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Black Roses surprise all with Top 4 women's win

By FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio

Lady luck smiled on Black Roses as the right scenarios came through for their women's team to win the FFAS Top 4 tournament on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium.

Needing a win against their opponent, and help from Royal Puma to beat this year's top scoring women's team in Vaiala Tongan, both chips fell for Black Roses on that last day. First, they beat their opponent, Green Bay 3-0, while Royal Puma edged Vaiala Tongan 2-1 in the other game that was played simultaneously.

Black Roses and Royal Puma were tied with five points each, but the latter were awarded the Top 4 title with a 3-1 differential in goals edge.

Vaiala Tongan was in the driver's seat of the Top 4 contest going into Dec. 2, needing at worst a draw to secure the tournament. Coming into the day, Vaiala Tongan was leading with four points thanks to a 1-1-0 record, while Black Roses and Royal Puma (0-2-0) had two points each. Green Bay was fourth (0-1-1), but had a long hill to climb to even be considered a contender.

Vaiala Tongan helped itself with a big 11-0 win over Green Bay during round 2 on Nov. 25, while Royal Puma and Black Roses played to a 2-2 draw. During the first weekend of the tournament, Royal Puma and Green Bay drew 1-1, while Vaiala Tongan and Black Roses' game ended in a 1-1 tie.

On the last weekend, a draw by Vaiala Tongan against Royal Puma would have put them over the top of the three other teams, while a win by Royal Puma and Black Roses would then go to the differential in goals tie-breaker.

Vaiala Tongan and Royal Puma took a 1-1 tie all the way to the last five minutes of the game, but a late goal by the women's 2017 National League champions gave them the win, and Black Roses the Top 4 title.

Royal Puma was also officially recognized as the champions of the National League, with captain and defensive stalwart, Ruth Tuato'o, named MVP of the league.

-Below are the official standings for the 2017 National League:

- No. 1 Royal Puma
- No. 2 Vaiala Tongan

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The Black Roses women's squad, winners of the 2017 FFAS Top 4 Tournament at Pago Park Soccer Stadium on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]



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9th Annual Hawaii International Rugby 7s, 2017

Hawaii Pacific Rugby Federation is proud to announce the 9th Annual, Hawaii International Rugby 7s (HIRS) tournament, to be held at Kapiolani Park, on Friday and Saturday (December 15 & 16) this week. Kickoff will start at 9:30AM on both days. HIRS is the only Rugby 7s tournament of its kind for the Open Division for men and women in Hawaii. The 2013 Tournament will be played at Kapiolani Rugby Field Park nestled between world-renowned Waikiki Beach and Hawaii's famous landmark, Diamond Head crater.

Ten teams from the USA, Australia, New Zealand and other island nations around the Pacific will be vying for the 2017 Hawaii Cup. Hawaii International Rugby Sevens is the oldest and largest running rugby tournament in Hawaii for international teams. Teams from around the Pacific will again compete to unseat the current reigning, HIRS champion, Titans Rugby Team. According to the founder Daniel Sataraka, the tournament was created to help develop rugby in Hawaii for future professional rugby players and aspiring college scholar athletes in rugby. He added "More Pacific island rugby players now make a living in rugby than in the US National Football League and soccer combined". The emerging and ever increasing opportunities in rugby scholarships led by Ivy schools in the US is phenomenal. the era of professional rugby has arrived, and this type of tournament

will undoubtedly provide great opportunities for Pacific rugby players.

According to president Saga Mafi, "She is proud to be part of an event not only attracting tourists to Hawaii but it provides an avenue for our youth to display their skills for college scholarship opportunities". Saga Mafi, is the first woman to head an Open Division international Rugby 7s tournament in the USA. The Hawaii International Rugby 7s tournament's Director is MacKay Schwenke, one of the most respected rugby officials in USA and the Pacific. Mr. Schwenke hailed from New Zealand, the home of the greatest rugby team in the world, and the reigning world champion, the All Blacks. A Brigham Young University graduate, he is a certified World Rugby referee, an educator and has been running rugby clinics in the USA in the past 35 years.

Rugby is the second largest spectator sport in the world after soccer, and emerging as a fast growing and most popular sport in the US. An estimated 4 billion viewers worldwide in over 100 countries watched the recent 2015 Rugby World Cup held in New Zealand.

The Hawaii International Rugby Sevens Tournament will observe the rules utilized in the current World Rugby HSBS 7s World Series. A team of World Rugby/IRB-USA Rugby certified referees will officiate the tournament.

(Source: Hawaii Pacific Rugby Federation media release)

VMI rolls past D-II Southern Wesleyan 90-52

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — Jordan Ratliffe totaled 13 points, four rebounds and three steals to propel VMI to a 90-52 victory over Division II member Southern Wesleyan on Thursday night.

Sarju Patel scored 12 and Tyler Creamer added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Keydets (5-5), who shot 54 percent (34 of 63) from the floor for the game.

DJ Dobson topped the Warriors with 14 points, while Jeremy Wert scored 10 with eight rebounds. Southern Wesleyan shot just 29 percent (15 of 51) from the floor and made

1 of 15 from 3-point range (7 percent).

VMI dominated the first meeting between the schools since 2008, outscoring the Warriors 24-6 in points off turnovers. VMI's bench outscored its counterpart 51-14 and the Keydets had a 41-31 rebound advantage. The Keydets jumped out in front early and never trailed. Greg Parham's 3-point midway through the first half pushed VMI's lead to 21-10 and when Keith Smith scored the final five points of the first half VMI led 51-23. The lead grew to 31 on Ratliffe's layup five minutes into the second half.

