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EDUCATION

School board reviewing SRO contracts

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Contracts for student resources officers in schools are currently under review.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls says the contracts have been sent to the Webster Parish School Board's attorney Jon Guice and expects to have approval

no later than the August 3 meeting.

"If the board approves the positions, we will do a budget revision and include them in the budget," Rawls said. "The reason they weren't in the initial budget is because they came in after the budget had already been constructed and was out for public review. We have a number of accounts that we have to do budget revisions on and that's going to be one of them."

Springhill Police Chief Will Lynd and Springhill Mayor Carroll Breaux approached the board in June about getting the school board to pay for an SRO for them. Currently,



RAWLS

the city pays for an SRO stationed at North Webster High School, but he covers other schools when needed, Lynd said in June.

Minden currently has two SROs, one recently becoming full-time at Webster Junior High School.

The board since has come back and said they wanted SROs to cover the other schools as well. Rawls says the board has

asked for one for Doyline and Lakeside (one to be split between the two schools), one to be split between North Webster High School and North Webster Junior High and the two in Minden.

In the contracts will be what performances are needed, costs, terms and limits of the contract. Then the board will have

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CAMP MINDEN CLEAN UP MOVING FORWARD



Rep. Gene Reynolds encouraged everyone in attendance to work together as the process of cleaning up the M6 propellant at Camp Minden commences. Reynolds was instrumental in leading the movement legislatively and by the community to stop the open tray burn and find safer method of disposal. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Contractors, officials describe M6 destruction

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Officials from Explosive Service International and El Dorado Engineering, as well as environmental officials described the process from beginning to end in the destruction of millions of pounds of M6 propellant deteriorating every day at Camp Minden.

"The nice thing about tonight is that the contractor's here," said Ron Curry, Environmental Protection Agency regional administrator. "We're here, we have a large number of dialogue committee members here; tonight is kind of



Maj. Gen. Glenn Curtis, adjutant general of the Army National Guard, spoke during the public meeting at Camp Minden Monday. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

the first step toward completion."

Jason Poe, ESI vice president, spent time at the beginning of a public meeting at Camp Minden Monday, talking about the process by which they will destroy the M6.

"We routinely work in less than ideal conditions with explosives, which makes us uniquely capable of handling this stuff up here," he said, speaking of the M6 at Camp Minden.

He showed photographs from the last site visit they conducted, which showed barrels upon barrels and packages of the M6 stacked high on each other. One of the photographs showed where some of the stacks had fallen over and were kept off the ground by nothing more than the band of the barrel.

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MINDEN CRIME

Police: Man refused to leave man's apartment

Arrested on \$20k bond

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A Minden man outstayed his welcome when police were called because he was inside a man's apartment without permission.

Datrail Washington, 31, of the 100 block of Stanley Street, was arrested Saturday, June 27, and charged with unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling. Bond was set at \$20,000.

According to reports, Sgt. Ryan Barnette and Officer First Class Chris Hammontree were dispatched to the apartment in reference to an unwanted person being there. Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says while the officers were in route, dispatch notified them the suspect fled the scene on foot.

"As Sgt. Barnette was approaching the location, he spotted a subject fitting the description walking down Lee Street, and at that point in time, he made contact with the suspect," Cropper said. "The suspect immediately lay face down on the ground, and Hammontree arrived to assist. They took him into custody, and he was later



WASHINGTON

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Annual Fireworks on Turner's Pond

Sponsored by Lakeview United Methodist Church, George Fithen, Ron Hathorn and Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Minden, will take place on July 4. Activities begin following Veterans Program. Free hotdogs, popsicles, watermelon, soft drinks and a live band. Fireworks begin at dusk.



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No requests made on first day of same sex marriage licenses

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No requests were made for same sex marriage

licenses on the first day they are available in Webster Parish.

Clerk of Court Holli Vining says she didn't expect a

rush, but she thought they might at least get one.

"One gentleman did call and inquire about one, but he said they weren't getting

married until December," she said.

