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Bears and Rams to battle for the 2018 AYFS Championship title

by T. Gasu
Samoa News Sports Correspondent

This past weekend at the Veterans Memorial Stadium, the American Youth Football of Samoa (AYFS) held its 2018 league semifinals - a double

header that concluded in favor of the defending league champs, the AYFS Bears who defeated the Steelers in a dominating 20-6 victory to seal their spot in the championship game this Saturday; and the AYFS Rams who defeated the Packers in an astounding 22-14 win.

Before everyone could enjoy the match ups, complaints from the players, referees and spectators were heard loud and clear by Samoa News as they couldn't bear the industrial smoke that hovered over the Stadium throughout the whole day of

football action – A smoke that most complaints rumored was coming from the Paramount Builders site next to the stadium, emitting a strong burning tar odor which had most players and officials coughing their heads off.

Even though this had somewhat of an affect on everyone's mood, it wasn't enough to stop the games from proceeding as players, coaches, and officials of AYFS toughed it out to continue with the scheduled match ups, with the hopes that EPA or someone could do something about it.

AYFS BEARS 20 – AYFS STEELERS 6

The opening match up of the day started with an aggressive defensive start for the Bears, as they were the ones who provided the defending champions with the first six points of the match

1:48 in the opening quarter of play, and the Steelers offense were playing a third down possession from their own 25 yard line.

A play that went sour for the Steelers when an inside hand off to Coriander Sofeni was fumbled after he was hit hard by Xavier Aviu at the line of scrimmage. The live ball was immediately picked up by Prodieus Lutu-Fuga and he stormed out to the end zone to score the opening touchdown for the Bears early in the ball game.

The two point conversion was a pitch play out to Marcus Samia who broke two tackles on his way to crossing the goal line to give the Bears an 8 point lead.

Bears Quarterback Vaifanua Peko-Vai had two huge carries that helped the Bears in their second end zone appearance of the first half.

7:24 in the second quarter of play and Peko-Vai who couldn't find an open receiver, managed to tuck and run with the ball, gaining numerous yards on two good carries which helped his offense with a threatening down inside the red zone.

From the Steelers 5 yard line, Peko-Vai was able to pitch it out to Marcus Samia for a 5 yard touchdown reception.

The Steelers offense couldn't bear the harsh defensive strategy by the Bears. They couldn't even get things going into the second half of play.

The Bears' offensive unit on the other hand were still unveiling their passing game, a strategy that played well for

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Joseph Nanai is met immediately in the backfield for a sack by a host of Bears defenders during the opening half of their semi-final match up last Saturday. The Bears won 20-6.

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UNC-Greensboro forward Marvin Smith (1) shoots over East Tennessee State center Peter Jurkin (5) in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game for the Southern Conference tournament championship on Monday, March 5, 2018, in Asheville, N.C.

(AP Photo/Kathy Kmonicek)

UNC Greensboro smothers ETSU to win SoCon title 62-47

By STEVE REED, AP Sports Writer

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — When 6-foot-9 forward Jordy Kuiper was in high school, his coach would make him run "suicide" sprints if he took a shot outside the lane.

That changed when Kuiper arrived at UNC Greensboro, where coaches began working on his jumper.

"They told me by the time I was a senior I would be able to knock down big shots," Kuiper said.

Kuiper did just that on Monday night, scoring 11 of his 13 points in the second half to help UNC Greensboro defeat East Tennessee State 62-47 to win the Southern Conference championship and earn its first NCAA Tournament berth since 2001.

Demetrius Troy added 13 points, and James Dickey III dominated the paint in the second half. He finished with nine points, eight rebounds and five blocks for the Spartans, who avenged last year's championship game loss to ETSU.

The Spartans broke open a tie game at halftime behind Kuiper, as the lefty knocked down a pair of 3-pointers to spark a 9-0 run. The Buccaneers went nearly eight minutes without a field goal to open the second half and never recovered.

Kuiper scored off an offensive rebound with 4:40 left to give the Spartans their first

double-digit lead. Troy added the dagger with 1:30 left when he buried a 3-pointer from the left wing to stretch the lead to 14.

UNCG held ETSU to 30.6 percent shooting.

The Buccaneers made just 3 of 16 shots from beyond the arc and went nearly eight minutes without a field goal to start the second half.

"You have to give Greensboro the credit. We just couldn't get it going offensively," ETSU coach Steve Forbes said. "They took us out of our rhythm. When we did get to the basket we just couldn't finish."

That defense allowed UNCG (27-7) to prevail despite a poor shooting night from leading scorer and tournament MVP Francis Alonso, who was held to six points on 2-of-11 shooting.

BIG PICTURE

ETSU: The Buccaneers need to find some offense next year after struggling in the championship game from the field, particularly from beyond the arc.

UNCG: The Spartans have some skill players, but a lack of overall size and depth could hurt them in the NCAA Tournament.

INCENTIVE

As painful as it was, UNCG coach Wes Miller kept last year's runner-up trophy on display in his office so his players could see it every time they came in for a visit.

"It motivated us," Miller said.

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As Serena Williams returns, Venus says her game hasn't left



Serena Williams of the United States reacts as a call goes against her and to opponent Zhang Shuai of China during the Tie Break Tens tournament at Madison Square Garden, Monday, March 5, 2018 in New York. Zhang defeated Williams to advance to the final round in the tournament but was defeated by Elina Svitolina. The Tie Break Tens' New York event is a one-day day exhibition tournament featuring eight female players competing for a \$250,000 winner's prize.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

**By BRIAN MAHONEY, AP
Sports Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Venus Williams gave a scouting report on her warmup partner that sounded the same as always.

Serena Williams is back, and her game hasn't left.

"She's got power, depth. She knows how to play," Venus said. "Yeah, awesome game."

The Williams sisters were the headliners Monday night in the Tie Break Tens tournament in Madison Square Garden, an eight-woman event in which all matches were 10-point tie-breakers, instead of the usual games and sets.

Serena won her first match but lost in the semifinals. Elina Svitolina of Ukraine dominated the event, winning 17 straight points during victories over Venus and CoCo Vandeweghe before defeating China's Zhang Shuai 10-3 to win \$250,000.

Serena was playing singles for the first time this year as she prepares to return to the WTA Tour for the first time since giving birth to her daughter, Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr., on Sept. 1. The 23-time Grand Slam singles champion would later tell Vogue Magazine in an interview that she developed several small blood clots in her lungs after giving birth.

She had played just once this year, losing a Fed Cup doubles match with Venus last month, and hasn't played a singles match on tour since winning the 2017 Australian Open, where she beat Venus in the final.

Serena won her first match against Marion Bartoli of France, the former Wimbledon champion who is ending a 4 1/2-year retirement, but lost 13-11

to Zhang in the semifinals. She said she was having fun playing again and was excited for the future.

"I think everyone should have high expectations," Williams said in an on-court interview after her loss. "You should always believe in yourself even if no one else does."

Her coach certainly does. With Serena returning this week in Indian Wells, California, Patrick Mouratoglou told WTATennis.com he had high expectations for the three remaining Grand Slam tournaments this season. He said he sees the same determination in practice, but wouldn't know if being a mother had changed her until he saw her competing.

Venus already knows what to expect.

"I mean, the matches are definitely a good way to know where you are, but obviously she knows how to play," the 37-year-old Venus said. "She's going to bring that instinct on the court with her, so I don't think she's too worried about that."

Tie Break Tens held its first tournament in the U.S. after five events in Europe and Australia. The remainder of the field included Sorana Cirstea of Romania and Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia, who retired last year.

Svitolina, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 4, continued her strong play to start the season after a winning a tour-high five titles in 2017. The winner of two tournaments already this year, she won the last seven points to break away from a 3-3 tie against Venus, then swept Vandeweghe 10-0.

"Of course, winning the first tournament of the year was a great start for me," Svitolina said. "It's always tough to transfer the work we do in the offseason, so this was a good sign that I'm moving the right way and I'm very, very happy that I played good tennis throughout the beginning of the year and just from here I can go only up."

Vandeweghe, a New York native, jumped at the chance to play at MSG. Her grandfather, Ernie, and uncle Kiki, now an NBA executive, both played for the New York Knicks.

"I didn't have to think too long," he said. "Once I was asked by my coach, Pat (Cash), if I was going to be available around that time, I said, 'Yeah, I'll make myself available.' So it didn't take much thinking."

She was on the U.S. team in last month's victory over the Netherlands in North Carolina and enjoys seeing both Williams sisters still playing well. Venus reached two Grand Slam finals in 2017 and returned to the top five of the rankings.

She competed Monday night just a few days after the 20th anniversary of her first WTA Tour title in Oklahoma City as a 17-year-old. Many players have taken up the sport in years since because of the Williams sisters, and Venus hoped more might be interested in this format since they were.

"If that's the result, yeah, that would be great," she said. "I hope that is the result, that this is a lot of excitement and more people start playing. It's a great sport. The sport is great for everyone of all ages."



Vaifanua Peko-Vai of the Bears at the sidelines, and storming towards the end zone. He was brought down shy of the goal line, but carried this one for a huge gain for the Bears in their win against the Steelers to secure them a spot in the championship game this Saturday. Peko-Vai helped the Bears in a 20-6 victory over the Steelers.