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FILE - In this Dec. 11, 2017, file photo, New England Patriots outside linebacker Elandon Roberts (52) cannot catch Miami Dolphins running back Kenyan Drake (32), during the first half of an NFL football game in Miami Gardens, Fla. The Dolphins offense has found balance under quarterback Jay Cutler and Drake, who has combined for 234 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in his past two games. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee, File)

Williams focused on Bills beating Miami, not future plans

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Bills defensive tackle Kyle Williams has enough to worry about in preparing to face the Miami Dolphins on Sunday than considering whether Buffalo's home finale might be his last game at New Era Field.

"I don't think about it just because of it's a distraction for me mentally," the 12-year veteran said.

Buffalo's longest-serving active player and inspirational leader is in the final year of his contract and briefly considered retiring after last season before being coaxed back by new coach Sean McDermott.

"I'm not going to make it about me, and I'm not going to think about it in those terms," Williams added. "There's enough trouble in the day of getting ready for the Dolphins and trying to finish this strong and get to where we want to go."

He is, of course, referring to the playoffs, a place the Bills haven't reached in the previous 17 seasons — the longest active streak in North America's four major professional sports.

The Bills (7-6) are in the thick of a convoluted AFC playoff picture, though can miss out even if they win their final three games.

Buffalo has won two of the past three, including braving a lake-effect snowstorm to pull out a 13-7 overtime victory against Indianapolis last weekend.

By comparison, the Dolphins (6-7) have even less margin for error in their bid to reach the playoffs in consecutive seasons for the first time since a five-year run from 1997-2001.

Their year has been undone by a season-ending injury to starting quarterback Ryan Tannehill in early August; Hurri-

cane Irma playing havoc with their schedule; and a five-game skid following their 4-2 start.

Miami has won its last two, including a 27-20 victory over New England on Monday night.

Coach Adam Gase's message is to focus solely on Buffalo.

"We're at the point of the season right now where if you worry about anything else, that's where you get in trouble," Gase said. "For us, we've had a lot of ups and downs to where the last two games we've played better." The Dolphins' offense has found balance under quarterback Jay Cutler and running back Kenyan Drake, who has combined for 234 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in his past two games.

Their defense has re-asserted itself by forcing seven turnovers in the past three games, and limiting its past two opponents to converting 1 of 24 third-down chances.

Some things to watch out for, with the AFC East rivals to meet again in two weeks:

MCCOY'S 10K CHASE: Bills running back LeSean McCoy is 39 yards rushing short of becoming the 30th NFL player to reach 10,000.

He's coming off a season-high 156 yards rushing against Indianapolis, and sealed the win by scoring on a 21-yard run with 1:33 left. Though the Dolphins limited New England to 25 yards rushing, they have allowed 100 yards or more six times this season.

The key, McCoy said, is getting off to a fast start.

"There are times where they get out of place or there's time's when if the game's not going well for them, there's some plays they take off," he said. "But when they're rolling,

they're rolling."

WEATHER OR NOT: Asked what he could gather from watching film of the Bills play in near white-out conditions, Gase laughed and said:



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: ASPA18.009.ESD-WTR **Closing Date & Time: Wednesday, January 3, 2018**
Issuance Date: December 06, 2017 **No later than 2:00 p.m. local time**

The American Samoa Power Authority issues a Request For Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written proposals for the:

"RFP No. ASPA.18.009.ESD-WTR, SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE (VFD) and MAG METER PROJECT"

Submission

An original and one PDF copy of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: **"RFP No. ASPA 18.009.ESD-WTR, Supply and Delivery of Additional Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) and Mag Meters"**

Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), **Thursday, January 3, 2018:**

Procurement Office
 American Samoa Power Authority
 P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
 Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Document

The RFP package outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Procurement Office at ASPA's New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Power Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

Approved for Issuance: Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director

BEACH ADVISORY

American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency

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Supporting efforts to clean our shores

Release Date: December 13, 2017
Contact: AS-EPA Water Program at (684) 633-2304

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) advises the public that on December 12, 2017, the following recreational beaches tested positive for Enterococci bacteria levels that exceed American Samoa Water Quality Standards:

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AS-EPA beach advisories inform the public about current water conditions. When a beach advisory is issued, it is because water samples indicate that the American Samoa Water Quality Standard for Enterococci has been exceeded. This advisory is in effect until further sampling and laboratory analyses indicate that Enterococci concentrations are within acceptable water quality standards.

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Note: AS-EPA monitors the water quality of 44 recreational beaches on Tutuila, the wharf in Aunu'u, and five beaches on Manu'a. Tutuila advisories are issued weekly on Wednesdays. Aunu'u and Manu'a advisories are issued monthly. Advisories are issued when bacteria concentrations exceed levels determined safe for human exposure. Should you have any questions, please contact the AS-EPA Water Program at 633-2304.





IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Courtesy)



The Las Vegas Stadium Authority meets at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, in Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Stadium Authority, responsible for the under-construction Raiders stadium in Las Vegas meet to discuss any progress in an agreement that will dictate how the NFL team and the football team of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will share the facility.

(Erik Verduzco/Las Vegas Review-Journal via AP)

Board pleased with Raiders proposed community benefits plan

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The public entity that oversees the Oakland Raiders' proposed stadium in Las Vegas on Thursday gave its blessing to a plan that by law the team had to come up with to ensure the greatest possible participation by the local community in the design, construction and operation of the facility.

The Las Vegas Stadium Authority board does not have to approve the plan, but the team involved the panel in discussions over the document that for months has been the subject of debate at public meetings during which members of the community suggested — and at times demanded — that certain objectives be included. Unlike the tense discussion over a previous draft, the final version pleased the board.

"I think some significant progress has been made there," board chairman Steve Hill said during the meeting. "I certainly think (it) comports with the law and the intent of the Legislature."

Under the plan, minority and female workers would carry out at least 38 percent of construction work hours and 55 percent of operation hours on event days. The team would be required to provide quarterly reports on the hiring goals to an

oversight committee during the construction of the project. The committee has not yet been appointed.

