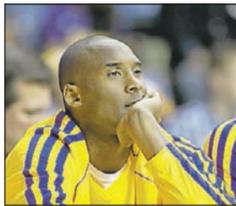




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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

HART HOLDS ON, WINS CIF TITLE



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Hart High School football players Brady White, left, and Chase White celebrate Brady White's first-half touchdown run during their CIF Northern Division Championship game against Valencia on Friday night at Valencia. A late interception in the end zone allowed Hart to hang on for a 28-21 victory and the title.

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ECONOMY

Jobless rate dips to 7%, a 5-year low

Wall Street cheers as employers add 203,000 positions

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LOS ANGELES » The nation's job market gained more steam last month as employers added 203,000 jobs, pushing the U.S. unemployment rate to a five-year low of 7 percent.

The economy has added a four-month average of 204,000 jobs from August through November, up sharply from 159,000 a month from April through July, the Labor Department reported Friday.

Friday's report also revised the two previous month's job gains. September's gain was bumped to 175,000 from 163,000, but October fell slightly to 200,000 jobs from 204,000. Those revisions boosted the total two-month gain to 8,000 jobs.

"It's good to see," said Robert Kleinhenz, chief economist with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. "This November report is much cleaner than the October report, which was influenced by the government shutdown. It shows substantial improvement in the unemployment rate and solid monthly job gains — the numbers are very much well-

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SOUTH AFRICA

Celebration of Mandela's life includes all races

By Christopher Torchia
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG » Themba Radebe spun slowly in a circle.

First he pointed his cellphone camera at a group of children chanting Nelson Mandela's name as they waved posters of the anti-apartheid champion. Then pivoting to his right, Radebe aimed his camera at a swaying group of adults who sang in Zulu while rocking and clapping.

A day after Mandela's death at 95, South Africans of all colors erupted in song, dance and tears Friday in emotional celebrations of the life of the man who bridged this country's black-white divide and helped avert a race war.

"I don't think Mr. Mandela belonged to black people," said Alex Freilingsdorf, a Toyota executive at a Soweto dealership. "He belonged to South Africa."

Freilingsdorf and other white South Africans mingled among the hundreds of blacks gathered outside a home where Mandela lived as a young lawyer in the rough and tumble Soweto township.

The mood was simultaneously celebratory and somber at the impromptu street festival where Radebe filmed scenes to share with

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PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERED

Some shipboard heroes tell of luck and tragedy

FDR was right. We couldn't forget.

The kid's name was Minter, Joe Mariani said. He couldn't remember his first name because the guys on his battleship usually called each other by their last names only. He still remembered his face, though, like it was yesterday.

"Minter saved my bacon that day. Our anti-aircraft gun had jammed, and a crew of us were sent below to hand out ammunition. A bomb hit on deck, and all hell broke loose as the ship started to list. It was so smoky below we couldn't breathe or see anything.

"There was one open hatch, and Minter pushed me through



Dennis McCarthy
Columnist

it. When I made it through, I reached down for his hand to pull him up, but it wasn't there anymore. The ship listed again. He was gone."

Seaman 2nd Class James Dewey Minter was one of 265 sailors who died that day on the USS California.

Leon Kolb was 23 and manning a forward gun turret on the USS Oklahoma the morning 429 sailors on his battleship died. It was the second-highest loss of life on a ship at Pearl Harbor. The USS Arizona lost 1,177 men.

Love, not bombs, almost got Leon killed that morning. He was trying to get back to his

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From left, George Keene, 88, of Newhall, Jack Rogo, 90, of North Hollywood, Joe Mariani, 92, formerly of Reseda and Curly Elliott, 90, of Granada Hills. The group are the last local Pearl Harbor survivors.

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