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FILE - In this Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, file photo, the Eagles will have a huge bargaining chip to restock their roster.

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Quarterbacks will dominate the 2018 NFL offseason

QUARTERBACKS WILL RULE THE NFL'S OFFSEASON.

Beginning with Alex Smith going to Washington when the league's new year starts next month and Jimmy Garoppolo agreeing to a record-breaking deal with San Francisco on Thursday, several quarterbacks

which is worth \$27.5 million per season to top the previous record set by Detroit's Matthew Stafford last year by \$500,000 per year — but presumably will soon be surpassed by Brees or Cousins.

San Francisco acquired Garoppolo from New England before the trade deadline for a 2018 second-round pick. He led the 49ers to five straight wins to end the season, pushing his record as a starter to 7-0.

Teams that miss out on one of the prized free agents can look to the draft, which features Baker Mayfield, Josh Allen, Sam Darnold, Josh Rosen, Lamar Jackson and Mason Rudolph.

The quarterback carousel began in the days before the Super Bowl when Kansas City agreed to trade Smith to the Redskins.

The deal, which cannot be finalized until March 14, spells the end of Cousins' time in Washington and hands the Chiefs' job to Patrick Mahomes III, the 10th pick in last year's draft out of Texas Tech.

So, Smith, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft, moves on to his third team just as he's coming off the best season of his 13-year career.

"I think Washington is getting a phenomenal player, a great leader," Rodgers said last week while discussing the league's current quarterback commotion.

"Now you've got Kirk Cousins, what's going to happen with him? You've got probably five guys that are going to get drafted in the first round, Jimmy Garoppolo and his situation.

"There's a lot of moving pieces."

In the not-too-distant future, Rodgers could find himself one of them.

Rodgers, 34, has two years left on his contract and if he stays healthy in 2018, he'll be in line for a mega payday that could obliterate any of the deals that will be signed.

Rodgers told the AP last week that he wants to play well into his 40s and might have to finish his career in another

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Excluded Russians to learn if they can compete in Olympics

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — The highly politicized Pyeongchang Olympics are officially opening, but not without some last-minute drama as the Court of Arbitration for Sport is set to announce whether 45 excluded Russian athletes can compete.

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Another 168 Russians have been invited as “Olympic Athletes from Russia,” competing in neutral uniforms under the Olympic flag. The opening ceremony is Friday night, and figure skating training and qualifying competition in events including women’s moguls were underway in the morning.



FILE - In this July 17, 2017, file photo, New York Mets starting pitcher Zack Wheeler looks toward the giant video screen in centerfield after allowing a two-run home run to St. Louis Cardinals’ Paul DeJong in the allowing a sixth inning of a baseball game in New York. Wheeler went to salary arbitration with the Mets after struggling in his return from Tommy John surgery. Wheeler asked for a raise from \$800,000 to \$1.9 million, and the Mets argued he should be paid \$1.5 million. A decision by arbitrators John Skonier, Andrew Strongin and Phillip LaPorte is expected Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens, File)

Wheeler beats Mets in arbitration, Grimm loses to Cubs

PHOENIX (AP) — Right-hander Zack Wheeler beat the New York Mets in salary arbitration on Thursday and reliever Justin Grimm lost to the Chicago Cubs, leaving players with a 7-4 record about halfway through this year’s hearings.

Wheeler gets a raise from \$800,000 to \$1.9 million instead of New York’s \$1.5 million offer. Arbitrators John Skonier, Andrew Strongin and Phillip LaPorte made the decision, one day after hearing arguments.

Grimm was given a hike from \$1,825,000 to \$2.2 million by Mark Burstein, Gary Kendellen and James Darby. He had asked for \$2,475,000.

A 27-year-old right-hander, Wheeler had Tommy John surgery on March 25, 2016, made one minor league appearance that August and returned to the Mets last spring. He went 3-7 with a 5.21 ERA in 17 starts.

Wheeler was sidelined by biceps tendinitis in June, went 0-2 in four starts when he returned

while allowing 24 hits and 11 walks in 20 innings, then went on the DL for the rest of the season with what the team said was a stress reaction in his right arm.

Grimm, a 29-year-old right-hander, was 1-2 with a 5.53 ERA in 50 relief appearances, striking out 59 and walking 27 in 55 1/3 innings.

Cleveland pitcher Trevor Bauer went to a hearing Thursday, asking Strongin, Steven Wolf and Robert Herzog for \$6,525,000 instead of the Indians’ \$5.3 million offer.

Bauer, a 27-year-old right-hander, was 17-9 with a 4.19 ERA in 31 starts and one relief appearance for the AL Central champions last season, when he made \$3.55 million. He is just the third Cleveland player to go to a hearing since 1991. The Indians defeated pitchers Vinnie Pestano and Josh Tomlin four years ago.

Eleven more players remain scheduled for hearings through Feb. 16.



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Justine Dufour-Lapointe, of Canada, jumps during the women’s moguls qualifying at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Friday, Feb. 9, 2018.

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

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Analysis: As Olympics begin, 2 Koreas navigate an odd moment

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — On Friday night, the world will witness a truly extraordinary moment: An Olympics convening in South Korea with the participation of its nuclear rival, North Korea.

And against that backdrop of athletics and pomp, a cascade of political events unfolds even as the region’s uneasiness about potential nuclear war continues unabated.

Two of The Associated Press’ top Korea journalists — Seoul bureau chief Foster Klug and Pyongyang bureau chief Eric Talmadge — are in Pyeongchang to cover the political maneuverings around the Olympics. On Thursday evening, we asked them to sit at a table across from each other and consider how the Olympics-related political maneuverings are playing in their areas of responsibility.

SOUTH KOREA: WHAT WILL THEY MAKE OF ALL THIS?

Just weeks ago North Korea was threatening its southern rival with war, something it has done with numbing persistence since they fought, with Chinese and American help, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the 20th century.

So imagine the confusion, the wonder, the pervasive sense of the surreal that will greet South Koreans on Saturday when they watch their democratically elected president playing host to North Korean royalty, the granddaughter of the man who ordered the 1950 invasion of the South.

After decades mired in a standoff that has at times, especially over the last year, seemed ready to spiral into another Korean War, there will be North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s sister, Kim Yo Jong, sitting down to lunch with South Korean President Moon Jae-in. It might even be in the presidential mansion in the capital Seoul, not far from where commandos sent by the Kim kids’ grandfather, North Korea founder Kim Il Sung, were slain during a failed assassination attempt on a South Korean dictator.

Though many here either sympathize or hate the North, most South Koreans pride themselves on their indifference to actions by Pyongyang that the rest of the world considers outrageous provocations.

But even the most jaded will struggle to ignore the ruling Kim family dynasty’s introduction to the South and attendance at the Pyeongchang Olympics, the most important moment on the world stage for South Korea in years.

Social media was afire Thursday with comments from the curious, the incensed and the stunned.

