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SLIMMER STRONGER YOU (SSY) Monthly Meeting at the OMV on Saturday, Feb 17. The Saturday Feb Meet Theme was "Love thy neighbor" and members were encouraged to bring a friend to share the program. The program continues to post its successes on its Facebook page, with many others telling Samoa News of their new way of life.

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US Tennis Assoc deemed mostly liable for player's fall

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States Tennis Association on Thursday was found mostly liable for when Canadian player Eugenie Bouchard slipped on a wet locker room floor at the 2015 U.S. Open and hit her head, suffering what she said was a "serious head injury" that changed the course of her career.

A jury found Bouchard was partially at fault for what happened. It determined the USTA was 75 percent to blame and Bouchard was 25 percent to blame. What that means will be decided in another phase of the trial to determine damages, starting Friday.

Bouchard, 23, had just played in a mixed doubles match when she returned to the locker room at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens shortly after 10 p.m. Minutes later, she fell on the tile floor of a physiotherapy room inside the locker room.

She sued the USTA for unspecified damages.

Bouchard told a jury in federal court in Brooklyn that she had taken two steps into the training area en route to take

an ice bath when she lost her footing "and hit the back of my head on the floor." She recalled being in "shock" as she found herself "staring at the ceiling."

She testified she also felt a burning sensation on her skin from what her lawyers say was a powerful cleaning solution left on the floor.

Bouchard, once ranked No. 5 in the world and a Wimbledon finalist in 2014, testified that it was the USTA's negligence that led to her slip and fall and the resulting injuries. She said she was forced to withdraw from the U.S. Open, where she was still in contention in singles and doubles, and from subsequent tournaments in China and Japan.

Bouchard, now ranked No. 116, said she hasn't been the same player since she fell in the locker room. She left the courthouse on Thursday without commenting.

USTA lawyers countered that Bouchard should have known not to enter the area without being accompanied by a trainer or other tournament personnel and that the cleaning crew believed all the players had left for the night.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

(Courtesy Photos)



United States' Lindsey Vonn, center, smiles as she receives gifts and a letter of appreciation for her grandfather's service during the Korean War from members of the Yongsan Club in Jeongseon, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

Vonn scatters grandfather's ashes near downhill course

JEONGSEON, South Korea (AP) — Lindsey Vonn came to South Korea with the goal of taking home an Olympic medal and leaving behind something even more special.

She did both.

The American ski great said Thursday she recently scattered some of the ashes of her grandfather, who served during the Korean War, on a rock near the mountain where the downhill races were run.

"I know that it would mean a lot to him to be back here, a part of him is in South Korea always," said Vonn, who shared her story with The Associated Press and the Chosun Ilbo newspaper.

Vonn said she sprayed parts of Don Kildow's ashes "just a few days ago" on a rock that she was told was special when she visited South Korea last year to be named a Pyeongchang Olympic ambassador. She described the location as "right by the men's downhill start."

Vonn burst into tears when she was asked about her grandfather during a news conference in Pyeongchang this month before the Olympics. He lived in Milton, Wisconsin, and died in November.

"I miss him so much," she said. "He's been such a big part of my life. And I really had hoped that he would be alive to see me (at this year's Olympics). But I know he's watching, and I know that he's going to help me and I'm going to win for him."

Vonn won a bronze medal in the downhill, but skied out of Thursday's slalom leg of the Alpine combined in what was likely her last Olympic race. Later in the day, a group of elderly South Korean men gave her family some gifts and a letter of thanks to mark her grandfather's service during the 1950-53 Korean War.

"To be able to race for him in these Olympics was very special for me. And I tried everything I could to win for him," Vonn said. "I got a bronze, which, you know, to me was very special. And I think he would be proud of that."

During Thursday's brief meeting with seven elderly South Korean men, Vonn nodded a greeting several times and repeated "thank you

so much" to them. In their letter of appreciation, the South Korean men said they expressed their thanks for what they call her grandfather's contribution for the freedom of South Korea. They also gave her traditional Korean fashion accessories and gloves.

Kildow served two years in South Korea in the Army Corps of Engineers in areas near Jeongseon, one of the three Olympic venues. He never had a chance to return to South Korea, but he had talked about the country in a "very favorable" way, according to his son, Alan Kildow, who attended Thursday's event with his two other daughters.

Alan Kildow broke into tears while talking about his father's memories of South Korea during the war. He said he separately scattered parts of his father's ashes in the country.

After the Olympics, Vonn plans to go home to get ready for the World Cup finals. She said she's "enjoying the last remaining days of the Olympics" with her family.

At the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Vonn won gold in the downhill and bronze in the super-G. She missed the 2014 Sochi Games because of injury.

The elderly South Koreans are from a fraternal society in Seoul called Yongsan Club, named after a neighborhood in the capital where the U.S. military command is headquartered.

About 37,000 U.S. troops were killed during the war, which ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty, technically leaving the Korean Peninsula in a state of war. The United States still stations about 28,000 soldiers in South Korea to deter potential aggression from North Korea.

Its military presence and cultural influence have been a long-running source of anti-American sentiments among many South Koreans who want greater footing in relations with Washington.

The Yongsan Club members were about 7 or 8 years old during the war but still vividly recall the devastation, saying South Korea could not have defended itself without the American-led U.N. forces.

Dawn Staley sues Missouri AD for slander; SEC fines him

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley is suing Missouri's athletic director, saying he slandered her when he suggested she created an atmosphere that encouraged fans to spit on his players and use racial slurs.

Staley's suit filed in Richland County asks for no more than \$75,000 in damages from Sterk for disparaging her reputation.

Also on Thursday, Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey fined Jim Sterk \$25,000 and reprimanded him for publicly criticizing Staley.

Sterk broke a conference rule banning public criticism of other member institutions, their staff or players, Sankey

excellent administrator," the statement said.

The problems started the day after South Carolina's 64-54 win at home on Jan. 28. The teams have played three tough, physical games in a row, and Sterk said in a radio interview the latest game had an unhealthy atmosphere.

"We had players spit on, and called the N-word and things like that. It was not a good environment and unfortunately, I think coach Staley promoted that kind of atmosphere," Sterk said on KTGR radio.

Staley called the accusations "serious and false" right after they were made and said she lost sleep over them.

South Carolina athletic director Ray Tanner investi-



FILE - In this Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 file photo, South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley watches on during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Mississippi in Oxford, Miss. South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley has sued Missouri's athletics director for slander after he suggested she wanted fans to spit and use racial slurs against his players. Staley's lawsuit filed Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 in South Carolina asks for no more than \$75,000 in damages from Jim Sterk for damaging her reputation.

(AP Photo/Thomas Graning, File)

said in a statement that also said SEC officials would review how South Carolina handles its crowd during games.

"We take seriously the reports from Missouri's student-athletes about inappropriate language and actions directed at them by individual fans, and appreciate South Carolina's willingness to engage in a full review of fan behavior," Sankey said.

Missouri did not comment on the lawsuit, but a statement from both university President Mun Y. Choi and Chancellor Alexander Cartwright said they backed Sterk after the SEC's fine.

