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YEAR IN REVIEW

Wilson changes political landscape



Former Assistant State Attorney Greg Wilson during his trial in September. (ZACK McDONALD/THE NEWS HERALD)

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PANAMA CITY — Once a top prosecutor over seven local counties, Greg Wilson became a convicted criminal in 2018.

The case of the former chief assistant state attorney of the 14th Judicial Circuit reached a crescendo in September as trial proceedings played out in the Bay County Courthouse. Wilson was found guilty as charged by a jury of a felony and a misdemeanor, and he was sentenced to three

years' probation. The case not only drew intrigue and entwined with other high-profile criminal cases, it also changed the landscape of the coming election for the office in 2020.

As his criminal appeal lurches into the new year, though, Wilson will remain unable to practice law pending the court's decision. The Florida Bar suspended Wilson's license to practice law following the verdict. However, he has asked the Florida Supreme Court to withhold judgment until his appeal is processed.

"Subsequent to sentencing, (Wilson) will appeal his criminal conviction," Wilson's appellate attorney wrote. "He is confident that he will prevail on appeal and the guilty verdict will be reversed."

In the meantime, Wilson has shuttered his private law practice. During his sentence hearing, Wilson informed the court that he has sought employment in construction following Hurricane Michael.

Wilson, 46, at one time had been within grasp of being the top prosecutor over the

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Repairs to jail, courts will take months

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PANAMA CITY — Crews likely will need much of next year to repair the damage to Bay County's courthouse and jail sustained from Hurricane Michael, officials learned Wednesday.

The jail needs most of its roof and air conditioning system replaced, while the courthouse needs a redesigned and rebuilt roof, along with a refurbished third floor — work county officials

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Fewer than expected register with FEMA

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PANAMA CITY — With the deadline passed to apply for FEMA disaster assistance, numbers indicate fewer people than anticipated applied for help.

Immediately following the storm, officials from FEMA estimated about 150,000 households would register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Following Monday's deadline, FEMA reported they received 101,643 requests for disaster

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Feeling special



Santa Claus and helpers from the Bay County Sheriff's Office hand out stockings full of snacks and toys at Cedar Grove Elementary School on Wednesday. (PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD)

Santa spotted again at Cedarfield Elementary; 600 children receive stuffed stockings

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CEDAR GROVE — Santa Claus has been spotted once again in the county, this time delivering goodies to each child attending Cedar Grove/Springfield Elementary School on Wednesday morning.

The delivery of the goodies was on the behalf of

the employees at the Bay County Jail and the Bay County Sheriff's Office.

"We'll be giving a stuffed stocking to every student here today. We're very glad to be here," said Ruth Corley, public information officer for the Bay County Sheriff's Office.

Each year, employees at the Bay County Jail hold fundraisers to eventually sponsor six families in the

area once the holiday season rolls around. This year, because of the hurricane, the decision was made to suspend the usual program in favor of something a little different.

"With the storm, everything came to a halt," said Corley. "They began to reach out to the school system to find out where might be a school where a lot of kids would be in need

for this type of boost."

The group decided to redirect the funds to sponsor stockings full of snacks and toys for every child at Cedar Grove and Springfield Elementary, which has been lovingly dubbed Cedarfield Elementary since the schools merged following the hurricane.

"The school system routed

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BIRTHDAYS

Alex Downing of Panama City Beach is 18. Original Mouseketeer **Tommy Cole** (TV: "The Mickey Mouse Club") is 77. R&B singer-musician **Walter "Wolfman" Washington** is 75. Rock musician-music



producer **Bobby Colomby** is 74. Rock musician **Peter Criss** is 73. Agriculture Secretary

Sonny Perdue is 72. Psychic/illusionist **Uri Geller** is 72. Rock musician **Alan Parsons** is 70. Actress **Jenny Agutter** is 66. Actor **Michael Badalucco** is 64. Actress **Blanche Baker** is 62. Rock singer **Billy Bragg** is 61. Actor **Joel Gretsch** is 55. Country singer **Kris Tyler** is 54. Rock singer **Chris Robinson** is 52. Actress **Nicole deBoer** is 48. Movie director **Todd Phillips** is 48. Singer **David Cook** ("American Idol") is 36. Actor **Jonah Hill** is 35. Actor **Bob Morley** is 34. Singer **JoJo** is 28. Actor **Colin Woodell** is 27.

YOUNG ARTIST



A.J. Shoup
Grade 4
St. Andrew School

Empty Stocking passes \$350K

Every year, the Port-side Winter Social Club passes the Santa hat around so to speak in support of the Empty Stocking Fund.

It's a tradition that appears — based on our archives — to trace back to the 1990s, and an example of the how the community has supported this fund during the years.

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 the damaged News Herald at 501 W. 11th St. and Mulberry Avenue. The fundraiser is set to run through to the New Year.

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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Santa Claus exits a Bay County Sheriff's Office van to deliver stockings full of snacks and toys at Cedar Grove Elementary School on Wednesday. Employees at the Bay County Jail gave gifts to every student at the school. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

and Joe Bob Snyder, Bernie and Marvin Rooks, Loretta and Michele DePietro and Carolyn and Woodrow Wilson

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CATCH OF THE DAY

We want to see your catch of the day: Post your photos to the News Herald Facebook page with your name, city of residence and information about the photo. Email photos to yourpix@pcnh.com.



Not fishing related, but Josie Boring made a catch of a different kind, saying, "We caught our Grinch and Max trying to steal our neighbors' Christmas decorations ... silly Grinch!" [JOSIE BORING]

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, Dec. 20**, the 354th day of 2018. There are 11 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:
On **Dec. 20, 1989**, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

On this date:
In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States.

In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union as all 169 delegates to a special convention in Charleston voted in favor of separation.

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Georgia, as Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman almost completed his "March to the Sea."

In 1924, Adolf Hitler was released from prison after serving nine months for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age 66.

In 1987, more than 4,300 people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island.

In 1995, an American Airlines Boeing 757 en route to Cali, Colombia, slammed into a mountain, killing all but four of the 163 people aboard.

In 1996, astronomer Carl Sagan died in Seattle at age 62.

In 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded couples of the opposite sex.

In 2001, the U.N. Security Council authorized a multinational force for Afghanistan.

In 2005, a federal judge ruled that "intelligent design" could not be mentioned in biology classes in a Pennsylvania public school district, delivering a stinging attack on the Dover Area School Board.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

These Florida lotteries were drawn Tuesday:
Fantasy 5: 06-08-24-27-33
Lucky Money: 04-10-21-30; Lucky Ball: 3; estimated jackpot: \$1 million
Mega Millions: 13-22-32-60-69; Mega Ball: 9; Megaplier: 3; estimated jackpot: \$284 million
Pick 2 Evening: 9-9
Pick 2 Midday: 4-2
Pick 3 Evening: 5-3-4
Pick 3 Midday: 0-6-3
Pick 4 Evening: 9-5-2-2
Pick 4 Midday: 6-5-9-1
Pick 5 Evening: 5-0-9-4-4
Pick 5 Midday: 0-9-0-9-3
Powerball: Estimated jackpot: \$262 million

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★★★★★ 7 months ago

I hired Rick and his company, Sun coast roofing. After hurricane season last year. My house was a mess. I was not looking forward to all the calls, paperwork, appt. Didn't even know where to start. Thanks to Rick I had no worries. He took care of everything from start to finish. The workmanship was great. I had no complaints whatsoever. I would not Hesitate one bit to hire them again.

★★★★★ 8 months ago

Sun Coast Roofing installed our new roof after damage from Hurricane Irma. Eric Johnsa represented the firm with an open and friendly demeanor. Eric was professional and knowledgeable. The work was completed over two days. The crew was efficient and cleaned up the yard. I didn't see any debris or nails after they left. We are still waiting on a final inspection from the city but at this point, we are satisfied customers. The roof is beautiful!

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100 days left until Brexit

EU, UK act to cushion no-deal chaos

By Jill Lawless
and Lorne Cook
The Associated Press

LONDON — The European Union marked 100 days until Brexit on Wednesday by triggering an action plan to ensure planes can still fly and money can still flow between Britain and the bloc in the increasingly likely event that the U.K. leaves the EU without a divorce deal.

The British government, struggling to break a political logjam over Brexit, released immigration plans that it said will “take back control” of the country’s borders — but which opponents warn will batter the economy by shutting out everyone but highly paid professionals.

The EU measures, announced a day after Britain ramped up its own no-deal planning, are intended to alleviate “major disruption” to people and businesses in case squabbling U.K. politicians fail to ratify a withdrawal agreement between Britain and the bloc.

European Commission Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis called the contingency plan “an exercise in limiting damage.”

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but it’s unclear whether lawmakers will approve the divorce agreement Prime Minister



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May leaves 10 Downing Street for Prime Minister's Questions at the House of Commons on Wednesday in London. [TIM IRELAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Theresa May’s government has negotiated with the bloc. May postponed a vote in Parliament last week because the deal faced heavy defeat. It has been rescheduled for mid-January, but opposition remains strong across the political spectrum.

Leaving without a deal risks plunging the British economy into recession and sparking chaos at the borders, as four decades of economic alignment and open markets evaporate.

The EU plan includes temporary one- to two-year measures to allow some

U.K.-EU financial services to continue and a 12-month provision to keep planes flying between Britain and the bloc.

But Dombrovskis stressed that the measures “cannot replicate the benefits of the withdrawal agreement, and certainly it cannot replicate the benefits of EU membership.”

Britain’s no-deal preparations include putting 3,500 soldiers on standby, chartering boats to bring in goods and stockpiling medicines. The government called them sensible precautions, but opposition politicians accused

May of trying to scare lawmakers into supporting her Brexit deal.

“No-deal would be a disaster for our country and no responsible government would ever allow it,” Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said.

Most members of Parliament dislike both May’s Brexit deal and the prospect of leaving the EU without an agreement, but they are deeply divided about what to do instead, and the country’s political debate has grown increasingly bad-tempered as Brexit day approaches.

Corbyn was forced to deny calling May a “stupid woman” in the House of Commons on Wednesday, after he was caught appearing to mutter the insult during a fiery debate.

“I did not use the words ‘stupid woman’ about the prime minister or anyone else, and am completely opposed to the use of sexist or misogynist language in absolutely any form at all,” Corbyn said.

In a bid to regain some of its vanished political momentum, the British government published long-awaited plans for a post-Brexit immigration system that will end the automatic right of EU citizens to live in the U.K.

“We’re going to bring an end to free movement,” May said. “We will do that in a way that enables us to reduce net migration but enables us to ensure that the brightest and best can be attracted to the United Kingdom.”

She said that “in the future coming here will be based on your contribution, not on the country you come from.”

The government proposal places no limit on the number of well-paid, skilled immigrants who can settle in Britain, but puts curbs on “low-skilled” workers, who would only be able to get one-year working visas.

The government plan suggests setting a salary threshold that immigrants will have to meet in order to be given the right to settle in Britain.

DATELINES

LONDON



An artwork by Banksy is seen on a garage Wednesday in Port Talbot, Wales. With the children’s song “Little Snowflake” as a soundtrack, the video shows images painted on two garage walls that form a right angle. On one side, a child appears to be playing in the falling snow, sticking his tongue out for snowflakes. The other side reveals that the “snow” is actually falling ash and smoke from a fire in a dumpster. [TWITTER/@RHONEYJONES VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

LOS ANGELES



Pope Francis delivers his message during the Angelus noon prayer Sunday in St. Peter’s Square, at the Vatican. Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of a Los Angeles auxiliary bishop, Monsignor Alexander Salazar, following an allegation of misconduct with a minor in the 1990s, officials said Wednesday. The Vatican announced the resignation in a one-line statement. [GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

JERUSALEM



Israeli soldiers stand around the opening of a hole that leads to a tunnel that the army says crosses from Lebanon to Israel on Wednesday, near Metula. Israel on Wednesday urged a special session of the U.N. Security Council to condemn the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah and designate it a terrorist organization following the discovery of cross-border tunnels stretching into Israel. [SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

WINNIE, TEXAS Texas deputies rescue man on fire from burning vehicle

Two sheriff’s deputies saved a man from a burning vehicle in southeast Texas during a dramatic rescue captured on video.

Chambers County Sheriff Brian Hawthorne says the driver was critically hurt when his vehicle overturned and caught fire last week near Winnie, a community about 50 miles east of Houston.

Bodycam video shows the deputies pulling the unconscious man from the burning vehicle while his abdomen and legs are on fire. The deputies then place the victim in a nearby puddle to douse the flames with water.

The deputies involved were Braedon Boznango and Carlton Carrington. Neither was injured.

CINCINNATI Report: Feds got complaints on van model teen died in

Federal regulators received nearly 180 seating complaints about Honda Odyssey minivans over the years, according to a newspaper’s investigation after a teenage boy died trapped in one such van.

A coroner said 16-year-old Kyle Plush, of Cincinnati, died April 10 of asphyxiation because his chest was being compressed. It’s suspected the 2004 minivan’s rear, third-row seat flipped over and pinned him as he reached into the back.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported its investigation shows that a quarter of Odyssey seating complaints were over stability and that one of five stability cases involved problems with third-row seats.

FRESNO, CALIF. Mother charged in death of kid killed by train

A woman was arrested on felony child neglect charges after her 8-year-old daughter was killed while crawling under a train in California so the family wouldn’t miss a bus home, authorities said.

Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer said Tuesday that Joy Collins, 44, on Monday urged her daughter and her 9-year-old son to crawl under the idling train. The boy made it but the girl was reluctant to get under the freight train.

When she did, the train lurched and trapped her under its wheels, dragging and killing her as Collins ran behind in desperation. Collins reached her daughter and pulled her from under the train, but she was dead of traumatic injuries, Dyer said at a news conference,

the Fresno Bee reported.

PHILADELPHIA 4 now charged in quadruple slaying in basement

Four people have now been arrested in the murders of two men, a woman and a teenage girl found shot in a Philadelphia basement last month.

Police announced murder, robbery, conspiracy and other charges Wednesday against Robert Long, 30, Nasir Moss-Robertson, 36, and Keith Garner, 34; a fourth defendant, Jahil Porter, 32, was arrested earlier in the Nov. 19 slayings.

Authorities have said they believe two stepbrothers, William Taylor, 31, and Akeem Mattox, 28, found a stash of drugs while renovating homes. Police allege that at least one of the men contacted one of the suspects to try to sell the stash, but the deal turned into

a robbery and then murder.

TIJUANA, MEXICO Mexico: 3 arrested in killing of young migrants in Tijuana

Three people were detained in the killing of two young Honduran migrants in Tijuana, authorities said Wednesday, and Mexican media reported the victims had come to the border city across from San Diego as part of the caravan of more than 6,000 people that arrived last month.

Baja California state prosecutors said in a statement that the victims were slain in an apparent attempted robbery Saturday after leaving a shelter for underage migrants. Their bodies were later found in an alley in central Tijuana with stab wounds and signs of strangulation.

The Associated Press

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them here," Corley continued. "It's a morale boost. It makes them feel special."

Santa, followed by many stocking-toting elves, visited each classroom in the school to distribute about 600 stockings.

"I was kind of excited. I didn't know he was going to come in," said Cedarfield third-grader Derek Bacheco. "I got a little rabbit, some candy, some Oreos, some crackers."

"I was surprised," said classmate Ava Peace.

Peace said she knew gifts were coming when she saw Santa burst through the door, simply "because he's Santa Claus" and that's just what he does. She said she is looking forward to spending the holidays with her family.

"I'm feeling very blessed to be able to come see the kids and lighten their day," said Santa after visiting all of the third-grade classrooms. "Put a smile on their face."

"They wanted to do something special for the kids for Christmas that maybe nobody else was doing, and making sure they had a chance

to see Santa and interact with Santa," said Heidi Emmett, who teaches at Cedarfield and has been organizing the visit on behalf of the school.

"We decided that one of our best options would be to have him come around and visit in their individual classrooms to give them gifts and stockings."

The response? "They've been very excited," she said.

"I'm so proud of them, and the sheriff for being that person to do this," said Corley. "That's the heart of Sheriff Tommy Ford; for the children. And this is just one way during the year that we express that."

REPAIRS

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expect will take months to complete. Also, the long repair time for the courthouse means county judges and staff who used the third floor will need additional temporary space for the long haul, officials said.

The ongoing repair projects were reviewed during the Bay County Courts and Clerk Facilities Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Kevin Bryant, county public works director, said the jail repair project would be a massive undertaking.

"This is the largest repair project the county has," Bryant said. "It took a massive hit."

Bryant said between 80 and 85 percent of the jail's air conditioning system needed replacement. Also, about 250,000 square feet of roof repairs were needed, he said.

Bryant said insurance adjusters and staff had inspected the jail and that the county would advertise

the permanent repairs project this week.

Bryant estimated the county courthouse repairs would be an 180-day project because of the scope of work.

"The truss system was damaged, so we can't just repair the roof," Bryant said of the courthouse. "It has to be redesigned."

Bryant added that the third floor needs extensive renovations, including repainting of rooms and carpet and ceiling tile replacements. Insulation also must be replaced, he said.

Bryant said construction drawings for the courthouse's new roof system are underway and should be finished in January. Once complete, the county expects to award a bid and have construction start in late February.

"We're moving forward, trying to get this roof repaired right now," said Robert Carroll, county commissioner and member of the committee. "We're moving as fast as we can."

Several judges at the

meeting expressed their growing concerns with their accommodations since the hurricane. To date, county judges and staff who used the courthouse's third floor have been housed in trailers beside the building. The judges complained there wasn't enough space for everyone or for hearings.

Bryant said the county would find an additional trailer to put near the courthouse.

"It'll be a challenge, but we'll find an appropriate facility," he said.

The committee also reviewed preliminary designs for the construction of a new juvenile courthouse, planned on the county courthouse campus. A new juvenile courthouse is needed because the federal courthouse plans to relocate in the current juvenile courthouse.

Officials said they would discuss space needs for judges and staff in the planned juvenile courthouse at the next committee meeting.

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FEMA

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assistance information in the designated counties, about a third less than expected.

Out of those applicants, 25,190 housing assistance applications have been approved for more than \$100 million and 13,535 Other Needs Assistance (ONA) applications

are approved for more than \$22 million, FEMA reported.

“Please keep in mind that there may be factors to consider like the duplicate registrations per household, the household might have more than one FEMA registration for disaster assistance and only one per household is required, another thing to consider is that we could be waiting for further documentation from survivors to complete the application before

determining eligibility,” FEMA media relations specialist Lenisha Smith wrote in an email. “Also, if a survivor did not receive FEMA Assistance that does not mean they didn’t receive some form of disaster assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA) or a Voluntary Agency.”

The deadline for applying for the SBA also came and went on Monday.