Will she meet Ivanka Trump? Shinzo Abe, the leader of North Korean archrival Japan? U.S. Vice President Mike Pence? Don’t forget, one poster said, that she’s the granddaughter of the man responsible for mass South Korean deaths during the war.

The deep divide here between left and right could be seen in two snap editorials.

The liberal Hankyoreh newspaper played up her direct influence on Kim Jong Un, and interpreted the trip as an attempt by North Korea to reset its international relations and improve ties with both Seoul and Washington.

Oh no, said the conservative Munhwa Ilbo: The visit is a cynical attempt to weaken international sanctions over the North’s weapons programs and water down the U.S.-South Korean alliance.

Maybe nothing substantive will come of the talks. Or maybe North Korea will start testing missiles and nukes again immediately after the Games end.

But even if it’s only symbolic, even if it’s only ephemeral, the image of a member of North Korea’s ruling dynasty in South Korean territory will resonate in both parts of the peninsula.

And in the end, what she says and does may be less significant than the simple fact of who, and where, she is: A member of the House of Kim, the family that has been The Enemy for most South Koreans since the day they were born, standing on the soil of the South.

— Foster Klug, AP bureau chief in Seoul

NORTH KOREA: STRAIGHT FROM THE KIM JONG UN PLAYBOOK

When North Korea does something that seems totally out of the blue, look at it from Kim Jong Un’s perspective.

Sometimes, the in-your-face approach — the missile launches and all that — is great. It gets Washington’s attention. It makes your adversaries think twice before pushing back. It makes the divide between bluff and credible, scary threat all the more difficult to discern.

But being aggressive all the time is costly. And, when you’ve got the weaker hand, it’s dangerous. You have to know when to switch things up.

That’s exactly what Kim is doing by sending his younger sister to the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics. It’s a classic Kim move.


She’s one of his closest confidants. She’s family and can be trusted. By sending her, Kim is assured of making a big splash with both South Korea’s still relatively new administration

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People watch a TV showing North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a military parade in Pyongyang, North Korea, at Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un presided over an extravagant military parade in Pyongyang’s Kim Il Sung Square on Thursday, grabbing the spotlight on the eve of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in South Korea to thumb his nose at Washington while making a point of showing off his new-found restraint toward Seoul.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition for letters of administration has been filed in the High Court of American Samoa, Territory of American Samoa by ELENA LIUFAU and mU'AU LIUFAU to serve as co-administrators for the Estate of Helena Liufau (Deceased) who died on November 6, 2016.

A hearing on the petition will be held on March 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Dated: February 01, 2018

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♦ **Analysis...**

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and with the South Korean public in general. For good reason, both harbor pretty deep distrust of the North. But they also nurse at least some frustration over the hard-line approach toward Pyongyang that U.S. President Donald Trump has pushed over the past year.

The Kim playbook, always, is to exploit such frustrations. The Olympics have presented an opening.

With Kim Yo Jong now expected to not only attend the Olympics opening ceremony but to also attend a luncheon with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Washington's main guest at the games, Vice President Mike Pence, risks becoming something of an angry uncle figure.

In sharp contrast with the "for-us-by-us-detente" message that Kim Jong Un is pushing — while explicitly telling the U.S. to mind its own business — Pence's demands for the North to abandon nuclear ambitions before any talks seem all the more harsh.

Pence's decision to bring along Fred Warmbier, the father of a college student who died shortly after being released from North Korean custody, is also cast in a more severe light by Kim's maneuvers — no matter how calculated or opportunistic they may turn out to be.

So the message of the past 48 hours from North Korea might be described like this: Hey, America. Your move.

Tweet from speedskater's account rips flagbearer coin toss



This combination of images shows United States' athletes Erin Hamlin, left, and Shani Davis. A tweet posted to the account of Davis is blasting the selection of luge athlete Hamlin as the U.S. flagbearer for the opening ceremony at the Pyeongchang Games. The tweet says the selection was made "dishonorably," and included a reference to Black History Month in a hashtag. Hamlin and Davis each got four votes in the final balloting of the athlete-led process.

(AP Photos/File)

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — It was a feel-good story for a few hours: Luge veteran Erin Hamlin gets the chance to enter her last Olympics carrying the U.S. flag into the opening ceremony of the Pyeongchang Games, winning that distinction after a vote by some of her fellow athletes.

And then Shani Davis tweeted.

With that, the entire process was called into controversy. The tweet posted to Davis' account said the process by which Hamlin won was executed "dishonorably," and included a reference to Black History Month — raising the question of whether the speedskater was suggesting that race played a role in the decision.

Davis is black, Hamlin is white.

"We feel strongly toward Shani and they felt strongly for Erin," U.S. speedskater Joey Mantia said. "That's just that."

Hamlin and Davis were among eight nominees for the flagbearer role, and athletes from each of the eight winter sports federations — bobsled and skeleton, ski and snowboarding, figure skating, curling, biathlon, hockey, speedskating and luge — represented those nominees in a balloting that took place Wednesday night.

Eventually, the final vote was deadlocked at 4-4. Hamlin won a coin toss, the predetermined method of picking a

winner if all else failed in the athlete-led process. The U.S. Olympic Committee confirmed the tie, and that voters knew if the tie couldn't be broken by them the coin toss would have to occur.

USA Luge declined comment on the tweet. Calls placed to Davis' phone rang unanswered, and his agent Ian Baranski did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Hours before the tweet was posted, Hamlin was beaming about the opportunity. The four-time Olympian told the story about how her parents, Ron and Eileen Hamlin, always wrestle with the decision about whether to spend the money for high-priced tickets to the opening ceremony — and in the end, always go to see their daughter march into the stadium with her U.S. teammates.

"I think they're going to be really glad that they made that decision," Hamlin said. "They're really pumped. I'm sure my brothers will be. We've grown up watching the Olympics and we're always like, 'Who's going to be carrying the flag?' And to actually be that person is insane."

Hamlin's teammates were thrilled by the news, both because of what it will mean for her and what it means for the niche sport of luge.

"I was so happy for her," U.S. doubles Olympian Jayson

Terdiman said. "It's one of the coolest things. I tell you what, I can't wait. I couldn't wait before, but now I can't wait even more. Not just does Erin get to hold that flag, but USA Luge gets to hold that flag. It's so cool. It's a great honor for our small sport."

Davis was certainly a worthy candidate. He's now a five-time Olympian, with two gold medals and two silver medals in his collection. It could not be determined if Davis posted the tweet himself, or if anyone else with access to his account may have.

Davis' mother, Cherie Davis, said she was unaware of the tweet until an AP reporter spoke to her by phone.

"I know something about a coin toss, he told me last night," she said Thursday. "I don't know anything else. Is that all?"

Hamlin is a four-time Olympian, a winner of a bronze medal at the 2014 Sochi Games, a two-time world champion and a winner of 23 World Cup medals. Despite that resume, Hamlin — who is retiring after the Olympics — never thought she would be the pick.

