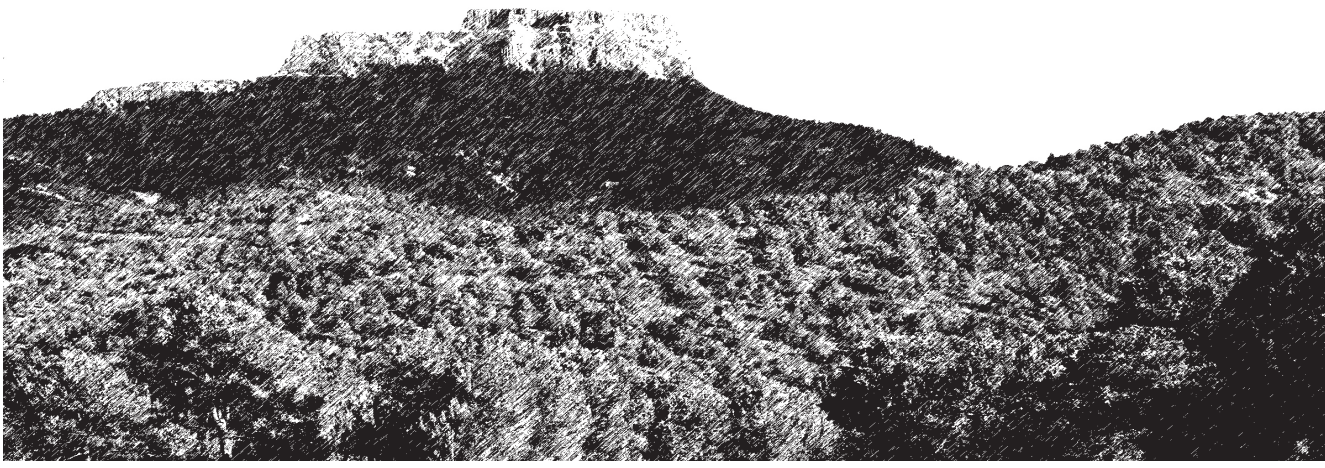


OVER THE PASS



"That one with Jim Carrey, Dumb and Dumber, both the first one and the second. When they get stuck together, that makes me laugh."

– Susan Marquez (Trinidad)



"Life with Father with William Powell. I have several favorites actually but I love that one. It was made from a memoir by Clarence Day."

– Thayla Wright, Director, Arthur Johnson Memorial Library (Raton)

TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTIONS

"What's your favorite movie for laughing out loud?"

By Tim Keller
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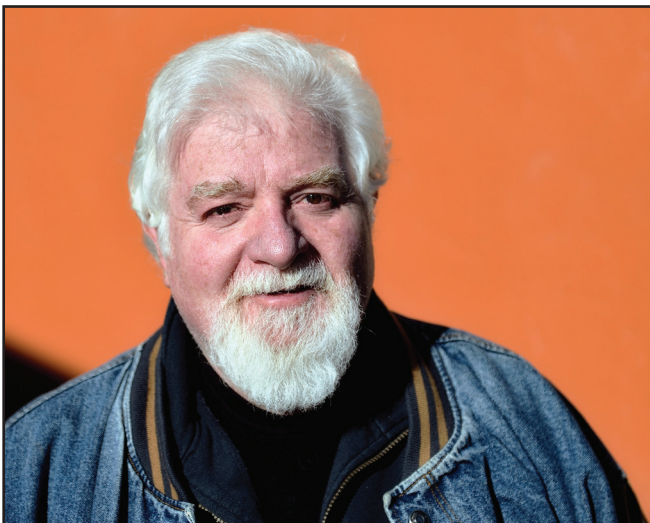
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"I like the Friday movies with Ice-T, Friday and Friday After Next. They make a comedy of the Christmas holidays, based in the 'hood. Santa Claus robs them in the second one. They're just funny."

– Kimberly Adams, photographer (Trinidad)



"The Blues Brothers still brings tears to my eyes, plus it was in Chicago. I used to spend a lot of time there. My wife and I ate at the French restaurant where John Belushi leans over a table and asks, 'How much for your women?'"

– Jim Davis, Santa Claus and SCRT volunteer (Trinidad)



"The Hangover is my favorite movie. Bradley Cooper is so cute. He's part of what I like about it."

– Ashley Atwater, RHS senior (Raton)



"Monty Python and the Holy Grail, simply because you can holler and scream as loud as you want to scenes you already know." (Laughing.)