The SBA “received 21,848 loan applications, with over \$464.5 million

approved, including more than \$408 million to homeowners and renters and over \$51 million to businesses,” a press release said. For the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), “4,153 claims received (as of Dec. 14); paid more than \$140.5 million; closed 3,523 claims.”

Both FEMA and the SBA will accept applications past the deadline in rare cases with a letter explaining why the application is past deadline, according to press releases.

And if FEMA initially turns you down, you can appeal. Appeals must be made in writing and sent by mail or fax to FEMA within 60 days of receiving the letter, after which the applicant’s written appeal and documentation received are reviewed.

“Upon review, FEMA either provides a written decision or requests more information from the applicant,” according to information given by FEMA. “If FEMA upholds a decision on an

appeal, FEMA’s decision is considered final and will generally not be reconsidered. However, if new information is submitted, the case will be reviewed and a new decision will be determined.”

Disaster Recovery Centers continue to remain open and are located at the Bay County Public Library, 898 W. 11th St., Panama City, and the Callaway Community Center, 599 Beulah Ave. Case work continues past the application deadline.

REVIEW

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six surrounding counties. He was found guilty as charged by a jury of a felony for helping two inmates — sisters Clista Robbins and Christy White — pass a “kite,” or folded piece of paper, inside the jail and a misdemeanor for lying to investigators in a cover-up attempt. Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet then sentenced Wilson to three years of felony probation and ordered him to write letters of apology as his punishment.

After the verdict, the question remained whether Overstreet would honor the jury’s decision and adjudicate Wilson guilty of both crimes. But Overstreet did not and exercised leniency in his adjudication by withholding judgment on the felony

count, pending the outcome of Wilson’s probation.

The decision meant Wilson could never get his case expunged nor possess firearms during his probation. It also could mean his license to practice law is at stake, although that will be contingent on the outcome of his appeal.

Wilson started his career as a Panama City police officer and climbed the ranks of law enforcement to eventually become the second-in-command at the SAO. He spent seven years in that role under State Attorney Glenn Hess until 2016 when he abruptly resigned from the office and challenged his former boss in a primary battle for top prosecutor over Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties.

Wilson said the decision came after Hess did not fulfill an agreement to bow out at the end

of his second term and hand Wilson a shot at the office. Wilson lost to Hess by a 58 percent to 42 percent margin, but he vowed to make another run for state attorney in 2020 and turned to private legal practice in the meantime.

It was about a year later Wilson became the subject of a BCSO investigation at the Bay County Jail after officers stumbled across an Aug. 14, 2017, recorded jailhouse call they suspected involved controlled substances. In the call, Robbins told Wilson in vague terms that she thought something was in her car — “if it’s there, get it,” she said — and Wilson responded he would get rid of it. Because of the possession of prescription narcotics charges Robbins had been arrested on and the belief that she and Wilson had a romantic relationship, BCSO expanded its investigation.

It eventually led authorities to install video cameras — without audio capability — in an attorney interview room where they could video Wilson and the two sisters. In the video captured in September 2017, Wilson furtively accepts a folded note from Robbins during one meeting and then passes it to White in a different meeting. When questioned under oath about his actions, Wilson categorically denied the allegations as “absolutely false,” even reciting his rights to himself at one point, but at that time he was not aware of the video. He was arrested about three weeks later.

Hess recused himself and his office from the investigation because of ties with Wilson, and Prosecutor Jack Campbell of the Second Judicial Circuit was appointed to prosecute the case.

Because BCSO officials consulted with

Hess about the legality of the cameras in the confidential room, Wilson’s defense attorneys attempted to argue political retaliation played a factor in the decision.

They cited a massive drug-smuggling operation occurring at the jail that came to light as Wilson’s case proceeded through the court. Another attorney had been tied to the case when he unwittingly delivered documents coated with synthetic marijuana to jail personnel to pass on to one of his clients. Unlike Wilson’s case, though, Hess declined to support an arrest or prosecution, saying that attorney was not aware he was delivering contraband, was not intentionally skirting rules on contraband and wasn’t attempting to deliver the paperwork directly to the inmate.

Because of the circumstances, Overstreet denied Wilson’s request, saying the groundwork

for a “selective prosecution” defense had not been established. Despite the court order against the argument, Wilson’s defense attorneys repeatedly called the case a “ruse” in closing arguments and attempted to show a law enforcement bias against him.

Overstreet also ordered Wilson to write two letters of apology while on probation. One will have to be addressed to Sheriff Tommy Ford and Maj. Rick Anglin, warden of the jail. And the other will go to The Florida Bar.

With Wilson likely disqualified from running for the office he vowed to seek in 2020, the stage has been set for current Chief Assistant State Attorney Larry Basford to run. A robo call going out in Bay County in 2018 also sought registered voters’ opinions on former judge Richard Albritton, who at one time had to apologize to The Bar partly for sentencing a criminal to attend church.

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Trump pulling all US troops from Syria

President declaring Islamic State defeat; contradicting his own experts' assessments

By Lolita C. Baldor, Robert Burns and Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is pulling all 2,000 U.S. troops out of Syria, officials announced Wednesday as the president suddenly declared victory over the Islamic State, contradicting his own experts' assessments and sparking surprise and outrage from his party's lawmakers who called his action rash and dangerous.

The U.S. began air-strikes in Syria in 2014, and ground troops moved in the following year to battle the Islamic State, or ISIS, and train Syrian rebels in a country torn apart by civil war. Trump abruptly declared their mission accomplished in a tweet.

"We have defeated ISIS in Syria, my only reason for being there during the Trump Presidency," he said as Vice President Mike Pence met with top leaders at the Pentagon. U.S. officials said many details of the troop withdrawal had not yet been finalized, but they expect American forces to be out by mid-January.

Later Wednesday, Trump posted a video on Twitter in which he said



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, rushes to the office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington. Amid the news that President Donald Trump is pulling all 2,000 U.S. troops out of Syria, Graham said he was "blindsided" by the report and called the decision "a disaster in the making." [J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

is "heartbreaking" to have to write letters and make calls to the loved ones of those killed in battle. "Now it's time for our troops to come back home," he said.

A senior administration official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity, said Trump made the decision based on his belief that U.S. troops have no role in Syria beyond combating Islamic State, whose fighters are now believed to hold about 1 percent of the territory they did at the peak of their power.

The president informed Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of his decision in a telephone call, the official said. Turkey has recently launched combat operations across its southern border into northeastern Syria against Kurdish forces

who have been allied with the U.S. in the fight against the Islamic State.

Trump's declaration of victory was far from unanimous, and officials said U.S. defense and military leaders were trying to dissuade him from ordering the withdrawal right up until the last minute. His decision immediately triggered demands from Congress — including leading Republicans — for more information and a formal briefing on the matter. Sen. Lindsay Graham of South Carolina, just returned from Afghanistan, said he was meeting with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis late in the day.

Graham, typically a Trump backer, said he was "blindsided" by the report and called the decision "a disaster in the making." He said, "The biggest winners in this are ISIS and Iran."

Yemeni mom is on way to see dying son

By Julie Watson
The Associated Press

Shaima Swileh simply wants to give her son one more kiss before he dies.

The Yemeni woman is about to get her wish after winning a fight for a waiver from the Trump administration's travel ban, allowing her to fly to California where her 2-year-old son, Abdullah, is on life support.

The State Department granted Swileh the waiver Tuesday after lawyers with the Council on American-Islamic Relations sued this week, ending her family's yearlong battle. Swileh is planning to fly to San Francisco on Wednesday to see Abdullah at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

"This will allow us to mourn with dignity," the boy's father, Ali Hassan, said in a statement provided by the council's Sacramento chapter.

Hassan, who is a U.S. citizen and lives in Stockton, brought Abdullah to California in the fall to get treatment for a genetic brain disorder.

"My wife is calling me every day wanting to kiss and hold her son for the one last time," Hassan said, choking up as he made a public plea at a news conference Monday, a day before the government granted the visa.

The couple moved to Egypt after marrying in war-torn Yemen



Yemeni national Shaima Swileh, left, walks through the terminal of the airport Wednesday in Munich, Germany, before boarding an aircraft to the U.S. She wants to give her son one more kiss before he dies after winning her fight for a waiver from the Trump administration's travel ban so she can fly to California where her 2-year-old son is on life support. [MATTHIAS SCHRADER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

in 2016 and had been trying to get a visa for Swileh since 2017 so the family could move to California. Citizens from Yemen and four other mostly Muslim countries, along with North Korea and Venezuela, are restricted from coming to the United States under the travel ban enacted under President Donald Trump.

When the boy's health worsened, Hassan went ahead to California in October to get their son help. As the couple fought for a waiver, doctors put Abdullah on life support.

"I am emailing them, crying, and telling them that my son is dying," Hassan said in an interview with The Sacramento Bee newspaper.

He started losing hope and was considering

pulling his son off life support to end his suffering. But then a hospital social worker reached out to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which sued Monday, said Basim Elkarra, executive director of the group in Sacramento.

Swileh lost months with her child over what amounted to unnecessary delays and red tape, Elkarra said.

State Department spokesman Robert Palladino called it "a very sad case, and our thoughts go out to this family at this time, at this trying time."

He said he could not comment on the family's situation but that in general cases are handled individually, and U.S. officials try to facilitate legitimate travel to the United States while protecting national security.

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Senate approves spending bill

Legislation temporarily funds government until Feb. 8; House expected to act by Friday deadline

By Lisa Mascaro, Matthew Daly and Catherine Lucey
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved legislation Wednesday to temporarily fund the

government, a key step toward averting a federal shutdown after President Donald Trump backed off his demand for money for a border wall with Mexico.

Senators passed the measure, which would keep government running to Feb. 8, by voice vote without a roll call. The House is also expected to move before Friday's deadline, when funding for a portion of the

government expires. Without resolution, more than 800,000 federal workers would face furloughs or be forced to work without pay, disrupting government operations days before Christmas.

While the White House indicated Trump was open to reviewing whatever Congress could pass, the president did not immediately weigh in on the short-term plan.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the Senate will remain in session Thursday. "We have to see what the House does," he said.

Many of Trump's supporters were frustrated that he appeared to retreat on his shutdown threats after promising a fight over the wall, which had been central to his presidential campaign. Just last week Trump said he would be "proud" to shut down the government over his demand for \$5 billion for the wall. Some allies described the move as caving on his pledge, expressing concern that it could hurt Trump's 2020 prospects.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, said Trump's political base "will just go crazy" if he signs a bill without wall funding. He warned it will be tougher to win the money next year when Democrats control the House. He said supporters of the president "believe it's a promise that he's been telling them that he will keep."

On Twitter, Trump appeared to respond to criticism by insisting that "one way or the other, we will win on the Wall!"

Trump counselor Kellyanne Conway also faced tough questioning on "Fox & Friends," the morning show known to be one of Trump's favorites. Host Brian Kilmeade said Wednesday that Trump has "no leverage," while Ainsley Earhardt asked why Trump was "softening" his position.

"The president is not softening his stance," Conway said. "He has a responsibility to keep the government moving forward, and he has a responsibility to get border security."

McConnell, though, portrayed the short-term spending measure as a "simple" bill that would show that Republicans, who control Congress now, will finish the year by not prolonging a potential crisis.

"Republicans will continue to fill our duty to govern," he said.

Voting was delayed until late Wednesday as a bipartisan group of lawmakers, mostly from the West, sought to include language reauthorizing a popular



The U.S. Capitol is seen as the Senate passed a bill to fund parts of the government, Wednesday in Washington. (J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

program that supports conservation and outdoor recreation projects. The Land and Water Conservation Fund expired Sept. 30, and they've been trying to extend it, but no agreement was reached and talks will continue.

At one point late in the late evening, senators broke out in a round of Christmas carols from a corner of the chamber. A few moments later, retiring Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., gavelled a procedural vote closed by suggesting "Rudolph" had voted present.

It was unclear how many House members would return to Washington for votes after Republicans lost the majority in the midterm election. Some 70 members missed Wednesday's session, almost as many Democrats as Republicans.

With Republicans sour on the spending package, passage could depend on Democrats.

Democratic House leader Nancy Pelosi, who is on track to become speaker when Democrats take control Jan. 3, signaled support for ensuring funding.

Should the legislation become law, the border money fight would drag into the next Congress, which could prove even more difficult for Trump.

Pelosi will probably be able to quickly win approval of a longer-term measure to keep government running in 2019.

"Democrats will be ready to fully, responsibly fund our government in January," Pelosi said in a statement.

As some Republicans grumbled that Trump caved, McConnell lashed out at Democrats for failing to give Trump any

of the \$5 billion that he wanted for the wall. The bill keeps funding at current levels, \$1.3 billion, for border security and fencing, but not for the wall.

"This seems to be the reality of our political moment," McConnell said. "It seems like political spite for the president may be winning out over sensible policy."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said Democrats oppose Trump's border demands because the wall is "inefficient" and because Trump, as a candidate, promised that Mexico would pay for it, which Mexico has refused to do.

"We want smart, effective border security," Schumer said. "That's not a wall."

But the White House showed its willingness to budge as it became apparent the president did not have support in Congress for paying for the wall.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders indicated earlier this week that Trump did not want to shut down the government. She said the administration was looking at ways to find the money elsewhere, though that was uncertain because it would also likely need congressional approval.

Congress did pass legislation to fund much of the government through the current budget year, until next Oct. 1.

At issue is money for nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, including the departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, Interior, Agriculture, State and Justice, as well as national parks and forests.

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MARKET MOVERS

- **FedEx Corp., down \$22.50 to \$162.51:** The shipping company said international shipping dropped in the last quarter.
- **Micron Technology Inc., down \$2.70 to \$31.41:** The chipmaker reported weak sales and gave disappointing forecasts for the year, saying demand is weakening.

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WASHINGTON US home sales rose 1.9 percent in November

U.S. home sales increased in November for the second straight month, but sales plummeted 7 percent from a year ago amid growing affordability pressures.

The National Association of Realtors said Wednesday that sales of existing homes rose 1.9 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.32 million last month. But higher mortgage rates have caused sales over the past 12 months to plunge at the steepest pace since May 2011, when the real estate sector was still in the grips of the housing bust.

The average 30-year mortgage rate was 4.63 percent last week, up from 3.93 percent a year ago.

GENEVA US, China spar again at World Trade Organization

China and the United States traded barbs again Wednesday at the World Trade Organization, with the U.S. ambassador accusing China of technology theft while Beijing's envoy retorted that the U.S. was "finger-pointing."

The standoff comes as many countries lined up to criticize and question Trump administration policies in a WTO trade policy review of the United States, a regular process that WTO member states undergo.

Wednesday marked the second and final closed-door session on the U.S. after a first one on Monday.

Glaxo, Pfizer to merge consumer divisions

Drugmakers GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer plan to merge their consumer health businesses into what will be the world leader in sales of nonprescription medicines such as pain relievers, vitamins and cold remedies.

The new joint venture would have with combined annual sales of \$12.7 billion.

British-based GSK will own 68 percent of the venture, and New York-based Pfizer, the biggest U.S. drugmaker, will own the remaining 32 percent stake.

The Associated Press



Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaks Wednesday at a news conference in Washington. The Federal Reserve expects to slow hikes next year. [SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Fed raises rates for 4th time this year

By Martin Crutsinger
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve raised its key interest rate Wednesday for the fourth time this year to reflect the U.S. economy's continued strength but signaled that it expects to slow its rate hikes next year.

Despite the forecast for fewer hikes, investors sent stocks plunging once Chairman Jerome Powell began a news conference, apparently disappointed that Powell didn't go further to signal a slowdown in rate increases.

Wednesday's quarter-point increase, to a range of 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent, lifted the Fed's benchmark rate to its highest point since 2008. It will mean higher borrowing costs for many consumers and businesses.

The Fed's move came despite President Donald Trump's attacks in recent weeks on its rate hikes and on Powell personally. The president has complained that the moves are threatening the economy. At a news conference after the Fed's announcement, Powell said Trump's tweets and statements would have no bearing on the central bank's policymaking.

The statement the Fed issued Wednesday after its latest policy meeting said that

only "some" further gradual rate increases are likely; previously, it spoke simply of "further gradual increases." And its new forecast projects two rate hikes next year, down from three the Fed had predicted in September.

U.S. stocks had been up sharply before the Fed's announcement, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down about 352 points. Bond prices surged, though, sending yields lower.

The central bank has raised rates with steady regularity as the U.S. economy has strengthened. Wednesday's was the Fed's ninth hike since it began gradually tightening credit three years ago. But a mix of factors — a global slowdown, a U.S.-China trade war, still-mild inflation, stomach-churning drops in stock prices — has led the Fed to consider slowing its rate hikes to avoid weakening the economy too much. It's now likelier, as Powell said at his news conference, to suit its rate policy to the latest economic data — to become more flexible or, in Fed parlance, "data-dependent."

Powell acknowledged the shift in the Fed's strategy.

"We're going to be letting incoming data inform our thinking about the appropriate path" of future rate increases, he said.

In recent years, the Fed

has managed to telegraph its actions weeks in advance to prepare the financial markets for any shift. But now, the risks of a surprise could rise. Next year, Powell will begin holding a news conference after each of the Fed's eight meetings each year, rather than only quarterly. This will allow him to explain any abrupt policy changes. But it also raises the risk that the Fed will jolt the markets by catching them off guard.

Some analysts say the Fed might want to pause in its credit-tightening to assess how the economy fares in the coming months in light of the headwinds it faces. Contributing to this perception is Powell's view that rates appear to be just below the level the Fed calls "neutral," where they're thought to neither stimulate growth nor impede it.

Asked at his news conference whether the Fed's key rate is near neutral, the chairman said he thinks it's at the "lower end" of a neutral range.

His comment reinforced the notion that the Fed might be poised to slow or halt its rate hikes to avoid weakening the economy.

For now, most U.S. economic barometers are still showing strength. The unemployment rate is 3.7 percent, a 49-year low.

DC slaps Facebook with latest suit targeting privacy lapses

By Michael Balsamo and Michael Liedtke
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The District of Columbia has fired the latest legal salvo against Facebook with a lawsuit seeking to punish the social networking company for allowing data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica to improperly access data from as many as 87 million users.

The lawsuit is the latest blow to Facebook in a year fraught with privacy scandals and other problems for the world's biggest social network.

Facebook already has been buried in an avalanche of other lawsuits filed in federal and state courts, as well as regulatory investigations in both U.S. and Europe into whether the company has

tens of millions of its users," Racine said. "We hope this lawsuit will ensure Facebook takes better care with its data."

Facebook said it's reviewing the complaint and will continue to hold discussions with Racine and attorneys general scattered across the country who have raised red flags about the company's mishandling of personal information.