Upon advice of legal counsel, the Webster Parish Clerk of Court's

office was prepared to start issuing same sex marriage licenses Tuesday morning following the United States Supreme Court ruling

making same sex marriage legal in all 50 states.

The 5-4 ruling was issued Friday, June 26, in a landmark decision.

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There are dangers associated with the cleanup, he says, but it will be done as safely as possible.

"I'm going to keep my guys safe which translates to you, the community, will be safe," he said, adding that his employees' safety is a top priority.

Bob Hayes, with El Dorado Engineering, explained the contained burn unit with the pollution abatement system, calling it the "Cadillac" of pollution abatement systems. A contained burn unit like the one that will be built here is already in use in Belgium, he says. He spent a great deal of time taking the public through the entire system – how the M6 will be placed into the unit, how it will be destroyed and the path emissions will take through the abatement system, saying the air coming out at the end of the process is cleaner than the air everyone was breathing in the room.

Paul Nony, project director, with Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health LLC, will be conducting the air sampling in the community.

Water sampling (ground and surface) will take place throughout the entire process to make sure nothing from the destruction process gets into the water.

Dr. Slowamir Lomnicki, an associate professor of environmental sciences with the LSU Superfund Research Program, says he felt this method of destruction was the best solution given the urgency of the situation.

"In my opinion, many of them (other methods) were just not giving enough assurance," he said of the contract selection process.

The dialogue committee member, also on the review committee for selecting a contractor, says he felt many of the bids submitted just didn't have the experience with M6 or couldn't be done quickly enough.

"With this particular company (El Dorado), I already saw they had experience," he said. "They'd done it and the technology for the pollution abatement is top notch, and I know this technology. I've seen it in many, many places and its different devices put together, and that's what convinced me. From my perspective, if you look at the other technologies, incineration, when it's done right, it has the potential to destroy everything."

Poe says dirt work for the construction of the unit has already begun and actual construction of the unit will begin in the coming weeks. He says once destruction actually begins, weather permitting, the throughput rate is about 60,000 pounds per day.

The contract is good through December 2016.

Members of the dialogue committee, citizens advisory group, EPA, Louisiana Military Department, elected officials (state and local), and others were in attendance.



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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

The Advocate on Bobby Jindal's presidential address

For a man who rose to Louisiana's highest office based on his credentials as a policy wonk, Gov. Bobby Jindal formally launched his campaign for the White House Wednesday with a speech that was surprisingly devoid of specifics.

Jindal suggested that his critics can't believe leaders can be both conservative and smart. We don't ascribe to that notion, but we believe that Jindal is a much smarter man than he demonstrated in his announcement Wednesday at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner. His address was long on bromides and short on substance. He will have to do better, we suspect, if he hopes to compete in a crowded field of candidates for the Republican nomination.

Listeners learned that Jindal is for God and freedom, and against illegal immigration and terrorists. He presented these positions as acts of political courage, a gesture akin to endorsing motherhood and apple pie with mock Churchillian resolve. It was an oddly hollow performance for a politician who's already been on the national stump for months.

Despite his professed dislike of rhetoric — Jindal said Wednesday he's a doer, not a talker — he ranks as one of the most garrulous governors in our history. But it's not the quantity of what Jindal says but its quality that promises to complicate his presidential run.

Although he grew up in the era of Ronald Reagan, who celebrated America as a shining city on a hill, Jindal seemed to be speaking Wednesday not from a hilltop but from a bunker. His remarks reminded us of an earlier and more tragic Republican president, Richard Nixon, who offered himself as a cultural warrior intent on saving the country from corrupt elites.

Jindal, the son of immigrants who now stands as a candidate for the nation's highest office, is a testament to America's promise. That promise cannot endure if leaders think of America as a fortress to be locked, not a frontier to be opened.

