

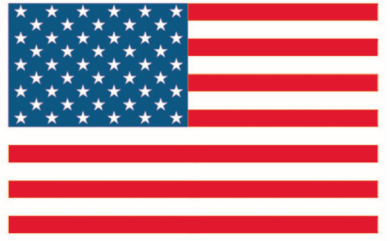
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Garza named 2018 Young Marine of the Year

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

Young Marine Jayson Garza has been selected for Young Marine of the Year. He will get to attend leadership camp with about 300 other Young Marines, where he will learn the proper leadership skills to return and teach up-and-coming enlistees in the program. Without siblings or immediate family in the military, one might wonder where he got his drive. "I do it for the community. This is something I really enjoy, and it is a great way to



HERALD photo/Tyler Schellie

The photo above shows the 2018 Young Marine of the Year, Jayson Garza at a Young Marines meeting held Monday, October 9.

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Oil, acrylics, photography, oh my!



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

If you would like to see unique pieces of art created by members of the Big Spring Art Association, they will be on display until Thursday, Oct. 25 at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts during their business hours. Awards for the entries will be announced at a reception tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The photo above displays a mixed media piece on the left titled "Heart and Soul" by Michelle Worthan, and on the right is "Eye of the Hummingbird" by Kay Smith.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

American Trappist monk, writer, and social activist Thomas Merton said "Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." If you agree, then come on down to the 64th Big Spring Art Association annual membership art show.

The BSSA Art Show is being showcased at the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College from Thursday, Oct. 4 through Thursday, Oct. 25. There are entries in five different categories, along with

a special "People's Choice" award.

Awards for all of the entries will be announced at a reception tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This is our annual show to recognize and honor local artists. All of the pieces are available for purchase," said BSAA President Michelle Worthan. "Artworks range from oils, acrylics, watercolors, graphics (pencil), inks, mixed media to photography. Please come join us for refreshments and to meet the

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Foggy morning accident



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring Police and Emergency Medical Services responded to a truck pulling a gooseneck trailer that had rolled down the embankment from Interstate 20 toward the South Service Road this morning about 9 a.m. Extent of any injuries is unknown.

Nazarene Christian Academy Golf Scramble winners



Courtesy photo

The photo above shows the winners of the Third Annual 2018 Nazarene Christian Academy (NCA) Golf Scramble held over the weekend at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. From left to right stands the second place team, Anthony Almazan and Lucas López, and the first place team, James Mcdougal and Ransom Gibbs. First prize received \$200 each along with a Cowboy Steak House \$25 gift card. Runner up, James Mcdougal, also won a golf club donated by the Golf Store. All of the proceeds raised in this

two-person golf scramble will be used as scholarship funds to benefit the kids of NCA.

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Dodgeball for a cause



Courtesy photo

Big Spring resident Christie Aguilar, third from right, was diagnosed with cancer in August. Her family, with help from the Big Spring YMCA, has organized a dodgeball tournament to help raise funds for her treatments and other medical expenses. Shown, left to right, are Christie's son Brandon; daughter, Jaci; husband, Raul; granddaughter, Lynnix-Jo; Christie; son, Raul; and daughter, Mistie. For more information on how to register for the dodgeball tournament, please contact Jaci Aguilar at 432-816-6818.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Want to get out there and dip, dive, and duck in some dodgeball fun? What about playing dodgeball to help a fellow local neighbor? You can do both at the YMCA Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Dodgeball Tournament for Christie Aguilar.

"My mom was just diagnosed with breast cancer Aug. 22, 2018, so not very long ago," said daughter Jaci Aguilar. "I wanted to put on a fund-raiser to help go toward treatments and medical expenses, so I called the YMCA and they were more than happy to help me host this for her."

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Jump with Jill

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

Local schools, Moss Elementary and Marcy Elementary, will be getting a visit by the Jump with Jill Crew on Monday, October 15.

In support of Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller's Farm Fresh Fridays initiative, nutrition-themed program "Jump with Jill" is heading to 16 schools in Texas this fall, including the aforementioned BSISD schools.

The Texas Farm Fresh Jump with Jill Live Tour teaches kids the importance of healthy eating and draws attention to Texas agricultural products like fruits, vegetables and dairy that make up a healthy diet. Not only is eating healthy Texas products good for you and the youth, it is great for the overall Texas economy.

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Jill Jayne

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Obituaries

Jean Ann Essex Farley



Jean Ann Essex Farley, 95, of Big Spring, was joyously welcomed into the arms of our Lord on Sunday, October 7, 2018. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Her celebration of life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, Runnels and 8th St., at 10:30 am on Thursday, October 11th, with burial to follow at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Jean Ann was born on May 21, 1923, in Monroe, Indiana, the eldest of six children born to Don and Cora Baker Essex, both teachers who became funeral home owners/directors in DeWitt and Stuttgart, Arkansas. On August 19, 1949, she married Don M. Farley, and they moved to Big Spring from Pampa in 1953, transferring to Tulsa, OK. in 1971;

finally returning to relaxing small-town living in Big Spring in 2001.

Her immediate families who are cherishing her memories are: son Essex Farley and wife Diana of Round Rock and their sons Jon and Cort; her daughter Ann Farley of Big Spring; Mark Farley and wife Deborah of Amarillo and their daughters Erin, Farrell, and Sydney; and son Tom Farley of Silver City, NM and his son Josh; brother Keith and Nancy Essex of Little Rock, AR; sister Emily (Essex) and Gordon Denton of Enid, OK; and sister Joey Essex Pedigo of Oklahoma City, OK., plus 13 great-grandchildren and one on the way. She was proceeded in death by her husband Don Farley and brothers Jack and Frank Essex.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, Big Spring, TX 79720

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police/Sheriff

- **MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA**, of 1108 W 6th St was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **PAUL ROSTUM RAMERIEZ**, of 800 Douglas was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **STEVEN JAY CLAYTON**, of 1700 W 1st St. was arrested on a warrant for a possession of a controlled substance PG 1 <1G.
- **SHANNA MARIE NOGGLER**, of 2206 S Monticello St. was arrested on a charge of hindering of officers discharging duties.
- **SAMANTHA BELLE SCHOLES**, of 1607 Jennings St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication, and possession of a controlled substance PG 1 <1G.
- **MARK ANTHONY MOLINA**, of 502 E 11th Place, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **RANDAL KIRK KIRKHAM**, of 300 block E 6th, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a property/building/aircraft/vehicle.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported on the 100 block of Midway Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on the 2400 block of Runnels.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on the 2000 block of S Gregg, and the 1100 block of S Gregg.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE**

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- **WILLIAM AGUILAR**, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA** was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for MTA/Evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- **STEVEN JAY CLAYTON** was arrested by BSPD on warrants for manufacturing and delivery, possession of a controlled substance PG 1 <1G, driving without license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and violate promise to appear.
- **RANDAL KIRK KIRKHAM** was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **MARK ANTHONY MOLINA** was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
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- **SAMANTHA BELLE SCHOLES** was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, and possession of a controlled substance PG 1 <1G.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Washington, one person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block

of Vines St., no transport was needed.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87, no transport was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87, one person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• Maranatha Baptist Academy 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is

now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.



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Christopher Michael Berry Corrick

Christopher Michael Berry Corrick, 41, of Midland, died Saturday, October 6, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly Sept. 13 Dec. 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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Officials: 4 men remain missing in West Texas flooding

By RYAN TARINELLI and JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS — Emergency crews are set to resume searching Tuesday morning for four co-workers who disappeared when their recreational vehicle was swept away by raging floodwaters that prompted dramatic air and water rescues in a small West Texas city.

Heavy rains Sunday night caused the South Llano River to rise and largely submerge Junction, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) west of Austin. Emergency crews looked for the men Monday, but abandoned the search as darkness fell and more rain set in.

