Cravens found guilty in surfer’s death

By NEAL PUTNAM | Beach & Bay Press

After being deadlocked 11-1, jurors overcame their impasse and convicted Seth Cravens of second-degree murder in the death of professional surfer Emery Seth Cravens of second-degree murder overcame their impasse and convicted

A judge sentences a Lakeside man to 40 years to life in the shooting death of Pacific Beach Realtor Emery Kansassi, Jr. Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The jury also convicted Cravens, 22, of La Jolla, of three felony assaults and two counts of making a criminal threat involving earlier instances in which people were punched in separate incidents. The jury acquitted him of three assault charges involving lights at parties. Cravens looked surprised at the verdict as San Diego Superior Court Judge John Einhorn read the verdicts on the jury’s sixth day of deliberations. He shook his head several times. Einhorn set sentencing for Jan. 12.

Cravens faces 25 years to life in prison for the murder and the assaults if they are sentenced consecutively, said District SEE CRAVENS, Page 7

Council blocks mayor’s move to close libraries

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | Beach & Bay Press

A large pension deficit notwithstanding, the San Diego City Council voted 6-1 Monday, Nov. 25, to keep libraries and recreation centers open despite calls from the mayor to make the deep cuts.

District 7 Councilman Jim Madaffer said the city needs to stop “kicking the can down the road” to cover the city’s estimated $43 million budget shortfall this year.

Council voted to tap hotel transient occupancy taxes, library system improvement fund funds and infrastructure money to keep the much-loved community buildings and services. The vote protects Fire and Rescue department services from current budget cuts but increases the Junior Lifeguard program fee to about $500 a student.

The council also voted to close the city’s community service centers, which offers a variety of services such as a free monthly immunization clinic for children, general city information and drop-off services for city bills.

The mayor is unlikely to veto the council’s decision, according to a mayoral spokesperson. The incoming City Council will revisit budget issues again in May.

After campaigning to pass Proposition C, which earmarks funds generated by Mission Bay lease for Mission Bay Park projects, District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer said he kept his “adrenaline in check” as council voted whether or not to dip in Mission Bay’s funds.

The mayor proposed tapping $4.9 million designated for Mission Bay capital improvements before Prop C takes effect July 2009, but the council decided against it.

Restrooms at Mission Beach and Mission Bay will stay open for now, but funding for beach-area fire rings has been snuffed out.

Council also followed the city’s independent Budget Analyst recommendation to ask the mayor to pursue a mandatory work furlough and user fee increases.

Joining into earmarked funds puts off the decision for a real long-term plan, an issue Faulconer said needs to be addressed.

Faulconer sits on Budget and Finance Committee and currently chairs the Audit Committee. The Budget and Finance Committee reviews the annual budget, oversees capital projects, taxes and fees. The Audit Committee currently includes Faulconer, District 4 Councilman Tony Young and District 1 Councilwoman Toni Atkins. They’re charged with overseeing the city’s financial business practices and internal financial reporting. The city is currently accepting applications to add three members of the public to the committee because of a voter mandate to restructure the committee.

“We know the news in next year’s budget is not going to be better,” he said.

“While these are not easy decisions, [they’re] keeping our focus on some of our core library services and giving [city council] more time to outreach with our community,” Faulconer said at Monday’s council meeting.

The decision to protect the popular programs and services will come at a cost.

Officials warn town council about budget shortfalls

By SHANNON MULHALL | Beach & Bay Press

Global and national economic woes have trickled down to the city, county and community, with City Council considering sweeping budget cuts and local retailers fearing a bleak holiday shopping season. Not all the news is bad, though. Capt. Shelley Zimmerman of the San Diego Police Department reported area crime is down, at the Nov. 19 Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) meeting.

Tourism and property taxes are down roughly $85 million, said Ronald Lacey from Mayor Jerry Sanders’ office.

The city’s pension fund has lost $1 billion, which means more money will have to come out of the general fund to cover the staggering loss, Lacey said.

To compensate for the shortage, City Council is discussing temporary closures of park and recreation facilities and libraries, including the Ocean Beach and Clairemont branches.

Councilman Kevin Faulconer is committed to keeping the libraries open, Thyme Curtis, his council representative, said.

