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The Big Spring Rotary Club cares about local students. In efforts to enhance Stanton Elementary's Reading and Comprehension program for all students, the Big Spring Rotary Club donated 125 dictionaries to the fourth grade classes. The donation was presented on Friday at the school. Pictured from left to right include Rotary members Leah Mitchell, Lacey Emerson, Jan Foresyth, Shawnda Aaron, Clarence Hartfield and Bruce Schooler.

USPS operating status for National Day of Mourning, Dec. 5, 2018

Special to the Herald
 President Donald J. Trump has proclaimed Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, as a National Day of Mourning in remembrance of former President George H.W. Bush.



Out of respect for the 41st President of the United States and to honor his vast contributions to our country during his lifetime, and consistent with the Presidential Proclamation, the United States Postal Service will suspend regular mail deliveries, retail services and administrative office activity on Dec. 5.

We will provide limited package delivery service on that day to ensure that our network remains fluid and we do not experience any impacts to our package delivery operations that might negatively affect our customers or business partners during the remainder of our busy holiday season.

Ritchey named BSISD Athletic Director

The following is a press release received this morning from BSISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams:



Mike Ritchey

The Big Spring ISD administration is excited to announce that Mike Ritchey will move from Interim Athletic Director status to the Athletic Director's position immediately. Mr. Ritchey will continue to serve as the Big Spring High School Principal concurrently with his Athletic Director's position. The district intends to make arrangements for administrative support at the high school so that Mr. Ritchey has time available to address the needs of both the athletic department and the high school. Additionally, the district administration will post a Head Football Coach position on its website and looks forward to finding and hiring an exceptional individual to lead the football program at Big Spring ISD.

VA gives light to Christmas tree



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

(Top photo) The West Texas VA Medical Center's familiar "Christmas tree" and lighted trim were turned on Monday evening for the first time this year. The lights will adorn the VA throughout the holiday season.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

(Bottom photo) Kids pose with Santa Claus at the West Texas VA Medical System's annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony Monday evening, as veterans gather around. About 60 people showed up to the event.

Notice: Ann Reid, court clerk for Precinct 1, Place 2, Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons has issued a statement that the trial set for Dec. 12 in Judge Fitzgibbons' court has been cancelled. The jury assigned to the trial does not need to report for duty.

Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Amber says "Only 21 Days 'til Christmas!"
 (Amber Mansfield, Life Reporter)

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Santa to make appearance at Welch Reception Center

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

There's no bigger Christmas mystery than Santa's existence. Most of the time to children, the only form of communication they get with the big red guy is through a letter to the North Pole. So when a child gets a chance to meet and sit on the holly jolly's man lap to

tell him for themselves what they want for Christmas, it can be a magical moment in their childhood. Nalley Pickle and Welch is giving a chance for you to create that special moment for your little ones by bringing Saint Nick to Big Spring on Saturday, Dec. 8.

"Bring your little ones

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HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

The photograph above shows the Welch Reception Center where Santa Claus will be available to visit and take pictures this Saturday, Dec. 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

Phillip James "P.J." Dominguez



Phillip James "P.J." Dominguez, 41, of Big Spring died Saturday, December 1, 2018, at his residence.

Rosary services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born December 3, 1976, in Big Spring to Manuel and Adela Dominguez. P.J. graduated from Big Spring High School and was co-founder and member of Low Image CC, which was established in 1990. He was known as "P.J. the D.J.," and was involved with Relay for Life and donated his time to numerous other civic activities. P.J. was District Director for the local chapter of

LULAC, was co-chair of the civil rights committee of the West Texas Chapter of LULAC, was charter President of 22294 LULAC and served on the board of directors of the Northside Movement. P.J. impacted many lives not only in Big Spring, but all across Texas.

Survivors include four sisters and one brother, Monica Martinez and husband Joe, Manuel Dominguez, Dr. Cecilia Sophia Dominguez, Patsy Garza and husband Albert, and Becky Dominguez; seven nieces and nephews, Chach, Toto, Kia, Ankamo, Aiken, E.J. and Pida; seven great-nieces and -nephews, Ducky, Dito, Piness Avii, Ham, MnM, White Girl, Peanut, BriBri and Papa; numerous God-children; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother-in-law, Eddie White.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MATTHEW LAWSON BESSIRE**, 46, was booked by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (Penalty Group 1, less

than 1 gram).

- **TONY RAY BINGHAM**, 37, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **THOMAS OLIVER BRADBERRY**, 51, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram) and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **ROBERT CASTANEDA**, 28,

was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **GARY LESLEY HOSEY**, 58, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **TRACY JOHNSON**, 33, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and driving with a suspended or invalid license.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 800 block of West Seventh St.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of East FM 700. One person was treated at the scene.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was

reported at the intersection of 21st Street and Scurry. Five people were treated at the scene.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Drive. One person was treated at the scene.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Seventh Street. One person was treated at the scene.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of South Highway 87 and Hearn. Three people were treated at the scene.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of South Highway 87 and Hearn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, 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.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TONY RAY BINGHAM**, 37, of 2101 Marilyn Dr. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **MATTHEW LAWSON BESSIRE**, 46, of 903 E. 16th St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram).

- **THOMAS OLIVER BRADBERRY**, 51, of 2705 Ann Dr. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram) and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **GARY LESLEY HOSEY**, 58, of 3312 Drexel Ave. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **TRACY LYNN JOHNSON**, 33, of 1314 Tucson was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 100 block of South Main St.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported on FM 846.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of West Interstate 20 and the 1700 block of Muleshoe Lane.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of East FM 700 and the 600 block of West Interstate 20.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of South Scurry and 21st streets.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard and the 1200 block of Wright St.

- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of East FM 700 and at the intersection of Baylor Boulevard and Kentucky Way.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5900 block of the North Service Road of Interstate 20.

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.

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10 Things to Know for Today



AP photo

President Donald Trump salutes alongside first lady Melania Trump in front of the flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. BUSH REMEMBERED AS 'GREAT MAN' AND 'GENTLE SOUL'

The nation's capital mourns the 41st president as he lies in state with solemn ceremony and high tributes to his service and decency.

2. ISRAEL TARGETS HEZBOLLAH BORDER TUNNELS

The Israeli operation could send tensions soaring between Israel and its Iranian-backed foe, whose last conflict was more than a decade ago.

3. FRANCE TRIES TO DEFUSE TENSIONS

The French government announces a suspension of fuel tax hikes in an effort to appease a protest movement that has radicalized.

4. EXPERTS SKEPTICAL OF TRADE TRUCE

Economists at Goldman Sachs say that the amount of progress made between Trump and China's president at the G-20 summit appears "quite limited."

5. DEEP-POCKETED DEMOCRATS HIT KEY STATES

Billionaires Tom Steyer and Michael Bloomberg are travelling to early presidential primary states, stoking speculation about whether they will run.

6. THE MISSING: A MOTHER'S ANGUISH

Eight years ago, Haydee Posadas' son fled violence in Honduras and disappeared en route in Mexico, one of thousands of U.S.-bound migrants who have died or gone missing, AP finds.

7. WHAT A NEW YORK LAWMAKER WANTS

State Sen. Kevin Parker's proposal would require police to scrutinize the social media activity and online searches of handgun license applicants.

8. ECONOMIC CHILL DULLS CHINESE APPEAL FOR LUXURY BRANDS

Designer boutiques like Louis Vuitton and Burberry increasingly rely on Chinese customers who spend \$90 billion a year on jewelry, clothes and other high-end goods.

9. WHO IS THE KING OF SPORTIFY ... AND APPLE

Drake is the platform's most-streamed artist of the year globally while the rapper also dominated streaming at Apple Music.

10. FLY, EAGLES, FLY

Carson Wentz keeps Philadelphia in the hunt for the NFC East title with a 28-13 victory over the depleted Washington Redskins.

Oil prices perk up on trade truce, possible OPEC decision

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer

A rally in oil prices after a two-month slide indicates traders are betting that OPEC and its allies including Russia will agree to produce less crude.

Representatives of oil-producing nations will hold a highly anticipated meeting Thursday in Vienna, with analysts predicting that they will agree on a cut of at least 1 million barrels a day in an effort to bolster prices.

Russian President Vladimir Putin boosted expectations for a deal when he said at the G20 summit over last weekend that Russia and Saudi Arabia have agreed to extend an attempt by OPEC to balance oil supply and demand — although he provided no figures.

Crude prices began falling in October and continued to plunge last month due to oversupply and fears that weaker global economic growth would dampen energy demand. The price of both benchmark U.S. crude and the standard for internationally traded oil fell 22 percent in November.

