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Colts linebacker charged with rape

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Prosecutors have filed charges of rape, criminal confinement with bodily injury and battery resulting in bodily injury against Indianapolis Colts backup linebacker Josh McNary.

Peg McLeish, a spokeswoman in the city prosecutor's office, confirmed Wednesday that the charges were filed.

According to the probable cause affidavit, two Indianapolis police officers said a 29-year-old woman accused an unknown man they later determined to be McNary of attacking her in the early morning hours of Dec. 1.

McNary has been with the Colts for two seasons after finishing his college career as Army's career leader in sacks and tackles for loss. He had 20 tackles during the regular season and no tackles in the playoffs.

Pacquiao waiting on Mayweather

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Manny Pacquiao flew to Los Angeles on Wednesday, preparing for a meeting with contestants of the Miss Universe pageant. Whether he has an even bigger date on May 2 seems entirely up to Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Promoter Bob Arum said Pacquiao has agreed to all terms for what would be boxing's richest fight ever, a bout with Mayweather that fans have been demanding for five years.

The question now is whether the long-reluctant Mayweather will finally sign on the dotted line for what could be an astonishing \$120 million payday for the fighter who flaunts his money better than anyone.

"Your guess is as good as mine," Arum told The Associated Press. "I don't want to be antagonistic and say he's not on board and not going to sign. The representation is that he is on board with this."

"We are going to build a bully, and we're gonna see if you want to play it for 60 minutes."

— **Rex Ryan**
New Buffalo Bills coach on his coaching philosophy at his introductory press conference Wednesday in New York. Ryan spent the past six years as the New York Jets head coach before being let go earlier this month.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1978 — The Dallas Cowboys take advantage of eight Denver turnovers en route to a 27-10 victory over the Broncos in the Super Bowl.
1990 — Golden State coach Don Nelson becomes the second man in NBA history to appear in 1,000 games as a player and coach as the Warriors dropped a 144-105 decision to the Indiana Pacers. Lenny Wilkens was the first to accomplish the feat.
1994 — Ricky Watters of San Francisco scores an NFL postseason-record five touchdowns as the 49ers beat the New York Giants 44-3.

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College Football



FILE - In this Monday Jan. 12, 2015, file photo, Oregon's Marcus Mariota (8) runs against Ohio State during the first half of the NCAA college football playoff championship game in Arlington, Texas. Mariota, the Heisman Trophy winner, has declared his eligibility for the NFL draft, in an announcement on Oregon's website, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015.

Aloha Mariota

Ducks quarterback announces intent to enter NFL Draft

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota has declared his eligibility for the NFL draft.

The Ducks quarterback announced on Oregon's website on Wednesday that he would forgo his senior season. The school said he filed paperwork on Wednesday, a day before the NFL dead-

line. "I will miss being with my teammates," he said in a statement. "Being a part of this team was something special that I will always treasure."

He is expected to be a high first-round pick in the draft.

Mariota was the humble leader of Oregon's high-flying offense. The 13-2 Ducks defeated Florida State in the Rose Bowl in college football's first playoffs, but fell 42-20 to Ohio State in Monday night's national championship game.

Mariota won every major award he qualified for, starting with the Heisman Trophy, as well as AP Player of the Year and Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year. He set a conference record for most touchdowns in a single season with 58; 42 via pass, 15 on the run and a touchdown catch.

His passing touchdowns set a Pac-12 single-season record. He also set the conference's career mark for career touchdowns with 136.

He threw at least one touchdown pass in all 41 college games he played in at Oregon, starting in every one of his appearances. And he's one of just four quarterbacks in FBS history to pass for more than 10,000 yards and run for more than 2,000 in his career.

"It's been an honor to watch Marcus develop over the last four years, and I'm excited to see what his future holds," Oregon coach Mark Helfrich said in a statement. "He's given this program everything we could have asked, and he'll be the standard by which others are judged. Mahalo."

Led by Mariota, Oregon finished No. 2 in this

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NBA

Aldridge's big night not enough Clippers dump Blazers with rally

By NICK DASCHEL
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Jamal Crawford scored 25 points, DeAndre Jordan had 17 points and 18 rebounds and the Los Angeles Clippers rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Portland 100-94 on Wednesday night.

Crawford scored the go-ahead basket on a 3-pointer with 3:55 remaining as the Clippers (26-13) came back from a six-point deficit.

It was Los Angeles' second win over Portland (30-9) this season and ended the Trail Blazers' four-game winning streak.



Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, right, reaches for the ball held by Portland Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015.

Chris Paul had 23 points and 10 assists and Blake Griffin scored 18 points for the Clippers.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 37 points and 12 rebounds for Portland. Aldridge, who missed his

season high by two points, went 14 of 28 from the floor.

Damian Lillard had 15 points, while Chris Kaman had 15 points

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Preps

Knights, Mustangs prepare for showdown

Irrigon faced with fourth top-ranked foe this season

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

Competing against championship caliber basketball teams is far from uncharted territory for the Irrigon Knights.

After all, Irrigon is the defending OSAA Class 2A state champions and holds the state's best cumulative record the past two years and counting.

The frequency of such competition, however, is admittedly unusual, head coach Mitch Thompson said regarding the team's showdown with top-rated Heppner Friday night in Heppner.

"This is our fourth time playing a No. 1 team this year," the first-year coach said. "I think that's kind of unheard of."

The third-ranked Knights (11-1) will enter Friday 2-1 against top-ranked opposition. They pulled out victories over then No. 1 2A Toledo and Class 1A's best Arizona Chris-

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Preps

Bulldogs to defend OWC crown

Hermiston headlines major wrestling tournament

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The first of Oregon's three major high school wrestling championships will be decided when 16 team from each classification meet at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds for the Oregon Wres-

ting Classic starting on Friday. Defending 5A champion Hermiston brings another strong lineup into the dual format tournament, and is looking for its third-straight OWC title.

Leading the Bulldogs is 195-pound junior Sam Colbray, who enters the weekend 23-0 with three tournament wins already.

Six other Bulldogs with double-digit win totals on the season make Hermiston the clear favor-

ite in their opening pool with Silverton, St. Helens and Mountain View.

The top two teams from each pool move on to the tournament quarterfinals where they're placed into a traditional bracket.

Pendleton also will be competing in the 5A portion of the tournament, but will have a tougher road through its pool, which also contains Hillsboro, Central and

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