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The Rams offensive unit readying to snap the ball against the Packers defense during the second half of their semi-final match last Saturday. The Ram defeated the Packers 22-14.

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DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer

Mooney, S. Dakota beat Denver, advance to Summit title game

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)

— Matt Mooney scored 20 points on 8-of-10 shooting to help No. 2 seed South Dakota beat third-seeded Denver 76-58 on Monday night in the Summit League Tournament semifinals.

The Coyotes, who have won nine of their last 10 games since an 84-68 loss at Denver on Jan. 27, will play top-seeded South Dakota State in Tuesday's championship game. South Dakota (26-7) split its regular-season series with the Jackrabbits, handing South Dakota State its only conference loss of

the season.

A win in the title game would clinch South Dakota's first NCAA Tournament berth and tie the Coyotes' single-season record for wins.

Ade Murkey's jumper about five minutes in gave Denver (15-15) a 5-4 lead, but Mooney answered with a jumper and Triston Simpson followed with a layup and then a 3-pointer to spark a 22-4 run over the next six-plus minutes and South Dakota led by double figures the rest of the way.

Norfolk State beats Maryland-Eastern Shore 78-68

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Steven Whitley had 16 points, nine rebounds and seven assists Monday night and No. 5 seed Norfolk State beat 12th-seeded Maryland-Eastern Shore 78-68 in the first round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament.

The Spartans (14-18) advanced to face No. 4 seed North Carolina A&T in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

Eastern Shore (7-25) had a late rally with nine straight

points to close the deficit to 70-60, but the Spartans answered with five quick points and kept the lead in double digits.

Norfolk State opened the game on a 14-3 run and led by at least nine until Eastern Shore went on a 9-3 run to close to 32-27 with 1:12 left in the half. But the Spartans closed with the final five points of the half and, before the midpoint of the second half, had a 15-4 run to pull away to a 57-39 lead.



Memphis Grizzlies forward Dillon Brooks (24) drives around San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili (20) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, March 5, 2018, in San Antonio.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

Tony Parker propels Spurs past Grizzlies 100-98

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ, Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs leaned on their championship pedigree, and Tony Parker turned back the clock.

Parker had 23 points, sparking San Antonio to a needed 100-98 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night before embarking on a difficult road trip.

Parker, the Spurs' starting point guard since his rookie season in 2001, was supplanted by second-year player Dejounte Murray earlier this season. The 17-year veteran responded to an increased workload in the fourth quarter by scoring eight points in eight minutes.

"He was great tonight for us," Spurs veteran Danny Green said. "Tony was his old self, got a little rhythm going. We got him open, had some screens (and) we got some defensive stops, which we were able to get our pace going. He found his mid-range and started knocking them down, put a lot of pressure on them. We needed it. It was big tonight."

Green had 14 points and Davis Bertans added 17 points for San Antonio, which snapped a four-game losing streak at home.

The Grizzlies had lost 14 straight, but the Spurs' recent skid has had a greater impact on the Western Conference playoff picture. San Antonio had dropped eight of 10 and fallen from third to sixth in the crowded West, putting them at risk of missing the postseason for the first time in 21 years.

The Spurs moved up to fifth place ahead of Minnesota with the victory.

San Antonio needed the victory considering its next three games are at Golden State, Oklahoma City and Houston.

The Spurs were thrown into this dilemma after losing two straight at home by blowing a lead in the final two minutes of each game.

LaMarcus Aldridge returned after spraining his right ankle in the first half against New Orleans and missing the following game against the Los Angeles Lakers. Aldridge's absence contributed to San Antonio blowing a 15-point lead against the Pelicans and a 17-point lead to the Lakers.

Grizzlies center Marc Gasol, who finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds, did scare the crowd by draining a 3-pointer and then banking in jumper with 0.3 seconds remaining to cut the Spurs lead to 100-98. Gasol pleading for a foul,

but none was given as San Antonio inbounded the ball to close out the win.

"In the fourth quarter we played a little bit better defense than we have, but we still make it tough on ourselves," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "But we got the win, and that's what matters."

The championship reserve squad of subs Parker, Green and Manu Ginobili prevented another crushing last-minute loss.

"Tony, you could see he had a couple of days off," Bertans said. "He did what he does, he got some shots going."

Parker's 11 points in the first quarter were the most he's scored in any quarter this season, and Green's 3-pointer at the close of the first half erased an eight-point deficit and gave the Spurs a 47-45 lead.

Memphis rookie Dillon Brooks finished with 21 points, one off his season high.

TIP-INS

Grizzlies: Gasol and Deyonta Davis both played after being listed as questionable with left ankle injuries. ... JaMychal Green had 14 points and 15 rebounds.

Spurs: ... Danny Green is the only guard with 50-plus steals and 50-plus blocks in the last six seasons. The only other players to achieve that feat are Detroit's Anthony Davis and New Orleans teammates Anthony Davis and DeMarcus Cousins.

INJURY REPORT

Parker said he does not expect Pau Gasol to play against Golden State on Thursday after the Spurs starting center injured his shoulder late against Memphis.

"Maybe, he said it's pretty bad, so I'm just assuming that we're going to lose him," Parker said.

BROTHERLY LOVE

The Gasol brothers prepared to battle under the boards by competing at darts at Pau Gasol's home Sunday night. Marc Gasol lost the contest by a bull's eye.

"He had the home board advantage," Marc Gasol said. "He plays all the time. I have two kids and I don't get to play darts. He doesn't have any kids. He has no kids. And he cheats. He gave me the weighted darts."

UP NEXT

Grizzlies: Visit Chicago on Wednesday night. Spurs: Visit Golden State on Thursday night.

IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)





Sam Mikaele breaking a tackle by Alfred Maiava just before he broke out to the open field to score his first touchdown of the game in the final quarter of play. Mikaele helped the Rams in their 22-14 win against the Packers.

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Love, Wright St. beat Milwaukee in Horizon League semifinals

DETROIT (AP) — Freshman Loudon Love scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds — his 13th double-double — to help second-seeded Wright State beat No. 6 seed Milwaukee 59-53 in the Horizon League Tournament semifinals on Monday night.

The Raiders (24-9), who set the program's D-I record for wins in a season, will play No. 8 seed Cleveland State for the championship and an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament on Tuesday.

Love scored the first four points, and Parker Ernsthausen added five more, in a 17-4 run

that spanned halftime and gave Wright State a 35-27 lead with 12 minutes to play. Milwaukee (16-16) made just 2 of 15 from the field during that span and trailed the rest of the way. Jeremiah Bell's layup pulled the Panthers within three points with 1:48 to play, but the Raiders made 11 of 12 from the free-throw line from there to seal it. Bell led Milwaukee with 22 points, including five 3-pointers, and Brock Stull scored 13. Bryce Nze grabbed 15 rebounds to set the program's single-season record with 280, breaking Matt Tiby's mark of 272 set in 2015-16.



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Bears...

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them in opportunities for their running game, after Marcus Samia had two huge carries to bring the Bears back to the red zone in the final quarter of the match.

6:50 remaining in the ball game, and the Bears were knocking at the door again from within the red zone. A first and goal for the Bears and Peko-Vai sends Ieti Ga'opoa straight up the middle for their third touchdown of the match, extending their lead by 20 points.

The two point play was a field goal conversion by Peko-Vai which was far right of the goal posts. With just 10 second remaining in the ball game, the Steelers fought their way back into the red zone after some good ball work adjustments between Coriander Sofeni and Joseph Nanai. Coming in from a time out, Offensive Coordinator Shawn Togia engineered just the right play to claim their first six points of the match after Joseph Nanai pump faked to his receiver and decided to tuck and run with the ball to the far side of the field, crossing the goal line and scoring their first touchdown of the match.

The two point conversion was a reverse pass to Nanai that was denied by the Bears' vicious defense, as they claimed victory again and remaining the only undefeated team in the league with a 20 - 6 victory.

AYFS RAMS 22 – AYFS PACKERS 14

The Packers defensive unit gave the Rams a run for their money as both teams had a hard time getting off the ball in the opening quarter of the match. The Rams who made some adjustments midway in the first quarter managed to spot the Packers inside the end zone for a safety after Wylan Faga who carried the rock for the Packers was forced back into the end zone by three Ram defenders and spotted a safety that gave the Rams the early two point lead.

Not too long after receiving the safety kick off from the Packers, the Rams immediately went to the ground game with Sam Mikaele, spotting them another first down opportunity on the Packers 35 yard line.

From there, the Rams brought in their 'Boom Bullet' Sacrie Latu who got the hand off from quarterback Taiese Saofaigaalii and stormed straight through the middle, breaking tackles and speeding out to the end zone for the Rams first touchdown of the game.

The two point attempt was an inside hand off to Mikaele who

rammed his way past the goal line and sealed their 10 point lead in the opening quarter of the match.

It was a tough defensive hold from both teams, but it wasn't until the third quarter that the Rams caught the Packers slipping again when their 'Boom Bullet' was allowed another chance for a carry.

8:22 into the third quarter, and the Rams who were playing a third down possession from their own 20 yard line, managed to send Latu straight up the middle and out to the open field for an 80 yard run for a Rams touchdown, Latu's second touchdown carry of the day.

