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BYU guard Elijah Bryant (3) tries to get around Utah forward Jayce Johnson (34) screen as he guards guard Sedrick Barefield (0) in an NCAA college basketball game in Provo, Utah, Saturday, Dec. 15, 2017. BYU won, 77-65. (Rick Egan/The Salt Lake Tribune via AP)

BYU's balanced attack behind Childs buries Idaho State 85-71

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Yoeli Childs scored 20 points with eight rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots and Brigham Young beat Idaho State 85-71 on Thursday.

TJ Haws, Elijah Bryant and Payton Dastrup each scored 14 points for BYU (10-2). Dastrup made all five of his shots, Childs was 8 of 13 from the field and the Cougars shot 58 percent (28 of 48).

Dastrup's 3-pointer with 9:20 before halftime started a

14-4 run that put BYU up 32-23 and the lead went unchallenged the rest of the way. Bryant's 3 five minutes into the second half made it 54-34 and the Bengals trailed by at least 13 the rest of the game.

Novak Topalovic scored 16 points with 8-of-12 shooting, Geno Luzcando scored 15 points with 10 assists and Jared Stutzman scored 11 for Idaho State (4-6).

The Bengals remain winless on the road.

APNewsBreak: Dodgers hit with \$36.2M tax, Yanks with \$15.7M

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers will pay baseball's highest luxury tax for the fourth straight year and the New York Yankees owe a penalty for a 15th consecutive season, streaks that could end as the sport's biggest spenders slash payroll for 2018.

The Dodgers owe \$36.2 million, according to final figures compiled by the commissioner's office and obtained by The Associated Press. That raises their five-year tax total to nearly \$150 million. New York was second at \$15.7 million, its lowest amount since 2011 but a figure that increased its total since the tax began to \$341 million. San Francisco was next at \$4.1 million, followed by Detroit at almost \$3.7 million and Washington — which is paying tax for the first time — at just under \$1.45 million.

The Dodgers and Yankees vow to get below next year's tax threshold of \$197 million. That would reset their base tax rate from 50 percent to 20 percent going into the 2018-19 offseason, when Bryce Harper, Manny Machado and possibly Clayton Kershaw head a potentially illustrious free-agent class.

"We know going in that the structure we have in place allows for flexibility for teams to make decisions in the near term and for the longer term," players' association head Tony Clark said Tuesday. "It is something obviously we watch, something that we're very cognizant of." Los Angeles' 2018 payroll for tax purposes currently projects to about \$181 million and New York's to \$177 million. "My goal is still to be under the threshold," Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner said last week after the team acquired high-priced slugger Giancarlo Stanton from Miami in a trade. "Even with him added. We're comfortably under the threshold with some more money to spend, whenever we deem we want to spend it." Additional surtaxes began this season: 12 percent on amounts \$20 million to \$40 million above the threshold and 45 percent on amounts over \$40 million for repeat offenders. But there were special transition rules between the old and new labor contracts. Starting next year, teams more than \$40 million above the threshold would have their top amateur draft pick dropped back 10 slots — with the top six overall selections protected and the extra penalty applied to the second-highest pick of those teams. Los Angeles lowered its regular payroll to \$243.7 million from a record \$291.1 million in 2015 and \$254.9 million last year. For purposes of the tax, which uses average annual values and includes benefits, the Dodgers' payroll was nearly \$253.6 million, an increase of \$2 million.



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Gatlin fires coach, 'shocked' by newspaper allegations

LONDON (AP) — World 100-meter champion Justin Gatlin fired coach Dennis Mitchell following an undercover investigation reported Tuesday that appeared to show people linked to the sprinter offering to supply performance-enhancing drugs.

"I was shocked and surprised to learn that my coach would have anything to do with even the appearance of these current accusations," Gatlin wrote in a post on his Instagram account. "I fired him as soon as I found out about this."

The IAAF's Athletics Integrity Unit said it is investigating the allegations in conjunction with the United States Anti-Doping Agency. The report was published in Tuesday's edition of the British newspaper The Daily Telegraph.

"These allegations are very serious," said Brett Clothier, head of the AIU, "and strike at the heart of the integrity of athletics."

IAAF President Sebastian Coe said the allegations are "extremely serious."

The Telegraph reported that Mitchell and a track agent, Robert Wagner, met undercover reporters at a training camp in Florida and offered to supply and administer testosterone and human growth hormone for an actor training for a film, for a fee of \$250,000.

The newspaper said Mitchell and Wagner were secretly recorded saying the use of banned substances in track was widespread.

Wagner called the newspaper report "deeply flawed" and said it was based on things he said that were not true.

"I made up the comments to impress them, led on by a make-believe scenario," Wagner said in a statement to The Associated Press. "It was just big talk. I did not actually source or supply the substances the reporters asked for but stupidly claimed I could."

Wagner also said he notified the Athletics Integrity Unit of the situation four weeks ago.

The 35-year-old Gatlin, who also won the 100 meters at the 2004 Athens Olympics, has served two doping bans in his career.

"I am not using and have not used PEDs," Gatlin wrote in his Instagram post. "All legal options are on the table as I will not allow others to lie about me like this. I have no further comments as it is now a legal matter. They will next hear from my lawyer."

Coe said the IAAF has started to focus on the "influences that surround athletes" and stressed that all support personnel are bound by the governing body's anti-doping code and integrity code of conduct.

Report: Pistorius appeals sentence for killing girlfriend

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South African media are reporting that Olympian Oscar Pistorius is appealing his recently lengthened prison sentence for the murder of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

Broadcaster EWN reports that Pistorius filed an application to the Constitutional Court on Tuesday.

The Supreme Court of Appeal last month more than doubled Pistorius' sentence to 13 years, calling the initial six-year sentence "shockingly lenient."

