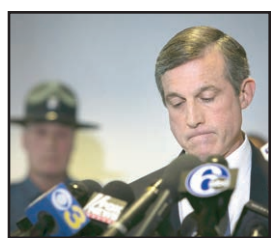


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**Dream Dance set for today**

The '50s are making a comeback at the 2017 Dream Dance held from 5 until 7:30 p.m. today at Swann Gym.

Named the "sock hop edition," the dance is open to special needs people of all ages.

Those attending are asked to wear '50s attire.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to call dance organizer Anna Kate Gilbert at (205) 471-9900.

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**OAKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Daily Mountain Eagle - Nicole Smith

Carson's mom, Alisha Sherer, far right, shows his teachers the courage beads he received during his time at Children's of Alabama.

## 'He's been very brave'

Oakman Elementary student shares his journey to recovery

By NICOLE SMITH  
Daily Mountain Eagle

OAKMAN — Curious hands were raised high Friday morning at Oakman Elementary School as representatives from Children's of Alabama talked to third graders about the brave journey of their fellow classmate, Carson Sherer.

April 19, 2016, is the day Carson was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He has been homebound for the past year and has made many visits to Children's of Alabama in Birmingham to receive chemotherapy. After months of treatment, Carson will return to school next week.

To help his classmates have a better understanding of what he was diagnosed with, Caroline Davis, a school liaison, and Lindsay Joe, a child life specialist — both with Children's — described what occurred in Carson's body to make him sick. Through a demonstration, Davis and Joe used different types of candy to

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Caroline Davis, far right, and Lindsay Joe, both of Children's of Alabama, pose with Carson Sherer. They talked to Carson's classmates about his journey with leukemia.

## Going red for women

Jasper Mayor David O'Mary proclaimed Friday to be National Wear Red Day in the city. Red ribbons have also been placed around the city in recognition of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign, which raises awareness of heart disease risks among women. Accepting the proclamation were advocate Beverly Moore-Harton and other local supporters of Go Red for Women. Two events have been planned for the month. A Go Red Zumbathon will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m. at Memorial Park Natatorium, and a Go Red Gala and fashion show will be held Sunday, Feb. 26, at First Baptist Church-Frisco.



Daily Mountain Eagle - Jennifer Cohron

**WALKER HOSTS DORA IN FINAL HOME GAME**



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

Walker's Lady Vikings will host Dora at 4:30 p.m. today at the Carl Cannon Coliseum in the final home game of the regular season. Walker's boys play Dora at 6. The JV game tips off at 3:30 p.m.

**ALABAMA LEGISLATURE**

## Rowe named to powerful, agenda-setting rules committee

Special to the Eagle

Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon (R-Monrovia) on Friday announced that he has appointed State Rep. Connie Rowe (R-Jasper) to a seat on the powerful House Rules Committee, which is tasked with setting the body's agenda for each work day and determining which bills will be debated upon the chamber floor.



Rep. Connie Rowe

A former Jasper police chief, Rowe also holds seats on the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and the Children and Senior Advocacy Committee.

"Since becoming a member of the

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**CORDOVA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Jasper man to serve a year in jail for running from police

By JENNIFER COHRON  
Daily Mountain Eagle

A Jasper man who led a Cordova police officer on a late-night car chase last month has been sentenced to a year in the Cordova Jail.

Johnny Evans, 33, of Jasper, pleaded guilty to attempting to elude, resisting arrest and reckless endangerment in Cordova Municipal Court on Wednesday, according to Cordova Police Chief Nick Smith.

He was sentenced to 360 days in jail. Two additional sentences of 360 days were suspended.

Evans will also be on probation for



Johnny Evans

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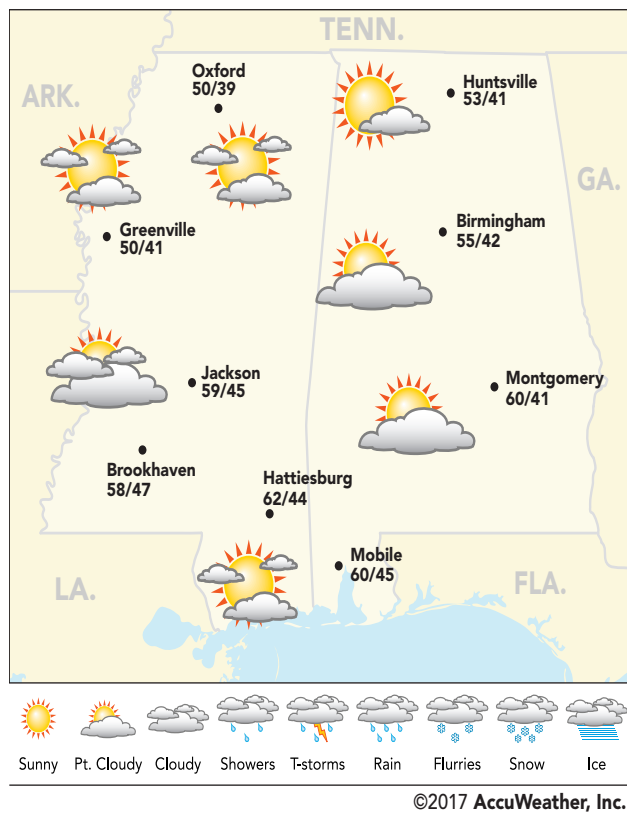
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Today's weather



Forecast for Saturday, February 4, 2017



## DEATHS & FUNERALS

### Agnes Marie Thompson

Agnes Marie Thompson was a brazen soul who had a heart of fire, a stubborn streak a mile wide and always had beans and cornbread on the stove. If you even came to visit hungry, you were sure to leave well fed.

She spent her days talking to kids. Depending on the day and who she was talking to, she had a favorite. She spent her morning at her sewing machine, her afternoons picking pecans and the evenings in her garden. She rarely wore shoes, unless she was heading into town.

She taught her kids how to be self-sufficient and demanded them to work hard and provide honestly for their family. She tried early on to keep each child close, safe and loved. In their early years, she would pin the youngest to her skirt so she could keep forging ahead. Babies learned early that responsibilities came first and rest second.

She earned a wide array of skills on earth. She was an early day recycler (she used old pantyhose as a strainer), she could sniff out moles blindfolded, she could ring the neck of a chicken and grow the most elegant and beautiful flowers.

In her younger years, she would preach the Word of God to her peers while standing on a tree stump. She had a fierce loyalty to God and lovingly cherished that bond.

She entered eternal life on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016. A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017.

Her spirit is carried on by her ten children, Vernon, Wiley, Marie, Ann, Leon, Mavis, Eunice, L.T., Rueben and Tom; sister, Legitta; a flock of beautiful grandchildren; even more beautiful great-grandchildren; and in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends and family to numerous to list, but not forgotten.

Agnes is reunited with her parents, Willie and Myrtle Watts; husband, Riley Thompson; children, Tommy Cole and William Warren; siblings, Neil, Billy and Wiladean; and friends and strangers she would have loved to meet.



### Margaret Faye Steed

Margaret Faye Steed, 70, of Nauvoo, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at the UAB Palliative and Comfort Care Unit in Birmingham.

Steed worked for the town of Nauvoo as a water clerk for 22 years.

A visitation will be held Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, from 2 until 3 p.m. in the Collins-Burke Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Joe Daniels will officiate.

Steed was preceded in death by her father, James Steed; and mother, Louise Crisp.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Barton and her husband, Ronald; two grandchildren, Jeffery Dionne Jr. and Nicole Paige Dionne; three sisters, Sheila Sizemore and her husband, Keith, Carolyn Busbee and her husband, Dwight, and Doris Wright and her husband, D.V.; one brother, Donald Crisp; special cousin, Brenda Hall; and a host nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Wilson Brothers Funeral Home, Carbon Hill; 205-924-4147

### Larry Wayne Ledlow

Larry Wayne Ledlow, 53, of Townley, passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, at his residence.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

### William Bratton 'Bill' Jones

William Bratton "Bill" Jones, 80, of Arley, passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, at his residence.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Kilgore-Green Funeral Home.

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-9503

## 'Sanctuary cities' bill advances in Texas, despite outcry

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas Senate panel shrugged off 16 hours of sometimes tearful pleas and defiant opposition to approve a "sanctuary cities" proposal that would withhold grant funding from local jurisdictions that don't hand over immigrants already in custody for possible deportation.

A 7-2 vote around 12:45 a.m. Friday from the chamber's powerful State Affairs Committee sends the bill to the full Senate, where a vote could come as early as next week.

Hundreds of Texans traveled from all over the state to testify on the bill and proceedings were repeatedly disrupted by protesters. Supporters say the measure will impose the rule of law, but civic groups, immigration lawyers, church leaders and Hispanic activists oppose it, fearing it will lead to racial profiling and promote mistrust of law enforcement among minority communities. The committee voted along party lines and the hotly contested bill should clear the Senate too, since Republicans control 20 of its 31 seats. Similar measures have been backed by top Texas Republicans in previous years but never became law. A bill reaching the Senate floor so early in the state's legislative session — which began Jan. 10 and runs through the end of May — bodes well for its chances this time.

The Texas Democratic Party accused Republicans of using the late hour to rush legislation that much of the state doesn't want. The committee had scheduled a second meeting to discuss the bill after 8:30 a.m. on Friday, but canceled that after succeeding in voting overnight.

"In the dead of the night, while the very families that will be targeted by this discriminatory legislation were asleep, Republicans voted to launch Trump's deportation force agenda," Manny Garcia, the party's deputy executive director, said in a statement Friday.

Republican state Sen. Charles Perry said local authorities must enforce the law. "This is not a deportation bill, this is a rule-of-law bill," Perry said. "We have almost a culture of contempt for federal immigration law."

The term "sanctuary cities" has no legal definition, but Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has promoted the legislation as a move to crackdown on criminal suspects who are in the country illegally. The issue has become contentious in many legislatures around the country, especially with President Donald Trump promising to wall off the U.S.-Mexico border and impose strict federal immigration policies.