The two point conversion hand off to Mikaele was denied by Wylan Faga and a host of Packers defenders just shy of the goal line.

Just when the Rams were fired up with a 16 point lead, the Packers decided to water out the flames and silenced the Rams sideline with an astounding carry by Faga.

7:22 still in the third quarter and the Packers who were playing a third and long possession from midfield, managed to go to the ground game on third down after two incomplete passes from Alfred Maiava, they decided to send Faga straight up the middle with the rock, as Faga broke two tackles on his way to scoring the Packers first touchdown of the game.

The two point conversion was a quarterback keeper by Maiava which was good enough to bring the Packers to trail the Rams 8-16.

3:33 still in the third quarter, the Packers decide to stick to their running game again, which was the only thing that seemed to work for them. Packers second down from their own 38 yard line and they managed to go with Paptea Timo, a sweep play to Timo as he side stepped his way towards the sidelines and out to the open field for the Packers second touchdown of the game.

The two point attempt was denied by the Rams as the Packers came back to trail by two points 14-16.

Just when the Packers started to get their favorable rhythm in place, the Rams bursted out with a huge offensive play, with just 7:22 remaining in the ball game. Rams first down from the Packers 20 yard line, and Saofaigaalii gave the hand off to Mikaele who broke two tackles on his way to the end zone to score the final touchdown of the game, securing their 22-14 victory and a spot in the championship game against the Bears this Saturday.



The Rams 'Boom Bullet' Sacrie Latu protecting the ball and storming through midfield for his second touchdown of the game in the opening half of play. Latu led the Rams in their 22-14 victory over the Packers.

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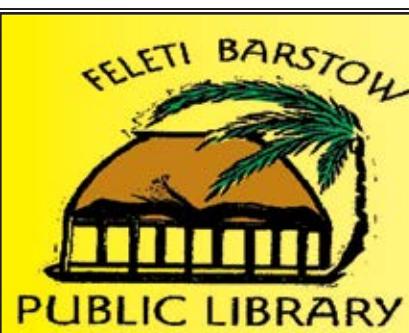
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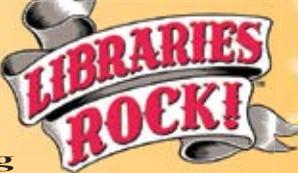
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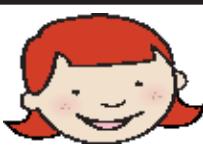


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St. Patrick

St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. He was taken there as a slave when he was a teenager.

After he returned to his home in Britain, he believed he was called to go back to Ireland and spread Christianity.

Irish folklore

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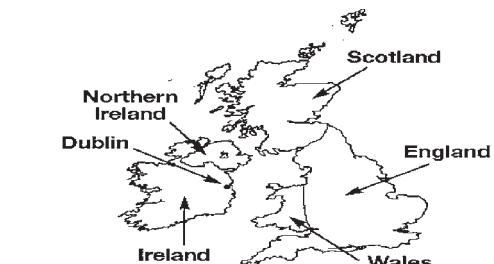
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More about Ireland

The Republic of Ireland is an island country in Europe. It shares the island with Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom.

Ireland is also known as the Emerald Isle because of its lush green hills and fields.

A long history

Experts believe Ireland has been inhabited by people for more than 8,000 years. Many of the traditions that are still honored in Ireland began with some of these early people.

The Celtic harp

In the 1500s, King Henry VIII added the image of a harp to the currency, or money, of Ireland. Since then, the Celtic harp has been a symbol of that country.



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Today, all Irish currency has the Celtic harp on it. "Eire" (AIR-uh) is the Irish word for "Ireland."



Resources

On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPleprechauns

At the library:

- "Leprechauns and Irish Folklore" by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce

Mini Jokes



Patrick: Why do leprechauns like dollar bills better than coins?
Patricia: Because they're green!

Eco Note



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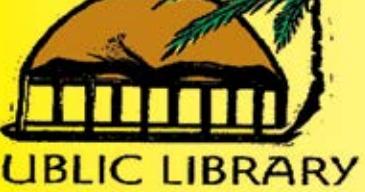
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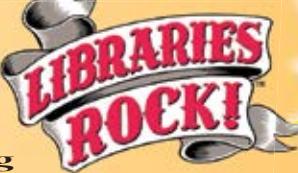


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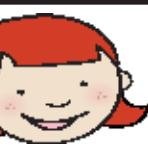


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Looking for a Leprechaun

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, is a national holiday in Ireland. It celebrates one of that country's special saints.

It is not a national holiday in the United States, but many Americans celebrate anyway. Even people who have no Irish ancestors like to pretend they're Irish for a day!

St. Patrick

St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. He was taken there as a slave when he was a teenager.

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of leprechauns are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

CELEBRATE,
CURRENCY, ELF,
FAIRY, FOLKLORE,
LEPRECHAUN, MAGIC,
MISCHIEF, MISERLY,
MISSIONARY, MUSIC,
MYSTERY, PATRICK,
SAINT, SHOEMAKERS,
SYMBOL, TRADITION.

C	E	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	F	A	I	R	Y
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A	Y	C	N	E	R	R	U	C	S	Y	M	B	O	L
S	W	D	B	M	I	S	E	R	L	Y	K	D	L	J



- 1 clove garlic, minced
• 1 1/2 cups beef broth
• salt and pepper
• water

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.



Cook's Corner

Easy Irish Stew

You'll need:

- 2 pounds beef stew meat, cubed
- 1 medium onion, peeled and sliced
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 4 carrots, sliced

What to do:

1. Place all ingredients except water in a slow cooker.
2. Cover and cook on HIGH for 4 hours. Stir every hour. Check during cooking to see if water is needed. Serves 6.



1. Of the color that is between blue and yellow (5 letter adj)
2. A small plant with large flower leaflets (6 letter noun)
3. Something believed to bring good luck (5 letter noun)
4. An arc of colors that appears in the sky (7 letter noun)

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by Jan and Carey Orr Cook
DIRECTIONS: Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blank.
Answers: Green, Clover, Rainbow

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Leai ni tuuga fautasi mo le fu'a o lenei tausaga

tusia Ausage Fausia

Ole tulaga tau fa'asoasoa i le tamaoaiga o le malo, atoa ai ma le naunau e ave le fa'amuamua i fesoasoani mo aiga na pagatia i le 'afa o Gita na pagatia ai le atunu'u i le masina na te'a nei, o ni isi ia o mafua'aga ua mafua ai ona faia le fa'aiuga, o le a leai ni tuuga fautasi mo le fu'a o lenei tausaga.

E le gata i le taofia o tuuga fautasi, ae ua tasi fo'i le finagalo o le Komiti o le Fu'a, i lalo o se fautuaga mai le afioaga i le ali'i Kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga, o le a taofia uma atu ai ma isi uma polokalame fa'aalu tupe sa masani ona fa'atinoina i le taimi o le sisiga fu'a i tausaga ta'itasi, e pei o le ta'amilosaga o Kirikiti Fa'asamo, faapea ai ma Fusuaga Fa'avaomalo i le va o le au fusu mai Samoa ma Amerika Samoa nei.

I se fonotaga faapitoa a le Komiti o le Fu'a ma Kapeteni o fautasi uma i le atunu'u i le aso Faraile o le vайасо na te'a nei, na fa'amautuina ai loa lenei fuafuaga.

O le afioaga i le Maoputasi ia Mauga Tasi Asuega, o le isi lea Ta'ita'ifono o le Komiti o le Fu'a na fai ma sui o le Komiti e fa'alauiloa le fa'aiuga.

Saunoa Mauga e fa'apea, ua a'e se finagalo o le ali'i Kovana o le malo, ina ia fa'asao tupe fa'aalu a le malo i lenei taimi, ae ave le fa'amuamua e fesoasoani ai aiga na mafatia i le 'afa, atoa ai ma le tau toe fa'aleleia o meatotino a le malo sa fa'aleagaina i le malosi o le matagi.

"Ua tatou molimauna tulaga pagatia ua i ai le tamaoaiga o si o tatou atunu, ma ua manatu ai le Kovana ma le Komiti, o le a taofia tuuga fautasi mo le fu'a o lenei tausaga, atoa atu ai ma isi uma faagaioiga fa'aalu tupe e pei o kirikiti Faasamo ma fusuaga, ina ia faasao mai ai le tupe e fa'atino ai fuafuaga taua a le malo", o le saunoaga lea a Mauga.

Sa ia taua fo'i le i ai o se manatu e fa'ataunu'ua pea tuuga fautasi, ae ave le avanoa i fanau aoga latou te 'aloia Sa a afioaga ta'itasi, peita'i ua toe taofia lea fuafuaga, ona o le fautuaga mai le Fa'atonusili o Aoga a le malo, i le le lava lea

o aso e tapena ai fanau aoga mo suega faai'u o lenei tausaga.

Pau polokalame o le fu'a o lo o fa'amoemoe e fa'ataunu'uina pea, o le sauniga lotu ma le sisiina o le fu'a, atoa ai ma fa'afiafiaga i pese ma siva fa'asamoa.