"The river is full of debris," Texas Game Warden Rachel Kellner said early Tuesday. "RVs, boats, fences ... normally it's a nice, crystal clear river, but right now it's a muddy mess."

There were no other people known to be missing, Kellner said.

Right after the South Llano RV Park was overtaken with water Monday, officials were able to rescue about 40 people by throwing them life jackets or ropes. But then the water got too high and they needed helicopters and boats for the rescues.

Authorities rescued 15 by boat and four by helicopter, including, Kellner said, two people and a dog who were plucked from a tree. She said one woman floated about 18 miles (28 kilometers) down the river on debris before being rescued. She only sustained cuts and bruises.

National Weather Service meteorologist Stephen Harrison said more than 12 inches (30 centimeters) of rain has fallen in the area since Sunday and that more is expected.

"There's still the possibility some more flooding could occur in that area," Harrison said Tuesday,

adding that the afternoon was forecast to be dry.

Kimble County Sheriff Hilario Cantu has said it's possible that other campers are missing.

The RV park's main office was also swept away, "so whatever records they had there are not accessible," Cantu said. The RV park is adjacent to a city park where people can camp without registering, and Cantu said he doesn't know how many people might have been staying there.

Jamie McDonald captured one of the helicopter rescues on camera outside his hotel. McDonald, also known as "Adventureman," is an author and motivational speaker and was visiting the city as he runs across America to raise money for children's hospitals.

McDonald said he heard people shouting and screaming and opened the hotel room door. He found people on the balcony and saw a man in the water holding onto a tree.

"There was one guy just clinging on to dear life," he said in an interview Monday, describing the scene as "heartbreaking." At one point, McDonald said the man became separated from a tree and it was uncertain whether he would make it out OK because the current was so strong.

McDonald's footage shows onlookers worrying from afar. "Get a hold of something," one person says. "God help him please," another says.

Later, the man was hoisted up from the water by helicopter and safely lowered down to a parking lot, McDonald said. He said the man, who was naked, appeared bruised and battered.

"I can't believe they actually rescued him," McDonald says on the video. "That was incredible, just amazing support."



AP photo

A man who bystanders said was clinging to a tree in the South Llano River is rescued by helicopter, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018 in Junction, Texas. Crews in boats and helicopters are searching for at least four people missing since heavy rain washed away a recreational vehicle park in a small West Texas city

GARZA

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go out and do some community service while having a fun time doing so," Garza said. Garza has been in the Young Marines for 3 years. He shows up early and continues to drive towards bettering himself and the

community. "He's really opened up and come out of his shell since his first year as a Young Marine. The once shy Garza now is very outspoken, and does so in a very well mannered way. The improvement is nothing less than impressive," Unit Commander for the Crossroad Young Marines, Rodger Rodman said.

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artists at our reception." The organization meets every third Saturday at 10 a.m. to noon at the Howard County Library Community Room at 500 S. Main St; however, October's meeting will be a special plein air demonstration at Scenic Mountain State Park, with guest artist Tom Orsak of San Angelo.

Plein air refers to painting on site out of doors. The October meeting will still convene at 10 a.m.

Ms. Worthan invites all interested parties to join the group.

"We will meet at the pavilion on the top of the State Park," she said. "Everyone is welcome!"

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JUMP

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only rock and roll nutrition show Jump with Jill uses singable anthems to transform nutrition education into a live concert. The event will get students moving and learning about health in a way they will never forget. The Emmy-nominated nutrition education program has been performed all over the world for more than a million kids, and shows no sign of slowing. Children will dance and sing along with onstage talent in this very interactive program created by registered dietitian Jill Jayne

in May of 2006, and since has been performed all over the country for a million kids, including Texas youth.

"We are so excited to bring Farm Fresh messages directly to schools by singing and dancing our way across Texas," Jayne said.

Jill Jayne, MS, RD, is the country's only rockstar nutritionist. She is the leading expert in creating and delivering interactive media about health to kids and families. With the show's growing popularity, Jill personally casts and trains a Jill army to perform Jump with Jill around the country. The Emmy-nominated production has been performed for

over a million kids around the world. Jill's knack for rock & roll nutrition is the result of being a registered dietitian mixed with her musical experience as lead singer-songwriter of her rock band.

Jump with Jill is both educationally sound and completely rock and roll. Behaviorally-focused and research-proven, the show creates a world where healthy is not just an important thing to do, but the cool thing to do.

Jump with Jill will be stopping at Moss Elementary at 9:15 -10:15 a.m. and Marcy Elementary from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event is not open to the public; however, media outlets

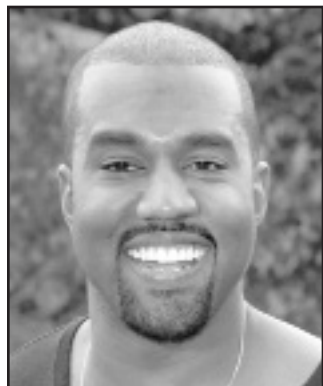
Kanye West to visit Trump, discuss prison reform, violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rapper Kanye West has been invited to the White House.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders says West is scheduled to have lunch with President Donald Trump on Thursday and meet with Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. Sanders said on Tuesday they'll talk about manufacturing, prison reform, preventing gang violence and reducing violence in Chicago, where West grew up.

Trump recently tweeted praise for West, who closed a "Saturday Night Live" show wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat and delivering an unscripted pro-Trump message after the credits rolled.

West is married to reality television star Kim Kardashian West, who successfully pushed Trump to grant a pardon for a drug offender this year and has met with senior aides regarding criminal justice reform.



Kanye West

CAUSE

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Jaci went on to give details about the upcoming tournament, stating that sign ups where going to be at 6 p.m. with the game starting at 7 p.m. that Saturday.

"It's going to be \$10 dollars a player, with 10 players to a team," said Jaci. "I've handed a lot of flyers out to high schools kids, but we welcome any and all ages to come and participate in the tournament. It's going to be a lot of fun, but also you will be helping out more than you know."

Jaci also said that during the tournament there will be breast cancer awareness bracelets for sale for \$5.

All the proceeds made from bracelet sales and the tournament will go into Christie's funds.

"This month is also breast cancer awareness month, so this tournament is a way to raise awareness about breast cancer; but more importantly, helping out a truly wonderful mom and person," said Jaci.

The website www.breastcancer.org posted earlier this year that about one in eight U.S.

women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. In the year 2018, an estimated 266,120 of new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,960 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer.

"I want to thank the YMCA for helping and providing us with the means to put on this tournament. I also want to in advance, thank everyone who comes out and signs up," said Jaci. The YMCA is located at 801 Owens St.

For more information contact Jaci Aguilar at 432-816-6818.

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Ronnie Covert, Sr., 76, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 7 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jean Ann Farley, 93, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 8 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 AM Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Richard Price, 56, died Saturday. Services are pending.

Christopher Michael Berry Corrick, 41, died Saturday. Services are pending.

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Floods sweep away West Texas RV park, at least 4 missing

JUNCTION, Texas (AP) — Rescue crews in boats and helicopters are searching for at least four people missing since heavy rain washed away a recreational vehicle park in a small West Texas city.

Kimble County Sheriff Hilario Cantu said Monday morning that no fatalities have been confirmed in the floods in Junction, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) west of Austin, but that "all the RVs, everything, got swept away."

Cantu says state and local agencies are helping with the rescues. Police say the city of about 2,500 people has no electricity.

National Weather Service meteorologist Aaron Woodward says the main flooding is along the South Llano River, next to the RV park. Woodward says radar estimates show that up to 12 inches (30 centimeters) of rain has fallen in the area since Sunday evening.

Texas Supreme Court to hear sex offender law challenge

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court will consider a challenge to the state's retroactive sex offender laws that some say unfairly stack new punishments on those convicted in plea deals.

An Austin-American Statesman analysis of the Texas registry found that more than 2,800 sex offenders remain on the list despite being no longer required to register under terms of their probation.

