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## AYFS Bears win 3rd championship title

THEY ARE ALSO BACK-2-BACK 'UNDEFEATED' CHAMPS

by T. Gasu  
Samoa News Sports Correspondent

In their 4th appearance in the biggest showdown of the 9th season of the American Youth Football of Samoa (AYFS), the AYFS Bears from Pago Pago,

led by Head Coach Sa Suluai not only collected their third championship title last Saturday after a dominating 30-18 win over the Rams, they ended the season with an undefeated record for the second year in a row

AYFS Bears Head Coach Sa Suluai with his Offensive Coordinator Keith Leuta receiving the AYFS Perpetual Trophy for the third time, along with the 1st Place trophy for being 'Back-2-Back' Undefeated Champs during the awards ceremony last Saturday. Also pictured is AYFS President Victor Avalos. [photo: TG]

During the closing ceremony that followed they game, AYFS President Victor Avalos thanked all the players, and everyone who supported the league.

"I want to say that I'm very proud of all the teams, all you parents who are here today, like I said before we're all one family. We showed it out there on the field today after the championship game, we were out there taking pictures together".

He continued "Don't quit, not everything in life will go our way, but we can't stop because we want to be good citizens for American Samoa, and that's what you all are, and that's what we're setting you up to be."

Avalos said he recently returned from a conference for the Army in Hawaii, "and we had a General... thank us for the smallest of things – and it reminded me, you know, we can't have AYFS without the smallest of things.

"Without the coaches, without the parents support bringing the water, bringing the snacks, doing the mentoring. Setting everything up, from the field set-up, because the field doesn't get painted by itself – those are some of the smallest of things that we have to be appreciative for because those are the things that we can't have the league without. God has blessed AYFS for nine years and especially everyone here."

### AYFS BEARS 30 – AYFS RAMS 18 (CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)

The AYFS Rams had a hard time on offense from the opening quarter of the game against the vicious Bears defense, as their starting quarterback Taiese Saofaigaalii and impact player Logologo Va'a didn't field after they were ejected from the playoff game last weekend against the Packers, giving the Bears the

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A look at the cheerleaders who led the chants during this past Saturday's AYFS championship game between the Bears and the Rams.

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# Kerr urges youth to keep working for change on gun violence

By JANIE McCauley, AP Sports Writer

NEWARK, Calif. (AP) — Steve Kerr believes the voices of America's youth are finally being heard enough to create real change when it comes to gun violence.

Kerr told students at a Bay Area high school that safety in schools should be their "No. 1 issue," urged them to vote and consider what they might be able to do to make gun safety and awareness a priority.

Kerr, the Golden State Warriors coach who has been outspoken on many social justice issues, drew a big crowd and a standing ovation before sharing how his life was affected by gun violence more than three decades ago when his father was shot dead in a terrorist attack.

"I'm not here because I'm the Warriors coach. Actually I am, because I wouldn't have been invited. I'm here because I'm a citizen of this country and we're a democracy and when people say stick to sports,

stick to coaching, that means nothing," Kerr said Monday at Newark Memorial High School. "I feel like it's my responsibility to speak on something that's very important to me."

Kerr joined U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna, U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and students from throughout the South Bay to discuss the issue. Also in attendance was Matt Deitsch, 20, whose younger brother and sister stayed locked in closets during last month's shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

"I think he sees what so many of us see: There's a moment in this country that can make a difference," Khanna said.

Deitsch identified himself as the oldest member of the "Never Again" movement. He and others in his group plan to march in Washington, D.C., on March 24.

"It will change things because the youth is mobilizing at a rate that scares the status

quo," said Deitsch, who noted: "This is affecting all communities. It can happen anywhere."

Kerr believes young people will help create change. "All I've really done is expressed my outrage and my concern," he said.

Kerr said he'd like to do more, perhaps getting "my team involved."

"I have been truly inspired by what I'm seeing lately from the kids at Douglas High School," Kerr said. "I'm inspired by what's happening. It feels real. For the first time, it feels like something's happening."

Kerr's father, Malcolm, president of the American University of Beirut, was murdered in Beirut when Kerr was 18 and a freshman at the University of Arizona.

"I know how the Parkland families feel, or the Aurora families, or Sandy Hook," Kerr said. "I know what it feels like. I met family members from Las Vegas. I know what that feels like. It's awful. It's devastating. It's horrible."



