressing border security and the wall as a critical part. Democrats were in no mood to sympathize, emphasizing their newfound political strength.

"Elections have consequences, Mr. President," said Schumer.

Trump later called it a "friendly meeting," saying "I've actually liked them for a long period of time and I respect them both. And we made a lot of progress." The Democrats said they had given Trump two options to keep government open and the responsibility lay with him and Republicans who control Congress.

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Jury recommends life in prison for Fields Jr.

By Denise Lavoie
The Associated Press



CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A jury Tuesday called for a sentence of life in prison plus 419 years for the Hitler admirer who killed a woman when he rammed his car into counter-protesters at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville two summers ago.

The decision capped a trial laced with survivors' anguished testimony and details of the driver's long history of mental illness.

James Alex Fields Jr., 21, stood stoically with his hands folded in front of him as he heard the jury's recommendation.

It will be up to Judge Richard Moore to decide on the punishment at Fields' sentencing, set

This undated file photo provided by the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail shows James Alex Fields Jr. [ALBEMARLE-CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL JAIL VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

for March 29. Judges in Virginia often go along with the jury's recommendation.

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MARKET MOVERS

• **WPP PLC, up \$1.25 to \$52.38:** The advertising and marketing giant announced a major restructuring that will include shedding 3,500 jobs.

• **General Motors Co., up 27 cents to \$34.69:** Bloomberg News reported that China is moving closer to lowering tariffs on imported cars made in the U.S.

BRIEF CASE

NEW YORK New CBS board to decide Moonves' exit pay

The newly elected CBS board faces daunting tasks: deciding whether former CEO Les Moonves gets a \$120 million exit package following a sexual-misconduct investigation and charting a path for CBS to recover after the scandal.

CBS shareholders ratified the 11 board members, including six new ones, at an annual meeting Tuesday. The board now has until the end of January to decide whether CBS fired Moonves with or without cause, a determination that will affect his eligibility for severance. An investigation by two outside law firms could conclude this month.

Meanwhile, a search for a new CEO is ongoing.

WASHINGTON Senate votes to renew farm programs

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Tuesday for a sweeping agriculture bill that will fund key farm safety net programs for the next five years without making significant changes to the food stamp program.

The vote was 87-13. The House is expected to pass the measure soon and send it to President Donald Trump for his signature.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brought the bill up for a quick vote Tuesday, less than one day after the House and Senate reached an agreement on the final text.

WASHINGTON Wholesale prices tick up, a sign inflation in check

U.S. wholesale prices barely rose last month as a sharp decline in the cost of gas offset pricier freight trucking services and mobile phone plans.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that the producer price index — which tracks cost changes before they reach the consumer — increased 0.1 percent in November from the previous month. That's down sharply from a 0.6 percent gain in October. Wholesale prices rose 2.5 percent from a year ago, the smallest annual increase this year.

The Associated Press



In this Nov. 2 photo, a patron at the Mall at Short Hills in Short Hills, N.J., passes the Boll & Branch furniture store. At the upscale mall, such digital natives as Untuckit, Casper, Boll & Branch and Indochino are becoming destinations for shoppers and are helping to drive more sales and traffic, says Jamie Cox, mall manager. [TED SHAFFREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

'Clicks to bricks'

Brands born on the internet embrace physical stores

By Anne D'Innocenzio
The Associated Press

SHORT HILLS, N.J. — Online retailers are getting physical.

A growing number of brands born on the internet are now opening brick-and-mortar stores and moving into the suburban malls once considered doomed as more Americans shopped online.

But they're taking it even further by doubling-down on the tactile experience. Online mattress retailer Casper, for instance, is opening stores that allow customers to book naps and test out mattresses before buying. Indochino — the online tailor — decided to borrow from the old Savile Row model where customers can be measured face-to-face for custom suits.

"Online brands have embraced clicks-to-bricks," said Faith Hope Consolo, chairman of Prudential Douglas Elliman's retail division. "Shoppers love to touch, interact and try on in person and malls are upping the ante by offering immersive experiences that are exciting and

memorable."

The store openings mark a major shift for formerly online-only brands that just a few years ago believed they didn't need a physical presence to generate robust sales growth.

Digital natives are now finding that the cost of acquiring new customers online is soaring as competition for eyeballs has increased the cost of online ads on Google and other platforms. At the same time, opening a store has become more affordable as higher mall vacancies have prompted landlords to offer flexible leases and other perks. It can be 10 times more expensive to acquire a new customer online as it is with a physical store, said Jim Ward, who heads up recruiting for online brands for mall owner CBL.

There are now roughly 600 stores across the country from these online natives, according to Green Street Advisors, a real estate research firm. Bonobos, which now has 60 stores and sells men's clothing, plans to have 100 by 2020. Online eyewear retailer Warby Parker, which opened its first store in 2013, will have nearly 100 stores by

year-end.

Others are following suit. Casper plans to have about 200 stores in the next two to three years, up from the current 20. And Fabletics, an active sportswear brand co-founded by celebrity Kate Hudson, aims to quadruple the number to 100.

For a brand that's less than 10 years old, new store openings mean a 45 percent increase on average in online traffic, says a recent survey by International Council of Shopping Centers.

But not every mall is benefiting from the shift by online retailers. Digital brands are clustering in top-tier shopping centers, driving an increasingly large gap between the poshest of malls and those struggling to fill vacancies. While many online brands are planting stores in tourist destinations around New York and Los Angeles, they're also launching stores in Oklahoma City and Birmingham, Alabama.

"We're not considering anything outside of the premiere malls," Dave Gilboa, co-founder and co-CEO of Warby Parker.

The physical stores often provide a level of convenience that the web lacks.

ARBOR OUTLOOK

How hunger and income inequality hurt us all

Author's Note: This is a two-part series on income inequality in America



Margaret McDowell

"And I've gone to bed hungry many nights as a lad..."
"In The Good Old Days (When Times Were Bad)" as performed by Merle Haggard

One of the most famous photos in American history is that of a starving mother during the Great Depression. The woman is gaunt and thin, her countenance worried. Then, hunger was commensurate with soaring unemployment.

The face of hunger in America has changed, but the problem is growing

more severe. Many families suffering from a lack of food today are headed by employed adults who still can't afford life's essentials. And this is not only bad for those suffering families, it's bad for the wealthy, too, in ways in addition to obvious humanitarian concerns.

If one is invested in companies which produce food and household products, the more people with income to purchase those products, the better the share price and value of the company. As an investor in, say, pharmaceuticals, it is to your advantage if more people in need of medicine can afford to purchase it. More people buying products manufactured and distributed by the companies you're invested in means more money in their coffers.

If you own a car dealership, the market for selling is far greater when more folks are in a position to buy. Henry Ford paid his workers a living wage for a variety

of reasons; some workers indeed did buy his cars. But beyond that, he created a more stable, dependable labor force. Similarly, we need a strong middle class to purchase more products and services offered by businesses, companies which are often owned by and invested in by the wealthy.

Brazil has a significant income inequality issue, and the wealthy citizens there live behind electronic fences and even drive bulletproof cars. No American lives in a bubble, and we all benefit from residing in communities where it is safe to venture out.

Inflation has not risen dramatically, but costs have risen significantly on items we deem essential: housing, food and health care, for example. A recent small uptick in wage growth was the first in many decades. The bottom line is that for the past 40 years, wage increases are falling far short of the

increase in the cost of living.

As Tracie McMillan writes in National Geographic, "In 1980 there were a few hundred emergency food programs across the country; today there are 50,000. Finding food has become a central worry for millions of Americans. One in six reports running out of food at least once a year. In many European countries, by contrast, the number is closer to one in 20."

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Hints of Democratic agenda as Google CEO testifies

By Marcy Gordon
and Barbara Ortutan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Google CEO Sundar Pichai — and other tech executives who may be watching — got hints Tuesday of what issues they can expect to face as Democrats take control of the House in three weeks.

While Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee grilled Pichai on what they perceive as bias against conservatives, top committee Democrat Jerrold Nadler said lawmakers should instead examine issues such as the spread of misinformation online and Russians' efforts to influence U.S. elections online.

The issue of user privacy also came up over and over. Looming over the tech industry is the possibility of government regulation intended to protect people's data and a deeper look into whether gigantic companies like Google, Amazon and Facebook need to be broken up.

Pichai's first appearance ever before Congress comes after he angered members of a Senate panel in September by declining their invitation to testify about election manipulation. Pichai's no-show at that hearing was marked by an empty chair for Google alongside the Facebook and Twitter executives who did appear. Lawmakers declined Google's offer to send lower-level executives.

Pichai went to Washington later in September to mend fences, meeting with some two dozen Republicans and indicating he also planned to meet with Democrats. He took part in last week's White House meeting with other tech executives on getting government and businesses working more closely on accelerating emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence.

VIEWPOINTS

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Disarray in the UK

If you think the United States' politics are in disarray, you need look no further than our closest ally, the United Kingdom, to feel a little better about our own dysfunction. In case you haven't been following the developments, which have unfolded over several months, the United Kingdom — Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland — voted in a referendum on whether to leave the European Union. Northern Ireland, which shares a border with the Republic of Ireland, voted to leave the EU. And therein lies the problem.

Residents on the Irish island don't want a "hard border," which would be similar to our borders between, for instance, Texas and Mexico.

The potential chaos of reintroducing a "hard border" would be similar to putting up international border-type roadblocks in Jackson County for travelers heading north toward Dothan. Traffic would back up for miles and commerce between the two areas would slow — perhaps even halt altogether. No one wants that.

So the two sides have been negotiating back and forth for weeks, even after British Prime Minister Theresa May negotiated a deal with the European Union. She stood before television cameras and Parliament for hours several times and implored for an alternative, but none was presented and a scheduled vote in Parliament was canceled.

It wouldn't be at all surprising if the ordeal is pushed back, even into the new year. Neither side wants to budge on their demands, and May no doubt doesn't want to negotiate another attempt at a deal — only to have it rejected and leave her right back where is now.

One other option that has been discussed is whether to hold another referendum, or to hold a referendum on the current deal vs. a no-deal Brexit. May and others don't want another referendum because, they say, they don't want to divide the country again, in a way similar to the US during the last election.

The lesson here is that referendums are messy, and they don't always settle controversial issues. But, as we have found in Florida, they give power directly to the people, and, as May has said several times, it's the people they are serving.

Let's hope the upcoming holiday spurs on the reluctant members of Parliament. What they do — or don't do — reverberates around the globe, affecting global trade and adding to the contagious discontent that has plagued too many countries.

Ick factor (not for the squeamish)

The next time you find a cockroach running along a wall and all the other places they hide, remember this: Reuters reported China is breeding billions of them in an attempt to eat trash and cure the common cold, among other things.

It's an icky — and very odd — example of innovation.

We won't suggest the US do the same; we'll stick to the over-the-counter stuff. It's not a cure, but how many medicines are perfect?

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READER FEEDBACK

Damage from Hurricane Michael has reached \$1 billion, according to the initial property appraisal operation, which has assessed 48,000 of the county's 73,000 buildings through Thursday.

Jim Gentry: Here comes massive property tax increases — to make up for the shortage of taxes. It's a vicious cycle.

Patsy Lewis: Not surprised. There are so many buildings destroyed.

Mary Jo Medema: Patsy Lewis, I did see that Kohl's on 77 will open in 2019. Every time I see an ad on TV for a local business, I wonder if they are still there. Tarpon Docks has a lot of ads, but I have no clue if they're still standing.

Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) celebrated having a million passengers in a calendar year for the first time and handed out balloons and cupcakes to everyone aboard a Delta flight.

Ryan Watson: We need Allegiant also.

Jim Guerin: Why are flights out of Tampa and Orlando 50 percent cheaper to the same

destinations?

Wade Bass: Why in the world can't I fly from the Panhandle to Miami or Orlando without going to Atlanta first?

Donalle Rodas: This is a top-notch airport. When will it have its first international flight?

Ryan Watson: Add direct flights to South Florida and that would be a major milestone.

Florida officials say thousands of mailed ballots were not counted because they were delivered too late to state election offices.

Floyd Raymond Boswell: Knowing the liberal slant of this newspaper, I'm sure they are making an assumption that these votes would have somehow helped their party. I bet most of them were for conservative candidates. Just saying.

Heather Kenny: Floyd Raymond Boswell nah. I just want the supposed greatest country to get their elections right.

Thomas Lloyd Rhea II: Maybe they learned their lesson and will vote earlier next time.

ANOTHER VIEW



Trump's meddling sows economic trouble



Stephen Chapman

One crucial test of leadership is knowing when to leave well enough alone. Fixing things that are going badly can be hard. What is easy is not screwing up things that are doing fine without your help.

These are among the many presidential lessons Donald Trump didn't learn before taking office and has ignored ever since. The virtues of silence and restraint are lost on him.

Barack Obama arrived in the depths of the Great Recession and was forced to confront a raft of crises, from rising unemployment to the instability of the financial system to the collapse of the auto industry. Trump came along when those problems were out of the way, and he had the luxury of riding an economic expansion that was well into its eighth year.

Thanks in part to the tax cuts he signed last year, which provided a jolt of fiscal stimulus, economic growth was up significantly the past two quarters. Inflation is low; exports are rising; and unemployment is lower than it's

been since 1970. As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said in May, "America's economy has found the sweet spot."

But lately, sour notes have been heard. The Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 have erased virtually all of this year's gains and are in the midst of their worst quarter since 2011.

Some events are beyond the control of the president, but much of the anxiety is the product of his policies. He claimed to have won major trade concessions from Chinese President Xi Jinping, but the Chinese have yet to confirm that, and Trump has threatened to inflict higher tariffs if he doesn't get what he wants.

His impetuous, erratic pronouncements sow endless confusion. The monthly Economic Policy Uncertainty Index — maintained by economists Scott Baker (Northwestern), Nick Bloom (Stanford) and Steven Davis (University of Chicago) — has run consistently higher since Trump was elected than in the previous two years. Uncertainty makes it hard for businesspeople to gauge what they can expect to sell and what it will cost to make.

Trump's tariffs on steel have hurt U.S. companies that use steel. Prices have risen 19 percent since Trump took office. That means soybean growers, who have

seen their sales to China dry up, also are facing higher prices for their machinery.

When it comes to his central goal of reducing the trade deficit, the president has completely whiffed. The gap has been growing, and in October, it was the biggest since 2008 — and the largest ever with China.

The oil industry, which was booming when crude went for \$80 a barrel, has seen prices plunge — something Trump credits to his cozy relations with Saudi Arabia. He has urged the Saudis to boost production to cut prices still more. But The New York Times notes, "The United States became the world's largest oil producer this year, and a collapse in prices could hurt scores of businesses. ..."

The economy would be stronger and the outlook would be brighter if Trump had simply taken the credit for the good times and done nothing to disrupt them. But he can't resist meddling.

The wisdom of Calvin Coolidge would have served him well. "Don't you know," he once asked, "that four-fifths of all our troubles in this life would disappear if we would just sit down and keep still?"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beware of hurricane-related scams

Unfortunately for homeowners and business owners affected by Hurricane Michael, a new threat may be on the horizon. We should all be aware of assignment of benefits (AOB) schemes perpetrated by unscrupulous home repair companies and their lawyers. Insurers and consumer groups have spent years urging the Florida Legislature to curb AOB abuse. So far, trial attorneys' lobbying efforts have derailed every reform attempt.

The scam goes like this: A homeowner calls a home repairman to fix damage to their home. Before work begins, the repair company has the homeowner sign an assignment of benefits form.

Once the homeowner signs it, the repair company can now essentially do whatever it wants as it has control of the homeowner's insurance policy. A leaky faucet could turn into an entire kitchen being ripped out and replaced and billed to your insurance. You could even be named as party of a lawsuit and not even realize it, if the contractor sues your insurance company. Eventually, the repair company walks away with the money and your insurance rate goes up, as well as for millions of other Floridians.