"Since he came here in August 2016, Jim has exhibited a passion for our student athletes and their success and safety both on and off the court. He has proven himself to be an

gated, interviewing security personnel and others at the arena and found no evidence of spitting or racial slurs.

He asked Sterk to retract his comments.

Sterk then gave another radio interview where he did not take back his statement or apologize, but said he was moving on.

"And kind of like in the words of that famous philosopher Forrest Gump, that's about all I've got to say about that," Sterk told 101 ESPN in St. Louis.

Staley directed questions about the lawsuit to her lawyer after South Carolina beat LSU 57-48 on Thursday night.

"Were moving forward," she said.

Sankey said he has spent weeks trying to get the schools to solve their problems together, but failed.



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Position Title	COMPTROLLER	Posting Date: January 29, 2018	Serial No.: 030-18
Department/Division:	Treasury/Finance	Closing Date: February 29, 2018	Announcement No.:005-18
Type of Position:	Temporary Employment		
Posting Type:	Employment Opportunity/Open to the Public		
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Goalie Maddie Rooney delivers gold medal performance for US

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — Maddie Rooney couldn't stop smiling. She was on top of her game, and it didn't seem to matter that it was a shootout against the powerhouse Canadians.

The first shootout in an Olympic women's final.

With a gold medal on the line.

Her coach, Robb Stauber, made sure not to say a word to the 20-year-old goaltender.

"I know she has ice in her veins," Stauber said.

It sure looked like it. Rooney made 29 saves through overtime, then turned away shots from four Canadians in the six-round shootout, smiling along the way at her jubilant teammates on the bench. The last save came against four-time Olympian Meghan Agosta to clinch a 3-2 victory that ended the Americans' 20-year gold medal drought.

The goalie who took the

year off from college at Minnesota-Duluth had outdueled three-time Olympian Shannon Szabados, who was among those who prefer overtime over a shootout to settle such an important game.

"It's more individual and less of a team thing," Szabados said. "It's a little harder to swallow, but that's the way it goes."

The United States had to replace not one, two but all three of their goalies after losing gold in 2014 at Sochi. Rooney, who played her senior year of high school in Andover, Minnesota, on the boys' varsity team, was the goalie in net for each of the three U.S. victories over Canada in pre-Olympic play. She bounced back from a 2-1 loss last week to Canada and then some on Thursday.

Rooney said she's been told it's important to stay calm under pressure. She is sure she's been nervous at times.

"But pressure is power,"

said the goalie whose job title on Wikipedia entry was briefly changed to U.S. "Secretary of Defense."

Her teammates said they had complete confidence in Rooney, who has only been with the national team since the 2017 world championships. Gigi Marvin, the oldest on the roster at 30, has been rooming with Rooney. She called Rooney unbelievable in net, so strong that they had complete trust in her.

"She's a gem, talk about poise," Marvin said. "We all knew she had it. She has been around all year and she just owns it."

Stauber, a former goalie, knows exactly what a goaltender that never gets rattled means for a team.

THE didn't worry about Rooney even after Haley Irwin and captain Marie-Philip Poulin scored in the second period to give Canada a 2-1 lead.

Olympic fatigue may be setting in for NBC; ratings dips

NEW YORK (AP) — Highlights from media coverage of the Pyeongchang Olympics:

RATINGS: Olympic fatigue may be setting in. NBC was set up for a big night on Wednesday, with a broadcast

full of exciting, medal-winning performance by Americans and an Alpine skiing competition featuring both Lindsey Vonn and Mikaela Shiffrin.

Yet the 16.4 million viewers who watched NBC, NBCSN and streaming services in prime time was the second lowest of the Olympics so far, and down 19 percent from the corresponding night in Sochi. For NBC alone, the drop was 30 percent.

The skiing competition wasn't decided until after 1:30 a.m. on the U.S. East Coast, and the gripping gold-medal hockey game between the U.S. women and Canada lasted past 2 a.m. NBC estimated 3.7 million people watched the game live.

THAT GAME: Smart move by NBCSN to rebroadcast the hockey game late Thursday afternoon.

It's an instant classic, and deserves as many airings as possible. NBC's Kenny Albert, AJ Mleczko and Pierre McGuire were sharp and low-key, recognizing the game needed no hype.

It was amusing when McGuire quickly corrected himself after saying there were "too many men on the ice." Mleczko forgave him. "I do that myself," she admitted.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: In what feels like an endorsement of their work in

Pyeongchang, NBC announced that figure skating analysts Tara Lipinski, Johnny Weir and Terry Gannon will anchor Sunday's closing ceremonies.

FIVE MINUTES: NBC loves to use the large Olympic audience to promote other shows, which is why "Today" is in Pyeongchang and you've seen about a thousand promos for the upcoming comedy "Good Girls."

The ability to show live competition late night in the U.S. made it difficult to keep Jimmy Fallon on the air, however, but NBC needs to keep him visible. So NBC hit on the amusing idea of a five-minute "Tonight" show, which has included such stunts as a one-minute interview with actor Paul Rudd where Fallon cut off every answer. We'll avoid the obvious joke of networks trying it with more shows.

THE FUTURE: The future of Olympic viewing has arrived for NBC.

A poll by Seton Hall University, sponsored by the Sharkey Institute, found that 44 percent of people ages 18 to 29 said they have primarily experienced the Olympics by streaming material on their devices, compared with 47 percent who said it was through watching NBC's prime-time telecast. Only 3 percent of people ages 60 and over cited streaming as their top choice.

Noren, Simpson lead at Honda; Woods has solid 70

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods had what he called "easily" his best round hitting the ball, and he didn't even break par at the Honda Classic.

Alex Noren and Webb Simpson shared the lead at 4-under 66 in steady wind on a penal PGA National golf course, and felt as though they had to work hard for it.

Both dropped only one shot Thursday, which might have been as great an accomplishment as any of their birdies.

"When you stand on certain tee boxes or certain approach shots, you remember that, 'Man, this is one of the hardest courses we play all year, including majors,'" said Simpson, who is playing the Honda Classic for the first time in seven years.

Only 20 players broke par, and just as many were at 76 or worse.

Woods had only one big blunder — a double bogey on the par-5 third hole when he missed the green and missed a 3-foot putt — in an otherwise stress-free round.

He had one other bogey against three birdies, and was rarely out of position.

Even one of his two wild drives, when his ball landed behind two carts that were selling frozen lemonade and soft pretzels, he still had a good angle to the green.

"It was very positive today," Woods said. "It was a tough day out there for all of us, and even par is a good score."

It was plenty tough for Adam Scott, who again stumbled his way through the closing stretch of holes that feature water, water and more water.

Scott went into the water on the par-3 15th and made double bogey, and then hit into the water on the par-3 17th and made triple bogey. He shot 73.

Rory McIlroy was at even par deep into the back nine when he figured his last chance at birdie would be the par-5 18th.

Once he got there, he figured his best chance at birdie was to hit 3-wood on or near the green. Instead, he came up a yard short and into the water, made double bogey and shot 72.

Noren, who lost in a playoff at Torrey Pines last month, shot 31 on the front nine and finished with a 6-foot birdie on the ninth hole into a strong wind for his 66.