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After securing a catch in the second half of play, Sam Mikaele is caught trying to stiff arm the last defender between him and the end zone to score his first touchdown of the game during the second half of play. [photo: TG]

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## Seahawks lock up safety Bradley McDougald with new contract

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks are retaining one of their key defensive backs by signing safety Bradley McDougald to a three-year contract.

Bringing back McDougald was important for the Seahawks after he showed his value last season with his ability to fill in at both strong safety and free safety. McDougald was able to fill in for Earl Thomas when he was injured and took over for Kam Chancellor after he was lost for the season to a neck injury.

McDougald was set to become a free agent after playing last season on a one-year deal. NFL.com reported McDougald's new deal is worth up to nearly \$14 million. McDougald finished the 2017 season with 67 tackles and four passes defended.

Seattle also released defensive back DeShawn Shead, making him an unrestricted free agent. Seattle wants to bring Shead back.

He spent most of last season on the physically unable to perform list due to a knee injury and Seattle could have brought him back under the terms of that contract. But now that Shead is healthy, the Seahawks afforded him the chance to see his value on the open market.



**American Samoa Government  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education.

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3 - 21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who have a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievements. As a condition for granting the funds, each State or Territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 14, 2018. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference Room in Utulei at 2:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education Office located in Faga'alu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faaufono Vaitautolu at faauitulu@yahoo.com or Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi at atuajjj\_1999@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, Assistant Director Special Education Division, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

## Talosagaina Finagalo Lautele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa

Ua tu'uina mai e le Matagaluega o A'oga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avanoa e fa'alia ai finagalo fa'alau'itele a le mamalu o le atunu'u mo le alagatupe talosaga i lalo o le Maga B Tulafono mo Tagata o iai Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o A'oga a le Malo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

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O lo'o maua kopi o lenei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa i Faga'alu. Mo i latou e mana'omia se kopi o le tusi talosaga, e avanoa le ofisa mai le itula 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu fa'aalia e tauala mai i tusitusiga e mafai ona tu'uina mai i taimi ua fa'atulagaina. A iai nisi manatu ma fautuaga, e mafai ona imeli mai ia Faaufono Vaitautolu faauitulu@yahoo.com po'o Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi atuajjj\_1999@yahoo.com pe tusi mai ia Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago

# There will be a Flag Day International Boxing Championship

THE GOAL IS TO KEEP THE GOVERNOR'S CUP HERE, IN AMERICAN SAMOA



President of the American Samoa Boxing Council (ASBC), Toleafoa Henry Tavake with the Governor's Cup they won during last year's Flag Day International Boxing Championship against a tough team from Samoa.

[photo: AF]

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

President of the American Samoa Boxing Council (ASBC) Toleafoa Henry Tavake has confirmed that there will be a Flag Day International Boxing Championship this year, as part of the 2018 Flag Day agenda.

Two boxing clubs from Samoa are confirmed to take part during next month's event and according to Toleafoa, the local boxing team must do their best to keep the title here, by defending the Governor's Cup which they won during last year's championship.

The two boxing clubs from

Samoa are the Marist Boxing Club and Tumua & Pule Boxing. Each club will bring 5 amateur boxers to compete in a "Single Elimination Tournament."

Three fighters from each boxing club will be vying for the gold medal. A draw will be made to determine the two boxers who will fight first while the third fighter will be the winner of the first match will fight the "bye" fighter in the gold medal match.

Toleafoa said each boxer from the five amateur undercards will have two matches - with a total of ten special bouts for the night. The five amateur

undercards include welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight, heavyweight, and super heavyweight.

Members of the ASBC Boxing Team who have been selected to go up against a strong team from Samoa include Keach Tanoa and his brother George, Alofa Mata'afa, and Riley Tuala.

Toleafoa said the fifth member of the team will be selected before the end of this month.

All four fighters were part of the ASBC team that won the Governor's Cup last year, all of them won their fights against opponents from Samoa.

According to Toleafoa, the tournament will be funded by the ASBC with help from

local sponsors, and there is no financial assistance from the government.

"We have been preparing for two months for this tournament and the boys are ready to take on the challenge from Samoa. The team that has been selected were the best and I'm looking forward to them doing their very best - based on their training - to win their bouts and keep the title here in our island," Toleafoa said during an interview with Samoa News last week at the ASBC training camp in Tafuna.