AOB abuse is rampant. Last year, Florida's spiraling insurance premiums and dysfunctional legal environment earned the state the dubious distinction of being the nation's

worst "judicial hellhole." AOB litigation has skyrocketed by 90,000 percent since 2000, with no weather-related justification. Imagine how much higher that number will be with thousands of new victims Hurricane Michael has created.

As you make repairs to your home, please read everything carefully before you sign it. If you have questions about what your signing, do not hesitate to call reach out to your insurance company, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation or the American Consumer Institute.

Steve Pociask, Tallahassee

Editor's note: The writer is president and CEO of the Anonprofit American Consumer Institute.

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White House proposes big rollback of water rules

By Ellen Knickmeyer and John Flesher
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cabinet chiefs and GOP lawmakers celebrated alongside farm and business leaders Tuesday as the Trump administration made good on one of its biggest promised environmental rollbacks, proposing to remove federal protections for thousands of waterways nationwide.

Environmental groups called the proposed overhaul of federal water protections one of the gravest assaults ever on the aims of the 1972 Clean Water Act, the foundational U.S. water protection law. Administration supporters praised President Donald Trump for knocking back what they said was federal overreach.

The Obama-era water protections targeted for replacement by Tuesday's regulatory overhaul "was never about clean water," Rep. Sam Graves, a Republican and farmer from Missouri, and one of about a dozen GOP Congress members at Tuesday's launch at headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency. "It was always about the federal government getting more control over our water and our lives."

"I want to thank him for keeping that promise," Graves declared of Trump.

"Thank you, Mr. President, for giving us the Christmas present of a lifetime," the president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Zippy Duvall



Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler signs an order withdrawing federal protections for countless waterways and wetlands, Tuesday at EPA headquarters in Washington. [CLIFF OWEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

of Georgia, said.

Environmental groups said the Trump administration proposal would have a sweeping impact on how the country safeguards the nation's waterways, scaling back not just a 2015 Obama administration interpretation of federal jurisdiction, but how federal agencies enforce the 1972 Clean Water Act.

"The Trump administration has just given a big Christmas gift to polluters," said Bob Irvin, president of the American Rivers environmental nonprofit. "Americans all over the country are concerned about the safety of their drinking water — this is not the time to be rolling back protections."

The Trump administration would remove federal protections for wetlands nationally unless they are connected to another federally protected waterway, and for streams, creeks, washes, ditches and ponds that exist only during rains.

Interior Secretary Ryan

Zinke, also attending the ceremony for the regulatory changes, told the farmers and others attending the proposal "doesn't remove any protection."

"It puts the decision back where it should be, the people that work the land, that hunt, that own the land," Zinke said.

Industry groups praised the latest Trump administration environmental regulatory rollback.

"When you have uncertainty and overreach it makes it incredibly difficult to build American homes," Gerald Howard, the CEO of the National Association of Home Builders, said of the Obama administration's interpretation of the water rules.

Environmental groups say the kind of isolated wetlands, rain-fed streams and often dry washes that would lose federal protections also help buffer communities from the worsening impact of drought, floods and hurricanes under climate change, and are vital for wildlife.



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City closes 13th Street near BHS

By Katie Landeck
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PANAMA CITY — With portable classrooms going in across the street from the traditional Bay High School campus, the Panama City Commission granted a request from Bay District Schools to temporarily

close a portion of 13th Street.

During their meeting Tuesday, commissioners agreed to close the road from Magnolia Avenue to Wilson Avenue from January 2019 through July 2020. The terms of the closure leaves wiggle room for officials to open the road on weekends or during the summer.

“This is about student safety,” Superintendent Bill Husfelt told commissioners. “I think it’s a very logical request.”

This is not the first time the commission has received a request from the district to close the road. In 2016, ahead of the construction to Joe and Jeannette Chapman Field at Tommy Oliver Stadium, the

school also asked for it to be permanently closed for safety reasons.

At that meeting, a group of neighbors came from the community to protest and it was voted down 4-1.

But on Tuesday, only a few people spoke against the closure, though they said the reason more people didn’t show

up is because of the continued impacts of Hurricane Michael.

“The community did not want to close the street,” said James Barker. “We don’t need to close the street. To me, this is a backdoor way for the school district to get the road permanently closed.”

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Christmas cheer spread at Sims



Judy Rivoero dances with retired Army serviceman Robert Dallas during the annual Christmas party at Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home on Monday. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

Emerald Coast Rotary Club hosts annual Christmas party for veterans

By Collin Breaux
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PANAMA CITY — Veterans got to eat, dance and spread holiday cheer Monday during an annual Christmas party at the Sims State Veterans

Nursing Home. The party was hosted by the Emerald Coast Rotary Club, a service organization that also takes the Sims patients out for softball games every spring and summer. Club President Doug DeGood said club members make it a priority to serve the veterans meals and

show them a good time.

“It’s our biggest project working with the veterans,” said DeGood. “Too many times people just forget what they’ve done for this country, and we try to make them remember.”

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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

DeSantis transition panel weighs water issues

State officials ousted in storm cleanup probe

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A top official in Florida’s highway agency and her deputy resigned after an investigation into whether state employees were sent to the official’s southern Georgia home to clean up fallen tree limbs and connect a generator after Hurricane Michael.

Kelley Scott, director of administrative services for the Florida highway agency, and Shane Phillips, the agency’s chief of office services, submitted their resignations Monday — departures that become effective next month.

They quit after an internal investigation in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles concluded that Scott failed to act on a possible ethics violation. The agency’s inspector general said allegations that Scott used state resources to clean up debris at her house were unfounded, but that she did attempt to use agency resources for her personal gain.

Three state workers were sent to her home in Colquitt, Georgia, more than an hour’s drive each way from Tallahassee, with a “disaster trailer” loaded with chainsaws, tarps and generators, but they were called back before they could do any work amid concerns about using public resources on a private, out-of-state property, according to the investigative report.

“Scott had knowledge of a possible ethics violation and failed to take appropriate action,” the inspector gen-



Scott

eral’s report said.

The inspector general’s report said Phillips wasn’t

forthcoming with information and investigators had to interview him three times to get pertinent information.

The investigation was launched following an anonymous tip about three weeks after the Category 4 storm devastated swaths of the Florida Panhandle and southern Georgia with wind speeds up to 155 mph.

The roof of Scott’s home was damaged by the storm, there was no power and downed tree limbs covered the driveway. Phillips sent a crew to help out Scott, despite the objections of at least one high-level official in the agency who thought it was a misuse of state property. The three-man maintenance crew was sent to the house but were there only 10 minutes before Phillips called them, telling them to return to Tallahassee, according to the report.

In a statement, the highway agency’s executive director, Terry L. Rhodes, said state employees are vested with the responsibility of making “sound decisions” with public resources.

“We carry this responsibility with us 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” Rhodes said. “This duty cannot be ignored or delegated, irrespective of the circumstances.”



Alfie, a Hurricane Michael survivor, needs your help. He is a 3-year-old beagle mix who has lost his home and needs a new family to love. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Alaqua to waive pet fees for Christmas

Special to The News Herald

FREEMONT — With more animals at Alaqua Animal Refuge now than at any time in its 11-year history, the non-profit has decided to waive its adoption fees for qualified pets throughout the rest of 2018.

The holiday program is designed to clear the shelter by the new year to make room for hundreds of animals waiting to come in, mostly displaced by Hurricane Michael two

months ago.

As an incentive, the refuge is waiving its usual fee to adopt a dog or cat more than 6 months old and is accepting donations in any amount.

“Everyone wins with this program,” said Laurie Hood, founder of Alaqua. “People enjoy the companionship of a pet, the animals are able to begin a new life, and we’re able to take in more animals that desperately need sheltering. Most people don’t realize the

utter devastation in our area for both animals and people. There are thousands of animals still displaced, and the shelters are full. This program allows us to find loving homes for animals in our care, while making room for so many more in need.”

Dogs and cats more than six months old can be adopted for a donation of any amount. All dogs and cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. Adoption criteria

and application forms can be found online at <https://www.alaqua.org/adopt/guidelines>.

Fees for puppies and kittens under 6 months old continue in place.

“We invite people to come to Alaqua and find their perfect pet,” said Hood. “From lap dogs and sweet cats to active dogs ready for anything at a moment’s notice, we have animals of all sizes and personalities, including purebreds.”

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Today

6TH ANNUAL BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Capt. Anderson's Marina, 5550 N. Lagoon Drive, Panama City Beach. A re-creation of the ancient village. Experience walking through ancient Bethlehem, being present as Isaiah, Mary and Joseph learn and tell others of the coming of the Christ child. Follow the path they did as they strolled through town looking for a place to sleep. Some of the choirs this year include West Bay, Mosley, Lucille Moore and Surfside. There will be vendors, a petting zoo and much more; fun for the entire family.

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version of the Dickens classic becomes an effort to breathe new life into an old tradition, attempting to tell "Every Christmas Story Ever Told." Tickets and details: LoveTheRep.com

Thursday
ZUMBA GOLD: 10-11 a.m. at the Lyndell Conference Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach; full-body workout for all ages. Details: 850-236-3033

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY LUNCHEON: 2 p.m. at O'Charley's Restaurant 311 E. 23rd St., Panama City. Member's spouses or guests and Sons of Confederate Veterans and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

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Friday

#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

'TRAVELERS' PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT: Open through Jan. 11 during regular business hours at The Light Room, 306 Harrison Ave., Panama City. Featuring the work of Maureen Joyner, Larry Joyner and David Capes. Details and online gallery: TheLightRoomPC.com

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OUTDOOR MOVIE IN THE SNOW — 'ELF': 6-8 p.m. at Oaks by the Bay Park, 2715 W. 10th St., Panama City. Free; open to public. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Four Winds Church is sponsoring the event, with hot cocoa provided by Native Spirit Museum and Gallery, and cold snow machines.

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BALLROOM DANCING: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City. For all levels. Enjoy good music on the best dance floor in the area. \$5 per person at the door. Details: 850-277-0566 or dpjgordon01@yahoo.com

Saturday

ST. ANDREWS FARMERS MARKET: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. along the boardwalk at the Smith Yacht Basin in St. Andrews, 1209 Beck Ave., Panama City, with children's Christmas activities.

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

OBITUARIES

NEILSON ANDRUAS DELMAR, JR.
1950 – 2018

Neil "Pappy" Delmar, 68, passed away peacefully at Southeast Health in Dothan, Alabama, on Dec. 5, 2018, surrounded by his loving family following a life-threatening stroke.

Neil was born in Pensacola, Florida, and grew up with his three sisters in their Blount Street home in the East Hill section of Pensacola. Neil attended Agnes McReynolds School, East Hill Christian School, and AV Clubbs Jr. High School, graduating with the Pensacola High School Class of 1969.

As a young boy, Neil was very athletic and loved to surf, also enjoying dove hunting and fishing with his dad. Neil later completed Law Enforcement Standards training at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Florida.

Following his high school graduation, Neil



drove to Montgomery, Alabama, with his good friend, John Tugwell, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in August 1969. He proudly served his country as a United States Marine while stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Cpl. Delmar was honorably discharged from active service in 1971. While at Camp Lejeune, he was assigned to the Headquarters 2nd Field Artillery Group. His commendation medals included the National

Defense Service Medal, Marksmanship Badge, as well as Good Conduct medals demonstrating his expert handling of a rifle as well as his character.

Neil lived out his life by the Marine Corps motto, Semper Fidelis — Always Faithful. He was a loving and faithful son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend, always attentive to and looking after the needs of others. He loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and leaves a legacy of selfless service that others might emulate. His smile and laughter were contagious, and any time spent with "Pappy" was always a good time. Once discharged from the Marine Corps in August 1971, Neil met and wowed his future bride to be, Glenda Hawkins, while she was home from FSU on a weekend

break. They dated during the next four years, and were married on June 21, 1975, at McIlwain Presbyterian Church in Pensacola.

In 1976, Neil was hired to serve with the Panama City Police Department. From that time on, Neil and Glenda made their home in Bay County, Florida. During the next 37 years, Neil also worked for a brief time with the Pensacola Police Department, but his greatest time served was with the Bay County Sheriff's Office. While at the BCSO, Neil enjoyed time spent in various divisions: patrol, narcotics, investigations, warrants and transport. Neil retired from the BCSO in 2011 but returned a few years later to work part-time with his law enforcement family who he dearly loved.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents;

father, Neilson A. Delmar, Sr.; and mother, Von (Galloway) Delmar. Even in death, Neil, as an organ donor, was able to give the gift of life to many others in need.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 43 years, Glenda (Lynn Haven); two amazing sons and their beautiful wives, Brian (Emily) Delmar and Jeff (Kristie) Delmar (Panama City); and nine precious Delmar grandchildren, Ethan, Karina, Caroline, Amelia, Hallie, Malachi, Levi, Julia, and Elias who will sadly miss their fun-loving and huggable Pappy. Neil also is survived by his three sisters, Glenda (Joe) Stanfa (Pensacola), Joanie Delmar (Pensacola), and Pam (Tom) Rayside (Canton, Georgia).

Visitation will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2350

Frankford Ave., Panama City, Florida, followed by a celebration of life service beginning at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Neil's memory to: Covenant Christian School, 2350 Frankford Ave., Panama City, FL 32405; Sheds of Hope, Mission to North America, P.O. Box 890233, Charlotte, NC 28289-0233; or Gideons International, 903 Harrison Ave., Panama City, FL 32401.

The Delmar family would like to publicly thank all the medical staff who so graciously and compassionately cared for Neil while in the Critical Care Unit of Southeast Health.

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MARY JOSEPHINE WADDELL

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to Mary Josephine Waddell, "Mary Jo." She was lifted up into heaven unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018. She was a young 71.

We rejoice that she has been reunited (in heaven) with her husband of 44 years, Charles Foy Waddell Jr. (Bubba). Mary Jo will be lovingly remembered by her sons, Charles (Billie) and Bryan. A piece of her will always live on within her grandchildren, Christian, Taylor and Aiden. Mary Jo was the daughter of Earnest and Jeanette Baker of New Boston, Michigan, and is survived by her brother, Sonny (Darlene); brothers-in-law, Albert and Jimmy (Kay); sister-in-law, Janis (Jerry); and niece, Julie. Mary Jo was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Rhonda.

Mary Jo graduated from Tulane University with her degree in nursing. She married and raised her family in Panama City. She retired from Bay Medical after 34 years.



She attended First Baptist Church of Panama City for more than 48 years. She was a true animal lover and master gardener.

A funeral service in memory of Mary Jo will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, at Wilson Funeral Home, 214 Airport Road, Panama City, Florida. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorial donations in memory of Mary Jo can be made to the Humane Society of Bay County, 1600 Bay Ave., Panama City, FL 32401.

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WILMA ROEBUCK

Wilma Roebuck was born on April 24, 1920, in Columbus Ohio. She moved to Orlando, Florida, and graduated from high school in 1937. She returned to Columbus, Ohio, to attend comptroller school. She worked in accounting for various companies. She met her husband, Vaughn Roebuck, at a roller skating rink in 1938 and married him on Nov. 27, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck moved to Panama City, Florida, on Feb. 26, 1942, with 26 other families from Ohio to open Tyndall Air Force Base. Wilma worked at the shipyard during World War II and saw the first ship built and launched. She then went on to work at Tyndall AFB in the payroll department. Together



they had three children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vaughn Roebuck. Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Linda Roebuck Powell, Sandra Chernock, and James V. Roebuck and wife Maxine Roebuck; grandchildren, Alisa Taylor and husband Robert, James Cutchin and wife

Robin, Josh Chernock and Jeremy Chernock; great-grandchildren, Matthew Knotts, Lindsey Knotts, Max Cutchin and McKenna Cutchin.