The Swede is a nine-time winner on the European Tour who is No. 16 in the world, though he has yet to make a connection among American golf fans — outside of Stillwater, Oklahoma, from his college days at Oklahoma State — from not having fared well at big events. Noren spends time in South Florida during the winter, so he's getting used to this variety of putting surfaces.

"I came over here to try to play some more American-style courses, get firmer greens,

more rough, and to improve my driving and improve my long game," Noren said. "So it's been great."

PGA champion Justin Thomas, Daniel Berger and Morgan Hoffmann — who all live up the road in Jupiter — opened with a 67. There's not much of an advantage because hardly anyone plays PGA National the other 51 weeks of the year. It's a resort that gets plenty of traffic, and conditions aren't quite the same.

Louis Oosthuizen, the South African who now lives primarily in West Palm Beach, also came out to PGA National a few weeks ago to get a feel for the course.

He was just like everyone else that day — carts on paths only. Not everyone can hole a bunker shot on the final hole at No. 9 for a 67. Mackenzie Hughes of Canada shot his 67 with a bogey from a bunker on No. 9.



Tiger Woods tees off on the 13th tee during the first round of the Honda Classic golf tournament, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Golfers wore a ribbon on their caps in memory of the students and faculty killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

TEAM MELEKE ESSAY CHALLENGE

Meleke Faitala Bowles was an amazing woman who was always full of love. In 2014, Meleke was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. This was shocking news because she did not smoke and lived a healthy lifestyle. We realized how little we knew about lung cancer and recognized the importance of simply being aware of the symptoms. Meleke made her way to heaven on February 26, 2016. We hope the Team Meleke Essay Challenge inspires a young man or woman to spread lung cancer awareness and to support the fight against this devastating disease.

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Burke leads Knicks past Magic to end 8-game losing streak

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Trey Burke came off the bench with a season-high 26 points and six assists Thursday night to help the New York Knicks break an eight-game losing streak with a 120-113 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Tim Hardaway Jr. had 23 points and six assists for the Knicks, who won for the first time since Jan. 30 and the first time since losing Kristaps Porzingis for the season to a torn ACL.

Evan Fournier scored 25 points for the Magic, who lost their fourth straight.

The first game after the All-Star break for both teams marked the first Knicks start for guard Emmanuel Mudiay, who was acquired from Denver in a three-team trade on Feb. 8. It also marked the returns from injury for center Nikola

Vucevic and forward Aaron Gordon of the Magic.

Vucevic finished with 19 points and six rebounds.

The Magic made 11 of their first 12 shots, including all five 3-pointers, on their way to a 41-point first quarter and a 10-point lead.

Orlando led 76-65 early in the second half, a lead that disappeared quickly when Enes Kanter scored three baskets a 12-0 run that put the Knicks ahead for the first time since the middle of the first quarter.

A layup by Lance Thomas early in the fourth quarter put the Knicks ahead permanently and launched an 18-6 run that produced a 113-102 lead. Burke, who shot 12 for 22 in the game, scored three baskets during that rally.

TIP-INS

Knicks: Thursday marked the seventh anniversary of the Knicks' acquisition of F Carmelo Anthony. ... F Troy Williams, signed to a 10-day contract Wednesday, scored four points in six minutes.

Magic: Rookie F Isaac Austin, who has not played since Dec. 26 due to a sore right ankle, will play in a NBA G League game Friday night. ... Vucevic had missed 23 games with a fractured left hand. ... Gordon had missed nine games (and the All-Star Slam Dunk contest) with a strained left hip flexor.

**Howard,
Walker help
Hornets send
Nets to 8th
straight loss**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Dwight Howard grabbed a season-high 24 rebounds and added 15 points, Kemba Walker scored 31 and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Brooklyn Nets 111-96 on Thursday night.

Dante Cunningham had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets, who lost their eighth straight game and fell to 19-41.

D'Angelo Russell, starting for the first time since November knee surgery, scored 19 points on 7-of-16 shooting.

All five Charlotte starters scored in double digits and the Hornets hit 52.4 percent from 3-point range. Charlotte improved to 25-33 with its second straight victory.

Howard had a double-double — 10 points and 11 rebounds — after 10 minutes of play in the first quarter. But the Hornets still needed Walker's big fourth quarter, when he had 14 points on 5-for-6 shooting, to secure the victory.

Widow disgusted by Indiana immigration ad featuring husband

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The widow of an Uber driver killed in a suspected drunken driving crash said her family has been “devastated” by a political ad featuring her deceased husband, an Indianapolis Colts player who was also killed and the Guatemalan immigrant charged with their deaths.

Deb Monroe, the widow of driver Jeffrey Monroe, told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday that Republican U.S. Senate candidate Mike Braun should take his ad off the air.

“Why would you do this? He has not even been in the ground two weeks,” said Monroe. “You could have had the decency to wait and let us deal with our loss.”

The ad by Braun, who has yet to address to Monroe’s concerns, comes in the midst of a heated GOP Senate primary. And it’s just the latest example of a political figure, among them President Donald Trump, seizing on the Feb. 4 deaths of Monroe and Colts linebacker Edwin Jackson.

The two were struck while standing outside Monroe’s car along Interstate 70 after Jackson, 26, became ill while Monroe, 54, was transporting him for the ride-hailing company, police said.

Trump tweeted about the tragedy, calling it “disgraceful” that the man charged with the crime, Manuel Orrego-Savala, 37, was a twice-deported immigrant in the country illegally. Braun’s GOP primary rivals both released statements in the wake of the fatal crash.

The ad, which is narrated by Braun, displays Orrego-Sava-

la’s mug shot as well as pictures of Monroe and Jackson.

“Politicians in Washington have ignored this issue for far too long,” Braun intones. “We must build the wall, ban sanctuary cities and put an end to chain migration. There are lives at stake.”

Deb Monroe said calls for a crackdown on immigrants are beside the point.

“Immigration didn’t kill my husband,” said Monroe, 62, of Avon, Indiana. “The idiot that chose to drink and get behind the wheel of a 5,000 pound vehicle did.”

She added: “If he had been sober and gone by them on the road, you wouldn’t even know he was in the country.”

Furthermore, she said her husband of 26 years was against building a wall along the southern U.S. border.

“He felt the wall was a waste of money, that it could be used better someplace else,” she said.

Immigration has been a hot button issue in Indiana’s Republican Senate primary, which features two sitting congressman squaring off against Braun. Rep. Todd Rokita has embraced Trump’s anti-immigration stances and Rep. Luke Messer recently sharpened his own tone.

But the ad by Braun, a businessman and former state lawmaker, takes it to a new level.

Monroe said she phoned Braun’s campaign to request that they take the ad off the air, but they have not returned her call.

Campaign spokesman Josh Kelley declined to address questions about whether Braun

would heed her request, or if they plan on returning her call.

“Mike Braun believes that Washington needs to stop illegal immigration, build the wall, and keep criminal illegals like the one that killed Jeffrey Monroe and Edwin Jackson out of Indiana,” Kelley wrote in an emailed statement. He added: “Mike and his family are praying for the families of the victims.”

