

Putting the 'ew' in honeydew

Tiny bugs are raining a 'sugar water'-like substance from trees in Norfolk

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BY GORDON RAGO
Staff writer

NORFOLK — Drop after drop, mist is falling on sidewalks and streets from branches and leaves of the city's most popular tree: the crape myrtle.

Thousands of tiny insects called aphids — think small ant size and even smaller — are secreting what feels like rain, even on a sunny day. Another insect called a bark scale can do the same thing.

The liquid is the human equivalent of urine. But don't get grossed out just yet.

Called "honeydew," it can be a source of food for ants. And it poses no danger to people. In fact, most plant geeks have taken the leap and tasted it, said Chris Epes, agriculture and natural resources extension

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Peter Schultz, a retired professor of entomology at Virginia Tech, points out an aphid on a leaf of a crape myrtle Monday in Norfolk. Depending on conditions, the insects can be found on the roughly 40,000 crape myrtles planted around the city.

Chinese drywall maker agrees to \$248M settlement

175 Virginia residents part of lawsuit over toxic product

BY KIMBERLY PIERCEALL
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Thousands of people who lived in homes in the mid-2000s made with toxic Chinese drywall, in-

cluding many in Hampton Roads, may finally get some closure.

Taishan Gypsum Co., the Chinese maker of the drywall that sickened those living inside its walls, has agreed to settle the

lengthy legal case for \$248 million.

Nearly 100 million square feet of Chinese-made drywall was

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STAFF FILE

In 2009, a Norfolk distributor sent sheets of drywall to a Suffolk landfill.



ROB OSTERMAIER/STAFF

Jaquazzi Worthen gets ready for work Thursday in Virginia Beach. He is a part of the Tidewater Youth Services Commission's apartment living program, which helps teach young people to live on their own.

New life after lockup

Program helps young men as they transition from juvenile detention

BY DAVE RESS
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VIRGINIA BEACH — Two days after moving into his first apartment, Jaquazzi Worthen cinched up a necktie, slipped into

a suit provided by a local foundation and — with more than a little trepidation — was knocking on a restaurant manager's door to ask about a possible job as a dishwasher.

He got the job that day. It's not

an easy one — usually a 10-hour shift, ending at 2 a.m., scrubbing the elaborate cheese- and chocolate-encrusted settings at a fondue restaurant near the Oceanfront.

"We get a break every three hours; I don't take it — I'll eat a fast salad and get back to work because the dishes pile up,"

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GUN CONTROL, GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATES SPEAK

State's Crime Commission hears public testimony at gathering to discuss gun bills.

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NORTHAM: TRADE WAR COULD HURT VIRGINIA

Governor urges cautious approach to next budget.

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SEA(FOOD) CHANGE

Shiptown will take over LeGrand Kitchen on Colley Ave. — for a month.

FLAVOR

A t-storm in spots this afternoon

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Death threats and thrown tables: Defense lawyers often have it tough

Representing difficult clients can pose a challenge

BY SCOTT DAUGHERTY
Staff writer

The defendant wanted his attorney off his case. And to underline his point, he threw a table at the lawyer inside Western Tidewater Regional Jail while threatening to hurt him.

"He screamed that several times," defense attorney Lawrence Woodward Jr. said of the threats in court documents, recalling how he was forced to press a panic button to summon guards to help restrain his client.

But when faced with the chance to actually step aside from Adonis Perry's case, Woodward demurred. Perry was severely

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Toni Morrison, the visionary author of highly acclaimed novels such as "Beloved" and "Song of Solomon," died Monday night at a hospital in New York after a short illness, according to publisher Albert A. Knopf.

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Nobel laureate masterfully wove black experience into fabric of American lit

BY HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, a pioneer and reigning giant of modern literature whose imaginative power in "Beloved," "Song of Solomon" and other works transformed American letters by dramatizing the pursuit of freedom within the boundaries of race, has died at age 88.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced that Morrison died Monday night at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. Morrison's family issued a statement through Knopf saying she died after a brief illness.

"Toni Morrison passed away peacefully last night surrounded by family and friends," the family announced. "The consummate writer who treasured the written word, whether her own, her students or others, she read voraciously and was most at home when writing."

Few authors rose in such rapid, spectacular style. She was nearly 40 when her first novel, "The Bluest Eye," was published. By her early 60s,

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SARAH HOLM PHOTOS/STAFF

Michael Schreiber, who served in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, salutes during the presentation of colors Tuesday at the grand opening ceremony for the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at The Up Center in Virginia Beach. The clinic serves post-9/11 veterans as well as military families.

7-Eleven self-defense case remains complicated

Answers murky on whether bystanders should get involved

BY CLAIRE COLBY AND ROBYN SIDERSKY
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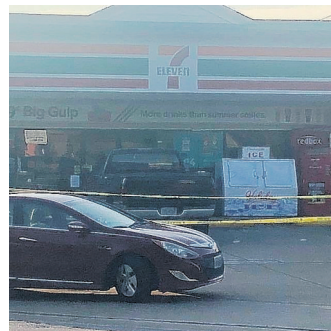
After a man shot two armed and masked men robbing a 7-Eleven in Virginia Beach last month, killing one and injuring the other, some hailed him as a hero.