O loo tumau pea le i ai o le valaaulia mai Samoa, e pei ona i ai le afioaga e tasi ua filifilia e le alii Palemia e fai ma sui o Samoa, atoa ai ma aoga e tolua filifilia i totolu o le atunu'u latou te fa'atinoina fa'afiafiaga. O ia aoga e aofia ai Fagaitua, Malisi Fa'asao, faapea ai le Kolisi Tuufaatasi.

Na lagolagoina e le afioaga i le Maopu ia Soliai T. Fuimaono le finagalo o Mauga ma le Komiti o le Fu'a, ina ia taofia tuuga fautasi o lenei tausaga, ona o tulaga pagatia e pei ona tula'i mai.

Saunoa Soliai e fa'apea, ua uma ona tasi le finagalo o le afioaga o Nuuuli, e le tausinio ana Sa e 2 o le Manulele Tausala 1 & 2 pe ana faapea e taunu se tuuga fautasi o lenei tausaga, ae talu ai o lea ua folasia le finagalo o le Komiti, ua lagolagoina fo'i e le latou afioaga.

Saunoa le sui o le Sa o le Matasaua mai Manu'a, tofa Malaepule Saite Moliga e fa'apea, afai o le finagalo lea o le Kovana ia taofia tuuga fautasi, sa tatau fo'i la ona taofia uma isi fa'afiafiaga e alu ai tupe e pei o pese ma siva.

Na faailoa e Malaepule e fa'apea, soo se sisigafu'a lava, o tuuga fautasi, o le i'oimata lea o polokalame o le fu'a, ona o iina o loo taoto i ai lagona fiafia o le atunu'u e tulimata'i i ai la latou silasila i le taimi o faigamea i le tai.

Na toe saunoa Mauga e fa'apea, sa toe fesoottai le Komiti o le Fu'a i le ali'i Palemia, ia Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, e logo i ai le fuafuaga ua faia, e taofia uma polokalame fa'afiafa o le fu'a, peita'i na fa'ailoa mai e le Palemia, ua mae'a ona tapena le afioaga mai Samoa ua lautogia mo le pese ma le siva, ma o le mafua'aga lena ua toe fa'auau ai loa fa'afiafiaga i pese ma siva.

I le fa'aiuga o le fonotaga, na lagolagoina uma ai e sui o isi Sa uma sa auai le finagalo o le Komiti, ina ia taofia tuuga fautasi mo le fu'a o lenei tausaga.



Sui o le Komiti o le Fu'a ma sui o Kapeteni o fautasi i le fonotaga sa faia i le vайасо na te'a nei, e fa'alauiloa aloaia ai le leai o ni tuuga fautasi mo le fu'a o lenei tausaga.

[ata AF]



O se toe fa'atasiga lenei a totino po'o tama ma teine tuai a le Kolisi o Samoa, o i latou na fa'au'u mai lea a'oga i le tausaga 1975 Form 6. Ua loa tausaga o tautua le to'atolu i Amerika Samoa, Nancy Tupai Kupa i le ASPA, Tolofua Uaealesi Leavaula i le Tax Office ma Leua Aiono Frost i le Samoa News. Peita'i 1980-81 sa faigaluega fa'atasi ai ma Rev Alan Wendt - General Secretary a le CCJS Aoao i Wellington Niu Sila i le Samoa News ao pulea ma fa'atautaia e le ali'i US Marine Jake P. King ma le faletua Rowena Niua Johnson - King. Ua fa'afetaia ua toe maua se avanoa e feiloa'i ai, sa malaga mai le susuga le Faife'au i le fa'aulufaleina o le Malumalu tele i Fagatogo i le aso Faraile na te'a nei.

[ata: LF]



O leva'aiga i le tama'ita'i sa i ai maileamataga o le Polokalama SPED, Mrs Atalina Coffin [ogatotonu pito i tua] ma faia'oga ae maise o le fanau a'oga a le SPED i le latou masina fa'apitoa lenei o Mati ua tatala aloaia. O le a asia e i latou le Gov. Tauese PF Sunia i Utulei.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Faamanino Komesina le autu o le osofaiga a Leoleo i Petesa

tusia Ausage Fausia

Ile tele ai o finagalo eseese o le atunu'u e fa'ataua i le osofaiga a Leoleo lea na faia i Petesa i le aoauli o le aso Tofi o le vaiaso na te'a nei, ma tapunia ai se vaega o le auala e aofia ai ma le aveesea fa'amalosi o fanau ma faiaga mai le aoga tulaga muamua a Tafuna, na maua ai le avanoa o le afioga i le Komesina o Leoleo e fa'amanino ai le autu o lea osofaiga.

Na fa'amanino e le tofa Le'i Sonny Thompson i sana imeli i le Samoa News i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso na te'a nei e fa'apea, o le autu o le osofaiga a Leoleo, o le fa'ataunu'uina lea o se poloaga na sainia e le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga, e mafua mai i le mataupu o lo o molia ai se alii i le faaoollima i le tulaga muamua, taumafai e faaoo le oti i se tagata i le tulaga muamua, fa'aoga fa'asolitulafono o a'upega, atoa ai ma le umia o se a'upega e fa'asaina i Amerika Samoa.

Na fa'amanino atili e Le'i i le Samoa News e fa'apea, e leai ni fana na fa'apapa i le taimi o le osofaiga a Leoleo.

E leai se isi fa'amatalaga auiliili na tuuina mai e le Komesina e uiga i lenei mataupu.

E tele fesili na tuuina atu e le Samoa News i le ali'i Komesina e tusa ai o le osofaiga a Leoleo, peita'i e le tali mai ai o ia.

Sa fesiligia le Komesina pe na maua e Leoleo i le latou osofaiga ni a'upega poo ni fualau fa'asaina. Sa fesiligia pe sa i ai se tagata poo ni tagata na taofia mai le osofaiga. Ae pe fa'amata o le osofaiga fo'i lea e fesooota'i ma le mataupu lea o lo o tu'uaia ai ni ali'i se to'alua i le tafanina lea o se ta'avale a Leoleo i le masina o Tesema o le tausaga na te'a nei i tua o le lotoa a le Ofisa o Fesoootaiga a Amerika Samoa (ASTCA) i Tafuna.

E eseese lagona na fa'aalia e le atunu'u e tusa ai o le osofaiga a Leoleo i le vaiaso na te'a nei. O ni isi sa latou fa'aalia lagona le fiafia ma le fa'asea i le auala na fa'atauaia ai e Leoleo le osofaiga, ae o ni isi sa latou fa'afetaia le Komesina ma le Ofisa o Leoleo, i le galulue malosi pea e sailia i latou o lo o fa'atinoi gaioiga fa'asolitulafono ina ia molia ma

taofia i le toese.

O le osofaiga na fa'atauaia lea e le Vaega Faapitoa e Sailia Fualau Fa'asaina a Leoleo. Sa fa'aaupegaina uma Leoleo i le taimi o le osofaiga.

Na taua e se tasi o Tina matua na alu atu e piki lana fanau e aooga i le aoga a Tafuna Elementary lona le fiafia i le auala na fa'atino ai le osofaiga a Leoleo, ona ua avea le feoa'i o Leoleo ma auala ua oso ai lagona fefe i fanau aoga atoa ai ma lana fanau.

Na taua e le Tina e fa'apea, sa tatau ona filifili lelei le Komesina i se taimi talafeagai e fa'atino ai le latou osofaiga.

"E le gata ua fa'alavelave i feoiga a tagata, taofia ai le auala, ae ua tutupu ai fo'i lagona fefe i fanau aoga ma la'u fanau. Ina ua ou alu atu e piki mai la'u fanau, sa latou fesili mai ia te'a'u poo ai le la ua tafana e Leoleo", o le saunoaga lea a le Tina na fa'asea.

O lagona fa'asea lava fo'i ia na fa'aalia e ni isi o matua ma tagata e nonofo latalata ane i le nofoaga na fa'atino ai le osofaiga a Leoleo.

AE na taua e se tasi o Tina matua e alala latalata i le fale lea na osofaia e Leoleo, lona matua lagolagoina o le galuega a le Komesina ma Leoleo o lo o fa'atinoi, ina ia mafai ai ona fa'aitiitia faiga fa'asolitulafono o lo o tutupu i le atunu'u.

Na taua e le Tina matua lea e fa'apea, so se osofaiga lava a Leoleo e sailia ai fuaalau fa'asaina, a'upega, poo tagata solitulafono, e le tau fa'ailogaina se taimi poo se aso e faia ai, ae fa'atino pe afai ua silafia e Leoleo ua talafeagai le taimi ma le aso.

E tatau ona sauniuni uma tagata i soo se taimi e tutupu ai faalavelave faapenei. Ua tele suiga ua i ai Amerika Samoa i aso nei, ua ofi mai ai faiga mai fafo ma ua televave fo'i le olaga.

O fualau fa'asaina, fana ma isi amioga o loo tutupu i atunu i fafo ua vaaia fo'i i Tutuila ma Manu'a, ma ua mana'omia ai le fesoasoani a Leoleo ina ia fa'aitiitia nei faiga leaga, o le mafua'aga lea ou te matua lagolagoina ai lava le osofaiga a le Komesina ma le Ofisa o Leoleo", o le saunoaga lea a le Tina matua i le Samoa News.