"This will be a huge step for our young fighters who will be battling for the win next month. Not only will they get the chance to show they have the talent, it will also prepare them for the next challenge in life,"

he continued.

When asked about preparations for his scheduled fights next month, Mata'afa said he's ready for the challenge.

"I've have training very hard and I'm in great shape, thanks to my trainer and his advice," said Mata'afa, who added that he is confident in his boxing abilities. He shows no signs of nervousness.

"I'm not nervous about the upcoming tournament but I might get chills when I start in the ring, which is natural for all boxers; but I believe I can win a gold medal for American Samoa next month," he said.

During his fight against Fale Sialoa of Samoa last year, Mata'afa dominated all three rounds and won by unanimous decision.



One of American Samoa's super stars in boxing, Alofa Mata'afa, during training last week in Tafuna, preparing himself for the upcoming 2018 Flag Day International Boxing Championship set for next month.

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Offensive Player of the Game - Marcus Samia of the Bears returning this interception all the way to the end zone for a 55 yard defensive touchdown, the Bears' first touchdown of the game during their championship bout against the Rams last Saturday. Samia helped the Bears to their third AYFS title with a 30-18 win.

[photo: TG]



Sam Mikaele of the Rams is stopped immediately in the backfield by Foaalima Tatupu of the Bears during the opening half of their championship match up last Saturday. [photo: TG]



# IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos:Maelyn)



## ▶ AYFS...

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upper hand to strike from every corner.

In the opening quarter, just after a stunning defensive start from the Rams, a turnover for the Rams offense to start their first offensive possession went in favor of the Bears.

6:37 into the first quarter, Rams third down at midfield, a pass from Vili Fano to Sam Mikaele was intercepted by Marcus Samia, and returned all the way back to the end zone for a 55-yard defensive touchdown for the Bears.

The two-point conversion was a quarterback keeper by Vaifanua Peko-Vai, which kicked it up a notch and had the Bears leading by eight.

When the Bears came onto the field for their second offensive possession of the game, it was a second down and ten from the Rams 30 yard line, and Peko-Vai dropped back to bomb a long one to Prodieus Lutu-Fuga who was wide open downfield, securing the catch and scoring the Bears second touchdown of the game with just 4:22 into the opening quarter.

The two point attempt was an inside hand off to Jared Lotulelei who broke tackles on his way to crossing the goal line to give the Bears 16 unanswered points.

7:34 in the second quarter, just after an interception by Misiona 'Mission' Fagapule, spotted the Bears a first down opportunity from the Rams 25 yard line. From there, Peko-Vai charged up a long pass to David Taulapapa who secured the catch and battled his way to cross the goal line right in front of sideline official Mafo'e Fuimano who signaled the Bears third touchdown of the game.

The two-point conversion was a tuck and run by Peko-Vai which was good enough to expand their lead 24-0.

But the Rams refused to let up.

2:28 remaining in the first half and the Rams 'Boom Bullet' Sacrie Latu muscles his way through the middle for a 2 yard run for the Rams first touchdown of the game, bringing them within 18.

Just when the Rams started to hype things up after their first TD of the game, the Bears silenced them after a stunning pass play setup by Offen-

sive Coordinator Keith Leuta.

42 seconds remaining in the second quarter and the Bears second down possession from the Rams 32 yard line was a long pass from Peko-Vai to Samia who secured the catch and stormed out to the end zone to score another touchdown for the Bears, extending their lead 30-6.

The two-point attempt was a pitch play out to Tony Jensen that was denied by Sam Mikaele behind the line of scrimmage.

During the second half of play, the Rams defensive game changed directions, as they proved to be one of the most fierce defensive units in the league, shutting out the Bears to absolutely no touchdowns throughout the second half, all the while their offense was slowly progressing for a comeback.

It wasn't until the final quarter of the match that the Rams finally found their missing piece of the puzzle that started to get things going for them.

9:52 remaining in the ball game and the Rams were playing a third down possession from the Bears 30 yard line. Their new quarterback Miraculous Naiuli fired a long pass out to Sam Mikaele who secured the catch and stormed his way towards the end zone to score the Rams second touchdown of the game.