As proposed, Texas' bill applies to local police forces and law enforcement at college campuses, and seeks to strip authorities of state-controlled grant funding if they don't comply — though some of its key provisions may change as it clears the Senate and makes its way through Texas' Republican-controlled state House.

Individual sheriffs and police chiefs — particularly in heavily Democratic areas — have long opposed enforcing federal immigration law, though some statewide law enforcement groups have endorsed the bill. Abbott has already blocked \$1.5 million to be withheld from the Travis County sheriff, who has said the jails in the state capital, Austin, will no longer honor most federal immigration detainees.

*"This is not a deportation bill, this is a rule-of-law bill. We have almost a culture of contempt for federal immigration law."*

**- Republican state Sen. Charles Perry**

## Rule on guns and mentally ill people faces GOP rollback

ATLANTA (AP) — In a sign of the new climate taking hold on gun issues under a Trump administration with a Republican-led Congress, a rule to keep guns out of the hands of certain mentally disabled people is on its way to being scrapped.

Under the rule, the Social Security Administration was to provide information to the gun-buying background check system on recipients with a mental disorder so severe they cannot work or handle their own benefit checks. Finalized in December as the Obama administration wound down, it affects an estimated 75,000 beneficiaries.

Gun-control advocates say the rule was meant to affect only those found to have a mental illness that makes them a danger to themselves or others, but was written too broadly. The rule didn't make certain people ineligible to buy a firearm, but was designed to ensure the background check system was comprehensive, accurate and flagged those already deemed ineligible.

"We would oppose any efforts to undermine that," said Kristin Brown, chief

strategy officer for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

The idea for the provision emerged after the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting in which a 20-year-old man with a variety of impairments, including Asperger's syndrome and obsessive-compulsive disorder, shot and killed his mother at their home, then went to a school in Newtown, Connecticut, and fatally shot 20 children, six adults and himself. Adam Lanza used several weapons that his mother kept in her home and that they used to shoot at a range together.

Republican lawmakers and gun advocates criticized the regulation for reinforcing a negative stereotype that people with a mental disorder are dangerous.

"We have already seen federal authorities use psychiatric data to deny more than 257,000 military veterans their right to keep and bear arms ... But these are honest people who have committed no crimes," said Erich Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America.

Democrats said Republicans were doing the Na-

tional Rifle Association's bidding.

The Social Security regulation also established a process for people to appeal having their names submitted to the background check database. But attorneys general from a dozen states wrote to congressional leaders and said such appeals can take months or years to resolve.

They said the regulation violates basic notions of due process by permitting an agency to revoke someone's Second Amendment rights without a hearing.

Jared Hamon, an engineering student at the University of Utah, said his mother was designated as his "payee" as a child. When he was born, he had a stroke and has cerebral palsy.

He deals with poor balance and he described his left hand as akin to wearing an oven mitt with fingers that don't move well. When he turned 18, he didn't see any reason "to go through a huge bureaucratic process to change" the designation.

He tucked away money each month to eventually afford a gun permit and to buy a firearm, on the very

day of the Sandy Hook shooting.

It's not clear what impact, if any, the rule would have on Hamon, but he said he worried about being deemed unfit to buy a firearm and fretted about not being able to have a gun to protect himself.

A House vote on Thursday to roll back the rule "downgrades a system built to enforce existing laws that keep guns out of hands that shouldn't have them," said Erika Soto Lamb, the chief communications officer of Everytown for Gun Safety.

"Our background check system is only as good as the records it contains, and this vote re-opened the door for people prohibited from firearm ownership to illegally pass checks, buy and possess guns. Our public safety has been put at risk because of today's gun lobby-backed maneuver to advance their agenda of more guns for anyone, no questions asked."

The House passed the measure 235-180. The Senate has yet to act, and President Donald Trump must sign the bill into law before it can go into effect.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**Today is Saturday, Feb. 4,** the 35th day of 2017. There are 330 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Feb. 4, 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

**On this date:**

In 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

In 1962, a rare conjunction of the sun, the moon, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn occurred.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in Berkeley, California, by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1977, eleven people were killed when two Chicago Transit Authority trains collided on an elevated track.

In 1983, pop singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey, California, at age 32.

In 1987, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs, California, home at age 67.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, California, found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and

her friend, Ronald Goldman.

In 2004, the Massachusetts high court declared that gay couples were entitled to nothing less than marriage, and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice. The social networking website Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched "Thefacebook."

**Ten years ago:** The Indianapolis Colts won Super Bowl XLI (41), beating the Chicago Bears 29-17. Singer-actress Barbara McNair died in Los Angeles at age 72.

**Five years ago:** Russia and China vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution aimed at ending Syria's bloodshed. Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney cruised to a decisive victory in the Nevada caucuses. Running back Curtis Martin, the fourth-leading rusher in NFL history, and linemen Chris Doleman, Cortez Kennedy, Willie Roaf and Dermontti Dawson were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, along with senior committee choice Jack Butler.

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers won the 2011 Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player award in a landslide. Florence Green, who had served with the Women's Royal Air Force and was recognized as the last veteran of World War I, died in King's Lynn, eastern England, at age 110.

**One year ago:** In their first one-on-one debate, Hillary Clinton accused Bernie Sanders of subjecting her to an "artful smear" by trying to cast her as beholden to Wall Street interests while Sanders suggested the former secretary of state was a captive of America's political establishment during the Democratic faceoff in Durham, New Hampshire. Infuriating members of Congress, a smirking Martin

Shkreli took the Fifth at a Capitol Hill hearing on his practice of jacking up drug prices as CEO of Turing Pharmaceuticals. Six family members were found dead in their Chicago home. (Two suspects, one of them related to the victims by marriage, have been charged with first-degree murder.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor William Phipps is 95. Former Argentinian President Isabel Peron is 86. Actor Gary Conway is 81. Movie director George A. Romero is 77. Actor John Schuck is 77. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 76. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 75. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 70. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 69. Actor Michael Beck is 68. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 65. Football Hall-of-Famer Lawrence Taylor is 58. Actress Pamelyn Ferdin is 58. Rock singer Tim Booth is 57. Rock musician Henry Bogdan is 56. Country singer Clint Black is 55. Rock musician Noodles (The Offspring) is 54. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 51. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 47. Actor Rob Corddry is 46. Singer David Garza is 46. Actor Michael Goorjian is 46. TV personality Nicolle Wallace is 45. Olympic gold medal boxer Oscar De La Hoya is 44. Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is 42. Singer Natalie Imbruglia (em-BROO'-lee-ah) is 42. Rapper Cam'ron is 41. Rock singer Gavin DeGraw is 40. Actor Charlie Barnett is 29. Olympic gold medal gymnast-turned-singer Carly Patterson is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "Life is doubt, and faith without doubt is nothing but death." — Miguel de Unamuno, Spanish philosopher (1864-1936).

— The Associated Press

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# Union: Guard killed at prison warned co-workers, saved lives

SMYRNA, Del. (AP) — Before he died, held in a closet by inmates at Delaware's largest prison, Sgt. Steven Floyd saved the lives of fellow officers when he called out and warned his would-be rescuers that the inmates had set a trap, the head of the state corrections officers' union said.

"Even in his last moments as the inmates attempted to take over the building, Sgt. Floyd told a couple of lieutenants to get out of the building and that it was a trap," union President Geoffrey Klopp said.

Floyd was found dead early Thursday after authorities used a backhoe to smash through a barricade of footlockers and end a nearly 20-hour hostage standoff at the prison. A second hostage, a female counselor, was rescued minutes after tactical teams forced their way into a building at the all-male, 2,500-prisoner James T. Vaughn Correctional Center.

Delaware Gov. John Carney called the uprising a "torturous" ordeal. In a statement, he said authorities will hold accountable those responsible and "make whatever changes are necessary to ensure nothing like it ever happens again."



Suchat Pederson/The Wilmington News-Journal via AP

Gov. John Carney speaks at a news conference on the loss of one of the prison guards at Vaughn Correctional Center during the hostage situation Thursday in Smyrna, Del. Inmates used "sharp instruments" to assume control of the building at the James T. Vaughn Correction Center on Wednesday, taking three prison guards and a woman counselor hostage.

Authorities did not immediately explain how Floyd died. They have said the inmates used "sharp instruments" to seize Building C and hold the 47-year-old hostage along with two other prison guards and a counselor.

Klopp said inmates staged a fight to lure

Floyd, who radioed for help. They then turned on him, forcing him into the closet.

The inmates eventually released two hostages and got authorities to turn the water back on, saying they needed it for drinking and washing. Instead, they filled up metal footlockers and built barricades.

Klopp said the footlockers were used to hold inmates' belongings. "Footlockers are a necessary evil in prison," he said. "You've got to have some place to store and transport their personal belongings."

During negotiations conducted via an officer's walkie-talkie — which

were broadcast online for more than an hour before officials blocked the transmission — the mediator tried to coax an unidentified inmate into letting him talk to Floyd to make sure he was OK.

The inmate responded that the negotiator could only talk to Floyd once the inmates got to talk to the governor. He told the negotiator that the prisoners wanted a "formal apology" from Carney for "decades of oppression."

Floyd, a 16-year veteran with the prison, is the first Delaware corrections officer to be killed, according to Klopp.

The union president described Floyd as a wonderful husband and correctional officer who went the "extra mile for any human being he could help." Last year, he received the warden's award for outstanding performance.

An AP reporter who visited Floyd's house earlier Thursday was told the family had been through a lot and did not want to speak.

Dave Dowty, a retired court-transportation worker for the Department of Correction, said he occasionally worked with Floyd.

"I just know he was a

pretty good guy. He was quiet, professional," Dowty said in a telephone interview.

Former Vaughn Correctional Center inmate Kendall Guinn, of Dover, had a low opinion of Floyd.

"He harassed inmates. He's been doing it for years," Guinn said in a telephone interview.

The others guards who were taken hostage were beaten severely by their captors and suffered broken bones, cuts and eye injuries, Klopp said. Authorities said their injuries were not life-threatening.

It wasn't immediately clear how many inmates took part in the uprising. About 120 were in the building when it began, but dozens were let out as the standoff dragged on. Authorities said all inmates who were in the building are being considered suspects.