TALA I VAIFANUA



O se vaaiga i le fagotaga ua avea fa'amalosi e sui o fa'amalosia tulafono o fagotaga e fa'asa mai afio'aga ua maea sainia latou fa'asao o le gataifale, e aofia ai ma Alega, lea e le'i tatalaina mo fagotaga i le taimi nei.

[ata fo'i]

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

MAUA FAGOTAGA I ALEGA - SOLITULAFONO I LE POLOKALAMA MPA

Ole vaiaso ua te'a na maua ai nisi o fagota i le gataifale o Alega ma ua faia fo'i le gaoioiga a i latou o lo'o nafa ma le fa'amalosia o tulafono tau fagotaga i le gataifale o afio'aga o le tatou atunu'u ua mae'a fa'atauaia ai le "Polokalama Fa'asao o le Gataifale" - MPA.

O le vaega muamua o le sala a nei au fai-faiva o le avea atoa o a latou i'a na maua, ina ia fa'aleagaina e i latou na maua, pe fa'aaogaina fo'i e le Ofisa mo a latou suesuega i totolu o le Ofisa autu i Fagatogo. Ona toe taua'aoina lea o le pepa fa'ailo o lou fa'amasinoga e ao ina faia i le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, e maua ai fa'asalaga tonu.

Peita'i, ua fesiligia po'o ai uma afio'aga ua mae'a lisia, ua fa'asa ai le fagota. Ina ianofouta ai le au faifaiva.

I le Falelima i sisifo: Fagamalo, Poloa, Amanave. I le falelima i Sasa'e: Matu'u ma Faganeanea, Alega, Amaua, Auto, Sailele, Aoa, Vatia ma Fagasa. Ua i ai fo'i ma le afio'aga o Faga'alu, peita'i e le'i mae'a ona fa'atulaga lea fa'asa, ma ua va'aia pea lava o lo'o fa'ataua fagotaga i le tausiusuga o Faga'alu i le nofoaga o le Lions Club.

"Ona e i ai aiaiga o lea faasa e le'i mae'a lelei ona talanoaina ma fa'amau e le afio'aga fa'atasi ma le Ofisa o le Puipuiga o le Vaomatua ma le Gataifale, o lea ua le fa'amalosia a'ia'i ai lea MPA Fa'asao i lona malosi'aga e tatau ai, ma ua tu'uavanoa ai pea ia i latou o lo'o fa'ataua i'a ma fagotaina lea ogasami o le atunu'u," o se fa'amatalaga lea mai le tama'ita'i o Christina Mata'afa Samau o le DMWR MPA Program.

"O aiaiga o le MPA po'o le fa'asao i afio'aga ta'itasi e fa'atulaga lava e le matou Ofisa fa'atasi ma le Pulega a Ali'i ma Faipule o le afio'aga o faia le fa'asao. Ina ia mautinoa o lo'o mulimulita'i le MPA i le mana'oga tamau o le afio'aga, ia le sopotuaoi fo'i nei aiaiga ma le fa'atulagaga ua toina mai e le feterale."

O se fa'ata'ita'iga ua tu'uina mai o le Fa'asao a le afio'aga a Matu'u ma Faganeanea, e mana'oga lea afio'aga ina ia tapunia le ogasami o lo'o i Faganeanea, ae tatala pe a le ogasami o Matuu ina ia fagotaina mo le fofoga taumafa o le afio'aga atao.

"Ia fa'aupu ma aiaia e le afio'aga le latou fa'asao ina ia le i ai se sosia o le soifua faa-Samoa

e to'esea e lenei fa'asao. O se tasi lea mana'oga e ao ina ausia i feutaga'iga o fa'asao nei. Aua o le mau fo'i a tatou sui o faigaluega ma mataituina aga ma suiga o le taga'i i le soifua laulelei o le atunu'u atoa, ua mafua ona fa'ateleina o tatou tagata ua ova le mamafa o tino, ona ua suia le mataiia sa masani mai ai Samoa i aso ua te'a i taumafa ua tapena fa'aonapo nei, ma ua le mafai ai ona toe fa'aititia le mamafa o tino o tatou tagat i lenei vaitau," o se tala lea a Samau.

O le agaifanua e fagota mai se i'a, ma faia se suai'a ae ina'i i fua o faaeleeleaga, sa masani ona gafatia ona tino lelei ma soifua laulelei ai o tatou tagata. O lea ua taumafai ai afio'aga i le fa'asao ia tele ia, ma le tatala o se isi vaega ina ia fagota pea tagata, ae le fa'alagolago i mea'ai gaosia i fale'aiga i taimi uma ma aso uma.

TAUALOA TAUMAFAIGA TAUSALA LALELEI O LE PASEFIKA

O le afiafi o le aso To'ona'i na te'a nei sa fa'ataunu'u ai se 'aiga fiafia a le MASI ma ana pa'aga, ina ia taualoa le taumafaiga a le tama'ita'i Tausala Lalelei o Amerika Samoa, lea na taliu mai i fanua ma le pale o le manumalo i le tofi, Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika.

O se po na fiafia fa'atasi pa'aga a le MASI sa latou vala'aulia fa'apitoa, e afua mai le fa'atina o le Atunu'u, le faletua o le Kovana Sili Cynthia Moliga, le afioga le Aloali'i ma le faletua Etenauga ma le fanau Christina ma Sanchez lea e ona le Kamupani sa sapia le taumafaiga a Matauaina Gwendolyn Toomalatai i lona tauva ai i le tofi Miss American Samoa, le vasega o aiga o le tama'ita'i Tausala o le Pasefika, o pa'aga mautu a le MASI i pisinisi ma nis.

"O lenei afiafi e avatu lava le fa'afetai i le Atua ona o le to'atele o i latou uma i Amerika Samoa ma fafo atu, i le tapua'iga o le taumafaiga sa alo faiva atu i ai, e le gata i le taumafaiga e avea ma tausala lalelei o Amerika Samoa nei, ae maise ai o le tapua'iga i le atuvasa. E le faigofie, ae ou te fa'afetai sa ou lagona le mafanafana o a outou tatalo si'itia mo la outou auauna vaivai, sa ou malosi ai," o se tala lea a Toomalatai.

"E afua atu i lo'u malo, o le vasega o faipisini uma sa tofu sao i lenei taumafaiga, ae maise o le vasega o Ekalesia ma matua fa'aleagaga, e o'o lava i la'u ekalesia o tautua ai i lou Atua, lo'u afio'aga pele o Onenoa ma lo'u aiga, fa'afetai lo outou faitama, e iloga lava lou outou ma'ema'e i a outou fa'amaniuaga. Ana outou le malosi i le fa'atonu, fa'apoto ma le tatalo, e le maua se mea e pale ai la tatou taumafaiga i lenei tausaga.

(Faaauau itulau 11)

► Tala i vaifanua...

Mai itulau 10

Fa'afetai lava!"

FA'ATAUA FANAU E LE MAFAI ONA TAUTALA

O le vaiaso lenei o lo'o fa'aauau ai le tele o polokalama e fa'ataua ai fanau ma tagata o lo'o ua soifua ma mana'oga fa'apitoa i le tino po'o le mafau, aua o lenei le masina o le tausaga atoa, ua fa'apoloaiga e le afioga le Kovana Sili, ina ia fa'ataua ai i latou.

Ua fa'ailoa mai e le Ofisa autu o le SPEd, o le aso 8 o Mati e fa'atasi uma ai fanau High Schools a le SPEd i le Malae ta'alo, le Veterans Memorial Stadium i Tafuna mo ta'aloga i le taeao.

Ua fa'ailoa uma atu lenei fuafuaga i faia'oga SPEd uma lava i a'oga maualuluga i le atunu'u ua lenei polokalama.

E pei ona silafia o le Special Olympics lea e faatautaia lea aso ta'alo i le tatou nei malo, ma e pau fo'i lea o le a'u ta'a'alo a Amerika Samoa o lo'o mautinoa lava le o atu i Olimipeka fa'apitoa, ma toe taliu mai ma Pine Auro mo le atunu'u.

I le fa'aiuga o le masina o

Fepuari sa faia ai le semina fa'apitoa e fa'ataua ai le tau-siga fa'apitoa ma le va'aiga fa'apitoa o fanau e le mafai ona tautala mai e fa'ailoa o latou mana'oga ma lagona. Ua fa'ailoa atu i matua ma e tausia fa'apitoa i latou, ae maise fo'i o faia'oga uma o lo'o nafa ma le tausaga a'oa'o ma talanoa i nei fanau, ala ua fa'aaogaine i metotia o lenei vaitau.

O Sandra Scanlan, o se tasi o tina sa fesoasoani malosi ina ia fa'atulaga lea semina fa'aleaoaoga e fefasoa'i ai lagona e tusa o le auaunaga e ao ina fa'ao'o i nei fanau fa'apitoa.

O le aso ua fa'atulaga ai se asiasiga a le vasega SPEd a Matafa'o i le Gov. Tau'e PF Sunia Marine Center i Utulei, ma soso'o ai ma se latou taimi fa'apitoa e fa'aalu i le faletalimalo a le Sadies by The Sea ma tu'ua ai lea aso a'oga o le fanau fa'apitoa.

Manatua fai sou sao i le tau-tuaina o tatou tagata fa'apitoa, i latou o lo'o soifua fa'atasi i tatou a'o o lo'o i ai mana'oga tupito i le tino poo le mafau.