FILE - In this Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017 file photo, U.S. sprinter Justin Gatlin arrives for a training session ahead of the World Athletics Championships in London. World 100-meter champion Justin Gatlin says he has fired coach Dennis Mitchell following an undercover investigation that appeared to show people linked to the sprinter offering to supply performance-enhancing drugs.

(AP Photo/Martin Meissner, File)

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"Channel 47" KBS WORLD Program of American Samoa

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (12/24)	Monday (12/25)	Tuesday (12/26)	Wednesday (12/27)	Thursday (12/28)	Friday (12/29)	Saturday (12/30)
10 : am	00' K-pop World Festiva 10' Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance		The Unit	Happy Together (E,R)	00' PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games 2018	00' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon"
11 : am	30' Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)		Encore Drama The Swan Club	50' K-pop World Festiva	The Swan Club (E,R)	
12 NOON	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						
1 : pm	50' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)			40' K-RUSH (E,R)		
2 : pm	30' Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		30' K-RUSH (E,R)
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Drama Special 2017	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit	Happy Together (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance (E,R)	
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	The Unit (E,R)	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	00' Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	00' Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)
6 : pm	20' Gap Concert	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)			K-RUSH (E,R)		20' The Unit (E,R)
7 : pm	40' UHD UNESCO World Heritage Special (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games 2018	40' Happy Together (E,R)	00' K-RUSH (E,R)
8 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Swan Club	The Unit	Please Find Her (E,R)	00' Gap Concert (E)	00' "The Return of Superman" (E)
9 : pm	40' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)	K-pop World Festiva		K-RUSH (E,R)	Work Food Odyssey	20' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	40' Two Days and One Night (E)
10 : pm	00' Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)	KBS 9 News (Live)		KBS 9 News (Live)		00' My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)	16' 2017
11 : pm	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E)	Festival (Live)	30' Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	00' KBS Drama Awards (Live)
12 : 00	00' Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance (E,R)	The Unit		Happy Together	Jisook's Table for O		
1 : am	20' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	The Swan Club (E,R)					
2 : am	30' Heritage Tomorrow	K-RUSH (E,R)		Entertainment Weekly (E,R)		Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance (E,R)	
3 : am	40' UHD UNESCO World Heritage	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Jisook's Table for O		The Beauty	10' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)
4 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Quiz on Korea (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance (E,R)	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	
5 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)	"Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)		
6 : am	30' Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit		Happy Together	PyeongChang		

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1st Republican enters race to complete Franken's Senate term

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A state lawmaker launched a special election bid for Minnesota Sen. Al Franken's seat on Tuesday, the first Republican to enter a 10-month sprint to Election Day that could still attract bigger GOP names.

State Sen. Karin Housley has the name recognition in hockey-mad Minnesota that comes from being married to a Hall of Fame player, Buffalo Sabres head coach Phil Housley, not to mention her 2014 run for state-wide office and two terms in the Legislature. But several other Republicans, including former Gov. Tim Pawlenty, are considering running for the seat, which will open up because of Franken's planned resignation amid sexual misconduct allegations brought by several women.

"You can't live your life waiting to find out what somebody else is going to do. Somebody needed to step up and jump into this race if we're going to be competitive and win this," Housley said of Pawlenty, whom she called a lifelong friend.

She immediately positioned herself as a "new voice" in a race that could feature Pawlenty and Minnesota's current Democratic lieutenant governor, Tina Smith, whom Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton appointed to fill Franken's seat until next year's

special election to finish his term, which expires in 2020.

Franken's resignation announcement put a surprise seat on the map for Republicans, who hope to defend their narrow Senate majority.

Democrats have largely cleared the path for Smith's planned run for the seat — top potential competitors like Rep. Keith Ellison have backed Smith, as have advocates from nearly every corner of the party. But the field of GOP candidates running to finish Franken's term is still materializing, with other major GOP names like Pawlenty considering a bid.

Housley's candidacy gives Republicans an alluring option at a time when female candidates are viewed as necessary amid a reckoning with sexual misconduct in state Capitols and Washington.

"I don't know if they're really looking for a woman to run for this seat," Housley said of Minnesota voters. "But women's voices are finally being heard."

She touted her legislative work on issues affecting senior citizens and veterans, as well as campaign work for former Republican Sen. Rudy Boschwitz. Housley ran as a lieutenant governor candidate in 2014 with Republican businessman Scott Honour, who lost in the GOP primary.



Minnesota Sen. and Senate President Michelle Fischbach holds a Capitol press conference Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, in St. Paul, Minn. The constitution says the state Senate president ascends to the lieutenant governor's office. Fischbach said she expects to keep both jobs, a move that would help Republicans retain their edge in the chamber after Gov. Mark Dayton appointed fellow Democrat Lt. Gov. Tina Smith on Wednesday to take U.S. Sen. Al Franken's seat when he steps down.

(Brian Peterson/Star Tribune via AP)

11 arrested in Croatia, Slovenia in sports corruption case

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (AP) — Slovenian and Croatian security have busted an international crime syndicate involved in sports corruption, illegal betting and trying to fix soccer matches in several countries including Serbia, Macedonia and the Czech Republic, European police said Tuesday.

Europol said that 13 house searches and 15 vehicle searches in different locations in Slovenia and Croatia were carried out and 11 people were arrested. The "network had created an illegal web platform in order to convey large bets on major Asian bookmakers," police said.

Europol said the investigation began in March, when Slovenian police "realized that an organized crime group had created different websites as part of an online illegal betting platform used to place bets on manipulated sport events that took place in multiple European countries."

"The criminals are suspected

of being involved in attempts to fix professional football matches in at least Serbia, FYROM (Macedonia) and the Czech Republic," Europol said. "The organized criminal group behind these activities has been betting primarily on the Asian market, where they were guaranteed considerable financial gains by knowing the end result of the matches."