The Rams, who fought all the way down to the last minutes of the game, were awarded their third touchdown of the match late in the game.

3:24 remaining and the Bears, who went into shotgun formation for an obvious pass play, were shut down by the Rams' outstanding second half defense after Sam Mikaele laid the hammer on Peko-Vai and fumbled the ball in the backfield. The live ball was picked up by Sacrie Latu and returned all the way to the end zone for a 50-yard defensive touchdown.

Even though the Rams fired things up late in the game, it still wasn't enough to claim victory over the undefeated reigning champions, the Bears who claimed their third league title after a 30-18 win.

See tomorrow's Samoa News issue for details on the Red and Blue All-Star battle in which the Red All-Star team won after a stunning 14-8 comeback victory.





The AYFS Red All Star Team led by Head Coach Kirifi Ofagalilo (bottom right) posing for a team photo after defeating the AYFS Blue All Star team in a stunning 14-8 comeback victory last Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. (See tomorrow's Samoa News issue for the Red and Blue All-Star Game story and more photos) [photo: TG]

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# Dennis Rodman gets probation after DUI arrest in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former NBA star Dennis Rodman was sentenced to three years' probation after pleading guilty to two misdemeanors stemming from a January DUI arrest in California.

Rodman pleaded guilty Monday in Orange County to one count of driving under the influence of alcohol and one count of driving with a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit of .08 percent.

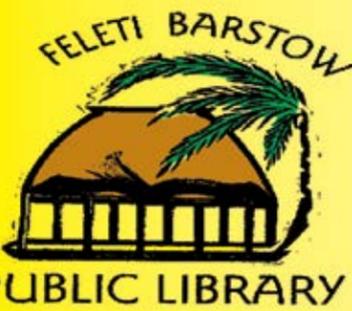
The Los Angeles Times says the 56-year-old was ordered to complete a nine-month alcohol program and pay \$390 in fines.

Rodman was arrested Jan. 13 in Newport Beach after being pulled over for a traffic violation. Police said he failed field sobriety and breath tests.

His attorney, Paul Meyer, said the sentence reflects Rodman's commitment to treatment. Meyer said the Hall of Famer has accepted responsibility for his sobriety.

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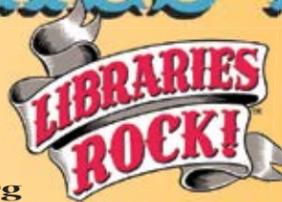
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# The Mini Page

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A sad anniversary

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## Our First Women



**Mini Fact:**  
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During March, we celebrate Women's History Month. In the 21st century, we are used to seeing women hold many important jobs, such as doctors, teachers, legislators, scientists, soldiers, journalists and, of course, mothers.

Women throughout history have made it possible for today's women to have many more choices about how they will live and contribute to the world.

This week, The Mini Page introduces some of those pioneering women of history.

### First American astronaut in space

Sally Ride flew aboard the space shuttle Challenger in 1983. She was an astrophysicist, someone who studies the makeup of stars. After her space flights, she did research at the University of California, San Diego.



**Sally Ride**  
1951-2012

### First dentist

Lucy Hobbs Taylor practiced dentistry for 43 years in Lawrence, Kansas. She wanted to be a doctor but had trouble finding a medical school that would accept women.



**Lucy Hobbs Taylor**  
1833-1910

### First U.S. Cabinet member

Frances Perkins served as secretary of labor under President Franklin Roosevelt from 1933-1945. Before that, she taught school and worked with the poor in Chicago and Philadelphia. She worked for better conditions for factory workers.



**Frances Perkins**  
1882-1965

### First Supreme Court justice

Sandra Day O'Connor graduated from law school with great honor (magna cum laude). But even though she had very high grades, no law firm would hire her because she was a woman. She got a job with the government and later opened her own law practice. President Reagan appointed her to the Supreme Court in 1981.



**Sandra Day O'Connor**  
1930-

### What will you do?

Do you dream of becoming the first girl or woman to achieve a goal? Write down your goals. Next to each one, write three ideas about how you might reach that dream. Keep your list in a special place.



### First Medal of Honor recipient

Mary Edwards Walker is the first and only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. This is the military's top honor. She served bravely as a surgeon in the Union Army during the Civil War.



**Mary Edwards Walker**  
1832-1919

Dr. Walker also spoke out about the clothes women of that time wore. She believed that women should be allowed to wear long pants if they wished. In those days this was quite shocking.