Wilma was involved in all phases of the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Brownie and Girl Scout Leader, Bay High School Band Boosters, PTA State Board Life Member, Lifetime Member of The Eastern Star Masonic Organization, Mother Adviser to the order of Rainbow Girls, Royal Matron of the order of the Amaranth. Panama City Women's Club for more than 20 years, Gulf Coast Women's Club for 26 years, 25 years active in Widowed Persons Service and 16-year member in the classic Ladies of the Shrine.

Wilma served in many offices in these organizations. Wilma and her husband, Vaughn, did a lot of traveling in several camping clubs and were members of the Antique Auto Club of America while enjoying their 1926 Model T Ford.

Wilma was always ready for adventure, no matter where she was going. She will be greatly missed!

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2018, at Emerald Coast Fellowship Church. The family will receive friends and family from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

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JO ANN HOLT

Graveside funeral services for Jo Ann Holt, 79, of Wewahitchka,

Florida, will begin at 12:30 p.m. CST Wednesday, Dec. 12,

2018, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from

11 a.m. to noon CST at Southerland Event Center in Lynn Haven.

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VETERANS

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The Christmas party had a DJ playing holiday music and a pony from the HOPE Project, which uses equine therapy to treat injured veterans and other people. Vietnam veteran Cecil Jones said the party was "great."

"We expected it, but we didn't expect this much, all the different foods and stuff," said Jones, who has been at Sims for several years and will turn 71 in May. "We're very appreciative of it."

He described his time in Vietnam as difficult, remembering the bloodshed but the feeling of having to keep going because he knew he "had a job to do."

Ginny O'Hare, Sims activities director, said

the Rotary Club's party is "always wonderful." Sims fared relatively well during Hurricane Michael.

"The residents really enjoy it and after Hurricane Michael we certainly need something big," said O'Hare. "We had some damage mostly on the Delta side. We kind of all lived on the Alpha side for a while but then once we got the covering on the roof, we're good to go."

The veterans are doing well as if the hurricane "never happened," said O'Hare.

"We just kept going. That's what we do, just like they did in the trenches," said O'Hare.

The Rotary Club also held a special needs dance event Tuesday at the Lyndell Center in Panama City Beach and will participate in Wreaths Across America on Saturday.



ABOVE: Residents in wheelchairs participated in a small parade during the party. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

LEFT: David Trogon with HOPE Project helps Dolly the miniature horse while Bill Wibbles gives her a pat on the nose. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

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Citizens pitches insurance rate hikes

By Jim Saunders
 The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — With the state-backed insurer blaming costly water-damage claims in South Florida, residential customers of Citizens Property Insurance Corp. could see an average 8.2 percent rate increase next year, according to a new proposal.

The proposal, which would take effect in September 2019, will go before the Citizens Board of Governors during a meeting Wednesday. If the board signs off, the proposal would need approval from the state Office of Insurance Regulation.

The average 8.2 percent hike would hit “personal lines” policyholders, including owners of single-family homes, owners of condominiums and renters — though increases would vary across the state depending on factors such as location. Commercial policies could see an average 9 percent increase.

In backup material sent Monday to reporters, Citizens blamed water-damage claims and the controversial practice known as “assignment of benefits” for driving up costs and spurring a need for higher rates. The issue involves claims for water damage such as busted pipes in

homes, not storm-related water damage.

Assignment of benefits, or AOB as it is known, is perhaps the most-controversial insurance issue in the state Capitol. Under assignment of benefits, homeowners sign over insurance claims to contractors, who then pursue payments from insurance companies.

Citizens, which has about 435,000 policies, and other insurers contend the AOB process is filled with fraud and leads to expensive litigation. But contractors and trial attorneys argue that assignment of benefits helps ensure that damage claims are paid properly.

STREET

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He added, “I think it’s an insult to the students of Bay High to tell them they can’t cross a street.”

Barker then pointed out many of the students have no problem crossing the street to visit Dan-D Donuts. Others also spoke of their mistrust of Husfelt, saying this seemed like a ploy to have the street permanently closed, a request they felt the commission already had settled.

After hearing the criticism, Husfelt maintained that this effort was driven solely by student safety and the impacts of the storm, but did concede the vision for the school has included having the road closed at times. He also said that

having a thousand students cross the road seven times a day for class is not the same thing as having several dozen cross the street at a red light in the morning.

While Commissioner Ken Brown expressed hesitancy, ultimately the commission unanimously voted in favor of the closure.

To mitigate the impact, Brown asked about turning 12th Street in a through street, which City Manager Mark McQueen confirmed the city is already working on. Commissioner Mike Nichols, who noted he uses the road, also pushed for McQueen to find ways to have the road opened either after school, during weekends or during the summer to lessen the impacts.

Both McQueen and Husfelt said they thought they could work out something.

Commissioner Jenna Haligas said the city should use the opportunity to find out what the impact would be if the road were to be closed permanently. She said in her research — setting up meetings with those opposed, going door to door in the neighborhood, meeting with Bay High students and meeting with Bay High faculty — people were not as opposed as they originally seemed.

“It was 10 or 12 people I spoke to who didn’t support it,” she said.

Weighing that against the 1,300 students and faculty members at Bay High, she said closing the street “is in the best interest of the community.”

“This is a great opportunity to see what happens,” she added. “If it’s a bad thing, we’re going to see that now.”

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DeSantis transition panel weighs water issues

By Jim Turner
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Money set aside annually for the restoration of the Everglades and other waterways should also help end the use of septic tanks, a former House speaker suggested Monday as a panel considered potential environmental policies for Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis.

Former Speaker Steve Crisafulli said the incoming governor should tap the “Legacy Florida” funding to aid conversions from septic tanks to local sewer systems in coastal areas and near lagoons and estuaries.

“At the end of the day, I think that there

is a conversation to be had about a dedicated funding source that could be used for those conversions,” said Crisafulli, a Merritt Island Republican who served as speaker from 2014 to 2016.

“Legacy Florida,” created under Crisafulli’s watch, sets aside up to \$200 million a year from voter-approved conservation money for Everglades restoration. It also sets aside \$50 million for natural springs and \$5 million for Lake Apopka.

It remains to be seen if the proposal will make a final report produced by a DeSantis transition committee considering issues related to the environment, natural

resources and agriculture. During its meeting Monday at Florida State University’s Turnbull Conference Center, the committee focused on water issues.

Everglades restoration and the need to make the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers more amenable to Florida’s desires on water projects dominated the discussion, which also touched on water supply and maintaining natural springs.

Congressman Brian Mast, a Palm City Republican who chairs the committee, said two additional meetings will be held before the end of the month, with recommendations presented to DeSantis before his Jan. 8 inauguration.

AREA BRIEFS

LYNN HAVEN Lynn Haven handing out donated toys

The City of Lynn Haven will host a toy distribution event today through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., at Sharon Sheffield Park.

The city has collected toys from Nov. 27 to Dec. 7, according to a news release.

“Toys will be distributed to as many families/children as possible and gift wrapping stations will be available while supplies last,” the news release stated. “The toy distribution site will have toys for all ages available and all are welcome to attend.”

City Manager Michael White said the city “is extremely excited to host this toy distribution event.”

“We cannot wait for these children to receive the gifts they deserve! We would also like to thank anyone and everyone who contributed to this toy drive,” White said in the news release. “Without their donations, we would have not been able to provide this many toys to the families and children in need.”

PARKER Parker hosting 63rd Fire Truck Santa on Saturday

The City of Parker will

host the 63rd year of celebrating Fire Truck Santa on Saturday.

“Santa, along with his elves, will ride atop one of our fire engines and drive through every street in the city to toss candy to eager kids running out to meet us,” said Mayor Rich Musgrave. “This has become a much anticipated event each year and this year, in part because of the turmoil caused by the hurricane, is one that we definitely wish to carry on the tradition.”

The fire truck will depart from the firehouse about 8 a.m. Saturday.

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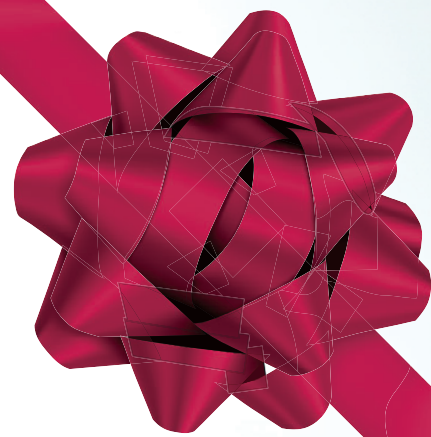
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SPORTS

Bulldogs deal Rams third straight loss, 70-57



Rutherford's Brian Edwards tries to dribble the ball past Marianna's Tavis Grooms during Tuesday's game at Rosenwald. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

By Dustin Kent
dkent@pcnh.com

PANAMA CITY — After two straight losses to Fort Walton Beach and Lighthouse Christian Academy, Rutherford coach Rhondie Ross was looking for answers as to how to get his team back on track heading into Tuesday's game against Marianna.

He didn't find any answers against the Bulldogs, who dealt the Rams (1-3) a third straight defeat at Rosenwald High School 70-57. Marianna led wire to wire, scoring the

game's first 14 points and not allowing Rutherford to get closer than four points the rest of the way.

"Right now, we're not good enough," Ross said of his team. "I felt like (the Bulldogs) used their 'C' game to beat us tonight. We never made them raise their level of play."

The Bulldogs were sharp enough to notch their fifth straight win to start the season, with Tavis Grooms leading the way with 19 points and Stefon McMillan adding 18. Marianna's 6-foot-6

center James Davis added 11 points and made it tough on Rutherford to finish inside at the other end of the court.

Brian Edwards was the top scorer for the Rams with 17 points, with Lavar Hills the only other Rutherford player in double figures with 11. It was a struggle for the Rams at the offensive end through much of the night, as they made just one 3-pointer for the game and turned the ball over on seven of their first nine possessions.

See **BULLDOGS**, C3

No. 1 Kansas gets big test against No. 17 Villanova

By John Marshall
The Associated Press

Kansas started the season No. 1, dropped to No. 2 despite not losing and moved back to the top spot after playing its worst game of the season.

Now, the Jayhawks get a massive test.

On Saturday, newly-No. 1 Kansas hosts No. 17 Villanova at Allen Fieldhouse in a rematch of the 2018 national semifinals.

The Wildcats stomped Kansas on the way to the national title, and the Jayhawks are coming off a shaky performance against New Mexico State.

"We've played a really hard schedule. It's just going to get harder with Villanova coming in on Saturday," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "They've given us fits and cleaned our clock last year. It should be a great game for our fans and motivational game for our guys."

Villanova turned a Final Four match-up of blue blood programs into a laugh last April in San Antonio, rolling over Kansas 95-79 before issuing a similar takedown of Michigan in the title game.

Kansas was the preseason No. 1 this year, but dropped a spot in the first regular-season poll after Duke decimated then-No. 2 Kentucky to open the season. The Jayhawks held that spot until this week, bumping to No. 1 after former top-ranked Gonzaga lost to No. 3 Tennessee over the weekend.

The Jayhawks are 8-0, but had a hard time putting New Mexico State away on Saturday

See **B'BALL**, C3

Arnold withstands late Bay rally

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There's no area team Arnold coach Robert Britton wants to beat more than Bay.

"If there was a teeth brushing competition I'd want to beat Bay," Britton said before Tuesday's game against the Tornadoes.

Chandler Taylor helped his coach do just that as he scored 14 points to lead the Marlins to a 54-49 victory.

Britton said Taylor's disappointment with his early season performances inspired his player to spend more time watching film and working on his touch around the rim. That showed on Tuesday as Taylor was at times unstoppable no matter how many defenders swarmed him near the basket.

"We're just happy that he's coming along and we're just going to ride this wave because he's our big guy," Britton said of Taylor.

Emmanuel Echeverry and Zach Sinclair finished with 11 points each for the Marlins. Teammate Kenzarius Deshazier also finished in double figures with a 10-point performance that included two made 3-pointers.

Britton said Deshazier's minutes were "big-time" after early foul trouble forced Echeverry to spend extra time on the bench.

Zamuel Compere and Jhykeith Halton led the Tornadoes in the loss, finishing with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

"He was excellent, he was a warrior," Bay coach Rusty Cook said of Compere. "We were down, they battled. I love these kids."

Compere and Halton

combined to score nine points in the final three minutes of the game as Bay went on a 11-0 run over that stretch to make it a one-possession game in the final minute.

"We just go to clean it up," Britton said. "Too many turnovers in crucial moments. We extended the game longer than it needed to be. We had a 10-point lead with a 1:40 left."

Arnold held a 29-21 lead at the break and extended that advantage with 10-2 run at the beginning of the third quarter.

The Tornadoes must wait until Monday to return to the court for a road trip to Franklin. Arnold will return to action on Friday when the Marlins travel to Mosley.

Before the game, Arnold students signed boxing gloves as a part of ongoing efforts to raise money

See **ARNOLD**, C3



Arnold's Emmanuel Echeverry shoots the ball as Bay's Zamuel Compere contests. [PHOTOS BY PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Bay's Jhykeith Halton dribbles past Arnold's Emmanuel Echeverry.

McCutchen on the move, other deals percolate at meetings



In this Sept. 14 photo, New York Yankees' Andrew McCutchen hits a home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, at Yankee Stadium in New York. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Andrew McCutchen moving into Philadelphia's outfield, more talk about a megadeal involving Noah Syndergaard and J.T. Realmuto and veteran pitcher Ivan Nova on the go.

The winter meetings picked up a bit Tuesday, but any big deals for the likes of Corey Kluber, Manny Machado and Bryce Harper remained on deck.

There were reports the Baltimore Orioles, finally, were close to hiring a manager in Chicago Cubs bench coach Brandon Hyde. But the O's said those stories were premature and they wouldn't

make a decision before leaving Las Vegas.

"We don't have a manager," newly hired general manager Mike Elias said.

The World Series champion Red Sox made a move, too — with their lineup. AL MVP Mookie Betts will shift out of the leadoff spot and bat behind Andrew Benintendi, manager Alex Cora said.

"I think we're going to maximize Mookie in a different spot. Flip-flop them, Beni leading off and Mookie hitting second. Talked to him, it makes sense," Cora said.

"And I know Beni's OK with it. But if you play 162 games, you're going to come up 162 at-bats with nobody on," said.

"And last year, what I wanted from him in the leadoff spot, we accomplished. It's a different season and we have to make adjustments, and that's where we're going to go."

Betts led the majors in batting (.346) and slugging percentage (.640) and was second in on-base average (.438) for the 108-win Red Sox. He also had 84 extra-base hits, including 32 home runs.

Speculation continued to swirl about a huge swap that would include the Yankees and Mets. The New York teams don't usually do business directly, but this trade would enlist a third team — the Miami Marlins and Realmuto, their star catcher.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

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CUP COUNTDOWN

Homestead location helps race make the top-five list



Joey Logano's No. 22 Team Penske Ford spits out tire smoke after he captured the 2018 Cup Series championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/SEAN GARDNER]

By Godwin Kelly
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This is the first of a five-part series on the top-five races during the 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

If the Ford EcoBoost 400 had been scheduled in March, or July, or October, it would not have made this list of the very best Cup Series races.

How did it make the list at No. 5? Let's use the old real estate adage of "Location, location, location!"

The 267-lap race over Homestead-Miami Speedway's 1.5-mile oval got here because it decided the 2018 Cup Series championship.

Four drivers — Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr. and Joey Logano — were vying for the crown. The top finishing driver of the four would earn the championship.

As is the custom, since NASCAR introduced the knockout-round format in 2014, the race-winning driver (Logano) simultaneously won the Cup title when he took the checkered flag.

All four playoff contenders led laps. When all had completed the 10,250th lap of the season, it was NASCAR's notable final four hogging the top four finishing positions

(but widely separated at the flag). Standing alone without the play-off drama, this race would not have made the cut, even though it sure looked competitive on paper — 22 lead changes among seven drivers.