Every qualifying sex offender was ordered onto the registry in 2005 after Texas expanded

its sex offense laws. But that included some defendants who were promised in deals with prosecutors that they wouldn't have to be on the list after a certain amount of time.

In a lawsuit before the Supreme Court, San Antonio attorney Angela Moore argues that undoing plea bargains makes the agreements worthless.

Texas Department of Public Safety attorneys warn the lawsuit could relieve many "other sex offenders of their duty to register."

Average US price of gas spikes 7 cents per gallon to \$2.97

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline has spiked 7 cents a gallon over the past two weeks, costing \$2.97.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey says that's 41 cents a gallon higher than at this time last year.

Lundberg said Sunday that rising crude oil prices are the main reason for the increase at the pump.

The highest average price in the contiguous 48 states is \$3.82 a gallon in Los Angeles. The lowest average is \$2.58 in Houston.

The average price of diesel also rose 7 cents over the past two weeks, to \$3.28.

GE firm buys 5-percent stake in Abu Dhabi's state driller

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A subsidiary of General Electric Co. has agreed to purchase a 5-percent stake in the drilling arm of Abu Dhabi's state oil company for \$550 million.

The deal announced on Monday with Baker Hughes, also known as BHGE, values the drilling subsidiary of Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. at around \$11 billion. ADNOC says that valuation includes some \$1

billion in debt.

It also marks the first time Abu Dhabi has sold a stake in its businesses to a foreign interest.

ADNOC Drilling operates over 90 drilling rigs, making it the Middle East's largest drilling company.

Overall, ADNOC produces some 3 million barrels of crude oil and 10.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day.

BHGE's dual headquarters are in London and Houston.

Former first daughter Barbara Bush gets married

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — Former first daughter Barbara Bush has gotten married.

Her father, former President George W. Bush, escorted his daughter down the aisle while her grandfather, former President George H.W. Bush, watched the ceremony at the family's Walker Point compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, on Sunday.

The 36-year-old married 37-year-old screenwriter Craig Coyne.

Her twin sister, Jenna Bush Hager, told NBC's "Today" show on Monday Barbara wore something borrowed — a bracelet her grandfather had given to his wife on their 70th wedding anniversary. Her namesake and grandmother, former first lady Barbara Bush, died at age 92 in April.

The bride is the co-founder of public health nonprofit Global Health Corps.

The couple will live in New York.



Paul Morse photo
Barbara Bush was walked down the aisle by her father, former president George W. Bush.

Man arrested in fatal shooting of 16-year-old Dallas girl

AP photo
This photo provided by the Dallas County Sheriff's Department shows William Hester of Mesquite, Texas, who was arrested Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, on a manslaughter charge in the killing of a high school junior who, witnesses say, was shot in the head during a party at a home in north Dallas.



DALLAS (AP) — Police say a 19-year-old man has been arrested on a manslaughter charge in the killing of a high school junior who, witnesses say, was shot in the head during a party at a home in north Dallas.

Dallas police say William Hester, of Mesquite, was arrested Sunday evening in the death of 16-year-old Jakiyah Wrightsil.

Police say officers responded to a call about

a shooting at the apartment shortly after 4:30 a.m. Sunday and found Wrightsil's body. Multiple people were detained as they tried to leave the party.

Some witnesses told police that people had been playing with a gun during the party before Wrightsil was shot.

Jail records don't list an attorney who can speak on behalf of Hester, who has been booked into the Dallas County Jail.

Federal trial pulls back curtain on basketball recruiting

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer

The curtain to college basketball's worst-kept secret pulled back even more in a New York federal court last week, revealing a shady world of bagmen, secret payments and bags of cash.

New allegations were made and more programs ensnared as witnesses took the stand in the trial of an Adidas executive and two others facing wire fraud and corruption charges.

As the trial moves forward, the behind-the-scenes view into the black-market world of youth and college basketball will likely cast an even wider net, each day of testimony leaving athletic depart-

ments across the country wondering if their program will be next.

"You can rest assured there will be a few coaches sweating this trial out," former LSU coach Dale Brown said.

The trial stems from an FBI investigation into the seedy side of college basketball recruiting. Ten people, including four assistant coaches at prominent

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Family of Neil Armstrong to auction off personal artifacts

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Flight enthusiasts will soon get a chance to acquire items from astronaut Neil Armstrong's personal collection of artifacts.

The Dayton Daily News reports the family of the first man to

walk on the moon will auction off over 2,000 of his personal memorabilia during a series of sales by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions beginning next month.

The Ohio native's collection includes pieces from the Wright brothers' flyer which pioneered powered flight in 1903. Armstrong took fragments the flyer with him on his Apollo 11

mission to the moon in 1969.

The Armstrong Family Collection also features a centennial flag from Armstrong's alma mater, Purdue University.

One of Armstrong's sons, Mark Armstrong, says some of the collection items are historically significant while others will produce laughs.

Armstrong died in 2012.

Texas appeals court puts execution on hold

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' highest criminal appeals court has put on hold an execution that was scheduled for this week.

Juan Segundo was set to be executed Wednesday for the rape and slaying of 11-year-old Vanessa Villa. He was arrested nearly 19 years after the 1986 crime when a DNA match tied him to the cold case slaying in Fort Worth.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday ordered that

his execution be put on hold in light of a 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decision that invalidated the state's method of discerning intellectual disability. Attorneys for Segundo have argued that he's intellectually disabled and therefore ineligible for execution.

Segundo's attorneys also say the trial judge incorrectly allowed evidence on other offenses.

Ten inmates have been put to death in Texas so far this year.

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Not firing Rosenstein, Trump says; 'very good relationship'

By ERIC TUCKER and JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday he has no plans to fire Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, delivering a reprieve for the Justice Department official whose future has been the source of intense speculation for two weeks.

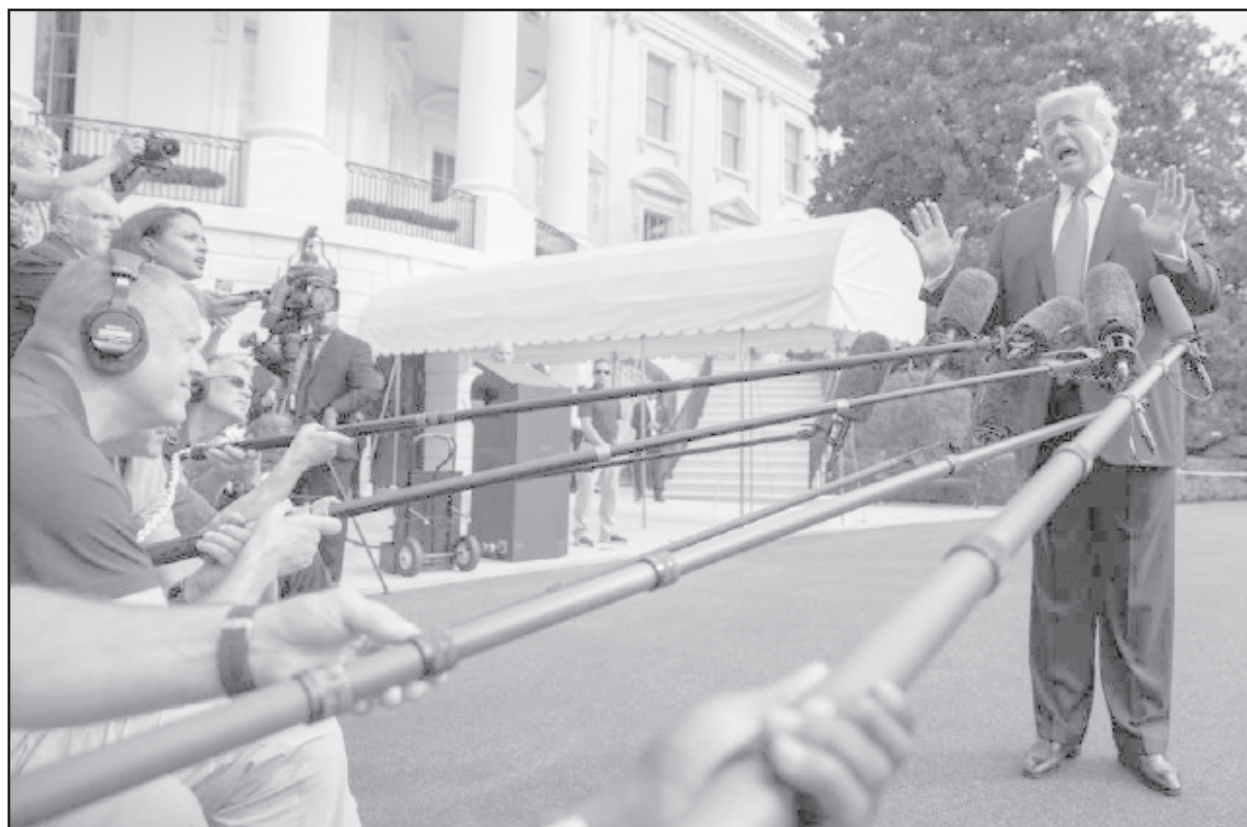
Trump told reporters at the White House that he had "a very good relationship" with Rosenstein and was eager to speak with him aboard Air Force One on a flight to Florida for the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference. They did talk, for about 45 minutes, but not alone, a White House spokesman said.