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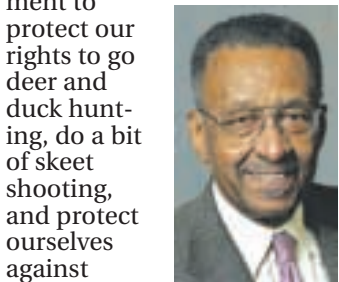
PERSPECTIVE

Constitutional ignorance and dereliction

The nation's demagogues and constitutionally ignorant are using the Charleston, South Carolina, AME church shooting to attack the Second Amendment's "right of the people to keep and bear Arms." A couple of years ago, President Barack Obama said, "I have a profound respect for the traditions of hunting that trace back in this country for generations." That's a vision shared by many Americans, namely that the Constitution's framers gave us the Second Amendment to protect our rights to go deer and duck hunting, do a bit of skeet shooting, and protect ourselves against criminals. That this vision is so widely held reflects the failure of gun rights advocates, such as the NRA and Gun Owners of America, to educate the American people. The following are some statements by the Founding Fathers. You tell me which one of them suggests that they gave us the Second Amendment for deer and duck hunting and protection against criminals.

Alexander Hamilton said, "The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed," adding later, "If the representatives of the people betray their constituents, there is then no recourse left but in the exertion of that original right of self-defense which is paramount to all positive forms of government." What institution was Hamilton referring to when he said "the representatives of the people"?

Thomas Jefferson: "What country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms." Who are the rulers Jefferson had in mind?



WALTER WILLIAMS

James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution," said, "(The Constitution preserves) the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation ... (where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

George Mason, author of the Virginia Bill of Rights, which served as inspiration for the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights, said, "To disarm the people — that was the best and most effectual way to enslave them," later saying, "I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials."

Richard Henry Lee said, "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

Here's a much more recent statement from a liberal, bearing no kinship to today's liberals/progressives: The late Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said, "Certainly, one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms. ... The right of the citizen to bear arms is

just one guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which now appears remote in America but which historically has proven to be always possible."

There are some historical anti-gun statements that might please America's gun grabbers. "Armas para que?" (Translated: "Guns, for what?") That's how Fidel Castro saw the right of citizens to possess guns. There's a more famous anti-gun statement: "The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by so doing." That was Adolf Hitler.

At the heart of the original American ideal is the deep distrust and suspicion the founders of our nation had for Congress, distrust and suspicion not shared as much by today's Americans. Some of the founders' distrust is seen in our Constitution's language, such as Congress shall not abridge, infringe, deny, disparage, violate or deny. If the founders did not believe Congress would abuse our God-given rights, they would not have provided those protections.

Maybe there are Americans who would argue that we are moving toward greater liberty and less government control over our lives and no longer need to remain an armed citizenry. I'd like to see their evidence.

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The National Hurricane Museum and Science Center is an ambitious project that supporters have talked about for several years now, but a sizeable gap remains in raising enough money to cover the nearly \$70 million price tag.

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Considering how many vehicles cross the Interstate 10 bridge every day, wouldn't it make sense to have something that may entice people to stop and see what it offers? Right now, it's hard for drivers who take the lakefront exit off I-10 east to ignore the enormous eyesore that is the old Harrah's parking garage.

Anyone who visits our casinos here can see that plenty of residents come in from Texas. Why not give those visitors another attraction, like the museum, to check out while they spend their time and money here?

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LSU AG CENTER

Agritourism provides extra income

DORA ANN HATCH
Special to the Press-Herald

Agritourism has been around a long time. It dates back to the late 1800s when city dwellers escaped urban life on short vacations to the farm to visit their relatives. In the 1920s, the growth of automobile travel made it easier for people to head for the country. Rural recreation rose significantly in the 1930s during the Great Depression and in the 1940s following World War II. In the 1960s and 1970s, horseback riding and farm petting zoos

became popular. In the 1980s and 1990s, farm vacations, overnight stays at bed and breakfasts and commercial farm tours became popular. Today, demand continues to grow for agritourism.