Deb Monroe said politicians have been all too happy to “exploit” her husband’s death.

“Everyone is upset over this,” Monroe said. “I can’t let them do this to his name. I just can’t.”

In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

HCPN NO. 024-17

In the Matter of the Estate of

TUI ENESI,
Decedent

MAKERITA ENESI
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

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A hearing on the Petition will be held on March 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter, as counsel may be heard, before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa, at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa. All interested parties may appear before the Court on said date to respond to this Petition.

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*Illinois guard Te'Jon Lucas (3) tries to make a move around Purdue guard P.J. Thompson during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Champaign, Ill., Thursday, Feb 22, 2018.
[AP Photo/Stephen Haas]*



Florida Panthers goaltender Roberto Luongo (1) talks to fans about the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, prior to an NHL hockey game against the Washington Capitals, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, in Sunrise, Fla.

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Florida Panthers honor victims of school shooting

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Panthers have honored victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School with a somber video tribute before their game against the Washington Capitals.

The arena video screen Thursday night showed the names and faces of each of the 17 students who were killed on Valentine's Day in nearby Parkland.

The darkened ice was then illuminated with 17 circles of light, with a student's name inside each one.

Panthers goalie Roberto Luongo, a Parkland resident, gave an emotional statement

about the bravery of those who lost their lives trying to save others and how inspiring the students have been coping with the tragedy.

Players from both teams stood for the ceremony, some wiping tears from their eyes.

It was the first home game for the Panthers since the tragedy. They had been on a road trip in Canada for the past 11 days.

Florida players will wear Marjory Stoneman Douglas logos on their helmets and MSD uniform patches for the remainder of the season.

The tribute was hosted by Panthers announcer Randy Moller.

Fritz Schmid named New Zealand soccer coach

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Switzerland-born Fritz Schmid has been appointed head coach of the New Zealand men's soccer team on a four-year contract.

Schmid, whose previous role was as technical director of the Malaysian Football Association, is a former assistant coach of the Austria national team.

He was also an assistant at FC Basel between 2002 and 2009 when it won the Swiss Cup four times and twice quali-

fied for the UEFA Champions League.

New Zealand Football technical director Andreas Heraf said Friday that Schmid "has a proven track record at the highest level of coaching in Europe."

Schmid will first lead New Zealand in a friendly against Canada in Spain next month.

He replaces England-born Anthony Hudson, who quit late last year after coaching New Zealand since 2014.

Tillman can earn \$10M in new Orioles' deal

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Pitcher Chris Tillman and the Baltimore Orioles finalized a \$3 million, one-year contract that allows him to earn an additional \$7 million in performance bonuses.

Tillman would earn \$1 million each for 125 and 150 innings, \$1.5 million apiece for 175 and 190 and \$2 million for 200 as part of the deal announced Wednesday. The first \$1 million in performance bonuses earned is due Nov. 20, but any amounts above that are deferred, due each Jan. 20 in increments of \$1 million. If he

is traded, any bonuses earned after the deal are payable this Nov. 20.

He was 1-7 with a 7.84 ERA in 19 starts and five relief appearances last year.

He is the second starter added by the Orioles in the past week after right-hander Andrew Cashner.

Tillman likely will join right-handers Dylan Bundy, Kevin Gausman and Cashner in the rotation.

The 29-year-old right-hander lives in Sarasota and had been working out at the Orioles' facility before spring training.

SKorea crashes in relay, finishes with 6 short-track medals

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — There were crashes, penalties, shattered blades and surprises.

It all added up to a historic night of short-track racing Thursday, with South Korea winning a leading six medals in the nation's favorite Winter Olympic sport but no gold on the last night of competition on home ice.

The Koreans crashed with 23 laps to go in the men's 5,000-meter relay final, and the same fate befell gold-medal favorites Choi Min-jeong and Shim Suk-hee in the women's 1,000 final.

Wu Dajing of China dominated the men's 500, setting a world record in becoming the first man from his country to win short-track gold. South Koreans Hwang Dae-heon and Lim Hyo-jun stayed on their skates to claim silver and bronze. Lim earlier won the 1,500, making him the only man to win multiple individual short-track medals at the games.

In the women's 1,000, Suzanne Schulting of the Netherlands pulled off an upset, giving the country better known for its long-track success a fourth medal in short track.

"It was super unexpected," said Schulting, who crossed the line with her mouth wide open in amazement. "Just silver or bronze, I still would have been happy with it. But now it's gold. That's crazy."

Kim Boutin of Canada took silver for her third medal of the games.

Arianna Fontana earned bronze, giving the Italian a complete set of hardware to go with gold in the 500 and silver in the 3,000 relay. She joined American Apolo Anton Ohno and Viktor Ahn of Russia as the most decorated short-track Olympians with eight career medals in the rough-and-tumble sport.

"I didn't think I was going to be here at these Olympics because after Sochi I thought I was going to retire," Fontana said. "I'm really happy that I didn't."

Ahn was excluded from competing in his native South Korea after the International Olympic Committee refused to grant him an invitation amid its vetting of Russia's athletes for possible doping links. Ahn expressed outrage that he wasn't given a "concrete reason" for his exclusion.

Wu skated a world-record time of 39.584 seconds in the 500 that a Chinese man had never won at an Olympics.

Hungary had an historic night, too.

The Eastern European country won its first Winter Olympic gold medal — and first of any kind in short track — in the men's relay, taking the lead

on the last lap of the 45-lap race in which 16 skaters tore around the rink. The team of brothers Liu Shaoang and Liu Shaolin Sandor, along with Viktor Knoch and Csaba Burjan, set an Olympic record of 6 minutes, 31.971 seconds.

The Hungarians had previously earned six medals — all in figure skating and none since 1980 — at the Winter Games.

"It was a lot of pressure from the whole country. Everybody felt this weight on their shoulders," Knoch said. "This was our last chance. It's unbelievable that we got a medal, and it's gold."

Led by Wu, China took silver. Canada earned bronze with a team that included Samuel Girard and veteran Charles Hamelin skating in his final Olympics.



SLIMMER STRONGER YOU (SSY) Monthly Meeting at the OMV on Saturday, Feb 17. The Saturday Feb Meet Theme was "Love thy neighbor" and members were encouraged to bring a friend to share the program. The program continues to post its successes on its Facebook page, with many others telling Samoa News of their new way of life.

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Larry Nance Jr. to wear his dad's retired No. 22 with Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cavaliers will again have a No. 22, and he looks eerily familiar.

Larry Nance Jr. is getting to honor his father by wearing his dad's retired No. 22 jersey with the Cavs, who worked with the NBA to make the unique tribute possible.

"My dad's jersey will get to stay retired in the rafters, so, I couldn't be happier with it," Nance Jr. said Thursday night before making his home debut with the Cavs, who recently acquired him in a trade with the Los Angeles Lakers. "I'm thrilled. I've been wearing 22 my whole life and to get to wear it for the Cleveland Cavaliers is beyond a dream come true."

Nance Jr. will begin wearing

No. 22 next week. For now, he'll be in No. 24, the number he chose after he was obtained from the Lakers.