San Diego County is facing similar problems. Property and sales taxes are down $78 million from this period last year, said John Wile, chief of staff for County Supervisor Pam Slater-Parks.

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TOP 1% IN NATION
A Lakeside man who shot and killed a Pacific Beach real estate agent was sentenced to 40 years to life in state prison and fined $10,000 Thursday, Nov. 20.

The family of the late James Magot, 64, told a judge about his life and background, which included seven years on the San Diego Zoning Board of Appeals and serving as an elder at La Jolla Presbyterian Church. His daughter said the family would continue to pray for the killer’s soul.

“My dad is clearly still alive in us,” his son, Darren Magot, of Orange County.

In contrast, the convicted killer, Michael Ray Jennison, 36, dressed in blue jail clothing, said nothing. He did not explain his motive for the Feb. 1, 2007 slaying before El Cajon Superior Court Judge Allan Preckel imposed sentence. Jennison received 15 years to life for second-degree murder, and Preckel added 2.5 years for the personal use of a gun in a homicide.

Jennison shot James Magot twice in the head after biting him on his arm during an argument about the sale of his Lakeside condo. Accord-

ing to a neighbor who witnessed the sale, Magot to buy the condo.

Jennison’s attorney, Irwin White, said his client’s mother died years ago and he never knew his father. Jennison was raised by his mother’s parents, but both of them died in the last few years.

The condominium was in his grandmother’s name and it went into foreclosure because Jennison could not make the payments. White said to prosecute law for the grandmother’s estate contacted Magot to buy the condo.

Jennison had “zero coping skills,” White said, adding “all the wrong things came together at the wrong time. This was a perfect storm.” White said the offense was “out of character for him,” but noted that Jennison lived an isolated life.

Preckel said Jennison would have to serve at least 40 years in prison before he could become eligible for parole. He gave him credit for spending the last 6 1/2 days in the George Bailey Detention Facility.

A jury convicted Jennison on Sept. 9 after two days of deliberations. White asked to reduce the second-degree murder conviction to voluntary manslaughter, saying the shooting occurred during “a rapid argument.” White said his client had paranoia among his psychological problems.

“In the court's view, the evidence overwhelmingly supports the jury's verdict. This is not a manslaughter case,” Preckel said in denying the motion.

White also unsuccessfully sought a new trial over an error the judge admitted making when he accidentally stapled a newspaper story about the trial to jury instructions that were sent into the jury’s deliberations room. The short story noted the judge had suppressed any mention of the presence of guns and money in Jennison’s car when he was arrested in Glole, Ariz.

The mistake came to the judge’s attention when the jury asked why they were given a newspaper story about the case.

“What happened was ... this court’s oversight,” Preckel said.

Deputy District Attorney Kristian Trocha said the article itself was not prejudicial, as it was only about the motion to suppress being granted. The murder weapon was never found, but jurors obviously knew from the evidence that he was shot by a gun, Trocha said.

Preckel said he has made a full record of the mistake for review by the 4th District Court of Appeals.
**NEWSbriefs**

**Police release man arrested after neighbor’s death**

Police investigators have released a man arrested following the Nov. 16 death of his Mission Beach neighbor pending further investigation, according to Lt. Kevin Rooney with the San Diego Police Department’s Homicide Division.

Paramedics and officers were called to Christopher Ross Connor’s home in the 3600 block of Bayside Lane after his roommate arrived home and found him unresponsive.

According to Rooney, Connor’s roommate called a neighbor earlier in the night, Brandon Callanan, 29, and asked Callanan to check in on Connor, 21.

The original statement released by the police said that Callanan and Connor became involved in a fight, ending with Connor becoming unresponsive and Callanan leaving the house.

Rooney said the roommate returned home around midnight and called paramedics. Paramedics attempted lifesaving measures but pronounced Connor dead at 12:28 a.m.

Callanan returned to the Bayside Lane home approximately an hour later and was arrested and transported to the county jail.

Rooney said Callanan was later released pending additional investigation. He said the cause of death is listed as undetermined while investigators wait for the results of toxicology and other tests.