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Facebook already has been buried in an avalanche of other lawsuits filed in federal and state courts, as well as regulatory investigations in both U.S. and Europe into whether the company has

violated laws by repeatedly allowing unauthorized access to the personal information of the nearly 2.3 billion people on its private network.

Most of the headaches began in March after revelations that Cambridge Analytica, which had been working with the 2016 campaign of President Donald Trump, had been able to vacuum up potentially valuable information about U.S. voters off of Facebook profiles.

That bombshell triggered congressional hearings and changes in what sorts of data Facebook lets outside developers access.

The Washington lawsuit alleges that about half of the District of Columbia's roughly 700,000 residents had their data scooped up by Cambridge Analytica in violation of local laws.

Stocks skid after rates are raised

By Marley Jay
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks gave up a big rally and took a dive in afternoon trading Wednesday after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates again and said it plans to keep raising them next year. The market finished at its lowest level since September 2017.

The U.S. central bank said it expects to increase interest rates at a slightly slower pace next year, and also said it isn't planning any changes in the gradual shrinking of its large bond portfolio. Investors appeared to hope the Fed would unveil a sharper slowdown in interest rate hikes and other credit tightening policies because economic growth is likely to slow down.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 351 points and lost 513 points at its lowest point. Before the Fed's decision was announced at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, it was up 381 points.

Bond prices rose, sending yields sharply lower. Bond yields are benchmarks for many kinds of long-term loans including mortgages.

The Fed raised its short-term interest rate for the fourth time this year, to a range of 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent. The Fed's benchmark rate is at its highest point since 2008, which means higher borrowing costs for many consumers and businesses.

The Fed is now forecasting two increases in rates in 2019 instead of three. The central bank expects the long-term level of its main interest rate will be 2.8 percent, down from an earlier projection of 3 percent.

Bond prices rose following the Fed's announcement. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.78 percent from 2.84 percent immediately before the Fed's announcement and 2.82 late Tuesday. That's a substantial move for that benchmark lending rate.

Internet, technology and consumer-focused companies dropped. Facebook fell sharply after the New York Times reported that the social media network gave companies more access to users' personal data than it has previously said.

World markets

How key international stock markets performed:

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Don't let grinch ruin your holiday

The days leading up to Christmas are filled with last-minute shopping, hanging Christmas lights and getting ready to see relatives. In Bay County this year, however, you do what you can.

But one thing to be mindful of while you're using your apps and any websites — and especially if you are leaving town and plan to stay at a hotel: Some of the biggest, most prominent organizations in the world have fallen victim to cyberattacks, and their information and user data was disseminated to among others, nations hostile to the United States, according to a New York Times report.

In other words, as we have stressed repeatedly, you need to treat your online information like you would your credit card and smartphone — especially during the holidays.

And, following more reports of cyberespionage, we feel it's urgent to share this with you, especially at a time when you have a few moments to check your information.

The platform that you may trust the most — Facebook — continues to show its true colors as investigators have found the level of dubious practices extends far deeper than initially suspected, and the revelations continue to trickle out. It's one of the most important issues facing the new Congress, and it should be a bipartisan issue: the security of Americans, the ability to do business without the threat of foreign tampering or even cyberespionage, and the assurance that when you vote, it will be counted and foreign actors are not involved.

This is not something previous generations faced. Conflicts were fought in the open. If someone stole something of yours, you knew it pretty soon after.

We are confident there are ways to safeguard Americans and still operate commerce effectively, but it will take a lot of doing. As Congress is supposed to be the rule-making body, these issues are something with which they must grapple, even without political divide. There are other important issues the new Congress must take up, but the safety, security and peace of mind of our nation — our children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, co-workers and many others — is tantamount.

Freedom is a gift, one for which our elders fought — and many continue to do so, sometimes without any credit, recognition or acknowledgement.

This holiday season, remember that you are not alone in the turmoils of life, and even if you don't know it, there are people around you ensuring our freedom prevails, and we are united in honoring our ancestors who died to preserve it.

There are challenges, sure, but overcoming challenges and working with other nations while accepting our own differences are some of the many things that can drive us to do a little extra this year — even at the most difficult of times.

Refuse to let the Grinch steal Christmas; even he can appreciate happiness.



May you be covered and healthy in 2019



Froma Harrop

A federal judge in Texas just threw out the Affordable Care Act (ACA) root and branch. If the decision were to survive legal challenges, an estimated 17 million Americans could lose their health coverage. Uncounted others would face monstrous premium hikes as protections for pre-existing conditions vanish.

Upheld, the ruling would rocket Republicans toward their goal of killing Obamacare. President Trump didn't hold back his joy, hailing it as "a big, big victory" by a "highly, highly respected" judge.

The downside for Republicans is that the program has become quite popular. That's why they didn't actually repeal it though they could have. Instead, they tried to dismantle it, screw by screw, in the dark of night.

Republicans had two years to replace or fix the ACA to their liking. They didn't do it.

Trump said that if the judge's ruling stands, "we will get great, great health care for our people." Right, like Mexico will pay for that big, beautiful wall.

Time would be better spent discussing what Democrats should do, now that they soon will command a House majority.

What they shouldn't do is push a radical makeover of the health care system in one

swoop. A massive Medicare-for-all initiative would burden an already exhausted public with more disruption. Even a good number of Democratic House members oppose that approach.

Half of Americans — 160 million people — get their health coverage through their employer. Many may have complaints about rising premiums and out-of-pocket payments, but the great majority say they're quite content with their health care. They might be better off in Medicare, but they don't know that yet.

Better to start small. Start by letting Americans just below the Medicare eligibility age of 65 buy into the program — say, those 55 and up. The concept, "Medicare for more," has been around for a while.

What would this do? First off, it would help the group stuck with the highest premiums in the ACA insurance marketplaces. In most states, premiums rise with the subscriber's age. Older Americans are charged more because they tend to use more health care. A Medicare buy-in would be especially helpful to those who earn too much to qualify for subsidies and currently face high premiums and deductibles.

Secondly, "Medicare for more" would be voluntary. There would be no coercion. People who qualify could take the deal or not.

Thirdly, it would be a step toward "Medicare for all." It would demonstrate what happens when Medicare starts covering people who are still working. Seeing that the roof doesn't crash

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down, the public might be more open to lowering the buy-in age further.

In the meantime, Democrats must fight in the courts and in the corridors of Congress to defend the ACA that we have. And they should redouble efforts to lower the outrageous cost of drugs.

So much is at stake. In addition to the losses listed at top, the demise of the ACA would end guaranteed maternity care. Treatment for addictions, gone. Importantly for Americans of modest means, the dignity of going to the doctor through the front door would be taken away.

Americans have seen the Promised Land of health care security, and one can't expect them to be shuttled back to the desert quietly. What happens to health coverage in 2019 will be a big, big deal for everyone. May you keep yours.

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READER FEEDBACK

An Air Force pilot's idling Figure 8 contrail captivated Bay County and surrounding areas this morning and was even visible from space! (See photos at Facebook.com/PanamaCityNewsHerald.)

Brett Gibbens: You misspelled chemtrails.

Lyndsey Sebold: Don't let the conspiracy theorists see.

Jennifer Brandon Smith: The signature of freedom!

Jason Smith: I got out my aluminum foil hat for nothing.

Antinette Parker: Saw this today just after they were done I smiled.

Dot Crane: I was driving on 77 going south off 20 and it was amazing! Made my day.

Marie Bryson Kelly: Hip, Hip, Hooray! Tyndall is back in

business!

Tony Veara: I saw it while driving starting in Donalsonville, Georgia, to Chipley as it drifted east.

Ashley Miller: It was pretty amazing looking over PCB.

Jack Scott: As they drifted my way they became a double halo above my damaged church.

In the event of a government shutdown, FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency recovery services will not be impacted, and all rental assistance, home repair aid, temporary trailers and other funding will still be available.

Mark-Debbie Ward: "What a relief," she said with sarcasm.

Bil Hsch: I own and I am on my first appeal. it should not be this way.

Jennifer Peters: It shouldn't, but you are not alone. It will be a long process.

David Baker: It seems like FEMA is doing everything they can to not help me. Has anyone had success getting help with repairs with a rent to own contract?

Michele Seda Romanach: David Baker, they don't assist with rental repairs at all. Never have. Rent to own is still a rental. The owner will have to apply.

Jennifer Peters: Best bet would be to contact a lawyer. If an attorney attempts to charge you for a "consultation," they aren't the lawyer for you.

Bil Hsch: Made a decision to go in debt and buy one shortly after. Was scared any

RV parks would be jammed up or inflate their prices like the nearby storage facilities. It's supposed to be temp until house repaired, but FEMA consider it permanent. Our gov in action. Appeal then a letter to Dunn?

The local #SalvageChristmas effort received a huge boost Tuesday morning as Good Morning America delivered \$50,000 worth of toys to Salvage Santa, a.k.a. Mike Jones, during their live broadcast from Panama City.

Candace Brooke Hathaway: While I LOATHE this ridiculously liberal show, I'm glad some kids got toys. That's all I care about in this situation.
Regina Kukla: Mike Jones is the greatest asset to Bay

County — a true hero, a great man and true inspiration! So great to see this project honored like this.

Alex Pierce-King: This is fantastic!!! I don't have little ones, but am so very appreciative that the kids in this area won't go without this Christmas. It's been a rough holiday season for so many.

April Tate: Some say you have to have a ticket and some say you don't need a ticket. Which is it?

Martie Wiles: Such a wonderful project. Ann Digiuro Good for them. It made an impression on them at Thanksgiving time when they were there.

Leslie Swain: This is so cool. I am glad they are doing this for the kids that have lost so much this year.

US urges doctors to write more Rx for overdose antidote

By Carla K. Johnson
The Associated Press

The U.S. government told doctors Wednesday to consider prescribing medications that reverse overdoses to many more patients who take opioid painkillers in a move that could add more than \$1 billion in health care costs.

Assistant Secretary for Health Brett Giroir, a doctor appointed by President Donald Trump, announced the guidance, saying it's important for doctors to discuss overdose dangers with patients.

Prescribing naloxone such as Narcan along with opioids forces a conversation that will lead to "a more informed decision by the patient," he said.

The action comes a day after a close vote from a Food and Drug Administration expert panel endorsing the idea of rewriting opioid drug

labels to include a naloxone recommendation for many or all patients. An FDA document said such a move could add more than \$1 billion in health care costs.

"Even at a billion, it would be an investment that is well worth it," Giroir said.

More than 47,600 Americans died of opioid overdoses last year, a toll that has been rising for two decades. The street drug fentanyl is the top killer today, but prescription painkillers are still a problem, contributing to nearly 15,000 overdose deaths last year.

Naloxone comes in a nasal spray, an injection and an automatic injector. The Narcan nasal spray costs about \$125 for a two-dose kit, although government programs can get it for less. The automatic injector can cost as much as \$4,000 per kit, although its maker

recently authorized a cheaper generic version.

Critics said prescribing the antidote to pain patients does not address the growing share of fatal overdoses caused by illicit opioids, and could cause shortages for programs that hand out the kits to street drug users.

It "will have the unintended consequence of derailing efforts to provide naloxone to the very effective community programs we know are successful in saving lives," said Dr. Raeford E. Brown Jr., who heads an expert panel advising the FDA.

The new guidance tells doctors to consider prescribing the antidote to patients on high doses of opioids, heavy drinkers, people with sleep apnea and other breathing problems, people taking benzodiazepines such as Xanax and people with addiction or mental health problems.

Ryan uses address to assail 'outrage'

By Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retiring House Speaker Paul Ryan decried the outrage and bitterness that he said now color American politics in a farewell speech that also acknowledged his inability to achieve two top goals: controlling surging federal debt and reining in Medicare and other mammoth benefit programs.

"Our complex problems are absolutely solvable," Ryan said at the Library of Congress, across the street from the U.S. Capitol, where he's ending two decades in the House. "That is to say our problems are solvable if our politics will allow it."

The Wisconsin Republican's half-hour address, which touted achievements and admits shortcomings, came as he ends his three-year run as speaker. Despite GOP control of the White House and Congress the

past two years, it's been a remarkably tumultuous period dominated by the erratic decision-making and verbal outbursts of President Donald Trump and Republican divisions over top issues like health care and immigration.

Underscoring the chaos Ryan was leaving behind, Congress was spending its waning hours before adjournment trying to prevent a partial government shutdown as Trump clashed with Democrats over his desire for taxpayer money to build a border wall with Mexico.

Ryan's departure comes six weeks after an Election Day that saw Democrats capture House control. Their triumph followed a campaign in which they pummeled Republicans for trying to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's popular health care law, a primary GOP priority.

Ryan never explicitly mentioned Trump in his

remarks. But he bemoaned the divisiveness that has been a hallmark of Trump's relentless, bitter denunciations of his political opponents, often on Twitter.

"All of this gets amplified by technology, with an incentive structure that preys on people's fears, and algorithms that play on anger," he said. "Outrage has become a brand."

He said the combativeness "pulls on the threads of our common humanity in what could be our unraveling," and he conceded that he didn't know how to fix the problem.

Under Ryan, Congress approved the biggest tax cuts in decades, boosted defense spending and rolled back Obama regulations protecting clean air and water. But its attempt to scuttle Obama's health care statute crashed, annual federal deficits are surging and big-ticket entitlement programs are still unchecked.

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LOCAL & STATE

PCPD: 2 shot in 'drug deal ripoff'

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PANAMA CITY — Two men suffering from multiple gunshot wounds were rushed to hospitals Tuesday night after an attempted robbery turned into a shooting, officials reported.

The Panama City Police Department reported none of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening. Five

people have been charged in connection with the robbery-turned-shootout.

PCPD responded to shots fired about 10 p.m. Tuesday in the 1400 block of Lincoln Avenue. Once there, they found two men suffering from multiple gunshot wounds — one the suspected robber and one the intended victim, officers reported.

"It was a drug deal ripoff," said PCPD Capt. Paul Powell. "Nobody died, though, and

we don't expect anyone will."

Abraham Rufus Hudson Jr., 20, of Panama City, was identified as the target of the robbery. He was shot multiple times and was transported to an area hospital for treatment but is in stable condition.

Tyren Chisolm, 20, of Panama City, was developed as a suspect and was located at an area hospital with multiple gunshot wounds from the same incident. He later was transferred to a regional

medical facility and is in stable condition. Charges of attempted felony murder and armed robbery are pending Chisolm's discharge from the hospital, officials reported.

PCPD reported that several other people have been identified as playing roles in the robbery.

So far, officers have arrested Derrick Anthony Charles Jr., 21, of Panama City; Hanna Lucelle Moody, 20, of Bay County; Samantha

Ameila-Sky Pittman, 21, of Bay County; and Morgan T. Raney, 21, of Bay County, on charges of attempted felony murder and armed robbery.

Police reported additional arrests are possible as the investigation proceeds.

If the public has any information on this case, they are asked to call Cpl. Jordan Hoffman at PCPD, 850-872-3100, or they can report tips anonymously to CrimeStop-pers at 850-785-TIPS.

Parker council member sworn in

Stacie Galbreath replaces Mike Miller, who died in November

By Collin Breaux
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PARKER — A new face joined the Parker City Council on Tuesday when Stacie Galbreath was sworn in.

Galbreath is replacing former council member Mike Miller, who died in November. She has never held public office before, co-owns Glass Ventures with her husband and manages other companies.

"I'm just interested in learning how the process works and hoping I can be an asset to the community in this challenging time right now," said Galbreath. "I would like to see us work on some cleanup, not only from hurricane debris, just to clean up the city in general. I think that needs to be a big focus for us, and some work on our infrastructure."

Galbreath was one of three applicants, who gave stump speeches to the council. The council used a ranking

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Investing in each other



Debbie Oglesby receives a gift card from Bill Tucker, minister to the military at Hiland Park Baptist Church, at Mosley High School on Wednesday. The church also gave gift cards at Hiland Park Elementary and Parker Elementary. [PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

Hiland Park Baptist treats Mosley teachers to lunch, gift cards

By Genevieve Smith
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LYNN HAVEN — On Wednesday afternoon, the staff of Mosley High School was treated to a hot lunch by Hiland Park Baptist Church, as a way to thank the school for its generous partnership after Hurricane Michael.

"It's just us trying to invest in them because they've invested in us," said Senior Pastor Steven Kyle, who has been in his position just shy of nine years.

"We have three campuses and all of our buildings were damaged," said Kyle. "We

started meeting in a field. Then we got like a circus tent and met in there for a while. And then we said, we've got to do something."

The church approached Mosley High School, which has used the church's facility in the past, to request the use of the Gretchen Nelson Scott Fine Arts Center for Sunday services, as the school is in relatively close proximity to the church.

"We have a great relationship with them," said Kyle, who said he, like many members of the congregation, has children attending

See LUNCH, B2



Hiland Park Baptist Church workers hand out \$25 gift cards and provide lunch at Mosley High School on Wednesday.



NEW REPORT | B5

PARKLAND MASSACRE

School official rewind video during shooting, delaying officers

State lawmakers target texting, talking while driving

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Another bill has been filed for the 2019 legislative session that would allow law officers to pull over motorists for texting or talking on hand-held cellphones while driving.

Rep. Jackie Toledo, R-Tampa, filed a measure (HB 107) on Monday that

would prohibit drivers from talking on cellphones that are not hands-free devices and would make enforcement a "primary" offense.

Currently, texting while driving in Florida is prohibited, but it is enforced as a "secondary" offense. That means motorists can be cited only if they are stopped for other infractions, such as running

stop signs or speeding.

Under Toledo's bill, police could stop motorists for texting or talking on hand-held cellphones. "Distracted driving can have deadly consequences, and it's time we finally address this public safety crisis," Toledo said in a news release.

Toledo was a co-sponsor of a similar House measure

during the 2018 session, but the proposal did not advance in the Senate amid concerns about issues such as minority drivers facing increased racial profiling. A Senate bill (SB 76) similar to Toledo's new proposal has been filed by Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, for the 2019 session, which starts in March.