When he was traded, Nance Jr. considered how special it would be to wear his dad's number, which was retired by the Cavs in 1995 and hangs above Quicken Loans Arena. Larry Nance Sr. spent eight seasons with Cleveland and was a fan favorite because of his shot blocking and dunking skills.

The kid is just like his dad.

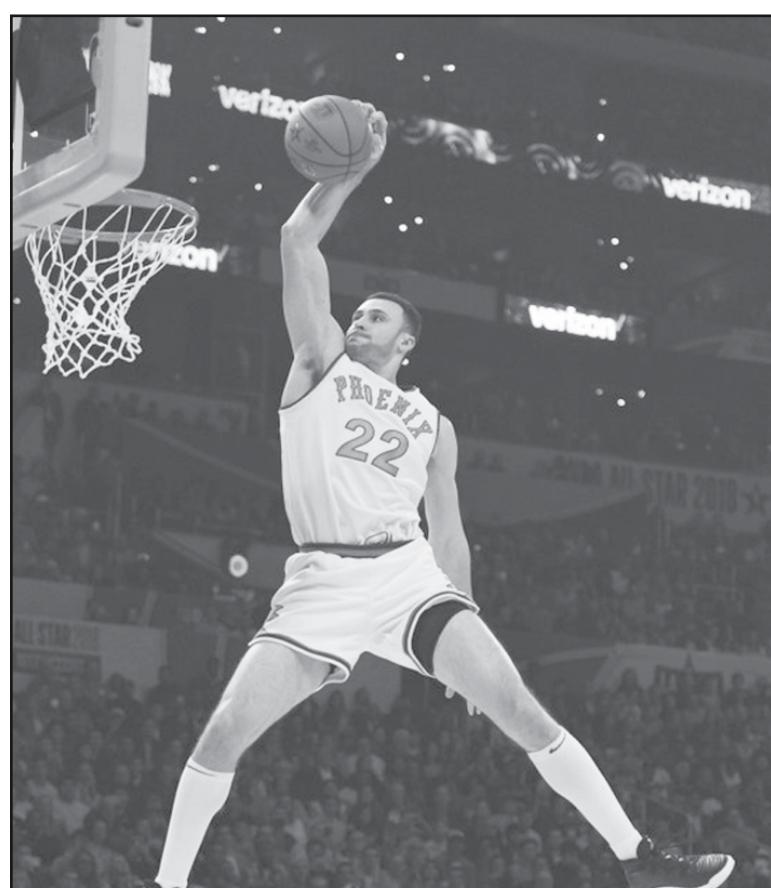
The younger Nance said his dad didn't have a big reaction when he got the news.

"I called him and told him yesterday that we were kind of talking about it and got it passed," he said.



Charlotte Hornets' Kemba Walker (15) gets by a grimacing Brooklyn Nets' Spencer Dinwiddie, who was caught in a screen by Hornets' Dwight Howard (12) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018.

[AP Photo/Bob Leverone]



FILE - In this Feb. 17, 2018, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' Larry Nance Jr. competes in the slam dunk contest, part of the NBA basketball All-Star weekend in Los Angeles. Nance has run into an unexpected snag since joining the Cavaliers. "Trying to convince my mom that I'm not living at home," he said, smiling. "We're out looking for rental properties and stuff like that and she's like, 'Oh, our basement is pretty nice.' That's probably been the toughest thing." Nance wore his dad's Phoenix jersey and replicated the same dunk Larry Nance Sr. did while winning the inaugural dunk contest in 1984.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, File)

Brittany Force cleared to race 2 weeks after jarring crash

CHANDLER, Ariz. (AP) — Brittany Force has been cleared to return less than two weeks after a jarring crash in the NHRA season opener and plans to race this weekend at the Arizona Nationals.

Force arrived at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park outside of Phoenix on Thursday and got back in the dragster for the first time since a harrowing wreck at the Winternationals in

Pomona, California, on Feb. 11. She plans to make her first pass during qualifying runs Friday.

Force says "Honestly felt good to be strapped back in and I was surprised how comfortable I was. I'm looking forward to getting back in my car and getting back in the swing of things with my guys."

The reigning Top Fuel champion has three runner-up finishes in five starts in Arizona,

including consecutive finals in 2016 and 2017.

Force said Wednesday she remembers nothing about the crash that hospitalized her overnight.

She escaped internal injuries and sustained only "upper-body soreness."

The 31-year-old Force is one of Funny Car great John Force's four daughters.

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US women headed for worst figure skating finish in Olympics

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — One by one, the best in American figure skating fell to the ice, their Olympic hopes dashed in the opening seconds of their short programs at the Pyeongchang Games.

It was emblematic of the state of U.S. figure skating.

Sure, Nathan Chen did rebound from a dismal short program to have the highest-scoring free skate in the men's Olympic program. The Shibutani siblings, Maia and Alex, won ice dance bronze. The U.S. squad even managed to hold off Italy and Japan to win bronze in the team event.

But for the every-four-year fan, figure skating begins and ends with the women, and there was no doubt during Wednesday's short program that the U.S. has fallen well behind its rivals.

Bradie Tennell went down first. Mirai Nagasu went down later. And when Karen Chen hit the deck, the Americans were left with their worst short program showing in any Olympics, and now face the prospect of their worst performance overall unless they rally in Friday's free skate.

So why did everything go wrong? When did the once-proud nation that produced seven gold medalists between the 1952 Oslo Games and the 2006 Turin Games get lapped by Russia, Japan and Canada?

Where are this generation's Peggy Fleming, Kristi Yamaguchi and Tara Lipinski?

"It's a good question," said Tom Zakrajsek, who coaches Nagasu and other top American skaters at Broadmoor Skating Club in Colorado Springs, Colorado. "It's a good question without an easy answer."

Some would argue the decline began when Kwan, one of the most popular Olympians ever, began to withdraw from the competitive scene in the mid-2000s. The sport was left without a clear American face at a time when more extreme sports, such as snowboarding, were ballooning in popularity. The fallout was noticeable within U.S. Figure Skating, where membership declined three straight years.

Many kids were choosing the snow over the ice, and a decade later, Chloe Kim is gracing the cover of Sports Illustrated with her gold medal from the women's halfpipe.

Meanwhile, figure skating remained prevalent in nations such as Russia, where top skaters are among the most popular athletes in any sport. Alina Zagitova and Evgenia Medvedeva are expected to claim gold and silver in some order.

in Pyeongchang, and they spent Wednesday swapping the world record for a short program, each finishing more than 15 points ahead of Nagasu — the top American in ninth place.

"It's tough to find that talent, that wants to dedicate themselves and challenge themselves to everyone in the world," said Fleming, who won gold at the 1968 Grenoble Games. "It's not for everyone."

The U.S. had been successful at the Winter Olympics before Fleming, winning back-to-back golds with Tenley Albright and Carol Heiss. But it was Fleming's dazzling performance in the French Alps that truly started an era of American domination, when the stars and stripes would fly for at least one medalist in every games through Sasha Cohen's silver medal in Italy in 2006.