**Parolee with five DUIDs gets 12 to life for fatality**

An intoxicated motorist who was on parole for his fifth drunken-driving conviction was sentenced Nov. 12 to 15 years to life in prison for the death of a grandmother whose family was driving to Sunset Cliffs on Interstate 8 to watch the sunset.

John Joseph Taskey, 47, said nothing before San Diego Superior Court Judge David Degerman gave him the maximum term for second-degree murder in the Sept. 13, 2007 death of Rosa Degerman, 76.

Deputy District Attorney David Grapilon said Taskey was convicted four times of drunken driving and had received probation for each case before being sentenced to prison for his fifth conviction in 2006.

His blood/alcohol level was 0.10 percent the evening of Sept. 13 when he was arrested near the exits of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and West Mission Bay Drive.

The legal limit for felony drunken driving is 0.08 percent.

“I doubt that Mr. Taskey can understand what pain he has cost us. Nothing can replace her.” said Gregoria Vigil, Degerman’s daughter. “I hope his sentence is as long as possible so other families (won’t have to suffer losses).”

Danielsen gave Taskey credit for already serving 426 days in jail since his arrest.

Grapilon said Taskey of La Mesa, was previously convicted of three felony and two misdemeanor charges of drunken driving.

Taskey pleaded guilty Oct. 14 to the most recent second-degree murder. In return, charges of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and two counts of drunken driving with injuries were dismissed.

Degerman’s 11-year-old granddaughter suffered a fractured shoulder.

Taskey was also injured.

**PBTC seeks nominations for best decorated house**

[Does your front lawn look like a winter wonderland?]

The Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) is looking for nominations for the best decorated homes for the holidays with prizes awarded for the top three decorated homes.

Nominations can be sent to the PBTC office by mail, fax or email. Include name, address and telephone number.

The PBTC office is located at 1706 Garnet Ave., phone (858) 483-6666, fax (858) 272-7782.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, Dec. 15. The winner will be announced in the Tuesday, Dec. 22 edition of the Beach & Bay Press.

**Santa scheduled to stop at the Hilton for tree lighting**

Santa Claus is making his early stop at Mission Bay to light the 35-foot-tall tree at the Hilton San Diego Resort Sunday, Nov. 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The tree lighting is co-sponsored by Vons and Easter Seals Southern California and organized to raise...
"We want to highlight this importance this year of shopping local." - Helen Reckignell, PB City Council President

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ably will be with our next budget in June," he said.

The shortfall could result in cuts to the police and fire departments by 1.5 percent. The civilian lay-offs would pull police officers into administrative roles, Lacey said.

"A service reduction is a public safety reduction," a local firefighter said.

Attendees echoed his concerns that layoffs could strain San Diego’s police and fire departments, which are already significantly smaller than the forces of comparable cities. San Diego currently has 1.2 to 1.4 police officers per 1,000 residents. Cities with similar populations are already significantly smaller than San Diego, Lacey said, but response times could go a long way in improving the quality of life for area residents.

"It’s been a really tough year," said Ruby Houck, Assistant Mayor of the beach area community court. "It’s been a really tough year for our community."

Panelists share their perspectives and identify problem situations and programs may also explain the reduction.

PBTC director Marcie Beckett re-emphasized the importance this year of the PBTC. She questioned whether rapes or reporting were up, noting that sexual assault is the most underreported crime.

The number of car burglaries reported has also increased, Zimmerman said. She advised shoppers to take their purchases home or carry them rather than storing them in the trunks of their cars.

Zimmerman also cautioned Internet shoppers: "If a deal’s too good to be true, it’s too good to be true."

One alternative to the Internet is shopping local retailers. "We want to highlight the importance this year of shopping local," Benjamin Nicholls, PB City Council member said.

"Times are tough for our mom-and-pop stores," said PB City Council President Tim Woodhouse.

As part of a shop local campaign, for every $20 a shopper spends in Pacific Beach stores, he or she will receive a coupon to participating stores as well as a raffle ticket. The prize is rumored to be a trip to New York, Nicholls said.

To help shoppers get in the holiday spirit, decorations will go up on Garnet Avenue after Thanksgiving.

With the help of donations from Faulconer and Slater-Price, the holiday parade will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. A concert sponsored by the Pacific Beach Community Foundation will follow at Kate Sessions Park.