But others were quick to point out that he killed someone and said he should face consequences.

"Nobody is going to shoot a gun at me and get away with it," the man said that night, according to a witness.

It raises a question many are considering at a time

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ROBYN SIDERSKY/STAFF FILE

The man who shot two armed and masked men robbing a 7-Eleven in Virginia Beach last month won't be charged.

'Filling the gap' for post-9/11 vets

Outpatient mental health clinic opens in Va. Beach

BY COURTNEY MABEUS
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VIRGINIA BEACH — When he returned from combat in Afghanistan at the end of the last decade, former Army Sgt. Kyle White knew something was off. He was

angry and found himself self-medicating.

White received the Medal of Honor in 2014 for trying to save the lives of his fellow troops, despite his own wounds and while enduring enemy fire, after they were

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Former United States Army Sgt. Kyle White, a Medal of Honor recipient, shared his struggle during Tuesday's grand opening ceremony.

Paving mad? Here's what's up with all the road work in Norfolk

BY RYAN MURPHY
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NORFOLK — If you've driven around much of the city in the past week, you've undoubtedly seen — or felt — the roadwork.

It's part of a hefty repaving push in Norfolk this month, while the weather is warm enough.

For the next four weeks, the city will be working on fully milling down, building back up and repaving the following stretches:

- St. Paul's Boulevard in downtown
- Widgeon Road near Norview
- Certain roads in Roosevelt Gardens West near Ocean View

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STEVE EARLEY/STAFF

Road work on St. Paul's Boulevard in Norfolk caused lane closures on Tuesday. Work across the city will continue for the next four weeks.

DEATH PENALTY OFF TABLE IN BILLIE KILLING

Eric Brian Brown, who has been charged in the kidnapping and death of a 19-year-old Ashanti Billie in 2017, will not face the death penalty if he is ever deemed competent to stand trial.

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A LICENSE TO SCOOT?

Electronic scooter companies could soon require contracts to operate in Virginia Beach.

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A JACKPOT OF INTERACTIVITY

The Redskins are rolling out a gambling telecast with their four preseason games.

SPORTS

Severe t-storm in afternoon

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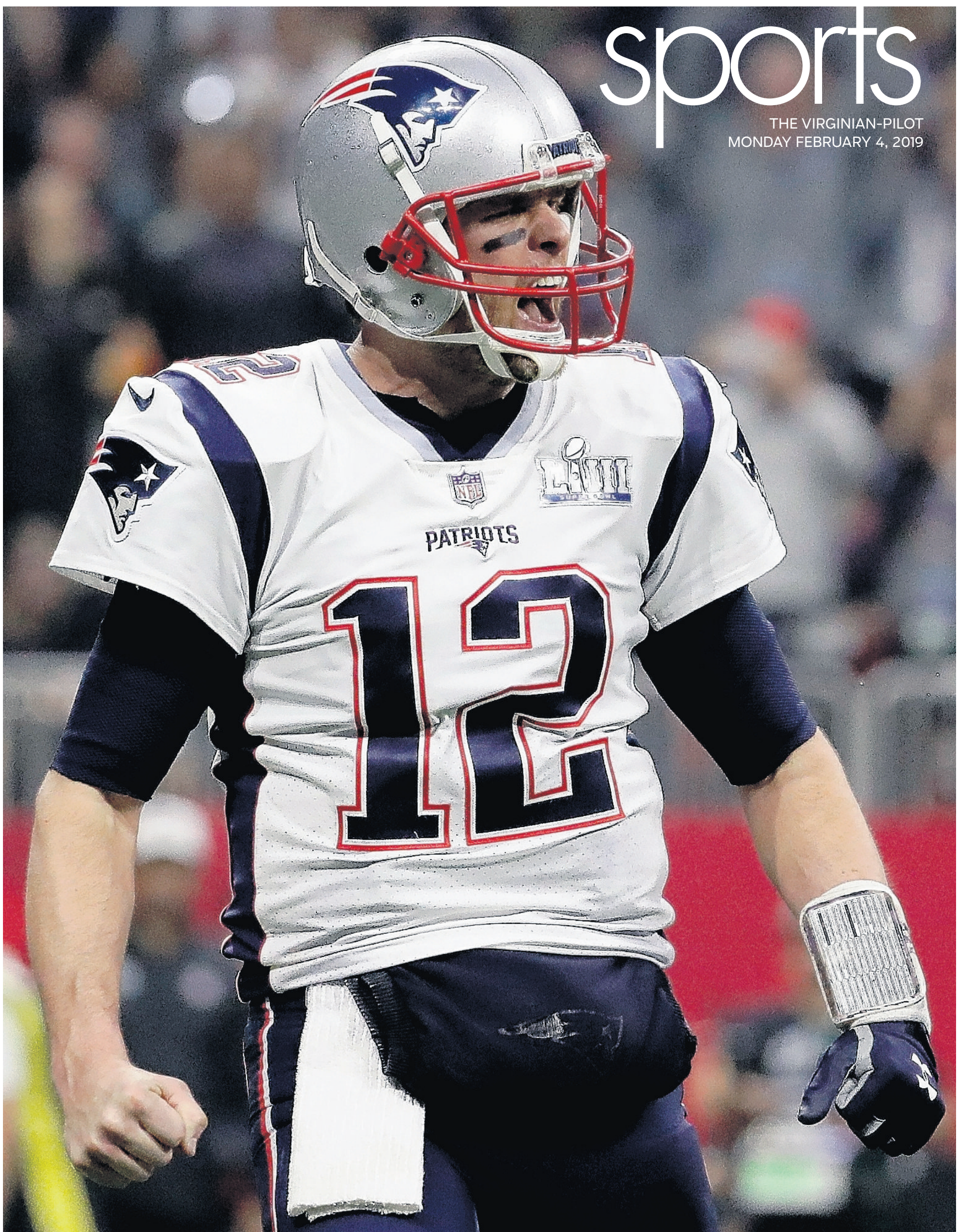
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Patriots quarterback Tom Brady celebrates the game's only touchdown during the second half Sunday. He passes Charles Haley to become the only player with six Super Bowl titles.