The group discussed violent crime in Chicago, support for local law enforcement, border security, the police chiefs' conference they were flying to and "general DOJ business," spokesman Hogan Gidley said without elaboration.

"The press wants to know, 'What did you talk about?'" Trump said later to an audience of police officials. "But we had a very good talk, I will say."

The flight provided an opportunity for their most extensive conversation since news reports last month that Rosenstein had discussed the possibilities in early 2017 of secretly recording Trump to expose chaos in the White House and invoking constitutional provisions to get him removed from office.

Those reports triggered an avalanche of speculation about the future of Rosenstein — and also the special counsel's investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign since the deputy attorney general appointed former



President Donald Trump speaks with reporters on the South Lawn of the White House, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Washington.

AP photo

FBI Director Robert Mueller to his post and closely oversees his work.

"I didn't know Rod before, but I've gotten to know him," Trump said at the White House. "I look forward to flying with him. It'll be very nice."

The Justice Department has denied that Rosenstein had proposed invoking the 25th Amendment of the Constitution and issued a statement that said the remark about recording the president was meant sarcastically.

Even so, Rosenstein told White House officials that he was willing to resign and arrived at the White House at one point with the expectation that he would be fired. He met in person with White House chief of staff John Kelly and spoke by phone with Trump during a tumultuous day that ended

with him still in his job. Rosenstein and Trump had been expected to meet at the White House days later, but that meeting was put off so that the president could focus on a confirmation hearing of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

Trump had previously said that he would prefer not to fire the Justice Department's No. 2 official and that Rosenstein has told him he did not say the remarks attributed to him. Advisers had also cautioned Trump against doing anything dramatic in the weeks before the midterm elections next month.

Kelly was present for Monday's conversation between Rosenstein and Trump, the White House said, as was Rosenstein's top deputy at the Justice Department, Ed O'Callaghan.

The speculation over Rosenstein's future concerned Democrats, who feared that a dismissal could lead to Trump curtailing Mueller's probe. Although Trump has at times criticized his deputy attorney general, he has reserved his sharpest verbal attacks for Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who recused himself from the Russia investigation in March 2017 because of his own earlier involvement with the Trump campaign.

Both men will likely see their futures re-evaluated after the elections, Trump advisers have said.

Besides the meeting with Trump, Rosenstein has also agreed to a private meeting with House Republicans who want to question him about his reported statements on the president.

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programs, were arrested in September 2017, accused of funneling hundreds of thousands of dollars in shoe-company money to top recruits to influence their choice of schools, agents and apparel companies.

Former Adidas executive James Gatto, former AAU coach Merl Code and aspiring agent Christian Dawkins are standing trial in the Manhattan federal court, accused of plotting to pay \$100,000 to the family top recruit Brian "Tugs" Bowen Jr.

Prosecutors have portrayed the schools as the victims, at risk of NCAA sanctions and the loss of millions of dollars in the pay-for-players schemes. Defense attorneys placed the blame on the schools for a win-at-all-costs mentality while trying lure top recruits, countering that only NCAA rules were broken, not federal laws.

"This is what corruption in college basketball looks like," U.S. Attorney Eli Mark said in his opening remarks. "When you lie, cheat and deceive in order to get a college to issue financial aid, that is a crime."

Paying top recruits has long been college basketball's dirty little secret, but only in a handful of cases had it been exposed. The federal probe, with the heft of wiretaps, subpoenas and threat of jail time, allowed investigators dig into places the NCAA cannot.

Testimony during the trial has shed more light on the dark underbelly of recruiting, sounding at times like a movie plot as one bagman-turned-witness described an envelope full of cash and Bowen's father nonchalantly discussed paying for his son's services as if it were a normal part of the process.

"Tugs was one of the top players in the country," Bowen Sr. testified. "Ev-

ery shoe company wants good players on their teams."

Bowen Sr. outlined the range of potential payments offered by schools: \$50,000 from Arizona, \$100,000 from Creighton, \$150,000 from Oklahoma State. He said there was interest from Oregon, which had previously not been linked to the corruption, and that Texas could help him with housing.

Bowen Sr. also outlined a cash payment from an Adidas representative at an AAU event, money to switch AAU teams and for a car.

Bowen Jr. ended up at Louisville, where already-embroiled-in-scandal coach Rick Pitino was fired, before transferring to South Carolina. Bowen Jr. was never cleared to play college basketball and pursued a professional career in Australia.

"Obviously, if you're a cheater you're going to just cheat," Brown said. "We can't just blame the kids for taking stuff. For a coach to buy somebody, barter somebody or use them is totally unacceptable. I think the percentage who do that is low, but they say if one does it, it's too much."

The NCAA ratified a reform package in August to address the issues raised by the FBI case, including stiffer penalties for rules violations, allowing players to work with an NCAA-certified agent while testing the NBA draft waters and changes to recruiting evaluations.

Any NCAA investigations and action against rule-breaking programs likely will not come until after the federal trials, which may not be until next summer, so the 2018-19 season may play out before any sanctions hit.

"Is anything going to change? I don't know," Brown said. "I'm hopeful, but it's been a long, slow process. The organization is making improvements, but needs revamping."



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Michael strengthens into a hurricane, menaces Florida

By JENNIFER KAY and GARY FINEOUT

Associated Press

MIAMI — A tropical weather system that rapidly strengthened into Hurricane Michael on Monday is likely to keep growing stronger ahead of an expected strike on Florida's Panhandle by midweek, forecasters said.

Michael could strengthen into a major hurricane with winds topping 111 mph (178 kph) by Tuesday night before an expected strike Wednesday on the Panhandle or Big Bend, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Since the storm will spend two to three days over the Gulf of Mexico, which has very warm water temperatures and favorable atmospheric conditions, "there is a real possibility that Michael will strengthen to a major hurricane before landfall," Robbie Berg, a hurricane specialist at the Miami-based storm forecasting hub, wrote in an advisory.

Michael's large size, strong winds and heavy rains could produce hazardous flooding along a stretch of Florida's Gulf coast with many rivers and estuaries where seawater pushed ashore by a hurricane could get trapped, said Hurricane Center Director Ken Graham.

"This is a part of the Gulf of Mexico that is incredibly vulnerable to storm surge," Graham said.

Parts of Florida's curvy Big Bend could see up to 12 feet (3.5 meters) of storm surge, while Michael also could dump up to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain over some Panhandle communities as it moves inland, forecasters said.