Some years, the biggest question was which American would stand on the top step of the podium. Lipinski and Kwan went 1-2 at the 1998 Nagano Olympics, and when Sarah Hughes won gold at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, Kwan finished third and Cohen finished fourth.

But it was after those Olympics, most insiders believe, that the U.S. began to fall behind.

The judging scandal in Salt Lake City led the International Skating Union to replace its old system with one that rewards points for various elements. But the new structure harshly penalizes mistakes, and when the U.S. implemented the system, it did so in a straightforward way.

The result: Young skaters were reluctant to try the hardest elements and risk failure.

Other nations tweaked the scoring, or paid less attention to it, and encouraged their young stars to push the envelope. Soon, young Russian and Japanese skaters that were falling every time they tried a triple lutz were landing it, and then taking those big jumps into competition.

It wasn't until after a dismal showing at the 2014 Sochi Games that the U.S. followed suit.

"By the time it was in force for the 2015-16 season, when they began giving a bonus and incentive to these kids to try more and push the bar and up the tech ante, the U.S. fell behind," said Lipinski, who has spent the month in South Korea as a figure skating analyst for NBC.

In fact, Russia and Japan have combined to win the last 15 women's medals over the last five junior world championships, which traditionally serve as a coming-out party for Olympic hopefuls.

"Over the next four years," Lipinski said, "maybe we will see a jump from the U.S. as well."

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A copy of the document is available to review at the DOH Helping Hands Office located in the Lumana'i building in Fagatogo.

Please call the DOH Helping Hands office at 633-8553 if you have any questions regarding this public notice.

Signed,

Ruth Te'o, DOH Part C Coordinator



From left: Sanna Luedi, of Switzerland, Sami Kennedy-Sim of Australia, Lisa Andersson, of Sweden, and Alizee Baron, of France, run the course during the women's ski cross small final at Phoenix Snow Park at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Friday, Feb. 23, 2018. [AP Photo/Kin Cheung]

[AP Photo/Lee Jinman]

Arizona's Trier suspended for trace amount of PED

Arizona's Allonzo Trier has been declared ineligible for the reappearance of a banned substance that led to a 19-game suspension last season.

The NCAA notified the school on Thursday that the preseason All-America junior guard tested positive for trace amount of the substance late last month.

Arizona says the amount detected was minuscule by scientific standards and appeared to be a remnant of the undisclosed performance-enhancing drug Trier said he unknowingly ingested last season. The NCAA agreed, the school said.

Arizona is appealing the decision and hoping Trier will regain his eligibility soon. The 14th-ranked Wildcats (21-6, 11-3) have four regular-season

games left before the Pac-12 Tournament starts March 7 in Las Vegas.

Trier sat out the first 19 games in 2016-17 after testing positive for the drug. He won an appeal with the NCAA and was allowed to return after the substance cleared his system.

"I have never knowingly taken a banned substance," Trier said in a statement last season. "After finding out that I was given a banned substance by a well-intentioned, but misguided person not associated with the University after an injury, I presented this information to the NCAA. The NCAA agreed that I had no knowledge of receiving the substance and my eligibility was restored."

Trier has been a key cog in the Wildcats' bid to win their fourth Pac-12 title in five seasons. He is second to freshman Deandre Ayton for the team scoring lead at 19.6 points per game and second with 3.2 assists.

Documents show Texas track coach fired 'without cause'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas track coach Mario Sategna was fired "without cause" despite a record of multiple men's and women's Big 12 championships, according to documents released by the school Thursday.

Sategna had been under a previous ethics and misconduct investigation in 2016 but was allowed to return with no explanation of the probe or what it found.

Before that investigation began, Sategna had notified Texas officials he was taking a personal leave.

Sategna was dismissed Feb. 15 in the last year of his contract. New athletic director Chris Del Conte said the program needed a "new" direction despite Sategna's record of success. By firing Sategna without cause, Texas owed him about \$220,000.

According to records released to The Associated Press, Sategna was planning a Texas bid to host the 2019 or 2020 NCAA championships. The records didn't include any disciplinary notes.

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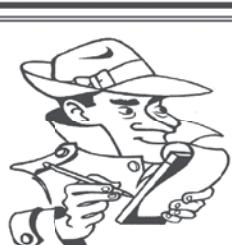
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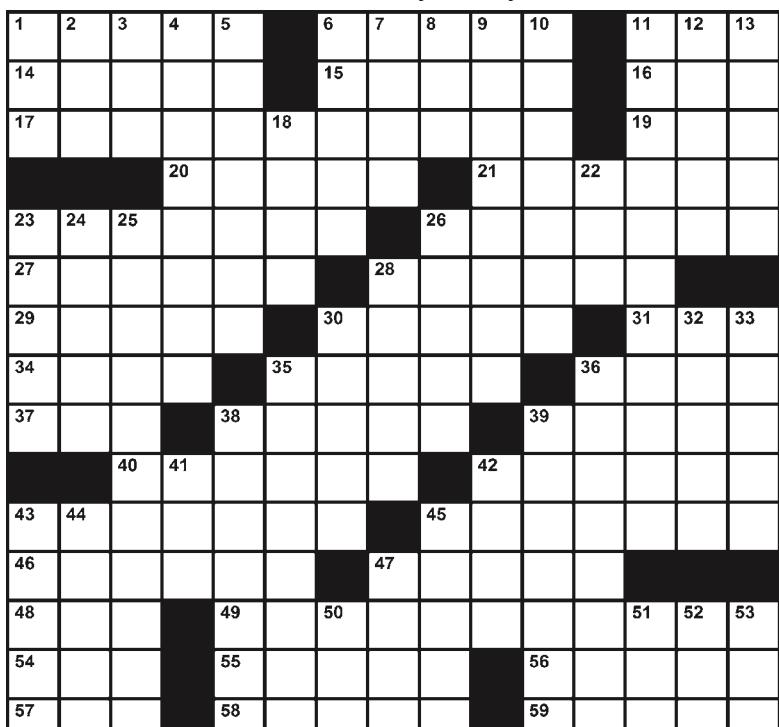
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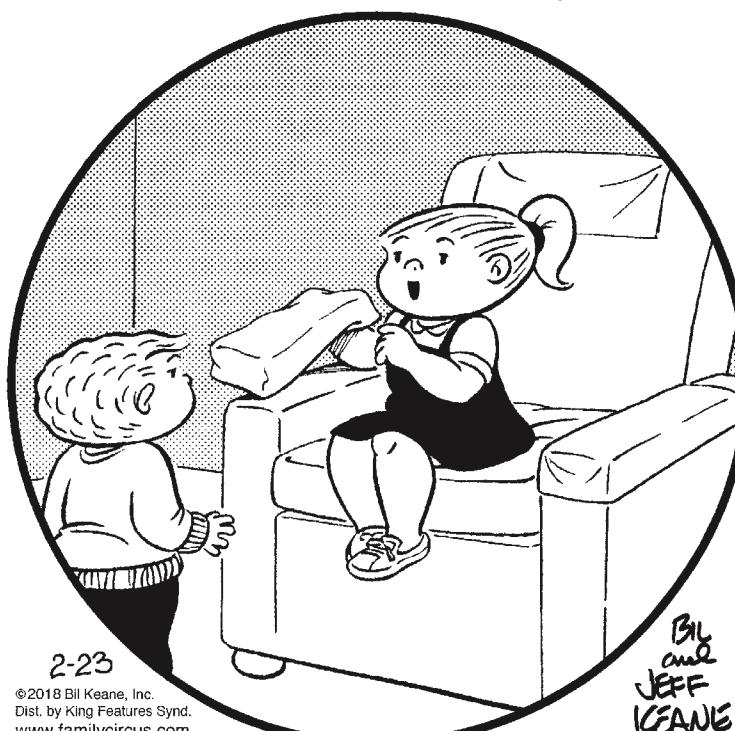
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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COW SAY WHAT? By Timothy E. Parker**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bil Keane



"Grandma's chairs all come with napkins in case anybody spills."