For applications and information on the parade, visit www.pbholidayparade.com.

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VFV Post 5985 Dining News

For information on our monthly meeting, everyone is welcome to 858-488-3631. Next meeting is Dec. 5 - Sat. - Burgers, fries & beers, 5:30-7:30pm.

Dec. 7 - Trout’s On the Point, 5-8pm.

Dec. 9 - Half Off Flounder, 5-8pm.

Dec. 12 - Tattoo Deli, 5-7pm.

Dec. 14 - Sardine BBQ, 5-7pm.

Dec. 16 - Taco Salad, 5-7pm.

Dec. 19 - Wahoo’s Fish Tacos, 5-7pm.

Dec. 20 - T asphalt Sp., 5-7pm.

Dec. 21 - VFW Breakfast, 9am-noon.

Dec. 22 - Thursday Burger, 5-7pm.

Dec. 23 - VFW Burgers, 2-5pm.

Dec. 26 - Rib Shack, 5-7pm.

Dec. 27 - Tom & Jerry’s, 5-7pm.

Good News! Now & Then...Open!!

Great news! After a series of unexpected events, Rocklin will keep the shop open for more month. Inventory still reduced 30%-50% off until the end of the year. Promotional shopping center, 1450 Mission Blvd., 858-581-9100.

Latitudes, 32 Collecting Toys for Tots

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Thank You 3 Day Walk Volunteers

Friday Nov. 21st the 900 Block of Turquoise St. was abuzz with volunteers from Pacific Beach Gardens, Gwinn, Foot, French, Gourmet and Leilan’s offering bottled water, lemonade and pastries to thrilled 3 day Walk participants. Terrific community spirit!

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PB Woman’s Club Dec. Activities

Dec. 3 - Christmas party 6pm, 220 RSYV 6-198-8929, program PB Presbyterian church, 17 Ct.


July 4th, please join the Range of Fireworks and share the good feelings of helping the community. Contact John for info, 6-198-8929, www裱us.com, PB Woman’s Club House (1721) 10th Street.

Please share your beach area fun, funny and interesting facts, email Kirby@sd-ryan .com

www.pbholidayparade.com

To get into the holiday spirit, CVS Pharmacy, 16-52 Garnet Ave., is sponsoring Adopt-A-Senior on select days. Participants can provide necessary items to local senior citizens. For information call (858) 273-1940.

Mission Bay High School’s (MBHS) Associated Student Body is also sponsoring a food drive. MBHS senior class is also holding a fundraiser fashion show and tea at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Mission Beach Women’s Club. Tickets are $2.5 per person or $30 at the door. For information, contact Madison Victoria at madison.jillia@gmail.com or call Lori Libs (858) 395-8501.

Community members who are interested in serving as panelists on the beach area community court are urged to visit www.BeachCommunityCourt.com.

Panels share their perspectives and stories with individuals who receive misdemeanor citations for public urination and other offenses which affect the quality of life for area residents. The court meets monthly during the day and weekly in the summer months.

The PBTC will hold its next general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Earl & Birdie Taylor Library. 427 E. Cass St.

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NO ON D CAMPAIGN USED DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Re: “No on D crowd fought the good fight,” (Beach & Bay Press, Nov. 13)

Quite the contrary. The fight the No on D crowd fought was riddled with practices from kick...
Attorney spokesperson Paul Levikow, Cravens’ attorney, Mary Ellen Attridge, said she will appeal the verdict but left the courtroom quickly afterward without comment.

“These verdicts send a strong message to the community that brutality will not be tolerated,” said Deputy District Attorney Sophia Roach afterwards.

“They will never replace the life that has been taken. Emery Kauanui’s family will live with this sadness forever,” she said.

Jurors quickly left, and how the one holdout juror changed his or her mind was not answered by the nine-man, three-woman jury. The jury foreman read a statement, but would not go beyond the statement.

“We, the members of the jury, are proud of the job we did. We spent six intense days deliberating and we were able to reach a unanimous verdicts on all counts. Thank you,” said the foreman, who was identified only as Juror No. 11.