One inmate told a local newspaper via phone that they were demanding better education and rehabilitation programs and were also upset over President Donald Trump and "all the things that he's doing now."

"We know that the institution is going to change for the worse," he told *The News Journal* in Wilmington.

## NATION IN BRIEF

### Cliff gives way at 'firehose' lava flow as tourists watch

HONOLULU (AP) — A section of sea cliff above a massive "firehose" lava flow on Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano has collapsed and splashed into the ocean as tourists and geologists watched on.

A large crack in the section of cliff above the gushing molten lava stream gave way Thursday afternoon as scientists stood just yards away. A tour boat was cruising by when the collapse happened. Video shows guests gasping and screaming as the huge piece of land splashes down in front of them, sending debris high into the air.

The collapse stopped the heavy stream of lava known as a firehose flow that had been arching out from near the top of the cliffs.

### Michigan: Potential release of personal info may affect 1.9M

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Social Security numbers and other personal information of up to 1.9 million Michigan workers may have been compromised, the state said Friday.

The problem stemmed from a software update to Michigan's unemployment system, state officials said, and made people's names, wage information and Social Security numbers available for roughly 3½ months to employers and third-party payroll vendors who should not have had access.

There is no indication yet that anyone used the information for malicious purposes.

The number of people affected will not be known until an investigation is finished. Those potentially at risk include employees whose payroll is processed by one of 31 third-party vendors that works with the Unemployment Insurance Agency.

### Texas boy lifts toilet lid, finds rattlesnake hiding inside

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A snake removal expert says rattlesnakes often hide in rural Texas homes, but having one peer up from a toilet is an unusual occurrence. Nathan Hawkins said Friday that he was called to a home near Abilene last month after a boy lifted the toilet lid and was surprised to find an adult rattlesnake poking out of the water with most of its body extended down into the drain.

Hawkins says the snake found into the house's plumbing through an exposed pipe.

The boy's mother decapitated the snake and Hawkins removed 23 others that he found nesting in the storm cellar and beneath the home.

### Basketball inches closer to ending ban on religious headgear

NEW YORK (AP) — International basketball competitions may soon permit players to wear religious headgear, including hijabs and yarmulkes.

Leaders of basketball's governing body, FIBA, have asked a committee to come forward with a proposal for headgear to be worn safely by athletes in competition, with the goal of approving the change at its meeting in May. FIBA announced the move earlier this week.

It comes following a two-year study and not long after an open letter sent to FIBA president Horacio Muratore and signed by a dozen WNBA players including Breanna Stewart and tennis greats Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova.

## 'El Chapo' lawyers say jail conditions too strict in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — He's locked up 23 hours a day. His wife can't visit him. He can't call anyone, except his lawyers. He even was denied water, his lawyers say.

The strict jail conditions for notorious Mexican drug lord and escape artist Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman were outlined on Friday by defense attorneys in a failed bid to get a judge to loosen them.

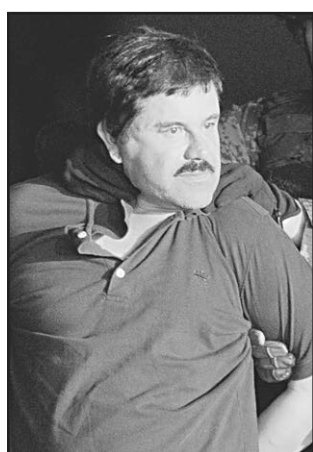
Guzman smiled at his common-law wife, Emma Coronel, as he was led into the Brooklyn courtroom under heavy guard by deputy U.S. marshals at his second court appearance since being brought to the United States on Jan. 19.

"This was so far the only way she has been able to see him," defense attorney Michelle Gelernt said afterward with a silent Coronel at her side.

Guzman, 59, has pleaded not guilty to charges of running a massive drug trafficking operation that laundered billions of dollars and oversaw murders and kidnappings. He's being held at a high-security federal jail in Manhattan, with U.S. officials mindful of how he twice escaped from prison in Mexico, the second time via a mile-long tunnel dug to the shower in his cell.

Defense lawyers complained to U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan on Friday that the restrictions make it difficult for him to make decisions with them about how to fight the charges. They claimed his jailers are so zealous, they denied him water during a recent meeting with the defense team.

"I don't think there's any thought that if I have the guards give him a glass of water during a three-hour meeting that somehow



AP Photo

In this Jan. 2016 file photo, a handcuffed fed Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is made to face the press as he is escorted to a helicopter by Mexican soldiers and marines at a federal hangar in Mexico City. Guzman is scheduled to appear in person in a federal court in New York.

that's going to effectuate his escape," Gelernt told

reporters outside court.

But Cogan, after alluding to having secret correspondence with the government about the risks of guarding Guzman, told the defense he wouldn't weigh in on the jail conditions.

"Based on what I know about this case, there are grounds for extra security measures," the judge said, with Guzman listening through a Spanish interpreter.

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## STATE IN BRIEF

### Bentley lawyer: Payments not a violation of law

MONTGOMERY — A lawyer for Gov. Robert Bentley is denying that his campaign fund violated the law by paying legal fees for a former aide with whom Bentley was accused of having an affair.

Bentley attorney William Athanas says the roughly \$9,000 payment for legal fees of Rebekah Mason was consistent with state law. He says that's because it involved work she performed as Bentley's senior political adviser.

The lawyer's claims are contained in a letter sent to the Alabama Ethics Commission and made public Friday. The letter follows allegations by Secretary of State John Merrill that the payments were illegal.

The former head of the state law enforcement agency has alleged Bentley had an affair with Mason. Bentley has acknowledged personal mistakes but denies doing anything illegal.

### Man fatally shot driving in SUV on interstate in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM — Authorities say a man found dead after his SUV crashed on Interstate 59 was killed by a gunshot to the head. Al.com reports police were called early Friday to a wreck reported by a passing motorist on.

Officers found the driver dead and windows shattered by gunfire.

Birmingham police Sgt. Michael Kennedy said the victim's SUV stuck a roadside barrier, but the impact appeared to cause no damage or injury.

The Jefferson County coroner's office identified the victim as 27-year-old Charles Lee Brown.

Eight homicides have been reported in Birmingham so far in 2017.

### Former Alabama sheriff's worker guilty of drug charges

DECATUR — A man who delivered documents for the Morgan County Sheriff's Office has pleaded guilty to drug charges.

The Decatur Daily reports 55-year-old Steven Eugene Parker of Hartselle pleaded guilty Thursday to drug distribution and possession charges.

Sentencing guidelines mean Parker could avoid serving time, but a prosecutor says he will ask a judge to send the man to prison.

Parker worked as a process server for the sheriff's office, a position that involves delivering court documents to people.

He was fired in 2011 when authorities accused him of arranging prescription drug sales from his patrol car. Authorities found more than 400 unserved documents in the vehicle when he was arrested. Parker has been free on bond for more than five years, and sentencing is set for May 3.

### Birmingham police: Man dies after being shot multiple times

BIRMINGHAM — Birmingham police are investigating after a man was shot multiple times at a public housing complex.

The shooting happened Thursday night at Tom Brown Village. Sgt. Bryan Shelton, a spokesman for Birmingham police, said the victim was shot multiple times.

Al.com reports the man died while paramedics tried to save his life. The victim's name was not immediately released as police worked to notify his family. He died while Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service paramedics were working on him.

— The Associated Press

## Carson

represent the blood cells in Carson's body. Joe explained the functions of blood cells and their benefit.

*"He's still the same person he was before. This doesn't change who you are. It's just like when you get sick, right? That doesn't change who you are, and then you get better."*

**- Lindsay Joe, a child life specialist at Children's of Alabama**

"Sometimes, some of these blood cells don't develop right, and Carson had some of the cells, we call them the sick cells. Carson had these extra cells that are not good," Joe explained. "He doesn't have them anymore. That's why he gets to come back to school."

Davis and Joe discussed the procedures and treatment Carson had to endure to heal, and they also reminded students to be careful around Carson during gym class because of a port placed in his chest that helps deliver medications. They explained an impact to his chest could cause significant pain.

They also stressed that Carson has not changed since they saw him last; rather, he went on a life altering journey that took him time to heal.

"He's still the same person he was before. This doesn't change who you are. It's just like when you get sick, right? That doesn't change who you are, and then you get better," Joe said. Davis added, "He's still your friend, and I know that you all will do a great job welcoming him back in the classroom."

While answering questions, students were particularly curious about beads Carson collected during his stay at Children's. As part of the Hope and Cope Psychosocial Program, Beads-of-Courage are given to patients at the hospital to signify milestones on their road to recovery. Different beads are distrib-

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Caroline Davis and Lindsay Joe address Carson's classmates on Friday.



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Carson's third grade classmates surround him on Friday to examine the courage beads he has received during cancer treatment.

uted for staying overnight at the hospital, taking medications, having surgeries and even returning to school.

Carson said his favorite bead was shaped like a dog. The young boy has a deep love for animals, and enjoyed the Hand In Paw therapy dog program that often visits Children's. Carson also has a lab at home named Walter.

Alisha Sherer, Carson's mom, said he still has a long road ahead of him. While cancer free, Carson

will still receive lumbar punctures every three months to ensure no cancer cells are present. He will also have lab tests every two weeks and continue home chemotherapy treatment for two and a half years.

Sherer said she is nervous for Carson to return to school next week, but admits her son is ready to go back to being a kid.

"He's been out for almost a year, so he's ready. Socially he needs it, and he likes school. On home-

bound he's done great. He's made straight A's," Sherer said. "He's fought hard to get here. ... The school has been wonderful. I know that he's in good hands."

After a video was played for students to show Carson's journey, his teacher, Heather Thomasson, told Carson how happy she is to welcome him back. Carson will attend school for a few half days each week while his immune system continues to strengthen.

"Carson, I want to speak on behalf of the teachers and boys and girls. They have missed you so much. ... We are excited to welcome you back," Thomasson said.

Many students, wearing their Cure 4 Carson wristbands, surrounded him before going back to class on Friday and were fascinated to see his courage beads.

Oakman student Sadie Ford also spent time with Carson on Friday. Ford won her battle with cancer last year.

