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EXPERIENCE OUT AND ABOUT FOR BLACK FRIDAY



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Shoppers gather inside of a store at the Franklin Park Mall on Black Friday. Despite more options to shop online around this time of year, groups congregated at the mall to find deals and see friends.

Groups bond at Toledo mall

Shoppers discuss finding deals, watching crowds

By VINCENT LUCARELLI
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For many, Black Friday shopping is the first gift of the holiday season, a kick-off with family, friends, and togetherness with deals, bags, and browsing.

"It is a tradition. ... We go every year," said Tracy Kanuckel, a shopper at Franklin Park Mall Friday. "We just enjoy shopping and seeing what's on sale and good deals and things like that."

As they dined on a snack of Auntie Anne's pretzels in the mall's food court, Ms. Kanuckel, joined by her daughter Kennedy and mom Pam Baumia, were plotting out where they wanted to go for the rest of their shopping day.



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Alexa Hartbarger and Brooklyn Obeid browse kiosk items at the Toledo mall.

Ms. Kanuckel and her daughter live in Howard, Ohio, which is about an hour northeast of Columbus and about 2.5 hours from Toledo.

The shopping trips have become part of the Thanksgiving weekend itinerary when the family comes to Toledo, where Ms. Baumia lives.

The women started their shopping day at Bass Pro Shops before heading to the mall. After lunch, they planned to hit Bath and Body Works, which had a Buy 3, Get 4 Free sale.

"It is nice family time," Ms. Kanuckel said. "It is time for us girls to go out and shop together."

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East Coast starts storm recovery

N.Y. prepares for parade

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NEW YORK — Heavy rain over flooded East Coast communities began easing Friday, and power was slowly restored to hundreds of thousands of customers as some places stayed on guard for high-tide flooding following a round of holiday storms.

The storms snarled travel and downed trees and power lines. The intense weather led to water rescues from New York to Virginia. In New York City, preparations were under way to hold Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Saturday after an unprecedented postponement because of rain and high winds.

Elsewhere, wet snow fell as far south as the Tennessee Valley, and freezing rain moved across northern New England. Cold rain was reported in parts of the Midwest, including the Ohio Valley and the lower Great Lakes.

Another storm system in the Northwest brought rain along coastal Oregon. More snow was forecast in the Cascade Range and in mountain passes in Montana and Wyoming.

Conditions were expected to improve across the entire eastern United States, "but this huge system will take some time to weaken," the National Weather Service said. Coastal flood warnings were posted from New Jersey to Virginia.

The number of power outages, which peaked

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Area could face steep rate hikes

Hearings set on plan that would raise electric bills

By DANNY ELDREDGE
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COLUMBUS — Electric consumers in Toledo and other parts of northwest Ohio would see higher bills for three consecutive years if the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approves FirstEnergy's proposed rate increases.

Under FirstEnergy's proposal, a Toledo Edison residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would see their bill increase from $182.23 to $190.28 in 2027. The bill would continue rising to $193.36 in 2028 and end up at $198.13 in 2029.

Toledo Edison serves customers in Lucas, Wood, Henry, Fulton, Defiance, Williams, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties.

Customers of FirstEnergy's two other Ohio utilities — Ohio Edison and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company — would also see bill increases over the three-year period, but Toledo Edison's rates would rise the most.

Consumers will have an opportunity to discuss the proposed rate hikes during upcoming PUCO hearings in Toledo, Cleveland, and Akron.

Those attending a public hearing will have the opportunity to speak directly to a PUCO commissioner — one of the five commissioners responsible for deciding the case. Public testimony becomes part of the official case record for PUCO's consideration.

The Toledo hearing is scheduled for Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. in the first-floor hearing room at 1 Government Center.

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DEMOCRATS MIGHT FIND UNEXPECTED ALLY

GOP in Congress rethinking tariffs

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WASHINGTON — Democrats hoping to blunt President Trump's tariffs when they retake control of Congress may find partners in an unlikely place: among his fellow Republicans.

After devastating election losses that centered on rising costs, many Republicans said they're open to reconsidering some of the levies that have become a central plank of Trump's global trade agenda. The administration proposed new tariffs Wednesday targeting China, the European Union, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and nine other major trading partners.

Whether Republicans actually buck Trump on tariffs could signal if election losses and the President's lame duck status shake what has been nearly lockstep fealty to him.

In interviews with more than a half dozen congressional Republicans since the election, most said they were open to reviewing tariffs, at least on a case-by-case basis. They expressed a desire for predictability and said Congress could reclaim its constitutional authority over tariffs. They were reluctant, however, to broadly curb the President's own tariff powers and acknowledged Trump could veto any repeal legislation.

But for Democrats eager to score some early bipartisan wins, the mere willingness of Republicans to

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Unusual crash puts area crew to test

Semi slides along walls of 2 bridges

By DAVID PATCH
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Johnathan Thomasson had never seen a tractor-trailer crash end quite like this one.

The incident Thursday afternoon in which a semi loaded with Toledo-bound mail jackknifed on an I-75 viaduct near downtown Toledo caused no injuries, but it left the big rig in a very precarious position.

"That's probably topping the scale," said Mr. Thomasson, the operations manager for Bubba's Towing, the Monclova Township company that sent three of its trucks out to retrieve the wayward semi from atop the side walls of two neighboring bridges.

"You don't normally see trucks in this position," he said. "That tops the charts as unusual recoveries



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A tractor-trailer loaded with Toledo-bound mail jackknifed on the I-75 viaduct on Thursday. No one was injured.

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