EUGENIA LAST

Friday, February 23, 2018
THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY



Happy Birthday: Keep your emotions in check and your anger hidden. This is the year to do the work, not to puff up and make others resent what you are trying to do. Choose your battles wisely and pour your energy into doing good things. Opportunity is within reach if you go through the proper channels. Your numbers are 9, 15, 19, 22, 34, 41, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep a lid on any temptation to get angry or show emotions that will make you look weak or difficult to work with. Do everything in your power to live up to your promises and to finish what you start. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid any form of aggression. Don't take action based on emotions or anger. It's important to avoid going into debt helping others. It's good to be generous, but don't put yourself in a bad position financially, emotionally or legally. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotions will be difficult to control. Consider how to best handle your relationships with others. Listen carefully, gather the facts and aim to be respectful and diplomatic moving forward. Protect your personal information and passwords from anyone prone to nosiness. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful of someone from your past trying to cause problems for you now. Don't leave anything to chance, and be prepared to defend your position. Integrity combined with diplomacy will win in the end. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spending lavishly or showing off to impress someone will turn into a costly affair that will leave you in a vulnerable position financially. You will do better if you offer kindness and romantic gestures instead. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Problems will develop at home or within personal relationships if you share private information openly. Protect the ones you love and don't allow an outsider to interfere in your personal life or decisions. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Communication will be difficult if you or someone you are dealing with is not open and honest regarding feelings, intentions and future plans. If you feel uncertain, ask questions and look for peaceful ways to rectify any problem that arises. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your intuition guide you. Someone will mislead you or offer you false hope. Get whatever you negotiate in writing before you make plans to spend money or get involved in something that requires time and effort. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional matters will surface. Be careful what you agree to or promise others. Someone will hold you accountable if you don't live up to expectations. Stick close to home and avoid disputes with friends, relatives or peers. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone will take advantage of you if you are too gullible. Don't believe everything you hear. An emotional situation will throw you off guard, causing you to make mistakes that can be costly. Don't share personal information. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rely on your own instincts to help you make wise choices regarding your lifestyle, domestic arrangements and how you earn your living. An emotional situation should be handled openly and honestly. Question someone's facts if they don't add up. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have to win over those in key positions. Choose your words wisely and only put pressure on those you want to persuade to see things your way. A show of force will only lead to resistance. 2 stars



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

PARENTS FALL SHORT ON PROMISES TO HELP THEIR AILING DAUGHTER

DEAR ABBY: I suffer from a debilitating, rare, chronic illness. Two years ago, my parents convinced me to move across the country to live with them in a city I've never lived in. They promised it would be "only for a year," they'd pay the cost of moving and finance a "year of wellness." I was to receive acupuncture, massage therapy, physical therapy, help from doctors, a personal trainer, etc.

They paid to move me, but have not followed through with any of their promises to help treat my disorder. What's more, I have had to fit an entire apartment's worth of furniture and other items into a small bedroom, and I'm not allowed to use the rest of the house. Now that I am here, I can't afford to pay to move back east or possibly find a place to live or work without being established in this new city. Is there a way to address the predicament I am now in and the fact that they relocated me without keeping their promises? I'm extremely shy and have made no friends in this town these past two years. -- DESPERATE DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: You should not be isolated the way you are. And you need more help than I can give you in a letter. From your description, you are a prisoner in your parents' home. Contact your doctor back east about what has been going on. Of course, if you have friends there, you should alert them, too. You will not get better living as you are. For your parents to have promised help and reneged is inexcusable. If there is an organization that supports your rare illness, it should be contacted too. Please do not wait.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 22 and I'm dating this amazing guy a couple of years older than me. He really checks off so many things on my "list," I can't help but be attracted to and appreciate him. He is a good guy, good looking, real smart and our values match up. We also have a really good vibe together.

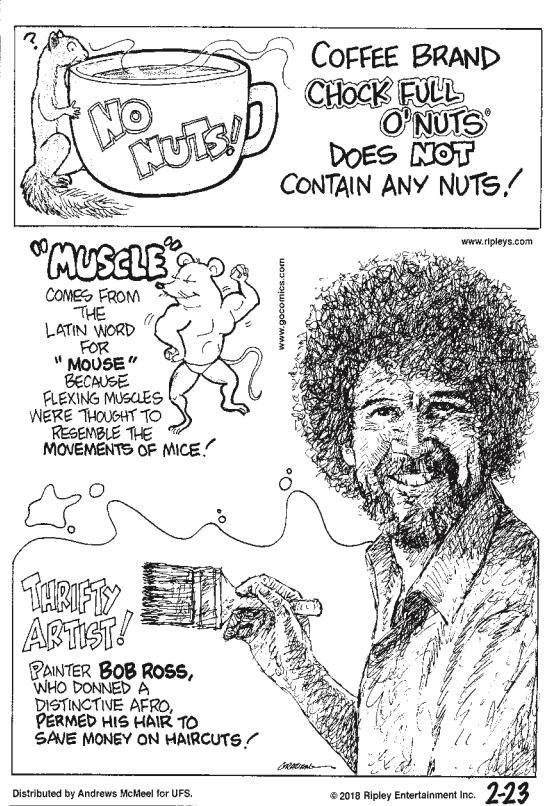
Here's the issue: He is not as tall as I would prefer. He's not super short, but we are the same height and when I wear shoes with a small heel, he's slightly shorter. I don't know why I'm still thinking about the height thing when I could really see us together long term. Am I being superficial? What should I do? -- UNSURE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNSURE: Ask yourself this: Is your self-confidence so lacking that you would seriously allow his height to bother you? If the fact that you would be self-conscious wearing heels with him could deter you from a long-term relationship, you should let him go because your values are not as alike as you would like to think.

DEAR ABBY: My husband passed away nine months ago at the age of 52. I miss him every day.

Recently, a man who was a friend of ours asked me out on a date. I must be honest -- the last nine months have been very sad and lonely, so when he asked me, I experienced a mixed bag of emotions. Would it be wrong to accept his invitation? And how do I deal with the guilt I'm feeling because I would like to go out with him? -- MUST BE MOVING AHEAD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR MUST BE MOVING AHEAD: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. It's not surprising that the period since his passing has been difficult for you. There is no set timetable for grieving the loss of a loved one. If you feel the time is right to have companionship again, you should not feel guilty about it. Go, girl, go.