Agritourism is a business venture on a working farm, ranch or agricultural enterprise that offers educational and fun experiences for visitors while generating supplemental income for the owner. Visitors participate in friendly “discovery” and learning activities in natural or agricultural settings. Because it blends entertainment and education,

agritourism is also known as “agri-entertainment,” “agritainment” or “agro-tourism.”

There are many agritourism ventures operating across our state. The latest statistics compiled by the Agriculture Census, showed that agritourism in Louisiana more than doubled from 2007 to 2012.

Agritourism is a perfect way to involve family and friends. Growing up in a rural community most children do not have the opportunity to travel to a summer job. So, if you live on a farm why not create your own work opportuni-

ty.

That’s just what twelve year old Cameron Churchman did. His family farms 1,000 acres of corn and soybeans and when Cameron wanted to earn money to buy an X-Box his mom suggested that he sell vegetables by the roadside. He started from their family garden selling produce from his radio flyer wagon. After the summer he was able to buy his X-Box.

The following summer the garden was increased and his roadside business expanded using a tent instead of the radio flyer to display vegetables. By

the third year, the garden expanded to two acres and a permanent stand was built by the roadside. What a great story of entrepreneurship from someone so young. Cameron took the assets of the farm and turned them into cash.

Cameron’s operation can also take advantage of the 2008 Agritourism Limited Liability Law that assists agritourism professionals like Cameron and his family who were vulnerable to lawsuits and who may have difficulty in obtaining liability insurance. The law limits the liability of an agritourism professional for injuries

that occur through no fault of the agritourism professional. An agritourism professional who qualifies can complete the necessary paperwork and be covered.

So, whether you start an agritourism business to increase cash flow in the off season or to sell the agriculture experience to others, agritourism can be an enterprising asset to your family farm.

For more information, contact Dora Ann Hatch, LSU AgCenter Agritourism Coordinator, at (318) 927-9654 x 229 or e-mail her at dhatch@agcenter.lsu.edu

Fundrasier for Webster Humane Association and Lumberjack Animal Rescue

The fundraiser Rescues on the Bayou to benefit the Webster Humane Association and Lumberjack Animal Rescue will be from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30, Saturday, July 11 at Pavilion at Cinnamon Creek RV Park in Dixie Inn. The event will include food, door prizes and music from the Exit 49 Band. Adult tickets will include a pulled pork sandwich plate and one raffle ticket. The cost before July 6 is \$15. After it will be \$18. Children’s tickets for ages 4 until 12 will include a hotdog and will cost \$5 before July 6 and \$7 after. The guest of honor will be Braveheart. Braveheart is the voice of change for abandoned, abused and neglected animals all over the world. For tickets or more information, contact Trish Stanley at 318-371-5111.



Annual Homecoming program to be at Union Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, July 5 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker and church will be Bishop Charles Blanks and Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Springhill.

Revival Services to be held Monday through Friday, July 6 - 10, 2015 at 7 p.m. nightly. Revival messenger will be Pastor Willie Jiles of Mary Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church of Shreveport.

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MLB

Rangers swing hot bats against O's

BALTIMORE -- Two games against the Baltimore Orioles have enabled Mitch Moreland and the Texas Rangers to rediscover the joy of trotting around the bases.

Moreland hit two home runs in a second straight game, and Texas celebrated the return of Josh Hamilton with an 8-6 victory Tuesday night.

Shin-Soo Choo and Robinson Chirinos also went deep for the Rangers, who have hit eight home runs over the past two nights.

"There is no defense for a home run," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "I like to see it. They're quick runs. When they come, we'll take them."

Moreland homered with a man on in the second and eighth innings. It's the eighth time in club history that a player has hit multiple home runs in consecutive games.

"I'm trying to go up there and see it well, get ready to hit," Moreland said. "Couple of them have been maybe a little helped by the ballpark. It's a great hitters' park."

Hamilton hit two singles and made a nice running catch of a sinking liner to left field in his eighth game of the season. The free-swinging slugger was sidelined since May 31 with a strained left hamstring.