The Raiders want to kick off the 2020 season at the 65,000-seat domed stadium across the freeway from the Las Vegas Strip. The team held a glitzy groundbreaking ceremony a month ago.

Guests of hotels and other lodging facilities in the Las Vegas area are contributing \$750 million to the project through a room tax increase. The Raiders and the NFL are expected to contribute \$500 million to the project, while the team has also secured a \$600 million loan from Bank of America for construction.

As required by the law that allowed for the room tax hike, the plan calls for 15 percent of the construction work to be subcontracted to local small businesses. The plan does not include a specific goal for the participation of women- and minority-owned businesses, but it includes strategies meant to encourage their participation in the project. Team representatives balked at a request from the board last meeting to include such numerical target.

Similar documents used in other stadium deals have also included hiring guidelines. In

Minnesota, the state set a goal in 2012 for 32 percent of construction workers at U.S. Bank Stadium to be minorities and 6 percent women. The Vikings' project surpassed the goal with 37 percent minority hiring and 9 percent women.

In Inglewood, California, the City Council in 2015 approved an agreement for the construction of the Rams and Chargers stadium requiring that no less than 18 percent of the funds awarded for construction-related contracts and subcontracts go to minority and disadvantaged businesses.

The board and the Raiders face a February deadline to reach a number of crucial agreements for the \$1.9 billion project. On the list is an agreement that would allow the football team of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to use the stadium.

After the meeting, Raiders president Marc Badain declined to identify the sticking points remaining on the joint-use agreement, but said "there aren't many." The Board of Regents must approve the agreement.

"It was a long negotiation. It's still ongoing, but we've made a lot of progress and there's a very good relationship between the parties," Badain said.



US women's hockey team to play NWHL team in Olympic tune-up

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. women's national team will play two exhibitions against some familiar faces from the National Women's Hockey League next month in a final tune-up for the Olympics.

The games are set for Jan. 13 and Jan. 15 at Florida Hospital Center Ice in Wesley Chapel, Florida, where the national team has been training.

Eleven players currently on the U.S. roster competed in the NWHL during the 2016-17 season, USA Hockey said Thursday. The pro league enters its third season with teams in New York, Boston, Buffalo and Stamford, Connecticut.

"(The NWHL) continues to play at an elite level and does a great job of exposing the game in different markets," USA Hockey women's director Reagan Carey said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

Megan Bozek and Emily Pfalzer helped the Buffalo Beauts win the NWHL championship last March.

"The NWHL is honored to be welcomed by USA Hockey and to participate in this pair of important exhibition games," NWHL Commissioner Dani Rylan said. "Our players, coaches and staff are excited to have this opportunity."

U.S. national team captain Meghan Duggan, Hilary Knight, Gigi Marvin, Brianna Decker, Kacey Bellamy, Alex Carpenter and Amanda Pelkey played for the Boston Pride.

Amanda Kessel (New York Riveters) and Haley Skarupa

(Connecticut Whale) also played in the pro league.

Many of the players on both rosters are either ex-teammates or completed against each other in college and the pros.

"The NWHL will do its best to give the players some strong competition so they're ready to bring home the gold in February," Rylan said.

The U.S. team won gold at the first women's hockey event, at the 1998 Nagano Olympics. Since then, the team has earned three silvers and a bronze in losses to Canada.

"We want to make sure the '98 team has some company with the gold medal," Carey said.

The Americans and Canadians will finish their six-game exhibition series with two games this weekend. The U.S. has a 1-3 record so far, but beat its rivals twice at The Four Nations Cup and won the title.

The teams have drawn good crowds in Canada and U.S. stops in Boston and St. Paul, Minnesota. They drew 9,000 flag-waving fans on Dec. 3 in a 2-1 overtime loss at the Xcel Energy Center, home of the Minnesota Wild.

"It's been great to see so many young girls and hockey teams," Carey said. "You can really see the growing landscape for young girls."

The U.S. plays Canada on Friday night in San Jose, California. The Americans wrap up the series on Sunday night at Rogers Place, home of the Edmonton Oilers, in a game televised on NHL Network.



FILE - In this Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 file photo, United States' Hilary Knight smiles deeply after winning the during the Four Nations Cup championship hockey game against Canada in Tampa, Fla. The U.S. women's national team will play two exhibitions against some familiar faces from the National Women's Hockey League next month in a final tune-up for the Olympics, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017.

(AP Photo/Willie J. Allen Jr.)

Nebraska rallies past Penn State in NCAA volleyball semis

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mikaela Foecke had 19 kills, Annika Albrecht and Briana Holman had 13 apiece and Nebraska fought off match point in the fourth set to beat Penn State in a five-set thriller in the NCAA volleyball semifinals on Thursday night.

The fifth-seeded Huskers will play the winner of Stanford-Florida for the title Saturday night.

The Huskers took advantage

of a series of service mistakes by the top-seeded Nittany Lions to beat their Big Ten rivals for the seventh straight time. They also advanced to their eighth title match, where they will try to secure their fifth national championship.

Nebraska won the opening set 25-18 before dropping the next two, and then rallied to win the fourth 28-26 and force a deciding set. The Huskers took it 15-11 to advance to the finals.

Black roses...

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No. 3 Black Roses
No. 4 Green Bay
No. 5 PanSa
No. 6 Taputimu Youth
No. 7 Pago Youth
No. 8 Ilaoa & To'omata

There were a total of 10 teams in the competition, but the other two — Tafuna Jets

and Lion Heart — were disqualified from the league after accumulating two forfeits each.

FFAS executive committee members, Rev. Ioane Evagelia and Treasurer Amio Mavaega-Luvu were on hand to out the awards on behalf of Faiivae Iuli Alex Godinet



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Minnesota Timberwolves forward Karl-Anthony Towns, right, blocks Sacramento Kings center Willie Cauley-Stein (00) in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, in Minneapolis.