On Monday, however, West Texas intermediate rose \$2.02, or 4 percent, to settle at \$52.95 a barrel, and Brent international crude climbed \$2.23, or nearly 4 percent, to close at \$61.69 a barrel in London.

Analysts attribute the turnaround to a truce in the escalating trade dispute between the United States and China. That has raised hopes that, with a cessation in further tit-for-tat tar-

iffs, short-term economic growth and energy demand might be stronger than feared.

Also, the Alberta premier announced that the Canadian province will trim production by 8.7 percent because a shortage of pipeline capacity has caused a glut of Canadian crude. Canada is the largest source of oil imported by the U.S.

Finally, the small but wealthy Persian Gulf nation of Qatar said Monday that it will leave OPEC in January. Qatar has been feuding with Saudi Arabia and three other Arab nations that accuse it of financing terrorism.

Qatar is one of the smallest oil producers in OPEC, so its departure will have only a marginal impact on the cartel's share of the world's supply. Still, the surprising announcement by Qatar's energy minister underscores the political tension within OPEC, "which doesn't necessarily make it easier to come to a decision" on cutting production, said JBC Energy analyst David Wech.

Some analysts expect OPEC and Russia will agree to even larger cuts, about 1.5 million barrels a day. Anything less, they say, could set the stage for continued global oversupply next year and send oil prices lower.

OPEC must produce "a credible agreement" to cut output by about 1.5 million barrels a day for oil prices to recover their recent losses, Credit Suisse analyst William Featherston wrote in a note Monday. The Saudis, he said, will have to bear the largest share of cuts.

Saudi Arabia seems eager to

reduce supply, Featherston said, but the kingdom's decision is complicated by President Donald Trump's desire for lower prices and the Saudis' wish to improve relations with the U.S. after the murder of journalist and U.S. resident Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump blamed OPEC and Saudi Arabia earlier this year for high oil prices. When U.S. crude skidded to \$54 on Nov. 21, he tweeted "Thank you to Saudi Arabia, but let's go lower!" Trump might complain about cuts designed to send prices higher.

U.S. producers have benefited from higher prices. American output has soared since the price bust of 2014-15, and the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates that the U.S. has eclipsed Russia and Saudi Arabia to become the world's biggest producer. (Saudi Arabia remains the top exporter.)

Much of that new U.S. production is coming out of shale formations that lie underneath West Texas and New Mexico. Executives of some companies that operate there, including Trump supporter Harold Hamm, the chairman and CEO of Continental Resources Inc., have said recently that they might cut back on production if oil falls below \$50 a barrel, which it barely avoided in late November.

"I think (Trump) is starting to realize that if oil prices continue to fall, it might have a negative effect for U.S. producers," said Phil Flynn, a prominent oil analyst. "I think he has heard from a couple of them, 'Hey, you don't want to crash this thing too hard.'"

Member of 'Texas 7' prison-break gang set for execution

By JUAN A. LOZANO and MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Attorneys for a death row inmate who is scheduled to die Tuesday say he should be spared because he wasn't the one who killed a suburban Dallas police officer during a Christmas Eve robbery 18 years ago, it was other escaped inmates he was with.

Joseph Garcia, 47, is slated to die by lethal injection after 6 p.m. at state penitentiary in Huntsville. He was among the notorious "Texas 7" gang of inmates who escaped from a South Texas prison in December 2000 and then committed numerous robberies, including the one in which they shot 29-year-old Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins 11 times, killing him.

Hawkins had just finished Christmas Eve dinner with his

family when he responded to the call about the robbery at a sporting goods store and was ambushed.

The escaped inmates were arrested a month later in Colorado, ending a six-week manhunt. One of them killed himself as officers closed in and the other six were convicted of killing Hawkins and sentenced to death. Garcia would be the fourth to be executed. The other two are on death row.

Garcia's attorneys have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop his execution, arguing that he never fired his gun at Hawkins or intended to kill the officer. One of his lawyers, J. Stephen Cooper, said prosecutors didn't have any information that showed his client was one of the shooters.

"He didn't do anything violent or prepare or encourage anybody else to do anything violent," Cooper said.

Garcia was convicted under Texas' law of parties, in which a person can be held responsible for another individual's crime if he or she assisted or attempted to help in the commission of that crime.

Toby Shook, the lead prosecutor who handled Garcia's case and those of the other five inmates, said that although authorities couldn't narrow down which inmate used which gun to shoot Hawkins, the inmates acted as a team to commit the robbery and to kill the officer.

Shook said Garcia's case is a clear example of why the law of parties is needed in certain cases.

"He was up to his ears in murder and mayhem out there. He was actively participating in everything," said Shook, now a defense attorney in Dallas.

Shook said Garcia's execution will be another step to getting closure for Hawkins' family and law enforcement.

SANTA

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to see Santa Claus," said Donna Carroll from Nalley Pickle and Welch. "Everyone is invited to come at the Welch Reception Center, this Saturday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. You can get your child or children's picture taken with Santa, or you can make it a family affair and everyone can stand in and get their picture taken together!"

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Judge clears records of 4 Texas women in sex assault case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has expunged the criminal records of four Texas women whose sexual assault convictions were overturned on appeal due to faulty expert testimony at their trials.

Elizabeth Ramirez, Cassandra Rivera, Kristie Mayhugh and Anna Vasquez served nearly 15 years in prison for their 1994 convictions before those were overturned. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 2016 exonerated the women who came to be known as the San Antonio 4. But the felony convictions remained on their records until state District Judge Catherine Torres-Stahl ordered them removed Monday.

Ramirez's nieces, then ages 7 and 9, accused the four of assaulting them during a weekend visit with their aunt. One niece later recanted her testimony, saying family members upset about her aunt being a lesbian had told her to lie.

Ex-Texas lawman in court for double slaying in upstate NY

SODUS, N.Y. (AP) — A former Texas police officer has pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the fatal shooting of an upstate New York couple in October.

Thirty-four-year-old Bron Bohlar entered the plea to a conspiracy charge Monday morning in Wayne County, New York.

Authorities say the former Sunray, Texas, police officer helped Timothy Dean and his wife, Charlene Childers, plan the slayings of Amber Washburn and Joshua Niles, who was Childers' ex-boyfriend.

Police say Dean shot the couple outside their home in Sodus on Oct. 22. Dean and Childers were arraigned last week in Wayne County on murder charges.

Dean is a former Sunray police chief.

Bohlar's attorney, James Riotto, says his client had nothing to do with the slayings.

Relatives say Niles had recently won custody of the two children he had with Childers.

Remains of Houston aviator in WWII recovered, identified

HOUSTON (AP) — The remains of a military pilot from Texas missing since his plane was shot down in France during World War II have been recovered and identified.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency on Monday announced the remains are 22-year-old Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Ottaway B. Cornwell of Houston.

Cornwell was accounted for on July 25.

Cornwell in January 1944 was a member of the 4th Fighter Squadron, 52nd Fighter Group, Twelfth (XII) Air Force. He was piloting a Supermarine Spitfire when the aircraft was shot down over Pierrefeu-du-Var (pee-AIR'-fuh-doo-VAR'), France, during a battle with a German plane.

A French researcher in October 2016 contacted U.S. authorities about a possible aircraft crash site near his home in that village. Cornwell's remains were positively identified this year using DNA and dental analysis.

Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris named Adjutant General of Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Iraq War veteran with more than 30 years of military service has been named the first female Adjutant General of Texas.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday announced the appointment of Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris of Austin, effective Jan. 1.

She replaces Maj. Gen. John Nichols, who was appointed in 2011. Nichols is retiring Dec. 31.

The adjutant general commands personnel of the Texas Military Department and reports to the governor on the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard and Texas State Guard.

Norris has served as Assistant Deputy Adjutant General for Army and as director of construction and facilities management for the Texas Military Department. She previously served in the Army National Guard in Georgia, Florida and Massachusetts and with the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.

4 days of events honoring former President George H.W. Bush

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush will be honored during several public and private events in Houston and Washington before his burial Thursday in Texas.

Four days of events for Bush, who died Friday at age 94, include a state funeral at Washington's National Cathedral, a private service at his longtime church in Houston and public viewings in both cities. He will be buried next to his wife Barbara and their daughter Robin who died in 1953.

Here are details about the events:

TRANSPORT FROM HOUSTON TO WASHINGTON

Bush's body was transported by a motorcade Monday morning from a Houston funeral home to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, a Texas Air National Guard base. The casket



AP photo
Tiffany Utterson, right, and her children, from left to right, Ella, 11, Ian, 10 and Owen, 8, place a wreath outside the gated community entrance to the home of George H.W. Bush Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Houston.

was loaded onto a plane during a departure ceremony and flown to Joint Base Andrews in Maryland.