The finish, which looked so promising with a 15-lap shootout to decide the NASCAR champion, went without drama when Logano easily took the lead from Truex on Lap 256 and motored away from the field.

"He passed me so fast I didn't even get a chance to do anything," Truex said.

After exiting his stock car, the 28-year-old Logano was ecstatic.

"I've worked my whole life to get here, to get to the championship," he said. "I've been so close. I spent 10 seasons fighting for this. I wasn't sure we were going to get it."

There was no controversy, no finger-pointing, no arguments and no high emotions.

Only a few weeks earlier, Logano used his No. 22 Ford to push Truex's No. 78 Toyota out of the way for a last-lap victory at Martinsville Speedway.

With all the hype being blown into Homestead ahead of the championship showdown, the finish was a bit anticlimactic.

Over the last 12 laps, Logano built a 1.725-second margin of victory ahead of 2017 Cup Series champion Truex. Then along came Harvick followed by Busch, who was not happy.

"Lots of wins and forget about it now, move on," said Busch, who shared the season's most-wins title with Harvick. Both drivers scored eight victories.

Since this one event determines the champion of a grueling 36-race schedule that takes teams and drivers from one side of the country to the other in a 10-month time frame, then yes, Homestead needs to be on the list.

There were other parts and pieces that added to the intrigue — notably Truex, the No. 78 team and its owner Barney Visser, who raced on Sunday and closed on Monday.

Visser said he did not have enough sponsorship money to continue racing at a championship level and immediately shuttered the team.

"I'm going to miss these guys," Truex said. "Wish we could've won it. We had it. We just couldn't go over 15 laps. I knew that last restart was going to be tough. We were able to get the lead, I just couldn't do anything."

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Short-track legend Red Farmer in 2007, flanked by fellow Alabama Gang members Bobby Allison and Donnie Allison. [NASCAR/GETTY IMAGES]

Red Farmer ... what took so long?

Hey, the folks at the NMPA prefer to wait until a guy is done racing to induct him into its Hall of Fame. But it appears they finally decided to quit waiting on Red to hang up the helmet. So yes, finally, at 86, the longtime charter member of racing's Alabama Gang has been inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association's Hall of Fame. He'll be officially inducted next month in Charlotte, along with a guy who tossed in his gloves at the tender age of 45 — Jeff Gordon. Farmer is still active on the short-track scene in Alabama, but will likely find room in his schedule to attend the ceremonies.

What just flew under our radar?

According to an item from the Sports Business Journal, NASCAR has hired international accounting giant Deloitte to create a "common accounting platform" for the existing teams to use. Assuming everyone inputs all of the appropriate information, this would shed light on where teams are bleeding money and where they're only leaking. It's believed the top teams spend upward of \$20 million per year, per car. They're the ones up front, of course.

Why do we care?

In an effort to make NASCAR more viable and valuable for potential new owners, some have floated the idea of a spending cap, which might make it easier — i.e., cheaper — for startup teams to eventually become competitive. To perhaps get to that point, economic templates have to be in place. That's where Deloitte comes in. Eventually, the question would revolve around policing the rules, a dilemma that dates back to the first time two cars lined up alongside a stopwatch.

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2019 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 10: Clash at Daytona

Feb. 14: 150-mile qualifying races for Daytona 500

Feb. 17: Daytona 500

Feb. 24: Folds of Honor 500 at

Atlanta

March 3: Pennzoil 400 at Las

Vegas

March 10: TicketGuardian 500 at Phoenix

March 17: Auto Club 400 at Fontana

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Which side will benefit most from the Kurt Busch-Chip Ganassi arrangement?

GODSPEAK: Ganassi, because Busch is bringing a bag of money from Monster Energy. It's hard to say no to that.

KEN'S CALL: The Ganassi team, definitely. No offense to Jamie McMurray, but Kurt Busch is one of the small handful of racers who will definitely let you know if your team is up to snuff.

Speaking of Jamie McMurray, how much of him do we see in the future?

GODSPEAK: He brought the "modern man" look to the NASCAR garage. I'm going to miss the fashion show.

KEN'S CALL: Not sure how many races he has left in the tank, nor how many folks will be clamoring for more, but I know the garage area is a more energetic and interesting place when he's around, so let's hope he remains visible.

Other than Dodge, which brand-new manufacturer would you like to see come to NASCAR?

GODSPEAK: Nissan's name has been tossed around. Here's a name under the radar — Volvo.

KEN'S CALL: I think Volkswagen would be interesting, if possible, and would alienate the fan base less than Toyota did.



If Chip Ganassi's No. 1 car has the goods, Kurt Busch will likely capitalize on them. [AP FILE]

B'BALL

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with center Udoka Azubuike out with a sprained ankle.

Azubuike is likely out until the beginning of next year, so Kansas will certainly have to play better on Saturday without him.

"I don't think we've played well yet. I don't think we're any good yet," Self said. "I think we can do some really good things and have played exceptionally well in stretches. I don't think we've played 40 minutes. We've not been awful, just been painful to watch at times."

Villanova opened the season No. 9 in the preseason poll and rose to No. 8. The Wildcats then lost to Michigan in a rematch of the 2018 title game and had an unexpected overtime loss to Furman, a setback that sent the Wildcats out of the AP Top 25.

Villanova (8-2) has gotten back on track since then. The Wildcats won three games in Orlando to take the AdvoCare Invitational title and followed that with three straight wins.

"We're starting to get more organized," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "I think guys are starting to get more comfortable with each other, but we still have a lot of work to do."

They'll certainly get a test on Saturday.

Zags and heels

Gonzaga passed every early test without forward Killian Tillie the



Kansas' Lagerald Vick (24) passes the ball during the second half against New Mexico State on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo. Kansas won 63-60. [CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

first month of the season, including an impressive victory over then-top-ranked Duke in the Maui Invitational title game.

The Zags couldn't overcome not having one of their best players on Sunday, losing to No. 3 Tennessee in Phoenix. The loss dropped Gonzaga out of the No. 1 spot to No. 4 in this week's poll.

The Bulldogs gets five days to prepare for another yardstick game: Saturday at No. 12 North Carolina in the first match-up between top-tier programs since the 2017 national title game.

The Tar Heels won their first five games this season, but have lost two of the past four against quality opponents: to Texas in Las Vegas and to No. 5 Michigan.

North Carolina coach Roy Williams questioned his team's effort in the loss to the Wolverines, but the Tar

Heels bounced back with lopsided win over UNC Wilmington.

A must-see game between powers from opposite coasts.

Hoosier state battle

Indiana moved into the poll for the first time since 2016-17 this week, tying Syracuse and Kansas State at No. 25.

The Hoosiers (8-2) have an interesting game on Saturday, facing Butler in the Crossroads Classic at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Indiana has losses to Arkansas and No. 2 Duke, but has won its past three, including a one-point victory over Louisville on Saturday.

Butler lost to Dayton and Saint Louis, but has wins over Mississippi and Florida on its resume.

Purdue faces Notre Dame in the first game of the doubleheader.

BULLDOGS

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Marianna took full advantage, getting threes from JJ Jackson and McMillan, who also scored a pair of transition baskets after Rutherford giveaways, to make it 14-0 with not quite three minutes gone by.

The Rams stayed within 12 through one quarter and clawed back into it in the second, with Edwards scoring five points during an 11-0 run to cut the deficit to 26-22. As they did all night, the Bulldogs answered right back with a run of their own, with a reverse layup by Davis, a 3-pointer and transition bucket by Grooms, and a pair of free throws by Davis making it 35-22 late in the first half.

Rutherford made another push in the third quarter with an 8-2 run featuring a basket by Nicholas Tharpe, a driving layup by Edwards, fast-break layup by Edwards off of a feed by Hills, and an offensive rebound and putback by Hills cutting it to 45-40 midway through the quarter.

Marianna once again had a swift response, as McMillan hit a three and came up with a steal and layup to push it back to a 10-point game. A transition two from Kegan Jones and a 3-pointer



Marianna's Zay Peterson tries to steal the ball from behind away from Rutherford's Nicholas Thorpe. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

from Ahmad Johnson extended the lead further, making it 61-45 with 26 seconds left in the third.

Rutherford never got back to within single digits the remainder of the game. On top of the turnovers, the Rams struggled mightily from the free throw line, making just 16 of 35 attempts. But Ross said it was a laundry list of issues that are plaguing the Rams right now.

"We're not gonna beat anybody doing the things that we're doing," he said. "We're not playing winning basketball. I want to apologize to our fans. We didn't come out with any fight or fire in the belly tonight. I could tell in warm-ups that we didn't seem like we were ready to play and that falls on me. I've got to find a way to get it out of them."

Rutherford next plays Saturday in Tallahassee against Florida High. Marianna will next play Friday at Gadsden County.

MARIANNA (70)
McMillan 7 0-0 18, Grooms 6 5-5 19, Johnson 1 0-1 3, Wilson 0 0-0 0, Jackson 2 0-0 5, Jones 1 2-2 4, Peterson 0 0-0 0, Gainer 1 0-0 2, Pinder 3 0-0 6, Smith 1 0-0 2, Davis 4 3-6 11. Totals: 26 10-14 70.

RUTHERFORD (57)
Stovall 3 1-4 7, Edwards 6 5-9 17, Daniels 2 1-2 6, McFann 0 0-0 0, Thorpe 1 0-0 2, World 2 1-2 5, Martin 3 0-2 6, Lundy 0 3-6 3, Hills 3 5-10 11. Totals: 20 16-35 57.
Marianna 23 14 24 9 — 70
Rutherford — 11 14 22 10 — 57
3-point field goals:
Marianna 8 (McMillan 4, Grooms 2, Johnson, Jackson), Rutherford 1 (Daniels). Total fouls: Marianna 25, Rutherford 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

ARNOLD

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for the team's former booster club president, Virgil McCrannie, who is

currently in the hospital receiving treatment for stage-4 colon cancer.

Arnold's head coach said McCrannie would have been in the gym cheering the team on if his health had been better. He still managed to FaceTime

in and wish the team well before the game.

"He (McCrannie) told the kids 'this is about community, this is about brotherhood. Love your community because it will love you back,'" Britton said.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Mosley eases past Arnold, 58-39

The News Herald

PANAMA CITY BEACH — The Mosley girls basketball team made it two District 1-5A wins in a row with Tuesday night's triumph 58-39 over Arnold, improving to 3-3 overall and 3-0 in league play. Arnold fell to 0-4 overall and 0-1 in district.

Ladaiizha Taylor led the Dolphins with 20 points, while J'Mya Broglen added 13 points. Autumn Goffigan also scored seven points and Jalei Jomalon had six. Toriyana Williams led the Marlins with 12 points, while Alexia Griffin had nine.

Mosley next plays at Marianna on Dec. 18, while Arnold is home for Bay on Friday.

NBH 44, Franklin County 36

EAST POINT — Shanelle Grant scored 18 points to lead the Buccaneers (5-4), followed by Jamesha King with 13. Aleena Kahn also had eight. The Seahawks (2-4) were led by 13 points from Honesti Williams. Amani Jones also scored eight points.

Franklin County is at Bozeman on Friday. NBH is home for Graceville on Friday.
Bozeman 38, Wewa 14
SAND HILLS — The Bucks (2-7) were led by 15 points from Kaylee Jones, while Brianna Harper added 12 points. Savannah Hurst scored nine.

Bozeman next plays Friday at home against Franklin County. Wewahitchka (2-8) is home Thursday for Sneads.

Boys basketball

Mosley 61, PSJ 55
LYNN HAVEN — The Dolphins made it two wins in a row by knocking off the Tiger Sharks, improving to 3-4. It was the season opener for the Tiger Sharks.

Carlos Dominguez scored 21 points to lead Mosley, with Russell Rusk adding seven and Jake Piorkowski six. Jan Lowe was the top scorer for Port St. Joe with 17 points and Kendre Gant added 12.

Mosley will next play host to Arnold on Friday

night, while PSJ is at Liberty County on Friday.

Bozeman 59, Wewa 57
SAND HILLS — The Bucks improved to 3-4 on the season overall and 2-1 in District 4-1A competition with the win, while the Gators fell to 2-4 and 0-2 in league play.

Logan Cox led Bozeman with 16 points, followed by Jordan Rosalis with 13, and Devin Embrick and Daniel Granville with 11 each. Jaidon Dorsey also scored eight points. Cody Lee was the top scorer for the Gators with 16 points. Creed Pariera added 12 points, with Truman Green adding 11, and Mario Cole eight.

Bozeman next hosts Franklin County on Friday, while Wewahitchka is home for Sneads on Thursday.

Boys soccer

Rutherford 3, Baker 2
PANAMA CITY — Mark Doughty scored two goals and Truong Nguyen added the decisive third goal to give the Rams the victory to improve to 2-1-1 overall and in District 1-2A play.

The Rams next play Saturday against Bay at Tommy Oliver Stadium.

Bay 7, PSJ 0
PORT ST. JOE — Maurisio Barrera, Sebastian Sanchez, Ozlo Rigby, Alan Rimmer, and JP Harbison all scored goals for the Tornados (5-2-1) in the win, with Mike Mancia, Cort Haligas, and Tanner Reese all providing assists.

Reese and Vineyard combined for five saves to get the shutout. Bay next plays Mosley on Friday at Tommy Oliver Stadium.

Girls soccer

Mosley 5, Choctaw 0
CHOC-TAWHATCHEE — Emily Duncan scored three goals and Madi Flammia added the other two for the Dolphins (4-1). Flammia also had an assist.

Bay 2, PSJ 0
PORT ST. JOE — Emily Sexton and Zephen Rigby scored goals for the Tornados (3-5), with Kilee Hudson adding an assist. India Hansen stopped three shots for Bay.

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EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	364	293
Miami	7	6	0	.538	278	333
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	201	320
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	270	330
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	9	4	0	.692	323	259
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	349	300
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	251	254
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	212	273
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	367	306
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	321	241
Cleveland	5	7	1	.423	292	332
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	307	397
WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	11	2	0	.846	471	351
L.A. Chargers	10	3	0	.769	366	270
Denver	6	7	0	.462	290	282
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	244	388

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	276	246
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	281	295
Washington	6	7	0	.462	249	297
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	307	331
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	11	2	0	.846	447	283
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	324	332
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	332	367
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	316	367
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	359	247
Minnesota	6	6	1	.500	282	291
Green Bay	5	7	1	.423	315	307
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	271	319
WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
y-L.A. Rams	11	2	0	.846	425	313
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	340	266
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	178	327
San Francisco	3	10	0	.231	275	350

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WEEK 14
Dec. 6
Tennessee 30, Jacksonville 9
Dec. 9
N.Y. Giants 40, Washington 16
Miami 34, New England 33
Cleveland 26, Carolina 20
Indianapolis 24, Houston 21
New Orleans 28, Tampa Bay 14
Green Bay 24, Atlanta 20
N.Y. Jets 27, Buffalo 23
Kansas City 27, Baltimore 40, OT
L.A. Chargers 26, Cincinnati 21
San Francisco 20, Denver 14
Detroit 17, Arizona 3
Oakland 24, Pittsburgh 21
Dallas 29, Philadelphia 23, OT
Chicago 15, L.A. Rams 6

Monday's Game
Seattle 21, Minnesota 7

WEEK 15
Thursday's Game
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 4:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 17
New Orleans at Carolina, 8:15 p.m.

LATE MONDAY
SEAHAWKS 21, VIKINGS 7

MINNESOTA	0	0	7	-
SEATTLE	0	3	0	18-21

Second Quarter
Sea—FG Janikowski 37, 14:11.

Fourth Quarter
Sea—FG Janikowski 35, 13:22.
Sea—Carson 2 run (Lockett pass from R.Wilson), 2:53.
Sea—Coleman 29 fumble return (Janikowski kick), 2:35.
Min—Cook 6 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 1:10.
A—69:07.