(AP Photo/Andy Clayton-King)

Falcons aim to repeat late rush, but it feels different

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — The Falcons are accustomed to making a late-season run to the playoffs.

But as the Falcons chase a playoff spot, they're not looking at Monday night's game at Tampa Bay or any part of their closing stretch as anything like last season.

Nevermind that they were 7-5 last season before rolling to four straight regular-season victories and playoff wins over Seattle and Green Bay to reach the Super Bowl.

The Falcons know last season's run doesn't guarantee anything now.

"That does nothing. You've spent that money. You've got to go earn new money, man," safety Ricardo Allen said. "That does nothing for you. We're playing different teams at different times in different locations.

"You can take it that we've done it before, but you've still got to put the work in; it just

doesn't transfer. It's not like rollover minutes."

Coming off a 20-17 win over the Saints last Thursday that pulled the Falcons (8-5) within a game of New Orleans (9-4) and Carolina (9-4) in the NFC South, Atlanta will be without starting left guard Andy Levitre (triceps) and possibly backup running back Tevin Coleman (concussion).

With wins over the Bucs (4-9), Saints, and Panthers, the Falcons can become division champs again, and even without such a run they're in the wild-card race and hold tiebreakers over Green Bay, Detroit, Seattle and Dallas.

They beat the Bucs handily on Nov. 26 in Atlanta when wide receiver Julio Jones caught 12 passes for 253 yards and two touchdowns, so the Falcons will not be surprised if Tampa Bay's coverage scheme — designed by defensive coordinator and former Atlanta head coach Mike Smith — looks different.

"Obviously, Julio went for some big numbers last time we played them," quarterback Matt Ryan said. "Maybe there's some cloud coverage or double-team for him, but as far as fronts, blitzes etc., what they've shown through the year is probably going to be there Monday night."

The Falcons have a long way to go to resemble the offensive juggernaut of last season, when they outscored opponents 154-75 over the final four regular-season games and in the playoffs handled the Seahawks 36-20 and the Packers 44-21.

Atlanta's offense has been spotty, and the team is 0-5 when scoring fewer than 20 points a game. Last season, the Falcons scored 23 points or more in nearly every game, 18 in all when counting the playoffs and a 34-28 overtime loss to the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

The defense has improved, ranking No. 7 in the NFL in yards allowed per game (319.8), but has generated just 11 takeaways and the Falcons are minus-5 in turnover margin. Coach Dan Quinn believes that his team has not yet played its best.

"I agree with Coach Q 100 percent," said running back Devonta Freeman, who missed the first Tampa game while in the concussion protocol. "On offense, we could be more consistent, take care of the ball better."

It took a leaping, last-minute interception in the end zone by linebacker Deion Jones to preserve the Falcons' win over the Saints, a game made closer by three interceptions by Ryan.

The Bucs are in last place, but Tampa Bay quarterback Jameis Winston has had success against the Falcons. He's 3-1 with a 104.3 passer rating in his three-year career, although he missed the game last month with a sprained throwing shoulder.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved to issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Fa'atili; DBAS President
Date of issuance: Dec 1, 2017
Date & Time Due: December 30, 2017
No later than 2:00 pm local time

DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

DOCUMENT

DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

Document: Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday Dec 1, 2017 or emailing charmaine@dbas.as for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: www.dbas.as (click public notice).

The Request for Proposals (RFP) describes the specifications for the services to be provided in sufficient details to permit competition and allow the interested party to properly respond to the RFP.

This RFP is issued under Title 28, Chapter 1, of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

DBAS invites the submission of proposals to include pricing and other details as indicated in the specifications. Attachments will be provided as an aid in presenting a comprehensive proposal consistent with the requirements of DBAS.

DBAS will select a contractor who best meets the needs of DBAS. The factors for selection will include, but not be limited to the following: understanding of the requirements of the financial and single auditors; verifiable ability to perform well; good reputation; flexibility, including ability to respond quickly to needs of a small client in a remote location and throughout the year; and reasonability of costs.

The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from DBAS management and board. The committee may request interviews with potential contractors after reviewing the proposals before the final selection is made.

Submission: Proposals must be received by DBAS no later than 2:00pm local time on December 30, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Development Bank of American Samoa
 PO BOX 9
 Attention: Charmaine Faleaana
 Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

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Angry Saints aim to improve playoff prospects vs. Jets

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Saints running back Alvin Kamara dismisses the notion that anxiety is creeping into New Orleans' locker room following two losses in the club's past three games. New Orleans now has little margin for error in a tight, three-team NFC South race, but Kamara asserts, "We know what our team is made of." "I don't think there's been a drop-off in the confidence or the energy," added Kamara, who sounds eager to resume his exceptional rookie NFL campaign, during which he has amassed 1,247 yards and 11 touchdowns. Kamara missed most of last week's loss in Atlanta with concussion symptoms, but was cleared to practice this week and said he will play when New Orleans (9-4) hosts the New York Jets (5-8) on Sunday. The Saints sound somewhat angry coming off their 20-17 loss in Atlanta in Week 14. Despite several disputed penalties that went against them, the Saints were threatening to take a late lead until Drew Brees threw an uncharacteristic interception in the end zone. Soon after, coach Sean Payton drew an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty that deprived New Orleans' defense of any chance to get the ball

back before time ran out. "A lot of guys felt like we should have won that game," Saints defensive tackle Sheldon Rankins said. "A lot of guys had some real ill feelings toward that game, so definitely add that to our preparation this week." New Orleans leads Carolina (9-4) in the division by virtue of a head-to-head victories and leads Atlanta (8-5), which visits New Orleans in Week 16, by one game. The Jets remain alive for a wild-card spot, but are a long shot — two games out with three games left. The bigger story line for New York appears to be whether third-year NFL quarterback Bryce Petty, pressed into his first start this season by an injury to Josh McCown, can salvage his career. Playing in the Superdome can be tough on opposing QBs when the Saints are playing well, as they have in winning their past five at home. The roof magnifies crowd noise and makes communication tough. "With a dome, it's going to be loud — we're going to have to stick together," Petty said. "So, for my first start, on the road, that will be a good experience for me. Going against Drew Brees will be awesome." Here are some other story lines entering the Jets' visit to