### First major party presidential nominee

Hillary Rodham Clinton is the first woman chosen by a major political party (the Democrats) to be its nominee for president of the United States. Clinton served as secretary of state under President Barack Obama and as senator from New York.



**Hillary Rodham Clinton**  
1947-

## Resources



**On the Web:**

- [bit.ly/MPwomen](http://bit.ly/MPwomen)
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**At the library:**

- "The New York Public Library Amazing Women in American History" by Sue Heinemann

## Try 'n' Find

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

ASTRONAUT,  
ASTROPHYSICIST,  
CABINET, COURT,  
DENTIST, FIRST, HISTORY,  
HONOR, JUSTICE,  
MARCH, MEDAL, MONTH,  
NOMINEE, SECRETARY,  
SENATOR, STATE,  
SUPREME, SURGEON,  
WOMEN.

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## Cook's Corner

### One-Egg Western Omelet

**You'll need:**

- cooking spray
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons 1 percent milk
- 2 tablespoons salsa

**What to do:**

1. Coat a small skillet with cooking spray and preheat to medium-high.
2. Whisk together egg, milk and salsa and add to hot pan. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes until bottom of egg mixture is cooked, lifting up sides and allowing any uncooked egg to slide to bottom of pan. Using a spatula, flip egg mixture (like flipping a pancake).
3. Top one half of omelet with cheese and ham. Fold other side over and cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute, until cheese melts.



- 2 tablespoons shredded Mexican cheese blend or sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 slice (about 1 ounce) smoked ham, chopped

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

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## 7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. a red one tells you to stop (4) \_\_\_\_\_
2. wide street (6) \_\_\_\_\_
3. it has an answer (8) \_\_\_\_\_
4. shut (5) \_\_\_\_\_
5. this pole is in the Arctic (5) \_\_\_\_\_
6. make very cold (6) \_\_\_\_\_
7. leader of a state (8) \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers: sign, avenue, question, close, north, freeze, governor.

## Mini Jokes



**Wendy:** What would you do if you were in my shoes?

**Will:** Polish them!

## Eco Note



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**For later:** Research how many women are serving in Congress. Discuss why it's important to have women senators and representatives.

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# Westbrook's 20th triple-double leads Thunder past Kings



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) dunks over Sacramento Kings center Willie Cauley-Stein (00) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Monday, March 12, 2018.

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

By CLIFF BRUNT, AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Russell Westbrook got the help he needed from co-stars Paul George and Carmelo Anthony.

George and Anthony each scored 21 points and Westbrook notched his 20th triple-double of the season to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Sacramento Kings 106-101 on Monday night.

George and Anthony broke out of shooting slumps. George was 4 of 9 on 3-pointers and Anthony hit 5 of 7 to make the Kings pay for packing the paint.

"I've been through it, through tough shooting nights," George said. "Melo has been through tough shooting nights. That's the least of my concerns and the least of his concerns, I'm sure of it. That's all going to come. My job is just to continue to keep going. Continue to stay in attack mode. I'll get in a rhythm here eventually where I'll feel good on a nightly basis but I will continue to be aggressive out there."

Westbrook had 17 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in the 99th triple-double of his career for the Thunder, who moved into fourth place in the Western Conference standings. Oklahoma City is now a season-high 11 games above .500.

Thunder center Steven Adams left the game in the third quarter with a left hip contusion and did not return. Just two days earlier against San Antonio, he hurt his left ankle in the third quarter and did not return.

Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 19 points and Garrett Temple and Justin Jackson each added 15 for the Kings.

The Thunder held the Kings to 40.9 percent shooting overall, and 38.9 percent shooting in the fourth quarter.

"Our defense has been huge," George said. "Again, it's all a credit to our effort."

Oklahoma City led 46-40 at halftime. George had 14 points and Anthony 13. Temple's tip-in in the closing seconds of the third quarter gave Sacramento a 79-78 lead.

The Thunder led 88-85 in the fourth quarter when Westbrook checked back in after a brief rest. He got his 10th assist on a pass to Jerami Grant for a layup and his 10th rebound with just over 3 minutes to play. Westbrook's lob to Grant for a dunk put the Thunder up 102-92 with just under 3 minutes to play.