In December, when asked in an interview with The Associated Press if she thought it would be possible, Hamlin giggled.

"To me, that always seems to be a really, really big-name person," Hamlin said at the time.

Hamlin learned of the voting result Wednesday night. She got a text from Alan Ashley, the chef de mission for Team USA, requesting her to call back as soon as she could. Hamlin braced herself for some sort of bad news as she dialed his number.

"He told me and I was like, 'Wait, officially?'" Hamlin said, still in disbelief.

She then called her family, who were about to start their long flight to South Korea. Her mother started crying, which was no surprise. Her brother offered this sage piece of advice — don't drop the flag.

"The nerves will be flying for sure," Hamlin said. "I slide. That's what I do. Put me at the top of the track, that's my happy place. Walking out in front of a lot of people and even more watching from home, hoping to not trip over my own feet or drop the flag is going to be way more nerve-wracking."

It's not the first time Davis has been part of an Olympic controversy.

In 2006, Davis — the first African-American to win an individual gold medal at a Winter Games — decided not to take part in the team pursuit at the Turin Games and raised the ire of teammate Chad Hedrick. Their animosity toward one another was obvious at a news conference, when Hedrick brought up the team pursuit and Davis stormed out of the room.

Jack Johnson descendant hopes for pardon, maybe from Trump

In Jim Crow America, it's no wonder that Jack Johnson was the most despised African-American of his generation.

The first black boxing heavyweight champion of the world, Johnson humiliated white fighters and flaunted his affection for white women, even fleeing the country after an all-white jury convicted him of "immorality" for one of his relationships.

Now, more than 100 years later, Johnson's great-great niece wants President Donald Trump to clear the champion's name with a posthumous pardon. And she has the backing of Sen. John McCain, who has supported a Johnson pardon since 2004.

"Jack Johnson was a boxing legend and pioneer whose career and reputation were ruined by a racially charged conviction more than a century ago," McCain said in a statement to The Associated Press. "Johnson's imprisonment forced him into the shadows of bigotry and prejudice, and continues to stand as a stain on our national honor."

Johnson, the son of former slaves, defeated Tommy Burns for the heavyweight title in 1908 at a time when blacks and whites rarely entered the same ring. He then mowed down a series of "great white hopes," culminating in 1910 with the undefeated former champion, James J. Jeffries.

"He is one of the craftiest, cunningest boxers that ever stepped into the ring," said the legendary boxer John L. Sullivan, in the aftermath of what was called "the fight of the century."

But Johnson also refused to adhere to societal norms, living lavishly and brazenly and dating outside of his race in a time when whites often killed African-Americans without fear of legal repercussions. In 1913, he was convicted of violating the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes.

After seven years as a fugitive, Johnson eventually returned to the U.S. and turned himself in. He served about a year in federal prison and was released in 1921. He died in 1946 in an auto crash.

Muhammad Ali often praised Johnson and would explain how he admired Johnson's courage.

"They say I'm controversial and they say I'm bold, but I wasn't nothing like Jack Johnson," Ali once told broadcaster Howard Cosell. "They had lynchings and rapings and

burnings and every time he'd fight they'd lynch Negroes and burn houses. This man was told if you beat this white man we're going to shoot you from the audience. He said well just shoot my black so-and-so because I'm a knock him out.

"Here's a Negro during the time you'd be lynched for looking at white ladies. He'd walk down the street and left the country with them. He was bold. ... He had to be a courageous man."

The stain on Johnson's reputation forced some family members to live in shame of his legacy — the exact opposite of how Johnson led his life.

Family "didn't talk about it because they were ashamed of him, that he went to prison," Linda E. Haywood, 61, said of her great-great uncle. "They were led to believe that he did something wrong. They were so ashamed after being so proud of him. The white man came and told them that he did something wrong, he did something dirty and they painted him out to be something that he wasn't."

Haywood said she didn't find out she was related to Johnson until she was 12. She remembers learning about Johnson when she was in sixth grade during Black History Month, and only learned later that he was kin.

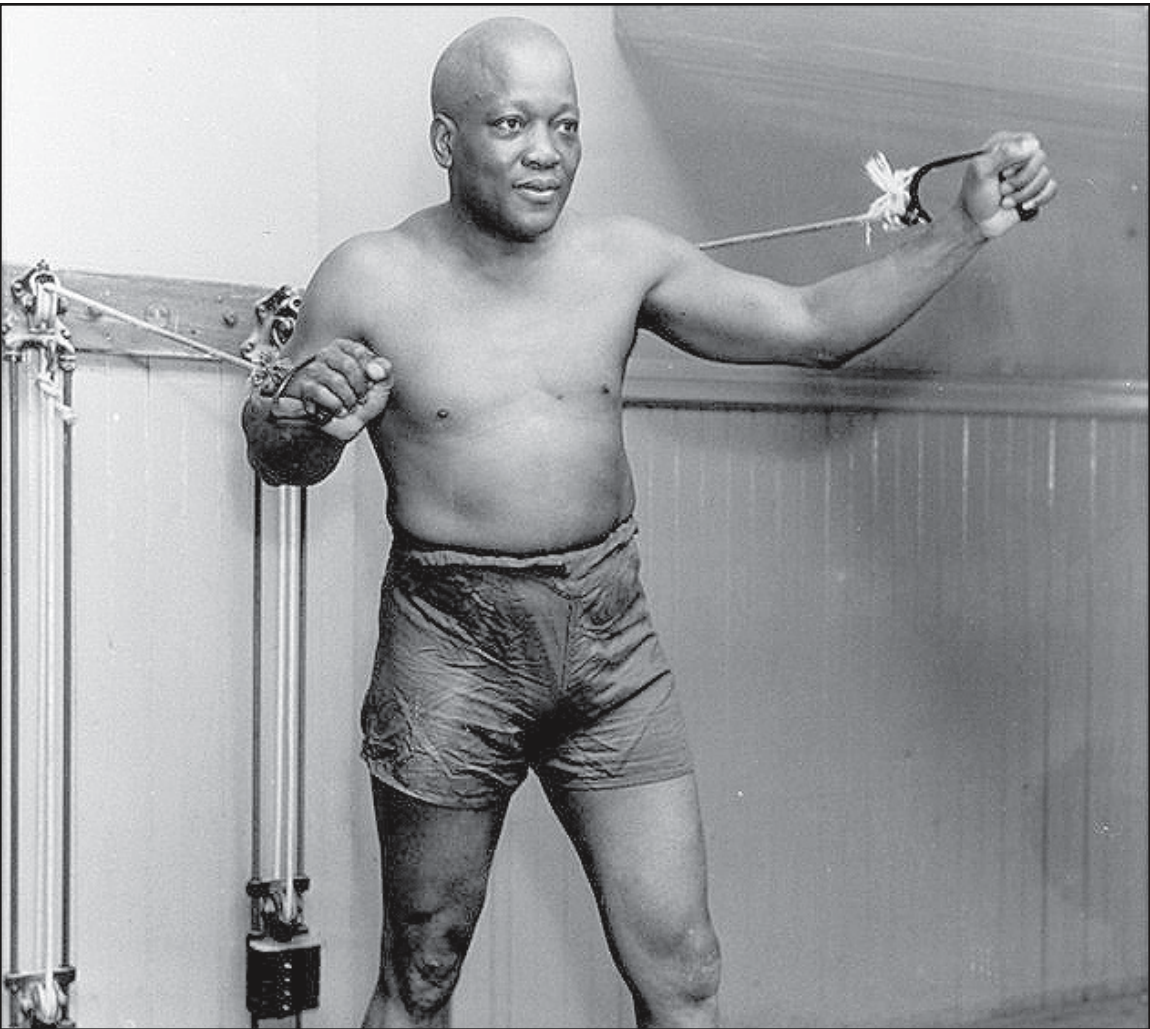
Once, she recalled, she asked her mother about Johnson.