O se va'aiga i se tasi o atali'i fa'apitoa o lo'o a'oga o ia i le Matafa'o Elementary, ma o le tausaga a'oga lenei e fa'a'u ai o ia mai le vasega 8. Mr Orlando Crawley ma lona faia'oga i le aso na tatala fa'apitoa ai le latou masina lenei e faataua ai i latou uma i le SPEd.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Huge waves slam into Puerto Rico, force evacuations

By DANICA COTO, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Waves nearly 30 feet (9 meters) high from a U.S. winter storm slammed into Puerto Rico on Monday, forcing authorities to evacuate dozens of families and close roads and schools across the U.S. territory.

Huge waves downed palm trees, knocked over cement benches and forced curious crowds to flee as saltwater flooded streets and homes along Puerto Rico's northern and western coasts. More than a dozen streets remained closed, along with several beaches and two dozen schools in low-lying areas, a move that affected more than 6,000 students.

The swell is the largest to hit Puerto Rico in more than a decade, and it is generating waves bigger than those produced by Hurricane Maria when it hit nearly six months ago as a Category 4 storm, said Gabriel Lojero, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Juan.

"It continues to be very dangerous," he told The Associated Press.

The U.S. Coast Guard said it rescued an unidentified boogie boarder who apparently broke his wrist while surfing Sunday along Puerto Rico's northwest coast. Government officials said another three people were rescued from a flooded motel in the northern town of Hatillo.

The heavy swell also destroyed several docks and part of a government-owned boat terminal in Catano that provides ferry service to the historic part of Puerto Rico's capital known as Old San Juan. Ferry service to the popular nearby islands of Vieques and Culebra also was cancelled.

The ongoing damage comes as Puerto Rico struggles to recover from Hurricane Maria, which caused up to an estimated \$94 billion in damage. Forecasters said the swell also is affecting the U.S. Virgin Islands and is expected to last through Wednesday.

Collapsed building in Poland may have been blown up



Rescuers work at a collapsed building in Poznan, Poland, Sunday, March 4, 2018. An apartment block collapsed Sunday in Poland's western city of Poznan, killing several people and injuring more than 20 others, officials said as teams of firefighters and rescuers with dogs combed the rubble in search of more victims.

(AP Photo/Str)

By MONIKA SCIS-LOWSKA, Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — An "intentional" attack could be the reason an apartment building collapsed in western Poland, leaving five people dead and 21 injured, a prosecutors' spokeswoman said Monday.

The building with 18 apartments collapsed early Sunday in the western city of Poznan, most probably as a result of an explosion, authorities said.

Magdalena Mazur-Prus, a spokesman for the regional prosecutors' office, would not confirm unofficial media reports, including by the state PAP agency, that one of the victims had been murdered before

the collapse and that explosives might have been used to cover up the crime.

Still, she would not exclude that the building could have faced an "intentional" attack.

The news outlet wPolityce.pl said, citing anonymous sources, that a woman had been decapitated some time before the building crumbled.

Earlier Monday, firefighters found the body of a fifth victim in the rubble and rescued a little dog. Rescuers with trained dogs have been searching in sub-freezing temperatures through the debris since the building collapsed.

Mazur-Prus said three women and two men had died in

the destroyed building. Forensics experts were performing post-mortems.

The explosion of a gas cylinder was considered to be a possible reason why the building was destroyed. Gas service to the site was cut off and the remaining part of the building was closed.

City authorities said 21 people were injured in the blast, four of whom remain hospitalized.

Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki sent his sympathies to the families of the victims and wishes of a quick recovery to the injured.



Rams quarterback Taiseo Saofaigaalii is about to send Miraculous Naiuli up the middle with the hand off during the second quarter of an AYFS semi-final match last Saturday.

[photo: TG]



Alfred Maiava is tackled hard by Johnny Fano of the Rams behind the line of scrimmage for a sack during the opening half of their semi-final match up last Saturday. Fano helped the Rams to a 22-14 win to secure them a spot in the championship game against the Bears this Saturday.

Brown scores 21 as Celtics pound Bulls 105-89 without Irving

By ANDREW SELIGMAN, AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — This time, Boston delivered the big beating in Chicago with Kyrie Irving sidelined.

Jaylen Brown scored 21 points, and the Celtics pounded the Bulls 105-89 on Monday night even though their All-Star guard sat out because of a sore left knee.

They remembered what happened when they visited in December, getting blown out with Irving sidelined by a bruised quadriceps, and made it clear right from the start that wasn't going to happen again. The Celtics immediately took control, building a 37-point lead on the way to their fifth win in six games.

"Kyrie didn't play last time (and) they felt like they could beat us and they did beat us by 20-plus points," Brown said. "Coming into this game we had the mindset we needed to get out on them early and we did that."

Jayson Tatum scored 14, while Al Horford and Terry Rozier added 13 points apiece for Boston.

"We were ready to play," coach Brad Stevens said. "Our defense was really good in the first half, obviously. I thought we were really flying around, covering for one another, playing the right way. And then we were aggressive in taking the ball to the basket. That opened up some 3s."

Chicago lost for the 14th time in 17 games. Denzel Valentine scored 20 and nailed four 3-pointers for the Bulls, but that was about the only positive for them. "They made us uncomfortable, things got tough

and we just shut down," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "We quit playing."

Zach Lavine said the Bulls were "terrible all around" and added: "There's no excuse for what we did out there."

STRONG START

It didn't matter that the Celtics held out Irving. He was still sore after aggravating his knee in Saturday's loss at Houston, but his absence didn't stop Boston from burying the Bulls right from the start.

They had no trouble driving to the rim against a weak defense and dominated in the paint 46-26.

This one got out of hand almost as soon as the opening tip.

After losing to the NBA-leading Rockets on Saturday by three points, Boston led 55-29 at halftime. Brown had 10 points as the Celtics raced out to a 26-5 lead. He nailed a 3 and threw down a one-handed jam before Horford's steal and dunk made it a 21-point game with 4:21 left in the first quarter.

IRVING UPDATE

Stevens wasn't sure if Irving will be ready to play at Minnesota on Thursday.

"It doesn't sound like it's a long-term concern, but certainly, it could last through the week," Stevens said.

With Irving out, the Celtics opted to put Shane Larkin in the lineup rather than Rozier or Marcus Smart. That was because Stevens wanted to keep the second unit together.

Larkin had nine points and four assists in his first start since the 2015-16 season with Brooklyn. He made all three of his field goals — each of them 3-pointers.

Klefblom ends scoring drought in OT, Oilers beat Coyotes 4-3

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Oscar Klefblom's first goal in 34 games came in overtime, giving the Edmonton Oilers a 4-3 victory over the Arizona Coyotes on Monday night.

Klefblom scored for the first time since Dec. 9.

Jujhar Khaira, Milan Lucic and Jesse Puljujarvi also scored for the Oilers, who snapped a three-game skid.

Jason Demers, Christian Dvorak and Niklas Hjalmarsson replied for the Coyotes, whose two-game winning streak ended.

Arizona got a bit of a break to get the game's first goal 3½ minutes into the first period when Demers' passing attempt

went off defender Kris Russell's heel and caromed past Oilers goalie Cam Talbot.

Khaira's short-handed goal tied it eight minutes into the game. He followed up a shot by Ryan Strome and tapped the rebound past Arizona goalie Darcy Kuemper.

The Oilers took the lead with 6:39 remaining in the first when Lucic scored on a slap shot, his first goal since Dec. 23 — a goalless streak that lasted 29 games.

Edmonton made it 3-1 with a power-play goal with three minutes to play in the first when Puljujarvi picked the top corner for his 11th of the season.

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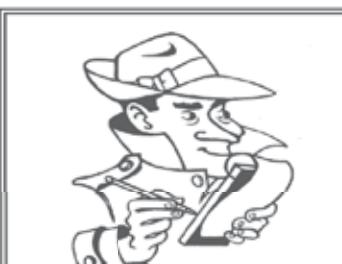
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20 Consist of
21 Twelve p.m.
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26 Tale spanning decades
30 Swing supporter
32 Not a copy
35 Delphi diviner
41 Burrowing nocturnal hooter?
43 Is a braggart
44 Oran native
45 Defeat, just
47 Bygone time period
48 Postage necessity
53 Served seconds
56 Sailor's time off

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63 Nest alarms?