"I am trying to barrel on the ball. You start from there," Hamilton said. "Once you start from there, you try to put a little extra into it if you need to. Overall, I felt good with my at-bats. It was a good night overall."

Over their first 76 games, the Rangers had one game with four home runs. Now they have three.

NBA

Kawhi Leonard signs long term deal

Kawhi Leonard is going to be a fixture for the San Antonio Spurs for years to come.

Leonard agreed to the basic parameters of a five-year contract to stay with the Spurs early Wednesday, a deal that could be worth \$90 million according to a person with direct knowledge of the agreement. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the contract cannot be finalized until July 9, per NBA rules.

Keeping Leonard, the 2014 NBA Finals MVP, is the first of many things the Spurs hope to accomplish in the coming days. Leonard will sit in when the Spurs meet with free agent LaMarcus Aldridge on Wednesday, part of the group that will make a sales pitch to one of the most coveted members in this year's class.

Leonard averaged 16.5 points this past season for the Spurs, and followed that up by averaging 20.3 points in San Antonio's seven-game loss to the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round of the playoffs.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Davis signs long term deal



NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Anthony Davis and the New Orleans Pelicans have agreed on a five-year extension worth more than \$140 million.

Davis tweeted: "NOLA, I am here to stay! Just getting started" shortly after free agency opened late Tuesday night, and a person with knowledge of the details confirmed the agreement to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot yet be signed.

The 22-year-old Davis is entering the final season of a four-year contract he signed after being drafted first overall out of Kentucky in 2012. He had until Oct. 31 to accept the

offer or could have become a restricted free agent next off-season.

Davis averaged 24.4 points, 10.2 rebounds and 2.9 blocks this season. The exact value of his extension, which includes a player option for the final year, can't be determined until the salary cap has been set next week.

The Pelicans have made no secret of their plan to build around the 6-foot-10 Davis, who is faster than most players his size, can score from inside and outside, and changes games defensively with his shot-blocking and rebounding.

He has been named an All-Star twice in his first three pro



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seasons. He also won a gold medal with the U.S. Olympic team in 2012 shortly after winning a national title with Kentucky, and led the Americans to another gold at the Basketball World Cup last summer.

Next season, he'll be playing for new Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry, who has said he intends to introduce a faster-paced offense with Davis as the focal point. Gentry, who recently won an NBA championship as an assistant with Golden State, gained additional familiarity with Davis during the first round of the playoffs, when Davis averaged 31.5 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in four games against the Warriors.

"We're going to play a lot faster and give (Davis) an opportunity to be in the open court," Gentry said last week. "He is our best player and a lot of things are going to be built around him. I think he's a real versatile player."

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

US women will play for World Cup glory

MONTREAL (AP) — Julie Johnston thought she had blown it.

Handed a yellow card for a foul in the box on Alexandra Popp, Johnston's heart sank when German striker Celia Sasic stepped up to take the penalty kick.

It missed. The United States went on to beat Germany 2-0 on a penalty kick from Carli Lloyd and a late goal from Kelley O'Hara, erasing Johnston's fear that she had cost her team the game and sending the Americans to the title match of the Women's World Cup.

"The team definitely lifted me up after that happened and finished the chances. Definitely an emotional roller coaster," Johnston said. "But it's a team sport and the team today really stepped up for me. I really can't thank them enough and I'm sure I'll thank them all the way

to the final."

Goalkeeper Hope Solo posted her fifth straight shutout, continuing a dominant run for the American defense. The second-ranked U.S. women have gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal.

The United States is seeking its third World Cup title, but first since 1999. The Americans went to the final in Germany four years ago but fell in the end on penalty kicks to Japan.

Now the Americans wait to learn their opponent for the final: Defending champion Japan, ranked fourth in the world, faces sixth-ranked England in the other semifinal on Wednesday night.

The title match is set for Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. Germany will play the loser of the second semifinal in the third-place game in Edmonton on Saturday.