European police said that the illegal betting platform had been designed in such a way to ensure total anonymity of the financial transactions.

"The ring developed synergies with other top criminal groups in different countries in order to invest money gained from other serious crimes, including drug trafficking," police said.

"Sports corruption is a serious crime and a truly global phenomenon carried out by organized crime groups, most often operating cross-border," said Sergio D'Orsi, Europol's specialist on sports corruption.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) RFP-022-2018

Issuance Date: December 20, 2017

Date & Time Due: January 17, 2018

No later than 2:00p.m (local time)

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide:
"Technical Support Services: Island-Wide Land Surveying Services"

Submission

Original and five copies of the Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFP: Technical Support Services: Island-Wide Land Surveying Services." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), January 17, 2018:

**Office of Procurement
American Samoa Government
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO**

Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Document

The RFP Scope of Work outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

Review

Request for Proposal data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement Officer, Office of Procurement, ASG.

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The American Samoa Government reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Government or the public.

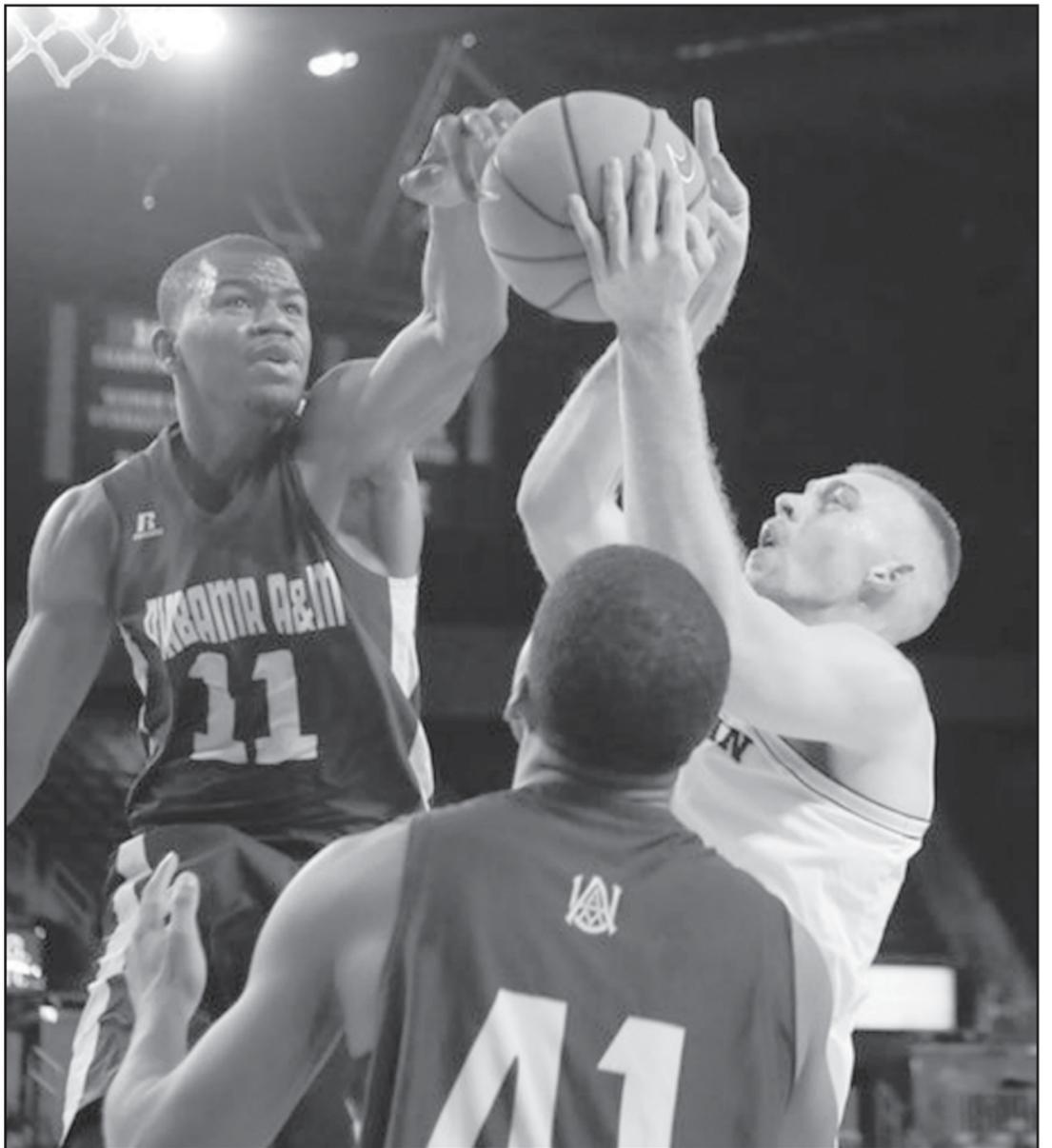
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IN THE COMMUNITY

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Alabama A&M forward Andre Kennedy (11) reaches in to block a shot by Michigan forward Austin Davis during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, in Ann Arbor, Mich. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

Matthews leads Michigan past winless Alabama A&M, 97-47

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Charles Matthews scored 22 of his 31 points in the first half and Michigan routed Alabama A&M 97-47 on Thursday night.

Extending their winning streak to a season-high four games, the Wolverines (11-3) also got 18 points from Duncan Robinson and 14 from Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman.

Senior guard Marcus Merriweather led winless Alabama A&M (0-12) with 16 points and Andre Kennedy added 10 points and seven rebounds. The Bulldogs surrendered more than 90 points in a game for the fifth time this season, and have lost each game by an average of 24.1 points.

Matthews, a junior guard, scored Michigan's first seven points as the Wolverines built a 51-23 halftime advantage and never trailed.