Jurors struggled with the case and sent out 10 notes during their deliberations. The content of the notes was not revealed, but they did ask for testimony of four witnesses read back to them. Einhorn declined to release the names of the witnesses read back.

On Monday, Einhorn seemed poised to declare a mistrial when most of the jurors told him that further deliberations would not end the 11-1 split. Jurors said they had taken four votes on the murder charge.

When he asked if the jurors needed anything to help them reach a verdict, one juror said a dictionary would help. Two other jurors said more discussions might lead them to a verdict, so he ordered them back into deliberations.

Cravens shook his head as the jurors were led out of the courtroom. Sheriff’s deputies placed a security chain across his chest and handcuffed him as he was led out of the courtroom.

Attridge had urged jurors to acquit Cravens, saying the May 24, 2007, fight outside the victim’s home had elements of self-defense.

Attridge claimed Kauanui was the aggressor and once came within five inches of Cravens’ face before he was punched in the head by Cravens. Kauanui’s skull was fractured when his head hit the pavement. He died four days later in the hospital of blunt-force trauma and brain injuries. His mother heard the verdict, but left the courtroom without comment.

Cravens did not testify, but co-defendants Matthew Yanke, 22, and Henri “Hank” Hendricks, 22, did. It was Yanke who said Kauanui came within five inches of Cravens’ face and yelled an exploitive word in the face of the prosecutor three times, saying the prosecution had been “a runaway train.”

Yanke and Eric House, 21, both pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and were both sentenced to 210 days in jail on Sept. 5. Orlando Osuna, 23, got 149 days in jail after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Hendricks pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact and received 90 days in jail.

Hendricks has since been released from jail. The sheriff’s department web site says Yanke and House will be released on Jan. 3 and Dec. 24 respectively. Osuna will be released on Feb. 22, 2009, according to jail records.
LIBRARIES

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Some of the money used this time to keep the libraries open was supposed to pay for library improvements. Mayoral spokesperson Rachel Liang said council’s decision could affect plans for the newly proposed Down- town Central library though it is unclear how.

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Armed men hold up Mission Bay hotel

Two men armed with handguns attempted to rob the Inn at Mission Bay Friday, Nov. 21, at 11:51 p.m. The suspects ordered the manager to open the safe, and when she couldn’t, they took her personal cash and car keys before fleeing.

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Lights, camera, fashions! Golden Hangers gleam

By DIANA CAVAGNARO | beach&bay press

Fashion Careers College (FCC) presented the 22nd annual Golden Hanger Fashion Awards Gala Satur- 
day, Nov. 8 at The Town & Country Resort and Convention Center. The 
evening began with a lively cocktail reception and fashionable boutique 
shopping. FCC chair and founder Pat O’Connor welcomed the guests and introduced international fash- 
ion designer Zandra Rhodes, who was 
 honorary chair. Leonard Simp- 
som, KUSI “Style Guy,” was celebrity 
 auctioneer for the event. Fabulous 
 items were auctioned off, such as 
 dinner for eight prepared by Rhodes 
at her elegant beachfront home.

County Supervisor Pam Slater- 
Price was given a special award for 
her philanthropic and community 
leadership. Additional honorees for 
the evening included Nicki Starr of 
Civil Disobedience Boutique, Mani 
M. Nagasubramanian of RM&D 
(Retail Design & Merchandising), 
Bangalore, India, and Rick Coburn of 
Factory Vintage.

Sandra Maas of KUSI Channel 
9 news was mistress of ceremonies for 
the night and began by introducing the 
Make-A-Wish segment, which is always an 
audience favorite. FCC students design creations for celebri- 
ties and Make-A-Wish children. They came down the runway tug- 
ging on everyone’s heartstrings.

The theme for the evening was “Lights, Camera and Fashions.” Three screens were set up and 60- 
second clips from movies played before each segment in the fashion show. The music from each movie played as the models came down the catwalk. The line-up showcased the designs of FCC students. The audi- 
ence went wild as bare-chested men came down the catwalk. Each of these good-looking guys had a collar 
around his neck and was being led by a stylist model in animal prints. This was a huge crowd-pleaser and 
definitely one of the highlights of the evening. The show finale was the inspirational designs of paint- 
rings from the collection at the 
Timken Museum of Art. These 
clever designs from different 
 movies were coordinated by Tanya 
McAner and produced by Jim 
 Crawford.