"In a way maybe it's good for us," German coach Silvia Neid said through a translator about the consolation game. "We can have another match and maybe we can win one more."

Tuesday night's match was billed as the biggest of

the tournament so far, a clash between the two highest-ranked teams in the world. More than 51,000 mostly pro-American fans filled cavernous Olympic Stadium.

Germany was coming off a hard-fought quarterfi-

nal victory over No. 3 France, prevailing on penalty kicks after a 1-1 draw.

"We didn't come here just to make the final. We came here to win it," Lloyd said. "So we've got to go after it next game."

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NBA free agency opened with Anthony Davis agreeing and Kawhi Leonard agreeing to max contract extensions to stay where they are, and the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks among the teams looking for a dominant inside force of their own.

All-Stars LaMarcus Aldridge of Portland and Marc Gasol of Memphis lead the list of bigs that includes DeAndre Jordan of the Clippers, Tyson Chandler of Dallas, and twins Brook Lopez of the Nets and Robin Lopez of Portland.

Dwyane Wade has to decide if he wants to stay in Miami, Rajon Rondo will leave Dallas, and count on the Lakers being linked to many of the

marquee names as they try to bring what was long a perennial contender back to prominence after two straight miserable seasons.

The market opened just after midnight EDT on Wednesday — 9:01 p.m. in Los Angeles — and the Lakers wasted no time talking to their top target, tweeting that general manager Mitch Kupchak was walking into a meeting with Aldridge and adding #LAtoLA.

Gasol is expected to stay, Aldridge is considered a candidate to leave and Jordan is somewhere in the middle. He will meet with the Mavericks, Lakers, Clippers and Knicks, according to a person with direct knowledge of the plans who spoke on condition of anonymity because the center's agenda was not

being revealed publicly.

Players can agree to deals at any time but can't sign until July 9, after a moratorium period while



ALDRIDGE

Davis will know the exact value of the more than \$140 million extension with the New Orleans Pelicans he agreed to, which was confirmed to AP by a person with knowledge of the details. Davis tweeted: "NOLA, I am here to stay! Just getting started."

Leonard agreed to the

parameters of a five-year deal that could be worth \$90 million with the San Antonio Spurs, a person with knowledge of the deal confirmed to AP. The deal is the latest sign that Leonard is poised to become the new face of the franchise, inheriting that designation from Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker. The Lakers and Knicks have holes all over their rosters, but it's not just the bad teams who will be busy.

The Cleveland Cavaliers will try to keep Kevin Love and Tristan Thompson, the backup who played so well in helping them reach the NBA Finals after Love was lost to a shoulder injury in the first round of the playoffs.

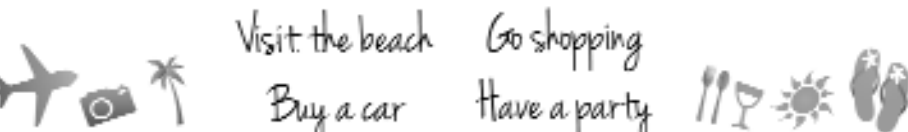
They also have to resign LeBron James, but

that's expected to be a formality once they've completed some other business. He opted for free agency mostly to maximize his earning potential, not because he's looking to leave after returning home to Ohio as the major move of last year's free agency period.

The Rockets and Mavericks will be aggressive as always, with Houston looking to strengthen its Western Conference finals team and Dallas trying to assemble one that can get there.

Both teams attempted to pry Carmelo Anthony away from New York last year before he opted to remain with the Knicks. This year the Knicks, with salary cap space that wasn't available last year, are going on the offensive.

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LeBron, Cavs take surprising series lead

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James is doing more than ever. With the Cavaliers missing two All-Stars, he has no choice.

"I'm so outside the box right now," he said.

And two wins from a championship — one like no other.

Pushed by a crowd howling to see Cleveland's 51-year title drought end, James scored 40 points, his new sidekick

Matthew Dellavedova added 20 and the Cavaliers survived Golden State's furious fourth-quarter comeback led by Stephen Curry for a 96-91 win over the Warriors on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals.