One student raised her hand during the question and answer session to simply give a heartfelt message. "I'm glad he's back," she said.

### Pastor on edge after gunmen robbed group at church

SELMA (AP) — Armed with two pistols and a sawed-off shotgun, the gunmen went through the pockets of the Rev. B.T. Booker Jr. and two church deacons, taking their wallets before they "lined us up to kill us."

It happened after an evening meeting at Morning Star Baptist Church. Booker and the deacons were walking to their cars outside when three men approached them from the street. When the men drew weapons, one of the deacons tried to run. He was grabbed by the arm and forced to the ground with a gun pressed to his head.

"They told us they were going to kill us with such cursing they were putting on us," Booker told WSFA-TV. "...I was hollering for my life, begging them not to

shoot us or kill us."

Booker said he's having nightmares a week after the chilling holdup Jan. 26, though the gunmen fled without hurting anyone. The pastor has cancelled all nighttime meetings at his church and added security during worship services.

No arrests have been made in the case. Selma police Lt. Tory Neely said the suspects may be the same armed men who robbed a nearby Family Dollar store two days before the attack outside the church. Security video from the store showed the men hit the clerk in the head with a gun and take money from the register.

Neely said the gunmen fired several shots inside and outside the store and robbed customers at the front door before they fled.

## Jail

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two years following his release, according to Smith.

Evans has been in the city jail since being released from Huntsville Hospital Jan. 19.

He crashed on Third Avenue South in Jasper after reportedly leaving the scene of a domestic dispute in the city limits of Cordova and fleeing from officer Tony Reid during a

traffic stop.

Evans is the third person to be sentenced to a year-long stint in the Cordova Jail since it opened in June 2015.

Several others have received sentences of six months, including Danny Jones, who will serve 180 days for domestic violence and 180 days for violating a protection from

abuse order consecutively.

"Before the jail, the worst case scenario would have been a fine and court costs, but we hope this sends a signal that you're going to spend time in our jail if you run or fight or are a repeat offender. We're not going to tolerate people who endanger the lives of our officers or other people," Smith said.

## Rowe

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House roughly two years ago, Rep. Rowe has set herself apart as a leader and trusted colleague among her fellow House members," McCutcheon said. "The members of the Rules Committee are given great responsibility because they determine which bills will or will not come up for a vote. I know that Connie will fulfill this assignment with her trademark wisdom, fairness and integrity."

Rowe said she looks forward to playing a role in determining the body's daily working agenda.

"The Rules Committee sets the priori-

ties for the House, and because the bills we debate on the floor have a direct impact on millions of Alabama citizens, its decisions carry an importance that I recognize and respect," Rowe said. "I'll use my seat on the committee to promote bills and measures that protect the public's safety, improve our public education, create needed jobs, and embrace the conservative beliefs and principles that so many of our fellow Alabamians share."

Rowe will officially begin her Rules Committee responsibilities when the Legislature convenes in Montgomery for the 2017 regular session on Tuesday.

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# RELIGION

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# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## Seven words that changed the world

It might surprise you to know the word "faith" is only mentioned two times in the Old Testament. There were many true believers back then, but they were the exception rather than the rule. Synonyms like "believe(d)" and "trust" are found numerous times. Heroes of faith like Abraham, Moses, Daniel, and others overcame their doubts and displayed great faith in God. The first time the word "faith" appears is a divine indictment against Israel for their lack of it, "I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end will be: for they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faith" (Dt. 32:20). The main reason the Israelites were not allowed to enter Canaan Land and wasted forty years wandering in the wilderness was due to their unbelief (Heb. 3:19).



### The Word Workshop

By Ben Godwin

The next time the word "faith" surfaced was centuries later in the Book of Habakkuk, a minor prophet with a major message that is still relevant today. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied of a New Covenant Age, "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie: though it tarries, wait for it... the just shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:3-4).

Those seven simple, yet profound words — the just shall live by his faith — lay dormant for over 600 years until the Apostle Paul quoted them in his letters (Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11). The writer of Hebrews, perhaps Paul, also reprinted this statement (Heb. 10:38). Notice Habakkuk's original quote included the personal pronoun "his." That's important because no one will make it to heaven based on another person's faith. We all must have our own personal encounter with Christ; our parent's or preacher's faith is not sufficient for us. We must have our own individual salvation experience through faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10, Eph. 2:8-9).

The old saying is true, "God doesn't have any grandchildren, just children."

Let's break down this powerful phrase: The just (those who are justified or declared righteous in the sight of God) shall live (become and remain spiritually alive) by faith (belief and trust in God). In other words, the way we get saved is the way we stay saved. We become spiritually alive at new birth by faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross. We remain spiritually alive by continuing to believe in His atonement. The classic hymn says it well, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name... On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand."

This simple truth doesn't seem like a big deal to us today, but 500 years ago, these seven words literally changed the church order and the world. In 1505, a German university student was approaching a town when a violent storm erupted. Lightning struck so close that the young man fell to the ground. Scared, he made a rash vow and desperately prayed, "Saint Anne, help me and I will become a monk." True to his word, Martin Luther became a devout monk. He lived a life of extreme self-discipline and isolation in a monastery. He was a tortured soul who deprived himself of most earthly pleasures. He fasted, prayed, studied Scripture, embraced poverty and celibacy, and fulfilled every ritual of the church to the max. He even refused blankets in the winter, slept on the cold, hard ground and nearly froze himself to death, all in an effort to gain God's favor. Still, he couldn't remove his sense of guilt and unworthiness.

"At times, he was proud of his sanctity and said, 'I have done nothing wrong today.' Then the misgivings would arise. 'Have you fasted enough? Are you poor enough?'" He believed later in life that his extreme fasting regimen permanently damaged his digestive system. He later said, "I was a good monk, and I kept the rule of my

order so strictly that I may say that if ever a monk got to heaven by his monkery it was I...if I had kept on any longer, I would have killed myself with vigils, prayers, readings, and other work."

In 1515, Martin Luther taught a class on the Book of Romans that turned his theology topsy-turvy. Studying Paul's writings, he rediscovered a simple truth that was forgotten during the Middle Ages. "Night and day I pondered until... I grasped the truth that...through grace and sheer mercy, God justified us by faith. I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning... this passage of Paul became to me a gateway to heaven."

Luther finally realized that keeping religious rituals and shunning sin is NOT what makes us right with God; rather, simple faith in Christ imparts to us His righteousness (all our righteousness is like filthy rags — Is. 64:6). Works do not replace faith in justification; they are merely the evidence of true faith (where there is fire, there is smoke) because "faith without works is dead" (Jam. 2:17-26).

Luther's "new revelation" was not well received. In fact, after nailing his 95 theses to the Wittenberg Church door in 1517, he was condemned as a heretic and ordered to recant. When he refused, his writings were banned and burned. He too would have been burned at the stake but he escaped and later translated the Bible into German. God used Martin Luther to spark the Great Protestant Reformation that swept the world. Protestants worldwide owe him a debt of gratitude all because he boldly believed a simple truth—the just shall live by his faith. Those same seven words can change your life too...if only you believe!

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### TODAY

**The Church at Beech Grove** at 347 Beech Grove Road in Townley will host its First Saturday Night Singing and Service today at 5 p.m., featuring congregational singing, special guest singers and refreshments following the service. Offering will be received to help with the upkeep of the church building. For more information, call John Cooner at 275-7823.

**Winston County Gospel Theater** (formerly Looney's Tavern) on Alabama Highway 278 near Houston, Alabama will host a gospel singing today at 6 p.m. featuring Eagle's Wings. Admission is free, but a love offering will be received.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 5

**Saragossa Baptist Church Mens Prayer Group** meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**Townley First Baptist Church** at 229 Alabama Avenue in Townley will host Super Sunday "The Decision" on Sunday, Feb. 5. Tailgate at 9:45 a.m. and Kickoff at 11 a.m., featuring an announcer, special music, drama team, commercials, and halftime show. Guest speakers will be John Cooner and Wayne Page. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Page at 205-471-2769.

**Trinity Church** at 2615 Ripley Road in Carbon Hill invites you to join them each Sunday for morning worship services at 10 a.m. and evening worship services at 5 p.m. For more information, call Pastor James Smith at 275-6628 or 302-5691.

**Hunters Chapel Holy Church of Christ** on Hunters Chapel Road in Jasper will have a singing Sunday, Feb. 5, at 10:45 a.m. with guest singers Gold City.

**Herman Baptist Church** will have a singing Sunday, Feb. 5, beginning at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon and singing in the afternoon. Guest singers will be the Barnett Family from Tennessee.

**Burnwell Baptist Church** on Sharon Boulevard in Dora will have its Founders Day Celebration on Sunday, Feb. 12, with special singing at 11 a.m. by Southern Image from Plantersville, Miss., lunch following worship service and more singing at 1 p.m.

**Victory Assembly of God** will hold its Breaking Free meetings for those struggling with addictions each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the church. For more information, call Jaye Trayal at 205-275-9974.

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First Baptist Church of Jasper will hold its Celebrate Recovery program each Sunday at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the church.

Nauvoo United Methodist Church on 3rd Avenue in Nauvoo will host AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings each Monday and Friday at 6 p.m. at the church.

Saragossa Baptist Church Women's Prayer Group will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Carbon Hill Methodist Church at 178 Northwest 4th Avenue will host Celebrate Recovery each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and 12-step program each Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Awakening Life Church on Alabama Highway 257 in Jasper will hold a CelebrateLIFE recovery and restoration accountability and support group meeting each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

ering addition and unemployment. For more information, call Pastor Anthony Sellers at 205-522-5033.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8 Union Grove Freewill Baptist Church on Winston County Road 8 in Double Springs will host a free community supper each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9 Sipsy Church of God on

Pineywoods-Sipsy Road in Jasper will host a Celebrate Recovery meeting each Thursday. Cake and coffee served at 6:30 p.m., with Celebrate Recovery Program beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call Pastor Dale Lawley at 205-482-3586.

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**FRIDAY, FEB. 10**  
**Townley Church of God** will host a youth fundraiser Friday, Feb. 10, at the church with spaghetti plates for \$5. To reserve plates, call 515-3959.