66 Kin of "Shoot!"

67 Type of missile

68 Columbus ship

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1 Need a pain reliever

2 Better - nothing link

3 Lean to a side

4 A, in communications

5 Regain, as a title

6 Mole

7 Screened

8 Franz Mesmer, for "mesmerize"

9 Lily variety

10 Victrola, briefly

11 Meccan, for one

12 Rope fiber

13 Lowly playing cards

18 "King" predece

58 Flying off the shelves

63 Cabbage on the side

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67 Dance initiator

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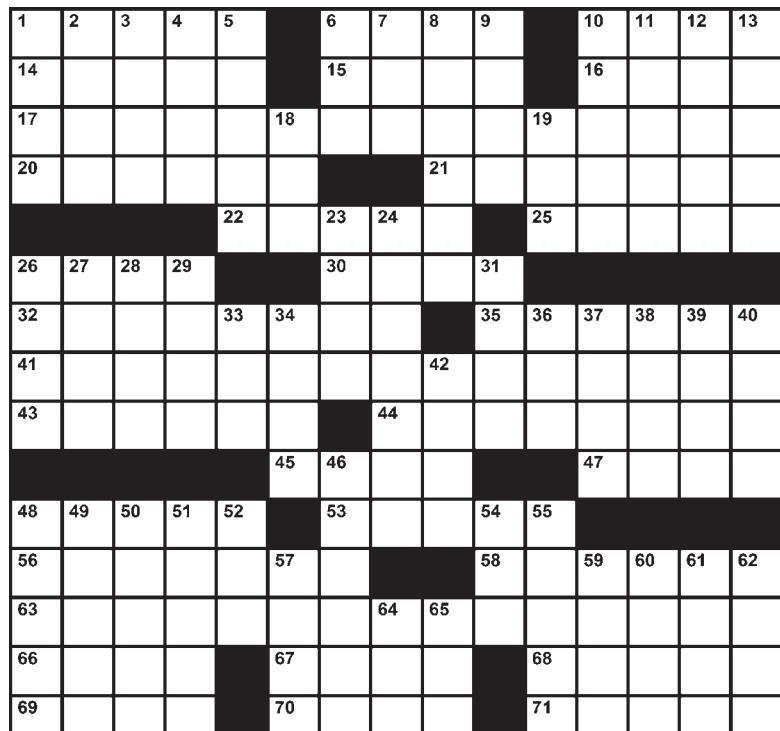
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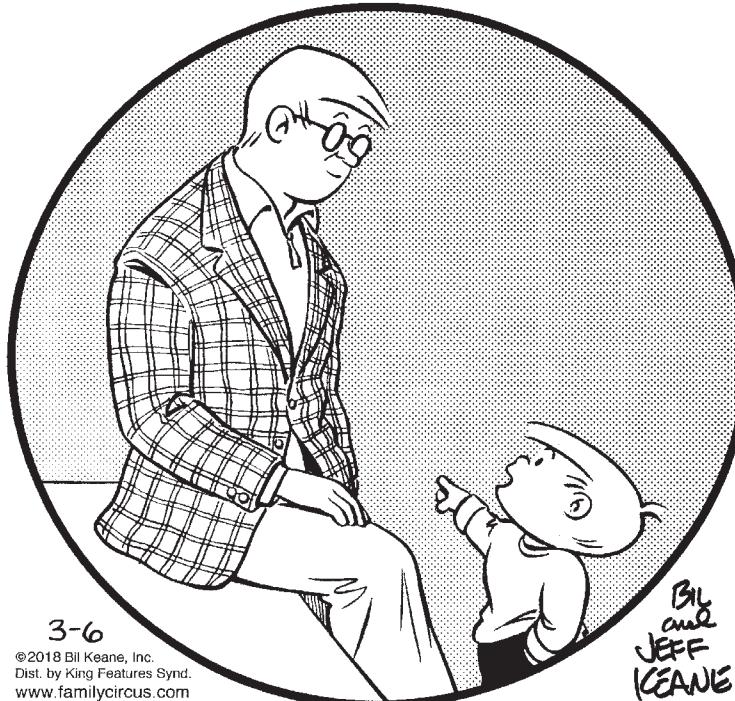
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look over your investments, assets and possessions and see where you can cut costs or budget your lifestyle to fit your income. Be smart and less willing to give in to the selfish demands being put on you. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships should be your priority. Taking care of pressing matters before they have a chance to escalate will save you a lot of time and help you avoid an argument. Be open to suggestions and share your thoughts. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Discipline and hard work will pay off. Use your energy to get ahead, not to argue with someone who is trying to slow you down. Be specific and concentrate on what's important to you. A personal change will do you good. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a chance and enjoy the ride. Your insight, intensity and determination coupled with your beliefs and integrity will help you crush anyone who stands in your way. Live life to the fullest and enjoy what you love to do most. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No matter how hard you try, you'll meet with complaints and discord. The only way to handle people who are giving you a hard time is with diplomacy. Listen and offer a reasonable solution. Arguing will be a waste of time. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Show stability and you will gain respect. If opportunity knocks, a chance to get ahead should not be ignored. Negotiate on your own behalf and don't be afraid to ask for what you are worth. Celebrate with someone you love. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful who you share your emotions with. Someone is likely to leak information if you are too trusting, putting you in a vulnerable position. If you want to make a personal change, stop talking and start making it happen.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Charm and diplomacy will help you get your way. Less talk and more action will make a difference to the outcome of any situation that requires you to work with others. Love, romance and partnerships are favored. *****



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

MAN'S WORK-LIFE BALANCE ISN'T WORKING FOR OVERBURDENED MOM

DEAR ABBY: I have been married two years, but my husband and I have been together for more than 10. We have a 3-year-old daughter who has needed a few extra doctor appointments and therapy. My husband makes it to none of these extra appointments, some of which are crucial to her future. We both work full-time, but he works six days a week.

I have started to regard him differently because I'm doing everything for our daughter. Sometimes I feel like a single parent. I don't want my marriage to fail, but we aren't connecting anymore. I take off work or switch my hours around because I know that's what you do for your child. He never takes off work, yet he doesn't think twice about going golfing with his boss like it's no big deal. What do you think I should do? -- WISCONSIN MOMMY

DEAR MOMMY: Talk to your husband. You won't be able to achieve a more equal balance until you make your feelings known and discuss this with him.

I'm sorry you didn't mention what kind of job your husband has, because it's an important omission. He may be doing everything he can for you and his daughter. A six-day-a-week schedule doesn't offer much flexibility. And please don't judge him for playing golf with his boss. A lot of business is discussed on the links, and his presence may be more compulsory than you realize.

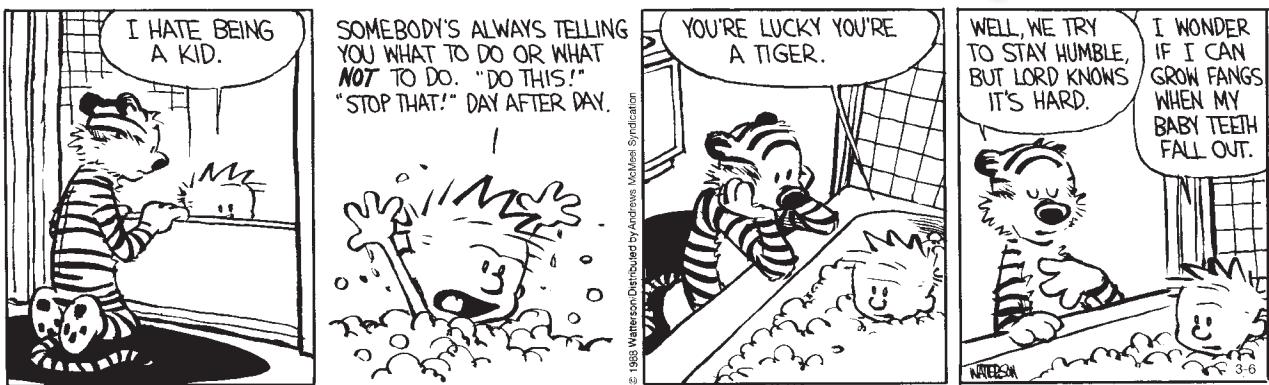
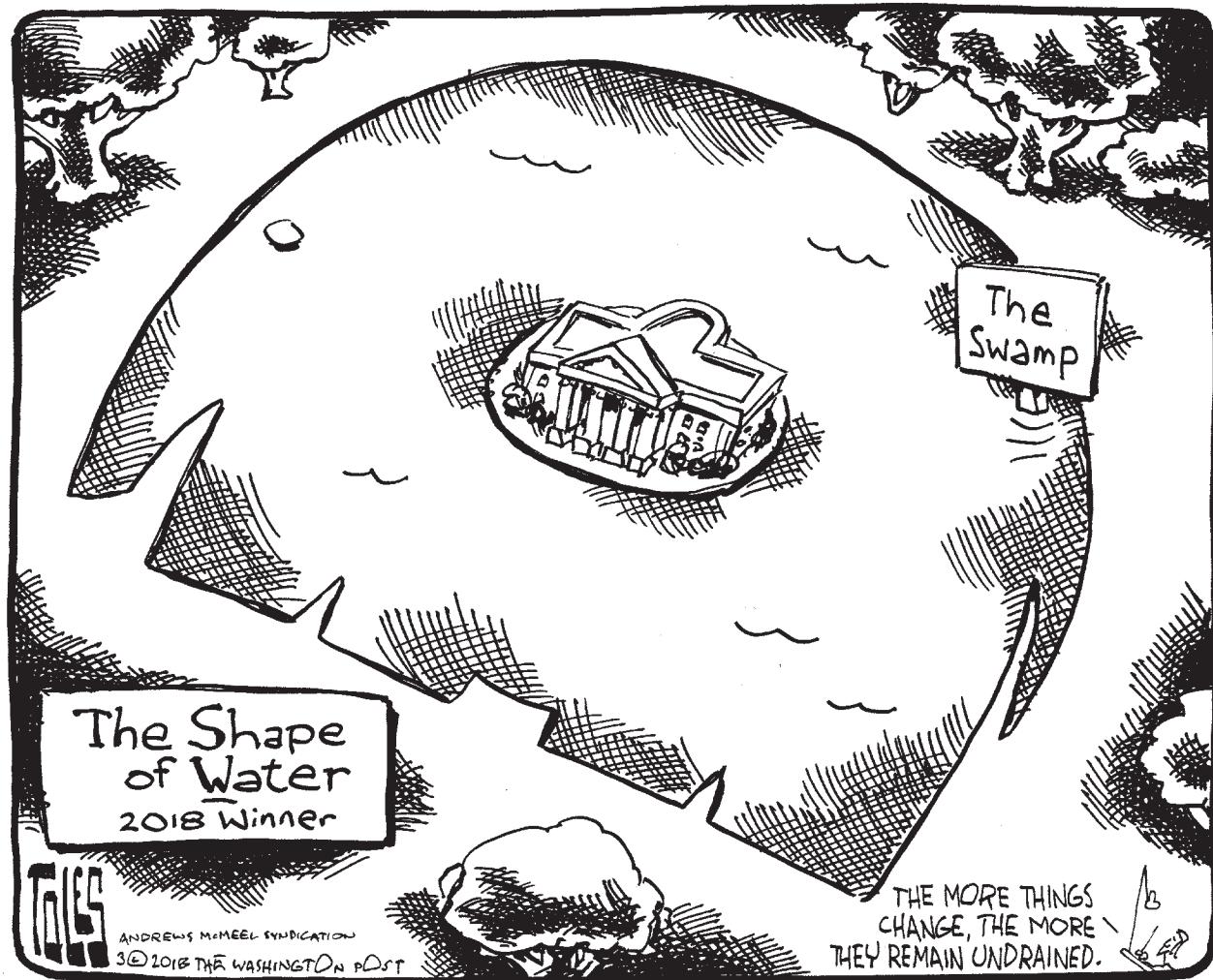
DEAR ABBY: My adult child recently passed away. Although he didn't live with me, I handled the arrangements and held the visitation in my home.