New Orleans: **DYNAMIC DUO** Kamara and Mark Ingram could become the first running back tandem to each have 1,500 yards from scrimmage in the same season. Ingram has 1,269, including 971 and all nine of his TDs on the ground. Kamara has 608 yards and seven TDs rushing and 639 yards and four TDs receiving. "We've got to credit the offensive line. We've got to credit the receivers (for blocking), the coaches for being able to scheme it up," Ingram said. "It's gratifying that we have the opportunity to do something that nobody has ever done in this league." **PETTY'S READY** Petty will make only his fifth NFL start on Sunday. A fourth-round pick of the Jets out of Baylor in 2015, Petty started four games last season and has appeared in six games overall, throwing three touchdowns with seven interceptions. "He was sitting on the bench watching things to do and what not to do," coach Todd Bowles said. "But you can't take the test until you're out there." McCown broke his left hand last Sunday at Denver. Bowles said he doesn't anticipate second-year QB Christian Hackenberg playing this season.

Titans making the most of their week in Arizona

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans are mostly glad to be away from Nashville for a week of practice in Arizona. And they're making the most of their time on the road and getting a little sun while they do it. The Titans opted to stay in the Phoenix area and have practices at Arizona State after their game against the Arizona Cardinals last Sunday. They will travel to the Bay Area to play the 49ers on Sunday. From the team hotel to practice, the trip has allowed the Titans to spend time together off the field as well. It is viewed as a positive in this crucial time of the season for the Titans, who are 8-5 and trying to make the playoffs. "We have a very close football team and they know exactly where we're at at this time. They know the situation we're in, the position we're in," coach Mike Mularkey said. The change of scenery and surface has been beneficial from a football standpoint, and the players aren't lacking for equipment they have in Tennessee. "Obviously, the weather is helpful. Being on the grass, I think there was a chance we were going to have to go in and be on turf possibly in Nashville," Mularkey said. "Obviously, saving that travel time this weekend will be a bonus. We've gotten a lot of work done. Our guys can spend some more time studying up on the opponent, they can spend some more time in the spa and using the hot tubs and everything available to them to recover. It's been a good experience." The team hotel was set up to give players plenty to do on the property, and they have had a number of off-field activities to choose from when practice is done. Mularkey said a trip to a local driving range was organized as were excursions to the Phoenix Suns game Wednesday night and the Arizona Coyotes game Thursday night. Players have also taken it upon themselves to find things to do. "It's a team-building experience," linebacker Wesley Woodyard said. "A lot of guys are hanging out, just getting to know each other better than we already do," wide receiver Rishard Matthews said. Tight end Delanie Walker missed the turf of the Titans' facility, but said practicing on natural grass reminded the players of their younger days in football.

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Knicks hold on to beat Nets after Porzingis leaves

NEW YORK (AP) — Courtney Lee scored 18 of his 27 points in the second half, Michael Beasley added 15, and the New York Knicks held on to beat the Brooklyn Nets 111-104 on Thursday night after losing star forward Kristaps Porzingis to a sore left knee early in the second half.

Porzingis motioned to the bench with 9:25 remaining in the third quarter after contesting a shot made by Brooklyn's Rondae Hollis-Jefferson. The Knicks' leading scorer had scored 13 points in nearly 18 minutes in the first half.

Enes Kanter had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Knicks, who earned just their second road victory of the season. Their only other one was Oct. 29 at Cleveland.

Spencer Dinwiddie had 26 points for the Nets, who have dropped the first two games to their city rivals. Hollis-Jefferson added 25 points on 10-for-16 shooting and Caris LeVert added 15.

New York appeared on its way to an easy one after shooting 23 for 43 from the field and 6 for 13 from the 3-point line and leading by as many as 18 points in the first half. The Nets rallied to take an 82-79 lead on DeMarre Carroll's 3-pointer with 1:49 left in the third.

But the Knicks went on a 8-0 run to close the quarter, capped by Lee's 3-point shot that increased their lead 87-82 with 25 seconds left.

Brooklyn managed to get within three points on a couple of occasions in the fourth quarter, including 100-97 with 3:09 to go. But 3-pointers by rookie Frank Ntilikina and Lance Thomas extended New York's lead to 106-97 with 1:07 left to seal it.

TIP-INS

Knicks: Center Kyle O'Quinn had nine points and 10 rebounds.

Nets: Shot just 12 for 42 beyond the 3-point line.

NO RUSH

New York guard Tim Hardaway Jr., out with a stress injury in his lower left leg that's caused him to miss the last 12 games, is unsure when he will return to the team and thinks it would be smart not to "rush" back.

"The goal is to just get better first. I'm not giving myself no deadline", Hardaway said before the game. "I'm not going to rush it. I'm going to wait until I'm 100 percent mentally ready to go. If it was the playoffs, I'd be out there right now. But you got to be smart and do what's best for you. I trust the team."

Hardaway is averaging 17.8 points. He expects to be re-evaluated next Tuesday.

⊗ Brooklyn Nets guard Allen Crabbe (33) and Nets forward DeMarre Carroll (9) defend against New York Knicks guard Courtney Lee, center, in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, in New York. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens)



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Jets' Morton on awful offense: 'Just got our butts kicked'

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — John Morton insists he's not one to dwell on the past, especially after an embarrassingly bad performance by the New York Jets' offense.

