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Mexico coach Osorio says clubs blocked top players

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio says he was denied top players for the CONCACAF Gold Cup's knockout rounds because "our bosses and the clubs themselves" had other ideas.

Seeking to win the Gold Cup for the fourth time in five tournaments, Mexico wanted to use some of the six replacements each team is allowed under tournament rules. He spoke about the idea with his top player pool on June 25, a day after a win over host Russia at the Confederations Cup.

"I met with seven players we thought about bringing to the Gold Cup. I intended to bring them," Osorio said Wednesday on the eve of a Gold Cup semifinal against Honduras. "But we

had to get to the 23-man final roster. The who, what, why is a question for our bosses and the clubs themselves."

Canada plays Jamaica in the first doubleheader opener. The winners play Sunday in a semi-final at Pasadena, California.

Mexico's best players were given the group phase off at the Confederations Cup. Players from the 40-man preliminary roster are eligible to be added.

Osorio brushed aside the criticism that followed a 0-0 group stage draw against Jamaica.

"With this group," he said in Spanish, "it is a big development situation, and they are young and coming along well."

Honduras has far more players from it's top-tier group.

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Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia lands on Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista after turning a double play during the 11th inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Russell Martin was out at first.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

Sonny Gray wins 3rd straight start as A's avoid sweep

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Sonny Gray has no idea whether he will be traded or not, yet he soaked in the standing ovation when he walked off the Coliseum mound nonetheless.

Gray struck out six pitching into the seventh in what might have been his final home start in Oakland if the club tries to deal him before the trade deadline, and the Athletics rallied in the fifth inning to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-2 on Wednesday.

"It was nice," Gray said of the greeting from his home fans. "I've had a lot of times coming off the mound getting some nice ovations, some cheers. It took me back to 2013 a lot and those two playoff games. It was really nice, and whether it is or whether it's not, it's not up to me. But it brought back a lot of memories."

Matt Joyce hit a towering homer to the right-field seats in the eighth for Oakland.

Rajai Davis doubled home Oakland's first run in the fifth then Joyce followed with a tying sacrifice fly before Davis scurried home with the go-ahead run on a wild pitch.

Gray (6-4) won his third straight start and fourth in five. When speculation arose from the White Sox side before his Friday outing that the right-hander had been scratched because of a possible deal, the A's quickly announced that he was indeed taking the mound for his scheduled outing.

After a pair of one-run defeats to begin this series, the A's avoided being swept by the Rays in Oakland for the first time.

Gray allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings with

two walks.

Manager Bob Melvin has seen enough players go, he didn't want to ponder what is next for Gray.

"I try not to think too much about that because when you have a group of guys that you're dealing with, that's basically what your focus is," Melvin said. "And I've had him for a while, so I just kind of go with the flow as far as that goes."

The Rays got three straight singles off Gray to start the fourth inning, including an RBI single by Wilson Ramos. Brad Miller also drove in a run on a groundout.

But Oakland finally got to Tampa Bay right-hander Jake Faria (4-1) in the fifth. With seven straight quality starts to begin his career, Faria took his first big league loss.

A's All-Star Yonder Alonso hit an RBI single in the inning, when Faria had two of his four walks. He allowed six hits and four runs in five innings, striking out four.

Alonso was thrown out at home in the first when he tried to go from first on Khris Davis' double to right. The throw beat him so handily Alonso didn't even try to slide and instead ran behind the plate before turning for the dugout.

SOUZA INJURY

RF Steven Souza Jr. said he felt much better after the game after exiting in the first with a strained left hip. He was hurt trying to steal second after drawing a leadoff walk to start the game. Shane Peterson replaced him. X-rays were negative and Souza will be re-evaluated and have an MRI once the team arrives home.

"I went to slide and it was extremely muThursday, July 20, 2017 around second base," Souza said. "My leg got stuck in the ground and I just kind of felt a jump in my hip. That didn't feel very great."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: Of Souza, manager Kevin Cash said: "We're actually pretty optimistic that we avoided a major injury. He's going to go to tomorrow to have some major testing done." ... Cash said LHP Blake Snell would take his next turn despite being winless at 0-5 with a 4.98 ERA in 11 starts.

Athletics: The A's hope to have Chad Pinder back from the DL and a strained left hamstring when they return home from an upcoming seven-game trip to the New York Mets and Toronto. Melvin plans to use him as a utilityman. ... RHP Kendall Graveman allowed five hits and four runs with one strikeout and a walk on 46 pitches in 2 1/3 innings with Triple-A Nashville rehabbing his strained pitching shoulder. RHP Jharel Cotton (blister on his right thumb) also pitched in the game, striking out six in 3 1/3 innings, while Pinder was 0 for 2 with a walk and strikeout for the Sounds.

UP NEXT

Rays: With the Rays back home, RHP Alex Cobb (8-6, 3.59 ERA) takes the ball in Friday's series opener against Yu Darvish and Texas having not faced the Rangers since April 6, 2014.

Athletics: After Thursday's day off following a cross-country flight, RHP Paul Blackburn (1-0, 1.83 ERA) pitches the series opener at the Mets in



FILE - In this July 2, 2017, file photo, Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio waits for the kick-off of the Confederations Cup, third place soccer match between Portugal and Mexico, in Moscow, Russia. Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio has been effectively banned from the Gold Cup by FIFA for insulting match officials. FIFA banned Osorio for six matches on Friday, July 7, 2017, for his behavior during the Confederations Cup third-place game last Sunday, when Mexico lost to Portugal 2-1. (AP Photo/Denis Tyrin, File)

► Mexico coach...