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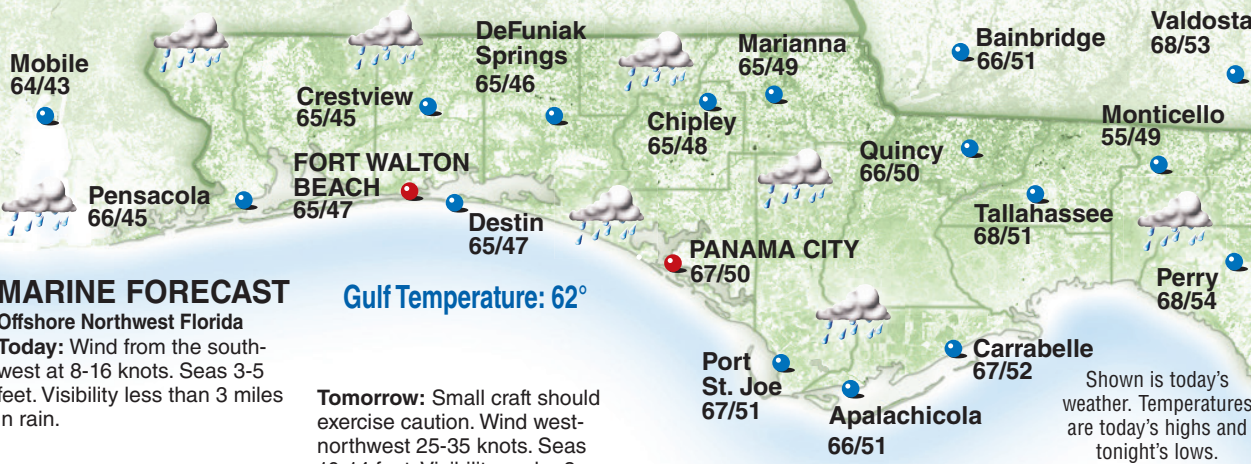
Simpson bills, drivers would be able to communicate on hands-free devices. Motorists also would be allowed to use hand-held devices for such purposes as reporting emergencies, getting safety-related information or for navigation.

Rep. Emily Slosberg, D-Boca Raton, also has filed a similar measure (HB 45) for the 2019 session.

FIVE DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

TODAY	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Occasional rain and drizzle today. Winds south-southeast 6-12 mph. Increasingly windy tonight with showers around, mainly early.	Mostly cloudy, windy and cooler	Mostly sunny	Sunny to partly cloudy	Turning cloudy
High 67° Low 50°	53°/39°	56°/44°	63°/49°	65°/50°
6 a.m. Noon 6 p.m. 61° 63° 59° Winds: SW 7-14 mph	Winds: WNW 15-25 mph	Winds: NNW 3-6 mph	Winds: SSE 3-6 mph	Winds: SSE 3-6 mph

REGIONAL WEATHER



MARINE FORECAST

Offshore Northwest Florida
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Gulf Temperature: 62°

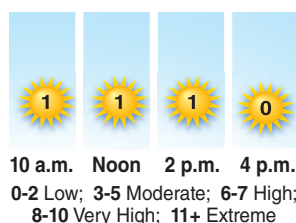
Tomorrow: Small craft should exercise caution. Wind west-northwest 25-35 knots. Seas 10-14 feet. Visibility under 3 miles in a morning shower.

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through 4 p.m. yesterday
Panama City
Temperatures
 High/low 64°/51°
 Last year's high/low 78°/61°
 Normal high/low 64°/43°
 Record high 80° (1984)
 Record low 20° (1981)
Precipitation
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.00"
 Month to date 7.44"
 Normal month to date 2.54"
 Year to date 64.46"
 Normal year to date 59.60"
 Average humidity 78%
Fort Walton Beach
Temperatures
 High/low 63°/51°
 Last year's high/low 75°/67°
 Normal high/low 62°/46°
 Record high 80° (1956)
 Record low 18° (1981)
Precipitation
 24 hours through 4 p.m. ... 0.00"
 Month to date 6.82"
 Normal month to date 3.29"
 Year to date 62.92"
 Normal year to date 61.04"
 Average humidity 76%

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MOON PHASES



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:34 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 4:46 p.m.
 Moonrise today 3:16 p.m.
 Moonset today 4:06 a.m.

BEACH FLAG WARNINGS



TIDES

Location	High	Low
Apalachicola	12:16a 3:55p	8:36a 7:50p
Destin	8:01p	5:47a
West Pass	3:28p	8:09a 7:23p
Panama City	7:27p	5:33a
Port St. Joe	7:55p	6:03a
Okaloosa Island	6:34p	4:53a
Milton	10:14p	8:08a
East Bay	9:18p	7:38a
Pensacola	8:34p	6:21a
Fishing Bend	9:15p	7:12a
The Narrows	10:11p	9:12a
Carrabelle	2:30p 11:28p	6:23a 5:37p

RIVER LEVELS

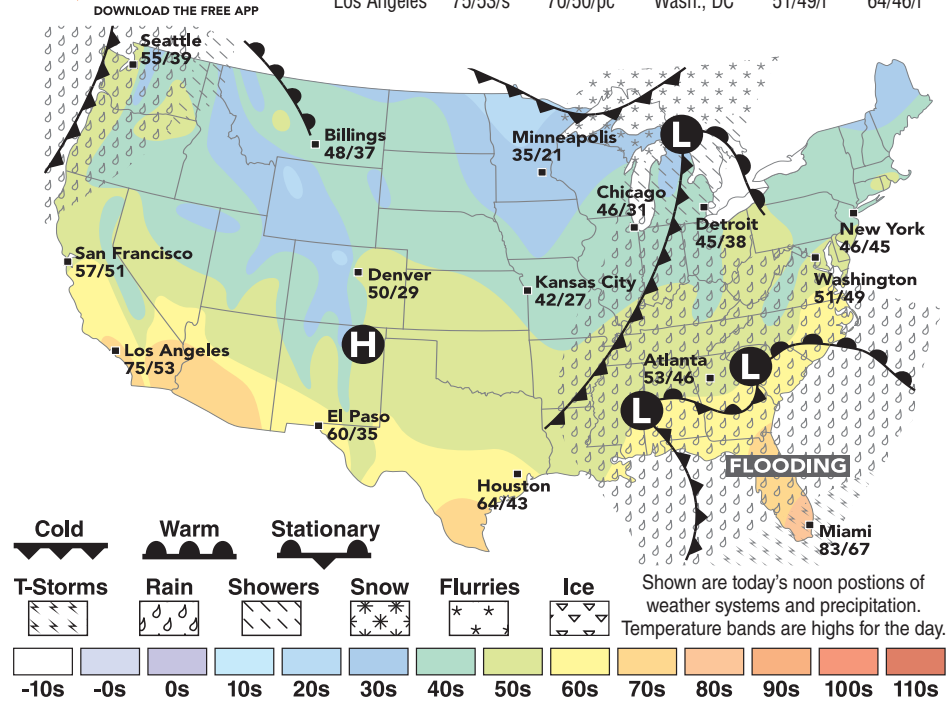
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Location	Level	Flood Stage
Apalachicola	19.76 ft.	15 ft.
Blountstown	19.76 ft.	15 ft.
Choctawhatchee	9.94 ft.	12 ft.
Caryville	9.94 ft.	12 ft.
Alabama	35.43 ft.	42 ft.
Clearborne	35.43 ft.	42 ft.
Escambia	11.96 ft.	17 ft.
Century	11.96 ft.	17 ft.
Tombigbee	23.00 ft.	29 ft.
Coffeeville, AL	23.00 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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LUNCH

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the school. "They graciously allowed us to use the fine arts building on Sunday."

Today, the church holds three services each Sunday in the fine arts center, which was completed in November 2017.

"It's important after a hurricane that the community churches are up and running as fast as possible, and so are the schools," said Mosley Principal Brian Bullock. "I think once we have those two up and running, I think slowly, everything else will start to fall in place in the community."

More than 100 staff members attended the luncheon, which was open to every Mosley employee.

Pre-hurricane, the church averaged about 2,000 worshippers each Sunday, with about 90 percent of those attending the main campus.

The congregation took a big hit from the hurricane. About 40 percent of the congregation makeup came from Tyndall Air Force Base families, and many others have moved away permanently or



Hiland Park Baptist Church workers hand out \$25 gift cards and provide lunch at Mosley High School on Wednesday. [JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

have not been able to return. It is difficult to tell exactly how many are missing from the congregation while the church is displaced from its main facility.

Though the church has begun structural remediation, like countless other organizations around the

area, the recovery will take a long time.

"Our goal is hopefully, on our main campus on 231, is to be able to meet in the worship center there by Easter."

The meal was a burrito lunch, donated by Cosco and Associates, Inc., a church design and

construction team from Crestview. The company, which has built facilities for the church in the past, is now helping the church renovate.

In addition to lunch, each teacher received a \$25 gift card to Walmart, which were donated from outside organizations and churches.

Hiland Park Elementary and Parker/Patterson Elementary employees also are receiving donated gift cards because of their proximity to the church's other campuses.

Kyle said he hopes teachers use the money to treat themselves to a little gift during this trying time.

"We just wanted to come over here and love on the teachers. We're feeding them a hot lunch, and through donations to us, we're able to give every one of them gift cards for Christmas," Kyle said. "It's just a way for us to say thank you guys for being a good neighbor."

COUNCIL

From Page B1

system to select the new member and Galbreath was selected after two ties.

"I do applaud the caliber of the applicants," said Mayor Rich Musgrave.

The seat is up for election in April. Galbreath, who has lived in Parker for less than three years but worked inside the

city limits since 2007, said she is interested in staying on the council long-term.

"My husband and I have found our forever home here so we have absolutely no intention of leaving," said Galbreath. "I feel my background in business and finance could be very beneficial right now during this challenging time. I have an extensive background and strong duty to our community through volunteerism."

Post-hurricane tree

Lamar Carroll, an active member of the community, suggested a donated oak tree could be planted in Parker. Trees recently have been planted in Lynn Haven and Panama City as symbols of recovery from Hurricane Michael.

"I think that would be a terrific act and representation of where we're going," said Musgrave, who has previously noted the storm wiped

out Parker's oak trees, a notable feature of the town.

Carroll said he is willing to put money toward purchase of the tree, and Musgrave suggested publicizing the idea on the city's Facebook page and starting a GoFundMe page.

Other Parker news

- Conversations have been initiated about the city possibly taking out a \$5 million bridge loan

to cover recovery costs. The city has to pay costs upfront and hopes to be reimbursed by FEMA, which could be a lengthy process. Musgrave noted Panama City taking out a \$50 million loan, and said he would bring more information to the council.

- More than 368,000 cubic yards of debris has been hauled, with vegetative material making up about 266,000 yards and construction and design material 102,000 yards.

- The city will enter contract negotiations with firms for assistance with FEMA grant documentation and submission and debris removal, disposal and monitoring services.

- City Clerk Nancy Rowell said some of the city's damage will be covered by insurance, and city officials will seek grant funding from FEMA for damage not covered. The city recently met with FEMA representatives to go over the city's inventory of damage.

LOCAL & STATE

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Today

'EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD (AND THEN SOME)': 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Seaside Meeting Hall Theatre, 216 Quincy Circle, in Seaside. What starts out as a pared-down 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

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

CAJUN CHRISTMAS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ZooWorld, 9008 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Take your free photo holding an alligator, Santa Claus and Queen Elsa. Make and take free gift ornaments. All events included in general admission cost.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SMILE: 3:30 p.m. at City Church parking lot, 530

Airport Road, Panama City. Bring a child to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa, and received a wrapped gift for under the tree. Toy distribution will continue until all toys have been given out.

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 to the public 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

CAJUN CHRISTMAS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ZooWorld, 9008 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach. Take your free photo holding an alligator, Santa Claus and Queen Elsa. Make and take free

gift ornaments. All events included in general admission cost.

'COYOTES': 10 a.m. at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, 7525 W. Scenic 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Topsail Talks is a monthly educational discovery series with presentations from organizations and government agencies from outside the park. Details: Ranger Station, 850-267-8330

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC ST. ANDREWS:

1:30-2:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday starting at the Publishing Museum, 1134 Beck Ave.; free guided tour. Call 850-872-7208 and schedule another time if you can't make it at the regularly scheduled times.

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to breathe new life into an old tradition, attempting to tell "Every Christmas Story Ever Told." Tickets and details: LoveTheRep.com

LIGHT UP ST. ANDREWS: 3-7 p.m. throughout the historic St. Andrews business district, with sales, carolers, live music, Christmas treats.
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

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Saturday

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

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

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SUNSET/FULL MOON CLIMB: 5:30-7 p.m. at St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island with light hors d'oeuvres; reservations recommended. After sunset, those without reservations can climb to top for view of full moon as space and time permits. General admission \$10. Details: 850-927-7745
COOKIES WITH MRS. CLAUS: 3-5 p.m. at Oaks by the Bay Park in St. Andrews. The City of Panama City and its Leisure Services Department will provide free cookies and drinks for the children. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a blanket while they sit and listen to Mrs. Claus read them several Christmas stories.

OBITUARIES

ANDREW RICHARDSON
1927 - 2018

Andrew James "A.J." Richardson, 91, of Southport, Florida, took his heavenly flight on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018.

He was born on Jan. 19, 1927, in Southport, Florida. He was known as "Daddy" to his children and "Pawbaw" to his grand-/great-/great-great-grandchildren. He loved his family with all of his heart. He enjoyed worshipping the Lord at his home church, First Assembly of God of Southport. He had a strong work ethic as a pulp woodman, and later as a commercial shrimper, and especially enjoyed working in his yard. He took pleasure fishing and hunting with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of more than 71 years, Boncile Richardson; son, Lynn Richardson (Catherine); daughters, Darlene Pitts (Duell), Bonita Richardson, Myra Strickland (David) and Charlotte Denice Deal (Richard); grandchildren, Scott Richardson (Vicki), Brad Richardson, David Richardson (Gina), Chris O'Leary (Melissa), Hunter Richardson (Mandi), Hannah Noble (James), Ashley Smith (Brandon), Ben Pitts (Melanie), Olivia Pitts, Sara Ivey (Kyle), Meghan Upfold (Jonathon), Heather Strickland, Justin Deal (Jessica), Holly Farmer (Preston) and Brittany Carter (Jamie); 26 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Mack Richardson (Lisa);



sister, Carolyn Duke; sister-in-law, Wilma Richardson; brother-in-law, Bruford Flowers (Sandra); Lucille Youngblood; special friend, L.J. Kelly; along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Aden and Lena Richardson; daughter, Glenda Ceil Richardson; great-granddaughters, Elizabeth and Maddie Pitts; sister, Minnie Riley; and brothers, Ellera, Fred and Nick Richardson.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. CST Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, at First Assembly of God Church of Southport. The service will be held at 10 a.m. CST Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, at First Assembly of God Church of Southport. Interment will follow in Old Southport Cemetery. Officiating the service will be the Rev. Roger Hagan, the Rev. Nixon Miller and Hunter Richardson.

Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www.heritagefhllc.com.

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CHESTER HARRISON

Services for Chester Harrison, 74, of Panama City, Florida, who died Dec. 14, 2018, will be held privately. Interment will

take place in Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery. Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

ERIK SPILDE

A memorial service for Erik Spilde will begin at 3 p.m. EST Jan. 19, 2019, at Comforter Funeral Home

in Port St. Joe, Florida. Comforter Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

ROBERT WADE HARRIS

Robert Wade Harris, 89, of Panama City, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018.

He was born on June 20, 1929, in Troy, Alabama, to James Henry and Mollie Harris. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church where he served as an ordained deacon and a Sunday school teacher. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. He was the owner and operator of Aldridge Electric.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers and sisters; his first wife, Alligene Harris; and grandson, Roy Reed. He is survived by his wife, Sara Harris; six children, Roberta Woodward (Scott) of Fort Pierce, Florida, Al Harris (Martha) of Panama City, Florida, Bobby Harris (Cindy) of Griffin, Georgia, Gregory Carithers (Diann) of Fairhope, Alabama, Randy Carithers (Virginia) of Mobile, Alabama, and Renee Mercer (Mark) of Panama City, Florida; 12 grandchildren, Alan Harris (Stephanie) of Roscoe, Illinois, Melissa Pruitt (Ross) of Winthrop, Maine, Nicholas Harris of Griffin, Georgia, Natasha Wade (Garrett)



of Mobile, Alabama, Crystal Nguyen (Tien) of San Francisco, California, Suzanne Miller (Luke) of Panama City, Florida, Jennifer Thomas (Jamison) of Fairhope, Alabama, Josh Mercer of Panama City, Florida, Olivia Howland (A.J.) of Panama City, Florida, Morgan Carithers of Orlando, Florida, Collin Carithers of Mobile, Alabama, and Michael Carithers of Mobile, Alabama; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow the service at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1-2 p.m. prior to the services.

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LORA LEBEL

Visitation for Lora Lebel, 52, of Panama City, Florida, who died Dec. 15, 2018, will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, at St. Dominic Catholic Church where

a Mass of Christian burial will begin at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

W T BUCKMASTER

Funeral services for Mr. W T Buckmaster, 89, of Lynn Haven, Florida, who died Dec. 17, 2018, will begin at

10 a.m. today, Dec. 20, 2018, at Southerland Event Center. Burial will be in Oklahoma.

THOMAS ALVIN WILLIAMS

Thomas Alvin Williams, 67, of Panama City, Florida, passed on Dec. 11, 2018. Public visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, at House of Hope Outreach Ministry, 3473 E. U.S. 98. Graveside services will be held at noon Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida, with military honors by the Fort Rucker Army National Honor Guard.

Battle Memorial**MARION 'AL' ALEXANDER**
1941 - 2018

Marion Lee "AL" Alexander, ENCM (MDV) US Navy (RET), 77, of Panama City, Florida, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018. He was born Nov. 1, 1941, in Elm, Kansas.

AL served in the United States Navy. He retired after 34 years of service as a Master Chief Master Diver at the Naval Experimental Dive Unit in Panama City Beach at the U.S. Navy Diving and Salvage Training Center. Throughout his military career, he traveled all over the world and was a master diver and mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy J. Alexander; and daughter, Melissa L. Alexander. Those left to cherish his memory include his sons, John Gore (Missy) and Joey Alexander (Jerrri) of Panama City, Florida; daughters, Jennifer Weeks (Chad) of Monticello, Florida, Terisa Pepiot (Will) and Latisha Bild (Nick) of Salem, Oregon; mother, Virginia Lasley



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LUTHER JOE JOHNSON

A celebration of life service for Luther Joe Johnson, 71, of Panama City, Florida, who died Dec. 18, 2018, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, at Heritage

Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 9-10 a.m.

To extend condolences, visit www.heritagefhllc.com.

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DeSantis, lawmakers to see boost in tax dollars

By Lloyd Dunkelberger
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — With an unexpected surge in sales tax and corporate income tax collections, analysts on Tuesday projected a significant increase in state revenue over two years.

If the revenue projections hold, it will ease the financial pressure on incoming Gov. Ron DeSantis as he prepares his first budget recommendation and on the Legislature, which must pass a 2019-20 state

budget when it meets in the spring.

State revenue collections during the fiscal year that started July 1 have been running \$365.2 million ahead of projections that had been last revised in August. The two largest components of that increase were \$173.5 million in sales tax collections running ahead of estimates and \$126 million in additional corporate income tax collections.