Proceeds from the evening go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical condi- 
tions to enrich the human experi- 
ence with hope, strength and joy. For more information, visit 
www.wishsandiego.org. The eve- 
ning also gives proceeds to Variety Children’s Lifeline Charity, a non- 
 profit dedicated to improving the lives of children around the world. For info, visit www.variety 
childrenscharity.org.
Season starts with high expectations for USD hoops

By ANTHONY GENTILE | Becky Fitz Pais

For the University of San Diego, the 2007-2008 basketball season was the most memorable in school history. Both the men’s and women’s teams advanced to post-season tournament last season and the men’s team shocked the nation with an improbable first-round upset of Connecticut.

“Torto gives us a big kid that can run, is athletic and is a presence for us in there,” Grier said. “Dorr is very cerebral. He knows the game, he knows when to make the extra pass, he’s long, and he can guard a variety of guys.”

A posterior-opening 65-60 loss at UNLV, Nov. 13, the Toreros picked up their first win of the season three days later in their home opener against Nevada. USD opened the game with an 8-2 run and never led by less than six for the rest of the game, winning 65-51. Jones led all scorers with 23 points.

“I felt that we really had to come out swinging, we had to be the aggressor, and I felt for most of the night we did that,” Grier said.

The Toreros opened their home opener with Pomare back in the lineup after serving a one-game suspension. Two other Toreros, sophomores Trumaine Johnson (five games) and Clinton Houston (six), were suspended to start the year. Grier suspended each of the players before the season started for breaking team rules.

USD returned home from the Paradise Jam tournament in the Virgin Islands this week and hosts NAIA opponent San Diego Christian College Saturday at 2 p.m. USD’s tough pre-season schedule includes road games next month at San Diego State (Dec. 6), versus Oregon in Portland (Dec. 13) and at Mississippi State (Dec. 30).

The USD women’s team finished 19-13 and advanced to the big dance last season for the first time since 2000, falling to California in the first round. That loss has served as motivation in the offseason.

“We weren’t satisfied with the way we ended last year,” said senior center Amber Sprague. “We obviously won the conference tournament and advanced to the NCAA tournament but we want to get there and we want to win.”

USD will have to adjust to the graduation of point guard and team leader Amanda Rego. How well the Toreros replace Rego’s production and leadership will go a long way in determining their success this season.

“We obviously miss her a lot right now, just the little things she brought to the team,” said Toreros head coach Cindy Fisher. “She built a solid foundation here and helped us with success and now it’s our job to continue that.”

On the court, a pair of freshmen — 5-foot-8-inch Dominique Connors and 6-foot Morgan Woodrow — are filling in at point guard. Connors averaged 19 minutes and five points per game in the first three games.

“Shes a freshman point guard so she is still trying to learn her way and learn how to take control of the team, but she’s done a great job so far and everyday she gets better and better,” Sprague said.

Fisher expects the team’s seniors to provide leadership.

“I think the leadership in our senior class, with Amber Sprague, Kaia Mangrum and Kiva Herman, is going to be key,” Fisher said.

The Toreros opened the season with a 66-51 win over CSUSM at home on Nov. 14. Sprague led the

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NY Jets bust Tennessee's perfect record

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StatsWatch:

- McNabb 27-of-34 passing for 284 yards and 11 touchdowns this year.
- Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said he spoke with White on Monday.
- Tennessee running back LenDale White went on to say that he hoped someone would tell him what's going on. He was the primary running back last season, gaining 1,110 yards. He has 123 carries for 469 yards and 11 touchdowns this year. But rookie Chris Johnson has gained 813 yards on 187 attempts with five TDs.
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Robert Bullet

Kris Diehlman regrups after a tough third-down goal line stand by the Chargers against the Colts Sunday, Nov. 30. The Colts scored on the fourth-down play.

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Week 13 - NFL Preview & Picks

By BOB HURST

New Orleans tries to keep its momentum going this week in a big NFC South matchup at Tampa Bay while the Bears and Vikings hook up in a game for first place in the NFC North. Here’s a look at this week’s games. All times are Pacific.