**New Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church** in Nauvoo will

host the Winter Rise Youth Conference on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 11 a.m. and Monday through Tuesday, Feb. 11-12, at 7 p.m. each night. Guest speaker will be Derek Altom from Welch College in Nashville, Tenn. For more information call New Oak Grove Youth Pastor Jason Kelly at 205-300-6238.

**Bethel Baptist Church** will host a "Night to Shine" prom event, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, on Friday,

Feb. 10, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. For more information, call the church office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. After church hours, call Angela Washington at 205-212-0670 or email awashington@walkerarc.com.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 11**  
**Boldo Methodist Church** on Alabama Highway 69 North (across from the Dollar General) in Jasper will have a free

clothes closet giveaway the second Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. until noon at the church.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 14**  
**St. Mary's Episcopal Church** at 801 The Trace in Jasper will host its 40th Annual Valentine's Luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church. Tickets are \$12 and include lunch, silent auction and access to vendors. Tickets can be purchased at the

door or from a St. Mary's member. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Food Bank, which serves Walker and Winston counties.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 18**  
**Edgil Grove Baptist Church** on Alabama Highway 5 in Jasper will host a singing Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. Guest singers will be the Page Trio and Barnett Family.

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**Birthright Lost**  
 Genesis 25

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Jacob requested that Esau sell him his birthright in exchange for the stew. Esau reasoned that if he died from hunger, what good was a birthright. Jacob demanded that Esau swear to him before he could eat. Esau swore to Jacob, selling his birthright to him. Finally Jacob served Esau some of the lentil stew. Esau ate and departed.

Note: Esau was also known as Edom, which means red, because of the red stew.



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### Husband's willingness to help ex-wife earns rebuke at home

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married 18 years. This is the second marriage for both of us. His ex-wife has asked him to fill in as caretaker for her father while she goes to an appointment. He sees nothing wrong with this, but it makes me very uncomfortable. I don't think this should be our responsibility. His ex-father-in-law has three other grown children. I don't know how to handle this without coming off as the bad guy. Help, please. Or am I the one who needs counseling?  
— UNCOMFORTABLE IN GULFPORT



**Dear Abby**  
By Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:** I wish you had mentioned how friendly your husband's divorce was, and how much contact he has continued to maintain with his ex's family. While I agree that caring for his former father-in-law should be his children's responsibility, I would have to know more about this than you have written because there may be extenuating circumstances. That your husband would be willing to do this — occasionally — speaks well about his level of compassion and character. But if this is ongoing, I can see why you would be uncomfortable about it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been a vegetarian since I was 6 for ethical reasons, and I would like to raise my unborn daughter to be one, too. The problem is my parents and five sisters don't agree. They say that I will be depriving her and that I should let her make her own choices. They also said they will do as they please, even after I explained I would always have her food prepared in advance. Am I already a bad mom for saying no to meat?  
— ETHICAL REASONS IN SPOKANE

**DEAR ETHICAL REASONS:** According to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine: "Children raised on fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes grow up to be slimmer and healthier and even live longer than their meat-eating friends." However, not all doctors feel this way and advise that around 8 or 9 months complete proteins be introduced into a baby's diet to ensure the child gets enough iron. This is why this very important subject should be discussed with your child's pediatrician to help you decide what is best for her.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boss and his wife have been my friends for 25 years. I invited them to my daughter's wedding. His daughter is being married in three weeks and I have not yet received an invitation. I'm wondering why. Any thoughts?  
— WONDERING IN CA

**DEAR WONDERING:** There could be any number of reasons why you weren't invited. Their daughter and her fiancé may prefer that the money her parents would have spent on a large wedding be given to them instead so they can save for a down payment on a house or condo; it will be a small, intimate affair with family only; they are paying for the wedding themselves and don't have the money to invite all of their parents' friends. My advice is to wait and see how this plays out, because eventually, I am sure you will have your answer.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Kane's 1 Indian 25 Mutually
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#### Yesterday's answer

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### JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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LICOSA

CTIWEK

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Peyton, I didn't know you were so good at this.

That's what I'm talking about!

He has a perfect game going.

THE FORMER NFL QB ROLLED SEVEN STRIKES IN A ROW. PEOPLE GATHERED TO WATCH HIS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Jumbles: ONION UPPER NUGGET ACCRUE

Answer: Before her upcoming speech to the legislature, the senator did much — "PREP-ORATION"

### HOROSCOPES

By Eugenia Last

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Oscar De La Hoya, 44; Gabrielle Anwar, 47; Clint Black, 55; Alice Cooper, 69.

**Happy Birthday:** Don't feel like you have to share personal information with others. Try to work diligently until you have everything in order.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Sign up for something that will make you think. What you discover will help you see the world around you differently.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Rely on your emotions to help you articulate the way you feel and what you want to see happen.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Information will be withheld. Before you make a decision, wait until you are given all the facts.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll come up with an idea that has the potential to be prosperous.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Common sense will be required with matters pertaining to work, your status or personal concerns.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get involved in activities that will expose you to something different. The more you experience outside your normal routine, the easier it will be to move forward. Travel will be inspiring and make you realize how many options you have.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.**

**22):** Make changes at home that will be appreciated and beneficial for everyone you live with.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make a point to improve your surroundings as well as your important relationships.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Set your personal goals and stick to your plans. Don't let what others do influence or limit what you want to pursue.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Step back and let others be responsible for whatever they do or say. Stay focused on what you want and need to do in order to make your life better.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You'll face opposition if you are too open about your ideas and plans. Perfect what you want to do before you share things with others.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Coherent communication will help you avoid being misinterpreted or misunderstood. Don't feel like you have to offer personal information that could be used against you. Stay on topic and make yourself heard.

**Birthday Baby:** You are intelligent. You are goal-oriented and persistent.

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**GARFIELD** BY JIM DAVIS

HEY, GARFIELD!

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GIVE ME JUST FIVE MORE DECADES

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**PEANUTS** BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ

WHO ELSE DO YOU KNOW WHO CAN DO A WALTZ JUMP ON A FROZEN WATER DISH?

**MARVIN** BY TOM ARMSTRONG

I WAS REALLY OFF MY GAME TODAY

I HAD MORE "TIME-INS"

...THAN "TIME-OUTS"

**BEEBLE BAILEY** BY MORT WALKER

YOU WATCH THIS MOVIE A LOT. YOU MUST REALLY LIKE IT

YEAH, IT ALWAYS BRINGS A TEAR TO MY EYE

AND A TEAR FROM YOU IS LIKE A SOB-FEST!

**BARNEY GOOGLE & SNUFFY SMITH** BY JOHN ROSE

I SWEAR THAT MAN OF YORES IS BONE LAZY, LOWEEZY !!

YOU TAKE THAT BACK, ELVINE !! HE CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO YORE LUKEY WHEN IT COMES TO LAZINESS !!

AIN'T THAT CUTE ?! I LOVE IT WHEN TH' WOMEN-FOLK FIGHT OVER US !!

**CRANKSHAFT** BY Tom Batiuk and Chuck Ayers

SO DID YOU LOSE A LOT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE OF THE BLIZZARD?

YEAH... BUT I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP BUSINESS IN THE END.

The Paper

Valentine Day Comes Early As Theater Shelters Students

**HI & LOIS** BY Chance Brown

DITTO FLAGSTON CATCHES THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN PASS IN THE SUPER BOWL!

I'M GOING TO DISNEY WORLD!

WE ARE?

**BABY BLUES** BY Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

DAD, WANT ME TO TELL YOUR FORTUNE?

NOT REALLY.

COME ON! IT'LL BE FUN!

LET ME TRY.

WILL ZOE BE IN BED TEN MINUTES FROM NOW?

YES, DEFINITELY.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** BY Bil Keane

"I'm ready to clean right down to the crooks and nannies, Mommy."

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

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P V B O X W U F D G Y C J Z F P N C W Q Q  
Y C J Q D Z Y C T W C W Q Q D N Y D F Q  
Y K Q V X S D W X G Y R W Q V B W .  
— J V S T X Y Q Y J Y B Q

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BUT NO PLEASURE IS COMPARABLE TO STANDING UPON THE VANTAGE GROUND OF TRUTH. — FRANCIS BACON



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# Israeli settler group shrugs off White House criticism

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli settlers on Friday shrugged off White House criticism of settlement construction, convinced they have the sympathies of President Donald Trump. The Palestinians, still wary of Trump, warned that the settlers' hard-line stance could spell the end to a two-state solution to the conflict.

Trump has been perceived as sympathetic to the settlements, an issue at the heart of the Israel-Palestinian conflict that was a frequent source of friction between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former President Barack Obama. Israeli nationalists believe they now have an ally in the White House and have made no secret they will push for more settlements in the West Bank.

The White House said Thursday that although the administration doesn't "believe the existence of settlements is an impediment to peace, the construction of new settlements or the expansion of existing settlements beyond their current borders may not be helpful in achieving that goal."

The unexpected warning came hours after Netanyahu vowed to establish the first new West Bank settlement in over two decades "as soon as possible," promising to make up for a court-ordered demolition of an illegal settlement outpost.

Israeli security forces dismantled the West Bank outpost of Amona earlier in the day amid clashes between police and dozens of hard-line settlers who had barricaded themselves in a synagogue.

Oded Revivi, the chief foreign envoy of the Yesha settlers' council, said his group "thanks the White House for asserting that our communities were never an impediment to peace." Using the biblical name for the West Bank, he said "nothing is more natural and morally just than Jews building in Judea."

"We look forward to working closely with our friends in the new Trump administration to build a brighter future all," he added.

The settler movement is a potent political force in Israel, and Netanyahu's narrow nationalist coalition government is dominated by settlers and their supporters. The Palestinians claim

all of the West Bank and east Jerusalem along with the Gaza Strip — areas captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war — for their state. The Palestinians and much of the international community consider all Israeli settlements illegal and view them as a hindrance to reaching a two-state solution to the conflict.

Husam Zomlot, a spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, said "this statement of the White House is in the right direction, but we need more than words to protect the two-state solution, otherwise we will find nothing to talk about when President Trump" unveils his policies on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"We need actions rather than words to stop the Israeli settlements expansion, which is violating the international law and killing the two-state solution," Zomlot added.