The sales tax, which generates about \$26 billion a year, and the

corporate income tax, which generates about \$2.2 billion, are the two largest general revenue sources in the state budget. General revenue taxes are closely watched in the Capitol because they play a key role in funding schools, health programs and prisons.

Based on the robust tax collections, the analysts boosted their general revenue projections by \$842 million over two years, with a \$461.5 million increase in 2018-19 and a \$380.5 million increase in 2019-20.

In reading the consensus report, Amy Baker, coordinator of the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, noted the \$842 million adjustment has come at the same time analysts have adopted state and national economic forecasts that show some weakening in key economic factors.

"While this is the largest combined (two-year) increase since April 2006, during the peak of the housing boom, the conference recognizes that

there is an elevated level of risk due to the mature stage of the current economic expansion," Baker said.

Nonetheless, the new estimates show the state should collect an additional \$1.48 billion in general revenue this year, a 4.8 percent increase over fiscal 2017-18. The new 2019-20 general revenue projection is 3.1 percent, or \$1.01 billion, higher than this year.

Analysts projected a \$156 million increase in corporate income tax collections this year, which

they said is likely to result in tax refunds because of a new state law.

"The new level of net collections (receipts minus refunds) forecast for the current year, if they materialize, would trigger the tax rate reduction and refund provisions in (House Bill) 7093 as passed by the 2018 Legislature," the report said.

It would result in \$49.9 million in tax savings for the companies that pay the corporate income tax in 2019-20 and \$12.6 million in 2020-21.

AREA BRIEFS

PANAMA CITY 'GMA,' SAP donate \$50,000 worth of toys to Salvage Santa

The local #Salvage-Christmas effort received a huge boost Tuesday morning as "Good Morning America" delivered \$50,000 worth of toys to Salvage Santa, a.k.a. Mike Jones, during its live broadcast from Panama City.

The toys were donated by software company SAP, a sponsor of "Good Morning America."

Jones has been providing hundreds of bicycles and toys to the children of Bay County for decades, but his workshop and home were destroyed in Hurricane Michael. To help him, the school district launched an initiative to collect donations to #SalvageChristmas.

TALLAHASSEE Wet, windy weather expected next 2 days

The Panhandle can't seem to catch a weather break, as another bout of heavy rain and gusty winds is in store for the next two days.

A deep low pressure system will bring about 2 to 2½ inches of rain today and Friday, according to the National Weather



Mike Jones, known as Salvage Santa, walks through toys donated during a recent visit from "Good Morning America." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Service in Tallahassee.

With the ground still saturated and many areas experiencing more flooding than normal since Hurricane Michael, minor coastal flooding is expected with the system.

Gale-force winds between 39 mph and 54 mph are expected along the coast. At the beaches, the rough-and-tumble surf from this past weekend will be back, as higher-than-normal surf is expected along with life-threatening rip currents.

PANAMA CITY BEACH Martial arts gyms collecting money, toys for community

Two martial arts gyms in Bay County are coming together Saturday to help the community after Hurricane Michael.

Cummings Combat Sambo and Rilion Gracie Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu are putting together a 12-hour community charity event to raise money and collect Christmas toys. The Grappling-a-Thon event will be from 8 a.m. to 8

p.m. at the Rilion Gracie gym, 7131 W. U.S. 98 in Panama City Beach.

There will be raffles and martial arts training, and people are encouraged to drop off toys for children affected by the storm.

WEST BAY ECP adding weekend Chicago stop next summer

Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) will add non-stop weekend service on United Airlines to Chicago O'Hare

International Airport starting June 8.

"This new non-stop service adds to our impressive lineup of enhanced summer service and is meeting the demands of our passengers during peak travel months," Airport Executive Director Parker McClellan said in a news release.

All ECP airline partners — including American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines — are increasing flight activity or adding larger aircraft through the 2019 summer season, the news release stated.

Flight schedules are subject to change and more information is available at iflybeaches.com.

PANAMA CITY Operation Santa Boat brings cheer to Panama City

Sleighs aren't Santa's only mode of transportation.

On Wednesday, Operation Santa Boat made an appearance at Smith's Yacht Basin in Panama City bringing dozens of toys.

The Emerald Coast CVB has banded together with the local maritime community to deliver Christmas to communities hardest hit by Hurricane Michael, including Port St. Joe and Panama City.

PANAMA CITY Storytime with Mrs. Claus this Saturday

Those looking for a Christmas treat will find Mrs. Claus ready with

baked goods at Oaks by the Bay Park on Saturday.

At the invitation of Panama City, Mrs. Claus will be at the park at 3 p.m. to read Christmas stories while serving free platters of Christmas cookies.

Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a blanket.

PANAMA CITY Free mulch available to the public

With an abundance of untreated mulch from Hurricane Michael debris, Bay County Solid Waste has made free, untreated mulch available to the public.

Residents can pick up the mulch at Under the Oaks Park, 5843 E. U.S. 98; H.G. Harders Park, 8110 John Pitts Road; Chapman Park, 2526 Rollins Ave.; and Laird Park, 6310 Laird Park Road.

County officials said people can take as much as they need. The material is created from storm debris being delivered to any of the county's eight debris management sites, where it is being mulched to reduce its volume. Bay County Solid Waste Superintendent Glenn Ogborn cautioned that the material is not suitable for all purposes, and users should be mindful that it has not been treated.

"This is untreated material," Ogborn said. "It doesn't have anything in it to prohibit decay and termites or other critters from eating it."

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School rewound video during massacre, delaying officers

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — The police response to the Parkland high school massacre was delayed because school officials rewound a school surveillance video, making officers think the gunman was still in the building, a new report shows.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported documents show then-Marjory Stoneman Douglas Assistant Principal Jeff Morford and security officer Kelvin Greenleaf began viewing a livestream from inside the three-story freshman building minutes after the Feb. 14 shooting stopped.

When they didn't see the gunman who killed 14 students and three staff members, they rewound the video until they found him and began relaying information to Broward

Sheriff's Deputy Scot Peterson, who radioed officers who had charged into the building.

At one point, officers were told suspect Nikolas Cruz was coming down the stairs when he had left the building almost 30 minutes earlier, abandoning his AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. Officers told investigators that delayed their arrival on the third floor, where several students were dead and wounded. One deputy said one girl had a pulse when they found her, but she was dead by the time they got her outside.

"Had we known the shooter wasn't there, we probably could have flooded that building a lot faster knowing that we're just going to go in there and just start trying to recover victims and wounded people," Coral

Springs police SWAT officer George Schmidt told investigators.

The video delay came to light months ago, but it was not clear then how the misunderstanding occurred.

According to reports, Morford heard the fire alarm — it probably was activated by smoke from Cruz's gun — and raced outside, where he found Peterson, who yelled, "Code Red," the school district's term to lock down the school because of a shooter. Peterson told Morford to go to the school's security room and look at the livestream from surveillance cameras inside the freshman building.

Morford found Greenleaf already there, but they couldn't locate the shooter. They rewound the video until they found Cruz and Morford radioed



Students hold their hands in the air as they are evacuated from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14 after a shooter opened fire on the campus. The police response to the shooting was delayed because school officials rewound a surveillance video, making officers think the gunman was still in the building, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reports. [AP FILE]

Peterson what they saw — but he doesn't remember if he told Peterson the information was almost a half-hour old. Peterson told officers inside the building that Cruz was coming down the third

floor, so they waited to ambush him — not know that he already had fled the school.

That delay cost precious minutes.

"They brought a young lady down from the third floor. I guess she had a

pulse up top. When they got back downstairs, she was gone," sheriff's Sgt. Christopher Palmara told investigators.

Peterson retired shortly after it was revealed he failed to enter the building to confront Cruz. Morford was recently transferred to another job while the school district investigates his actions before the shooting, including whether he brushed aside students' concerns about Cruz, who attended the school in 2016 and 2017. He denies having those conversations, but the state commission investigating the shooting concluded he was not being truthful.

Cruz, now 20, has pleaded not guilty but his attorneys have said he would plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

NOTICE

ROBERT K. OLDHAM, MD

Hematology - Oncology

I will be leaving Hope Regional Cancer Center as of 12/31/18.

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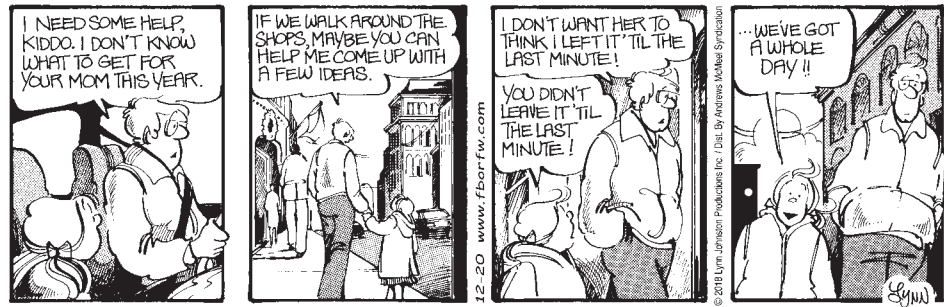
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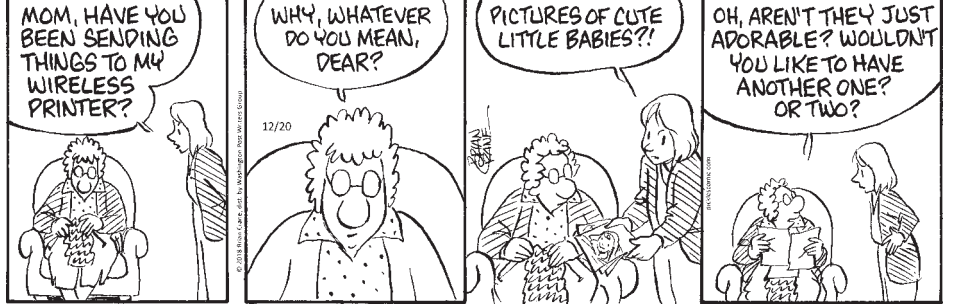
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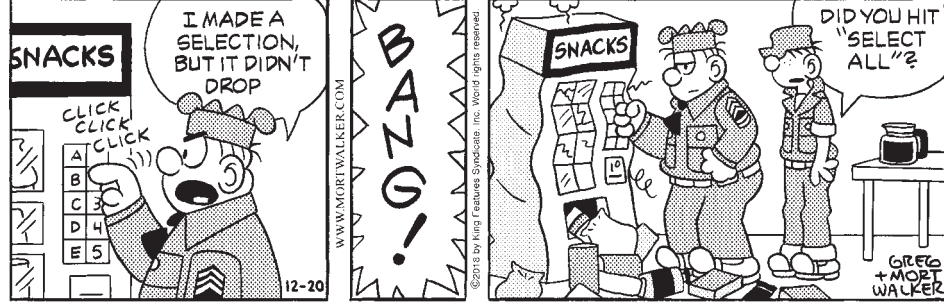
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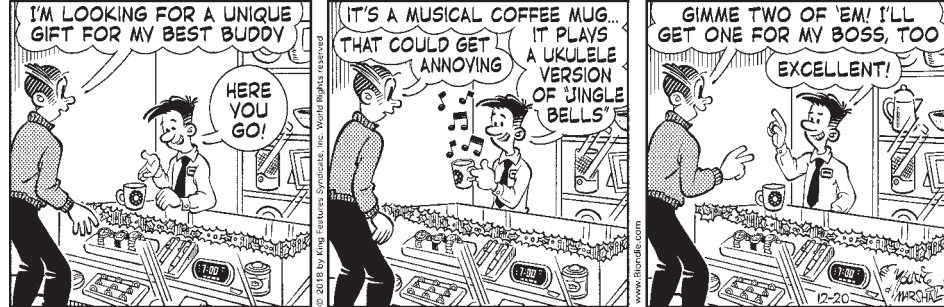
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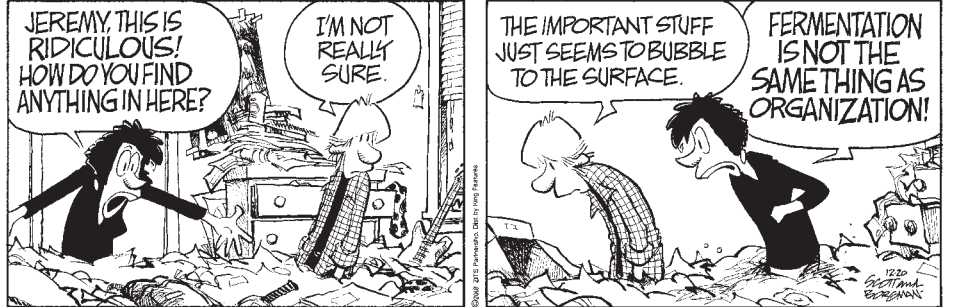
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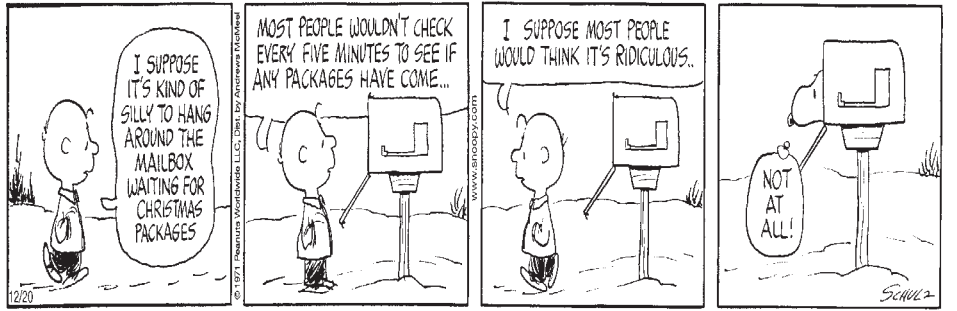
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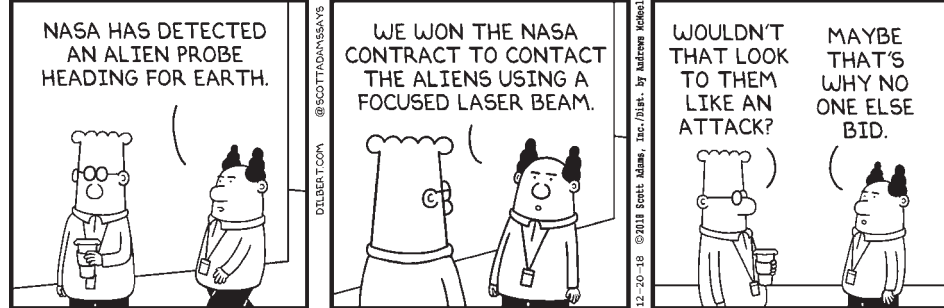
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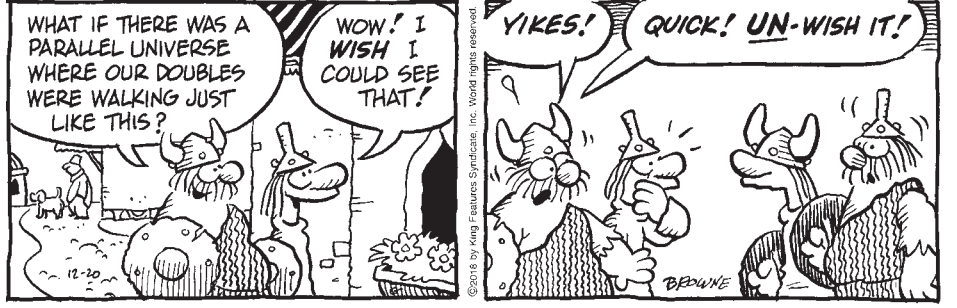
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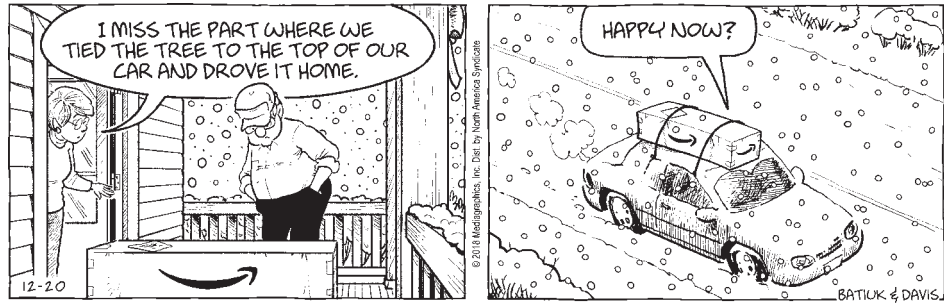
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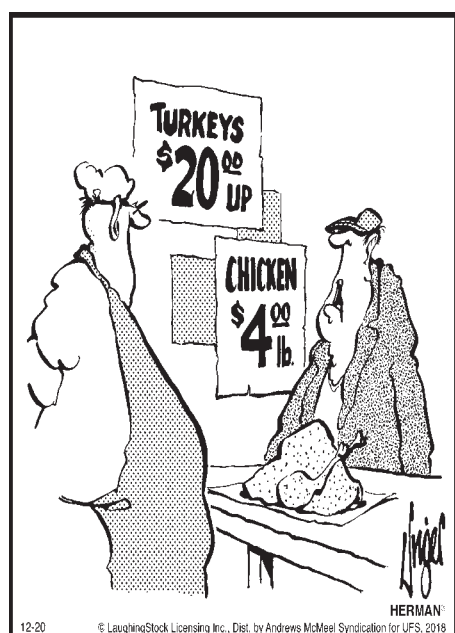
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PLUGGERS



Daily CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Punctuation mark
 - Bedding or Skinner
 - Propagated
 - Love affair
 - Army base
 - Comic Rudner
 - Painter's ground
 - Small band
 - Alda or Ladd
 - Strong interest
 - Epsilon follower
 - Of that kind
 - Boxing great
 - Fastens down
 - Parboiled
 - More than uptight
 - Cheerleader's shouts
 - Poet's before
 - Parson's exclamation
 - Zen questions
 - Miles of "Psycho"
 - Society column word
 - Blarney Stone locale
 - The fifth element
 - Book appendix
 - Flour grinders

- PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED**
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| USHER | NEFERTI | ITI |
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| EMIRS | SKYLARK | |
| POTATO | BELIE | |
| IRIS | SOLEMN | HAI |
| PACKS | LAD | GRAFT |
| ELS | THIRST | EYRE |
| NAIVE | RANSOM | |
| RETIREE | BERET | |
| EXULT | ALSO | AGA |
| LIBERTINE | MACON | |
| ILE | EARN | ASKED |
| TED | KNEES | SASSY |

- DOWN**
- Parakeet home
 - Portent
 - Majority
 - Thick porridge
 - Woke up
 - Study of light
 - Hebrew scroll
 - Wife of Osiris
 - Tolerates
 - Sugarloaf site
 - Annoy
 - "L—, c'est moi"
 - Wynter or Andrews locale
 - Heat source
 - Musical notes
 - Safari leader
 - Pointed a gun
 - Brought to bay

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- Kayo count
 - Antonio
 - Steel plow inventor
 - Wrong move
 - Mr. Koontz
 - "Norma —"
 - Child's play (2 wds.)
 - Mouths
 - Library abbr.
 - Hydrocarbon suffix
 - Brazen
 - Made typo-free
 - Unassuming
 - Psyche parts
 - More prudent
 - Chef Graham —
 - Cleveland's waters
 - Tempo
 - Layered cookie
 - In charge of
 - Honolulu's isle
 - Former Italian money
 - Run words together

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DIVERSIONS

WORD SCRIMMAGE: JUDD HAMBRICK

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5th Letter + 7 PTS

1st DOWN

N₂ B₆ S₂ A₂ U₃ D₃ R₂

2nd DOWN

A₂ E₁ E₁ S₂ R₂ W₇ T₂

3rd DOWN + 40 PTS

A₂ A₂ A₂ D₃ C₆ M₆ P₆

4th DOWN

F₇ V₇ L₂ Y₇ A₂ I₂ I₂

JUDD'S TOTAL = 256
AVERAGE GAME 160-170 PTS

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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

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JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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1st DOWN = 84

2nd DOWN = 33

3rd DOWN = 81

4th DOWN = 57

AVERAGE GAME 160-170 PTS

JUDD'S TOTAL = 255

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ACES ON BRIDGE: BOBBY WOLFF

"It has always been a mystery to me how men can feel themselves honored by the humiliation of their fellow beings."