But the pitiful final stats in a 23-0 loss at Denver last Sunday were difficult to ignore. The Jets had just 100 yards of offense against the Broncos, the second-lowest total in franchise history. Against a team that had lost eight straight, New York never reached the red zone and was in Broncos territory for just six plays. "We just got our butts kicked, that's all," the offensive coordinator acknowledged Thursday. "We got outcoached, we got outplayed in everything. That's a good team. That's a good defense over there, last week. "So, you just go on and keep grinding away." The only performance in Jets history that was worse was Joe Namath's final game for the franchise in 1976, when they had just 72 yards against Cincinnati. At Denver, they went 3 for 13 on third downs and had six first downs, with just one coming on a passing play. Morton knew this one was all but over late in the game, so he decided to run out the clock — a waving of the white flag, of sorts. "Listen, the game was out of hand," Morton said. "I didn't want some bad stuff to happen, so at that time, I don't like saying, 'no mas,' but it was time to get out of there. They kicked our butts. Sometimes that just happens in the National Football League and I'm not going to sit there and have these guys run a bunch of routes and something bad happen or make bad decisions.



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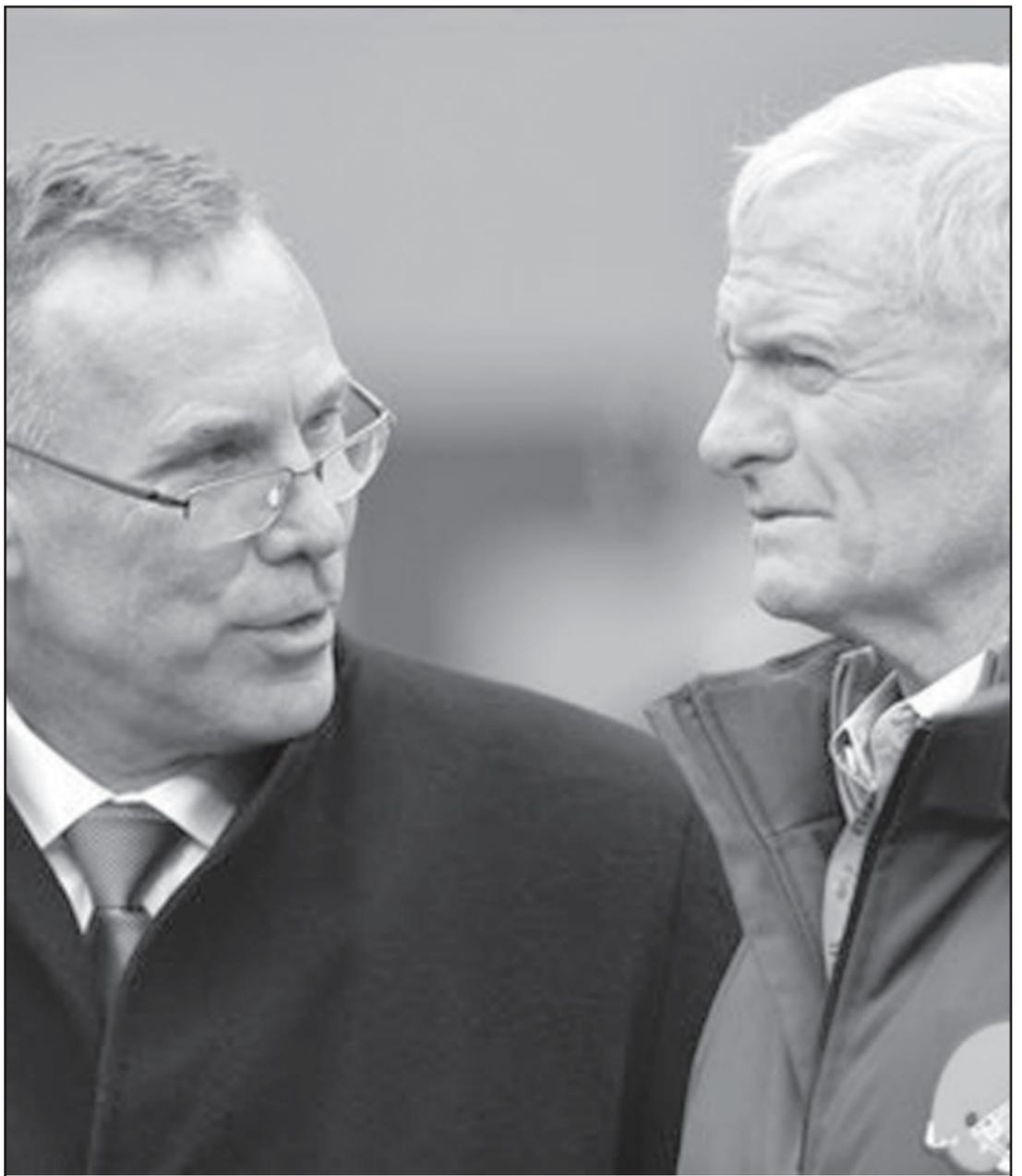
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FILE - In this Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 file photo, Cleveland Browns general manager John Dorsey, left, talks with owner Jimmy Haslam before an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers in Cleveland. New Browns general manager John Dorsey played linebacker in the NFL. Turns out, he still hits hard. Dorsey, hired last week by owner Jimmy Haslam to fix his floundering franchise, harshly criticized the team, *À*s previous football head Sashi Brown on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 saying he failed to give coach Hue Jackson good players. (AP Photo/David Richard, File)

New Browns GM Dorsey rips predecessor in radio interview

CLEVELAND (AP) — New Browns general manager John Dorsey played linebacker in the NFL. Turns out, he still hits hard.

Dorsey, hired last week by owner Jimmy Haslam to fix his floundering franchise, harshly criticized the team's previous football leader Sashi Brown on Thursday, saying he failed to give coach Hue Jackson good players.