Relatives accompanying the casket included his sons, former President George W. Bush and Neil Bush, along with members of their immediate families. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and the rest of the Bush family met the party when the body arrived

at Joint Base Andrews.

Houston hosted a public tribute to Bush on Monday night. Mayor Sylvester Turner had urged attendees to wear colorful socks, a nod to the former president's fondness for sporting loud socks often emblazoned with unusual patterns during public events.

Family spokesman Jim

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Settlement reached in infamous "Norfolk 4" case



AP photo
This file photo combination of images provided by the U.S. Navy shows former sailors Eric Wilson, left photo, Danial Williams, second from left, Joe Dick, second from right, and Derek Tice, in undated file photos. The city of Norfolk, Va., has agreed to pay \$4.9 million to the four former sailors who were wrongly convicted of rape and murder based on intimidating police interrogations.

By ALAN SUDERMAN and ALANNA DURKIN RICHER

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The city of Norfolk has agreed to pay \$4.9 million to four former sailors who were wrongly convicted of a woman's rape and murder based on intimidating police interrogations. A copy of the settlement agreement for the "Norfolk Four" was obtained by The Associated Press.

The state also has agreed to pay \$3.5 million.

The payments close out a decades-long case that drew widespread attention as the men's innocence claims were backed by dozens of former FBI agents, ex-prosecutors and crime novelist John Grisham.

"These guys can now put all this behind them and try to recoup their lives," said Tony Troy, a lawyer who represented one of the sailors.

The men — Eric Wilson, Danial Williams, Joseph Dick and Derek Tice — were pardoned by then-Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe last year of the 1997 rape and murder of Michelle Moore-Bosko.

Moore-Bosko's husband found her stabbed and strangled body in their apartment in July of that year after returning from a week at sea.

Williams, who lived in the same building, was quickly identified as a suspect because a neighbor told police he had a crush on the victim. Williams admitted to her rape and murder — the first of a series of confessions that the men, then-sailors at the Naval base in Norfolk, say were forced by police.

DNA evidence matched only one person: Omar Ballard, the fifth man convicted in the case. Ballard, who pleaded guilty in 2000, acknowledged he was solely responsible and is serving a life sentence.

The Norfolk Four have said they cracked after they were threatened with the death penalty and repeatedly called liars. One of the men recalled a detective shoving him into a corner and showing him a picture of Moore-Bosko's bloody body. The confessions conflicted with one another. Ballard's account was the only one containing information matching the crime scene.

The detective who questioned them, Robert Glenn Ford, was convicted in 2011 of extortion and lying to the FBI in unrelated cases.

In vacating some of the Norfolk Four's convictions, a federal judge once declared that "no sane human being" could find them guilty.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam approved legislation earlier this year that gives the men \$3.5 million in state funds contingent on

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them resolving claims against the city.

Sen. Scott Surovell, a sponsor the legislation, said he was pleased that the city agreed to settle rather than fight the men.

"Justice was long overdue for these four, what happened to them was outrageous and undermines faith in our criminal justice system," he said. "Hopefully this settlement will help ensure this never happens again."

The settlement with the city was finalized a month ago but had not been previously made public. A city spokeswoman referred questions to the City Attorney Bernard Pishko, who did not immediately return requests for comment.

The false convictions took a heavy toll on the four men, including lengthy prison terms and years as registered sex offenders.

Wilson, who was wrongly convicted of rape, said it took an attorney and \$10,000 to persuade a board to grant him an electrician's license and that he was blocked from working on certain properties, such as schools, and barred from city parks. He also said his son was run out of his Cub Scout troop because other parents didn't want Wilson around.

Steve Northup, an attorney for Wilson, called the city's payout "generous."

"It doesn't restore the 20 years of his life that Eric lost ... but nevertheless it helps and we're pleased and our clients are pleased with the compensation we were able to secure for them," he said.

NASA spacecraft arrives at ancient asteroid, its 1st visitor

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — After a two-year chase, a NASA spacecraft arrived Monday at the ancient asteroid Benu, its first visitor in billions of years.

The robotic explorer Osiris-Rex pulled within 12 miles (19 kilometers) of the diamond-shaped space rock. It will get even closer in the days ahead and go into orbit around Benu on Dec. 31. No spacecraft has ever orbited such a small cosmic body.

It is the first U.S. attempt to gather asteroid samples for return to Earth, something only Japan has accomplished so far.

Flight controllers applauded and exchanged high-fives once confirmation came through that Osiris-Rex made it to Benu — exactly one week after NASA landed a spacecraft on Mars.

"Relieved, proud, and anxious to start exploring!" tweeted lead scientist Dante Lauretta of the University of Arizona. "To Benu and back!"

With Benu some 76 million miles (122 million kilometers) away, it took seven minutes for word to get from the spacecraft to flight controllers at Lockheed Martin in Littleton, Colorado. The company built the spacecraft there.

Benu is estimated to be just over 1,600 feet (500 meters) across. Researchers will provide a more precise description at a scientific meeting next Monday in Washington.

About the size of an SUV, the spacecraft will shadow the asteroid for a year, before scooping up some gravel for return to Earth in 2023.

Scientists are eager to study material from a carbon-rich asteroid like dark Benu, which could hold evidence

dating back to the beginning of our solar system 4.5 billion years ago. As such, it's an astronomical time capsule.

A Japanese spacecraft, meanwhile, has been hanging out at another near-Earth asteroid since June, also for samples. It is Japan's second asteroid mission. This latest rock is named Ryugu and about double the size of Benu.

Ryugu's specks should be here by December 2020, but will be far less than Osiris-Rex's promised booty.

Osiris-Rex aims to collect at least 60 grams, or 2 ounces, of dust and gravel. The spacecraft won't land, but rather use a 10-foot (3-meter) mechanical arm in 2020 to momentarily touch down and vacuum up particles. The sample container would break loose and head toward Earth in 2021.

The collection — parachuting down to Utah — would represent the biggest cosmic haul since the Apollo astronauts hand-delivered moon rocks to Earth in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

NASA has brought back comet dust and solar wind particles before, but never asteroid samples. Japan managed to return some tiny particles in 2010 from its first asteroid mission, also named Hayabusa.

Both Benu and Ryugu are considered potentially hazardous asteroids. That means they could smack Earth years from now. At worst, Benu would carve out a crater during a projected close call 150 years from now.

Contact with Benu will not significantly change its orbit or make it more dangerous to us, Lauretta stressed.

Scientists contend the more they learn about asteroids, the better equipped Earth will be in heading off a truly catastrophic strike.

Children return to school 3 weeks after California wildfire

By **JONATHAN J. COOPER**

Associated Press

YUBA CITY, Calif. — Eight-year-old Bella Maloney woke up next to her little brother in a queen-size bed at a Best Western hotel and for breakfast ate a bagel and cream cheese that her mother brought up from the lobby.

And then she was off to school for the first time in nearly a month.

For Bella, brother Vance and thousands of other youngsters in Northern California who lost their homes or their classrooms in last month's deadly wildfire, life crept a little closer to normal Monday when school finally resumed in most of Butte County.

"They're ready to get back," Bella's mother, Erica Hail, said of her children. "I think they're sick of Mom and Dad." At school, "they get to have time alone in their own space and their own grade and they get to just be by themselves."

Schools in the county had been closed since Nov. 8, when the blaze swept through the town of Paradise and surrounding areas, destroying nearly 14,000 homes and killing at least 85 people in the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century. Eleven people remain unaccounted for, down from a staggering high of 1,300 a few weeks ago.

About 31,000 students in all have been away from school since the disaster. On Monday, nearly all of them went back, though some of them attended class in other buildings because their schools were damaged or destroyed, or inaccessible inside evacuation zones.

Bella was shy and not very

talkative but agreed she was excited to be going back. She wanted to see her friends.

The small, tidy hotel room with two queen beds has been home to the family of five for some two weeks. Since they lost nearly everything to the fire, there was little to clutter up the space. The Hails are booked there until February.

"Bella, what time is it?" Hail asked her daughter, waking her up in their hotel room.

"Seven dot dot three five," came the 8-year-old's sing-song reply. 7:35. It was time to brush her teeth, comb her hair and hit the road for a nearly hour-long drive to school in the family SUV.

A few minutes later, at seven-dot-dot-four-seven, they were out the door.

Some families driven out by the inferno have left the state or are staying with friends or relatives too far away for the children to go back to school in Butte County.