— Mahatma Gandhi

This contract of three no-trump from the second round of the Swiss Teams event from the 2009 European Open Championships appears relatively easy to make. But on defense, Romania's Veronel Lungu and Viorel Micescu weren't ready to roll over.

Lungu led a fourth-highest spade two against three no-trump, and declarer played low from dummy, taking East's jack with the queen. It now seemed natural to go after diamonds. East took North's king with his ace and played another spade, ducked around to West's king.

If the defenders had continued the attack on spades, declarer would have had no choice but to rely on hearts and would have cashed out his red-suit winners. Instead, though, West switched to a club at trick four. Declarer ducked in dummy, and East took his queen and reverted to spades.

The defenders were now up to four tricks, but declarer still seemed to be in pole position. However, when South won the spade ace and crossed to dummy with the heart ace, East dropped the jack, perhaps more in hope than expectation.

But it worked: Declarer decided that he had only four heart tricks, and so needed to set up a club trick. Since West had earlier failed to clear the spades at trick four, it seemed logical to place the club ace with East. Accordingly, declarer abandoned hearts prematurely and advanced the club king.

When West won his ace and cashed his last spade, another "unbeatable" game had bitten the dust.

NORTH 12-20-A
♠ 10 8 3
♥ A 4
♦ K Q J 7 2
♣ K J 6

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

EAST
♠ J 7 6
♥ J 6
♦ A 9 8 5 4
♣ Q 9 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9
♥ K Q 10 7 5
♦ 3
♣ 10 7 5 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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

Opening Lead: Spade two

BID WITH THE ACES

12-20-B

South holds:
♠ 10 8 3
♥ A 4
♦ K Q J 7 2
♣ K J 6

South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♦ Pass
?

ANSWER: The hand may be relatively balanced, but you have no reason to assume no-trump is correct. Since only two suits have been bid, you should bid three hearts here to show heart values. Partner can bid no-trump, or three spades to express doubt about three no-trump (you will respond three no-trump) or go past three no-trump if he is short in spades.

Widower ready to live alone is pained to leave aunt behind



Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 61-year-old widower. A year ago I faced a bleak future and expressed a desire to kill myself. My cousin in another state, whom I hadn't seen since childhood, invited me to move in with him and his mother — my late mother's sister. I now have plans for the future, which include returning to the state I left. The thing is, my cousin resolves disputes with his fists. I know that when I

move, my aunt will want to come with me. My aunt is sweet, but she's not my intellectual equal. Frankly, I prefer to be alone in my home when I move. I'll want cats; she's allergic. She smokes; I don't. The job I want will have me on the road for days at a time. While it would be nice to have someone in the house while I'm away, I'd rather have it be empty than have her there. I'm sorry her only child is abusive, but am I really the solution? (Both mother and son are twice divorced. They have only each other.) Moving is about a year away, but this dilemma bothers me. I don't want to abandon her, but I don't want to be her savior, either. When

it's time to relocate, what can I tell her? — MULLING IT OVER IN MISSISSIPPI
DEAR MULLING: Start talking privately with your aunt and impress upon her that no one — including her son — has the right to physically or emotionally abuse her. Encourage her to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (the toll-free number is 800-799-7233) and talk to someone there. I'm sorry you didn't mention who is supporting whom, but she should not remain in a home where her safety may be threatened. And if her son raises a hand to her in your presence, you shouldn't hesitate to call 911. If he does it when you're not around, impress upon her that she must call.

TRIVIA BY WILSON CASEY



Wilson Casey

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

1. Which group recorded

"Christmas in Dixie" in the early 1980s that remains a popular song today? Cherokee Cowboys, Alabama, Bellamy Brothers, Outlaws
2. What was a spiced porridge enjoyed by both the rich and poor at medieval Christmas parties? Simbang, Frumenty, Hogswatch, Halifax
3. Which food dish has become immortalized in the song, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"? Figgy pudding, Fruitcake, Eggnog, Ham
4. What praised carol's words were based on the 98th Psalm

of David? "Joy to the World," "Deck the Hall," "First Noel," "Silent Night"
5. On pre-printed gift tags, what word is most commonly found? Christmas, To, Santa, For
6. What are chocolate candies with cream or fruit preserve fillings? Mincemeat pie, Divinity, Yuletide, Sugarplums

ANSWERS: 1. Alabama, 2. Frumenty, 3. Figgy pudding, 4. "Joy to the World," 5. To, 6. Sugarplums

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Each and every effort you make is a brick in the monument of your reputation. You don't feel pressured by this (because by now the people around you know you pretty well), but you do take the responsibility seriously.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Things may not be what they seem, but there are certain widely accepted measures of proof that would be hard for reasonable people to deny. This is the stuff you'll be gathering today to make your case.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — There are those who were never taught good manners, and then there are those who were taught them but, for whatever reason, never learned. Either way, it's a blessing. It gives everyone a chance to practice the virtue of tolerance.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) — We run our lives on hypothesis, acting in accordance with our theories about how the world is and should be. When the world doesn't agree, that's when things get really exciting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There are many communication skills worthy of mastering, but none will have such wide-ranging terrific effects as the skill of choosing the topic of conversation well.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're not usually inclined to think of yourself first, but go on; do it. You'll be amazed at whom else you can make smile while following through with what you believe are purely selfish motives.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You refuse to stay home, and you'll never be smugly satisfied that you already know enough — because your understanding of reality keeps changing as you meet new people, learn different new topics and have new experiences.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — The mature mind is like a dual processing computer. It can function while running two programs at the same time. Sure, sometimes there's a clash that hangs things up, but you'll be fixing bugs as you go today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — The problem you once thought of as insidious now seems like a really fascinating study in how things develop with their own inner logic and wisdom to try to solve the issues they face.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's you, and then there's your role. You never want to confuse the two or invest your ego in the role instead of in you — because roles come and go, shifting and fading around an eternal part of you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Matters of right and wrong will be quite complicated. Potentially, you could waste many hours arguing over it. Look instead at the spirit of the rules, the tone of things and the overall feeling of an experience.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — An interaction that seems out of joint needs but one quick reset — a powerful snap — to set everything right. Go on and do it. Otherwise, you'll continue, everything rubbing the wrong way, uncomfortable and annoying.

JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Hello, ladies, it's been fun talking to you. This one is on the house. You're so nice.

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

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Yesterday's Jumbles: SALSA CHAOS FEDORA BURLAP
Answer: The grand opening of the rec center's new pool — CAUSED A SPLASH

SUDOKU

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Level of difficulty (Bronze - easy, Silver - medium, Gold - difficult):
Monday - Bronze; Tuesday - Silver;
Wednesday - Gold; Thursday - Bronze;
Friday - Silver; Saturday and Sunday - Gold.

Answer to yesterday's sudoku

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

TV LISTINGS

THURSDAY MORNING					C - COMCAST W - WOW! S1 - DISH NETWORK S2 - DIRECTV											DECEMBER 20	
CH	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)												
CW (72)	99	9	8	8	Cops	Cheaters	The Steve Wilkos Show										
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	Good Morning America (N)												
METV (13.2)	209	133	2	2	Beaver	Perry Mason											
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	CBS This Morning (N)												
MNT (18.2)	227	13	2	2	Extra (N)	DailyMailTV	Face the Truth	Face the Truth	The Wendy Williams Show (N)								
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	Weird but True	Paid Program	Cityline A Christmas checklist.	Judge Mathis (N)	The People's Court								
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Nature Cat	Curious	Let's Go Luna!: Luna's	Daniel Tiger	Pinkalicious	Sesame Street							
A&E	34	43	118	265	The First 48												
AMC	30	62	131	254	Credit?	LifeLock	**** White Christmas ('54) Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney.										
ANPL	46	69	184	282	Treehouse Masters												
BET	53	46	124	329	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	
COM	64	53	107	249	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	(:10) Futurama	(:45) Futurama	Treehouse Masters				
DISC	36	39	182	278	Alaska: The Last Frontier												
E!	63	57	114	236	Botched "Pinched Perfect"												
ESPN	9	23	140	206	Get Up (N) (L)												
ESPN2	47	24	144	209	SportsCenter (N) (L)												
FOOD	38	45	110	231	Grill	Paid Program	Paid Program	Pioneer Wo.	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	"Tree Lighting"	Cupcake Wars	Pioneer Wo.	Pioneer Wo.		
FREE	59	65	180	311	Pop Up Santa *** Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas '99 *** Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas '04 ** Life-Size '00												
FS1	24	27	150	219	First Things First												
FX	45	51	136	248	(6:00) ** Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2	*** 21 Jump Street ('12) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum, Brie Larson.	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed (N) (L)										
HALL	23	59	185	312	On the Twelfth Day of Christmas ('15) Robin Dunne, Dani Kind.												
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	Music City Fix	Music City Fix		
HIST	35	42	120	269	The Bible The Jews are enslaved in Babylon.												
LIFE	56	56	108	252	A Very Merry Daughter of the Bride ('08) Joanna Garcia.												
PARMT	28	48	241	241	Bar Rescue	"Bad to the Bone"	Bar Rescue "Brawlin' Babes"	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue		
SUN	49	422	656	656	Facing Waves												
SYFY	70	52	122	244	Channel Zero	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Knock Knock ('15) Keanu Reeves.			
TBS	31	15	139	247	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
TCM	25	70	132	256	(6:30) **** Show Boat ('36) Irene Dunne.	** No Other Woman ('33) *** My Favorite Wife ('40) Irene Dunne.											
TLC	37	40	183	280	Outdaughtered												
TNT	29	54	138	245	Charmed "The Devil's Music"												
USA	62	55	105	242	Chicago P.D.												
WGN-A	13	239	307	307	Creflo Dollar	LifeLock	Murder, She Wrote										

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WJHG (7)	3	3	7	7	Rachael Ray (N)	The Doctors											
CW (72)	99	9	8	8	Paid Program	The Hard Truth	Jerry Springer	Jerry Springer	The Real (N)	Family Feud	Jeopardy! (N)	News	Nightly News	News	Wheel Fortune		
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	General Hospital (N)												
METV (13.2)	209	133	2	2	Bonanza "The Hanging Posse"												
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	The Talk (N)												
MNT (18.2)	227	13	2	2	Providence	Providence	Dateline	Dateline	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Chicago P.D.	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly		
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	Maury (N)												
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Pinkalicious	Let's Go Luna!	Let's Go Luna! Luna's	Let's Go Luna! Luna's	Let's Go Luna! Luna's	Let's Go Luna! Luna's	Odd Squad	Arthur (E!)	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Judy (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	
A&E	34	43	118	265	The First 48												
AMC	30	62	131	254	*** Gremlins ('84) Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, Hoyt Axton.	*** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ('05) Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore.											
ANPL	46	69	184	282	Treehouse Masters												
BET	53	46	124	329	(12:40) Running Out of Time ('18) Sean Dominic, TeIma Hopkins.	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish	
COM	64	53	107	249	Cleveland	Cleveland	(:05) The Office	(:40) The Office	(:15) The Office "Ultimate"	(:15) The Office "The Search"	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier		
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ESPN2	47	24	144	209	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	College Football Live (N) (L)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby			
FOOD	38	45	110	231	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby			
FREE	59	65	180	311	(12:30) Life-Size 2: A Christmas Eve ('18)	** The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause '06	Tim Allen.	Fair Game	Fair Game	Fair Game	Fair Game	Fair Game	Fair Game	Fair Game			
FS1	24	27	150	219	The Herd with Colin Cowherd												
FX	45	51	136	248	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	** Christmas With the Kranks ('04) Tim Allen.	*** A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas ('11) John Cho.							
HALL	23	59	185	312	*** The Most Wonderful Time of the Year ('08) Christmas at the Palace ('18) Merritt Patterson, Andrew Cooper.												
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Music City Fix	Music City Fix	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop			
HIST	35	42	120	269	American Pickers												
LIFE	56	56	108	252	A Perfect Christmas List ('14) Ellen Hollman, Marion Ross.												
PARMT	28	48	241	241	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends			
SUN	49	422	656	656	Special Olym	Pro-Am	Focused	Spotlight	GatorZone (N)	Power of	Future Phen.	Outsiders Club	NHL Hockey	Tampa Bay Lightning at Vancouver Canucks.			
SYFY	70	52	122	244	Knock Knock	(:45) Cucuy: The Boogeyman ('18) Marisol Nichols.	(:45) *** The Cabin in the Woods ('11) Kristen Connolly.										
TBS	31	15	139	247	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy			
TCM	25	70	132	256	(:15) *** Anna and the King of Siam ('46) Irene Dunne, Rex Harrison.	*** Hard to Get ('38) Dick Powell.											
TLC	37	40	183	280	Four Weddings												
TNT	29	54	138	245	Bones "The 200th in the 10th"												
USA	62	55	105	242	NCIS "Dagger"												
WGN-A	13	239	307	307	In the Heat of the Night												

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CH	C	W	S1	S2	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30	
WJHG (7)	3	3	7	7	Timeless (Series Finale) California Gold Rush: Korean War. (N)												
CW (72)	99	9	8	8	The 4th Annual Howie Mandel Stand-Up Extravaganza (N)												
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	A Charlie Brown Christmas												
METV (13.2)	209	133	2	2	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Heroes	Hogan Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone				
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	Big Bang	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Murphy Brown	S.W.A.T. "Shaky Town"	Family Feud	Late Show-Colbert	Late Show-Colbert	Late Show-Late Show	James Corden	DailyMailTV		
MNT (18.2)	227	13	2	2	The Good Wife												
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	A Christmas Story Live! A boy wants a BB gun for Christmas.												
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Changing Seas	Crossroads	The This Old House Hour	Globe Trekker	Live PD Presents: PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam			
A&E	34	43	118	265	The First 48												
AMC	30	62	131	254	*** The Santa Clause 2 ('02) Tim Allen.	** The Santa Clause 2 ('02) Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell, David Krumholtz.											
ANPL	46	69	184	282	Criskey! It's the Irwins												
BET	53	46	124	329	blackish	blackish	*** Ray ('04) Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington.	Ray Charles	overcomes hardships to become a legend.	The Secret Life of the Zoo							
COM	64	53	107	249	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	(:31) The Office	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	
DISC	36	39	182	278	Alaska: The Last Frontier												
E!	63	57	114	236	Botched												
ESPN	9	23	140	206	College Football	Bad Boy Mowers	Gasparilla Bowl -- South Florida vs Marshall. (N) (L)	SportsCenter									
ESPN2	47	24	144	209	College Basketball	Dominant 20	NFL: Best of Countdown (N)	SportsCenter (N) (L)	SportsCenter (N) (L)	SportsCenter (N) (L)	X Games Street	League Skateboarding Stop.	First Take				
FOOD	38	45	110	231	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Holiday Baking Championship	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Holiday Baking Championship				
FREE	59	65	180	311	(5:40) *** The Incredibles ('04)	(:20) ** Ice Age: Continental Drift ('12) John Leguizamo	*** Cars 2 ('11) Voices of Owen Wilson, Michael Caine.										
FS1	24	27	150	219	College Basketball												
FX	45	51	136	248	** The Night Before ('15) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.	*** A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas ('11) John Cho.											
HALL	23	59	185	312	Once Upon a Holiday ('15) Briana Evigan, Paul Campbell.												
HGTV	32	38	112	229	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop			
HIST	35	42	120	269	American Pickers												
LIFE	56	56	108	252	My Christmas Inn ('18) Tia Mowry-Hardict, Rob Mayes.												
PARMT	28	48	241	241	*** Bad Santa ('03) Billy Bob Thornton, Tony Cox.	*** Santa Friggin' Christmas ('14) Joel McHale, Robin Williams.											
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SYFY	70	52	122	244	(5:45) ** Limitless ('11)	** 47 Ronin ('13) Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada, Tadanobu Asano.											
TBS	31	15	139	247	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	(:33) Seinfeld	(:03) Seinfeld	Brooklyn Nine	Brooklyn Nine		
TCM	25	70	132	256	*** Christmas in July ('40) Dick Powell.	*** You Never Can Tell ('51) Dick Powell.											
TLC	37	40	183	280	Dr. Pimple Popper												
TNT	29	54	138	245	NBA Basketball	Houston Rockets at Miami Heat. (N Subject to Blackout) (L)	NBA Basketball				Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers. (L)	Dr. Pimple Popper "This is Zit"					
USA	62	55	105	242	NCIS "You Better Watch Out"												
WGN-A	13	239	307	307	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	

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WJHG (7)	3	3	7	7	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	The Bankruptcy Hour										
CW (72)	99	9	8	8	Top 30 (N)	Paid Program	Omega	Better, Longer	Transform	Paid Program	Grill	Airfryer Oven	Paid Program	Paid Program	True Crime Files (N)		
WMBB (13)	2	2	13	13	Judge Karen	(:37) ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress) (N)	News Now (Joined in Progress) (N)										
METV (13.2)	209	133	2	2	Manix "Broken Mirror"	Cannon	77 Sunset Strip (Part 1 of 2)	Peter Gunn	Night Gallery	Facts of Life	Diff'rent Stroke	Bev. Hillbillies	My Three Sons				
WECP (18)	4	4	4	18	(:07) Access	Celebrity Page	(C) CBS Overnight News (N)										
MNT (18.2)	227	13	2	2	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program				
WPGX (28)	8	8	28	28	How I Met												
WFSG (56)	11	11	56	56	Lidia Celebrates America	Steve (N)	Anne's Kingdoms	Nature	Makeup!	New YOU!	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program			
A&E	34	43	118	265	Live PD Presents: PD Cam												
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ANPL	46	69															

SPORTS

NBH to host Beach Bash Christmas Tournament

By **Dustin Kent**
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North Bay Haven's Second Annual Beach Bash Christmas Tournament begins Thursday with games at four different locations.