It has been only a few months, but I feel the need to get everything settled. But every time I sit down to write thank-you cards, I become so anxious I find it hard to breathe. Some family members have told me thank-you cards are not expected for bereavement. Can you tell me what the proper etiquette and time frame is in this matter? -- HAS TO SETTLE EVERYTHING

DEAR HAS: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your son. There are two ways to handle the task of thanking those who sent flowers, food or condolence letters. The first is to ask a friend or another family member to help you. The other is as simple as having cards printed that say, "The family of _____ want to thank you for reaching out to us at this sad time," and signing your name. I hope this is helpful for you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend with whom I often travel and attend events. She's a lovely person, but she has the odd habit of singing in public -- in gift shops, restaurants, or any public place where music is playing (and sometimes even when it's not). I can't have the radio on in the car without her singing along. She has an OK voice, but her style is a bit operatic. How can I gently tell her that her spontaneous performances are inappropriate and excessive? -- NOT KARAOKE IN THE EAST

DEAR NOT KARAOKE: I suspect your friend craves attention, which is why she does it. Pay her the compliment she's looking for by telling her how nice her voice is, but you would prefer she not sing when you're out in public together because you find it embarrassing.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!**Calvin & Hobbes****PEANUTS****Hagar the Horrible**

by Chris Brown

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by Jim Davis

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Monday's Puzzle Answer

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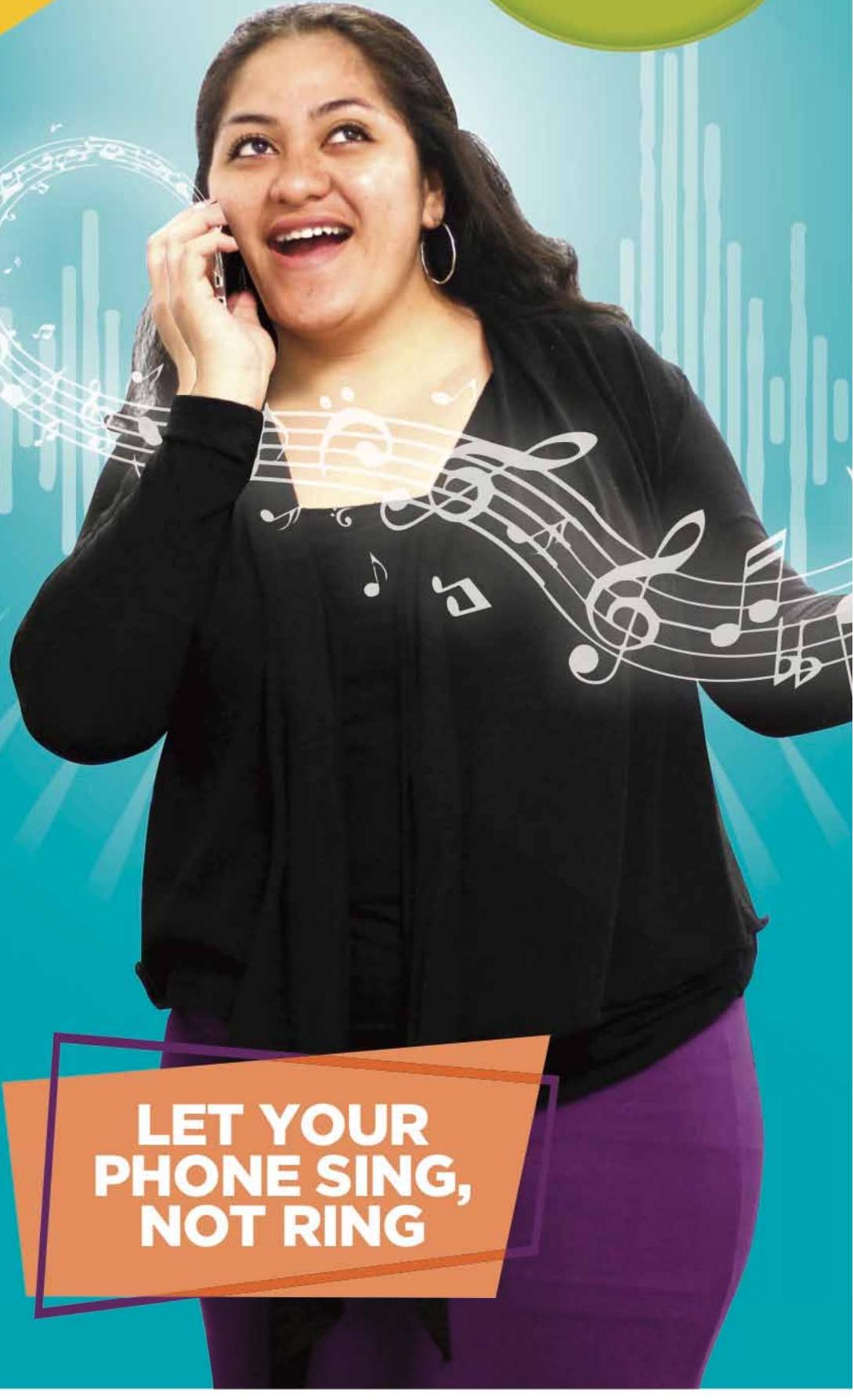


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#34 AJ Tufuga with his proud parents Afioga and Siausage last week, following an AYFS game where AJ's team, the AYFS Rams, defeated the AYFS Packers, 22-14 in a nail biting thriller.

AJ is one of the few players from this year's roster who have been selected to play for the All Star Team. Malo lava to all our young, aspiring football players.

[photo: BC]

Roger Federer dazzles in first career Bay Area appearance

By JANIE McCUALEY, AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — From his knees at the middle of the net, Roger Federer struck volley after volley right back at Jack Sock until the American star finally faltered. Federer just smiled. It was all in fun.

And how could Federer not be loving life?

He's the best in the world at age 36. That even sounds a bit strange to Federer himself.

"Those are definitely special times in my life and my career," Federer said. "The dream as a little boy was to make it one day to world No. 1, but not at 36 years old I can tell you that. It was probably at some point at 25 maybe if things went really well."

"I had a tough year in 2016 with my knee and stayed positive, was resilient and fought to come back and really believed I could actually win again. I didn't think it was going to be at this level. It's been an unbelievable journey the last 14 months and my team has been incredible. I'm loving every moment that I can still stay on tour because you never know when it's going to end."

While this doubles match didn't officially count Monday night, it sure mattered to all

of the children in Africa who Federer is committed to helping through his foundation.

Federer emerged from the tunnel of smoke and walked onto the court greeted by roars and thousands of camera phones held high for the first Bay Area appearance of his career.

Federer waved every which way, held his racket in the air and beamed when introduced during warmups with the announcement at the sold-out SAP Center that he had regained the No. 1 world ranking.

"For me to stand right here as world No. 1 in San Jose is very, very special for me," Federer said.

He entertained from the start, too, praising Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates as a perfect partner.

"He knows numbers very well. He never makes mistakes on the scores," Federer cracked. "I'll do the running and Bill does the thinking."

He joked to opponent Savannah Guthrie of NBC's "TODAY" show: "You have to start looking at the ball and stop looking at me."

Federer called off Gates with, "That's mine ... that's mine, too," before Sock lobbed a winner over Gates that Federer couldn't chase down.

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