Sacramento cut its deficit to 104-101 on a pair of free throws by Bogdanovic with 23 seconds left, but Oklahoma City's Corey Brewer made two free throws with 17 seconds left to put it out of reach. Westbrook made a game-winning 3-pointer against the Kings on Feb. 22. Temple said he thought the Kings did well to hang tough this time after losing at Denver the night before. "Coming off a back-to-back, playing against a pretty physical team, against a team who is obviously battling for a playoff spot and against a team who beat us at home in an emotional game — it was real big for us to come in and battle the way we did defensively and offensively," Temple said.

### TIP-INS

**Kings:** Former Oklahoma star Bu Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Hield came off the bench and scored three points in 15 minutes. ... The start of the second half was delayed because a wire was hanging down behind one of the backboards and needed to be taped.

**Thunder:** G Terrance Ferguson returned after missing Saturday's game against San Antonio while in concussion protocol. He played 11 minutes and scored three points. ... Anthony made three 3-pointers in the first three minutes of the game. ... Oklahoma City improved to 7-3 since the All-Star break.



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 6 They're hiked  
 11 Common pet  
 14 With no one else  
 15 Bracket-braced window  
 16 11-pointer in a casino  
 17 Be just shy of riotous  
 19 45th state athlete  
 20 Beats barely  
 21 Dons  
 23 More jaded  
 26 Leash relatives  
 27 Braved rapids  
 28 Hidden away  
 29 Polecat relative  
 30 Doesn't have  
 31 Chimpanzee, e.g.  
 34 \_\_\_ off (began a round)  
 35 Wines  
 36 Federal agent, briefly  
 37 Miscalculate  
 38 Heaps  
 39 Nice stretch of land  
 40 Kicks to the curb, really
- 42 South African wagon fort  
 43 Babes in arms  
 45 Witchcraft  
 46 Beam up?  
 47 Everly Brothers girl  
 48 "Ciao, Brutus"  
 49 Thunder in a play, e.g.  
 54 Pl kin  
 55 "... o'clock and \_\_\_ well"  
 56 Bach output  
 57 Suffix that maximizes  
 58 Hamburger unit  
 59 Thing to pole down
- DOWN**  
 1 Fond du \_\_\_  
 2 King's menu leader  
 3 Uncle Sam's target  
 4 Stuck in  
 5 Less prosperous  
 6 Tough question  
 7 Circle makers  
 8 Tend to laces  
 9 Is a nag  
 10 Case solvers  
 11 Void a warranty
- 12 One getting the credit?  
 13 Frigid temperature range  
 18 Like the best wines  
 22 "... more, \_\_\_ merrier!"  
 23 Authored  
 24 Devourer  
 25 Consequence  
 26 Mexican snacks  
 28 Walking aids  
 30 Light, cheery tunes  
 32 A pro in Indiana  
 33 Word with "form"  
 35 Century-old phonograph  
 36 Like a swan  
 38 Evergreen oozing
- 39 Import duties  
 41 Large vessel  
 42 Come in third  
 43 Spitting mad  
 44 Cathedral areas  
 45 Right nice for washing  
 47 Agitated condition  
 50 The absolute best (Abbr.)  
 51 Id's counterpart  
 52 Coffee holder  
 53 Plumbing fitting

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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll feel more optimistic once you have done your research on something you want to pursue. Knowing exactly how much something costs will help. Try to get the support of someone you love before you proceed. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Anger will not help you avert the changes heading your way. Concentrate on what you can control and make the best of whatever situation you face. Connect with someone you've been able to rely on in the past for sound advice and support. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Interact with people who have something to offer in return. An interesting proposition will give you something new to consider. Find out more and you'll discover how you can improve your life. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** An emotional incident will leave you wondering how you really feel about someone. Take a trip down memory lane and you'll discover what draws you to this person. Consider the ups and downs before you share your thoughts. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Refuse to let anyone stand in your way. Pour your energy into getting things done. The changes you make will lead to greater satisfaction. A commitment can be made, but before you sign up, find out what's expected of you. \*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Revisit an old interest and you will feel revitalized. Don't fight change, but don't give in to anyone who tries to coerce you into something that won't benefit you. Take a unique approach to a job you are handed. \*\*\*

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**Dear Abby**  
 by Abigail Van Buren



**WOMAN IRKED WHEN CO-WORKER MIMICS HER DISTINCTIVE STYLE**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been trying to get healthy for years and recently lost a lot of weight. Every job I have, I work with grossly obese women. At my present job, one of them keeps coming to work dressed like me. It has happened before and I am sick of it. You have no idea how insulting it is to come to work, ready to do my job and find myself in this embarrassing situation. I just started working here and I need the job.