Israeli nationalists, including Netanyahu, defend the settlements on both security grounds and the historic religious ties to the territory. They say east Jerusalem, home to key sites sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians, is an eternal part of Israel's capital and not up for negotiation.

Today, there are some 400,000 Israelis living in West Bank settlements, in addition to roughly 200,000 Israelis in east Jerusalem, also captured in 1967 from Jordan.

In 2005, Israel withdrew



AP Photo

Israeli police evict settlers in the West Bank outpost Amona Wednesday. Israeli forces have begun evacuating a controversial settlement Amona, which is the largest of about 100 unauthorized outposts erected in the West Bank without permission but generally tolerated by the Israeli government.

its settlers and troops from Gaza. Two years later, the coastal strip was overrun by the Islamic militant group Hamas. Many Israelis are wary of relinquishing further territory, citing the Hamas takeover — the Palestinian group has launched rockets at Israeli cities and fought three wars with the Jewish state.

Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely said Friday if the U.S. concedes that settlements are not an obstacle to peace, then "it must be concluded that expanding construction is not a problem."

Education Minister Naftali Bennett, leader of the pro-settlement Jewish Home Party, has been pushing Netanyahu to abandon the internationally backed idea of a Palestinian state and to annex the Maaleh Adumim settlement near Jerusalem. The White House statement could help Ne-

tanyahu fend off hard-line pressure to keep building and annex territory.

For decades, U.S. presidents have joined the international community in condemning the settlements. In December, the Obama administration allowed the U.N. Security Council to pass a resolution condemning the settlements as a "flagrant violation" of international law. In his farewell speech, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry also harshly criticized them.

Trump has said he wants to broker a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians but has given no indication of how he plans to accomplish it. His campaign platform made no mention of a Palestinian state, for decades the cornerstone of U.S. Mideast policy, and he has surrounded himself with advisers with deep ties to the settlement movement.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA**

NEIL BANKS, PLAINTIFF, VS.

Lot 10, Block 8, Robinwood Estates Subdivision as recorded at Map Book 7, Page 70 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama; and Justin B. Hammack, Misty D. Hammack, and fictitious defendants A, B, and C being all those persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands.

DEFENDANTS.  
CASE NO.: CY-2016-900324  
ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having filed a Motion for Service by Publication supported by the Affidavit of James C. Brakefield and the Affidavit of Neil Banks, stating that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Quiet Title to property purchased at a tax sale and that the whereabouts of the named Defendant Misty D. Hammack, after a diligent inquiry, has been unsuccessful and that unknown Defendants may exist and after a reasonable and diligent search of the names, addresses and whereabouts of such unknown Defendants are not ascertainable; and after consideration of Plaintiffs Motion for Service by Publication, the Affidavit of James C. Brakefield and the Affidavit of Neil Banks in support thereof, and the allegations contained in Plaintiff's complaint this Court is of the opinion that said motion is due to be granted.

It is therefore:  
ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Misty D. Hammack and any person or persons who claim an interest in the following described property shall answer the complaint of the Plaintiff by the 15th day of March, 2017, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against said Justin B. Hammack, Misty D. Hammack, and all unknown Defendants. The property is described as follows:

Lot 10, Block 8, Robinwood Estate Subdivision as recorded at Map Book 7, Page 70 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Daily Mountain Eagle, a newspaper of general circulation in Walker County Alabama.

Done this the 11th day of January, 2017  
JERRY K SELMAN  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
\*January 14, 21, 28  
& February 4, 2017

**MINI-STORAGE AUCTION**

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**150 Legals**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WALKER COUNTY ALABAMA**

DAVID JAMES, PLAINTIFF, VS.

SUSAN JAMES, DEFENDANT.

CASE NO. DR-2016-900301

SUSAN JAMES, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer DAVID JAMES' petition for divorce and other relief by April 4, 2017, or thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. DR-2016-900301, in the Circuit Court of WALKER County, Alabama.  
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The permittee maintains that as of 01/11/17, all requirements involving backfilling, re-grading and drainage control of the area has been completed in compliance with State Law and Regulations and the approved reclamation plan. The permittee, therefore, is requesting release of \$170,774.00 of the performance bond \$284,624.00 for Increment 4.

Any objections to the release or request for informal conference must be sent in writing to: Alabama Surface Mining Commission P. O. Box 2390 Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390 Such requests must be received no later than March 18, 2017 \*January 28, 2017 \*February 4, 11, 18, 2017

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## Iran bans travel of U.S. wrestlers in response to Trump order

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on Friday banned U.S. wrestlers from an important international tournament this month in response to President Donald Trump's executive order forbidding visas for Iranians, the official IRNA news agency reported.

A senior Iranian cleric vowed, meanwhile, that his country would continue its missile program despite threats from the Trump administration that it was preparing to levy new sanctions.

IRNA quoted Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi as saying a special committee reviewed the case of the U.S. team for the freestyle World Cup, and "eventually the visit ... was opposed." The competition, one of the sport's most prestigious events, is set for Feb. 16-17 in the western Iranian city of Kermanshah.

The decision marks the first action taken by Iran in response to Trump's executive order banning visas for seven Muslim countries. Earlier this week, Iran said it would take retaliatory action.

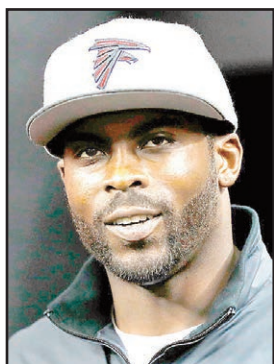
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## NFL


**QB Michael Vick tells ESPN he is retiring**

Michael Vick, who rose to stardom with the Atlanta Falcons before he was sent to prison for running a dogfighting operation, tells ESPN he is retiring from playing in the NFL.

The 36-year-old Vick, a dynamic dual threat with his speedy legs and powerful left arm, passed for 22,464 yards and 133 touchdowns during his 13 seasons with the Falcons, Eagles, Jets and Steelers. His 6,109 career yards rushing are an NFL record by a quarterback.

He did not play this season.

Vick was selected by Atlanta with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 draft. He made three Pro Bowls with the Falcons and became the first quarterback in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

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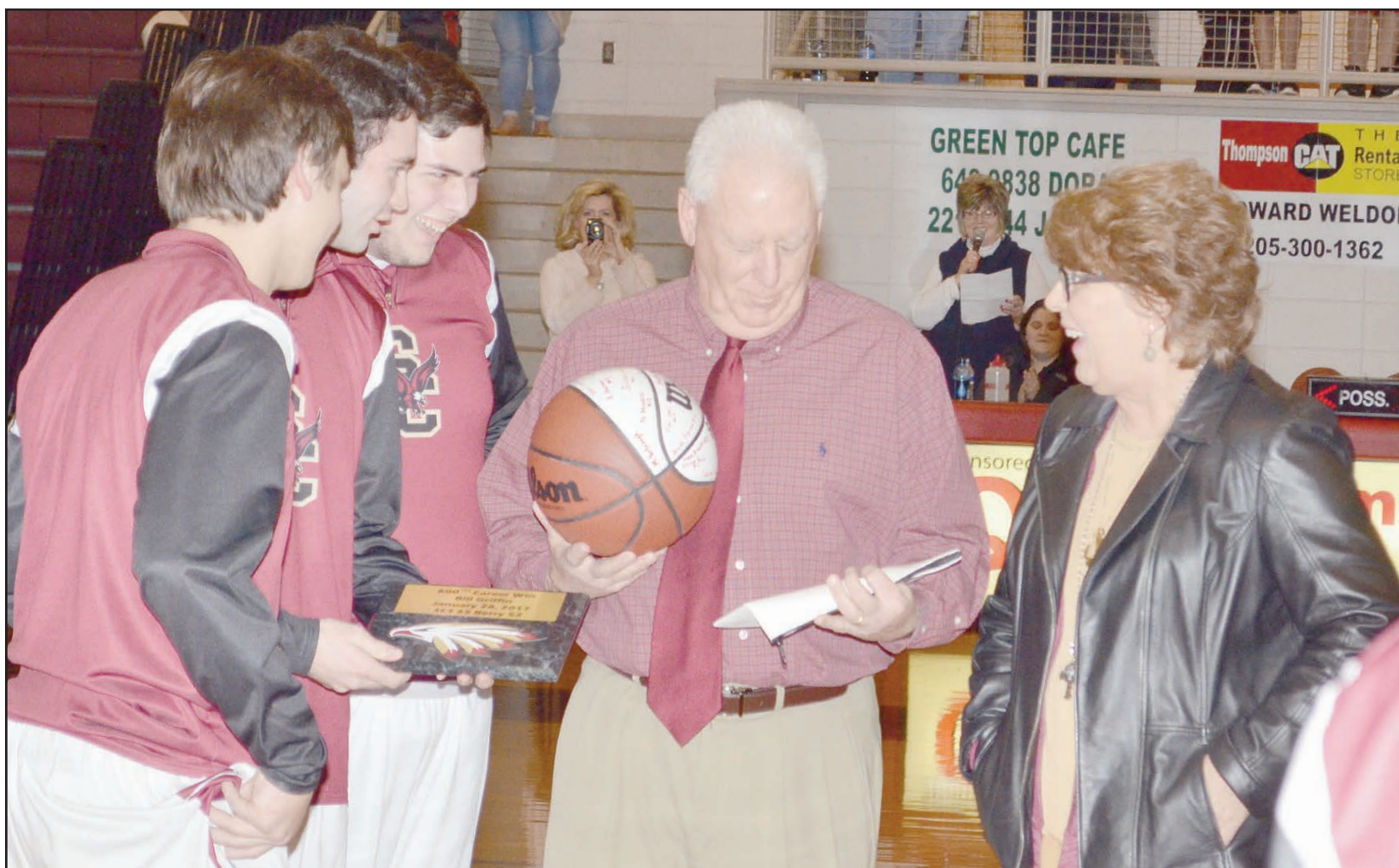
Santa Clara at Gonzaga, 9 p.m., ESPN2

**NBA**

Cavaliers at Knicks, 7:30 p.m., ABC

## PREP BASKETBALL

# Bill Griffin honored at SC



Daily Mountain Eagle - Johnathan Bentley

Sumiton Christian boys basketball coach Bill Griffin, with wife Janet, is awarded a ball and a plaque commemorating his 600th career win by seniors Sammy Latham, Joseph Lovelady and Nolan Woodard during halftime of Friday's girls game against Winston County. Griffin, who spent 14 years as the Dora High School coach and another 12 years at Gardendale High School, is in his sixth year at Sumiton Christian. Griffin earned the milestone victory with a 65-52 win over Berry on Saturday, Jan. 28. Former players from all three schools were at the ceremony.