BIG PICTURE

Alabama A&M: Senior guard Julian Walters, a transfer from East Tennessee State who was

activated at the end of first semester in time for the Bulldogs' Dec. 13 game against Southern Mississippi, was held to four points after averaging 14 points per game in his first two games. The Bulldogs have played 10 of their 12 games on the road.

Michigan: Junior forward Moritz Wagner missed his second straight game and is listed day-to-day with a right ankle sprain. Senior guard Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman's assist to turnover ratio of 5.25 ranks second in the nation. The Wolverines won their only previous meeting with the Bulldogs, 87-57 on Dec. 17, 2011.

UP NEXT

Alabama A&M: The Bulldogs travel to Georgetown on Saturday.

Michigan: The Wolverines host Jacksonville on Dec. 30 before opening Big Ten Conference play at Iowa on Jan. 2.

Lamar to perform during college football title game halftime



BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Seven-time Grammy Award winner Kendrick Lamar will perform during halftime at the College Football Playoff national championship game in Atlanta on Jan. 8.

This is the first year the CFP title game will include a Super Bowl-style halftime show, though there is one major difference. Lamar's performance will be from Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park. Inside Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where the game will be played, the school bands will perform at halftime. Lamar's performance will be part of ESPN's halftime coverage.

The 30-year-old Lamar will perform a medley of his hits, ESPN said in an announcement Tuesday. His latest album "Damn" has been nominated for seven Grammy Awards.



Nared scores 28 points, No. 17 Lady Vols beat Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Jaime Nared scored a career-high 28 points, Evina Westbrook added 17 and No. 7 Tennessee fended off No. 18 Stanford 79-67 on Thursday night to improve to 12-0.

Mercedes Russell was held to three second-half points, but still managed to keep her streak of scoring in double figures in every game alive with 11. She also had 10 rebounds. Anastasia Hayes added 12 points for Tennessee. Brittany McPhee returned to the Stanford lineup for the first time in over a month to score a season-high 27 points, one off her career best. Stanford (6-6) trailed by as many as 17 points early in the third quarter before closing within six with 3:17 remaining on Marta Sniezek's steal and layup. A key steal by Nared with two minutes left proved too much for the Cardinal to overcome. Nared's 13-of-14 performance from the foul line also proved critical. Tennessee won despite being outrebounded for the first time all season. The Lady Vols entered play as the national leader in rebounding. There was none of the regular ambience associated with the nonconference rivalry between the two traditional powers. No band, no students, no cheerleaders, no dummies, and no tree left the building relatively quiet. Stanford's Alyssa Jerome drew the loudest applause after hitting a tough layup to bring Stanford to 66-55 with 6:30 left to play and causing a Lady Vols timeout.

Cheridene Green recorded a steal and converted a layup at the buzzer to give the Lady Vols a 15-point advantage entering the fourth quarter. McPhee hit a layup with 3:34 remaining to play in the second quarter, bringing the Cardinal within 36-30 of the Lady Vols. Stanford missed its next six shots and Tennessee went on a 10-0 run, with Hayes scoring six, to take a 46-30 lead into halftime.

BIG PICTURE

Tennessee: The Lady Vols took care of several streaks with their victory Thursday night. In addition to ending their five-game losing streak at Stanford, they extended their best start to a season in 12 years. Tennessee has done so with the same starting five in all 12 games and has led at halftime in every game, including nine by double figures.

FILE - In this Dec. 10, 2017, file photo, Texas guard Ariel Atkins, left, defends against Tennessee guard Jaime Nared (31) in an NCAA college basketball game Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, in Knoxville, Tenn. The seventh-ranked Lady Vols (10-0) are back in the top 10 for the first time in two seasons after an 82-75 home victory Sunday over No. 8 Texas, which was ranked second at the time. Tennessee will put that ranking to the test the rest of this month during a 3 -week stretch without a home game. (AP Photo/Calvin Mattheis, File)




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Vancouver Canucks goalie Jacob Markstrom (25) skates off the ice as the San Jose Sharks celebrate an overtime goal by Kevin Labanc during an NHL hockey game Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, in San Jose, Calif. San Jose won 5-4.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

Labanc's goal in OT gives Sharks 5-4 win over Canucks

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Less than two months removed from a stint in the minors, Kevin Labanc is getting ice time on San Jose's top line and power play.

Showing he belongs, too.

Labanc scored 1:53 into overtime and had three assists as the Sharks beat the Vancouver Canucks 5-4 on Thursday night.

"If you're on the power play, on the first unit, you've got to produce — whether it be shooting pucks, getting chances — you've got to do something when you're on there," Labanc said.

Joe Thornton scored twice for San Jose and added an assist as he moved past Doug Gilmour for 18th place on the NHL list with 1,416 career points.

Labanc's fourth goal of the season came off an assist from Tomas Hertl, and the Sharks improved to 4-1-2 over their last seven games.

"You've got to experience the downs and then learn how to get out of them, keep a good head on your shoulders and keep working," Labanc said.

The Canucks are 1-6-1 in their last eight games, with the lone win during that span coming against San Jose on Dec. 15.

Vancouver trailed 4-3 before Daniel Sedin scored at 2:09 of the third period to tie it. The Canucks rallied from a 3-1 deficit. Jake Virtanen scored to bring Vancouver within a goal at 8:49 of the second, and Brock Boeser tied the game at 16:02.

Boeser's goal was his 19th of the season and eighth in 11 games.

"A point's big, but we definitely feel we could've won that game," Boeser said. "Obviously, we need to clean up some special teams there."

Hertl scored on a 5-on-3 power play with 1:04 left in the second to give the Sharks a 4-3 lead.

San Jose trailed 1-0 before Thornton tied Gilmour with a goal at 11:52 of the first period. The Sharks took a 2-1 lead at 5:20 of the second when Timo Meier scored his fifth goal.