A large mound of sand in Tallahassee was whittled down to a small pile within hours as residents filled sandbags to prepare for potential flooding. A couple breweries in the city offered free filtered water to anyone bringing in growlers, jugs or other containers.

"All indications are that it's going to

be severe," said City Commissioner Gil Ziffer, adding that if the storm hits Florida's capital, there would be significant tree damage and power outages. "Hopefully we will have no one hurt and no loss of life."

Two years ago, Hurricane Hermine knocked out power for days in Tallahassee and caused widespread flooding as it came up through the Gulf Coast. Ann Beaver was among the three-quarters of city residents who lost electricity after that storm, and she was preparing Monday for a similar experience.

"I don't want to lose everything in the freezer, but it is what is," said Beaver as she loaded sandbags into her family's pickup truck.

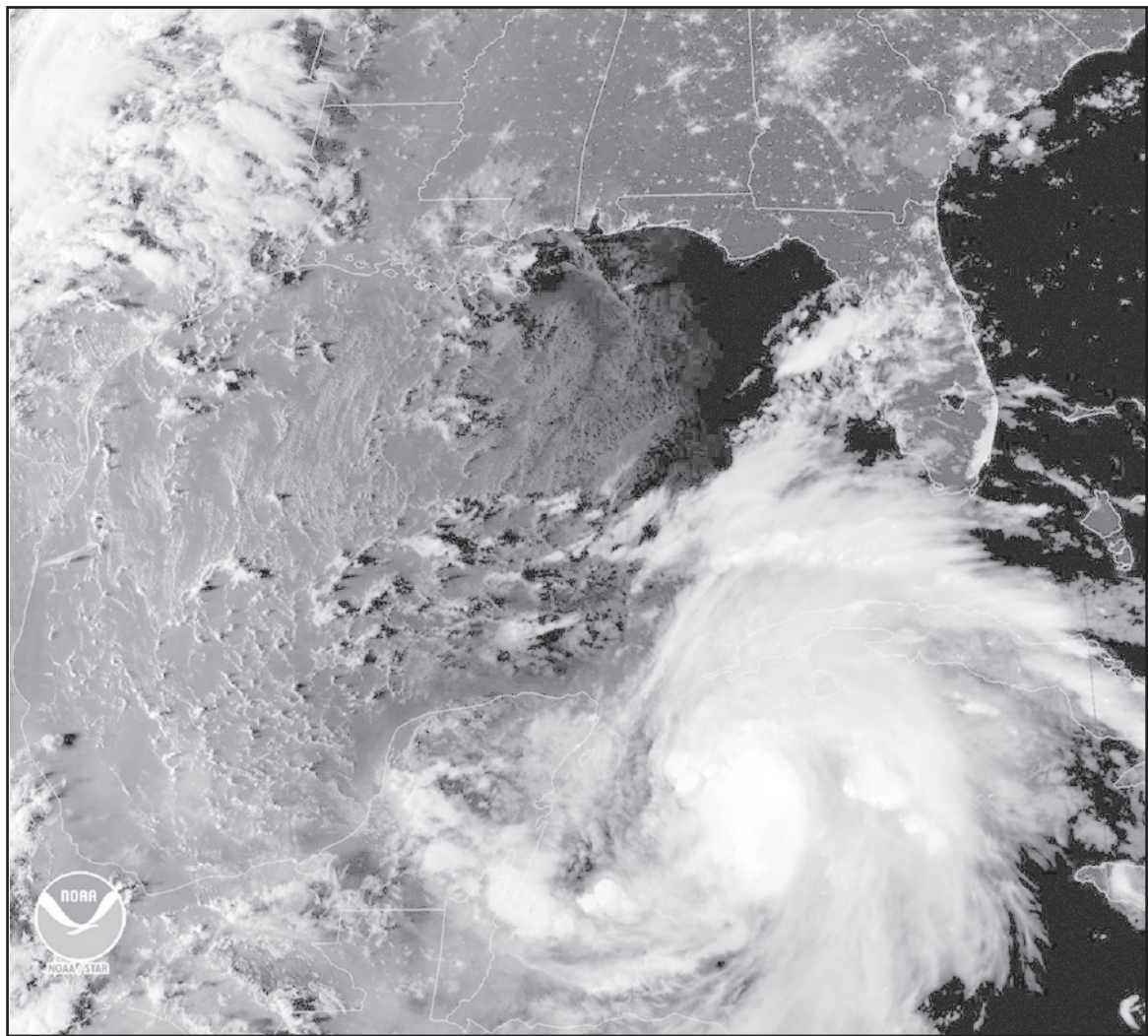
Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, who is the Democratic nominee for governor, had planned to campaign in South Florida on Monday and Tuesday, but he said he would return to the city to help with storm preparations.

Florida State University and Leon County schools canceled classes from Tuesday through Friday.

Farther west along Florida's Panhandle, the city of Pensacola tweeted to residents, "Be sure you have your emergency plan in place."

By 11 a.m. Monday, Michael's top sustained winds were around 75 mph (120 kph).

The storm was centered about 50 miles (80 kilometers) off the western tip of Cuba, and about 140 miles (220



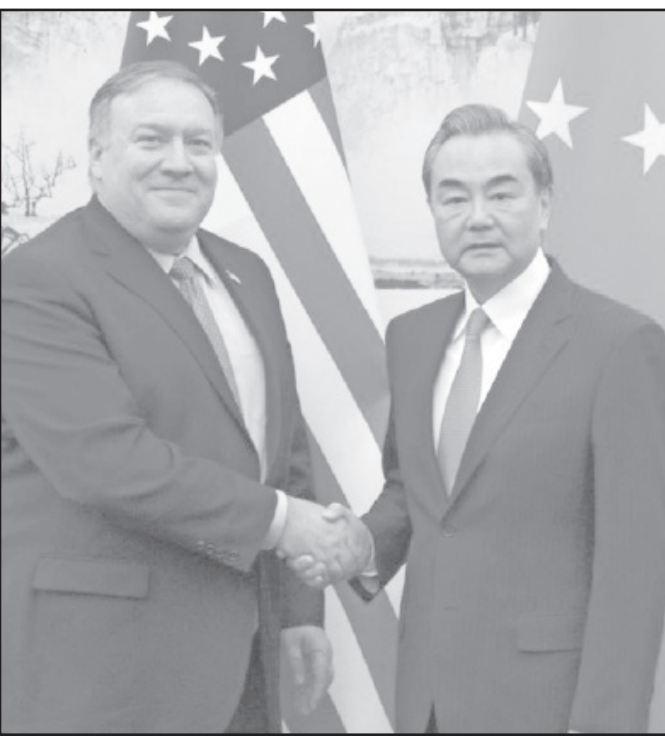
This satellite image provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a view of Tropical Storm Michael, lower right, churning as it heads toward the Florida Panhandle, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, at 6:52 p.m. Eastern Time.

kilometers) east-northeast of Cozumel, Mexico. It was moving north around 7 mph (11 kph).

Michael was lashing western Cuba late Monday morning with heavy rains and strong winds, according to the hurricane center. Forecasters warned that the storm could produce up to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain in western Cuba, potentially triggering flash floods and mudslides in mountainous areas.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott issued an order for a state of emergency for 35 counties, from the Panhandle through to Tampa Bay, to rush preparations, freeing up resources and activating 500 members of the Florida National Guard.

Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 30 miles (45 kilometers) from the storm's center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 175 miles (280 kilometers).



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, shakes hands with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi before their meeting at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese officials appealed to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Monday to repair relations they said have been damaged by U.S. tariff hikes and support for Taiwan, as their governments press North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons.

Pompeo said at the start of his talks with Foreign Minister Wang Yi that Washington has a "fundamental disagreement" and "great concerns" about Chinese actions and looked forward to discussing them. Reporters were then ushered from the room.