The Hails — whose five-bedroom, two-bath home in Paradise was destroyed — are staying in Yuba City, a long drive from their new school in Durham.

It was shortly before the 9 a.m. start of the school day when they pulled up to Durham Elementary School, where Bella is in third grade and Vance is in half-day kindergarten.

Across the county, nearly all of the teachers are returning to provide a familiar and comforting face to the children.

"It's important that the kids are able to stay together and have some sort of normalcy in the crazy devastation that we're having now," said Jodi Seaholm, whose daughter Malory is a third-grader.

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McGrath tweeted Monday that Bush will be laid to rest wearing gray socks honoring his days as a naval aviator.

STATE FUNERAL IN WASHINGTON

In Washington, Bush is lying in state in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol until 8:45 a.m. EST Wednesday. His casket will be transported by motorcade Wednesday morning to the National Cathedral, where a state funeral will be held at 11 a.m. EST. President Donald Trump, who ordered federal offices closed on Wednesday for a national day of mourning, is to attend with first lady Melania Trump.

RETURN TO HOUSTON

Following the service at the National Cathedral, Bush will be flown to Houston on Wednesday with a scheduled arrival of around 4:30 p.m. CST. His body will be transported by motorcade to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where he and his wife regularly worshipped. A public viewing of Bush's casket will be held at the church from 6:45 p.m. CST on Wednesday until 6 a.m. CST on Thursday.

On Thursday, a private funeral service with about 1,200 invited

guests will be held at the church starting at 10 a.m. CST. After the hour-long service, a motorcade will transport Bush's casket to a train station north of Houston, near the international airport named after Bush.

A ceremony will be held at the train station as Bush's casket is loaded onto a Union Pacific train. The train will take about 2½ hours to travel roughly 70 miles (113 kilometers) to the city of College Station, home to Bush's presidential library at Texas A&M University.

The locomotive has been painted the colors of the Air Force One plane used during Bush's presidency and bears the number "4141" in honor of the 41st president. The casket will be in a car with Plexiglas windows to allow people to see it during the trip, according to McGrath, the family spokesman.

BURIAL IN COLLEGE STATION

The train is scheduled to arrive in College Station on

Thursday around 3:45 p.m. CST. Bush's casket will then be transported by motorcade to the presidential library, where he will be buried at the gated family plot near his wife and their daughter Robin, who died of leukemia at age 3. Barbara Bush died on April 17 at their Houston home. The couple was married for 73 years, longer than any other U.S. presidential couple.

Ceremonies at the presidential library will include a missing man formation flyover. The casket will then be rolled along a path through woods, over a bridge and over a creek for burial during a private graveside service with Bush's family.

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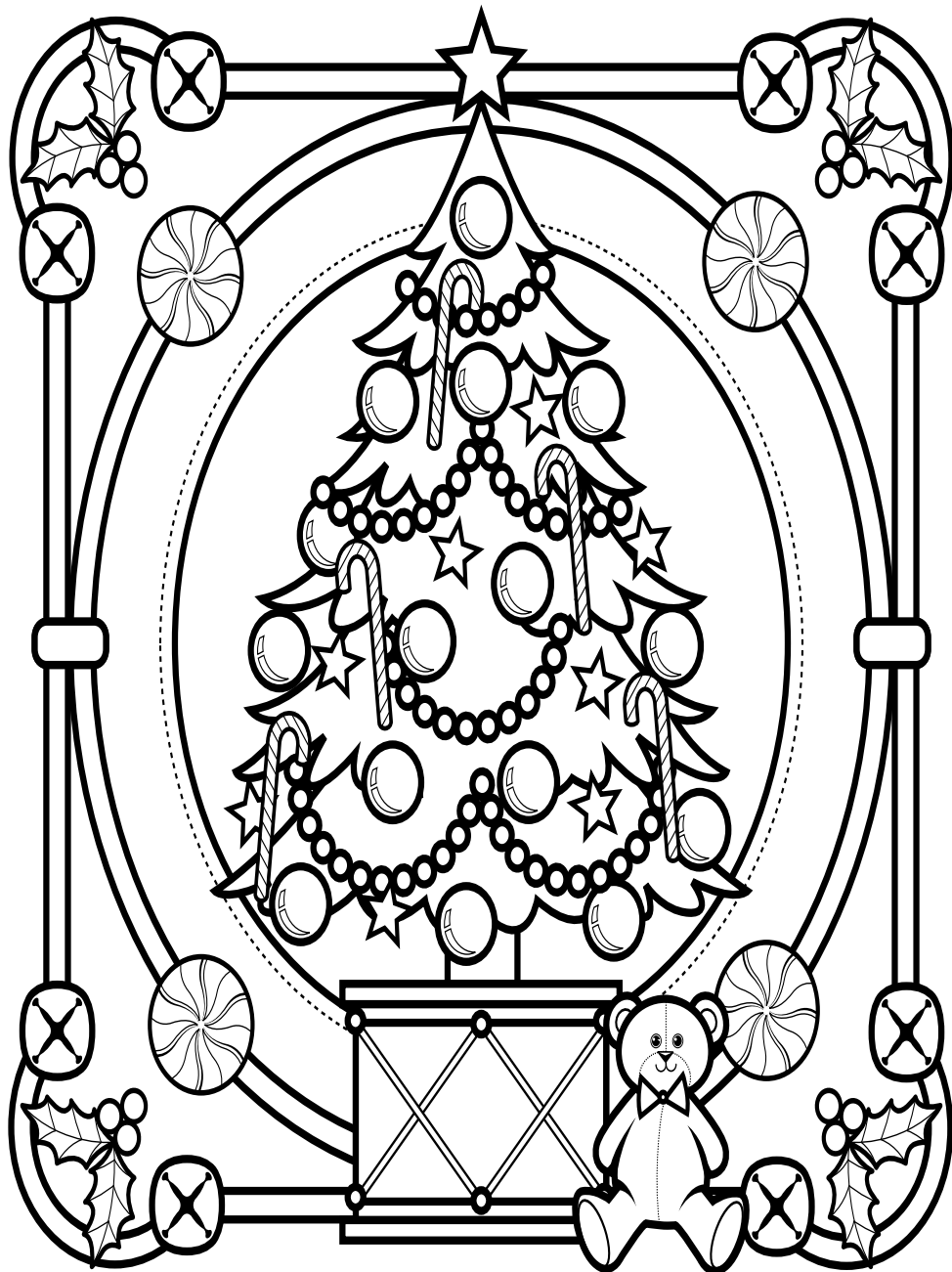
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Wentz tosses for 2 TDs, leads Eagles over Redskins 28-13

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Carson Wentz was at his best back on the move again.

Wentz tossed two touchdown passes, Darren Sproles ran for a score and the Philadelphia Eagles stayed in the hunt for the NFC East title with a 28-13 victory over the depleted Washington Redskins on Monday night.

The Eagles (6-6) won consecutive games for the first time since Nick Foles led them to a Super Bowl victory over the Patriots.

The Redskins (6-6) lost backup quarterback Colt McCoy to a serious right leg injury in his second game replacing Alex Smith, who broke his right tibia and fibula on Nov. 18. Mark Sanchez took his place.

Redskins coach Gruden said after the game that, from what he understands, McCoy fractured his fibula and will miss the rest of the season.

Adrian Peterson ran 90 yards for a touchdown on Sanchez's first play after the game, giving the Redskins a 10-7 lead. It was the longest run Philadelphia has allowed in franchise history but Washington's lead didn't last long.

Wentz, who hasn't scrambled much since returning in Week 3 from surgery to repair two knee ligaments, didn't run for any yards. But he ran around and made big plays when he improvised and on designed rollouts.

"Anytime he can extend plays with his legs, he's such a great athlete, that's an advantage to the offense," coach Doug Pederson said. "Being able to do that allows us to stay on the field. He's gifted in doing that. It comes natural to him."

Sproles put Philadelphia up 14-10 on a 14-yard TD in the second quarter. Wentz tossed a 4-yard TD pass to Jordan Matthews and connected with Golden Tate on a 2-point conversion to extend the lead to 22-13 early in the



Philadelphia Eagles' Carson Wentz looks to pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, in Philadelphia.

fourth quarter. The Eagles twice failed to score inside the red zone and still managed their second-highest point total this season.

They had a first down at the Redskins 2 in the second quarter, but Josh Adams was stopped for a loss on fourth down from the 1.

They had a first down at the Redskins 5 in the first quarter, but Wentz threw an interception right to Josh Norman.

Wentz finished 27 of 39 for 306 yards. He came out firing and led the Eagles

to a score on their opening drive for only the third time season.