"I think we found a way to win," Sharks coach Peter DeBoer said. "It wasn't a perfect game. There were a lot of good areas. Our special teams were really good, but obviously we don't like getting into shootouts like that and giving up four goals. But it's that time of year and you're dealing with some injuries."

"There's no style points. We got two points in an important game and that's what mattered."

Brendan Gaunce scored the game's first goal at 1:58 of the first period on a play Virtanen started with a backhand pass to trailer Erik Gudbranson. He fired a shot that Gaunce redirected for his first goal of the season.

Late in the first period, defenseman Michael De Zotto saved a goal when he cleared a puck that got past goalie Jacob Markstrom inches from the net.

The Sharks dominated on special teams, scoring on three of five power plays while blanking Vancouver on four tries.

"I loved the way we played tonight, minus our penalty killing," Canucks coach Travis Green said.

"You score four goals on the road, you come back a couple of times, that's the kind of game we want to play. If we play that way every night we're going to be fine."

NOTES: Canucks D Ben Hutton was a healthy scratch. RW Nikolay Goldobin, a former Shark, also was scratched. ... Sharks D Paul Martin had a setback in his recovery from ankle surgery. The injury isn't a recurrence of the same injury. Martin has been on injured reserve since Oct. 12. There is no timetable for his return. ... C Logan Couture, out with a concussion he suffered against the Canucks last week, missed his second game. ... The Sharks recalled forwards Marcus Sorenson and Danny O'Regan from the AHL.

UP NEXT

Canucks: Host the St. Louis Blues on Sunday. Sharks: Host the Los Angeles Kings on Sunday.

Grand Canyon coasts to 86-56 victory over Longwood

PHOENIX (AP) — Fiifi Aidoo came off the bench to score a season-high 14 points on 6-of-8 shooting and Grand Canyon romped to an 86-56 victory over Longwood on Thursday night.

Casey Benson added 11 points and five assists for the Antelopes (9-3), who won for the fourth time in five games. Oscar Frayer had 10 points as 13 different Antelopes scored and Alessandro Lever snared 10 rebounds to help Grand Canyon control the boards 42-26. Grand

Canyon's bench outscored its counterparts 50-7.

Kamil Chapman and B.K. Ashe both had 13 points for the Lancers (3-10), while JaShaun Smith scored 11.

Longwood led just once at 3-2 on Smith's 3-pointer. The lead lasted 15 seconds before Joshua Braun and Lever buried back-to-back 3s to spark a 15-0 run. Aidoo hit two 3s and accounted for all 10 points in a 10-2 run to push the Antelopes' lead to 27-5 midway through the first half.



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Snowfall has billion-dollar effect on business, Olympians

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — It's no stretch to say that snow is the key to success for Jon Lillis.

The reigning world champion in aerials skiing is also a restaurant owner in Park City, and business at his hotpot eatery increases by more than 100 percent when nearby ski resorts are open.

So, when winters grow warmer and ski season starts later — Park City, and Vail in Colorado are among the Western resorts to push back openings by about a week in each of the last two years — not only does it affect Lillis' ability to train and, as is the case this year, prepare for the Winter Olympics, it also affects the bottom line at his business.

"We expect to do 70 percent of our annual revenue while the ski resorts are open," Lillis said. "So, the longer they're not open, and it seems to be getting later and later every year, the window where we're making all that money gets smaller. In ski towns, it's the tourism market that keeps business alive."

A study commissioned by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the athletes' group Protect Our Winters found that the 23 million people who participate in winter sports added an estimated \$12.2 billion each year to the U.S. economy; restaurants and bars contribute about 31,600 jobs and \$942 million in economic value.

But as ski seasons grow shorter, all those numbers have declined — about \$1.07 billion gone between 1999 and 2010 — and bad ski years take a significant toll on most every business in a ski town such as Park City, Vail or Snowmass. In Colorado, the NRDC found that "low-snow" winters caused an 8 percent decline in skier visits, which resulted in a \$154 million decrease in revenue.

Under a worst-case-scenario, where winter temperatures increase 4 to 10 degrees by the end of the century, the NRDC predicts snow depths in the American West could decline between 25 to 100 percent, and the length of the snow season in the Northeast could be cut in half. One troubling sign this season: A late-autumn warm spell across the country left only 3.5 percent of the 48 contiguous states with snow cover on Nov. 26, the lowest that figure has been since record-keeping began in 2003.

"If ski resorts can't stay open for a certain number of days per year, then there's a chance the skiing sport won't be around in 20 years," Lillis said.

Lillis bought the Park City restaurant in hopes of expanding to other ski resorts. He knows that soon, he will depend on his business, not his athletic talent, to make his living.

In October, he saw firsthand how climate change impacts his current day job.

Ahead of Feb. 9-25 Winter Olympics in South Korea, he and the U.S. aerials team traveled from Park City to glaciers in Switzerland and Finland so they could train on snow that hadn't fallen yet in Utah.

"It definitely has become harder to train early season" in the United States, Lillis said in an interview in Switzerland in October. "Right now, to train in that environment, it's 65-70 degrees. There's not a chance for any training (back home) over the next month or month and a half."

In fact, the team returned to Park City with the hope of training at home starting in December. But with little snow to work with, it took extra effort to build a jump.



This photo taken from a 4K video and dated Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 shows members of the US aerial skiing national team as they prepare the landing zone of their jumps before training in Saas-Fee, Switzerland. Because snow is no longer guaranteed early in the season at their headquarters in Park City, Utah, she and other members of the US aerials national team went to train high on the Saas-Fee glacier ahead of the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics. (AP Photo/John Leicester)



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San Antonio Spurs guard Bryn Forbes, left, defends Utah Jazz guard Rodney Hood (5) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, in Salt Lake City.