The polite but edgy tone underscored the plunge in U.S.-Chinese relations as the administration of President Donald Trump confronts Beijing over its technology policies and territorial claims in the South China Sea. Trump also approved a weapons sale to Taiwan, the self-ruled island the Communist mainland claims as its own territory, and sanctioned a Chinese company and its leader over an arms purchase from Russia.

Those developments came as the countries have raised tariffs on tens of billions of dollars of each

AP photo

China tells US to stop criticism, says relations suffering

other's goods in a dispute over U.S. complaints that Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology.

At the same time, the United States and China are cooperating on efforts to pressure North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to give up his country's nuclear weapons and long-range missile programs.

Pompeo met Wang and Yang Jiechi, a senior Cabinet official and former foreign minister, after talks Sunday with Kim in North Korea's capital, Pyongyang. Pompeo also visited Japan and South Korea, where he said Monday in Seoul that there had been "significant progress" toward an agreement for the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

Wang appealed to Pompeo to cease actions that Beijing sees as threatening its interests in order to avoid disrupting cooperation over North Korea and other issues.

"While the U.S. side has constantly escalated trade frictions with China, it has also taken actions regarding Taiwan that harm China's core interests," Wang said.

In their later meeting, Yang expressed Chinese frustration with Washington while avoiding specifics, telling Pompeo relations are "facing challenges." Washington and Beijing "should and must make the correct choices," Yang said.

"We hope the United States and China can meet each other halfway and conscientiously fulfill the important consensus reached by the leaders of both countries," Yang said.

In Seoul, Pompeo said he and Kim had agreed to soon begin working-level talks on details of denuclearization and placement of international inspectors at one of North Korea's main nuclear facilities.

Pompeo said they came close to finalizing a date and venue for the next Kim-Trump meeting.

"It's a long process," Pompeo told reporters. "We made significant progress. We'll continue to make significant progress and we are further along in making that progress than any administration in an awfully long time."

Trump, tweeting from Washington shortly after Pompeo left North Korea, cited progress Pompeo had made on agreements Trump and Kim reached at their June summit in Singapore and said, "I look

forward to seeing Chairman Kim again, in the near future."

Pompeo said he and Kim had gotten "pretty close" to fixing the logistics for the summit but stressed that "sometimes that last inch is hard to close."

"Most importantly, both the leaders believe there is real progress that can be made, substantive progress that can be made at the next summit and so we are going to get it at a time that works for each of the two leaders and at a place that works for both of them," he said.

North Korea's state-run news agency KCNA, meanwhile, said Monday that Kim had "expressed his will and conviction that a great progress would surely be made in solving the issues of utmost concern of the world."

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UN report on global warming carries life-or-death warning



Greenpeace members gather while the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC, hold a press conference in Incheon, South Korea, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preventing an extra single degree of heat could make a life-or-death difference in the next few decades for multitudes of people and ecosystems on this fast-warming planet, an international panel of scientists reported Sunday. But they provide little hope the world will rise to the challenge.

The Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued its gloomy report at a meeting in Incheon, South Korea.

In the 728-page document, the U.N. organization detailed how Earth's weather, health and ecosystems would be in better shape if the world's leaders could somehow limit future human-caused warming to just 0.9 degrees Fahrenheit (a half degree Celsius) from now, instead of the globally agreed-upon goal of 1.8 degrees F (1 degree C). Among other things:

- Half as many people would suffer from lack of water.
- There would be fewer deaths and illnesses from heat, smog and infectious diseases.
- Seas would rise nearly 4 inches (0.1 meters) less.
- Half as many animals with back bones and plants would lose the majority of their habitats.
- There would be substantially fewer heat waves, downpours and droughts.
- The West Antarctic ice sheet might not kick into irreversible melting.
- And it just may be enough to save most of the world's coral reefs from dying.

"For some people this is a life-or-death situation without a doubt," said Cornell University climate scientist Natalie Mahowald, a lead author on the report.

Limiting warming to 0.9 degrees from now means the world can keep "a semblance" of the ecosystems we have. Adding another 0.9 degrees on top of that — the looser global goal — essentially means a different and more challenging Earth for people and species, said another of the report's lead authors, Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, director of the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland, Australia.

But meeting the more ambitious goal of slightly less warming would require immediate, draconian cuts in emissions of heat-trapping gases and dramatic changes in the energy field. While the U.N. panel says technically that's possible, it saw little chance of the needed adjustments happening.

In 2010, international negotiators adopted a goal of limiting warming to 2 degrees C (3.6 degrees F) since pre-industrial times. It's called the 2-degree goal. In 2015, when the nations of the world agreed to the historic Paris climate agreement, they set dual goals: 2 degrees C and a more demanding target of 1.5 degrees C from pre-industrial times. The 1.5 was at the urging of vulnerable countries that called 2 degrees a death sentence.

The world has already warmed 1 degree C since pre-industrial times, so the talk is really about the difference of another half-degree C or 0.9 degrees F from now.

"There is no definitive way to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 above pre-industrial levels," the U.N.-requested report

said. More than 90 scientists wrote the report, which is based on more than 6,000 peer reviews.

"Global warming is likely to reach 1.5 degrees C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate," the report states.

Deep in the report, scientists say less than 2 percent of 529 of their calculated possible future scenarios kept warming below the 1.5 goal without the temperature going above that and somehow coming back down in the future.

The pledges nations made in the Paris agreement in 2015 are "clearly insufficient to limit warming to 1.5 in any way," one of the study's lead authors, Joerj Roegl of the Imperial College in London, said.

"I just don't see the possibility of doing the one and a half" and even 2 degrees looks unlikely, said Appalachian State University environmental scientist Gregg Marland, who isn't part of the U.N. panel but has tracked global emissions for decades for the U.S. Energy Department. He likened the report to an academic exercise wondering what would happen if a frog had wings.

Yet report authors said they remain optimistic.

Limiting warming to the lower goal is "not impossible but will require unprecedented changes," U.N. panel chief Hoesung Lee said in a news conference in which scientists repeatedly declined to spell out just how feasible that goal is. They said it is up to governments to decide whether those unprecedented changes are acted upon.

"We have a monumental task in front of us, but it is not impossible," Mahowald said earlier. "This is our chance to decide what the world is going to look like."

To limit warming to the lower temperature goal, the world needs "rapid and far-reaching" changes in energy systems, land use, city and industrial design, transportation and building use, the report said. Annual carbon dioxide pollution levels that are still rising now would have to drop by about half by 2030 and then be near zero by 2050. Emissions of other greenhouse gases, such as methane, also will have to drop. Switching away rapidly from fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas to do this could be more expensive than the less ambitious goal, but it would clean the air of other pollutants. And that would have the side benefit of avoiding more than 100 million premature deaths through this century, the report said.

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Governor: Limo that crashed shouldn't have been on the road



AP photo

Television networks broadcast at the roadside memorial scene of Saturday's fatal limousine crash in Schoharie, N.Y., Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. A limousine loaded with people headed to a birthday party blew the stop sign at the end of a highway and slammed into an SUV parked outside a store, killing all people in the limo and a few pedestrians, officials and relatives of the victims said.

By **MICHAEL HILL and SABRINA CASTERTA**

Associated Press

SCHOHARIE, N.Y. — The super-sized limousine involved in a crash that killed 20 people outside a country store failed a recent safety inspection and shouldn't have been on the road, and the driver wasn't properly licensed, New York's governor said Monday.

The state ordered the owner, Prestige Limousine, shut down while an investigation continues into what caused Saturday's wreck in Schoharie.

"In my opinion, the owner of this company had no business putting a failed vehicle on the road," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said while attending a Columbus Day Parade in New York City. "Prestige has a lot of questions to answer."

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration also said it was investigating the crash, which involved a stretch limo that Cuomo said had been rebuilt in a way that violated federal law.

A call to Prestige Limousine's office in Gansevoort went unanswered. Federal records show the company has undergone five inspections and had four vehicles pulled from service in the last two years.