"She just grimaced," Haywood said.


Haywood remembers her mother calling Johnson defiant and saying: "'Momma, no disrespect, that man wasn't defiant.' He was just being a man. He was being himself."

Haywood has pressed to have Johnson pardoned since President George W. Bush was in office, a decade ago. Posthumous pardons are rare, but not unprecedented. President Bill Clinton pardoned Henry O. Flipper, the first African-American officer to lead the Buffalo Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry Regiment during the Civil War; he was framed for embezzlement. Bush pardoned Charles Winters in 2008, an American volunteer in the Arab-Israeli War convicted of violating the U.S. Neutrality Acts in 1949.

Haywood wanted Barack Obama, the nation's first black president, to pardon Johnson, but Justice Department policy says "processing posthumous pardon petitions is grounded in the belief that the time of the officials involved in the clemency process is better spent on the pardon and commutation requests of living persons."



FILE - In this 1932 file photo, boxer Jack Johnson, the first black world heavyweight champion, poses in New York City. Black athletes have been finding a way to fight for social change for more than 100 years, from Jack Johnson, to Muhammad Ali to Kaepernick. (AP Photo/File)



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Position Title	Health, Safety & Environmental Officer I	Posting Date	January 30, 2018
Department	Support Services	Deadline	February 12, 2018, 4:00 pm
Division	Support Services	Pay Rate	\$17.83/h4 - \$18.56/hr
Position Type	Career Service (12 months probation)	Job Grade/Status	K/2/A-K/3/A, Non-Exempt
Reports To	Managing Director		

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Eagles, Philly fans get catharsis through Super Bowl parade

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia’s first Super Bowl parade provided catharsis Thursday for hundreds of thousands of Eagles fans, deliriously joyful after decades without a title and relishing the national spotlight on a team that few outside the city thought could win it all.

Fans clad in Eagles green jammed the streets from dawn near the stadium to an afternoon rally at the city’s famed “Rocky” steps, lining up 20 deep in spots to catch a glimpse of the champs. The Eagles rode in open-top double decker buses to the art museum that Sylvester Stallone made famous for a rally nearly 60 years in the making. Center Jason Kelce gave voice to every frustrated Philly fan with a remarkable, impassioned and profane speech that had him defending the general manager, the coach and a litany of players who supposedly weren’t smart enough, big enough or talented enough to win a championship.

“We were a bunch of underdogs,” shouted Kelce, channeling Rocky himself. “Bottom line is we wanted it more!”

And so did football-crazed Philly — desperately.

Until Sunday’s 41-33 victory over the favored New England Patriots, the Eagles remained the only team in their division without a Super Bowl title — an ongoing humiliation that gave Philly an inferiority complex and made Eagles fans an easy target for fans of other teams, especially the rival Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants.

“This Super Bowl championship is for you,” Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie told the vast crowd. “You are the most passionate and deserving sports fans on the planet. We couldn’t have done it without you.”

Added Super Bowl MVP quarterback Nick Foles: “We finally did it. We’re Super Bowl champs!” The parade began at the Eagles’ stadium complex and slowly made its way up Broad Street past the cheering throngs. Carrying the Lombardi Trophy, coach Doug Pederson walked part of the route — allowing fans to touch the gleaming hardware — while Lurie held a sign saying “THANK YOU FANS” as he stood next to the team’s three quarterbacks: Foles, injured starter Carson Wentz and third-stringer Nate Sudfeld.

Dan Tarvin, 29, was pumped after getting to high-five Pederson and GM Howie Roseman, who was instrumental in putting together a squad expected to compete for championships for years to come.

“They are more than heroes. They’re legends. They’re immortal in this city, forever,” Tarvin said.

Corey Carter, 32, of West Philadelphia, clutched a woodcut of an Eagle that he dubbed the “Lombirdy Trophy.”

“This is the greatest day!” Carter said. “Besides God, my kids and my wife, it’s Eagles.

That’s all there is. My family and then Eagles, and this is the greatest day of my life, ever.”

Schools, museums, courts, government offices and even the Philadelphia Zoo were shut down so the city could fete an underdog Eagles team that few outside Philadelphia thought had a prayer of beating the mighty Patriots led by superstar quarterback Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick.

Organizers prepared for as many as 2 million people, though city officials didn’t release a crowd estimate.

Terry Gallen, a fan from Glen Mills, in the Philadelphia suburbs, said he “broke down like a baby and cried” when the Eagles won the Super Bowl.

“It means everything,” Gallen said. “We’re loving it.”

At the rally, Lurie, Pederson and a slew of players all took the microphone and dedicated Sunday’s victory to the fans.

But it was the crowd-pleasing Kelce who best channeled the gruff but ultimately good-hearted “attytodd” for which Philadelphians are famous. Wearing an outlandishly sequined Mummies getup — a nod to Philadelphia’s raucous New Year’s Day parade — Kelce declared that “no one wanted us. No analyst liked to see us win the Super Bowl. And nobody likes our fans.”

He then led the crowd in a jolly — and filthy — chant set to the tune of “My Darling Clementine”: “No one likes us, no one likes us, no one likes us, we don’t care!” The big-bearded lineman uttered at least two profanities that made it onto live TV, recalling Chase Utley’s similarly profane speech at the Phillies’ World Series parade 10 years ago. Police investigated at least two stabbings on parade day, including one man stabbed inside a mall just off the route. No details about his condition were released. A second man was taken to a hospital with a stab wound, and police said they were trying to piece together what happened. City officials said they wouldn’t have arrest numbers until Friday.

The parade was overwhelmingly peaceful, though, giving fans an emotional release after decades of disappointment.

For lots of fans, the parade was a reminder of the Phillies’ victory lap after a 28-year World Series title drought.