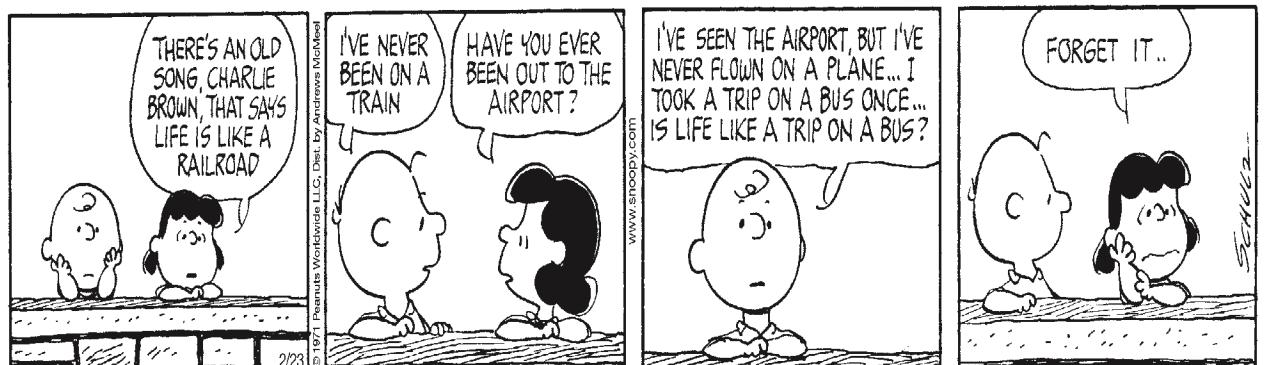
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2/23 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Thursday's Puzzle Answer

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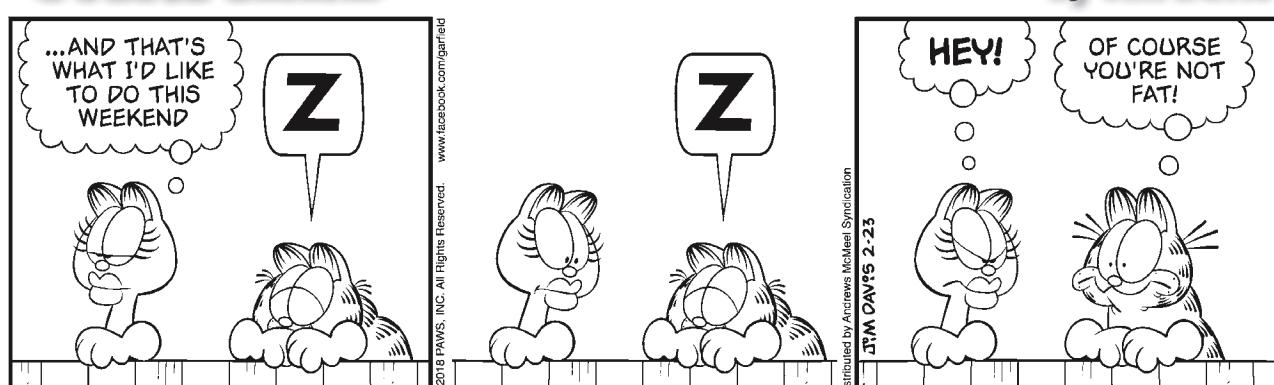
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Shiffrin gets silver in Vonn's last Olympic race; Gisin wins

JEONGSEON, South Korea (AP) — Mikaela Shiffrin already was assured of earning her third career medal, each in a different event, when Lindsey Vonn prepared to propel herself out of the starting gate as the final starter in the final race of her Olympic career.

This slalom portion of the two-leg Alpine combined would be the first — and only — time Vonn, 33, and U.S. teammate Shiffrin, 22, would compete against each other at any Olympics.

Could Vonn possibly summon a "miracle," as she called it, a slalom performance from somewhere in her past to make a lead from the downhill portion stand up?

Could Shiffrin hold onto her silver?

With the snow carefully descending under the artificial lights lining the course, the drama quickly dimmed. Vonn's slalom lasted all of about 10

seconds before she went off-course, leaving Shiffrin in second place Thursday between two women from Switzerland: gold medalist Michelle Gisin and bronze medalist Wendy Holdener.

Gisin, whose older sister Dominique tied for first in the 2014 Olympic downhill, produced a total time of 2 minutes, 20.90 seconds that was 0.97 seconds better than Shiffrin's. Holdener was nearly 1½ second off Gisin's pace, turning in the fastest slalom after standing 10th after the downhill.

Shiffrin ranked sixth in the downhill, 1.21 seconds slower than Gisin, and wasn't able to make up that large a deficit in her forte, the slalom, which was a much shorter track.

The downhill took about 100 seconds; the slalom about 40.

"Clearly," said Shiffrin's coach, Mike Day, "the downhill didn't go quite to plan."

Still, Shiffrin added the com-

bined silver to her giant slalom gold from a week earlier, giving her two medals — plus a surprisingly low fourth-place finish in the slalom — in three races. She arrived in South Korea to chatter about entering five, but after a series of weather-related schedule changes, wound up dropping two.

"It's really nice to be at the end of it," she said, "and know that I do have two medals."

With her slalom gold from the 2014 Games, Shiffrin joins Bode Miller and Julia Mancuso as the only Americans with a medal in each of at least three Alpine disciplines.

"It's like being a great butterflier, being a great breaststroker, being a great freestyler and being a great backstroker," Day said. "There's not many people who do all of those really well."

Eight years ago, it was Vonn who went to the Vancouver Olympics accompanied by outsized anticipation and unrealistic speculation (by others) about four or five medals.

She, too, came away with two, then missed the Sochi Olympics after tearing knee ligaments.

At what she has said must be her last Olympics because her oft-injured body cannot endure another four years, Vonn added a bronze on Wednesday in the downhill, one of the races Shiffrin elected to skip to conserve energy.

After Vonn's slalom ended suddenly, she crossed paths with Shiffrin in the finish area. They had a brief exchange.

"I mean, it's incredible what she's able to accomplish. She's so young and she approaches ski racing much different than pretty much anyone else," Vonn said later.

"I think she had potential to do a lot more at these Games, but at the same time — same like me, you can't expect everything all the time."

So, then, there they were as the sun settled behind the clouds, the temperature dipped and the last individual Alpine race of the Pyeongchang Games concluded.

Yes, there is a team event Saturday, but neither Vonn nor Shiffrin is expected to enter, as is the case with the rest of the sport's biggest names, who would prefer to take a break before returning to the World Cup circuit.

Shiffrin is the best female skier of today, chasing a second consecutive overall title; Vonn is the best female skier in history, just five World Cup race wins away from tying Ingemar Stenmark's all-time record of 86.

Tears gathered in Vonn's eyes as she spoke about wishing she could be at Beijing in 2022, but knowing "that's just not the way it is," because, she explained, "My mind is still telling me I can do things that my body is telling me I can't."



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) drives to the basket against Washington Wizards' Tomas Satoransky (31) and Otto Porter Jr. In the first half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, in Cleveland.

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