First, he scrambled out of the pocket, motioned Tate to go deep and lofted a 19-yard pass down the left sideline on a first-and-15. Wentz finished the drive by firing a 6-yard TD pass on the run to Tate.

"Play-action, bootlegs, naked, getting me on the edge, gives me a chance to make plays, and we used that effectively," Wentz said.

Dustin Hopkins kicked field goals of 47 and 44 yards for Washington.

"We have to get a plan ready for

Mark moving forward," Gruden said. "We've got to play great football around him, which we didn't do tonight."

SANCHIZE TIME

Sanchez, a former first-round pick who led the New York Jets to consecutive AFC playoff games in his first two seasons, is now a starter for the first time since he played for the Eagles in 2015.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity. I was praying for the opportunity," he said, adding his "heart definitely breaks for" McCoy and Smith.

WELCOME BACK

Sproles scored his first TD since Dec. 22, 2016. Sproles only played three games last season before he tore a knee ligament and broke his forearm on the same play. He was sidelined since Week 1 this year because of a hamstring injury.

"I'm really happy for him," center Jason Kelce said. "I don't usually know who is back there but when I saw it was him and he got in the end zone, I had a big sense of joy. He's a phenomenal guy."

RECORD SETTER

Zach Ertz broke Brian Westbrook's franchise record for receptions in a season. Ertz has 93 catches and is closing in on Jason Witten's single-season record (110) for tight ends. Westbrook had 90 catches in 2007.

"That's awesome, but I'm sure he's just happy we won," Wentz said.

INJURIES

Redskins: LG Jonathan Cooper (arm), RB Tony Bergstrom (ankle), CB Fabian Moreau (knee) and LB Ryan Anderson (hamstring) left the game.

Eagles: DT Tim Jernigan (back spasms) left in the first quarter and LT Jason Peters came out on the final series with an undisclosed injury.

UP NEXT

Redskins: Host the New York Giants (4-8) on Sunday.

Eagles: Visit the Dallas Cowboys (7-5) on Sunday.

Redskins QB McCoy breaks fibula in right leg, out for season



Washington Redskins' Colt McCoy (12) tries to avoid Philadelphia Eagles' Malcolm Jenkins (27) during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, in Philadelphia.

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — The Washington Redskins are accosted by the knot in the stomach and the bad news that inevitably hits when a quarterback goes down: Colt McCoy is done for the year with a broken right leg, the same fate as his predecessor, Alex Smith.

Mark Sanchez now has his shot to morph from stay-at-home dad to stretch-drive starter.

"Your heart definitely breaks for them," Sanchez said. "They're great competitors and great people. You never want it under those circumstances."

The Redskins have tasked Sanchez with keeping the Redskins afloat in the NFL playoff picture after McCoy suffered a fractured fibula in his right leg in the first half of their 28-13 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday night.

McCoy ran to avoid a sack and tried to slide as the Eagles defense rushed toward him. McCoy planted his right leg into the turf and the lower part of the leg and ankle viciously whipped into safety Malcolm Jenkins' knee.

The Redskins know a thing or two about serious injuries to quarterbacks — McCoy got his chance because Smith suffered a broken right leg just weeks ago that has threatened

his career.

"We have to get a plan ready for Mark moving forward," coach Jay Gruden said. "We've got to play great football around him which we didn't do tonight."

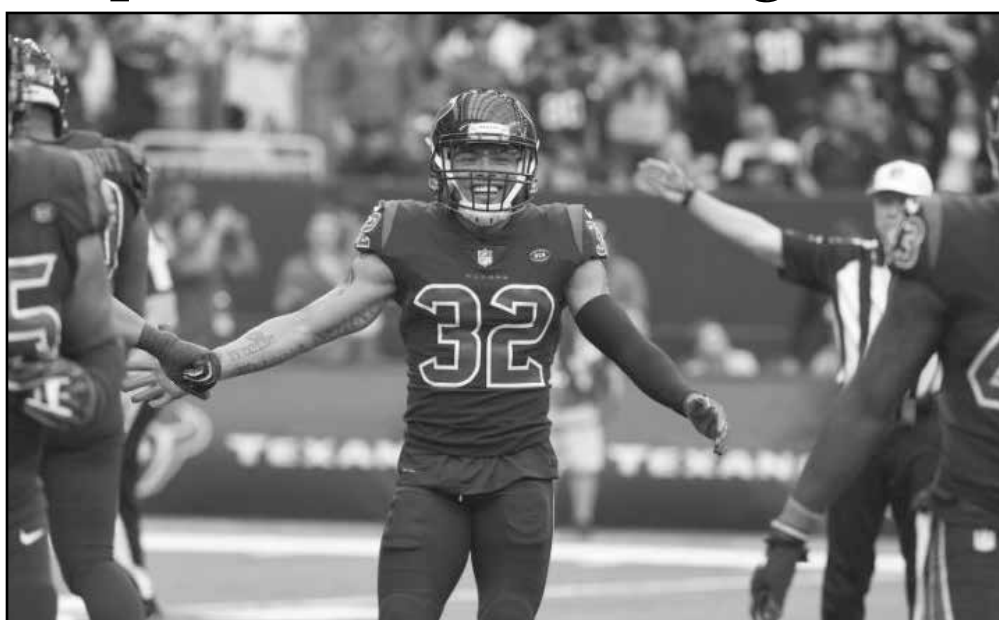
McCoy stayed in the game and completed two short passes before limping off with the Redskins trailing 7-3 to the Super Bowl champion Eagles (6-6). He made his second straight start since Smith was knocked out with a gruesome season-ending leg injury last month against Houston. McCoy helped Washington score a pair of TDs, including a 9-yard TD pass on the backup's first pass in a regular-season game since 2015.

His start in the Thanksgiving game against Dallas was his first since 2014 and he won't get another one this year. McCoy, who started for Cleveland and San Francisco earlier in his career, had appeared in nine games over the last three-plus seasons with Washington, until Smith was injured.

Sanchez was the lone QB left on Washington's roster and finished 13 of 21 for 100 yards. He was sacked twice and threw an interception in the fourth with the Redskins trailing 22-13 that snuffed a rally.

Sanchez, signed two weeks ago, played for the first time since Jan. 1, 2017, when he was with Dallas.

Texans defense looks to improve after 9th straight win



Houston Texans free safety Tyrann Mathieu (32) celebrates with teammates after the Texans recovered a Cleveland Browns fumble during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — With the defense improving, the Houston Texans extended their winning streak to nine games with a win over the Browns.

But as good as the unit has been, the Texans believe they can get much better down the stretch with the first test coming on Sunday against Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts.

"We can tackle better," coach Bill O'Brien said. "I think we can communicate better. I think there's a lot of things that we can improve on in all three phases, but I think they're playing hard. They're playing with really good effort."

That effort was highlighted on Sunday when rookie safety Justin Reid chased down Antonio Callaway after a long catch and forced a fumble just before he crossed the goal line to prevent a touchdown.

It was just the latest big play for the third-round pick, who helped Houston to a 23-21 victory over Washington on Nov. 18 by returning an interception 101 yards for a touchdown.

"He's really improved every week,"

O'Brien said. "He really works hard to improve. He's a very smart guy, works very hard in practice, instinctive player, good speed, good size. He's come a long way. He really understands the importance of practice and he tries to get better every day."

Reid's emergence illustrates the fact that Houston's defense has succeeded this year because it has received important contributions from several players. While the return of three-time Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt and the solid play of 2014 top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney has led the unit, the Texans have also seen plenty of other players step up to make big plays as they've piled up win after win.

On Sunday, Andre Hal had one of three interceptions of Baker Mayfield. It was the first interception of the year for Hal, who missed the first six games of the season recovering from cancer after being diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in May.

Zach Cunningham made another big play for the defense when the second-year player grabbed his first career interception and returned it for a touchdown against the Browns.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The way it goes with patterns is that the elements have to repeat at some point. No repetition, no pattern. If things go on too long without repetition, it makes you uncomfortable. But maybe this is just a really involved pattern.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you love someone you want that

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).



first and the last mile. The middle offers challenges and tests, which you'll overcome by remembering why you wanted to do this in the first place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The saying, "No good deed goes unpunished," may come to mind as your kindness leads you down a complicated path. This is the stuff that makes you a broader, wiser and more knowledgeable person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). How can you be happier at work? This is the question that will lead you to make a few small adjustments that are the start to what will ultimately lead to more smiles in your lifetime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Has caring too much ever been a problem for you? Of course. In fact, it's a problem right now. And though it might be impossible not to care at all, it will help you to loosen your grip just a

little... then, perhaps, a little more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Puppy dog eyes are more adorable than spider eyes, though they may be no less dangerous. This is because humans can't help but be disarmed by cuteness -- a fact you'll use to your advantage today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each person is a subject to be learned. It takes time, objectivity and focus. It takes seeing someone in many different kinds of scenarios. To learn a person is to love a person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll come across those whose relationship with the truth is tenuous at best. Maybe half of what they say is real, but which half? Take the whole expression as metaphor and you may just understand it all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to fulfill the requests of people you like, but it's not always possible or practical to do so in the long run. Consider the bigger picture before committing to something you might later regret.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 4). Your appreciation of beauty could inspire you to travel or to take personal and emotional risks that you will never forget. The great loveliness you witness will be richly rewarding. Other glories of this solar return will include a wad of money you sock away, a brush with fame and a legendary comedy of errors. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 4, 44 and 18.