AP Photo

Highly touted quarterback recruit Tua Tagovailoa speaks to the media during a news conference announcing the recruiting class for the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa on Wednesday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## 'Bama QB signee talks attention, fried chicken

By JOHN ZENOR  
AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA — Tua Tagovailoa has found plenty to like about the South, including the fried chicken and the abundance of churches. Other things mystify him, like when Alabama fans recognize him.

"It's pretty crazy," said Tagovailoa, a much talked about quarterback signee from Honolulu, Hawaii. "These people are willing to cross the road while it's a green light, you know, just to come and say 'Hi' to you. So it's like, whoa."

It's what happens when you arrive on the football-mad Alabama campus as the nation's top-rated dual-threat quarterback and a five-star prospect. Making the freshman's arrival more

celebrated by 'Bama fans, before Tagovailoa enrolled in January starter Jalen Hurts was the Tide's only scholarship passer. Four-star prospect Mac Jones is expected to join them on campus later this month.

Tagovailoa seems bemused by the hype, preferring to note that he hasn't done anything in college to earn it yet. The job is clearly Hurts' to lose since he was Southeastern Conference offensive player of the year as a freshman, though his passing production did slip late in the season.

Tagovailoa (TAHNG'-oh-veye-loh-a) is often called "Tua T." by folks who can't pronounce his name.

He has an impressive resume out of Marcus Mariota's alma mater, Saint Louis School, and could conceivably make a run at the job.

SEE QB, A12

## AUBURN FOOTBALL

## Trustees approve stadium renovation

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY — Auburn trustees have approved a \$28 million renovation of Jordan-Hare Stadium, including a new recruiting lounge and home locker room in the southwest corner.

Under the plans approved Friday at a board meeting on the AUM campus, Auburn will build a 44,000-square-foot, multi-story facility for hosting recruits in football and other sports.

The renovations include adding two floors of club level seating with video monitors and catered meals in the southwest corner of the stadium. A new press box will be located above them. The project is expected to be completed in time for the 2018 season.

Jacobs told Auburn's Web site that because it is a stand-alone facility, work can continue through next season.

## CARBON HILL'S JAKE WINDHAM SIGNS WITH WEST ALABAMA



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Carbon Hill lineman Jake Windham signed a letter-of-intent with the University of West Alabama on Wednesday. Present at the signing were, from left, Carbon Hill football coach Scott Curd, Jake Windham and Gaynell Windham.

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## SPORTS DIGEST

### SOCCER

#### Morris' goal leads US over Jamaica 1-0, giving Arena win

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Jordan Morris scored in the 59th minute, and the United States beat Jamaica 1-0 Friday night to give Bruce Arena the first win of his second stint as national team coach.

With the U.S. scoreless streak at 280 minutes, Benny Feilhaber took a 20-yard pass from Dax McCarty and played the ball to Morris with a back-heel pass. Morris returned the ball to Feilhaber, who was making his first start in five years.

Feilhaber dribbled into the penalty area and pushed the ball back to Morris. The 22-year-old forward, last season's Major League Soccer Rookie of the Year, took a touch and beat goalkeeper Ryan Thompson inside the near post with a right-footed shot from 8 yards.

Arena replaced Jurgen Klinsmann in November and changed nine starters from his return match, a 0-0 tie against Serbia last weekend.

After starting 0-2 final round of World Cup qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean, the U.S. resumes the hexagonal March 24 against Honduras in San Jose, California, then plays four days later at Panama.

### NBA

#### Rockets retiring All-Star center Yao Ming's No. 11 jersey

HOUSTON (AP) — The first time Yao Ming ever watched an NBA game as a young boy in China, he wondered why there were jerseys hanging in the rafters.

"The cameras randomly gave a shot of the retired jerseys," Yao said. "I slowly realized over time that's the highest honor a player can achieve for themselves and for the team. I will always ask myself, 'What is the story behind it?' I hope people see the jersey there and remember the story. Not just myself, but my teammates, my opponents, we put a story together."

The Rockets are set to retire Yao's No. 11 jersey in a halftime ceremony Friday night when they host the Chicago Bulls.

A 7-foot-6 center from Shanghai, Yao was the top overall draft pick in 2002 and was an eight-time All-Star, playing nine seasons in Houston before retiring in 2011 because of mounting issues with injuries.

### NASCAR

#### Danica Patrick's sponsor sued by Stewart-Haas racing team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Stewart-Haas Racing has filed a breach of contract lawsuit against Nature's Bakery, accusing the company of refusing to pay millions of dollars it owes the team to sponsor Danica Patrick this season.

Nature's Bakery was scheduled to sponsor at least 20 races this NASCAR season, the second year of a three-year deal to be the primary sponsor for Patrick.

The lawsuit filed Friday in state superior court indicates Nature's Bakery had cash flow issues not long after signing its sponsorship agreement and asked to rework the payment schedule on the more than \$15 million the company owes the team each season. SHR also accused the company of eventually concocting "a scheme to avoid further payments" by claiming Patrick had been endorsing competing products and was not using her social media presence enough to promote Nature's Bakery.

### NFL

#### ESPN and Giants defensive end Pierre-Paul settle lawsuit

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul and ESPN have settled a lawsuit over the network's disclosure of his medical records from a 2015 fireworks accident.

ESPN announced the settlement on Friday, saying it believes that the network's reporting about the injury was newsworthy and journalistically appropriate. Giants spokesman Pat Hanlon declined comment.

The network said despite their different points of view, the parties agreed to resolve their dispute amicably.

The case was set for trial in August after a Miami federal judge rejected ESPN's motion to dismiss the lawsuit. Pierre-Paul was hospitalized in Miami after the July Fourth accident, which caused serious injuries to his right hand. The lawsuit claimed ESPN and a network reporter violated his privacy and Florida medical confidentiality laws by posting the records on social media.

### LOCAL DIGEST POLICY

#### Jasper Parks and Recreation

Jasper Parks and Recreation is currently holding registration for the following sports until Feb. 9 — baseball (ages 3-12), softball (ages 5-12), spring soccer (ages 8-16), spring volleyball (ages 8-16), spring basketball (ages 13-18). The registration fee is \$50 fee with sibling discounts and scholarships available. Volunteer coaches are needed. Background checks will be performed. Call the Jasper Parks and Recreation office at 385-7979 for more information.

#### Lupton Youth Athletic Association

The Lupton Youth Athletic Association is currently accepting registration forms for little league baseball and softball (ages 5-12). The cost to play is \$70. This includes a complete uniform. All forms can be picked up at Lupton School and returned to Coach Adkins. Forms must be returned before Feb. 10. You can also contact Coach Adkins for any questions regarding the league. Volunteer coaches are needed and will be greatly appreciated. For more information, call 384-5838.

### PREP BASKETBALL

# Jackets earn sweep of Eagles

## Woods pours in 40, Oakman wins 95-90

By JOHNATHAN BENTLEY  
Eagle Sports Editor

SUMITON — Winston County's trio of Adam Kilgore, Chandler Ownby and Hayden Pendergrass combined for 43 points as the Yellow Jackets defeated Sumiton Christian 61-47 on the road Friday night.

Kilgore got the Yellow Jackets off and running, scoring nine first-quarter points. Hayden Pendergrass added a 3-pointer for a 18-13 Winston County lead after the first quarter. The Jackets took a 27-20 lead into the half and they pushed their lead to 12 points at 45-33 after three quarters.

Kilgore had 20 points for the Jackets (18-6) while Ownby scored 12, Pendergrass added 11 and Hayden Hodge put in nine.

For Sumiton Christian (13-13), both Isaiah Wright and Ethan Morgan had 10 points.

#### Varsity Girls Winston County 47, Sumiton Christian 21

Winston County held Sumiton Christian to just six field goals in their game Friday night, picking up a 47-21 road win over the Lady Eagles in the regular-season finale for both teams.

The Yellow Jackets (20-7) controlled the game from start to finish. Hannah Alexander had 11 of her game-high 18 points in the first half.



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Sumiton Christian's Sammy Latham (5) is guarded by Winston County's Chandler Ownby (20) and Tucker Speer (3) during their game Friday night.

Winston County led 12-3 after the opening quarter and 28-10 at the half. Winston County took a commanding 44-15 lead into the final quarter.

Kady Bonds added 14 points for the Yellow Jackets and Abby West had five points. For Sumiton Christian, both Lexi Jackson and Skylar Garner had six points.

# Patriots locked in to proven approach entering Super Bowl

By KYLE HIGHTOWER  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Ten words have driven Patriots coach Bill Belichick since he arrived in New England 17 years ago. And they are 10 words that he leans on whenever he is queried about what's gone into making his team an annual threat to hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

"I do what I think is best for the team," he says.

For the better part of those 17 seasons, that approach has worked out well for the Patriots.

They will make their seventh Super Bowl appearance under Belichick on Sunday when they take on the Atlanta Falcons. Along with quarterback Tom Brady, Belichick already is part of the winningest coach/quarterback combination in NFL postseason history, taking 24 games together.