James added 12 rebounds and eight assists in 46 minutes, his third stellar performance in his fifth straight finals. The Cavs, who won Game 2 at Golden State for their first ever finals win, got their first at Quicken Loans Arena, which shook from start to finish. They'll have a chance to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series in Game 4 on Thursday night.

Through three games, James has played 142 of 154 possible minutes, scored 123 points and taken 107 shots. With Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love out with injuries, it's all on James to deliver. So far, he has.

"I'm just trying to do whatever it takes to help our team win," he said. "It's the finals, and it's whatever it takes. This is a totally differ-

ent challenge."

Cleveland nearly threw Game 3 away. The Cavs, who led 92-83 with 51 seconds left, had to withstand a scoring flurry by Curry.

The league's MVP finally found his shooting touch in the fourth quarter, scoring 17 points as the Warriors, who trailed by 20 in the third, refused to go away. Golden State got a huge lift from reserve David Lee, but they rode Curry, who made five 3-pointers — his last with 18.9 seconds to pull the Warriors within 94-91.

Cleveland then caught a break when referee Danny Crawford blew an inadvertent whistle with 17.5 seconds to go after Golden State appeared to force a turnover. The officials, who have come under scrutiny for several missed calls in the series, then reviewed the play and it was clear that Klay Thompson was out of bounds when he made contact with the ball that Dellavedova was holding in his hands.

James was fouled and made two free throws with 16.8 seconds left. On Golden State's last possession, Andre Iguodala appeared to get fouled on a 3-point attempt and the Cavs pulled down the rebound to close out a win that nearly slipped away.

"We're a young group," James said, "and like I told the group, 'It's OK.' We haven't been in a lot of these situations, if any, with this group."

Curry finished with 27 points but had three turnovers in the final minute. Iguodala scored 15, Klay Thompson, 14 and Lee, who didn't play in Games 1 or 2, had 11.

Despite the loss, Curry feels he's now in a rhythm.

"I think I found something when it comes to how I'm going to be able to attack their pick-and-rolls," Curry said. "I'll keep that in the memory bank going into Game 4."

After two overtime games in Oakland, Game 3 didn't have quite the same last-second drama, but it didn't lack any intensity as players were sprawled on the floor fighting for loose balls like the Browns and 49ers scrambling for fumbles.

Curry, who went just 2 of 15 on 3s in Game 2, hit a couple did-he-really-just-do-that 3s in the fourth that have made him one of the game's most captivating players before the Warriors ran out of time.

Still, they're confident they can come back again.

"I'm telling you that right now," Thompson said, "if we get our offense back, which we will, we're going to win this series."



LeBron James goes up for a contested layup in Tuesday night's 96-91 win over the Golden State Warriors. The Cavaliers now lead the series, 2-1. AP Photo