First downs	MIN	SEA
Total Net Yards	16	19
Rushes-yards	276	274
Passing	21-77	42-214
Punting	199	60
Pen Returns	0-0	3-17
Kickoff Returns	3-64	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-3	0-0
Comp-Art-In	20-33-0	10-20-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	2-12
Punts	5-42.6	5-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-51	4-45
Time of Possession	28:11	31:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Cook 13-55, Thielen 1-8, Diggs 1-5, Cousins 3-5, Murray 3-4. Seattle, Carson 22-90, R.Wilson 7-61, Penny 8-44, Davis 3-22, Lockett 2-11 (3).

PASSING—Minnesota, Cousins 20-33-0-208. Seattle, R.Wilson 10-20-1-72.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, Thielen 5-70, Cook 5-28, Diggs 4-76, Treadwell 3-16, Rudolph 2-7, Conklin 1-11. Seattle, Lockett 5-42, Vannett 1-12, Fant 1-9, Davis 1-5, E.Dickson 1-4, J.Brown 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Minnesota, D.Bailey 47, blocked.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

RESULTS/SCHEDULE

All times Eastern (Subject to change)

FCS PLAYOFFS
Semifinals
Friday's Game
South Dakota State (10-2) at North Dakota State (13-0), 8 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Maine (10-3) at Eastern Washington (11-2), 2 p.m.
Championship Saturday, Jan. 5
At Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas
Semifinal winners, Noon

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS
Championship
Saturday's Game at McKinney, Texas
Valdosta State (13-0) vs. Ferris State (15-0), 4 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS
Championship
Friday's Game at Shenandoah, Texas
Mount Union (14-0) vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor (14-0), 7 p.m.

NAIA PLAYOFFS
Championship
Saturday's Game at Municipal Stadium Daytona Beach, Fla.
Morningside (14-0) vs. Benedictine (Kan.) (13-1), 7 p.m.

UPCOMING BOWL SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

Saturday's Games
Celebration Bowl at Atlanta
NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn State (9-3), noon (ABC)
Cure Bowl at Orlando, Fla.
Tulane (6-6) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-6), 1:30 p.m. (CBSN)
New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque
North Texas (9-3) vs. Utah State (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Las Vegas Bowl
Fresno State (11-2) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Camellia Bowl at Montgomery, Ala.
Georgia Southern (9-3) vs. Eastern Michigan (7-5), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
New Orleans Bowl
Middle Tennessee (8-5) vs. Appalachian State (10-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

2018 AP FCS ALL-AMERICA TEAM LIST

The 2018 Associated Press All-America team:

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback — Easton Stick, senior, North Dakota State

Running backs — Joe Protheroe, senior, Cal Poly; Ryan Fulse, senior, Wagner
Linemen — Tanner Volson, senior, North Dakota State; Matt Pyke, senior, East Tennessee State; Micah Shaw, senior, North Carolina A&T; B.J. Aubry, senior, Jacksonville State; Garrett Bowery, senior, Lamar
Tight end — Donald Parham, senior, Stetson
Wide receivers — Josh Pearson, junior, Jacksonville State; Michael Bandy, junior, San Diego
All-purpose player — Shane Simpson, junior, Towson
Kicker — Roldan Alcobendas, senior, Eastern Washington

DEFENSE
Linemen — Isaiiah Mack, senior, Chattanooga; Derrick Roberson, senior, Sam Houston State; Ahmad Gooden, senior, Samford; Darryl Johnson, junior, North Carolina A&T
Linebackers — Zach Hall, junior, Southeast Missouri State; Dante Olson, junior, Montana; B.L. Blunt, senior, McNeese State
Backs — Isaiiah Swann, junior, Dartmouth; Robbie Grimsley, senior, North Dakota State; Jimmy Moreland, senior, James Madison; Will Warner, junior, Drake
Punter — Chris Faddoul, sophomore, Florida A&M

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback — Devlin Hodges, senior, Samford
Running backs — A.J. Hines, junior, Duquesne; Marquis Terry, senior, Southeast Missouri State
Linemen — Iosua Operta, senior, Weber State; Spencer Blackburn, senior, Eastern Washington; Drew Forbes, senior, Southeast Missouri State; C.J. Collins, senior, Kennesaw State; Dan Cooney, senior, San Diego
Tight end — Matthew Gonzalez, junior, Robert Morris
Wide receivers — Kelvin McKnight, senior, Samford; Keelan Doss, senior, UC Davis
All-purpose player — D'Angelo Amos, sophomore, James Madison
Kicker — Grayson Atkins, sophomore, Furman

DEFENSE
Linemen — Khalen Saunders, senior, Western Illinois; Greg Menard, senior, North Dakota State; Jay-Teo Tiuli, senior, Eastern Washington; Nick Wheeler, junior, Colgate
Linebackers — Jabril Cox, sophomore, North Dakota State; Sterling Sheffield, senior, Maine; Adrian Hope, freshman, Furman
Backs — James Allen, senior, Charleston Southern; Tyree Robinson, sophomore, East Tennessee State; Nassir Adberry, senior, Delaware; Marlon Bridges, senior, Jacksonville State
Punter — Alex Pechin, senior, Bucknell

THIRD TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback — Chandler Burks, senior, Kennesaw State
Running backs — James Holland, senior, Colgate; James Robinson, junior, Illinois State
Linemen — Matt Kaskey, senior, Dartmouth; Justus Basinger, junior, Wofford; C.J. Toogood, senior, Elor; Zack Johnson, senior, North Dakota State; Tiano Pupungtoa, senior, South Dakota State
Tight end — Owen Cosenke, sophomore, Western Carolina
Wide receivers — Reggie White Jr., senior, Monmouth; Jazz Ferguson, junior, Northwestern State
All-purpose player — Kentel Williams, junior, Austin Peay
Kicker — Aidan O'Neill, junior, Towson

DEFENSE
Linemen — Nathan Clayberg, senior, Drake; Maurice Jackson, junior, Richmond; Filipe Sitake, senior, Weber State; Solomon Brown, senior, Charleston Southern
Linebackers — Pete Swenson, senior, Western Illinois; DeArius Christmas, senior, Grambling State; Cameron Gill, junior, Wagner
Backs — Abu Daramy-Swaray, junior, Colgate; Dominic Frsch, senior, Cal Poly; Davon Jernigan, senior, Lamar; Jordan Brown, senior, South Dakota State
Punter — Garret Wegner, sophomore, North Dakota State

ODDS

PREGAME.COM LINE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Today
FAVORITE **LINE** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**
At Philadelphia 7 221 Brooklyn
At Washington Off Off Boston
New York 2 215 At Cleveland
At Charlotte 5½ 219½ Detroit
At Indiana Off Off Milwaukee
At Memphis 3 206 Portland
Oklahoma City 2 232 At New Orleans
At Dallas 9 223 Atlanta
At Utah 6½ 209½ Miami
Minnesota 2 228 At Sacramento
At Golden State Off Off Toronto

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today
FAVORITE **LINE** **UNDERDOG**
At Boston College 16 Columbia
At Temple 9 UMass
At Houston 6 LSU
At Oregon 10 San Diego

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Today
FAVORITE **LINE** **UNDERDOG** **LINE**
Vegas -140 At NY Islanders +130
At Chicago Off Pittsburgh Off
At Calgary -165 Philadelphia +155
At Anaheim -105 Dallas -105

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES

FAVORITE **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**

Celebration Bowl
NC A&T 7½ 7½ 47½ Alcorn State

New Mexico Bowl
Utah State 11 8 67 North Texas

Cure Bowl
Tulane 4 3½ 59 La.-Lafayette

Las Vegas Bowl
Fresno State 3 4 53½ Ariz. State

Camellia Bowl
Ga. Southern Pk 1½ 47½ E. Michigan

Carrier Bowl
App. State 7½ 7 50½ Middle Tenn.

Orange Bowl
Alabama 14½ 14 81 Oklahoma

Cotton Bowl
Clemson 11 11 55 Notre Dame

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Thursday
FAVORITE **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**
At Kansas City 3½ 3½ 53 LA Chargers

Saturday
Houston 6½ 6 41½ At NY Jets
At Denver 5½ 3 45½ Cleveland

Sunday
At Minnesota 8 7 44½ Miami
At Cincinnati 4 3 46 Oakland
At Baltimore 8 8 47 Tampa Bay
At Indianapolis 1½ 3 47 Dallas
At Buffalo Pk 2½ 38 Detroit
At Chicago 6 5½ 45 Green Bay
At NY Giants 1½ 2½ 43½ Tennessee
At Jacksonville 6½ 7 36 Washington
At Atlanta 6½ 8½ 44 Arizona
Seattle 6½ 5½ 44 At San Fran
New England +1 1½ 52 At Pittsburgh
At LA Rams 8 9½ 54 Philadelphia

Monday
New Orleans 6½ 6½ 52 At Carolina
Updated odds available at Pregel.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Signed OF Billy Hamilton to a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Acquired 3B Patrick Wisdom from the St. Louis Cardinals for INF/OF Drew Robinson.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Released SS Troy Tulowitzki.
National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Assigned RHP Brett Graves and 3B Yadiel Rivera outright to New Orleans (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Signed RHP Deolis Guerra and C Tuffy Gosewisch to minor league contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Traded RHP Ivan Nova to the Chicago White Sox for RHP Yorli Rosario and international signing bonus pool money.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA — Named Shareef Abdur-Rahim president of the NBA G League.
ATLANTA HAWKS — Recalled G/F Daniel Hamilton from Erie (NBAGL).
WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Recalled F Troy Brown Jr. from Capital City (NBAGL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed LB Thurston Armbrister and DT Robert Nkemiche on injured reserve. Signed DT Vincent Valentine from Seattle's practice squad and LB Jonathan Anderson. Signed OL Justin Evans to the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed LB Matt Milano and CB Taron Johnson on injured reserve.
DETROIT LIONS — Placed DE Ziggy Ansah and TE Michael Robertson on injured reserve. Signed TE Jerome Cunningham and OL Leo Kolomatangi from the practice squad.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Placed RB Malcolm Brown and CB Dominique Hatfield on injured reserve. Signed LB Trevon Young from the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Fired offensive coordinator John DeFilippo. Promoted quarterbacks coach Kevin Stefanski to interim offensive coordinator.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed G Cameron Hunt and G/OT Denver Kirkland. Waived RB C.J. Anderson. Placed G/C Jon Feliciano on injured reserve.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Placed OT Jack Conklin and TE Jonnu Smith on injured reserve. Signed OL Austin Pasztor. Signed TE Cole Wick from San Francisco's practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed G Kyle Fuller. Recalled C Demetrius Rhoney.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Agreed to terms with FB Mike Miller on a two-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Claimed G Chad Johnson off waivers from St. Louis.
BUFFALO SABRES — Sent D Matt Hunwick to Rochester (AHL) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled D Brian Lashoff from Grand Rapids (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned Fs Cole Schneider and Steven Fogarty to Hartford (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned G Eddie Pasquale to Syracuse (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Rochester F Dalton Smith and Binghamton F Eric Tangredi one game. Stockton D Josh Healey three games and Lehigh Valley F David Kase, Hershey F Beck Malenstyn and Binghamton F Ryan Schmelzer two games.
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Returned G Mitch Gillam to Worcester (AHL).
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Recalled F Matt Lane from Atlanta (ECHL).
SAN DIEGO GULLS — Recalled G Angus Redmond from Reading (ECHL).
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Tyler Bird.

OLYMPICS
U.S. ANTI-DOPING AGENCY — Announced American weightlifter Nicholas Saccante accepted an additional four-month sanction for violating his period of ineligibility.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
ATLANTA UNITED — Traded D Greg Garza to FC Cincinnati for targeted and general allocation money.
COLUMBUS CREW — Reached agreement to transfer G Zack Steffen to Manchester City (Premier-England).
LA GALAXY — Named Dennis to Klose general manager.
LOS ANGELES FC — Traded D Joao Moutinho to Orlando City for D Mohamed El-Munir.
ORLANDO CITY SC — Traded D Amro Tarek to the N.Y. Red Bulls for a 2019 fourth-round draft pick.

COLLEGES

NORTH CAROLINA — Named Phil Longo offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Lonnie Galloway wide receivers coach and Brandon Jones offensive line coach.
SOUTHERN CAL — Named Mike Jinks running backs coach and Chad Kauha'aha'a defensive line coach.
UTAH STATE — Named Gary Andersen football coach.
VANDERBILT — Named Malcolm Turner athletic director.
WISCONSIN — Announced junior men's basketball F Micah Potter will transfer from Ohio State.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

Toronto	21	7	750	-
Philadelphia	19	9	679	2
Boston	16	10	615	4
Brooklyn	10	18	355	11

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

MINNEAPOLIS Vikings fire DeFilippo after another flat performance

The Minnesota Vikings, still seeking to salvage a season that started with Super Bowl designs, made a last-ditch move to capture a mid-December spark by firing offensive coordinator John DeFilippo.

Coach Mike Zimmer made what he called an "extremely difficult decision" on Tuesday morning, following a 21-7 defeat at Seattle on Monday night. DeFilippo's first season on the job ended after just 13 games, amid a sharp decline in production by the offense over the past six weeks.

"I went round and round and round about it because I feel like, 'I hired him. It's my job to try to help him to continue to get better,'" Zimmer said. "I obviously didn't do a good enough job there. I've always felt like if you hire a guy, you should stick with him and try to help him and help him mature as a coach."

Kick returns down 20 percent in 1st year of rule

Kickoff returns are down about 20 percent in the first year of a new NCAA rule that gives the receiving team possession at its 25-yard line if a fair catch is made anywhere between the goal line and 25.

According to NCAA figures provided to The Associated Press on Monday, kick return men in the Football Bowl Subdivision made fair catches on about 1 out of every 10 kickoffs they received between the goal line and 25.

The rule was implemented to enhance player safety. Kick returns have been shown to have a higher injury rate compared with other types of plays because of the likelihood of high-speed player collisions.

NASHVILLE, TENN. Vanderbilt hires Turner as new AD

Vanderbilt has hired NBA G League President Malcolm Turner as its new athletic director, opting for a business executive over candidates with experience in college athletic administration for the Southeastern Conference's only private university.

Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos said current and former athletic directors were among the diverse candidates Vanderbilt considered before choosing Turner.

"Malcolm didn't come up through college athletics but I think he is a great fit for Vanderbilt," Zeppos told The Associated Press.

Turner will start Feb. 1 and replace David Williams, the first African-American athletic director in the SEC, to cap a search that started in September.

"Vanderbilt is a really special place and offering that rare combination of student-athletes and that commitment to an opportunity for excellence on and off the field was just a very compelling proposition for me," Turner said.

The Associated Press



Lakers forward LeBron James (23) hugs ex-teammate and current Heat player Dwyane Wade during the first half Monday in Los Angeles. [MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

LeBron & Dwyane James, Wade embrace final chance to compete on court

By Greg Beacham
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dwyane Wade will be spending a lot of time in Los Angeles while he settles into retirement next year. He already has a house here, and his wife's acting career would undoubtedly benefit from more time in Hollywood.

LeBron James is a newly minted Southern Californian himself, and he's already hatching schemes to occupy his former teammate, longtime rival and permanent friend.

"I told him, 'No one likes to work out by themselves,'" James said with a grin. "So he can come to Staples. He can come to the practice facility anytime he wants to get workouts in. He can come help me with the young guys as well. He'll be around a lot more personally for me, so I'll love that."

Wade still has 56 regular-season games left in his self-declared final NBA season with the Miami Heat, but he passed a major milestone in that procession when he lined up against James for the final time Monday night in the Los Angeles Lakers' 108-105 victory.