In a radio interview with one of the team's flagship stations, Dorsey was asked if he will bring Jackson back for a third season if the team goes 0-16.

"You've got to get a guy like that players," Dorsey said on WKNR-850. "And you know what? I'll come straight out with it. The guys who were here before, that system, they didn't get real players. As (coach) Bill Parcells would always say, 'You are your record.' And you know what? There it is, so that's the truth-teller in this thing. And I'm going to do my darnedest to get Hue players. And that's all I can ask for, and that's all I'm going to do. I like the man."

Dorsey was fired by Kansas City after four seasons with the Chiefs, who made the playoff three times under his watch.

He hasn't wasted any time in making his presence felt. On his first full day in Cleveland, Dorsey waived wide receiver Kenny Britt, who was a major disappointment after signing a four-year, \$32.5 million free agent contract.

During the interview, Dorsey defended his choice to drop Britt, who has since signed with New England.

"I have no problem making that decision," Dorsey said. "From a cultural standpoint, I don't think he (Britt) fits in the prototypical character point of what I'm looking for in terms of a leader. He did not live up to his expectations as a player. He may have a higher opinion of himself than

I have of him as a player, so I thought that was easy."

Haslam has stated his support of Jackson, who is 1-28 in two seasons, but is expected back in 2018.

Dorsey dodged a question about Jackson's future.

"I live in the present and I build for the future," he said. "Right now the sun's out, the tarps are coming out, we're practicing outside, we're getting ready to play the Baltimore Ravens and that's my sole focus. And then it's also getting familiar with the whole layout and the organizational structure."

Jackson did not want to comment on Dorsey's assessment of Cleveland's roster. He and Brown didn't agree on several roster decisions, and their fractured relationship was at the heart of Haslam's decision to make more changes to his front office.

Jackson said he and Dorsey are off to a good start together.

"John Dorsey has been outstanding. He's football 24-7," Jackson said following practice as the Browns (0-13) prepared to play the Baltimore Ravens (7-6) in their final home game.

"I have enjoyed getting to know him more and spending time with him and talking about our football team and what we need to do. Obviously, there are some good players in our locker room. The guys work extremely hard.

"I think John's big focus is to try to get us more guys as we move forward on our football team that can best help us get this turned and become what we can become.

"He's walking up and down these halls preaching, 'Let's win. Let's get to winning as fast as we can.' I appreciate that. He's doing everything he needs to do on his end."





Valparaiso head coach Matt Lottich reacts as he watches his team during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Northwestern Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, in Rosemont, Ill. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

Northwestern hot 3-point shooting buries Valparaiso 84-50

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Vic Law scored 18 points and re-energized Northwestern, blowing out Valparaiso 84-50 on Thursday night.

Coming off the biggest win in program history, the Wildcats (7-4) rode Law's early hot hand and a stifling team defensive effort to a second straight decisive victory. Northwestern, which beat Chicago State by 65 points on Monday after a seven-day layoff, went on runs of 17-1 and 20-2 for its third win in four games.

Playing again without leading scorer Tevonn Walker, Valparaiso (8-3) couldn't keep up. It went 8 minutes, 21 seconds without a field goal in the first half and lost its third straight.

The Wildcats were never challenged as they forced 10 first-half turnovers and made seven of their first eight 3-point tries to race out to a 30-13 lead.

The Crusaders looked out of sorts without Walker, who missed his second straight game with illness. After a Derrik

Smits jumper got it within 13-10 at the 15:30-mark, Valparaiso didn't make another basket until it trailed by 18. The Crusaders also went 6:53 without a field goal to start the second half as Northwestern stretched its lead to 62-28.

Joe Burton led Valparaiso with 16 points.

BIG PICTURE

Valparaiso: It was the third straight away from home for the Crusaders, who are on a six-game road trip. Valparaiso, which has played better than .500 basketball on the road in four of the past five seasons, continues its trip with two games in California next week. The Crusaders, who fell to 1-3 away, won't play their only home game of the month until Dec. 31.

Northwestern: Normally an average team from behind the line, the Wildcats couldn't miss early on, making seven of their first eight 3-point tries. Northwestern entered the contest shooting 35 percent from 3, which was ranked 172nd out of

351 Division 1 teams. But Law hit his first four 3-pointers for the Wildcats, who finished 12 for 22.

UP NEXT

Valparaiso plays at Santa Clara on Monday.

Northwestern plays at DePaul on Saturday.



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Kipling Colbert Jr., standing, and Gregory Williams, right, listen as a Knox County jury convicted them of facilitation in the killing of Zaevion Dobson in Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017. (Michael Patrick/Knoxville News Sentinel via AP)

Verdict returned in death of teen Obama praised for courage

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jurors found one defendant guilty Thursday of first-degree murder and two others guilty on a lesser charge of facilitation of first-degree murder in the 2015 death of a Tennessee teen who was lauded for courageously shielding his friends from gunfire. Christopher Drone Bassett, 22, was found guilty of first-degree murder in the death of 15-year-old Zaevion Dobson, a promising high school football player whose act of bravery drew praise from then-President Barack Obama. Kipling Deshawn Colbert, 22, and Richard Gregory Williams III, 23, also had been facing first-degree murder charges but were instead found guilty of facilitating the murder.

