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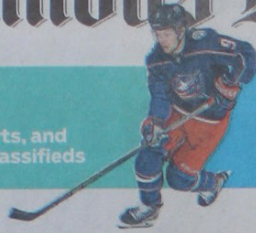
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Plenty of seats were available in the lower deck of Mapfre Stadium just before Crew SC played the New England Revolution on Saturday, April 21. (JONATHAN QUILTER/DISPATCH)

## Fans leaving first?

### Crew's relocation threat, spring weather conspire to sabotage attendance

By Andrew Erickson  
The Columbus Dispatch

Home games for Columbus Crew SC in March and April aren't pictures of paradise at Mapfre Stadium.

Fans bundle up in cold temperatures. Gray skies serve as a reminder that

winter hasn't truly ended in central Ohio. Large swaths of empty yellow seats hint at the numerous factors at play in an early season attendance dip that's more dramatic this year than most.

Through four home games, the Crew is averaging an announced

home crowd of 9,949. That figure trails only two teams: D.C. United, which played one of its two home games to date at the tiny Maryland SoccerPlex, and Los Angeles FC, which has not yet played a home game.

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## BCI backlog blamed for light sentence

By Randy Ludlow  
The Columbus Dispatch

Judge Brent Spencer was ticked when the drug-test results still had not arrived from the state lab after nearly four months.

So, nearing trial, and with

the vital piece of evidence not in hand, a man charged with two counts of possessing methamphetamine instead was allowed to plead guilty to a lesser offense carrying no hard prison time.

The Adams County Common Pleas Court judge,

a Democrat, ordered the defendant to write Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine "thanking him for the backlog" at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation that compromised his prosecution.

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## War's end a possibility for Koreans

Leaders sign accord calling for 'nuclear-free' peninsula

By Choe Sang-Hun  
The New York Times

SEOUL, South Korea — The leaders of North and South Korea agreed Friday to work to remove all nuclear weapons from the Korean Peninsula and, within the

year, pursue talks with the United States to declare an official end to the Korean War, which ravaged the peninsula from 1950 to 1953.

At a historic summit, the first time a North Korean leader had ever set foot in the South, the leaders vowed to negotiate a treaty to replace a truce that has

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**FEARS ABOUT BAD LETTUCE SUBSIDING LOCALLY**

NATION & WORLD | A3  
**HOUSE PANEL CLEARS PRESIDENT; DEMOCRATS CRY FOUL**

## Ohio State describes fraternity violations

By Jennifer Smola  
The Columbus Dispatch

Documents released by Ohio State University on Friday allege numerous violations at six of its fraternities, including a case of a student reporting he or she was drugged at a fraternity party and alcohol violations that ultimately led to some students needing medical assistance or hospitalization.

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# MORNINGSTARTERS

## Say it with flowers



Ania Norwood, left, and Aniko Kovacs create a floral interpretation of Karnak, a sculpture by Paul Feeley that is on display outside of the Columbus Museum of Art. The floral artwork was being created Thursday for the show "Art in Bloom 2018." Thirty floral designers created works to celebrate spring. The show runs through Sunday. (FRED SQUILLANTE/DISPATCH)

## Brokaw denies accusations against him

Los Angeles Times

NBC News journalist Tom Brokaw is pushing back at allegations by Linda Vester, a former network correspondent who said he sexually harassed her in the mid-1990s.

Brokaw, 78, wrote to colleagues Friday disputing the accounts of Vester, 54, who told Variety and The Washington Post that the former anchor made unwanted advances toward her.

Brokaw said Vester had a grudge against NBC News because her career stalled at the division.

Vester alleges Brokaw forcefully tried to kiss her in 1994 when she was staying at the Essex House Hotel in New York, after showing up uninvited. A similar incident occurred in May 1995, she alleges, when Brokaw appeared unannounced at her flat in London.

Vester alleges Brokaw pressured her to have a sexual relationship and that she feared reporting the incidents would hurt her career.

Brokaw's letter slammed her account.

"Linda Vester was given the run of the Washington Post and Variety to vent her grievances, to complain that I tickled her without permission (you read that right) that I invaded her hotel room, accepted an invitation to her apartment under false pretenses and in general was given a free hand to try to destroy all that I have achieved with my family, my NBC career, my writing and my citizenship," Brokaw wrote. "My NBC colleagues are bewildered that Vester, who had limited success at NBC News, a modest career at Fox and a reputation as a colleague who had trouble with the truth was suddenly the keeper of the flame of journalistic integrity."

After Vester's contract was not renewed by NBC in 1999, she worked at Fox News until 2005, when she left to raise her family.

Vester's attorney, Ari Wilkenfeld, said, "My client stands by the allegations, which speak for themselves."

## Royals dust off Louis for new prince's name

The Associated Press

LONDON — The new prince has a name — in fact three.

The infant son of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge has been named Louis Arthur Charles, Kensington Palace announced Friday.

The palace said the baby's full title is His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Cambridge.

William and Kate's third child was born Monday, a brother to 4-year-old Prince George and Princess Charlotte, who is almost 3.

Louis — pronounced LOO-ee — is fifth in line to the throne after his grandfather Prince Charles, his father and his older siblings.

The name pays tribute twice over to Prince Charles, who has Arthur as one of his middle names.

The choice also honors Louis Mountbatten, Charles' great-uncle and beloved mentor, who was killed by an Irish Republican Army bomb in 1979.

The baby is Britain's first prince Louis in more than a



Britain's Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, smile Monday as they present their newborn son — now named Louis — outside St. Mary's Hospital in London. (TIM IRELAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

century.

Mountbatten, a great-grandson of Queen Victoria, was His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenberg until 1917, when the royal family anglicized its names to avoid anti-German feeling during World War I. He became Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Britain has never had a King Louis, but France had 16 of them before the country's 1789 revolution.

Bookmakers had been doing a brisk trade in bets on the new prince's name, but Louis wasn't among the favorites. The royal couple has used it before, as one of George's middle names.

Arthur, Albert and James had been considered front-runners.

Twitter users with personal connections to the fresh prince's names offered pleas of joy.

Author J.K. Rowling's

digital publishing company Pottermore noted that the Weasley family in the Harry Potter books had members named Louis, Arthur and Charles.

"Louis Arthur Charles, you were named after three iconic Weasleys," the company tweeted.

England's Blackpool Zoo announced that a baby Bactrian camel born on the same day as Louis has been named in his honor.