The result wasn't the most important part of the night to either man. They were wrapped up in the pure thrill — in the chance to face off for the final time in two incredible basketball careers that have been chronologically parallel, frequently intersecting and always momentous.

"I knew that at some point in the game, it was going to hit me that this was the last time we were competing against each other," Wade said. "It hit me right away, once that buzzer sounded and we got the opportunity on the court to just look at each other and be like, 'Man, this has been fun. This has been one hell of a ride, and we've enjoyed it together.'"

James put up 28 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds. Wade scored all 15 of his points in the second half to go with 10 assists and five boards.

But the best moments arrived late when James and



In this June 22, 2012, photo, The Heat's Dwyane Wade holds the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy and LeBron James holds his MVP trophy after Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Miami. James and Wade matched up for probably the final time in their careers when the Lakers hosted the Heat on Monday night. [LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Wade finally guarded each other, playing one last one-on-one game for keeps.

Defense won out on both ends, probably because they know each other well enough to take away their strengths. They funneled each other to drive to their more uncomfortable sides, and James forced Wade to attempt a 27-foot turnaround, fade-away 3-pointer that missed badly with 7.2 seconds left.

Wade was more open when he missed a 3 that would have put the Heat ahead with 22.5 seconds left.

"I needed that one," Wade said with a grimace. "I wanted it so bad. I think I wanted it too much. It would have definitely been memorable. But this is my last time playing against this guy, you know? This is the holy grail in the NBA. Unless we figure this thing out and we go to the Finals, this is the holy grail for me. The competition of playing against the game's greatest player. Playing it in LA. I thanked him for bringing us to this stage for our last hurrah on this stage. It gets no better than this."

Barring a change of Wade's retirement plans or that incredibly unlikely NBA Finals matchup, they'll never face each other in a real game — and the Lakers' victory put James ahead of

Wade 16-15 in their head-to-head matchups over their career.

James marveled at the symmetry in this final showdown, but both players said their times together meant a whole lot more than their times in opposing uniforms.

James and Wade won two NBA championships and four straight Eastern Conference titles together in Miami, along with their Olympic gold medals from Beijing.

"The game is going to take care of itself, but just the fact that we were on the floor doing what we love to do, that's what's more important," James said. "Wins and losses are going to happen throughout the course of the season and throughout the course of your career, but those moments right there, you can't ever get back."

James and Wade swapped jerseys after the final buzzer, their bittersweet emotions overshadowed by the excitement of the moment and the possibilities of the future.

"It's the end of a storybook," James said. "One of the best movies you could ever see. It's too hard to put into words. Thank God they're staying the night. We get to have dinner (later). I know he has more games, but that's the last one for us."

Taking stock of failures

Analysis: Report lays blame, but what's needed are solutions

By Eddie Pells
The Associated Press

DENVER — The report was every bit as thorough as it was cringe-worthy.

And yet, when it was all picked apart and combed through, there wasn't much new there.

The 233 pages of details about how Olympic leaders and the FBI responded — or didn't — to sex-abuse allegations against Larry Nassar was yet another entry in an endless exercise in looking backward to respond to a crisis that needs some new ideas before anything is truly fixed.

Hampered by their own red tape and glacial pace in grasping the enormity of the issue, neither the U.S. Olympic Committee nor USA Gymnastics — or even Congress — has come up with any ideas comprehensive enough — beyond firing everyone and blowing up organizations — to turn this ship around.

How was the report helpful?

"By understanding the failures of the Olympic community, it will enable the USOC to take action to protect athletes in the future," said USOC CEO Sarah Hirshland who, four months into the job, must wake up each day wondering what she got herself into.

Bravo to her for doing SOMETHING, anything, to try to move the ball forward.

On Monday, she swiftly canned chief of sport performance Alan Ashley, whose name was added to the long list of good guys who, when faced with suspicions that young women were being molested, responded as though the change-oil light had come on in their car instead of acting like it was people's daughters in imminent danger.

Last month, Hirshland came off as bold by starting the decertification process of USA Gymnastics, which, as the report details, was an enterprise in which two people held all the power: Super-coach Martha Karolyi had carte blanche to do, or ignore, anything so long as she kept producing gold medals, and president Steve Penny was in charge of reporting the abuse (which he did, more than once) and also, as laid out in unflinching, unflattering detail, trying to keep it quiet.

But the resoluteness of Hirshland's move masked a more difficult set of questions: What in the world replaces USA Gymnastics? And to boil it down even further, what in the world IS USA Gymnastics?

What, for that matter, is the USOC?

Nobody in the general public — the people who tune in every two years to watch dreams come true under the Olympic rings — knows, or really cares.

TV LISTINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING				C - COMCAST W - WOW! S1 - DISH NETWORK S2 - DIRECTV										DECEMBER 12				
	C	W	S1	S2	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30		
WJHG (7)	3	3	7	7	Today (N)				Today Third Hour (N)				NewsChannel 7 at 11am (N)		Days of Our Lives (N)			
CW (72)	99	9	8	8	Cops	Cheaters	The Steve Wilkos Show				Maury		Repair Secret! (Slim Cycle)					
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	Good Morning America (N)				Live with Kelly and Ryan (N)				The View (N)		GMA Day (N)			
MEV (132)	209	133	2	2	Beaver				Matlock "The Suspect"				Diagnosis Murder		Gunsmoke			
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal (N)				The Price Is Right (N)		The Young and the Restless			
MNT (182)	227	13			Extra (N)	DailyMailTV	Face the Truth	Face the Truth	The Wendy Williams Show (N)				Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Couples Court	Couples Court
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	Dog Tales	Paid Program	Cityline The top toys (N)	Judge Mathis	The People's Court				The People's Court		Pickler & Ben			
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Curious	Let's Go Luna!	Luna's	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Pinkalicious	Sesame Street	Splash	Dinosaur Train	Cat in the Hat	Sesame Street	Super Why!	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
A&E	34	43	118	265	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	30	62	131	254	Paid Program	LifeLock	Li'l Drummer	Nestor	** To Grandmother's House We Go (92) Mary-Kate Olsen.				*** Gremlins (84) Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates.					
ANPL	46	69	184	282	Animal Cops Houston	The Crocodile Hunter	The Crocodile Hunter	America's Cutest	My Cat From Hell				The Vet Life		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet			
BET	53	46	124	329	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns
COM	64	53	107	249	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	(45) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
DISC	36	39	182	278	Dual Survival (Part 1 of 2)	Dual Survival (Part 2 of 2)	Dual Survival (Part 2 of 2)	Dual Survival The Himalayas.	Dual Survival				Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid			
E!	63	57	114	236	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians				E! News: Daily Pop (N)		The Kardashians			
ESPN	9	23	140	206	Get Up (N) (L)	Get Up (N) (L)	Get Up (N) (L)	Get Up (N) (L)	First Take (N) (L)				SportsCenter (N) (L)		Outside Lines		NFL Live (N)	
ESPN2	47	24	144	209	SportsCenter (N) (L)	SportsCenter (N) (L)	SportsCenter (N) (L)	SportsCenter (N) (L)	Get Up				First Take					
FOOD	38	45	110	231	Paid Program	KitchenAid	Grill	Pioneer Wo.	Farmhouse	Farmhouse	Farmhouse	Farmhouse	Farmhouse	Farmhouse	Pioneer Wo.	Pioneer Wo.	Pioneer Wo.	Pioneer Wo.
FREE	59	65	180	311	Beethoven-Adv	The Middle	700/Interactive	The 700 Club	The Middle				Jingle All the Way 2 (14) Larry the Cable Guy.		Mickey			
FS1	24	27	150	219	First Things First	First Things First	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed (N) (L)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed (N) (L)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed (N) (L)				The Herd with Colin Cowherd (N) (L)					
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HALL	23	59	185	312	Love You Like Christmas (16) Bonnie Somerville.	Love You Like Christmas (16) Bonnie Somerville.	Love You Like Christmas (16) Bonnie Somerville.	Love You Like Christmas (16) Bonnie Somerville.	Home & Family (N)				Home & Family					
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Boise Boys	Boise Boys	Boise Boys	Boise Boys	Boise Boys				Fixer Upper Waco, Texas.		Property Brothers: Buying			
HIST	35	42	120	269	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
LIFE	56	56	108	252	** The Christmas Shoes (02) Rob Lowe, Kimberly Williams.	A Snow Globe Christmas (13) Alicia Witt, Donald Faison.	A Snow Globe Christmas (13) Alicia Witt, Donald Faison.	A Snow Globe Christmas (13) Alicia Witt, Donald Faison.	A Dad for Christmas (06) Kristopher Turner, Louise Fletcher.				Bar Rescue "Paradise Lost"		Bar Rescue "Corking the Hole"		Women's College Basketball	
PARMT	28	48	241	241	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue				Bar Rescue "Paradise Lost"		Bar Rescue "Corking the Hole"			
SUN	49	422	656	656	to Do Florida	Addict. Fishing	P1 AquaX USA 2018	Inside Rays	Inside Rays	Inside Rays	Magnify Presents: They Fight	Magnify Presents: They Fight	Magnify Presents: They Fight	Magnify Presents: They Fight	Magnify Presents: They Fight	Magnify Presents: They Fight	Magnify Presents: They Fight	Magnify Presents: They Fight
SYFY	70	52	122	244	(:06) The Magicians	(:06) The Magicians	(:04) Nightflyers	(:04) Nightflyers	(9:58) Nightflyers				(10:56) Nightflyers "Rebirth"		(11:53) ** Drive Angry 3D			
TBS	31	15	139	247	King	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	(:10) Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
TCM	25	70	132	256	** Girl Happy (65) Elvis Presley, Shelley Fabares.	** The Trouble With Girls (69) Elvis Presley, Nicole Jaffe.	** The Trouble With Girls (69) Elvis Presley, Nicole Jaffe.	** The Trouble With Girls (69) Elvis Presley, Nicole Jaffe.	*** Elvis: That's the Way It Is -- Special Edition (01)				90 Day Fiancé Olga is upset with Steven.		90 Day Fiancé Olga is upset with Steven.			
TLC	37	40	183	280	7 Little	7 Little	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons	90 Day Fiancé Jonathan and Fernanda's fight.				90 Day Fiancé Olga is upset with Steven.		90 Day Fiancé Olga is upset with Steven.			
TNT	29	54	138	245	Charmed A large battle ensues.	Charmed "Forever Charmed"	(:10) Supernatural	(:10) Supernatural	Supernatural "Like a Virgin"				UEFA- BR Football Matchday		UEFA Champ. League Soccer			
USA	62	55	105	242	Chicago P.D. "You Wish"	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU			
WGN-A	13	239	307	307	Creflo Dollar	LifeLock	Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote			

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON				C - COMCAST W - WOW! S1 - DISH NETWORK S2 - DIRECTV										DECEMBER 12														
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WJHG (7)	3	3	7	7	Rachael Ray (N)				The Doctors (N)				The Real (N)		Family Feud		Jeopardy! (N)		News		Nightly News		News		Wheel Fortune			
CW (72)	99	9	8	8	Paid Program	Paid Program	Jerry Springer	Jerry Springer	Jerry Springer "Man Up!"				blackish		blackish		American Dad		American Dad		Family Guy		Family Guy					
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	General Hospital (N)				Hot Bench (N)				Hot Bench		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		Dr. Phil		News		World News		News 13 at 6		Ent. Tonight			
MEV (132)	209	133	2	2	Bonanza "Enter Mark Twain"				The Rifleman				The Rifleman		Wagon Train		Charlie's Angels "Angel Flight"		Mama's Family		The Jeffersons		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H			
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	The Talk (N)				Millionaire				Millionaire		Family Feud		Family Feud		The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		Day Jeopardy		Local 18 News		Evening News		Inside Edition	
MNT (182)	227	13			Providence	Providence	Dateline "Smoke and Mirrors"	Dateline "Smoke and Mirrors"	Live PD: Patrol				Live PD: Patrol		Chicago P.D. "In a Duffel Bag"		Last-Standing		Last-Standing		Mike & Molly		Mike & Molly		Mike & Molly			
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	Maury	Maury	Me/Frangela	ThisMinute	Steve (N)				Judge Mathis		Judge Mathis		Judge Judy (N)		Judge Judy		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang			
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Pinkalicious	Let's Go Luna!	Luna's	Wild Kratts-Creature	Odd Squad				Odd Squad		Arthur (E)		PBS NewsHour (N)		PBS NewsHour (N)		World News		Rick Steves		Storage Wars			
A&E	34	43	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars									
AMC	30	62	131	254	Gremlins (84)	*** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (71) Gene Wilder, Peter Ostrum.	*** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (71) Gene Wilder, Peter Ostrum.	*** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (71) Gene Wilder, Peter Ostrum.	*** Mr. Popper's Penguins (11) Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino.				*** The Santa Clause 2 (02) Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino.		*** The Santa Clause 2 (02) Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino.		Tanked "Shark Buffet"		Tanked "Shark Buffet"									
ANPL	46	69	184	282	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Tanked "Brett Takes a Dive"	Tanked "Brett Takes a Dive"	House/Payne				House/Payne		House/Payne		House/Payne		House/Payne		House/Payne		House/Payne		House/Payne			
BET	53	46	124	329	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne									
COM	64	53	107	249	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park									
DISC	36	39	182	278	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid				Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Border Live (Part 1 of 2)		Border Live (Part 1 of 2)							
E!	63	57	114	236	Kardashian	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	*** The Princess Diaries (01) Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway.				*** The Princess Diaries (01) Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway.		E! News (N)		E! News (N)											
ESPN	9	23	140	206	(12:30) NFL Live (N) (L)	NBA: The Jump (N) (L)	High Noon (N)	Questionable	Around/Horn				Around/Horn		SportsCenter (N) (L)		NBA Countdown (N) (L)		NBA Countdown (N) (L)									
ESPN2	47	24	144	209	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NFL Live	NFL Live	NFL Live	Baseball Ton.				Football Live		Questionable		Around/Horn		Around/Horn		Baseball Tonight (N) (L)		Baseball Tonight (N) (L)					
FOOD	38	45	110	231	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games				Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games					
FREE	59	65	180	311	Mickey's Christmas	*** Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas (04) Lock It In (N) (L)	*** Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas (04) Lock It In (N) (L)	*** Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas (04) Lock It In (N) (L)	*** Ice Age: Continental Drift (12) Voices of Ray Romano.				*** Ice Age: Continental Drift (12) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Finding Nemo (03)		*** Finding Nemo (03)		*** Finding Nemo (03)		*** Finding Nemo (03)		*** Finding Nemo (03)					
FS1	24	27	150	219	The Herd with Colin Cowherd	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	*** The Peanuts Movie (15) Voices of Noah Schnapp.				*** The Peanuts Movie (15) Voices of Noah Schnapp.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.					
FX	45	51	136	248	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	*** The Peanuts Movie (15) Voices of Noah Schnapp.				*** The Peanuts Movie (15) Voices of Noah Schnapp.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.		*** Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Voices of Ray Romano.					
HALL	23	59	185	312	Christmas at Cartwright's (14) Alicia Witt, Gabriel Hogan.	Christmas at Cartwright's (14) Alicia Witt, Gabriel Hogan.	Christmas at Cartwright's (14) Alicia Witt, Gabriel Hogan.	Christmas at Cartwright's (14) Alicia Witt, Gabriel Hogan.	Christmas Cookies (16) Jill Wagner, Wes Brown.				Christmas at Graceland (18) Kellie Pickler, Wes Brown.		Christmas at Graceland (18) Kellie Pickler, Wes Brown.		Christmas at Graceland (18) Kellie Pickler, Wes Brown.		Christmas at Graceland (18) Kellie Pickler, Wes Brown.		Christmas at Graceland (18) Kellie Pickler, Wes Brown.		Christmas at Graceland (18) Kellie Pickler, Wes Brown.					
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Property Brothers: Buying	Property Brothers: Buying	Property Brothers: Buying	Property Brothers: Buying	Property Brothers: Buying				Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying					
HIST	35	42	120	269	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Forged in Fire				Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire					
LIFE	56	56	108	252	Last Chance for Christmas (15) Hilarie Burton, Gabriel Hogan.	A Christmas Wedding Date (12) Marla Sokoloff, Chris Carmack.	A Christmas Wedding Date (12) Marla Sokoloff, Chris Carmack.	A Christmas Wedding Date (12) Marla Sokoloff, Chris Carmack.	A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.				A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.		A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.		A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.		A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.		A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.		A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.					
PARMT	28	48	241	241	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Mom				Mom		Mom		Mom		Mom		Mom		Mom					
SUN	49	422	656	656	Women's College Basketball	Special Olym Sports Mag.	Special Olym Sports Mag.	Special Olym Sports Mag.	Baseball Begin				Baseball Begin		Baseball Begin		Baseball Begin		Baseball Begin		Baseball Begin		Baseball Begin					
SYFY	70	52	122	244	(11:53) ** Drive Angry 3D	(1:56) *** Hanna (11) Saoirse Ronan, Eric Bana.	(1:56) *** Hanna (11) Saoirse Ronan, Eric Bana.	(1:56) *** Hanna (11) Saoirse Ronan, Eric Bana.	*** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.				*** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.		*** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.		*** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.		*** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.		*** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.		*** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.					
TBS	31	15	139	247	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	American Dad				American Dad		American Dad		American Dad		American Dad		American Dad		American Dad					
TCM	25	70	132	256	** Kissin' Cousins (64) Elvis Presley, Arthur O'Connell.	** Jailhouse Rock (57) Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler.	** Jailhouse Rock (57) Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler.	** Jailhouse Rock (57) Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler.	*** It Happened at the World's Fair (63) Elvis Presley.				*** It Happened at the World's Fair (63) Elvis Presley.		*** It Happened at the World's Fair (63) Elvis Presley.		*** It Happened at the World's Fair (63) Elvis Presley.		*** It Happened at the World's Fair (63) Elvis Presley.		*** It Happened at the World's Fair (63) Elvis Presley.		*** It Happened at the World's Fair (63) Elvis Presley.					
TLC	37	40	183	280	90 Day Fiancé	Colt and Larissa consider moving out.	90 Day Fiancé	Leida kicks Tasha out of the house.	90 Day Fiancé				90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé					
TNT	29	54	138	245	UEFA Champ. League Soccer	UEFA Champions League Soccer	UEFA Champions League Soccer	UEFA Champions League Soccer	UEFA				UEFA		UEFA		UEFA		UEFA		UEFA		UEFA					
USA	62	55	105	242	Law & Order: SVU	NCIS "16 Years"	NCIS "Saviors"	NCIS "Saviors"	NCIS "Day in Court"				NCIS "Decompressed"		NCIS "Dec													