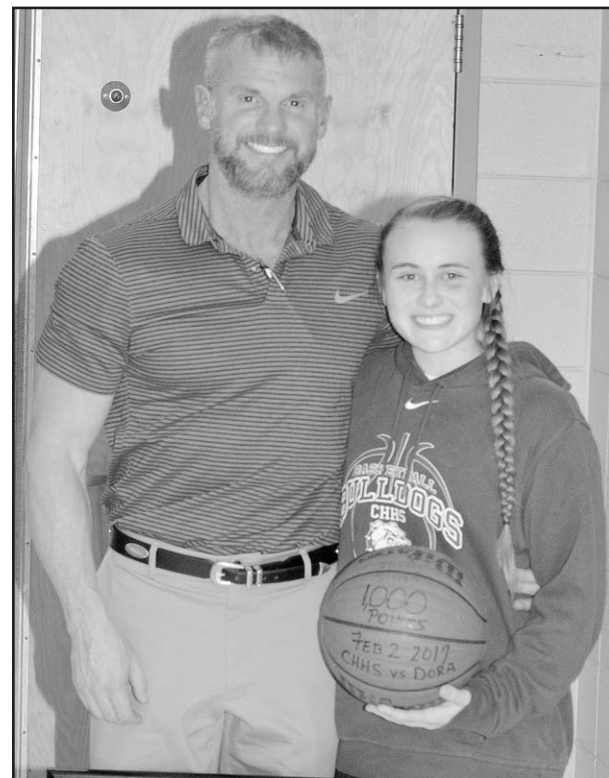
The 64-year-old coach has done it by having an uncanny ability of getting his teams to buy into a program that has become known as the "Patriot Way."

"A lot of people talk about the 'Patriot Way'. There's not a straight definition of it, but here you know that we're going to work every day," linebacker and defensive captain Dont'a Hightower said. "Around here you're either getting better or you're getting worse. That's kind of the mantra that's kind of bestowed around here."

It's a program that's led to four Super Bowl rings for Belichick and Brady. And this year's team is strong enough to bring them a fifth title.

The reasons are plentiful, but it starts with the experience at the top. Belichick is preparing for his 36th playoff game, and is an expert at shielding his team from distractions.

### CARBON HILL'S KATIE MOORE SCORES 1,000TH CAREER POINT



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Carbon Hill's Katie Moore was awarded with a ball commemorating her 1,000th career point during senior night festivities at Carbon Hill on Thursday. She is the fifth girls player under coach Wade Tittle to top the 1,000-point mark during her career along with Caroline Dodd (2013), Lindsay Fluker (2013), Savanna Lawson (2015) and Abby Tittle (2016).

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Baylor rocked by wave of ugly allegations

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The allegations against Baylor, its football program and former coach Art Briles, get uglier with each new lawsuit and legal filing.

Among the most recent: More than 50 acts of rape by dozens of football players in four years. Briles asking why an alleged rape victim would hang out with "bad dudes" (his own players).

And coaches encouraging female students in a hostess group to have sex with recruits. And they keep rolling in, deepening the public disgust and mistrust with the nation's largest Baptist university as it tries to fight lawsuits, settle others and fend off withering criticism from all sides as to how things spun so out of control with a sexual assault scan-

dal that included multiple accusations against the football program.

"It seems relentless," said Fred Norton Jr., president of the Baylor Line Foundation, the school's alumni organization. "It's all unsettling. Nobody knows what's going to be the next shoe to drop. It wears us all out to have to keep defending what Baylor really is, the true Baylor we know."

Baylor faces at least six federal and state lawsuits as well as a federal civil rights investigation into claims the school and football program, which Briles built into a Big 12 champion, ignored, mishandled or tried to cover up reports of sexual or physical abuse and other criminal misdeeds across campus for years.

One court filing last week alleges more than 50 acts of rape by more

than 30 football players over a four-year period, and that Baylor football promoted a culture of "sex, drugs and violence."

And after months of refusing to release details from its own investigation, Baylor on Thursday revealed text messages between Briles, assistant coaches and staff members that appear to show them trying to shield players from police and university discipline.

In one instance, when shown a list of names of players a woman said attacked her, Briles allegedly responded, "Those are some bad dudes. Why was she around those guys?"

To date, only two of Briles' former players have been tried and convicted of sexual assault, and another is currently charged in a 2016 assault.

## QB

Though he isn't talking about taking anyone's job.

"I'm just trying to get settled with school so far," Tagovailoa said. "This is my fourth week, and I'm trying to get situated with everything before we even start to think that far. I'm just trying to worry about what I have to worry about, and I'll let Coach decide what's right. We'll go from there."

The 6-foot-1, 215-pounder set the Hawaii high school record with 8,158 career passing yards. He passed for 3,932 yards and 43 touchdowns as a senior.

Now, he's rooming with the Tide's

top-rated recruit, running back Najee Harris, and using an app to navigate campus. The only times Tagovailoa had previously spent on the mainland was for football camps, where he was twice named MVP in 2016.

The first coach to offer him a scholarship was then-Southern California head coach Steve Sarkisian, now Alabama's offensive coordinator. He said Alabama's recruitment took him by surprise.

"I was really shocked that they offered me to start off with, because I didn't know they would have even found me," Tagovailoa said. "I'm all

the way across the map, and they decided to offer. I just wanted to play for the best and they were No. 1 as well, so that's why I came here."

He insists that the culture change from the 4,300-mile move was less of a shock, saying the hospitality and friendliness are similar in both places.

The food was an adjustment from his favored dish kalua pig. He developed a particular fondness for fried chicken, which he pats his stomach and says is now a no-no.

"I think everything over here is fried," Tagovailoa said.

Welcome to Alabama, Tua T.

From A11

# Soldiers thwart attack on Louvre, tourists held in lockdown

PARIS (AP) — Paris was plunged into panic — again — when soldiers guarding the Louvre Museum shot an attacker who lunged at them with two machetes on Friday and shouted “Allahu Akbar!” as the historic landmark went into lockdown.

The threat appeared to quickly recede after the assailant was subdued, but it cast a new shadow over the city just as tourism was beginning to rebound after a string of deadly attacks. Coming just hours before Paris finalized its bid for the 2024 Olympics, it also renewed questions about security in the City of Light.

The soldiers’ quick action put an end to what French President Francois Hollande said was “no doubt” a terrorist attack at one of Paris’ most iconic tourist attractions.

French prosecutor Francois Molins said the assailant was believed to be a 29-year-old Egyptian who had been living in the United Arab Emirates, though his identity has not yet been formally confirmed.

“Everything shows that the assailant was very determined”, Molins told a news conference, adding that the attacker, who was shot four times, was in a life-threatening condition in a hospital.

Anti-terrorism prosecutors took charge of the investigation as police carried out raids near the tree-lined Champs-Elysees linked to the attack, which came two months after authorities carried out a special anti-terrorism exercise around the Louvre.

Molins said the attacker was not carrying any identity papers but investigators used his cellphone and a national data base of visa applicants containing their photos and fingerprints to determine that he was a resident of the United Arab Emirates who arrived in Paris on a tourist visa on Jan. 26.

Two days later the sus-



AP Photo/Thibault Camus

Police officers guard the access to the Louvre museum Friday in Paris. Paris police say a soldier has opened fire outside the Louvre Museum after he was attacked by someone, and the area was evacuated.

pect bought two military machetes at a gun store in Paris, the prosecutor said. He also paid 1,700 euros for a one-week stay at an apartment in the chic 8th arrondissement of the French capital, near the Champs-Elysees.

In the apartment, police found an Egyptian passport and 965 euros, as well as a residence permit, driver’s license and a credit card all issued from the UAE, Molins said. He said the suspect’s return flight to Dubai was scheduled for Sunday.

Friday’s attack targeted an entrance to a shopping mall that extends beneath the sprawling Louvre, a medieval former royal palace now home to the “Mona Lisa” and hundreds of other masterpieces.

Waving two machetes over his head, the assailant lunged at the soldiers patrolling in the mall, shouting “Allahu Akbar!” or “God is great!” Molins said.

One soldier fought him off and was slightly injured in the scalp. Another

soldier fell to the ground as the assailant tried to slash him, then opened fire, shooting the attacker in the stomach.

When that didn’t stop him, the soldier fired three more times, gravely wounding him. The backpack the man was carrying contained cans of spray paint, but no explosives, Molins said.

The 1,200 people inside the Louvre — one of the world’s biggest tourist attractions — were first shuttled into windowless rooms as part of a special security protocol before being evacuated. The mu-

seum in central Paris remained closed for the rest of Friday but will reopen on Saturday, Culture Minister Audrey Azoulay told reporters.

Hollande, speaking at a news conference in Malta where he was attending a European Union summit, said that while the Louvre incident was quickly contained, the overall threat to France remains high. He said the incident showed the need for the increased security patrols deployed around France since attacks in 2015.

Those patrols — numbering about 3,500 soldiers

in the Paris area — were first deployed following the January 2015 attack on Paris’ satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and reinforced after the November 2015 bomb-and-gun attacks that left 130 people dead at the city’s Bataclan concert hall and other sites.

The country has been under a state of emergency since.

Interior Minister Bruno Le Roux praised the soldiers involved in Friday’s attack, saying “to wear a uniform, as we can see in the Louvre’s restaurant complex when she heard the first gunshot, followed by another and then a couple more.

Restaurant worker Sanae Hadraoui, 32, said she was waiting for breakfast at a McDonald’s in the Louvre’s restaurant complex when she heard the first gunshot, followed by another and then a couple more.

“I hear a shot. Then a second shot. Then maybe two more. I hear people screaming, ‘Evacuate! Evacuate!’” she said. “They told us to evacuate. I told my colleagues at the McDonald’s. We went downstairs and then took the

emergency exit.”

Parisian Makram Chokri, who was shopping in the mall, described hearing a “boom, boom, boom over a few seconds. ... We thought it was an exercise at first but you know, you have a lot of scenarios going through your mind.”

Police sealed off mall entrances near the Louvre and closed the area to vehicles, snarling traffic in Paris. Confused tourists were shooed away.

Lance Manus, a tourist from Albany, New York, described young girls crying in panic, and had immediate thoughts of the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

“That’s what we’re used to now,” he said. “I mean we have to learn to live with it, be vigilant. So we listen to instructions from the security guards and do what they told us.”

Eric Grau, a high school teacher chaperoning a group of 52 students, said: “We were in one of the galleries and a voice came through the loudspeakers to alert us, saying there was an alert.” He said the group was taken to safety in the African art gallery.

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