For others, it took on spiritual shades of the pope’s visit in 2015. “It is like a religion,” said Kevin Fry, 37, of Prospect Park in suburban Philadelphia, a press operator at the Inquirer and Daily News who helped print 700,000 copies of the Super Bowl edition that proclaimed “At Last!”

And for Natasha Curley, 31, a janitor from Trenton, New Jersey, the Super Bowl title means that rival fans can stop their yapping — at least till next season. “This stops all the hate,” Curley said. “They got nothing to say now.”



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Turnover: Cavs overhaul roster with stunning trades

CLEVELAND (AP) — With their NBA title hopes fading fast, the Cavaliers got aggressive at the trading deadline. They swapped teams.

Cleveland completely changed its look — and perhaps its chances of winning a championship this season — on Thursday with a stunning sequence of deals. Cavs general manager Koby Altman traded six players, including Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose, and two future draft picks in moves designed to not only help them in the short term but could potentially help keep LeBron James beyond this season. Just like that, the Cavs traded nearly half their roster, got younger and maybe wedged themselves back into contention to make a fourth straight Finals appearance against Golden State. Watching from the West Coast, the defending champions took notice.

“It’s interesting, really interesting,” Warriors forward Draymond Green said of Cleveland’s drastic midseason renovation. “It’s probably obviously something that they felt was needed. I feel like they made some good moves. I don’t know, we’ll see. A lot of action. That’s a completely different team now than the team we faced the last three years.” “They’ve still got LeBron James. I think everything else at that point is irrelevant.”

The Cavs began their shocking overhaul by sending the disappointing Thomas along with forward Channing Frye and one of their two first-round picks to the Los Angeles Lakers for point guard Jordan Clarkson and forward Larry Nance Jr.

Thomas, who came over in last summer’s blockbuster trade with Boston for Kyrie Irving, played in just 15 games and wasn’t fitting in with Cleveland on or off the floor after he returned from a hip injury.

As the Thomas swap was being digested around the league, the Cavs completed a three-team deal with Utah and Sacramento, said a person with direct knowledge of Cleveland’s moves. The Cavs sent Rose, who has also been slowed by injury, and forward Jae Crowder to the Jazz for forward Rodney Hood. They’ll receive guard George Hill from the Kings in exchange for guard Iman Shumpert, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity while the teams awaited league approval.

And if all that wasn’t enough, the Cavs then dealt Wade to Miami for a protected 2024 second-round pick. It’s a homecoming for the 36-year-old Wade, who played 13 seasons in Miami, winning three NBA titles — two with James. Wade has said he wanted to end his career with the Heat, and he’ll get his chance.

James went on Instagram to endorse the move for one of his best friends, posting “truly happy for my brother @dwya-

newade!! It’s how it’s suppose to be. Love you my guy!! #WadeCountyBack.”

While he was reunited in Cleveland with James, Wade was coming off the bench and his role may have been further diminished by the other new additions. Wade, though, had an impact during his short time with the Cavs.

“A definite Hall of Famer when his playing career is complete, his basketball legacy is cemented by how he carries himself both on and off the floor,” Altman said. “His work ethic and commitment to the game of basketball with such an illustrious career was greatly respected by his Cavs teammates and everyone in our front office.”

The massive makeover is intended to help the Cavs make another title run in 2018 with James, who can opt out of his \$35.6 million contract this summer and become a free

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FILE - In this Feb. 3, 2018, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers’ Isaiah Thomas drives against the Houston Rockets in the first half of an NBA basketball game, in Cleveland. A person familiar with direct knowledge of the trade says the Cavaliers are dealing guard Isaiah Thomas to the Los Angeles Lakers. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, because the teams need NBA approval before the trade can be completed.

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49ers re-sign QB Jimmy Garoppolo to 5-year deal

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jimmy Garoppolo signed a record-breaking, five-year contract with the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday that will pay him a reported \$137.5 million to keep him off the free-agent market next month without forcing the team to use the one-year franchise tag.

NFL Network first reported the terms of the contract, which is worth \$27.5 million per season to top the previous record set by Detroit's Matthew Stafford last year by \$500,000 per year.

San Francisco acquired Garoppolo from New England before the trade deadline for a 2018 second-round pick. As soon as he took the field a few weeks later, he immediately turned around a franchise that started the year with a 1-10 record.

Garoppolo took over as starter and led San Francisco to five straight wins to end the season. That solidified the organization's belief in him and the willingness to offer him the

largest average per year contract in NFL history.

While Garoppolo lacks the track record of the top quarterbacks in the NFL after spending most of his career as Tom Brady's backup with New England, what he has shown when he has gotten on the field has been impressive.

He completed 67.4 percent of his passes this season, averaging 8.8 yards per attempt with seven TDs, five interceptions and a 96.2 rating. Among quarterbacks with at least 100 attempts last season, Garoppolo ranked first in yards per attempt, fourth in completion percentage. His 308.4 yards passing per game in his five starts also would have led the league had he played a full season.

Garoppolo has won all seven starts in his career, including two in New England to start the 2016 season when Brady was suspended for his role in "Deflategate." Only four other quarterbacks since the 1970 merger won their first seven starts with Ben Roethlisberger

the most recent to do it with 15 wins in a row in the regular season for Pittsburgh in 2004-05. Garoppolo's 2,038 yards passing in his first seven starts are the fourth-most among all quarterbacks since 1970.

Locking up Garoppolo is the first big step this offseason in San Francisco's rebuilding plan that got off to a strong start last season in the first year under coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch.

The duo took over a franchise in turmoil with coaching changes following three straight seasons. While the season started with nine straight losses with Brian Hoyer and rookie C.J. Beathard at quarterback, the foundation for future success was being put in place.

Now with the quarterback position settled, the Niners can use their hefty amount of salary cap room to fill in the other pieces, including upgrading the offensive line and skilled position players and adding pass rushers and cornerbacks on defense.

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team's uniform as Brett Favre did.

"I think you have to be humble enough to realize if it could happen to Brett, it can happen to you," Rodgers said.

Among the teams looking for an upgrade are the Denver Broncos, who haven't been back to the playoffs since Peyton Manning retired a champion two years ago.

Super Bowl 50 MVP Von Miller said he trusts general manager John Elway to fix that in the next few weeks: "We have a Hall of Fame quarterback running the show who's going to get the right guy," Miller said.

Miller has a tip for his GM, too.

"No disrespect to Trevor Siemian or Paxton Lynch, but I would love to play with Kirk Cousins," Miller said. "When Peyton came to Denver, we just took off. Kirk's an elite starter, too. I could roll with that."

With eight trips to the Super Bowl and five rings, Brady is the gold standard of quarterbacks.

Yet, this time he was outdueling by Foles, who showed just

how important it is for teams to also have depth at the position.

"To get in a shootout with that guy on the other team is probably not ideal for anyone — ever," Eagles tight end Zach Ertz said. "The guy is the best quarterback to ever play the game. That team is phenomenal. They are coached amazingly."