(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

Hood scores 29 points as Jazz beat Spurs 100-89

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Missing their leading scorer for the second consecutive game, the Utah Jazz needed Rodney Hood to score in bunches.

He did exactly that, including 11 fourth-quarter points to help Utah end a three-game losing streak.

Hood had 29 points and the Jazz fended off multiple comeback attempts by San Antonio to beat the Spurs 100-89 on Thursday night.

Utah played without rookie guard and top scorer Donovan Mitchell, who missed his second consecutive game with a bruised right big toe.

"When Donovan is out, I have to be a lot more aggressive," Hood said.

The Jazz led most of the way, but the Spurs fought back each time it appeared Utah was ready to put the game away.

Hood took over in the fourth quarter after San Antonio cut the lead to 82-81. Utah went on a 13-2 run with Hood scoring nine straight points, including a contested pull-up 3-pointer from the corner and a spinning, mid-range jumper to push the lead to 12. "You noticed he was pretty good, huh?" Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I thought they did a really good job in pick-and-roll, attacking and getting the ball to really open shooters. The last two 3s he hit, they were contested pretty well and he made great shots.

"In general they did a great job executing and finding the open man out of pick-and-roll and they really sliced and diced us in that regard. That was nice to watch in a weird sort of way."

Ricky Rubio had 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Derrick Favors finished with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Bryn Forbes led the Spurs with 12 points. The Jazz led 50-38 at halftime thanks to a 14-point half by Hood. Utah used a 17-3 run spanning the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second, highlighted by back-to-back 3s from Joe Johnson and Rubio, to take a 30-17 lead. The Spurs opened the third quarter with an 11-1 run as LaMarcus Aldridge warmed up and cut the lead to two. San Antonio answered each time the Jazz tried to pull away before Hood finally sealed it. "We knew they were going to go on a run," Hood said. "I saw daylight and just had to rise up and shoot the ball and make the right play when they started trapping me and blitzing me."

The loss broke a three-game winning streak for the Spurs.

"There really shouldn't be (any) excuses for mental mistakes," San Antonio guard Patty Mills said. "We understand this is a long season and a long grind ... but the other team is going through it as well. ... We just had too many of those tonight."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Pau Gasol did not play due to a right groin injury. ... Manu Ginobili sat out for rest. ... Danny Green was held out due to a left groin injury.

Jazz: Raul Neto missed his sixth straight game due to a concussion.

HOME SWEET HOME

The Jazz returned from a six-game road trip against some of the most talented teams

in the NBA, including the Celtics, Cavaliers, Rockets and Thunder. Utah went 1-5 during the trip. Coming home is nice, but the Jazz were still on the second night of a back-to-back and down two starters.

"I think there is a competitiveness to our group that is going to be there regardless," Utah coach Quin Snyder said when asked about the team's energy level. "Fatigue is something that everybody deals with. The challenge for us is not to lose any kind of emotional energy and to get despondent about schedule or lineups or injuries. Just to power through and that's all you can do."

FINDING LAMARCUS

Aldridge is having his best season since joining the Spurs before the 2015-16 season. He entered averaging team highs of 22.3 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. The five-time All-Star was the only individual player Popovich mentioned when asked what he likes about his team to this point.

"I love that LaMarcus is having such a great year," Popovich said. "He's been just outstanding at both ends of the floor and really been the main factor in keeping our heads above the water."

"He's playing with confidence and playing freely. Less input from Popovich and it's working well for him."

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- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be careful how you approach relatives who may not share your opinions. It may be best to remain quiet and enjoy the festivities going on around you. Youngsters will bring you great pleasure. A personal relationship will take an unusual turn. ***
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Relationships should be your top priority. Taking care of loose ends and preparing to close the year on a high note are encouraged. Love and romance will give way to positive plans for the future. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Personal gains will be yours once you take care of the small but important details that are blocking you from following through with your plans. Discipline and hard work will pay off and make you look good. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let people from your past disrupt your life and your future. Emotions will be stirred up if you attend a reunion or frequent some of the places you used to hang out. Personal changes will evolve if you do some soul-searching. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Financial matters will have to be dealt with carefully. An unrealistic expectation that doesn't materialize will leave you questioning what you should do next. Prudence should be your plan for now. Offer hands-on help, not money. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make positive changes at home. Sprucing up your surroundings or updating your image will give you the confidence to take part in the festivities happening at work or in your community. ****

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tidy up loose ends at work or at home. Clear your calendar so you can enjoy the festivities going on around you. Refrain from overspending or trying to buy someone's love and affection. Personal change is encouraged. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Know exactly how much disposable cash you have on hand and don't spend a penny more. Use your imagination when it comes to updating the way you look or how you present what you want to do. ***

1901 YEAR IN REVIEW By Timothy E. Parker

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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No money has been received at this point. Should I just write it off? Or am I wrong to expect some of the money back? -- MONEY WOES IN THE EAST

DEAR MONEY WOES: Yes, you are wrong. Nobody owes you anything. Accidents happen, but the broken ankle was your bad luck. It was generous of Elizabeth and her friend to offer you any money at all. My advice is to accept it graciously, write the rest off, and stop looking for someone to be mad at.