DIVERSIONS

WORD SCRIMMAGE: JUDD HAMBRICK

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1st Letter + 6 PTS

1st DOWN

R₂ T₂ N₂ C₆ E₁ U₃ R₂

2nd Down + 30 PTS

2nd DOWN

E₁ S₂ O₂ M₆ R₂ K₁₂ S₂

3rd DOWN

I₂ A₂ O₂ C₆ I₂ B₆ A₂

4th DOWN

N₂ S₂ M₆ I₂ I₂ U₃ D₃

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN JUDD'S TOTAL = 299
AVERAGE GAME 190-200 PTS

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.

12-12-18 JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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1st DOWN = 138

2nd DOWN = 61

3rd DOWN = 74

4th DOWN = 119

AVERAGE GAME 250-260 PTS JUDD'S TOTAL = 392

12-12-18

ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF

"There is nothing to escape from
And nothing to escape to. One is always alone."
— T.S. Eliot

When North supports spades, South drives to slam via Roman Key-card Blackwood, which identifies the missing trump queen.

As dummy wins the first trick with the club ace, South notes that with 13 tricks available on normal breaks, his goal must be to guard against a combination of bad breaks.

His first step is to ruff dummy's low club. Then he discovers the bad news in trump. Next comes the heart queen followed by the top diamonds. East might ruff the second, but would be stuck for a good return. If he plays a club, declarer ruffs in dummy and cashes a top heart to discard his last two losing diamonds. After a trump finesse, declarer can claim the rest. If East instead returns a heart (his best try), South can discard one of his low diamonds as dummy wins. The remaining top heart is led, and East must ruff in, but South over-ruffs and draws East's last trump. There is still a trump in dummy to take care of South's last low diamond.

To beat the slam, East must not ruff the second diamond; he should discard a heart. He then trumps the next top diamond (discarding would not work, since declarer would ruff the next diamond high). He next leads a club for a ruff-sluff, and can then ruff the next heart winner low. No matter what South does, he will lose one more trick.

If South cashes both top hearts at trick three, discarding a diamond, East waits to ruff a diamond honor, then exits with his low trump!

NORTH 12-12-A
♠ 10 7 2
♥ A K 5 4 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ A 5

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

SOUTH
♠ A K J 5 4 3
♥ Q
♦ A K Q 10 9
♣ 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♥* Pass
6 ♠ All pass

*Two key-cards, no trump queen
Opening Lead: Club queen

BID WITH THE ACES 12-12-B

South holds:
♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ J 9
♦ 4
♣ K 8 7 4 3 2

South West North East
Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♥ Dbl.
Pass 1 NT 2 ♥ 3 ♦
?

ANSWER: Your partner has indicated he is willing to compete to the two-level, and this hand could hardly be better, given that you have remained silent so far. Bid three hearts and let partner take it from there — yours not to reason why.

JUMBLE

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

RANGT

LADIP

OPYROL

CRUBHN

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Yesterday's

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: WHEAT OUNCE FEMALE PERMIT
Answer: The skier gave exact instructions and expected the speedboat driver to — TOW THE LINE

DEAR ABBY

Man retiring from the military deploys new rules in marriage



Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 10 years is in the process of retiring from the military and is now re-evaluating "procedures" and "policies" of everything — including our marriage. I'm trying to respect his needs in an effort to help him make sense of things. However, there are times when I feel some of his new rules are hurtful or harmful and need to be negotiated or evaluated. (By the way, in general, I do not encourage or support the idea of "rules" in marriage aside

from fidelity; communication should be the rule in my opinion, but I digress.)

His latest rule is that I need to be covered when getting ready in the morning ("It's not proper to be so comfortable naked, and if you respect me, you would do as I ask"). He said he thinks I look amazing now, but then he added: "Think about when you are your grandmother's age; you won't be pleasant to look at."

As his partner, I feel we should make each other feel comfortable in the buff, and it's harmful to ask our partner to cover up for any reason in the sanctity of our home. We have no children and live alone, and I have always gotten ready in the mornings this way, behind closed doors, where no one but my husband can see me. Abby, can you guide us to

resolution on this matter? —

NOTHING TO HIDE IN GEORGIA

DEAR NOTHING: As a military man, your husband is used to rules and structure, which are necessary in that environment. This, however, is civilian life. Before allowing him to make any more rules or institute a change in dress code (undress code), allow me to "guide" you directly to the office of a licensed marriage counselor because, unless there is something you have omitted from your letter, your husband is a mile off base.

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TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY



Wilson Casey

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1. From fun surveys, what's the most popular response when asked to name something you need to wrap a gift?

Tape, Bow, Wrapping paper, Scissors

2. What Puritan leader banned Christmas carols in mid-1600s England?

Queen Anne, King George I, John Winthrop, Oliver Cromwell

3. Which author was first to describe Santa Claus as fat and jolly?

Washington Irving, Mark Twain, James Joyce, Charles Dickens

4. What Supreme Court "rule" deals with separation of church and state?

Reindeer, Elf, Ornament, Snowman

5. Where is "Merry Christmas Creek" located in the U.S.?

Idaho, Alaska, Arizona, North Carolina

6. Traditionally, what's the main color of Santa's belt?

Red, White, Black, Green

ANSWERS: 1. Wrapping paper, 2. Oliver Cromwell, 3. Washington Irving, 4. Reindeer, 5. Alaska, 6. Black

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You give love in many ways throughout the day. Most of the ways have to do with showing up and doing the regular things that the team counts on you to do. Then sometimes it's what you don't do or say that is the most loving.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You have a healthy respect for danger, but you're not about to let fear keep you from taking risks. What's on the table now is an opportunity to get into something totally new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Studies prove that placebos can work even when the person taking them knows they are a placebo. Rituals can be a kind of placebo, too. So the important thing is not in the belief but in doing what works.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — You're trying to think your way through a situation, and it's taking a lot of energy. It's tiring you out. So ask your heart. Actually direct the question to the beating thing in your chest. Here comes the right answer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Funny cat videos are awesome, but it's time to get more strategic about social media. Who do you want to know better? Who do you want to align with? Controlling what you look at is to control who you're influenced by.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though you have plenty of time, the best moment to do a thing is when it comes to the front of mind, or when it arises in the process of action, or when you're talking about it. In other words, now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today you'll be given a choice. Good news: There's no correct preference that will prove you have taste or refinement or superiority in any way. So just choose what you like, what you can use or what you think will work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Work is work. It doesn't matter what the job is; the time and energy you put in must be balanced with rest, fueled with nutrition and recharged with

leisure. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — The reasonable ideas have no more of a chance of working than the wacky ones, so try both. You might be surprised at what ridiculousness works, and if nothing else, you'll get a laugh out of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A Zen proverb suggests, "If you want to climb a mountain, begin at the top." The rest of the zodiac is turning to you, mystical goat, with question marks for eyes. Can you decipher this one?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Does it feel like you're behind the times? That's not a bad place to be. You'll find something new and novel about a thing that's been "over" for a while now and reignite a spark.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Are you reaching too far? Probably not. Whether you reach for the moon, the sun or Jupiter, you'll get the same stretch. So reach for what makes you feel the most delight.

SUDOKU

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	6		2		1		8	
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	5				9	2		6
8		6		5		7		
	3		7					

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

7	6	1	4	9	5	8	2	3
2	4	5	7	8	3	1	6	9
8	9	3	1	6	2	7	4	5
1	8	7	3	4	9	6	5	2
3	5	9	6	2	7	4	8	1
4	2	6	5	1	8	3	9	7
9	1	2	8	3	4	5	7	6
6	7	8	2	5	1	9	3	4
5	3	4	9	7	6	2	1	8

FOOD

TIP OF THE WEEK

NO-HASSLE HOLIDAY

Here are some suggestions from Boston Market on how to host a no-hassle party this season:

Cater in: Some companies specialize in preparing complete holiday spreads with classics that belong on every holiday table.

Host a potluck: Loved ones will be more than happy to pitch in to help you make this gathering great.

EASY RECIPE

CHERRY-CRANBERRY SAUCE

- Equal portions fresh cranberries and dried/frozen Northwest cherries

- 1/4 cup water or pomegranate juice

- Optional: 4 – 2-inch peels fresh ginger, 3 tbsp citrus zest, black pepper, fresh herbs, raspberries

In medium-sized sauce pot, add 1/4 cup water and cranberries. Bring to simmer, stirring occasionally and more frequently as the sauce begins to form. Add sweet cherries, continue stirring. Once reduced, remove from heat, incorporate other flavorings if desired. Cool for 30 mins - 1 hour before transferring to wider, shallow pan to speed cooling. Once cooled, refrigerate in airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

ENTERTAINING

BAKING & WINE PAIRINGS

Here are some suggestions for pairing holiday cookies and wines this season, courtesy of the CK Mondavi and Family household:

- Snickerdoodles and sauvignon blanc.

- Lemon bars and chardonnay.

- Sugar cookies and pinot grigio.

- Almond biscotti with cabernet sauvignon.

— Brandpoint

FLASH IN THE PAN

Early resolve

Put healthful-eating plans in motion now

By Ari LeVaux
More Content Now

Year after year, in survey after survey, the most popular New Year's resolutions relate to diet, exercise and weight loss. It's probably no coincidence that we make these resolutions after the damage is done, at the end of the holidays.

Resolving to turn the ship around is a healthy response to the feeling of waking up fat, hungover and generally disgusted with oneself. But it would make a lot more sense to make our diet-related resolutions before we come unglued. Losing weight is a lot harder than avoiding weight gain, and chances of success are higher.

So, now is the time to craft a plan, so you can arrive at the holiday battlefields prepared with some belly defense strategies. You want to enjoy yourself, obviously. You even want to stuff your face. And with the right set of holiday resolutions, you can.

1. Treat your stomach space like the most valuable of real estate, like Victorians treated virginity. Don't just give it away to the first tray of hors d'oeuvres that floats by. It's easy to surrender to gluttony and slip into eating mode, filling your belly with whatever is within arm's reach. Just don't. If there is nothing good to eat, then don't eat. Take a breather. Something more worthy of your belly will be around soon enough.

2. Wait until lunchtime to eat breakfast, especially the day after a pig-out. Some people worry that skipping breakfast leads to more eating later the day to compensate, which can supposedly cause weight gain. But the most recent evidence (not to mention the anecdotal experiences of vocal breakfast skippers) suggests that response is rare. In any case, during the holidays you know you were already going to eat more later in the day, so skipping breakfast to compensate in advance just makes sense. You won't starve, and after the gluttony it sometimes feels like a relief to not eat, allowing your belly to get some rest.

3. Up the activity. I don't mean to imply that you can exercise away



Massaged Kale Salad will put a good base layer in your belly this eating season. [ARI LEVAUX]

the excess. In theory you could, but unless you become an endurance athlete, your workouts probably won't compensate for the level of gluttony typical of holiday fare. Exercise is always good for you, and will help you build some discipline that you can put to work at the holiday trough. And if you're skipping breakfast, you do have that time slot available ...

4. Pre-party with green plant fiber. If you show up with a contented belly buzz, you won't be that guy crowding the food table. You will be prepared to control yourself, better able to adhere to the first resolution.

Arriving at a lavish buffet with green fiber in your belly has other benefits, too. It's a good digestive aid that will help move along all the custard puffs, pumpkin pie and cookies. A bowl or two of the following Massaged Kale Salad will put a good base layer in your belly, taking the edge off your hunger.

Like many salads, this one isn't low on calories. But the calories come from fat, which like fiber sates the belly and takes the edge off of hunger. Calories from salad are better than calories from cake.

Massaged Kale Salad

Serves 4

- 3 bunches kale (dinosaur, black, Tuscan or curly green), stems removed, chopped crosswise to about 1/2-inch slices (about 8 cups)
- 2 limes, juiced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup green cabbage, sliced thinly
- 1 cup sweet onion, sliced thinly
- 1 clove garlic, pressed (garlic lovers can multiply as necessary)
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup grated Parmesan or crumbled feta
- 1 cup pitted olives
- 1 beet, preferably golden, shredded finely
- 1 medium carrot, shredded finely

Place the kale, lime and salt in a large mixing bowl. Use your hands to knead salt and lime juice into the kale leaves. This action breaks the cell walls, leaving the kale soft, pliable and easier to eat than unmassaged kale. Squeeze handfuls of kale as hard as you can, over and over, for about a minute.

Add the rest of the ingredients, toss together and serve. Alternatively, reserve the shredded orange roots as a garnish on top.

Regret for gluten-free movement scorn



Jennie Geisler

Over the past five to 10 years, I've watched the rise of the gluten-free movement in annoyance. As a longtime journalist and food writer, I've learned to be skeptical of fads in which people say they've found the magic bullet for health, and six months later find a completely different magic bullet.

This mass mob movement from fad to fad, with little scientific evidence supporting people's at-times extreme adherence to and vehemence advocacy of one dietary philosophy after another, has worn

on me. But now I need to apologize to all the gluten-free folks, not because I'm suddenly celiac, but because my son, 13, has developed a condition that requires complete elimination of eggs, dairy, wheat and soy from his diet.