To me, this is a form of harassment, and I don't understand where she's coming from. It's not my problem if she is unhappy with her self-image. I like myself; I mind my own business and do my work. Also, I worked in fashion for years. If she wants my fashion expertise, she should pay me for it. Copying the way I dress is not a compliment. It's identity theft. She is not me. I do not appreciate her imitating me. Please help! -- ONE OF A KIND IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR ONE OF A KIND:** I'll try, but it may not be the kind of help you're asking for. Have you never heard the saying, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery"? It's a principle the fashion industry is based upon. Instead of being offended and angry, why not help the woman by offering to assist her in making distinctive fashion choices of her own? I'm sure she'd welcome it, and I'm also sure it would lighten and brighten the atmosphere in your workplace.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mom was involved in a serious car accident a while back that required multiple surgeries and hospital stays. She's still dealing with the repercussions. The problem is that she doesn't seem to have learned from it. She still texts and looks at her phone while driving. It has reached the point where I refuse to ride with her or allow her to drive my child in her car. I've asked her repeatedly to not use her phone while driving, but she seems to think she's invincible even after having proof she's not. What should I do to make her understand she's putting herself in danger again, not to mention those who ride with her? -- CONCERNED DAUGHTER

**DEAR CONCERNED:** Because your mother didn't learn after the accident she caused by not turning off her cellphone, it's time to accept that nothing you say will change her. Continue to refrain from riding with her or allowing your child to. And pray that if she causes another collision, she doesn't kill herself or someone else.

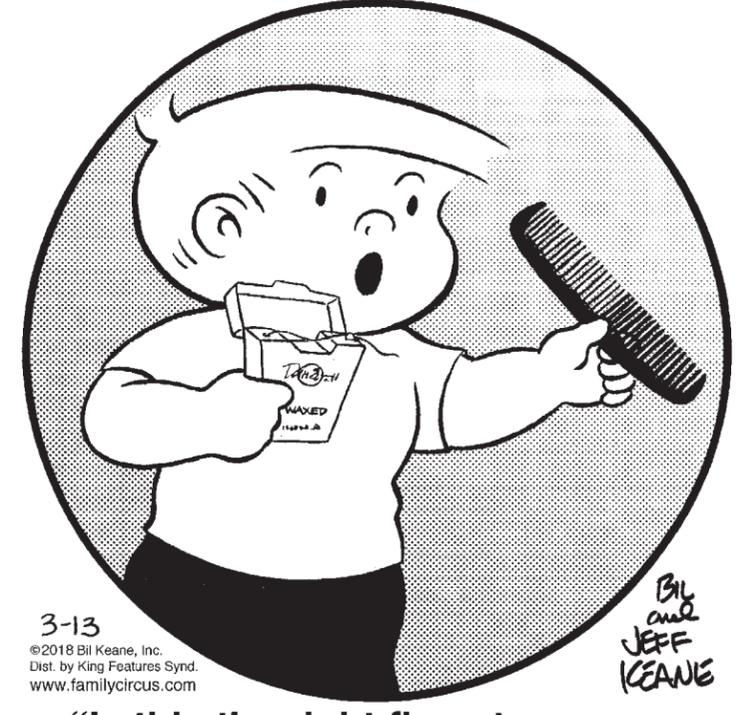
**DEAR ABBY:** We love to open our windows and enjoy the fresh air during the wintertime in Florida. One neighbor sits out back and smokes and the other one smokes on his front porch, which makes it impossible to open our windows without smoke drifting in. I realize they have rights, but why can't we enjoy our home too? What would you do? -- FRESH AIR IN FLORIDA

**DEAR FRESH AIR:** I'd consult an air conditioning company and describe the problem. Some restaurants that have smoking patios keep the cigarette smoke from annoying patrons inside by installing a fan above the entrance. The forced air blows straight down and serves as a barrier not only to smoke, but also to flying insects.

