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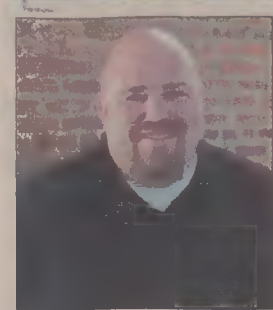
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Fourth and Long



David Friedman

Stock up; it's bowl season

College football is nearing its end, and I am legitimately sad about it. The NFL is nice and all, but I prefer Saturday football.

Fortunately for all of us, the college football postseason is providing us with more than a few intriguing matchups. Even better, they aren't all on Saturdays.

I'm going to skip over the Cotton, Peach, Rose and Sugar Bowls. To suggest that you watch these would be like suggesting that you inhale, before and after, exhaling.

I figure you are likely to watch the New Orleans, Cure, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Camellia, Birmingham, Armed Forces, Dollar General, Hawaii, Tax-Slayer, Liberty, Fiesta, Orange and Outback Bowls because they are all happening on days you are likely to be off work. Some of them will be good games, but they will likely all be better to watch than most of the stuff on television.

The following is a chronological guide to games you should consider DVR'ing, calling in sick for or staying up late on a school night to watch.

The first would be the Boca Raton Bowl on Tuesday, Dec. 19. This game features Akron out of the MAC, a smaller but traditionally tough conference, against FAU out of Conference USA. FAU features Lane Kiffin, Alabama's next head coach after Dabo Swinney turns them down. The game will be played at FAU, so there will be a definite home field advantage.

Two days later on Thursday, Dec. 21, you can watch the Bad Boy Mower's Gasparilla Bowl. Not just because it has such

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Fast start keys Bertie boys

BY JIM GREEN
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WINDSOR - A big first-quarter lead and the dynamic duo of Tray Riddick and Joshua Burden proved too much to overcome for the Riverside High School varsity boys basketball team Friday night.

Bertie led by 14 at the end of the first quarter and rode the efforts of Riddick (26 points) and Burden (24 points) to an 80-64 victory over Riverside in a non-conference game.

Bertie, which earned its first win of the season, improved to 1-2 overall while handing Riverside (2-1) its first loss.

The home team started out well offensively, as Riddick buried a three-pointer.

Riverside didn't need long to tie it at 3-all, as Ben Beach made a free throw and Aa'shaun Belcher had a bucket on a drive to the basket.

Then the Falcons got hot.

A three-pointer from Alden Cottle, followed by a basket from Burden and another triple (Marquis Overton), gave Bertie a 14-5 edge. Burden's free throws, coupled with buckets from Jaqwan Baylor and Riddick as well as free throws from Cottle and Riddick, staked the Falcons to a 23-9 lead at the end of the quarter.

Every time the Knights seemingly had some momentum after a score in the second stanza, Bertie would



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Bertie's Joshua Burden (No. 10) pulls up for the jumper over Riverside defenders Aa'shaun Belcher (No. 21), Ben Beach (No. 41) and Kiam Bethea (No. 31) during Friday's non-conference victory by the Falcons in Windsor.

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Lady Falcons suffer 2 losses

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WINDSOR - Defense fueled the offense, and that offense created separation.

Riverside High School's girls basketball team used a 14-2 run in the second quarter to establish control, the Knights went on to defeat Class 2A Bertie 49-35 in a non-conference game Friday night.

Riverside improved to 2-1 overall, while Bertie dropped to 1-2 with its second straight loss.

Both squad displayed solid defense in the first quarter.

Riverside jumped out to a 5-0 lead behind

Zaria Brown-Williams, but the Falcons responded with nine of the next 11 points for a 9-7 lead as Aleeyah Proctor and Destiny Clark combined for eight of those points, and Akiya King - returning to the lineup after being out nine months due to an ACL/MCL injury - added a free throw.

Brown-Williams and point guard Mimi Bland got the offense rolling for Riverside in the second quarter.

Bland's jumper tied it at 9-all with 5:57 left in the first half, and a free throw by Brown-Williams gave the Knights

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Lady Falcon Destiny Clark moves the ball downcourt against Riverside.

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