Had this happened 10 years ago, I'd have found myself with a few lone wolves in the forest of the grocery store, reading box after box and setting each down in frustration, possibly shouting "What the heck am I supposed to feed my kid!?" And glaring at anyone who looked at me sideways.

Aside from whole meats, fruits and vegetables, which is what we normally eat for dinner three or four nights a week, this food-writer mom has been known to bring home carry-out Buffalo wings, or send

the kid to the basement freezer for a pizza. We work in a leftovers night and a restaurant here and there and, well, repeat. Breakfast and lunch have been total cheat zones.

Well, all that cheating is over for the foreseeable future. Buffalo wings: wheat flour (Yep!). Pizza: wheat flour and cheese (Obv). Restaurants: minefields (whimper). His favorite candy, Twizzlers contain wheat (huh?). My cookies are nuclear meltdowns of allergens.

Part of the reason we know these things is that food-allergen activists have demanded the information on packaging and from restaurants. They've demanded easier access to quality substitutes and information.

I've been haunting food-allergy websites and I've been pleasantly surprised

to find quality information about flour and egg substitutes as well as recipes. The ingredients are right on the shelf at the supermarket (They're pricey, but, hey.) Cookbooks abound.

My husband has been on one of those fad diets (Paleo — don't ask) for a couple of years now, so eliminating entire food groups is something we do in our house all the time. Really, what's another four? I think, pretty soon, we'll be down to ground beef and Red Hot.

Of course, I'm using the editorial "we." I myself haven't eliminated anything. I should probably find a diet for myself, but the food group I need to give up is work, and we have to pay for the ground beef and Red Hot somehow.

Email Jennie Geisler at jennie.geisler@timesnews.com.

FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

TODAY	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Intervals of clouds and sun today. Winds east 3-6 mph. Considerable cloudiness tonight. Winds east-southeast 6-12 mph.</p> <p>High 61° Low 49°</p> <p>6 a.m. Noon 6 p.m. 38° 56° 53° Winds: SE 3-6 mph</p>	<p>Cloudy</p> <p>67°/60° Winds: ESE 8-16 mph</p>	<p>Heavy rain and a t-storm; breezy</p> <p>67°/53° Winds: WSW 10-20 mph</p>	<p>Periods of sun with a shower</p> <p>61°/44° Winds: W 8-16 mph</p>	<p>Partly sunny</p> <p>61°/45° Winds: NNW 4-8 mph</p>

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Clearwater	65/55/s	72/65/c	Lakeland	68/51/s	71/63/c
Daytona Beach	66/49/pc	73/62/c	Melbourne	70/57/pc	74/67/c
Ft. Lauderdale	73/67/pc	78/71/c	Miami	74/67/pc	78/72/c
Gainesville	63/41/s	69/58/c	Naples	74/60/s	79/68/c
Jacksonville	63/41/pc	66/58/c	Ocala	64/43/s	71/60/c
Jupiter	73/65/pc	77/70/sh	Okeechobee	71/54/pc	74/63/c
Key Largo	73/69/pc	78/73/c	Orlando	68/52/s	71/62/c
Key West	74/70/s	80/75/c	Palm Beach	73/67/pc	77/72/sh
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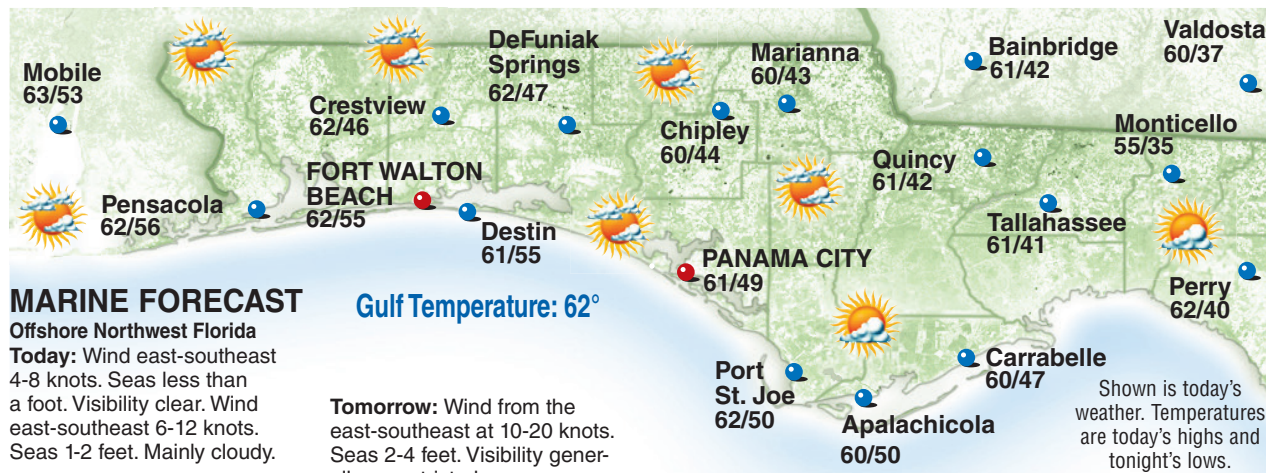
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Berlin	37/29/c	34/27/c	Montreal	18/3/s	19/13/s
Bermuda	69/62/pc	67/61/pc	Nassau	77/68/pc	81/71/pc
Hong Kong	63/55/pc	63/57/pc	Paris	40/28/pc	37/25/pc
Jerusalem	59/49/s	55/43/pc	Rome	54/41/pc	55/46/sh
Kabul	47/19/s	49/21/s	Tokyo	53/42/pc	49/41/c
London	45/32/pc	40/29/pc	Toronto	35/30/pc	38/32/c
Madrid	50/41/pc	50/36/r	Vancouver	47/43/c	48/44/r

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City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	55/25/pc	44/22/s	Memphis	53/48/c	58/50/r
Anchorage	26/18/sn	22/11/c	Milwaukee	37/29/sn	39/35/c
Atlanta	55/39/pc	55/47/c	Minneapolis	30/22/c	33/20/c
Baltimore	42/31/s	45/34/c	Nashville	54/44/c	59/49/c
Birmingham	55/43/pc	58/49/sh	New Orleans	66/57/pc	68/52/r
Boston	37/22/pc	33/27/pc	New York City	40/31/s	38/34/c
Charlotte	51/33/pc	54/41/pc	Oklahoma City	57/41/c	44/32/r
Chicago	36/27/sn	41/35/r	Philadelphia	42/31/s	43/37/sf
Cincinnati	45/36/pc	47/40/c	Phoenix	70/44/pc	66/41/s
Cleveland	40/30/pc	42/36/c	Pittsburgh	37/33/pc	41/33/c
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Detroit	38/28/sn	39/32/c	San Antonio	68/52/c	63/40/s
Honolulu	82/69/s	81/71/pc	San Diego	67/50/s	73/51/s
Houston	69/62/c	70/41/r	San Francisco	60/43/pc	60/48/pc
Indianapolis	44/29/c	45/40/c	Seattle	49/45/r	52/44/r
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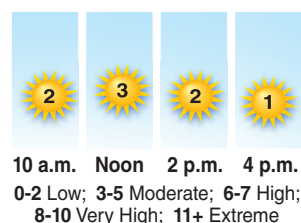
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Today: Wind east-southeast 4-8 knots. Seas less than a foot. Visibility clear. Wind east-southeast 6-12 knots. Seas 1-2 feet. Mainly cloudy.

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Panama City
Temperatures
 High/low 53°/42°
 Last year's high/low 63°/32°
 Normal high/low 66°/45°
 Record high 80° (1972)
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Precipitation
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.00"
 Month to date 4.33"
 Normal month to date 1.54"
 Year to date 61.35"
 Normal year to date 58.60"
 Average humidity 73%
Fort Walton Beach
Temperatures
 High/low 53°/42°
 Last year's high/low 65°/42°
 Normal high/low 63°/48°
 Record high 78° (1997)
 Record low 23° (1968)
Precipitation
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 Year to date 62.32"
 Normal year to date 59.84"
 Average humidity 73%

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 Moonrise today 10:30 a.m.
 Moonset today 9:33 p.m.

TIDES

Location	High	Low
Apalachicola	5:15a 8:31p	12:37a 1:06p
Destin	---	11:07a
West Pass	4:48a 8:04p	12:10a 12:39p
Panama City	11:49p	10:00a
Port St. Joe	10:23p	11:19a
Okaloosa Island	10:49p	10:13a
Milton	2:02a	1:28p
East Bay	1:06a	12:58p
Pensacola	12:22a	11:41a
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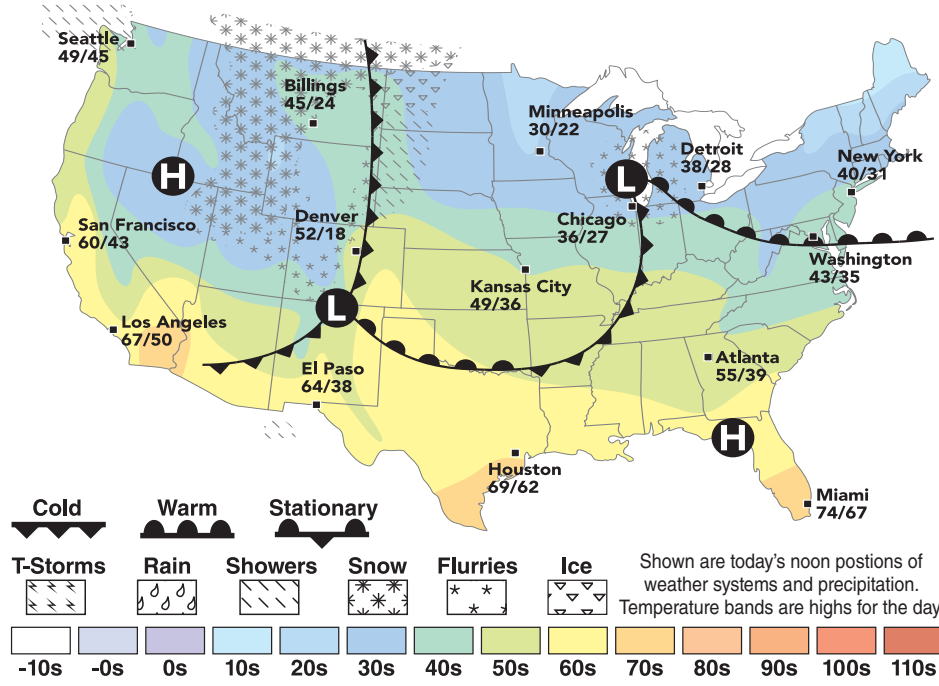
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Through 7 a.m. Tue.

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Alabama	---	---
Clairborne	39.00 ft.	42 ft.
Escambia	---	---
Century	12.67 ft.	17 ft.
Tombigbee	---	---
Coffeeville, AL	27.52 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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FOOD

Your takeout grain bowl has nothing on these creamy, savory oats

Savory Indian-Style Oats (Oats Upma)

Servings: 2 to 3

This South Indian porridge is typically made with semolina (sooji) and eaten for breakfast and as a snack. The flavorful seasonings of black mustard seed, fresh curry leaves and ginger also take well to oats. You can make this with dried steel-cut oats and 3 cups of water; they'll take about 13 minutes to cook. The original recipe called for 1 teaspoon of urad dal and ½ teaspoon of roasted chana dal (both available at Indian markets). If desired, add the urad dal after the mustard seed begins to sputter, then cook for a few minutes before proceeding with the recipe; add the roasted chana dal when you add the cashews and raisins.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ½ teaspoon black or brown mustard seed (see headnote)
- 3 fresh curry leaves (see headnote)
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- ½ teaspoon peeled, minced fresh ginger root
- ½ cup chopped shallots (2 ounces; from about 2 lobes)
- ¼ cup finely chopped carrots (1 ¼ ounces; from 1 small, scrubbed carrot)
- ¼ cup finely chopped fresh green beans (1 ¼ ounces)



Savory Oatmeal. From left, Oatmeal With Bacon, Cheese and Pickled Jalapeños; Steel-cut Oats with Kimchi, and Oats Upma. [STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST]

- 1 tablespoon roasted, chopped cashews (salted or unsalted)
 - 1 tablespoon golden raisins (may substitute dried cranberries)
 - 1 cup dried rolled oats (do not use instant; may also use steel-cut, see headnote)
 - 2 cups water (see headnote)
 - ½ teaspoon kosher salt, or more as needed
 - Lemon wedge, for serving (optional)
- Steps**
 Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the mustard seed; as soon as it starts to pop and sputter, add the curry leaves and reduce the heat to low (the spices will continue to spit and pop). Add the turmeric and ginger; cook, stirring, for 30 seconds, then add the shallots, carrots and green beans. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook for about 2 minutes, stirring frequently, until the shallots have softened. Add the cashews, raisins and oats. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring frequently, until the oats are lightly toasted and the mix smells quite fragrant. Add the water and salt. Cook, uncovered, for about 9 minutes, stirring often, until the water has mostly evaporated and the vegetables are tender. Squeeze with a little fresh lemon juice, if using. Taste and add more salt, as needed. Serve warm.

Shipping homemade cookies for holiday gifting

By Becky Krystal
 The Washington Post

Now that online shopping is an everyday occurrence, receiving a package in the mail has lost a lot of its novelty. Razor blades. Socks. Diapers. Yawn. If your gift recipients are used to the generic packaging and contents from Giant Retailer XYZ, you can bring back the magic. All it takes is a box of homemade cookies. Baking and packing cookies for shipping takes a little more thought and effort. A few tips:

- Choose recipes that are fairly sturdy and neat. Cookbook author Nancy Baggett recommends cookies that are at least ¼-inch thick, skipping any that are crumbly, brittle or tender. Be wary of sticky fillings or glazes that are liable to smudge and

adhere to everything. Among the varieties ideal for shipping: Biscotti, bars (blondies, brownies), macarons, gingerbread and classic drops (oatmeal, chocolate chip and peanut butter).

- Take timing into account. You want treats that will last at least a few days. For optimal freshness, consider two-day shipping so that your recipients will still have plenty of time to enjoy the goodies while they're at their peak.
- Bake cookies with complementary flavors that are fine to mingle, or pack each variety separately. Assume a couple of days in a box will cause them to collide both physically and aromatically.
- Pack with care. Separate layers of cookies with wax paper inside airtight plastic containers or metal tins.



Sturdy doesn't have to mean hard and tasteless when it comes to shipping homemade cookies. [TOM MCCORKLE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST]

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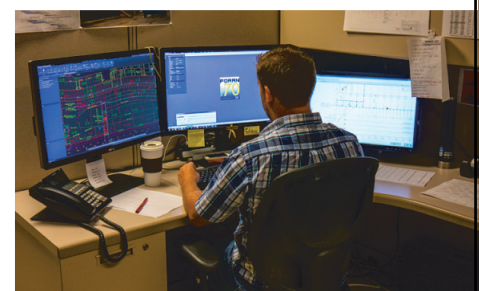
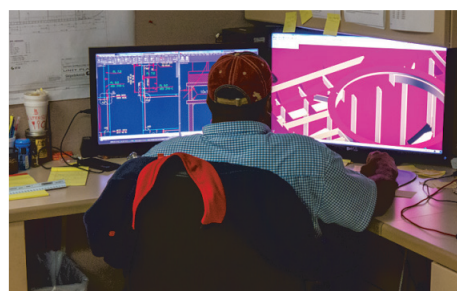
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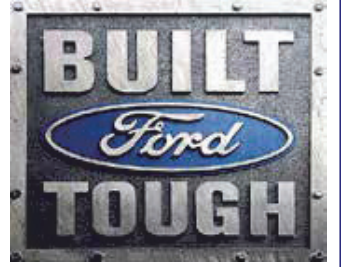
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