“Today is about justice for Zaevion Dobson and his family,” Knox County District

Attorney General Charme Allen said afterward. Sentencing for all three is scheduled for Feb. 2. Bassett faces an automatic life sentence with no possibility of parole for 51 years. “We respectfully disagree with the jury’s verdict,” said T. Scott Jones, the lawyer representing Bassett. “We think that we presented evidence that would have created reasonable doubt, and we expect to fully explore that relative to a motion for a new trial, and if (that) is denied, a subsequent appeal.” Dobson was on a back porch with friends on Dec. 17, 2015, when shots were fired. Police said Dobson suffered a fatal gunshot wound while shielding two girls, who were unhurt. “Zaevion is a wonderful example to each and every one of us,” Allen said. “He was a selfless young man who gave his life protecting the lives of his friends. Today is a perfect example of justice being sought exactly where it needs to be sought — in a court of law, not on the streets of our community.” All three defendants reacted stoically as the verdict was read. Dobson’s mother, Zenobia Dobson, sat in the front row of the courtroom as she had throughout the nearly two-week trial. She wore a T-shirt with the number 24, which had been Zaevion’s jersey number as a football player at Fulton High School in Knoxville. On the back of her shirt were the messages “We Are One!” and “Family! Faith! Football!” with a picture of the Fulton High football team.

Although a single gunshot killed Dobson, prosecutors said all three defendants were criminally responsible because they aided in the commission of the offense. Prosecutors said at least 34 shots were fired from at least four different guns in the attack, carried out in the Lonsdale section of Knoxville.

According to the state’s case, a Knoxville man named Brandon Perry was angry that his mother had gotten shot earlier in the day and was accompanied by a group as he headed to Lonsdale to fire shots out of anger. Perry was killed in a separate shooting later that night.

“The reality of it is we now have five families that have lost a child,” Jones said. “Brandon Perry is deceased. Zaevion Dobson is deceased. Their families are suffering and now we have these three young men who are going to be removed from their families.”

All three defendants were found guilty of numerous other felonies. Bassett was convicted of five counts of attempted first-degree murder, three counts of attempted second-degree murder, eight counts of employment of a firearm during commission of a dangerous felony and two counts of unlawful possession of a weapon.



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PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK. A parent to parent support group for families with children with disabilities. Contact Sandy 731-3959 (English), Ivorie 770-6678 (Samoan).

SAMOAN SAINTS ORGANIZATION Roadside Clean Up on the 21st and 29th of this month until the end of the year. All are welcomed. Meet in front of Lupelele Elementary School, 5:30pm, rain or shine. Do it for our beautiful island. Contact Jay @ 254-0651 for more info.

URGENT HOMES NEEDED FOR ADULT DOGS being trapped at Lyons Park!! Majority of adult dogs trapped are healthy & very friendly but will be humanly euthanized if no one claims them after 48 hours of being held. PLEASE HELP! Call Mona at 258-4116 or 699-9445.

ASOA General Meetings. Will be held each month on the 3rd Friday at 10am at ASOA Center in Tafuna on Tasi St. All seniors welcome. Questions, call 699-1131

WHEELCHAIRS Old, Battered or Banged up. Pls donate, in any condition to ASOA so we may be able to help someone in need. Call Marysita 770-1838 or 699-1131

SCUBA FISHING BAN It is unlawful to possess any spear while using SCUBA. Marine & Wildlife Resources. 633-4458 / 252-0445.

OMENS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS of all ages to help in the Fale. Support your hospital, donate your free time by calling 633-1222 Ext. 199. All proceeds from Fale sales donated to purchase equipment for LBJ.[till]

HUNTING BAN ON WILD BIRDS & BATS is still in effect - it is unlawful to kill or hunt wild birds & bats. Dept. of Marine & Wildlife 633-4458 / 252-0445

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UNLIKE CHRISTMAS, THERE IS NO SET DATE FOR HANUKKAH, AS IT'S DETERMINED BY THE HEBREW, NOT THE GREGORIAN, CALENDAR.

PRIOR TO 1949, MOUNTAIN, WEST VIRGINIA, WAS CALLED "MOLE HILL" MEANING RESIDENTS VOTED TO MAKE A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLE HILL!

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS, ALTHOUGH CONSIDERED ITALIAN, IS ACTUALLY AN AMERICAN DISH!

12-15

Calvin & Hobbes ©

by Bill Watterson

THIS SANTA CLAUS STUFF BOTHERS ME... ESPECIALLY THE JUDGE AND JURY BIT.

WHO APPOINTED SANTA? HOW DO WE KNOW HE'S IMPARTIAL? WHAT CRITERIA DOES HE USE FOR DETERMINING GOOD AND BAD?

AND WHAT ABOUT EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES? KIDS SHOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DON'T YOU THINK?

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE SALAMANDER INCIDENT, AREN'T YOU?

TEMPORARY INSANITY! THAT'S ALL IT WAS!

PEANUTS ©

by Charles M. Schultz

"AS A YOUNG BOY, BEETHOVEN WAS POWERFULLY BUILT"

"HE WAS SHORT OF STATURE, HAD BROAD SHOULDERS, A SHORT NECK, A LARGE HEAD AND A ROUND NOSE"

HE SOUNDS KIND OF CUTE

BEETHOVEN WAS NOT CUTE!!

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BALANCE!

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...I THINK I NEED EITHER A SMALLER LAPDOG... OR A BIGGER LAP!

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HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED THE UNCANNY SENSE OF SMELL DOGS HAVE?

YES!

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HOW DO I LOOK, GARFIELD?

IT'S MY NEW CHRISTMAS SWEATER AND ANTLER HAT!

DON WE NOW OUR NERD APPAREL

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Sudoku Pacific

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

1	9		4					
6			9	7	1	5		
	4			3				6
4			8	9				5
		9		5		8		
5				2	6			1
	7			6			1	
		1	7	8	4			3
				1			8	7

12/15 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Thursday's Puzzle Answer 12/14

1	5	6	9	7	3	2	4	8
7	9	2	6	8	4	1	5	3
4	3	8	5	2	1	7	9	6
6	7	5	3	4	8	9	2	1
3	2	1	7	6	9	5	8	4
8	4	9	2	1	5	3	6	7
2	6	4	1	9	7	8	3	5
5	8	7	4	3	2	6	1	9
9	1	3	8	5	6	4	7	2

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