**PRODUCING CONSEQUENCES** By Timothy E. Parker

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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



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Bil and Jeff Keane

**"Is this the right floss to use on my comb's teeth?"**

Ripley's **Believe It or Not!**

**YUM!**  
DURING THE SUMMER OF 1790, GEORGE WASHINGTON SPENT \$200 — MORE THAN \$5,000 TODAY — ON ICE CREAM.  
Submitted By  
Reid Robinson, Garland, TX.  
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**VENUS**  
ROTATES SO SLOWLY THAT IF YOU WERE TO WALK ACROSS ITS SURFACE WHILE WATCHING THE SUNSET, IT WOULD NEVER END.  
REKIMOTO LAB IS WORKING ON A DEVICE THAT WOULD ALLOW A HUMAN SURROGATE TO WEAR A LIVESTREAM PROJECTION OF YOUR FACE TO CARRY OUT ERRANDS ON YOUR BEHALF.  
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**Calvin & Hobbes** ©

by Bill Watterson

THIS BOOK SAYS TIGERS ARE SOLITARY AND SECRETIVE CREATURES.  
TRUE. VERY TRUE.  
OH, SURE! YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE SOME OF THE SECRETS I KNOW.  
REALLY?? LIKE WHAT?  
I CAN'T TELL YOU. THEY'RE SECRETS.  
YOU CAN TELL ME! I WON'T BLAB! HONEST! TELL ME! PLEASE??  
**BIG SECRETS! SECRET SECRETS! BOY, IF YOU ONLY KNEW! MM-MM!**

**PEANUTS** ©

by Charles M. Schultz

I DON'T WANT TO HURT CHUCK..  
BUT HOW CAN I POSSIBLY LOOK HIM IN THE EYE AND TELL HIM THAT I DON'T LIKE HIM AS MUCH AS HE LIKES ME?  
WRITE HIM A LETTER...WRITE HIM A "DEAR CHUCK" LETTER  
LINUS, YOU'RE A GENIUS!!  
BEEP!

I'LL TAKE THE HEAT FROM THE NRA.  
IT'S NOT SO BAD.  
**NRA AGENDA**  
FOOTSIE CAN BE PRETTY HOT.  
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**ZIGGY** ©

...WHAT'S REALLY DISCOURAGING IS...I'M BEING PAID MORE THAN I'M ACTUALLY WORTH ...AND I'M STILL BROKE!!

**Hagar the Horrible** ©

by Chris Brown

TOUGH LUCK!  
YOU HAVE NO RESERVATION!  
YOU'RE RIGHT! I HAVE NO RESERVATION ABOUT DECKING YOU!

**GARFIELD** ©

by Jim Davis

LET'S SEE WHAT NATURE'S UP TO  
OUT OF ORDER

**Sudoku Pacific**  
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

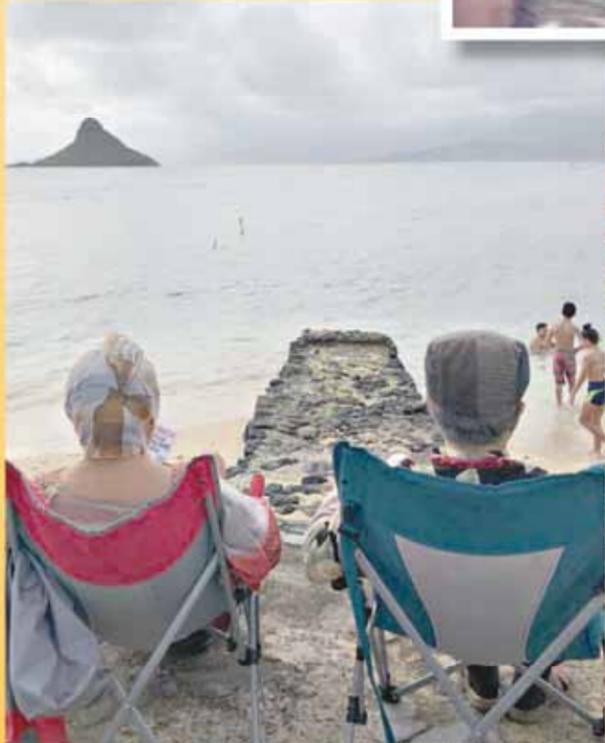
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Monday's Puzzle Answer 3/12

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