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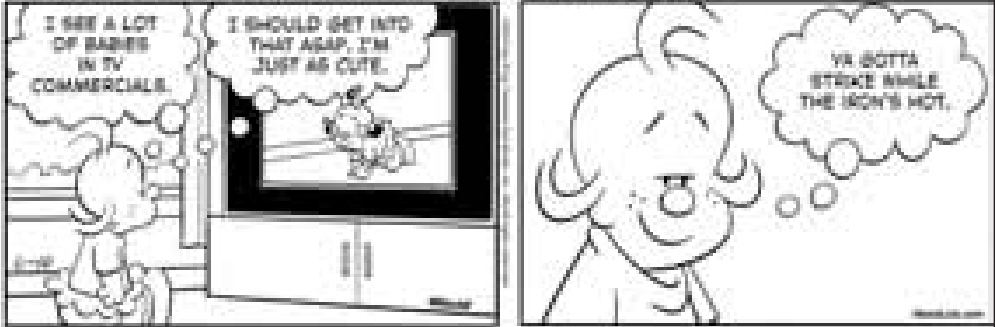
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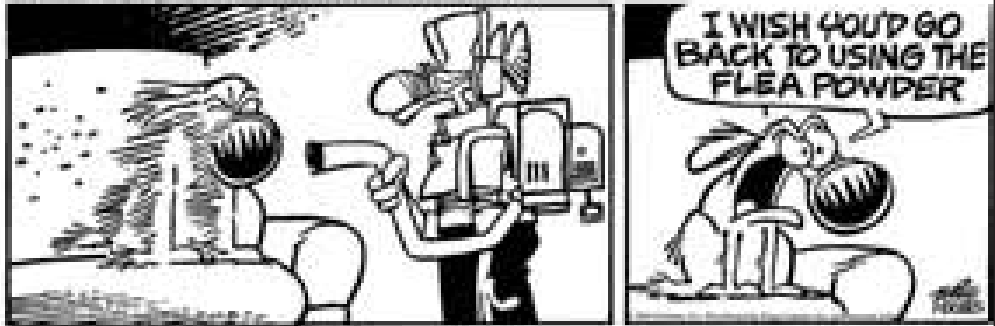
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Trump's pageant woes mount with TV and contestant drop-outs

NEW YORK (AP) — Fallout from outspoken Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's remarks about immigrants from Mexico continued to dog him Tuesday as a TV company backed by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim said it was scrapping a project in development with him and Mexico announced it won't be sending a contestant to the Miss Universe contest, which he partly owns.

Meanwhile, the backlash threatened to extend beyond Trump's media interests.

Ora TV became the latest company to cut ties with Trump over remarks he made in his recent presidential campaign kickoff speech, when he declared that some Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime to the U.S. and are rapists.

The company did not give any details about the project it had been developing with Trump. Slim holds a majority interest in Ora TV, which produces shows including "Larry King Now" and "Off the Grid with Jesse Ventura."

And a day after Televisa, the Mexican TV network that airs Miss Universe, said there would be no telecast for the next contest, Miss Mexico pageant director Lupita Jones said Mexico would boycott Miss Universe. She said Trump damaged the pageant and its tradition of convening countries for an event that showcases "friendship, unity and breaking down cultural barriers."

NBC and Spanish-language network Univision previously said they would not air the Miss USA or Miss Universe pageants.

The Miss USA pageant, set to take place July 12 in

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, also lost both its co-hosts Tuesday, with "Dancing with the Stars'" Cheryl Burke and MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts bowing out. The Miss USA pageant had no specifics on who might host in their place but said the proceedings would be live-streamed on its website.

Last week, the hosts of the Univision simulcast, Roselyn Sanchez and Cristian de la Fuente, said they wouldn't take part in the Spanish-language telecast.

Trump, though, said he's fighting back with a \$500 million lawsuit against Univision. The lawsuit claims breach of contract, defamation and First Amendment violations and says Univision turned on him because it supports Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton for president.

"We have 50 of the most lovely women you've ever seen right now in Louisiana, and they have been abandoned by NBC and abandoned by Univision," Trump said on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," adding, "They have been crushed."

In a statement, Univision called Trump's lawsuit "factually false and legally ridiculous." It said it will "continue to fight against Mr. Trump's ongoing efforts to run away from the derogatory comments he made."

By Tuesday, the aftershocks had begun to spread into another lucrative part of Trump's empire, as the Ricky Martin Foundation announced it would withdraw a golf tournament from a Trump-owned property.

The tournament, which draws professional players



and big sponsors, raises money for child advocacy and scholarships for Latino students. It was to be held Aug. 21 at the

Trump International Golf Club in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. It has been moved to the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Beach Resort.

The PGA Tour, which runs a World Golf Championship at Trump Doral near Miami, and the PGA of America, declined

to comment on whether Trump's remarks would impact their relationships with him.

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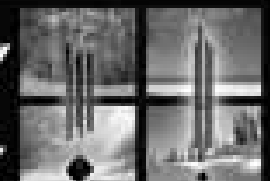


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