– Brandon Kempner, English professor, NMHU, Las Vegas, NM (Raton)

FIGURE SKATING

Men's champ Rippon, Olympian Edmunds withdraw from nationals

DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Adam Rippon was warming up for practice late last week, preparing to defend his U.S. figure skating title, when a seemingly innocuous movement was met with a loud crunch.

He knew immediately that he had broken his left foot.

X-rays and an MRI exam confirmed a sprain and broken fifth metatarsal, which will keep Rippon off the ice up to three months. And that means he'll not only miss next week's nationals in Kansas City, but also the world championships in March, where he will hope his compatriots perform well enough to give the Americans three spots for the Pyeongchang Olympics.

"I hope the officials, the fans and the judges won't forget about me in the next few months," Rippon said Monday. "I feel like I made huge strides and I've been coming into my own."

The national championships also lost women's contender Polina Edmunds, a 2014 Olympian, who was hoping to compete despite a bone bruise in her right foot that has kept her out all season.

"I'm disappointed that I will miss the 2017 U.S. Championships and wish all the athletes good luck in Kansas City," the two-time silver medalist said in a statement Monday. "I will continue to focus on my health and look forward to a full return to ice."

Edmunds' decision to withdraw leaves Gracie Gold and Ashley Wagner, who have combined to win the past five titles, the heavy favorites when competition begins

next week.

Rippon's injury gives his training partner, Nathan Chen, the inside track following his bronze medal at the Grand Prix Final last month. Former champions Jason Brown and Max Aaron will also compete.

"I won't take this lying down, which is ironically what I'm doing right now," Rippon said, "but I will use this as a chance to rehab smaller injuries I've been dealing with. I can work on my flexibility. I can work on my conditioning. Only my left ankle is hurt. There's still a lot I can improve."

Rippon said his injuries won't require surgery, though he will have another round of examinations in about four weeks to see how he's healing. He plans to remain at home in Los Angeles during nationals before continuing his recovery at the U.S. training facility in Colorado Springs.

"I don't feel like I'll only come back from this. I feel like I have laser focus to be much better because of this," he said. "When I was sitting on the bench near the rink immediately after I broke my foot, my first thought was, 'This is my story. I'll be at the Olympics.'"

That happy ending might only happen if the U.S. has two men whose combined placement at worlds is 13th or better, because that would give its contingent three spots in South Korea. If only two skaters qualify, there is a good chance Rippon could be left off the team if he is not at his best in the 2018 nationals, which basically serve as the Olympic trials.

"The way I see it, I have 12 months before next year's national championships in San Jose, and then the Olympic Games," Rippon said, "and 12 months is more than enough."



AP Photo/Gerry Broome, File

In this Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, file photo, Adam Rippon performs during the men's short program in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Greensboro, N.C. Rippon broke his left foot late Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, while preparing to defend his U.S. figure skating title, an injury that could keep him off the ice for up to three months.

COLORADO HOCKEY

MacKinnon's OT goal lifts Avs over NY 2-1

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Nathan MacKinnon and the Colorado Avalanche finally got to celebrate at home.

MacKinnon scored 4:43 into overtime, and the Avalanche beat the New York Islanders 2-1 on Friday night for their first win at home in more than seven weeks.

MacKinnon also assisted on Gabriel Landeskog's first-period goal, and Calvin Pickard finished with 35 saves for Colorado.

It was the Avalanche's first home win since Nov. 15. They had lost 10 of 11 overall, with their only victory in the last four weeks coming in Chicago on Dec. 23.

"Huge relief. It's tough to get out of a streak when you're losing every game at home," coach Jared Bednar said. "We

weren't playing with a whole lot of confidence. Hopefully this builds some of that and we can string some wins together. It's been a long time, it's been tough."

The Avalanche held the Islanders in check after the last three visiting teams scored six times each at Pepsi Center. Johnny Boychuk had New York's only goal, and Thomas Greiss made 37 stops.

The Islanders had not played since Dec. 31 in Winnipeg.

"I thought we played a pretty good hockey game after the break and I thought we had chances we just didn't score on them," Islanders center John Tavares said. "Obviously an unfortunate call in overtime and those are tough to kill and then an unfortunate bounce."

With Calvin De Haan off for hooking Landeskog at 3:34 of overtime, the Avalanche took control of the puck in the New York end. Greiss stopped Jarome Iginla, but MacKinnon knocked in the rebound.

"It was a long time coming," MacKinnon said. "It's been tough at home — it's been tough in general. Wins haven't been easy to get."

Landeskog put Colorado in front 6:06 into the game and it stayed that way until Boychuk tied it on a 5-on-3 power play at 17:34 of the second.

MacKinnon ended Colorado's home futility with his 10th goal of the season.



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