Last week: 8-8

Season record: 116-59

Thursday Nov. 27

Tennessee 10-1

at Detroit 0-11, 9:30 a.m.

Last Meeting: at Detroit 0-11, 9:30 a.m.

Stats & Stuff: Tennessee has won at home in 2004.

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Thursday Nov. 27

San Francisco 0-8

at Buffalo 6-5, 10 a.m.

Last Meeting: Bills won 41-7 at Buffalo 6-5, 10 a.m.

Stats & Stuff: Bills won 41-7 at Buffalo in 2004.

Saturday Nov. 29

San Diego 3-9

at Pittsburgh 0-11, 10 a.m.

Last Meeting: Ravens won 13-10 at home on Sept. 7.

Stats & Stuff: Ravens are still in the AFC North race and need to keep up with Pittsburgh.

Saturday Nov. 29

Washington 1-9

at Cleveland 0-11, 10 a.m.

Last Meeting: Browns won 13-6 at Cleveland 4-7, 10 a.m.

Stats & Stuff: Browns are ready for another upset, but the Bills can put a lot of points on the board.

Sunday Nov. 30

New England 0-11

at Miami 9-2, 1:00 p.m.

Last Meeting: Patriots won 31-24 at Miami 9-2, 1:00 p.m.

Stats & Stuff: Buffalo is 9-3 after 12 games for the first time since start of 1990.

Sunday Nov. 30

Atlanta 2-10-1

at New Orleans 0-9-1, 4:15 p.m.

Last Meeting: Saints won 48-31 at New Orleans 0-9-1, 4:15 p.m.

Stats & Stuff: Saints have won seven straight.

Sunday Nov. 30

Pittsburgh 0-11

at Baltimore 3-9-1, 1:00 p.m.

Last Meeting: Ravens won 21-10 at home in 2005.

Stats & Stuff: Baltimore outgained the Bengals 358-154 in their first meeting this season. Cincinnati’s only TD in that game came on a 65-yard fumble return.

Sunday Nov. 30

Seattle 2-9

at San Francisco 0-8

Last Meeting: Bills won 41-7 at San Francisco in 2004.

Stats & Stuff: Bills QB Jim Kelly and 49ers’ QB Trent Edwards lead AFC North and need to keep up with Pittsburgh.

Sunday Nov. 30

Arizona 20-7-1

at Philadelphia 8-0-5, 7:30 p.m.

Last Meeting: Cardinals won 27-21 at home in 2005.

Stats & Stuff: Arizona can clinch its first division title since 1975 with a win. Eagles QB Donovan McNabb has won 4 of last 5 vs. Cardinals.

Game Day: McNabb gets another chance after his benching in Week 12. But the Cardinals are hungry for a division championship.

Pick: Cardinals 24, Eagles 21

Monday Dec. 1

Indianapolis 7-4

at Cleveland 4-7, 10 a.m.

Last Meeting: Colts won 13-6 at home in 2003.

Stats & Stuff: Indianapolis has won 4 straight. QB Peyton Manning has 9 TDs, 1 INT in those 4 games. Browns QB Kellen Hearns is 3-1 in career vs. Indianapolis.

Game Day: The Colts are on a hot streak and aren’t about to stop now.

Pick: Colts 32, Browns 14

Monday Dec. 1

Seattle 2-9

at San Francisco 1-9-1, 10 a.m.

Last Meeting: 49ers won 32-24 at San Francisco 1-9-1, 10 a.m.

Stats & Stuff: 49ers’ Week 12 loss to Dallas, Buffalo QB Trent Edwards leads AFC with 108.6 passer rating in fourth quarter.

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AFC EAST

NY. Giants 10-1

Last Meeting:

at Washington 7-4, 10 a.m.

Pick:

Bucs through.

NFL in that span.

Last Meeting: Dolphins won 11-14 at home in 2004.

Stats & Stuff: Miami has gained 300-plus offensive yards in 9 straight games. Rams have dropped 5 in a row and haven’t scored a TD in 2 of last 3.

Game Day: Saints try to pull within a game of the NFC South division lead, but big plays will pull Bucs through.

Pick: Buccaneers 27, Saints 24

The Chargers have a

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