The event will go Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with games hosted by North Bay Haven, Bozeman, South Walton, and Surfside Middle School. There are 38 teams from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

NBH athletic director Kevin Jacobs said there were originally 75 teams booked

for the event before that number was cut in half following Hurricane Michael.

"There were some school systems that wouldn't let (their teams) travel," Jacobs said, "and we had an issue with having places (for teams) to stay. We have some help from Edgewater (Beach Resort). It's still a pretty good deal for us. We've got some pretty good teams coming in."

Jacobs said he considered at one point canceling the tournament altogether before ultimately deciding to move forward.

"Some of the teams still wanted to come and we just found a way to make it happen," he said. "Everybody worked really hard on this, so I hope it turns out really well. We think it will. We're going to have some real quality basketball."

BEACH BASH CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE At North Bay Haven Charter Academy

Thursday — 1:30 p.m. White County vs. Leeds (girls), 3 p.m. White County vs. Muscle Shoals (boys),

4:30 p.m. Niceville vs. River Ridge (girls), 6 p.m. South Atlanta vs. Macon East Academy (boys), 7:30 p.m. Franklin County vs. Holy Family (boys)

Friday — 12 p.m. Marist vs. Sevier County (girls), 1:30 p.m. Marist vs. Muscle Shoals (boys), 3 p.m. River Ridge vs. Chiles (girls), 4:30 p.m. NBH vs. Chickasaw (boys), 6 p.m. Spanish Fort vs. Franklin County (boys), 7:30 p.m. Columbia vs. Central Tuscaloosa (boys)

Saturday — 9 a.m. Oconee

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PANTHERS SITTING CAM NEWTON, POSSIBLY FOR SEASON

Tua's prediction: His ankle will be '100 percent' for game

By **John Zenor**
AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Tua Tagovailoa is optimistic that he will be fully recovered from ankle surgery and ready to play in the Orange Bowl.

The Alabama quarterback and Heisman Trophy runner-up said his left ankle will be just fine for the College Football Playoff semifinal game with Oklahoma on Dec. 29.

"I'll probably be at 100 percent by the time the game comes," Tagovailoa said Wednesday. "That's my prediction. Definitely."

He has been practicing on a limited basis since the top-ranked Crimson Tide began playoff preparations last Friday. Coach Nick Saban has said his star quarterback "is probably ahead of schedule."

Tagovailoa suffered a high ankle sprain on the opening series of the Southeastern Conference championship game Dec. 1 against Georgia. He had surgery the next day. Saban says other Tide players have returned in about two weeks from that procedure.

Tagovailoa said he has been able to do footwork drills and other work but still hasn't been able to make cuts.

"Other than that, there's nothing that's hindering me too much," he said. "It's just the surgery that hurts. My ankle's fine and everything's fine. Just the scar."

Tagovailoa will get a break after Thursday's practice with Alabama reporting to Miami next Monday, on Christmas Eve.

He finished second to Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray in the Heisman balloting, won the Maxwell Award and was named the Walter Camp Player of the Year. Tagovailoa was also the SEC offensive player of the year and a second-team AP All-American.

But hobbled early, he had his worst game against Georgia and exited for good in the fourth quarter after left tackle Jonah Williams came down on his right foot.

Tagovailoa said he didn't think much of the left ankle injury after returning to the sideline. "I told the trainers just to tape it up," he said.

"I felt like I hurt the team by trying to stick it out," Tagovailoa said. "I had to make an executive decision as well if I

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Ohio State gets first win for new coach on signing day



Linebacker Eric Jeffries, center, puts on an Ole Miss cap after signing Wednesday to play football at the University of Mississippi. [BRUCE NEWMAN/OXFORD EAGLE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By **Ralph D. Russo**
The Associated Press

Zach Harrison is one of the most highly touted recruits in the country, and he goes to high school 15 miles from Ohio State.

Yet not until Wednesday, the first day of the early signing period, did the 6-foot-6, 245-pound defensive end commit to the Buckeyes, giving incoming coach Ryan Day his first victory as Urban Meyer's replacement.

"Huge," Day said. "This was one of those ones we had to win."

Harrison's choice, streamed out over Olen tangy Orange High School's website, was maybe the most intriguing development of what can now be considered the new signing day. This is year two of the early signing period in college football and just like last year, most of the scholarships have been scooped up. The traditional signing period in early February will mostly be for finishing touches.

"It's not an early signing date, it's the signing date," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

Alabama has already signed most of a class that

was already considered the best in the country and added a couple more five stars on top of that. Ahead of the Crimson Tide's latest College Football Playoff appearance and national championship pursuit, Saban has already locked up another recruiting title.

The Southeastern Conference is primed to have the four highest-rated recruiting classes after the early period ends Friday. According to 247 Sports' composite rankings of major recruiting websites, Alabama is No. 1, followed by Georgia, Texas A&M and LSU.

Oregon rounded out the top five, the one interloper amid the usual suspects in a top 10 that included Clemson, Oklahoma and Michigan.

Ohio State has mostly lived in the top five during Meyer's remarkable seven-year run as Buckeyes coach. But with a small class (the Buckeyes signed 15 and don't have room for much more), and some uncertainty about Meyer's future throughout the season, the Buckeyes trailed both Michigan and Penn State in the Big Ten in the recruiting rankings much of the fall.

Meyer was suspended for the first three games of this season after the university commissioned an investigation into his handling of now-fired former assistant Zach Smith, who was accused of domestic violence by his ex-wife. After Meyer's return, there were questions about his future at Ohio State and health. He has a brain cyst that causes severe headaches.

Prospects can be apprehensive to sign with a coach who might be on his way out.

Meyer announced his retirement earlier this month. Day will take over after the No. 5 Buckeyes play No. 9 Washington in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

The 39-year-old Day is a first-time college head coach after spending two seasons as offensive coordinator for Meyer. Meyer is 82-9 at Ohio State and if Day is going to even come close to keeping up that level of success, it starts on the recruiting trail.

Harrison is a five-star recruit who was also considering Michigan and Penn State. He had kept his recruitment relatively quiet. Not until he unzipped his jacket to reveal an Ohio State T-shirt did the suspense end.

"It's been a long process," Day said. "His head coach had a lot to do with this. (Ohio State defensive line coach) Larry Johnson has been recruiting Zach Harrison for a long time. Urban was a part of it."

But just like those three games the Buckeyes won while Meyer was suspended, this win goes on Day's ledger.

Fields related?

Ohio State lost the quarterback it had lined up for this class when Dwan Mathis of Michigan flipped to Georgia. The late change immediately sparked speculation that Mathis' decision was related to the likely transfer of Justin Fields, who was a five-star recruit in 2018.

Fields has notified Georgia of his intent to transfer and Ohio State is rumored to be a destination. NCAA rules would require Fields to sit out next season, but he could apply for a hardship waiver that would give him immediate eligibility.

The Buckeyes will likely be looking for a new starter in 2019, with Dwayne Haskins expected to declare for the

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Panthers sitting Newton, possibly for season

By Steve Reed
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton is headed to the bench with a sore shoulder.

The Panthers made the decision to shut down the 2015 league MVP for at least one game and possibly the remainder of the season due to a lingering right shoulder problem.

Coach Ron Rivera said Taylor Heinicke will make his first career start when Carolina hosts the Falcons on Sunday. Kyle Allen will be Carolina's backup and Newton will be inactive.

Rivera said he made the decision to sit Newton after meeting with owner David Pepper, general manager Marty Hurney, team doctors and Newton on Wednesday morning before practice.

"It was a good conversation with Cam and he understood our thinking behind this," Rivera said. "He's disappointed and



Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton (1) looks to pass against the New Orleans Saints in the first half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday. [MIKE MCCARN/AP PHOTO]

he's frustrated. You know him, he wants to play."

But Rivera said a "healthy Taylor Heinicke" gives the Panthers the best chance to win this week. He hasn't made a decision about Newton's status for Week 17 at New Orleans, saying the focus is on the Falcons.

The Panthers (6-8) have lost six straight games and are all but out of playoff contention as Newton has struggled

with an unknown shoulder issue. He had surgery in March of 2017 to repair a partially torn rotator cuff and has had problems ever since.

The Panthers have limited his reps in practice for most of the season and it's rare when he throws a ball more than 20 yards down the field in a game.

Newton started 14 games and threw for 3,395 yards with 24 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

However, he has just nine TD passes and nine interceptions during Carolina's six-game skid and has looked uncomfortable in the pocket.

After Newton's noticeable struggles in a 12-9 loss to the Saints — the eight-year QB was limited to 131 yards passing and struggled throwing the ball with any zip — Rivera pulled the plug on him.

In the past Newton has fought hard to keep the Panthers from sitting him down when he's battling through injuries.

This time was a little different.

Newton accepted the idea of taking a break and getting the rest without putting up a fight.

"I think that is because of the frustration of it," Rivera said. "More so than anything else, he knows that once he gets sore, once he gets tired out there. It's tough for him to do the things that he is capable of."

Newton was not made

available for comment on Wednesday, but discussed how difficult it's been with not knowing what is wrong with the shoulder after Monday night's loss to the Saints. He said he doesn't know if he will need surgery after the season.

Four-time Pro Bowl guard Trai Turner said "in a sense I'm happy that he's able to get himself together now."

Running back Christian McCaffrey said Newton has been a "warrior" all season playing through significant pain.

As for Newton's long-time friend, center Ryan Kalil, he said as difficult as the decision is, it is a smart move for the organization when it comes to the long term.

"He's still a young guy and he's got a lot of football left in him," Kalil said. "I think it is important to get that right, especially at his position. It's no secret that he has been struggling with it the last

month or so. But I feel bad for him. I feel terrible for him."

Heinicke has been appeared in six games and thrown just five passes since joining the league in 2015 with the Vikings. He's stepped in to throw a few Hail Mary passes this season for the Panthers because Newton's shoulder wasn't strong enough to get the ball down the field.

Wide receiver Jarius Wright said other teams have been able to defend the Panthers differently with Newton at quarterback, knowing he wasn't going to throw downfield as he's done in the past.

Wright said defensive backs on other teams have told him "we're not scared of you guys going deep."

"They have actually mentioned that multiple times," Wright said. "So having Taylor out there on Sunday will keep everyone on their toes."

PREP ROUNDUP

Mosley shuts out Rutherford

By Dustin Kent
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PANAMA CITY — The Mosley boys soccer team notched its third consecutive victory Wednesday night at Tommy Oliver Stadium by dispatching Rutherford 6-0.

The Dolphins improved to 6-5 on the season with the win, while the Rams fell to 2-5-1. Nick French led Mosley with two goals, while Shaheer Zabih assisted on two goals. Ben Tuvvana, Jakub Reid, Tyson Penny, and Austin Priemer also scored goals.

Markus McNally, Nick Laymon, and Noah Hapner recorded assists for Mosley. Michael Latham had 14 saves for Rutherford.

Mosley is off until Jan. 11 when it takes on Wakulla at Bozeman. Rutherford plays again Jan. 12 at Tommy Oliver Stadium against

Pensacola Catholic.

Arnold 6, Choctaw 0

PANAMA CITY BEACH — Josh Grunden scored three goals to lead the Marlins (11-1), while Seth Ward added a goal and an assist. Braden Masker also scored a goal and Jonathan Feitel scored on a penalty kick.

Taylor Bradley and Ben Lebdaoui each had two assists. Arnold is off until Jan. 16 when it plays host to South Walton.

Bay 4, Gadsden County 1

HAVANA — Ozlo Rigby, Cort Haligas, and Billy Thompson scored goals for the Tornadoes, who improved to 8-3-1 on the season with the victory. Tanner Reese also had four saves.

Bay is off until Jan. 15 when it takes on North Bay Haven at Bozeman.

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NFL draft after the Rose Bowl. Ohio State has quarterbacks Tate Martell, who was Haskins' backup this season, and Matthew Baldwin on the roster. Adding Fields could change plans.

Cali-Ducks

Even during the halcyon days of Chip Kelly and Marcus Mariota at Oregon, the Ducks never

had a top-10 recruiting class.

Second-year coach Mario Cristobal, a former Alabama assistant and Miami player, is changing that by cleaning up in California. Oregon's class is the best in the Pac-12 and half of the 22 players they signed are from California. More important than the quantity was the quality.

Oregon landed the top-ranked player in the state in Kayvon Thibodeaux, a defensive end from Southern California, along with six other four-star recruits from the Golden State.

Penguins end Capitals' five-game win streak

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sidney Crosby and Bryan Rust scored and the Pittsburgh Penguins ended hot streaks by Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals with a 2-1 victory Wednesday night.

The third meeting this season between these longtime rivals featured tight checking, strong goaltending and more than a few punches. Rust broke a 1-1 tie late in the second period with his sixth goal in five games, and the Penguins held on against the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Playing in his second game since returning from a lower body injury, Pittsburgh goalie Matt Murray stopped 31 shots.

Lars Eller scored the lone goal for the Capitals. They had won five in a row.

Ovechkin was held without a goal for the first

time in seven games and had his career-high run of games with a point end at 14.

In addition, Washington's Evgeny Kuznetsov had his streak of eight straight games with an assist come to an end, one shy of the franchise record.

Eller put the Capitals up 1-0 at 6:38 of the second period, pushing the puck past Murray after taking a lead pass from Tom Wilson.

Crosby tied it less than three minutes later, deflecting a pass from Evgeni Malkin into the right side of the net with Pittsburgh on the power play.

Rust made it 2-1 with just over a minute left in the period, hacking away at the puck in front of the net before it finally popped past goalie Braden Holtby.

In the third period, Holtby snagged a shot by Malkin on a breakaway to



Washington Capitals center Nicklas Backstrom, left, knocks the puck in the glove of Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Matt Murray during Wednesday's game in Washington. [ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

keep Washington within striking distance.

Twice over the final 20 minutes, Kuznetsov took shots that slipped through Murray's legs, only to be swatted away by Pittsburgh defensemen an inch before sliding past the goal line.

These teams just don't care for each other, and it shows whether they're

meeting in December or the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Less than a minute into the game, Wilson and Pittsburgh defenseman Jamie Oleksiak shed their gloves and got into a fight. Oleksiak was helped off the ice with a cut on his cheek, and both players received five-minute penalties. Oleksiak did not return.

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came back in in the fourth quarter. That executive decision came down to me going back in or not. I wasn't able to move in the pocket. I wasn't able to extend plays with my feet when things weren't there. That's what you need to be able to do to work the defense."

On Wednesday,

Tagovailoa was joined by his little brother on the Tide. Taulia Tagovailoa, a four-star prospect, signed with Alabama.

"It's just an opportunity for me and my family and my brother to just come in and learn from me, learn from our coaching staff," Tua Tagovailoa said. "It's just a great opportunity for him to be here. To have my brother here, it's awesome."

But, he made one thing clear: "There's no competition."



In this Nov. 10 file photo, Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (13) scrambles for yardage during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Mississippi State, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. [BUTCH DILL/AP PHOTO]

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County vs. Holy Family (boys), 10:30 a.m. Oconee County vs. Leeds (girls), 12 p.m. North Florida Christian vs. White County (girls), 1:30 p.m. Franklin County vs. Fort White (boys), 3 p.m. River Ridge vs. Sevier County

(girls), 4:30 p.m. NBH vs. Muscle Shoals (boys), 6 p.m. NBH vs. Mosley (girls)

At Bozeman

Thursday — 4:30 p.m. Marianna vs. Sumter Central (girls), 6 p.m. Bozeman vs. Oconee County (girls), 7:30 p.m. Bozeman vs. Oconee County (boys)
Friday — 4:30 p.m.

Marianna vs. East Hall (girls), 6 p.m. Quitman County vs. Bozeman (girls), 7:30 p.m. West Hall vs. Bozeman (boys)

Saturday — 9 a.m. South Atlanta vs. Central Tuscaloosa (boys), 10:30 a.m. Bozeman vs. Sumter Central (girls), 12 p.m. Bozeman vs. Chickasaw (boys), 1:30 p.m. Rutherford vs. Quitman County (girls), 3 p.m. Rutherford vs. West Hall (boys)

At Surfside Middle School

Thursday — 4:30 p.m. NBH vs. Sevier County (girls), 6 p.m. Marist vs. Chiles (girls), 7:30 p.m. Marist vs. Central Tuscaloosa (boys)
Friday — 6 p.m. Rutherford vs. Oconee County (girls), 7:30 p.m. Holy Family vs. South Atlanta (boys)
Saturday — 9 a.m.

Marianna vs. Marist (girls), 10:30 a.m. Macon East Academy vs. Marist (boys), 12 p.m. Columbia vs. Spanish Fort (boys), 1:30 p.m. Chiles vs. East Hall (girls)

At South Walton High School

Thursday — 2 p.m. Walton vs. East Hall (girls), 3:30 p.m. Walton vs. Spanish Fort (boys), 5 p.m. South Walton vs. Rutherford (girls), 6:30 p.m. South Walton vs. Chickasaw (boys), 8 p.m. NBH vs. Lighthouse Christian (boys)
Friday — 2 p.m. White County vs. Sumter Central (girls), 3:30 p.m. White County vs. South Walton (boys), 5 p.m. White County vs. Leeds (girls), 6:30 p.m. Walton vs. Macon East Academy (boys)

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Irish gear up for Tigers' stout front

Clemson's powerful defensive line will be toughest test yet for Notre Dame's offense

By John Fineran
The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Ask Notre Dame center Sam Mustipher a question and you will get a straight answer.

So what does he think of the defensive front four the Fighting Irish will face Dec. 29 at the Cotton Bowl in the playoff semifinal against Clemson?

"They're athletic, they're big, they're physical and they're nasty," Mustipher said.

And he's right, of course. Defensive ends Clelin Ferrell (6-4, 265 pounds) and Austin Bryant (6-6, 280) and tackles Christian Wilkins (6-4, 315) and Dexter Lawrence (6-4, 350) are regarded as the best in the country and how Notre Dame deals

with them will go a long way in determining which team reaches the national championship game Jan. 7.