DEAR ABBY: One of my relatives has bipolar disorder, and as far as I know he takes medicine for it. However, at our Christmas celebration last year he became verbally aggressive and abusive toward a family member who had done nothing to provoke it. Needless to say, it put a damper on the festivities. Some people make excuses for him because he's bipolar, but I don't want another holiday ruined because of his behavior (which can be unpredictable). Must the rest of us sit on pins and needles hoping he doesn't explode this Christmas? I'd prefer not to invite him until he has better control of himself. Your opinion, please? -- HOPING FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS

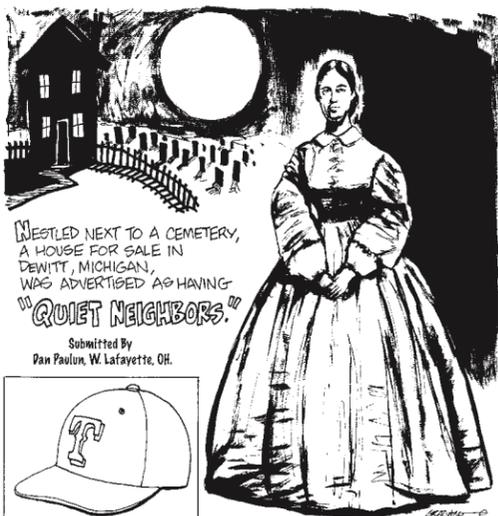
DEAR HOPING: You have a point. A solution might be to talk directly with your relative and explain that if he's taking his medication -- which means there will be no unpredictable outbursts -- he is welcome to be your guest for Christmas. If not, however, he should make other plans.

DEAR ABBY: On Veterans' Day I visited my family's cemetery plot and noticed my closest uncle does not have a military service marker like his two older brothers do. "Uncle Claude" had frequently mentioned to me how important a service marker was to him. I discussed it with his two out-of-state children several times after his death.

Almost two years have passed now, and it appears getting the marker might not happen. Should I inquire about this with my cousins, offer to assist them in getting and placing the marker or let it go? I did place a small flag on his grave later in the day. -- MILITARY SERVICE MARKER

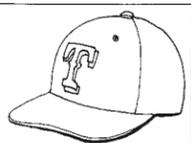
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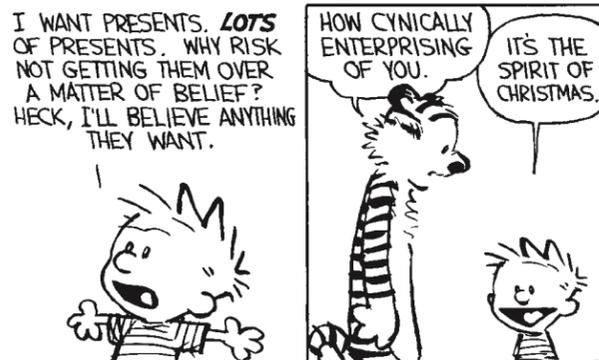
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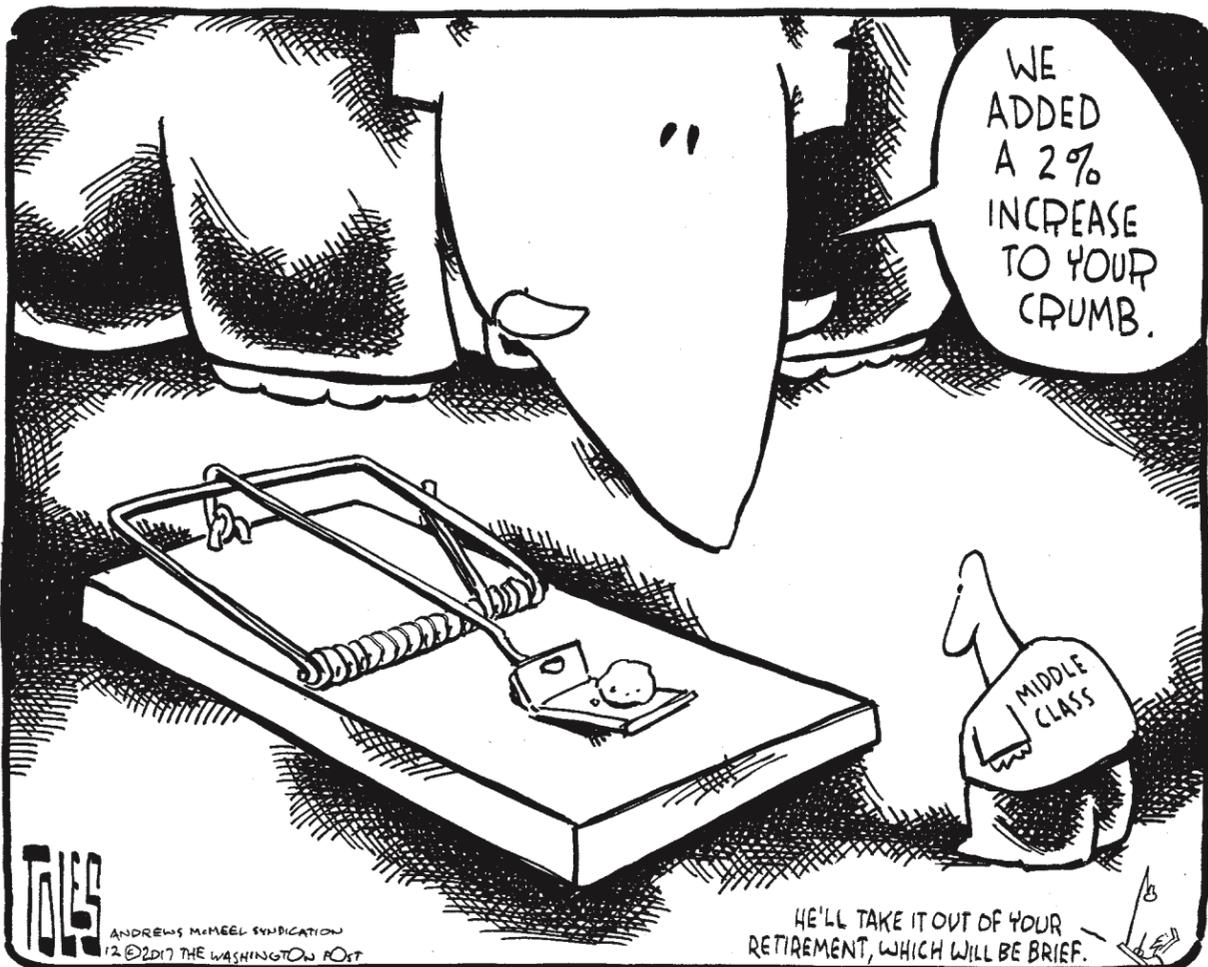
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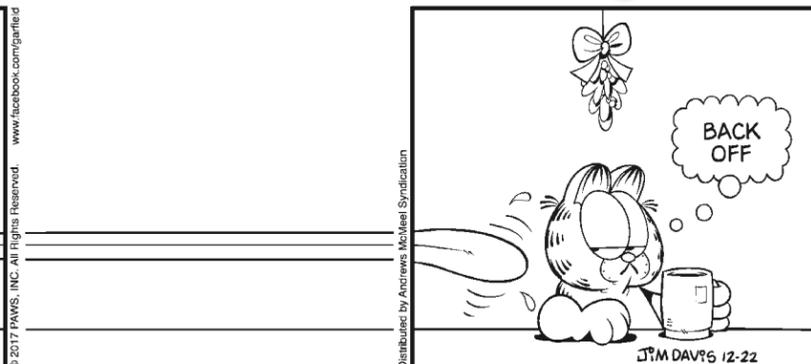
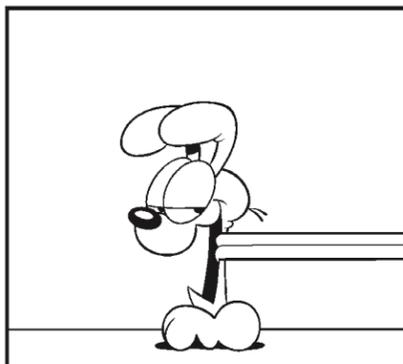
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Sudoku Pacific