The crash killed two pedestrians and 18 occupants of the limousine, which was carrying four sisters, relatives and friends to a brewery for a birthday party, according to relatives.

Amanda Halse sent her own sister a text around 1 p.m. saying she and her boyfriend, Patrick Cushing, had gotten in the limo and the group was headed to Brewery Ommegang in Cooperstown, according to her sister, Karina. The crash happened before she got a chance to reply.

"My heart is sunken. It's in a place where I've never felt this type of pain before," Karina said as she visited the crash site Monday.

Amanda, 26, a waitress at a retirement community, was "a very strong and independent person" who didn't like people to do things for her, according to her sister.

"She would be the one to initiate things," she said.

Authorities didn't say whether the limo occupants were wearing seat belts, give the speed of the limo or speculate what caused the limo to

run a stop sign at an intersection and slam into a parked SUV by the Apple Barrel Country Store and Cafe.

Autopsies were being performed, including on the driver, to see if drugs were alcohol were a factor. Investigators are also looking into whether the limo had any mechanical problems.

The intersection is a known danger spot that has long worried locals, even after an overhaul following a deadly 2008 accident there, according to Apple Barrel manager Jessica Kirby.

Since the reconstruction, three tractor-trailers have run through the same stop sign and into a field behind her business, she said. Officials worked with the state to outlaw heavy trucks, she said, but there are still wrecks.

"We have been asking for something to be done for years," she said in an email.

The 2001 Ford Excursion limousine was traveling southwest on Route 30 in Schoharie, about 170 miles (270 kilometers) north of New York City when it failed to stop at a T-junction with state Route 30A, state police said. The limo went across the road and hit an unoccupied SUV parked at the Apple Barrel, a local institution and popular stop for autumn leaf-peepers. The impact killed two pedestrians standing nearby.

Relatives said the limousine was bound for a 30th birthday celebration for the youngest of the four sisters.

"They did the responsible thing getting a limo so they wouldn't have to drive anywhere," their aunt, Barbara Douglas, said Sunday. "They were wonderful girls. They'd do anything for you and they were very close to each other and they loved their family."

A vigil was scheduled for Monday night in Amsterdam, where some victims lived. Grief counseling was offered at the Amsterdam school district, where victim Abby Jackson taught.

The crash appeared to be the deadliest land-vehicle accident in the U.S. since a bus ferrying nursing home patients away from Hurricane Rita caught fire in Texas 2005, killing 23.

And it is the nation's deadliest transportation accident overall since February 2009, when a plane crash near Buffalo, New York, killed 50 people, said Robert Sumwalt, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

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Easy as 1-2-3: Astros put on spectacular show in ALDS sweep

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — When the challenge arose in August, the Houston Astros responded like champions.

They're doing it again in October. Two months ago, last year's World Series winners hit one of those predictable lulls that every team encounters during the dog days of a season. Maybe feeling a bit overconfident and invincible, the Astros were caught atop the AL West by the Oakland Athletics, an everyman in 2018. But just when it appeared the Astros might be in some trouble, they switched on their after-burners. After Aug. 18, Houston went 29-10 to finish with 103 wins.

"There is an extra gear that our guys have," explained manager A.J. Hinch. "And once we hit the postseason, it looks like, as of right now, our guys really, really turned it on."

Showing no weaknesses while exposing Cleveland's flaws at every opportunity, the Astros took another step toward defending their crown Monday by finishing off a surprisingly easy three-game AL Division Series sweep with an 11-3 blowout of the Indians, who were overmatched on the mound, at the plate and in the field.

Houston outscored Cleveland 21-6. The Astros outhit the Indians .327 to .144 and banged out eight homers with making an error.

"They beat us in every area of the game," said Indians reliever Trevor Bauer, whose two throwing errors in the seventh inning of Game 3 propelled Houston's convincing clincher. "They're tough, man. They keep coming. We didn't play our best. I'm not sure if they played their best either,



AP photo

Houston Astros' George Springer (4) and teammates celebrate after defeating the Cleveland Indians in Game 3 of a baseball American League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Cleveland.

but they played much better than we did. And so, the better team won."

The Astros, who have some time to relax and get ready for the Boston-New York get ready for the Boston-New York series survivor in the ALCS, can win in so many different ways.

They have one of baseball's best rotations, anchored by Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole, a devastating 1-2 pitching punch that staggered the Indians in Houston. The Astros can play long ball, small ball and any kind of ball needed with a balanced lineup loaded with contact hitters.

Sure, they've got All-Stars in Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman, but the Astros are a selfless group that plays as one.

"We have the most complete team

in baseball," Verlander said between puffs on a cigar as his teammates showered each other with champagne in the clubhouse. "I've been part of really special teams, but the drive to win here trumps everything else. Everybody is OK with whoever is the hero."

It was Verlander in Game 1, Marwin Gonzalez in Game 2, and George Springer was among a number of deserving candidates with two homers in Game 3.

Springer has found his groove at just the right time. The 2017 World Series MVP was sidelined by a sprained left thumb that landed him on the disabled list in August. He struggled after returning and connected on just three homers over the final six weeks

of the regular season.

The postseason is his playground. Springer hit three homers in the final two ALDS game, giving him a franchise record 10 postseason homers.

"I said this to our team in there — special teams do special things in October," Hinch said. "And I believe that about players. George is one of them. We've seen him come up as an underprospect, produce at an uncanny level, hit the lowest of the lows in the World Series and then be the World Series MVP."

"I don't think this should surprise anyone. He's a really special player." On a really special team.

Before his team was pushed aside by the Astros, Indians manager Terry Francona sat at his office desk and described what makes them so good.

"Well, besides the talent, because they are obviously really talented, I do think they do a really good job of playing until the game's over," he said. "Like it's been noticeable for a while. You know some times, like I think I said this the other day, when you beat them, sometimes they just run out of time."

"You gotta have talent, but when you have talent and you play the game the right way, so that's why they have a lot of ways to come at you."

Oddly, the Astros seem to get overlooked, lost deep in the heart of Texas amid the endless debate about whether the Yankees or Red Sox are the league's best.

Houston makes its case on the field.

"That's a big-time rivalry and I understand that," Springer said, adding the Astros aren't craving publicity. "But it's all about us and our task at hand. That's all we focus on. We're going to sit back and watch and see what happens."

Garrett's OT choice speaks to Cowboys' sputtering offense



AP photo

Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) sacks Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, in Houston.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Jason Garrett decided to trust his defense by punting on a short fourth down in Houston territory in an overtime loss to the Texans.

The choice by the Dallas coach also said a lot about a sputtering offense that simply hasn't looked good enough to get the Cowboys where they want to go in 2018, even with NFL rushing leader Ezekiel Elliott.

Moments after Elliott was stuffed on third-and-1 from the Texans 42 closing in on the half-way mark of the 10-minute extra period, Garrett opted not to try it again on a night that his best offensive player was averaging just 2.7 yards per carry.

DeAndre Hopkins' spectacular 49-yard catch and run to set up Ka'imi Fairbairn's 36-yard field goal in a 19-16 Texans win sparked a steady round of second-guessing for a coach already fending off questions about a bland

offensive scheme with a bunch of receivers failing badly at trying to replace Dez Bryant.

And it led to more questions about those receivers, with a sobering answer from executive vice president of player personnel Stephen Jones on his radio show Monday. The Cowboys (2-3) host Jacksonville (3-2) on Sunday.

"I don't think there's a lot you can do about it," Jones said on the possibility of personnel changes before once again rejecting the persistent question of whether the Cowboys would bring back Bryant, the franchise leader in touchdown catches who still hasn't signed elsewhere almost six months after his release.

The Cowboys "really felt like we could with this group of receivers move the football," Jones said. "I still think we can. It's just a matter of continuing to work on working at it and getting in rhythm and executing and not getting behind the chains."