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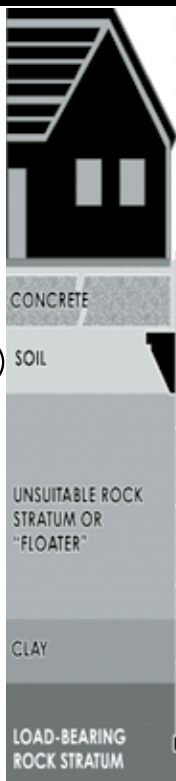
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By Steve Becker

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♠ Q 9 3
♥ A K Q J
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 10 9 2

EAST

♠ A J 10 8 4
♥ 8
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ K J 5

WEST

♠ 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6 4 3
♦ Q 6
♣ Q 8 4

SOUTH

♠ K 7
♥ 7 5 2
♦ A K J 4
♣ A 7 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠
1NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — six of spades.

Many contracts that fail are often attributed to bad luck. All too often, though, the true fault lies in the way declarer played his cards.

Consider South's sad story in today's deal. He arrived at three no trump after East had overcalled with one spade, and won East's ten of spades with the king at trick one.

With only eight top tricks in view, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, crossed to dummy with a heart and led a low diamond. When East followed low, the jack of diamonds was finessed, losing to the queen. Back

came a spade, trapping dummy's queen, and East ran off four spade tricks for down one.

South lamented his misfortune in losing the diamond finesse, especially when he learned that he could have dropped West's doubleton queen by playing the A-K.

We don't contend that declarer should have known the queen would fall, but the contract should have been made nevertheless. The diamond finesse posed an unnecessary risk that might cost declarer the contract, and did in the actual case.

South should reason that a finesse is not the only way to score a trick with the jack of diamonds if East happens to hold the queen. The jack can also be converted into a trick by cashing the A-K first, then leading up to the J-4 if the queen hasn't already appeared. If East does have the queen of diamonds, he can take it, but is then unable to attack dummy's queen of spades, so the contract is safe.

The one thing declarer cannot afford to do is to lose a trick unnecessarily to the queen of diamonds in the West hand. If West started with three or more diamonds including the queen, the cause is hopeless regardless of how South plays. By cashing the A-K, though, South gives himself the additional chance to drop the doubleton queen offside, and it costs him virtually nothing to try.

Tomorrow: Tricky but instructive.

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Annie's Mailbox

Gambler Can't Stop Checking His Phone

Dear Annie: I have not seen this problem discussed in your column and would really like your advice on this situation, as it's damaged a 50-year friendship. My buddy Roger has become addicted to gambling. He bets on every sport and is consumed with following his bets on his cellphone. He is always looking down at his phone at any social gathering. Roger even had his phone in his face while his son was giving a heartwarming speech during his other son's wedding. Everyone was standing, but Roger was seated with his phone in his hand, with the screen light shining in his face. Roger always appears to be lost in his thoughts and unaware of anything else around him. It is insulting. A mutual friend suggest an intervention years ago to try to help Roger. I worried that it could drive a wedge between us. The friend passed away, and nothing was said. The final blow was this past weekend. A band we used to love came to town. It

was Roger and his wife's 40th anniversary, and my wife and I treated them to tickets to the show. Roger left his seat just as the show started and spent the whole show outside the auditorium. I know he went to the lobby to check his bets on his phone His rudeness has existed for years, and it's hard to be around him. Our wives are friends, and I don't want this to affect their relationship. Roger's wife looks the other way, knowing it keeps peace in their home. I fear that Roger will eventually lose everything, and I believe that his gambling addiction is too serious for just a friend to be able to help. I'm at a loss as to what to do. He was my best friend, but now he's a stranger. -- Gambling a Friendship

Dear Gambling a Friendship: Addiction is an all-consuming beast, and I'm sorry to hear about what it's doing to your friend. Sadly, he's not alone. The North American Foundation for Gambling Addiction estimates that about 10 million people in

the United States have gambling problems. And according to the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling, compulsion tends to develop more quickly in people who are doing continual forms of gambling, such as online betting. Before calling it quits, it's worth sitting Roger down for a heart-to-heart and expressing your concerns. He most likely won't react well -- so prepare yourself for that. But it just might plant a seed somewhere in the back of his mind telling him that he needs help. Whether or not that seed grows is up to him, but it's worth trying to plant it. If he refuses to get help and you feel unhealthy around him, you're not obligated to keep spending time with him. Your wife might encourage his wife to check out support groups for the loved ones of gambling addicts, such as Gam-Anon (<https://www.gam-anon.org>). In fact, you might benefit from attending some meetings of such a group, as well.

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2	4	7	8	9	1	5	3	6
5	6	3	2	7	4	9	1	8
1	8	9	3	6	5	7	4	2
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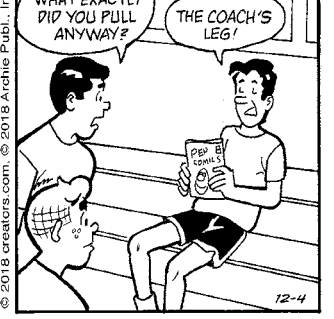
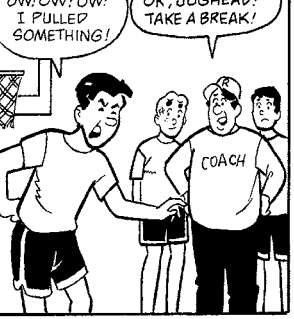
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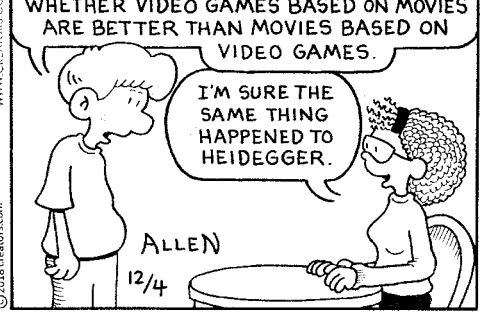
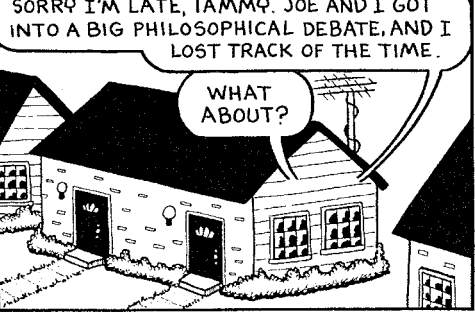
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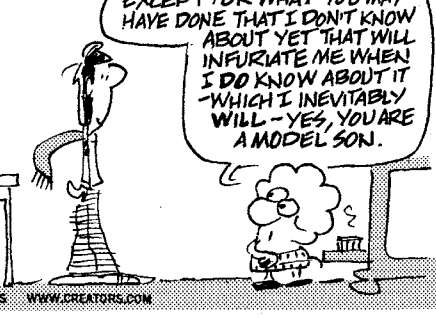
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2018. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:
On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:
In 1619, a group of settlers from Bristol, England, arrived at Berkeley Hundred in present-day Charles City County, Virginia, where they held a service thanking God for their safe arrival.

In 1867, the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, also known as The Grange, was founded in Washington, D.C., to promote the interests of farmers.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles (vehr-SY) Peace Conference.

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time with a raid on Naples. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations by a vote of 65-7.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard on a two-week mission. (While Gemini 7 was in orbit, its sister ship, Gemini 6A, was launched on Dec. 15 on a one-day mission; the two spacecraft were able to rendezvous within a foot of each other.)

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein (FYN-styn) was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone (mahs-KOH-nee).

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity. The original Pan American World Airways ceased operations.

In 1995, the first NATO troops landed in the Balkans

to begin setting up a peace mission that brought American soldiers into the middle of the Bosnian conflict.