Clemson's fearsome foursome has accounted for 176 tackles, 48.5 tackles for loss, 23 quarterback sacks and 49 quarterback pressures on a defense ranked No. 3 against the rush (93.0 yards allowed per game), No. 4 in total defense (276.8 ypg), No. 2 in scoring defense (13.7 ppg) and No. 3 in sacks (3.46 per game).

Notre Dame offensive coordinator Chip Long has been watching video of the Tigers' 12-0 season that includes a 42-10 ACC title game victory over a Pittsburgh team that Notre Dame beat 19-14 in South Bend.

"I don't want to give you my first impression," Long said with a slight chuckle. "They are awfully good."

Experienced, too. It will be Notre Dame's first foray into the playoff, but it's the fourth straight year



In this Oct. 27 photo, Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly reacts during a game against Navy in San Diego. The Irish face Clemson in the national semifinals. [GREGORY BULL/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Dabo Swinney's team has qualified. Coach Brian Kelly also noted the skills across Clemson's defensive front.

"They have them across the board: Long, athletic edge players, inside two-gap players with quickness," he said. "So

you can't pick a particular guy and say, we're going to run at him or we're going to run away from him or we're going to slide the

protection to him.... If there's a one-on-one across the board, they are all problems. That's what makes it difficult."

Mustipher has 37 consecutive starts on a revamped offensive line that had Quenton Nelson and Mike McGlinchey taken in the first round of the NFL draft after last season and one that lost senior left guard Alex Bars to a season-ending knee injury against Stanford. The unit also has a first-year coach in Jeff Quinn, who replaced Harry Hiestand after he left to join the Chicago Bears.

"We've started seven different linemen and played 12 different guys," said Quinn, who settled on a starting five of Mustipher, tackles Liam Eichenberg and Robert Hainsey and guards Aaron Banks and Tommy Kraemer. It will be Eichenberg tasked with protecting quarterback Ian Book's blind side on passing plays.

Embiid, Simmons help 76ers end slump

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Joel Embiid had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Ben Simmons got his second triple-double in his last three games, and the Philadelphia 76ers snapped out of a funk to beat the New York Knicks 131-109 on Wednesday night.

Simmons had 13 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. Jimmy Butler added 20 points and Landry Shamet had a career-high 17 off the bench for the Sixers (21-12), who shot 53.4 percent from the field and 50 percent from 3-point range.

Philadelphia had lost three of four, including a lopsided defeat in San Antonio on Monday.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 27 points and Kevin Knox had 21 for the Knicks (9-24), who have lost three straight and eight of their last nine. Emmanuel Mudiay, averaging 20 points per game in his previous nine contests, was held to 11 points on 3-of-12 shooting.

The Sixers were clicking offensively from the start, scoring 38 points on nearly 70 percent shooting in the first quarter, capped by a four-point play from Furkan Korkmaz. They led by as many as 14 in the first half and took a 69-61 lead into halftime, though the Knicks closed the half on a highlight-reel alley oop from Hardaway to Knox.

After the Knicks cut Philly's lead to three early in the third, Embiid and Simmons had back-to-back one handed slams to get the home crowd going and help the Sixers pull away.

ROCKETS 136, WIZARDS 118:

James Harden scored 35 points as the Houston Rockets set an NBA record with 26 3-pointers and won their fifth straight game. A 3 by Gary Clark tied the record with 2:42 left and fans began chanting: "Three, three, three," every time Houston got the ball after that. The Rockets missed their next four tries before Michael Carter-Williams hit one with 31.1 seconds left and was greeted with loud cheers. The previous record was held by the Cleveland Cavaliers, who made 25 against Atlanta on March 3, 2017. Harden made six 3s, Chris Paul added 5 and Gerald



Philadelphia's Ben Simmons goes up for a dunk during Wednesday's game against the New York Knicks in Philadelphia. [MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Green and Eric Gordon made 4 each on a night Houston attempted 55.

RAPTORS 99, PACERS 96:

Fred VanVleet hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 25 seconds left and the Toronto Raptors rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat the Indiana Pacers. Kawhi Leonard scored 28 points, Pascal Siakam had 17 and Greg Monroe 13 as Toronto snapped a two-game losing streak. The Raptors, who have the best record in the NBA at 24-9, avoided their second three-game slump of the season. VanVleet scored nine of his 11 points in the final quarter as Toronto won its tenth straight home meeting with the Pacers. Indiana has not won in Toronto since March 1, 2013.

BUCKS 123, PELICANS 115:

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 25 points and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the New Orleans Pelicans. Antetokounmpo added eight assists and eight rebounds for Milwaukee, which improved to 21-9. New Orleans, already short-handed in the frontcourt due to a rash of injuries, played an extended stretch without star forward Anthony Davis, who led the

Pelicans with 14 points and five rebounds in the first quarter.

SUNS 111, CELTICS 103:

Devin Booker had 25 points and eight assists, and DeAndre Ayton added 23 points and 18 rebounds to lead the suddenly resurgent Phoenix Suns past the Boston Celtics. It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Suns since opening the season 4-24. Phoenix has its first four-game winning streak since March 2015. T.J. Warren scored 21 points and Kelly Oubre Jr. had 13 for the Suns.

SPURS 129, MAGIC 90:

LeMarcus Aldridge scored 20 points and five San Antonio players scored in double figures as the Spurs rolled to a victory over the Orlando Magic. The Spurs, the NBA's leading 3-point shooting team, went 12 of 19 from behind the arc and 50 for 77 overall (64.9 percent) to win for the sixth time in seven games. San Antonio shot 69 percent through the first three quarters and led 104-77 heading into the final period. Marco Belinelli came off the bench and scored 18 points on 7-for-9 shooting, and DeMar DeRozan and Bryan Forbes added 17 points each.

Ohio rolls to win in Frisco Bowl

By Schuyler Dixon
The Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Nathan Rourke ran for two touchdowns and threw for another score, leading Ohio to a 27-0 victory over San Diego State in the drizzly Frisco Bowl on Wednesday night.

A.J. Ouellette rushed for 164 yards and the Bobcats (9-4) finished with 215 on the ground, the most the Aztecs (7-6) allowed all season with the fourth-best run defense in FBS.

Ohio finished with six wins in seven games and won a second straight bowl game under Frank Solich. He became the oldest head coach in FBS at 74 before bowl season when 79-year-old Bill Snyder retired at Kansas State.

San Diego State was shut out in a bowl for the first time since its first postseason appearance — a 53-0 loss to Hardin-Simmons in the 1948 Harbor Bowl at long-since-demolished Balboa Stadium in San Diego.

The Aztecs had 44 of their 287 yards on one run by Juwan Washington while losing a fourth straight game in a season for the first time in eight years under coach Rocky Long.

San Diego State's first meeting with Ohio was its first loss in 15 games against Mid-American Conference teams. The 27-point margin ended a streak of 10 straight games decided by single digits for the Aztecs, which the school said was the longest such streak since at least 1980.

Light rain that fell throughout the first half didn't seem to bother Rourke. The



Ohio wide receiver Andrew Meyer (9) celebrates a touchdown with quarterback Nathan Rourke during the first half of the Frisco Bowl against San Diego State, Wednesday in Frisco, Texas. [RICHARD W. RODRIGUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

junior fooled the entire San Diego State defense with a fake handoff to Ouellette and ran untouched 9 yards around left end to cap a 15-play drive for a 10-0 lead in the second quarter.

Rourke's other scoring run was from 11 yards before halftime, and he threw a 35-yard TD to a wide-open Andrew Meyer near the goal line on a flea-flicker from Ouellette in the fourth quarter. Rourke was 10 of 22 for 206 yards passing with 44 yards rushing.

Washington had 129 yards rushing. Ryan Agnew threw for 126 yards, many of them with the game out of reach late, after replacing Aztecs starter Christian Chapman in the first half.

The takeaway

San Diego State:

Long is one of five current coaches to lead his team to a bowl in each of his first eight seasons. The Aztecs, who have been to nine straight bowls, are 3-5 in the postseason under Long with consecutive losses in the Dallas

area. Army was a 42-35 winner in last year's Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth.

Ohio: The Bobcats have a 1-1 postseason record in Texas, getting even 56 years after losing to West Texas State 15-14 in the school's first bowl appearance in the 1962 Sun Bowl in El Paso. The school's only other game in Texas was in nearby Denton, a 31-30 double-overtime win against North Texas in 2009.

Up next

San Diego State: Standout LB Kyahva Tezino is eligible to enter the NFL draft, so his decision will go a long toward determining the Aztecs' hopes of getting back to 10 wins after a two-year streak ended. San Diego State opens at home against Weber State on Aug. 31.

Ohio: Solich's 15th season should be the third as a starter for Rourke, who is losing his top running back in Ouellette and three of his offensive linemen. The Bobcats open at home against Rhode Island on Aug. 31.

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AREA EVENTS

Boys basketball

Bay at Niceville 6:30 p.m.
Muscle Shoals at NBH 3 p.m.

Oconee County at Boze- man 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

White County vs. Ruther- ford at NBH 1:30 p.m.

Sevier County at NBH 4:30 p.m.

Oconee County at Boze- man 6 p.m.

Cottondale at Arnold 6 p.m.
Mosley vs. TBA in Orlando
Christmas Classic

Girls soccer

Mosley vs Rutherford at TOS 5 p.m.

Boys soccer

NBH at Pensacola Catholic 7 p.m.

ON AIR

Today

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.

BTN — Ohio at Purdue
ESPN2 — Texas Tech vs. Duke, Madison Square Garden

7 p.m.

FS1 — Coe at Creighton

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m.

ESPN — Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl: Marshall vs. South Florida

NBA

2 p.m.

ESPN — G-League, Rio Grande Valley vs. Long

Island

2:30 p.m.

NBA — G-League, Wisconsin vs. Memphis

4:30 p.m.

ESPNU — G-League, South Bay vs. Greensboro

7 p.m.

ESPN — G-League, Salt Lake City vs. Fort Wayne

TNT — Houston at Miami

8 p.m.

NBA — G-League, Delaware vs. Stockton

9:30 p.m.

ESPNU — G-League, Santa Cruz vs. Lakeland
TNT — Dallas at LA Clippers

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Johnson leads NC State

in upset of No. 7 Auburn:

RALEIGH, N.C. — Markell Johnson had career highs of 27 points and five 3-pointers to help North Carolina State upset No. 7 Auburn 78-71 on Wednesday night. Devon Daniels scored all 15 of his points after halftime for the Wolfpack (10-1), who led nearly all night before pushing ahead for good in the final 10 minutes. N.C. State shot 58 percent after halftime behind Johnson and Daniels. Johnson stood out with 19 points after the break, including a run of 10 straight points — a 3-pointer, a four-point play and pullup 3 in transition — during one critical 75-second sequence.

No. 3 TENNESSEE 83, SAM-

FORD 70:

Jordan Bone set career highs with 24 points and 11 assists, and No. 3 Tennessee beat Samford 83-70 on Wednesday night for its fifth consecutive victory. Bone shot 11 of 16 and committed only two turnovers. Admiral Schofield scored 18 points and Grant Williams had 13 of his 16 points after halftime to help the Volunteers (9-1) snap Samford's three-game winning streak.

No. 5 VIRGINIA 69, SOUTH

CAROLINA 52:

Ty Jerome had a season-high 25 points and No. 5 Virginia added to its perfect start with a victory over South Carolina. The Cavaliers improved to 10-0 for the first time since they opened with 19 straight wins on their way to the Atlantic Coast Conference title for the 2014-15 season. They showed off their usual stout defense while sending the Gamecocks (4-6) to their third straight loss — and second in a row to a No. 5 team after falling at then fifth-ranked Michigan on Dec. 8.

No. 11 FLORIDA STATE

95, NORTH FLORIDA 81:

Mfiondu Kabengele scored a career-high 24 points and No. 11 Florida State pulled away for a 95-81 win against North Florida on Wednesday night. Kabengele made 7 of 12 shots from the floor, 10 of 10 free throws and pulled down seven rebounds as Florida State (10-1) earned its fifth straight victory.

No. 13 VIRGINIA TECH 82,

NORTH CAROLINA A&T 60:

Nickeil Alexander-Walker scored 12 of his 20 points in the second half, and No. 13 Virginia Tech beat North Carolina A&T 82-60 on Wednesday night for its fifth consecutive victory. The Hokies (10-1) went 15 for 17 at the free-throw line and enjoyed a 42-20 rebounding advantage over the Aggies.

No. 17 MISSISSIPPI ST 98,

WOFFORD 87:

Lamar Peters and Aric Holman each scored 19 points, and No. 17 Mississippi State beat Wofford 98-87 on Wednesday night for its seventh consecutive win. The Bulldogs (10-1) rallied from a 12-point deficit early in the second half. Quindary Weatherspoon made 14 of 15 foul shots on his way to 18 points, and Nick Weatherpoon and Reggie Perry each had 12 points for the Bulldogs.

No. 22 INDIANA 86,

CENTRAL ARKANSAS 53:

Devonte Green scored 19 points, freshman Romeo Langford recorded his second double-double and No. 22 Indiana beat Central Arkansas. The Hoosiers (10-2) have won five straight, though this was their first victory by more than three points during the streak. They've also won eight straight home games.

The Associated Press

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9-Hole Junior Golf Tournament

There will be a 9-hole golf tournament Jan. 12 at Holiday Golf Club in Panama City Beach for boys and girls age 12 and under beginning at 9 a.m.

The entry fee is \$10 plus tax payable in the Holiday Club 18-Hole Championship Club House on the day of the outing. Please bring paid receipt to the No. 1 tee. To register for the event,

call or text Lee Anderson at 850-348-9431 and leave name and age of the junior golfer.

There will be an optional 9-hole cart rental for adults for \$10 payable in the pro shop. Junior golfers will walk playing the hole but may ride from the green to the next tee. Junior golfers may have a caddy.

To get an announcement in the paper email dkent@pcnh.com with information.

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Today	FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
	Houston	3	208½	at Miami
	at L.A. Clippers	3½	221½	Dallas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
	at Purdue	16	Ohio
	at Duke	7½	Texas Tech
	at N. Kentucky	7½	N. Illinois
	at Fordham	5	James Madison
	at Houston	5½	Utah St.
	at Long Beach St.	4½	Pepperdine

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
	at Dallas	-187	Chicago	+172
	at Columbus	Off	New Jersey	Off
	Nashville	-116	at Phila.	+106
	at Toronto	-205	Florida	+185
	at Carolina	Off	Detroit	Off
	at Boston	-158	Anaheim	+148
	at Pittsburgh	-119	Minnesota	+109
	Tampa Bay	-115	at Calgary	+105
	at Arizona	Off	Montreal	Off
	at Vegas	-190	N.Y. Islanders	+175
	at Vancouver	-110	St. Louis	+100
	at San Jose	-123	Winnipeg	+113

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Gasparilla Bowl				
Marshall	3	2½	51	S. Florida
Bahamas Bowl				
Toledo	6	4½	59	FIU
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl				
BYU	11	12	49½	W. Michigan
Birmingham Bowl				
Memphis	2½	3½	73	Wake Forest

Armed Forces Bowl

Army	5	4½	60	Houston
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Dollar General Bowl

Buffalo	3	2	49½	Troy
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Hawaii Bowl

at Hawaii	1½	Pk	61	La. Tech
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First Responder Bowl

Boise State	3½	2½	55½	Boston Col.
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Quick Lane Bowl

Georgia Tech	3½	5½	57½	Minnesota
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Cheez-It Bowl

TCU	2	Pk	39½	California
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Independence Bowl

Temple	3	4½	54½	Duke
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Pinstripe Bowl

Miami	3	3½	48	Wisconsin
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Texas Bowl

Vanderbilt	6½	4	55½	Baylor
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Music City Bowl

Auburn	5	3½	55½	Purdue
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Camping World Bowl

West Virginia	7	1½	67	Syracuse
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Alamo Bowl

Wash. State	6½	3½	54½	Iowa State
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Arizona Bowl

Arkansas State	2	2	57½	Nevada
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Peach Bowl

Michigan	6	7½	50½	Florida
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Belk Bowl

South Carolina	6½	4½	54½	Virginia
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Orange Bowl

Alabama	14½	14	79½	Oklahoma
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Cotton Bowl

Clemson	11	13½	55	Notre Dame
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Military Bowl

Cincinnati	6½	5½	53½	Virginia Tech
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Sun Bowl

Stanford	6½	6½	52	Pittsburgh
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Redbox Bowl

Oregon	1½	3	48	Mich. State
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Liberty Bowl

Missouri	10	8	74	Oklahoma St.
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Holiday Bowl

Utah	7½	7	46	Northwest
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Taxslayer Bowl

Texas A&M	4½	6	58½	N.C. State
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Outback Bowl

Mississippi State	5	7	44	Iowa
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Citrus Bowl

Penn State	4	6½	47½	Kentucky
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Fiesta Bowl

LSU	8	7½	55½	UCF
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Rose Bowl

Ohio State	5	6½	58	Washington
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Sugar Bowl

Georgia	10½	12½	58	Texas
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday	FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
	at Tennessee	10½	10	37½	Washington
	LA Chargers	5½	4½	44½	Baltimore

Sunday

at Dallas	7	7	47	Tampa Bay
at New Eng.	12½	12½	45	Buffalo
Atlanta	+5½	4½	43½	at Carolina
at Miami	4½	4½	38½	Jacksonville
at Indianapolis	7½	9½	46½	N.Y. Giants
at Philadelphia+1½	2	45½		Houston
Minnesota	3½	5½	43½	at Detroit
Green Bay	3½	2½	46	at N.Y. Jets
at Cleveland	7½	8½	44½	Cincinnati
L.A. Rams	12½	14	45	at Arizona
Chicago	6½	4	43	at San Fran.
at New Orleans	7	5½	53½	Pittsburgh
Kansas City	+2	2½	53½	at Seattle

Monday

Denver	2½	2½	44½	at Oakland
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Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	215	333
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	292	359
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	10	4	0	.714	352	281
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	372	300
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	268	254
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	225	289
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	5	1	.607	384	316
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	341	253
Cleveland	6	7	1	.464	309	348
Cincinnati	6	8	0	.429	337	413
WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	499	380
x-L.A. Chargers	11	3	0	.786	395	298
Denver	6	8	0	.429	306	299
Oakland	3	11	0	.214	260	418

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	276	269
Philadelphia	7	7	0	.500	311	318
Washington	7	7	0	.500	265	310
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	307	348
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	12	2	0	.857	459	292
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	333	344
Atlanta	5	9	0	.357	356	381
Tampa Bay	5	9	0	.357	344	4

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