Yet, the Patriots were beaten by a journeyman QB who contemplated retirement not long ago after he kept losing his starting job with his employers in perpetual search of a better option.

Foles turned into a flawless fill-in after Wentz got hurt in December, stepping in to deliver Philadelphia its first Super Bowl title.

Foles has one year left on his two-year deal, and his Super Bowl performance bumped his name up on the long list of coveted quarterbacks.

"He's amazing," Ertz said. "The past three weeks he's been playing out of his mind. People panicked when Carson went down. Nick, we had all the confidence in the world in him."

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agent. The 33-year-old James has said he would like to finish his career in Cleveland and Altman, who has only been in charge of the roster since July, gave James a team he can lead back to the Finals.

In Jordan and Nance, whose father played for Cleveland, the Cavs are adding a pair of young players with upside.

"Jordan and Larry add athleticism, energy and length to both ends of the court for us," Altman said. "This trade is also a reflection of our continuing commitment to invest in our roster in ways that help us evolve and compete at the highest level now and into the future."

The Cavs also protected themselves if they lose James by hanging onto the first-round pick they acquired last summer from Boston for Thomas, Crowder and center Ante Zizic.

ESPN was first to report the dizzying run of deals.

Thomas seemed to sense his strange stay in Cleveland was over.

After James hit a buzzer-beating jumper to beat Minnesota in overtime on Wednesday night, Thomas stood at his locker and wondered if he would be on the move again.

"I'm tired of being traded," he said. "That's not a good thing. But I just want to be where I'm wanted. I like it here. It hasn't been as planned, but I definitely want to be here."

The Cavaliers, though, had other plans and needed to do something rash while in a prolonged slump and with All-Star forward Kevin Love out with a broken left hand.

Thomas, who turned 29 on Wednesday, wasn't working

out. He missed Cleveland's first 36 games while coming back from a torn right labrum that knocked him out of last year's playoffs. The Cavs tried to incorporate him into their offense, but it was forced and bogging them down.

Cleveland is just 7-13 since Christmas Day, and the club's slide has coincided with Thomas' comeback. He played better on Wednesday night, scoring 13 points with seven assists in 31 minutes. But he's a defensive liability on a defensively challenged team and the Cavs felt it was best to move him.

While Thomas struggled on the floor, he didn't help himself with some peculiar off-the-court comments.

Following Tuesday's embarrassing loss to the 17-win Orlando Magic — the Cavs blew a 21-point lead and scored nine points in the fourth quarter — Thomas questioned whether the team makes enough in-game adjustments.

Those remarks were dismissed by coach Tyronn Lue, who said, "That's not true."

Lue tweaked his rotations against the Timberwolves, giving more minutes to rookie Cedi Osman, who provided an infusion of needed energy. Late in the game, Thomas was pulled off the floor by Lue and the guard stood near Cleveland's bench and shook his head in disappointment.

Moments later, James dropped his game-winner over Jimmy Butler to edge the Timberwolves and was mobbed teammates.

It turned to be a going-away celebration.



US skater Rippon wants Pence spat to take backseat to games

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — Adam Rippon doesn't want his monthlong dispute with Mike Pence over the vice president's record on gay rights to overshadow his long-awaited Olympic performance.

Or those of the rest of the American team.

One of two openly gay U.S. athletes at the Pyeongchang Games, Rippon criticized the White House last month for choosing Pence to lead its official delegation for Friday's opening ceremony.

Pence has been considered an opponent of the LGBT community after the conservative vice president signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in March 2015 while serving as governor of Indiana.

Critics said the legislation encouraged discrimination against gay people. An amendment with protections for the LGBT community was passed a week later.

"I don't want to make this too much for my competitors and for my teammates," Rippon said after an afternoon practice session Thursday. "I'm just kind of focused on the competition. The opening ceremony is tomorrow. I don't mind talking about it but I don't want to distract my teammates."

Pence, who arrived in Seoul on Thursday, also tried to bury the story. He tweeted to Rippon: "I want you to know we are FOR YOU. Don't let fake news distract you. I am proud of you

and ALL OF OUR GREAT athletes and my only hope for you and all of #TeamUSA is to bring home the gold. Go get 'em!"

Rippon's practice session ended before Pence's tweet, but his mother, Kelly Rippon, told CNN she objected to the vice president calling the story "fake news."

"When people keep saying that word, 'fake news,' over and over again it implies that you can do things and you can never be held accountable for them because you just say that it's fake," Kelly Rippon said. "That repetition of that term I don't think is good."

What Rippon jokingly referred to as "brouhaha" began with an interview with USA Today last month in which he called Pence, among other things, a hypocrite for espousing Christian virtues while standing by some of the divisive and inflammatory statements made by President Donald Trump.

"If he's OK with what's being said about people and Americans and foreigners and about different countries," Rippon said, "I think he should really go to church."

Pence's press secretary, Alyssa Farah, was quick to respond with a sharp rebuke. Farah said in a statement that some of Rippon's statements were "totally false" and had "no basis in fact," including an assertion he made that Pence once championed gay conversion therapy.

Their spat took another twist this week when USA Today, citing unnamed sources, said Pence had requested to speak with Rippon in mid-January but the skater turned down his overtures.

A White House official told reporters traveling with Pence to South Korea that his office did reach out to the U.S. Olympic Committee, offering to meet with Rippon. The vice president's chief of staff, Nick Ayers, called USOC executive Scott Blackmun after Rippon's initial criticism last month and objected to comments about gay conversion therapy and wanted to clear up the confusion, a White House official said.

Rippon did not address any of the olive branches Thursday, but he again said he has no interest in meeting with Pence until after the Olympics. The 28-year-old American will debut Monday in the free skate portion of the team event for the medal-contending U.S. squad, then he'll compete later this month with teammates Nathan Chen and Vincent Zhou in the individual competition.

"I mean, after the competition I'll have an open conversation," Rippon said, "but the opening ceremony is tomorrow. I'm really focused on the competition. I've waited 28 years to get here. I'm trying to stay focused. It's my opportunity to show the world what I've got and represent my country."