In 1996, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward the red planet on a 310 million-mile odyssey. (It arrived on Mars in July 1997.)

In 2000, in a pair of legal setbacks for Al Gore, a Florida state judge refused to overturn George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts.

Ten years ago: U.S. automakers drew fresh skepticism from lawmakers during a Senate Banking Committee hearing over their pleas for an expanded \$34 billion rescue package they said was needed for them to survive. For the first time, an NFL game was broadcast live in 3-D to theaters in Boston, New York and Los Angeles. (Although the telecast was marred by technical glitches, fans were mostly forgiving as they watched the San Diego Chargers beat the Oakland Raiders 34-7.)

Five years ago: A senior commander in the militant group Hezbollah, Hassan al-Laqis, was shot dead outside his home in Lebanon, the latest in a series of attacks against the Iranian-backed organization, which accused Israel of the attack. Oscar De La Hoya was selected for induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame; two of his contemporaries in the modern era — Puerto Rican star Felix "Tito" Trinidad and Joe Calzaghe of Wales — were also selected.

One year ago: Declaring that "public lands will once again be for public use," President Donald Trump scaled back two sprawling national monuments in Utah; it was the first time in a half century that a president had undone that type of land protection. The Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to fully enforce a ban on travel to the United States by residents of six mostly Muslim countries. Trump formally endorsed Republican Roy Moore in the Alabama Senate race, looking past sexual misconduct allegations against the GOP candidate.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Wink Martindale is 85. Pop singer Freddy Cannon is 82. Actor-producer Max Baer Jr. is 81. Actress Gemma Jones is 76. Rock musician Bob Mosley (Moby Grape) is 76. Singer-musician Chris Hillman is 74. Musician Terry Woods (The Pogues) is 71. Rock singer Southside Johnny

Lyon is 70. Actor Jeff Bridges is 69. Rock musician Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skynyrd; the Rossington Collins Band) is 67. Actress Patricia Wettig is 67. Actor Tony Todd is 64. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 63. Country musician Brian Prout (Diamond Rio) is 63. Rock musician Bob Griffin (formerly with The BoDeans) is 59. Rock singer Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge) is 56.

Actress Marisa Tomei is 54. Actress Chelsea Noble is 54. Actor-comedian Fred Armisen is 52. Rapper Jay-Z is 49. Actor Kevin Sussman is 48. Actress-model Tyra Banks is 45. Country singer Lila McCann is 37. Actress Lindsay Felton is 34. Actor Orlando Brown is 31. Actress Scarlett Estevez (TV: "Lucifer") is 11.

Thought for Today:

"A person reveals his character by nothing so clearly as the joke he resents."

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg
German scientist
(1742-1799).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stops marching
 - 6 Game with pawns and bishops
 - 11 That guy
 - 14 Put forth, as effort
 - 15 Flood barrier
 - 16 Dollar bill
 - 17 Actress Zellweger
 - 18 Boxing match venue
 - 19 High-tech "fingerprint"
 - 20 Leftover assortment
 - 22 Hair-styling goop
 - 23 Glide on snow
 - 24 Light dinners
 - 26 Renown
 - 29 Have some food
 - 32 Make ready, for short
 - 33 Colored part of the eye
 - 34 Baby's bed
 - 36 Enticing smell
 - 39 Mom, to Auntie
 - 40 Policy of concealment
 - 42 Calendar square
 - 43 Implied but unsaid
 - 45 Get well
 - 46 Folklore monster
 - 47 Goes astray
 - 49 Twosome
 - 50 Not so much
 - 51 Apartment buildings without elevators
 - 54 Large roll of cash
 - 56 Hole-punching tool
 - 57 General assortment

- DOWN**
- 1 Army medal recipient
 - 2 Chopped down
 - 3 Give temporarily
 - 4 Locks of hair
 - 5 T-bone, for one
 - 6 Dressed (in)
 - 7 "___ we go again!"
 - 8 Makes level
 - 9 Satirization
 - 10 Droplets of ocean waves
 - 11 General assortment
 - 12 ___ sanctum (secluded place)
 - 13 Lunch and brunch
 - 21 Sister's daughter
 - 25 Part of mph
 - 26 Plenched hand
 - 27 Solo for a soprano
 - 28 General assortment
 - 30 Curved part of the foot
 - 31 Needing a rest
 - 35 Boyfriend
 - 37 The Red Planet
 - 38 Affirmative votes
 - 40 Walked pompously
 - 41 Comical circus performer
 - 44 Annoy
 - 46 From long ago
 - 48 Shape of a globe
 - 51 Floats on the air
 - 52 Look forward to
 - 53 Highest dice rolls
 - 55 Stray from the script
 - 58 Potato bag
 - 59 Bugs in colonies
 - 60 Managed care gps.
 - 61 Border on
 - 62 Pre-schoolers

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Ohio State coach Urban Meyer to retire after Rose Bowl

By MITCH STACY

AP Sports Writer
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Urban Meyer, the highly successful football coach who won three national championships and sparked controversy and criticism this season for his handling of domestic violence allegations against a now-fired assistant, will retire after the Rose Bowl, the Ohio State University announced Tuesday.

A news conference was scheduled for later Tuesday during which Meyer will formally announce his retirement and co-offensive coordinator Ryan Day would be named the program's 25th head coach.

Ohio State didn't immediately say why Meyer was stepping down after seven years at Ohio State and an 82-9 record, but the 54-year-old coach has previously cited health concerns. He has an arachnoid cyst in his brain that causes severe headaches.

Meyer had shown obvious effects of being in pain on the sideline this season. He also was heavily criticized for what some saw as overly lax treatment of now-fired assistant coach Zach Smith, who was accused by his ex-wife of domestic abuse.

Meyer said he knew about the accusations against Smith — grandson of former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce — but wasn't sure they were true and kept Smith on his staff because no criminal charges were filed. The university cited that lapse in suspending Meyer for the first three games of the season after an investigation.



Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer and wide receiver Terry McLaurin, left, celebrate early after defeating Northwestern 45-24 in the Big Ten championship NCAA college football game in Indianapolis. Meyer, the highly successful coach who won three national championships and sparked controversy and criticism this season for his handling of domestic violence allegations against a now-fired assistant, will retire after the Rose Bowl, the university announced Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018.

A detailed report issued by an investigative committee left a lasting stain, detailing behavior by Meyer that could have taken down a coach of lesser stature. The investigation showed that he tolerated bad behavior for years from Smith, including domestic-violence accusations, drug addiction, lies and other acts that directly clash with the values Meyer touts publicly.

The Buckeyes' strong finish this season belied on-the-field problems that made for a stressful season for Meyer and his staff. He lost star defensive end Nick Bosa to an early season-ending injury, and the Buckeyes' defense never fully recovered. During his suspension, the team was run by Day, the co-offensive coordi-

nator and quarterbacks coach. He's a second-year Ohio State assistant who had never before been a head coach.

The team alternated expected blow-out wins with puzzling play that included a pair of one-point wins (Penn State, Maryland) and a closer-than-expected win over a struggling Nebraska team. A shocking blowout loss at unranked Purdue on Oct. 20 pushed Ohio State to the fringe of the national championship chase and prompted all sorts of questions about Meyer's future.

Shortly before Halloween, Meyer addressed speculation that he could step down at the end of the season, saying he felt fine and definitely would be back next year.

"I plan on coaching," he said on Oct.

29. Asked if he would definitely return to Ohio State next year, he answered, "Yes."

Ohio State's season had five straight wins, including a rout of arch-rival Michigan that gave the Buckeyes another division title and a win over Northwestern in the Big Ten Championship.

But the loss to Purdue weighed too heavily and Ohio State finished at No. 6 in the playoff rankings. The Buckeyes will play in the Rose Bowl against Washington on New Year's Day, which will serve as Meyer's coaching finale.

Meyer's time in Florida over six years included two national championships. After stepping down at Florida due to stress-related health concerns, he took the Ohio State job before the 2012 season after Jim Tressel was forced out for lying to the NCAA amid a memorabilia-for-tattoos scandal.

It appeared to be a dream job for the Toledo native and success quickly followed.

His contract was extended in April by two years through 2022, increasing Meyer's salary to \$7.6 million in 2018 with annual 6 percent raises. Meyer has about \$38 million left on his contract.

He started his head-coaching career at Bowling Green in 2001 and moved on to Utah two seasons later before taking the Florida job in 2005 and rocketing to the top of the college football coaching ranks, a peer of Alabama coach Nick Saban in terms of respect and ability.

Monday Sports in Brief

BASEBALL
BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox have accepted an invitation to celebrate their World Series championship.