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SIX-CES!

Shootout never develops, but Patriots outgun Rams late for record-tying sixth NFL crown

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Defenses dominated what was supposed to be a super shootout until Tom Brady led one classic drive to win the New England Patriots their record-tying sixth Super Bowl.

Brady threw two perfect passes to Rob Gronkowski to set up rookie Sony Michel's 2-yard score — the only touchdown in the lowest-scoring Super Bowl ever. That put New England up 10-3. A late field goal clinched the win over the Rams 13-3.

In a season in which all sorts of offensive records were set, this Super Bowl rewrote the defensive record book.

"Finally got a touchdown and the defense played the best game of the year," Brady said.

No Super Bowl had gone into the

fourth quarter without a touchdown. This one did, tied 3-3 — even though these teams combined to average over 60 points a game.

When the Patriots needed a score, Brady, the oldest winning quarterback in a Super Bowl at 41, completed four straight passes, including a pair covering 47 yards to Gronkowski. The second, on which the star tight end beat two defenders, ended at the Los Angeles 2, the only time either team was inside the 20-yard line. Michel ran off left tackle for his sixth postseason touchdown.

"He knows to trust in me and throw that ball," Gronkowski said, "and I'm going to grab it."

Julian Edelman, the outstanding receiver who missed the 2017 season with a knee injury, was the game's MVP with 10 receptions for 141 yards.

With 4:17 left, All-Pro Stephon Gilmore picked off an ill-advised pass by Rams quarterback Jared Goff, who seemed overwhelmed by the big stage all night, at the New England 2.

Stephen Gostkowski made a 41-yard field goal with 1:12 remaining, completing a 72-yard march that took more than three minutes off the clock and included 26-yard runs by Michel and Rex Burkhead.

It was a workmanlike conclusion for the Patriots (14-5), whose losses all came away from New England. They beat the top two offenses in the Chiefs and Rams (15-4) in the postseason, and tied Pittsburgh for most Super Bowl titles.

The Patriots were terrific all game on defense, allowing the fewest points in a Super Bowl (tied with Dallas in 1972 against Miami).

"We're a relentless team," line-

backer Dont'a Hightower said. "We didn't give up. A lot was thrown at us. When we play like we did tonight, we can't be beat."

The Rams, who reached the NFL championship game with the aid of a major officiating error in the conference title victory at New Orleans, never really threatened to reach the end zone.

"Last time I checked, defense wins championships," Rams running back C.J. Anderson said.

At 66, Bill Belichick became the oldest winning Super Bowl coach. The Patriots beat the Rams, then representing St. Louis, to begin their dynastic run in the 2002 game. They also have beaten Carolina and Philadelphia (2004 and '05, the last repeater); the Seahawks in 2015; and the Falcons in 2017 in the only overtime in Super Bowl history.

They have lost three times, in-

cluding to Philadelphia a year ago. New England is the first team since the 1972 Dolphins to win a Super Bowl the year after losing one.

How the Patriots accomplished it was atypical. The 10-point margin was their biggest in winning a championship.

Brady, who has won four Super Bowl MVP trophies, wasn't particularly sharp — except when throwing to Edelman. He was the steadiest offensive player on the field, finishing with 10 catches for 141 yards.

"It just matters that we won," Edelman said. "It was a crazy year. We had a resilient bunch of guys."

Brady passed Charles Haley to become the only player with six Super Bowl titles.

All those suspicions about the Patriots declining this season be-