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

3		7	6	9	2			
	1			8				
			9		1	7		
					6	9		
2	6		4		8		3	
	5	9						
	6	3		5				
			8				3	
5	4	1		2				9

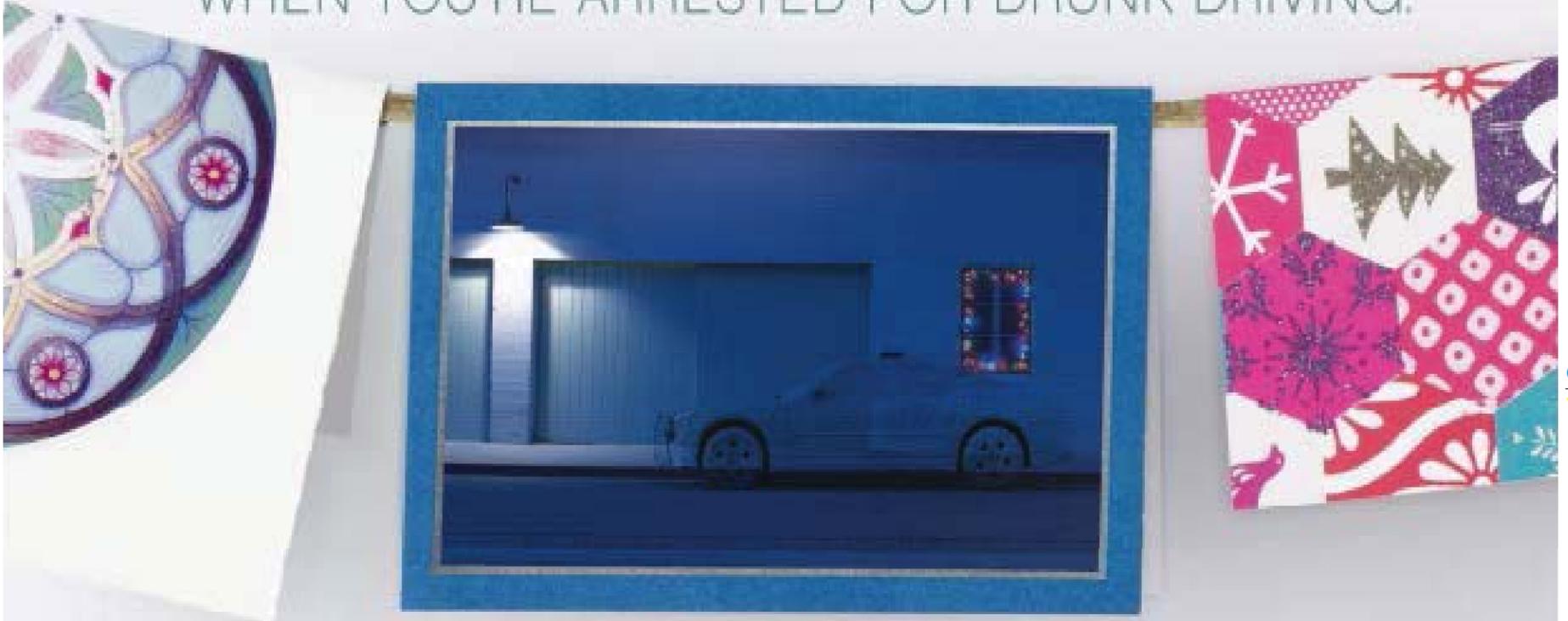
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Thursday's Puzzle Answer 12/21

3	4	2	6	1	8	7	5	9
5	7	9	4	3	2	6	8	1
6	1	8	7	5	9	2	4	3
9	6	3	2	4	7	5	1	8
4	8	5	3	6	1	9	2	7
1	2	7	8	9	5	3	6	4
7	3	6	1	2	4	8	9	5
2	9	4	5	8	3	1	7	6
8	5	1	9	7	6	4	3	2

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