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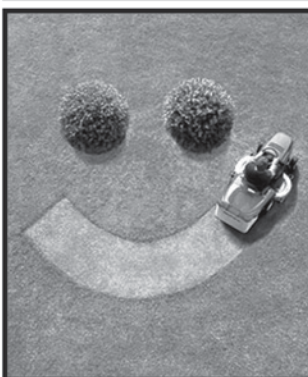
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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Arabian monarchy

5 More conniving (var.)

10 Drill-worthy deg.

13 A daughter of Zeus

14 Soaring baldy

15 Georgetown student

16 "It's taking too long," for one

19 Part of it came from Russia in 1867

20 Dutch South Africans

21 1972 hurricane

22 Cardinal's nickname

24 Fits closely

25 Scintilla kin

26 One's home

28 Battery measure

30 Sparkling headpiece

31 Lingerie item

34 "Same drink as always"

38 Commotion

39 Color lightly

40 Lab's gas burner

41 Quarter's third

42 Petty argument

44 Violently shuts
- 46 Tree-lined walkway

49 Puppeteer Lewis

50 Mathematical snake?

52 Play duration

53 House-with-picket-fence dreamer

56 As well

57 Peel off clothes

58 Type of buggy

59 Word of parting

60 Type of training

61 It's only downhill from here
- 17 Brief passing notice?

18 Martin of Hollywood

23 More than one of two

24 Creaking with pain

26 Hears with no ears?

27 Thailand currency

28 Airline ticket word

29 Not likely to breakdance

30 Camping structure

31 "Buckle up,"

32 Did 52-Across

33 Pie mode

35 Energy type

36 Unique car IDs

37 Thing in stitches
- 41 Video game "Brothers"

42 A "Snow White" dwarf

43 Immature salmon

44 Coyly

45 Pass into disuse

46 Confess

47 An Allman rocker

48 Building's extra

49 Work a bayonet

50 Falsetto male voice

51 Thing stuck in a board

54 Snake variety

55 B. Wells or McKinley

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Friday, February 9, 2018

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY



Happy Birthday: Look for a new opportunity and you will find one. This year is about reaching out and making things happen. Don't wait for someone to come to you. If you want something, ask for it. Your energy level will be elevated and your passion to achieve your dreams will motivate you to get moving. Your numbers are 5, 14, 20, 28, 31, 42, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Step up and take action. What you do to incorporate your skills into a joint venture or cause you believe in will also bring you greater recognition and a host of new opportunities. Protect against theft.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The time, patience and money you donate to something you feel is important will bring you satisfaction, but it may not please someone you are in a partnership with. Be sure to get the approval required to avoid trouble. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A partnership will help you advance. Discuss emotional, financial and physical concerns before you enter into an agreement that may be too much of a challenge for you or someone else. Honesty will help to propagate success.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't invest in someone else's venture. Use your creativity and common sense to determine where best to put your money, time and energy. Attending a retreat or taking a trip will be informative. The unfamiliar will stimulate your senses. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Talk over problems you face with a friend or partner. Be smart when it comes to investments and how you spend your money. Put more energy into your relationship with someone who can make a difference to your future. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make alterations at home that will be conducive to taking care of any work responsibilities that you need to complete over the weekend. Staying on top of your personal and professional responsibilities will make your life easier. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan a vacation or attend a social event. Doing things with friends, family or your partner will spark your imagination and give you some good ideas to pursue that will allow you to use your skills more diversely. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your time and effort into fixing up your surroundings. If you are happy with your home environment, it will make your life easier. Think matters through and be sure to get approval before you bring about change. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): High energy and a passion to keep busy and look for a new adventure will prompt you to sign up for an event, activity or excursion that will challenge you mentally, physically and emotionally. Prepare to do your best.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more physical and emotional effort into helping others. Your skills and experience will be put to good use and give you a platform to display and master what you do best. Stick to what you know. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Trust in your instincts, not what others say or do. Follow your vision and iron out any challenges you face one at a time. A steady pace and a simple plan will help you excel. Share your victory with someone you love.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions, taking action and making poor assumptions will not bode well if you get into a discussion. Take your time and listen to what others have to say before you make a decision that could lead to isolation.**



Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER CLASH OVER GIRL'S LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

DEAR ABBY: How old does a child have to be before she is able to choose a relative to live with? I'm the one my granddaughter wants to stay with. Her home life is in turmoil because of her parents' nasty divorce. Ever since her mother (my daughter) found out my granddaughter wants to live with me, she has forbidden her to talk to me, and me to contact her. Her mother is depressed and angry, but won't seek counseling. She doesn't talk to me unless it's to say ugly things.

My granddaughter said her mother never smiles anymore. We are very close and this hurts my heart. She's a good girl and should be able to be happy.

We live several hours away, and are more than willing to have her. She already has a room here, and our home is never happier than when she's visiting. We haven't spoken to her in months, and we really miss her. Her younger sibling gets most of the positive attention, while she receives mostly negative attention. I have seen this happen many times. She tries so hard to please her mom. I don't know what to do to help her. -- HEARTBROKEN IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: It would have been helpful if you had mentioned why your daughter is angry with you and is preventing your grandchild from contacting you and vice versa. If she's in such bad shape that it is negatively affecting your granddaughter, your questions should be addressed to a lawyer. If your granddaughter is in her teens, she might be considered mature enough to ask to live with a relative other than her mother. If not, and her mother's hostility is affecting her schoolwork, a trusted teacher or counselor at school might be able to see she gets the emotional support she needs.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is very outgoing. He loves chatting on the phone for hours, and talks with all the neighbors up and down the street. He's retired, so it's fine -- up to a point.

We have a set time for dinner, which is 6:30, and he knows it. Invariably he'll be on the phone or up the street when it's close to dinner. I always remind him 10 to 15 minutes ahead, which gives him time to be here to eat, but he'll keep chatting until he's anywhere from 15 minutes to half an hour late to dinner. I put time and effort into preparing my meals. I grow my own vegetables and think of creative things to fix. He always comments how great the meals are, so it's not that he doesn't like my food. If it's not eaten promptly, it's overcooked/mushy/wilted, etc., so I go ahead and eat if he's not here. I'd like him to be with me when I sit down at the table. I feel it's incredibly rude for him to be late. When I tell him that, he laughs like it's a big joke. Short of treating him like a 2-year-old and throwing his food away if he doesn't show up on time, I'm not sure what to do. Can you help? -- FED UP IN NAPA, CALIF.

DEAR FED UP: I can't force your husband to the dinner table and neither can you. To toss his dinner into the garbage would be too overtly hostile and a waste of food. Try this: Tell him dinner time is 6:30, but prepare the food as if it's for 6:45 or 7.

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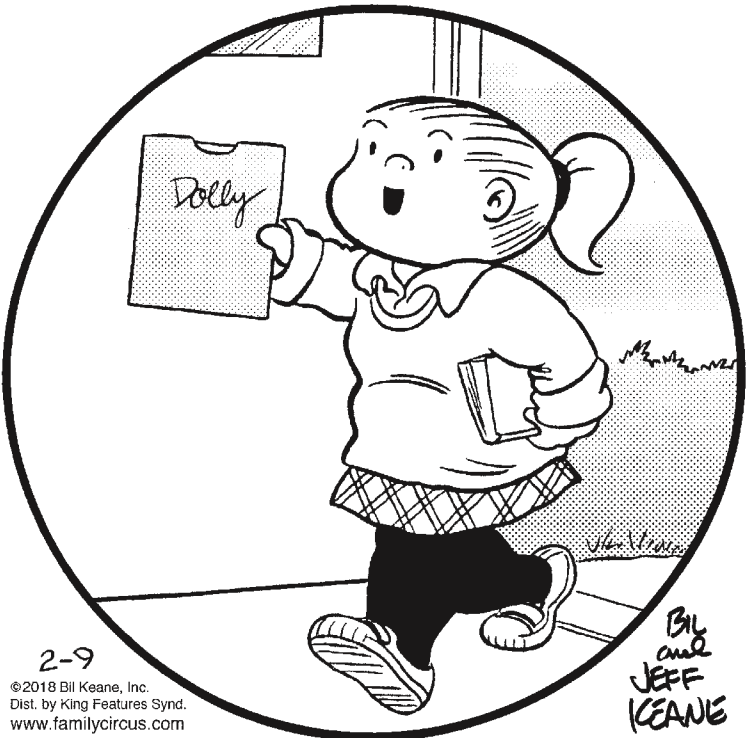
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A SUPER NORMAL PUZZLE By Timothy E. Parker

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OK, HERE YOU GO.