Dak Prescott is hav-

ing success throwing to Elliott out of the backfield along with Geoff Swaim, the primary replacement for Jason Witten so far at tight end. But the numbers for receivers have been meek more often than not this season.

Take away Prescott's improbable scramble for a 44-yard heave to Tavon Austin, and Dallas receivers had five catches for 36 yards in Houston. It was the first time they combined for fewer than 100 yards (80).

Dallas entered Monday 26th in the NFL with an average of 121 yards per game from receivers, and 30th in passing offense and points per game.

"We have to get better obviously," Garrett said. "At times this year, we have done a good job in the passing game. We have to be more consistent. We have to be more efficient. And we have to be able to continue to make those explosive plays if we want to score the points to win the games."

Houston Texans look to fix red zone woes



AP photo

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) and wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (10) walk off the field after they failed to score a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans got their second straight win on Sunday after an 0-3 start, but they still have plenty of room for improvement.

Notably in the red zone where they managed just one touchdown in six trips against the Cowboys.

"We've got to make major improvements there because we're moving the ball, but we're not scoring touchdowns," coach Bill O'Brien said.

"We're kicking too many field goals ... that's not a sustainable way to win games in this league and we know that. So, we're going to work hard to get it better this week."

The Texans rank third in the NFL by averaging 423.4 yards a game, but are tied for 15th by scoring just 23 points a game. They've struggled in the red zone all season, finishing with touchdowns

just 8 of 22 times. Houston has converted more than 50 percent of its chances inside the 20 in just one game this season, when it went 3 for 5 in an overtime win over Indianapolis on Sept. 30.

O'Brien said plenty of factors are contributing to the problem and that his staff is focused on fixing it.

"I think it's a combination of a lot of things," O'Brien said. "It's not a time for us to sit here and list all the things. I think it starts with me. I've got to do a better job of teaching it, designing it, and then there are some things that we have to do a better job of executing."

O'Brien credited the defenses Houston has faced for doing a good job of limiting his team in this area and noted how much more difficult things become once an offense is inside the 20.

"You have to be in this business day in and day out to understand how difficult the red area is," he said. "There's less

space, the windows, they open and close very fast, you have to make quick decisions, you have to throw the ball accurately, you've got to be able to run the ball by covering people up and blocking support and all these other things."

Quarterback Deshaun Watson, who is fifth in the NFL with 1,621 yards passing, said part of the struggles in the red zone come from his failure to execute plays. He pointed to a couple of throws he made that were short against the Cowboys that kept his team from scoring.

"We've just got to execute it. That's pretty much it," he said. "You can be simple. You can be creative. It doesn't really matter what you do, you've just got to execute the play. The plays are designed to get the ball in the end zone, and if everyone does their job and does it correctly and I make the right throw and make the right read, the ball should end up in the end zone."

Record-breaking night brings out Brees' emotional side



AP photo

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) responds to the crowd after breaking the NFL all-time passing yards record in the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in New Orleans, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

By **BRETT MARTEL**

AP Sports Writer
NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees used one hand to hold his helmet and the other to wipe away tears.

It was the first time the 39-year-old Brees had ever walked off of a football field knowing that he had thrown for more yards than any quarterback in the history of the NFL. And the Saints quarterback couldn't help but be overwhelmed by thoughts of all the work and people who helped him get to such an esteemed point.

"I broke down and cried a bunch of times this week, just thinking about so many things," Brees said after his latest NFL-record-setting performance in a 43-19 victory over the Washington Redskins on Monday night. "I think about all the people who have influenced my life in such a powerful way, and there were so many of those people that were here tonight, that witnessed this, so many people that I spoke to this week that are a part of this, and so many other still that I have yet to have a chance to reach out to."

"Two of the people who had biggest influence on my football career certainly and on who I am, growing up, are my mom and my grandfather and they're in heaven. They're no longer here, but I know that they would be proud," Brees added.

The 6-foot Brees was lightly recruited out of high school in Austin, Texas, considered un-

dersized for a quarterback at the major college and pro levels. He led Purdue to the Rose Bowl and was a Heisman Trophy finalist, but no NFL team picked him in the first round of the 2001 draft. Brees' first team, the Chargers, discarded him after a shoulder injury in 2005, setting the stage for his arrival in New Orleans and his emergence as one of the most prolific quarterbacks ever.

His latest outing would have been memorable even if no records were in play. He completed 26 of 29 passes for 363 yards and three TDs. His second touchdown was a 62-yarder to rookie TreQuan Smith that put Brees ahead of Peyton Manning's previous all-time mark of 71,940 yards.

Moments after that touchdown, the NFL halted the game for about three minutes so the ball could be handed over to Pro Football Hall of Fame officials. Brees was able to embrace his family and coach Sean Payton on the sideline.

"It's a beautiful thing, a beautiful experience for all of us," said Saint left tackle Terron Armstead, the first teammate to hug Brees after the record-setting completion to Smith. "The energy in the stadium at that time, I thought he was going to cry, really. He's a tough dude, he probably didn't want to show that side. But it was an amazing experience."

Some other things to know about the Saints' victory over Washington:

RISING ROOKIE Smith is a third-round

draft choice out of Central Florida who, in his fifth NFL game, became immortalized for his role in Brees' record-breaking night.

"Now I get to go down in history with somebody famous in (future) Hall of Famer Drew Brees," Smith said. "I'm glad it happened to me."

And Brees is glad to see Smith emerging into the player he showed signs of becoming in training camp. Smith finished with three catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

"This kid could really help us, could really be a big part of our offense," Brees said.

NON-STAR TREATMENT

Cornerback Josh Norman is supposed to be the centerpiece for a Redskins defense that had allowed the fewest passing yards in the NFL entering the game against the Saints, but he struggled just as much as the rest of the secondary as Drew Brees threw for 250 yards in the first half.

Coach Jay Gruden even benched Norman for the first series of the second half, but the move backfired when his replacement, Greg Stroman, was beaten for an easy touchdown by Smith. Norman returned on the next se-

ries.

INGRAM'S BACK

Mark Ingram wasted little time putting his imprint on his first game back from a four-game suspension for use of a banned substance. He scored two of the Saints first three touchdowns on short runs and finished with 53 yards rushing and 20 receiving.

"Just an exciting moment just being back with my teammates," Ingram said. "Just a lot of pent-up emotion, being away from my guys, being able to come back out here. I don't take anything about this game for granted."

PETERING OUT

Veteran running back Adrian Peterson was looking resurgent coming into a game against the team that traded him away early last season.

He left the Superdome with a shoulder strain and was scheduled for an MRI.

Before his injury, Peterson gained 36 yards on two catches out of the backfield, but had only 6 yards rushing on four carries.

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Patriots	3	2	0	133	108
Dolphins	3	2	0	99	117
Bills	2	3	0	63	118
Jets	2	3	0	123	105

AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	5	0	0	175	129
Chargers	3	2	0	137	130
Broncos	2	3	0	100	131
Raiders	1	4	0	107	149

AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bengals	4	1	0	153	130
Ravens	3	2	0	132	77
Browns	2	2	1	114	113
Steelers	2	2	1	143	133

AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Titans	3	2	0	87	86
Jaguars	3	2	0	102	86
Texans	2	3	0	115	124
Colts	1	4	0	118	138

National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Redskins	2	2	0	83	87
Cowboys	2	3	0	83	96
Eagles	2	3	0	103	104
Giants	1	4	0	104	128

NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	5	0	0	173	98
Seahawks	2	3	0	116	114
Cardinals	1	4	0	65	112
49ers	1	4	0	118	146

NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bears	3	1	0	111	65
Packers	2	2	1	115	114
Vikings	2	2	1	113	131
Lions	2	3	0	125	137

NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Saints	4	1	0	180	140
Panthers	3	1	0	104	91
Buccaneers	2	2	0	112	139
Falcons	1	4	0	133	163

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