Team President Sam Kennedy says the ballclub is working out a date with the White House.

The traditional champions' visit to Washington has become more politicized, with some teams declining invitations from President Donald Trump.

Kennedy says it's up to players to decide whether they want to attend.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies have acquired two-time All-Star shortstop Jean Segura from the Seattle Mariners for veteran slugger Carlos Santana and infielder J.P. Crawford.

The Phillies also get left-hander James Pazos and righty Juan Nicasio in the deal announced Monday by both teams.

It's the second major deal of the day for the Mariners. They also sent second baseman Robinson Cano and closer Edwin Diaz to the New York Mets for five players, including two top prospects and outfielder Jay Bruce.

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets have acquired longtime star second baseman Robinson Cano and major league saves leader Edwin Diaz from the

Seattle Mariners in a seven-player trade.

The Mets also are getting \$20 million from the rebuilding Mariners in the deal announced Monday.

Seattle received outfielder Jay Bruce, reliever Anthony Swarzak and three prospects: former first-round draft picks Justin Dunn and Jarred Kelenic, plus right-hander Gerson Bautista.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dave Roberts and the Los Angeles Dodgers agreed to a four-year contract extension Monday that would keep him as manager through 2022.

The 46-year-old skipper led the team to consecutive World Series appearances for the first time since 1977-78. The Dodgers lost in five games to Boston in October, and lost in seven games to Houston in 2017.

In three seasons, Roberts is 287-200 overall. The team has won three straight National League West titles under him and two straight NL pennants. Roberts was the 2016 NL manager of the year.

NFL
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Redskins quarterback Colt McCoy suffered a fractured fibula in his right leg in the second quarter of Monday night's 28-13 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles,

Washington coach Jay Gruden said.

Gruden said McCoy will miss the rest of the season.

The Washington Redskins (6-6) know a thing or two about serious injuries to quarterbacks — McCoy got his chance because Alex Smith suffered a broken right leg just weeks ago that has threatened his career.

McCoy's injury occurred on the nasty slide and he was replaced by Mark Sanchez, who was tasked with keeping the Redskins afloat in the NFC playoff picture.

NEW YORK (AP) — Kareem Hunt went unclaimed on NFL waivers Monday, three days after he was released by the Kansas City Chiefs.

The star running back was cut Friday after TMZ released a video showing him pushing and kicking a woman during a February incident at a Cleveland hotel.

Police did not charge Hunt with a crime, but the Chiefs released him for being untruthful with them about what happened.

Hunt currently is on the commissioner's exempt list and cannot play even if another team signs him. The NFL says it is continuing its investigation.

NBA
CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls have fired coach Fred Hoiberg with the team stuck near the bottom of the standings.

The Bulls promoted associated head coach Jim Boylen to take over.

Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations John Paxson said the move was difficult but was necessary with the Bulls mired at 5-19, with only two teams with worse records.

Hoiberg was named Chicago's head coach in June 2015 after spending five seasons as head coach at Iowa State. He finishes his tenure in Chicago with a record of 115-155 (.426) and a single playoff appearance, when the Bulls were ousted in the first round by Boston in 2017.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa, Oklahoma's Ky-

ler Murray and Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins are the Heisman Trophy finalists, ensuring a quarterback will win the award for the 16th time in the last 19 years.

Tagovailoa has been the favorite for most of the season, but Murray and Haskins both finished strong. Unlike most seasons, there should be some real drama Saturday night when the Heisman is awarded in New York City.

Tagovailoa and Murray will also face off in the College Football Playoff.

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts

has hired Florida State offensive coordinator Walt Bell as its new head coach.

UMass announced the hiring Monday. The 34-year-old Bell has been a fast riser in college coaching, going from a graduate assistant at Southern Mississippi to offensive coordinator at two Power Five schools before the age of 35. Before joining Willie Taggart's staff at Florida State, he spent two years as offensive coordinator at Maryland. He also was offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arkansas State for two seasons.

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Cleveland Browns tight end Seth DeVale (87) fumble after making a catch against the Houston Texans during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Houston. Houston recovered the ball.

TEXANS

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"You're always looking to try to figure out, as you get ready for the next team, what does this individual player need to improve on," O'Brien said. "What does this unit need to improve on? What does the team need to improve on? What do I need to improve on? I think that's been a big theme for us and our players are doing a good job of taking that to heart."

The Texans are also careful not to get too caught up in the streak. They know that if they

don't focus on their next opponent that things could go wrong quickly.

"I don't even think about it anymore," 13-year veteran cornerback Johnathan Joseph said of the winning streak. "It's almost boring to talk about because ... it doesn't really mean anything. We have to go out and play the next game whether we're on a win streak or we lost the week before. So, it's all good for everything other than the people in this locker room because if we buy into it too much that's when we get smacked in the face."

Houston is allowing the third-fewest points in the NFL (19.6), ranks 10th in yards allowed

(341.5) and its rush defense ranks fifth by allowing just 91.3 yards rushing a game.

This week the group will face a team that is averaging more than 27 points and 377 yards a game. Indianapolis scored 34 points in an overtime loss to Houston in Week 4 where Luck threw for a season-high 464 yards with four touchdowns.

"He can make every throw," defensive back Kareem Jackson said. "He can definitely buy time for guys to get open so ... with him you know a play is never over. So we've definitely got to be (solid) in coverage and play to the whistle."

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"I was at home with my son who just turned two, who better be in bed, just praying for this opportunity," Sanchez said.

On his first snap, he handed the ball to Adrian Peterson, who raced 90 yards for a touchdown. The 33-year-old Peterson had the longest rushing TD of his career, the longest rushing score in Redskins' history and he became the oldest player in NFL history with a 90-yard rushing touchdown.

"It's been tough, but the one thing I like is how our guys respond," Peterson said.

Sanchez was once the franchise quarterback for the New York Jets and led them to the AFC championship game his first two seasons in the NFL. Sanchez was the fifth overall pick in the 2009 draft and drew comparisons to Joe Namath in New York. He was 4-2 in the postseason and helped the Jets beat Peyton Manning and Tom Brady in consecutive road playoff games in January 2011. But Sanchez had an NFL-leading 52 turnovers in 2012-13 and lost his starting job to Geno Smith. He spent two seasons with the Eagles and one with the Cowboys.

The lasting image of his time with the Jets came in 2012, when he fumbled after running into the backside of guard Brandon Moore. It was returned for a touchdown by New England's Steve Gregory in front of a national television audience on Thanksgiving night and was infamously labeled "The Butt Fumble."

Sanchez lost a fumble against the Eagles and actually saved the ball by pressing it against his rear end.

Sanchez was the pick to sign over Kellen Clemens, Josh Johnson, T.J. Yates and EJ Manuel because of his experience and success in the NFL. All five worked out at the team's facility after Smith was injured, and quality veteran QBs are in low supply.

Of course, former 49ers star Colin Kaepernick is still home unsigned and waiting for a resolution on his grievance against the league. There was an outcry of support on social media for the Redskins to at least bring in Kaepernick for a tryout.

"Mark Sanchez is playing QB on Monday Night Football and @Kaepernick7 is sitting at home. Think about that," disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong tweeted.

The Redskins could use a QB and PR boost after they claimed linebacker Reuben Foster off waivers after he was released by the San Francisco 49ers following a domestic violence arrest. He remains on the commissioner's exempt list and is facing league suspension.

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Patriots	9	3	0	331	259
Dolphins	6	6	0	244	300
Bills	4	8	0	178	293
Jets	3	9	0	243	307

AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	10	2	0	444	327
Chargers	9	3	0	340	249
Broncos	6	6	0	276	262
Raiders	2	10	0	220	367

AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Steelers	7	4	1	346	282
Ravens	7	5	0	297	214
Bengals	5	7	0	286	371
Browns	4	7	1	266	312

AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Texans	9	3	0	302	235
Colts	6	6	0	325	279
Titans	6	6	0	221	245
Jaguars	4	8	0	203	243

National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Cowboys	7	5	0	247	223
Eagles	6	6	0	258	266
Redskins	6	6	0	233	257
Giants	4	8	0	267	315

NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	11	1	0	419	298
Seahawks	7	5	0	319	259
Cardinals	3	9	0	175	310
49ers	2	10	0	255	336

NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bears	8	4	0	344	241
Vikings	6	5	1	275	270
Packers	4	7	1	281	287
Lions	4	8	0	254	316

NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Saints	10	2	0	419	269
Panthers	6	6	0	304	306
Buccaneers	5	7	0	318	355
Falcons	4	8	0	296	333

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