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MY SCIENCE PROJECT IS TOAST... NOW, HERE ON THIS BOARD IS A SLICE OF UNTOASTED BREAD AND...

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WELL, NOW, THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

SAY, WHEN DID YOU TURN YOURSELF INTO A 200-FOOT-TALL COLOSSUS?

I DIDN'T. WHY?

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I HATE SCIENCE PROJECTS

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HAGAR, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, DO I STILL MAKE YOUR HEART SKIP?

YES!

AND YOU STILL MAKE MY STOMACH...

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WHAT DID YOU GUYS HAVE FOR LUNCH TODAY?

PIZZA

OOO! DO YOU HAVE ANY LEFT?

LEFTOVER PIZZA?...

IN THIS HOUSE?!

YEAH, THERE'S SOME IN THE KITCHEN, NEXT TO THE UNICORN

Sudoku Pacific

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

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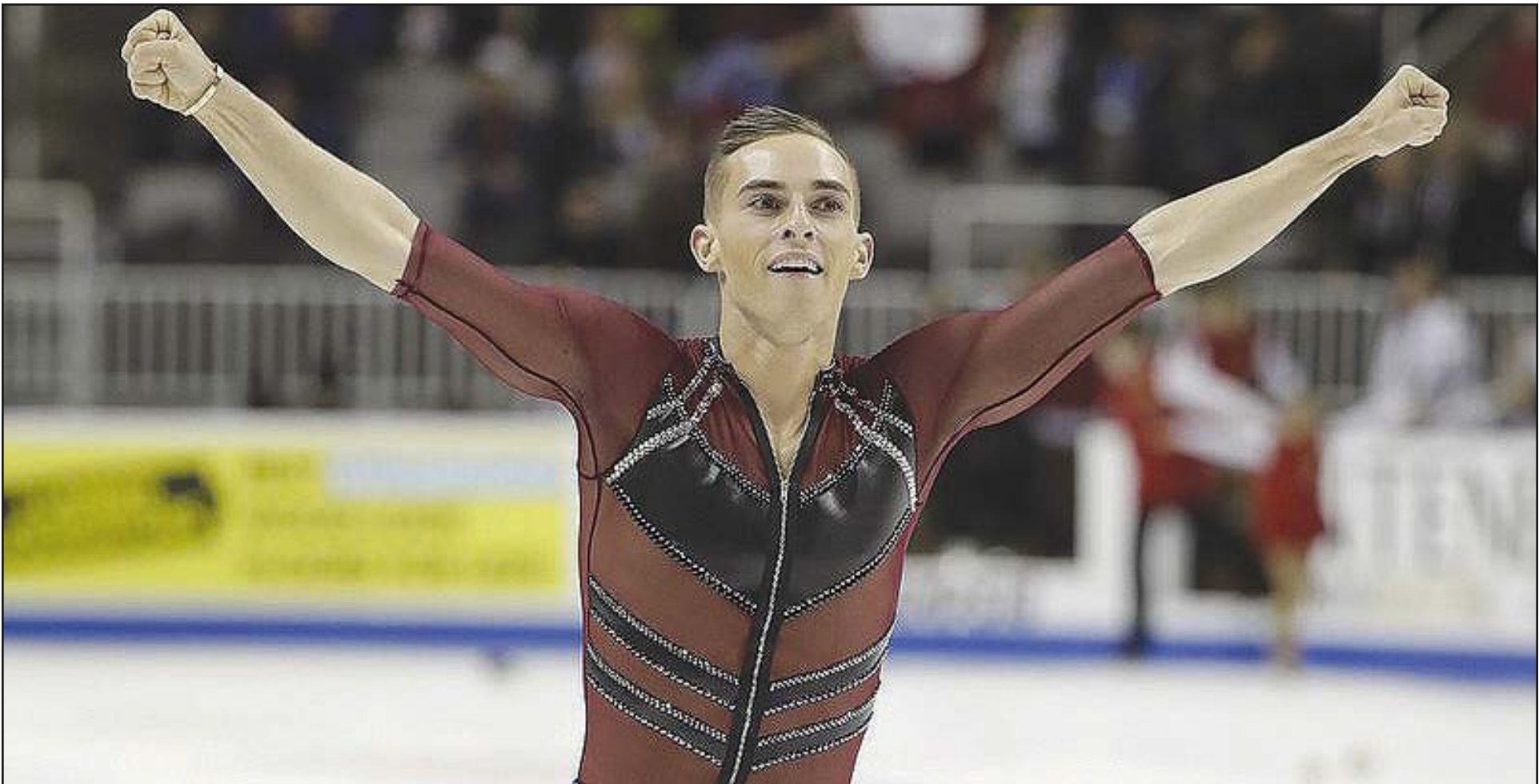
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Thursday's Puzzle Answer

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FILE - In this Jan. 4, 2018, file photo, Adam Rippon performs during the men's short program at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose, Calif. Rippon remains open to speaking with Mike Pence over the vice president's conservative stance on gay rights after the Pyeongchang Olympics. The openly gay Rippon criticized the White House last month for choosing Pence to lead the official U.S. delegation for the Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, opening ceremony.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

▶ US Skater...

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U.S. skier Gus Kenworthy, who also is gay, has been similarly critical of Pence's role in leading the U.S. delegation, calling him a "strange choice" in an interview with Ellen DeGeneres this week.

Rippon and Kenworthy both say they would skip a White House visit if Team USA is invited.

"I think at the very core I've always spoken my mind, spoken from the heart," Rippon said. "I think as an athlete that's important. And I know not everyone will agree with me, but I think that is what is special about the Olympics. It's a time to come together as athletes and unite."

CAS rejects appeals by 47 Russians against Olympic bans

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — Sports' highest court has rejected appeals by 45 Russian athletes plus two coaches who were banned from the Pyeongchang Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee had refused to invite the group of Russians, saying it had evidence of alleged doping in Russian sports.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport handed down its rulings Friday, less than nine hours before the opening ceremony.

A vetting process was designed to exclude Russian athletes from the games if IOC officials weren't sure they were clean.

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