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team that is ready," Osorio said. "We have a group trying to come together. The three previous results were three positive results for Mexico. Tomorrow with this new group, we will try to play a good game and look to win."

Osorio will watch from a suite, serving the fourth of a six-game suspension assessed by FIFA for his use of "insulting words" toward officials during a Confederations Cup match against Portugal.

"I can't deny it has been quite a challenge for myself," Osorio said, speaking in English this time. "It has been very difficult, very frustrating."

Mexico did not make any roster changes. The veterans include goalkeepers Jesus Corona and Moises Munoz.

Canada, in the Gold Cup

quarterfinals for the first time since 2009, will welcome Cyle Larin, left off the roster for the group stage following his arrest on a DUI charge last month in Orlando, Florida, where he plays in Major League Soccer.

"Cyle is a powerful forward," Canada coach Octavio Zambrano said. "He's a presence. He's someone that attracts a lot of attention and he can finish as well."

Jamaica, which lost to Mexico 3-1 in the 2015 final, allowed one goal in the group stage. "We tried as much as possible to keep a clean sheet," Jamaica coach Theodore Whitmore said.

The Canadians also feature 16-year-old Alphonso Davies of the Vancouver Whitecaps. His three goals tied for the most in the group stage.



Eager Yankees reinforcements embolden team for pennant drive

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The New York Yankees have ignited their playoff drive with a bold trade.

This midseason tailspin didn't deter general manager Brian Cashman from making an aggressive move. The recent slump couldn't dampen any excitement of the acquired trio of power-hitting infielder Todd Frazier and power-armed relievers Tommy Kahnle and David Robertson, either.

"We're now in a sprint, and we want to be able to run the fastest, swiftest, most successful race we can," Cashman said, "and hopefully these three new additions can, again, put ourselves in position to do that."

The deal that sent reliever Tyler Clippard and three prospects, including 2016 first-round draft pick Blake Rutherford, to the Chicago White Sox was completed on Tuesday night. Frazier, Kahnle and Robertson arrived at the ballpark around game time on Wednesday afternoon and soon joined their new teammates in the dugout.

Frazier pinch hit in the seventh inning, striking out in his debut against Twins starter Jose Berrios. He remained in the game at third base, where he'll stay as a regular with Chase Headley moving to first base, and was hit by a pitch on the right hand in the ninth.

"Ah, I was a little foggy, man. I'll be honest with you. Just getting off the plane, I didn't really sleep last night. Getting up there, I've faced Berrios a couple times already, but it felt like my first at-bat, basically, getting called up again," Frazier said.

Kahnle struck out two in a perfect eighth inning of the 6-1 loss at Minnesota. Robertson didn't pitch.

"It was a rush," Kahnle said.

The Yankees sent left-handed reliever Chasen Shreve to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and designated first baseman Ji-Man Choi and utility man Rob Refsnyder for assignment to make room for the new players. They fell to 10-22 in their past 32 games and 0-8-2 in their past 10 series, but they control the second AL wild-card spot.

"I think all the tools are in that clubhouse. I do. We just have to play better," manager Joe Girardi said.

The 20-year-old Rutherford was hitting .281 with 30 RBIs and 25 stolen bases at Class A Charleston to make the South Atlantic League All-Star team, and the 18th overall pick last

year was the key piece for the White Sox to agree to the deal.

The seeds were actually sewn, Cashman said on a conference call with reporters, in the previous weeks while the Yankees pursued starting pitcher Jose Quintana who went to the Chicago Cubs instead.

With Michael Pineda done for the season, Cashman will still try to trade for another starting pitcher, but this move at least shored up a bullpen that had been underperforming in recent weeks.

"We hope it's better, but I still pay homage to the baseball gods by recognizing this is a very difficult sport," Cashman said. "We have a great bullpen on paper already, but for the last month it hasn't been firing on all cylinders."

Though All-Star setup man Dellin Betances has struggled lately, adding Robertson and Kahnle to the mix with right-hander Adam Warren as bridges to closer Aroldis Chapman ought to be a big boost down the stretch for a team with a thin rotation. "It's a very strong group," Robertson said, smiling. "Looks like I'm the softest thrower in the bunch."

Having grown up in New Jersey, leading Toms River to the 1998 Little League World Series title at age 12 and later joining Derek Jeter on the field while his team was honored at a Yankees game, Frazier summed up his excitement on Twitter about coming home.

After hitting a career-high 40 home runs last year, he's had a rough season. The familiar faces and sights for him in the New York area ought to help.

"I love playing at home," Frazier said. "So I think I did need a change of scenery, and especially to come here, who could ask for a better scenario?"

Robertson was the closer for the Yankees in 2014 before leaving for the White Sox. Like Frazier, he was all smiles after the game in Minnesota as the team packed up for a long flight to Seattle for a four-game series.

"I've been here and I've won before," Robertson said. "I want to win here again."

Kahnle, a New York native who grew up outside of Albany, was drafted by the Yankees in 2010. Though Frazier and Robertson are more experienced and accomplished, Kahnle could be the ultimate prize in this trade. The 27-year-old, who is still four seasons away from free agency, has 60 strikeouts in 36 innings with a 2.50 ERA and only seven walks.

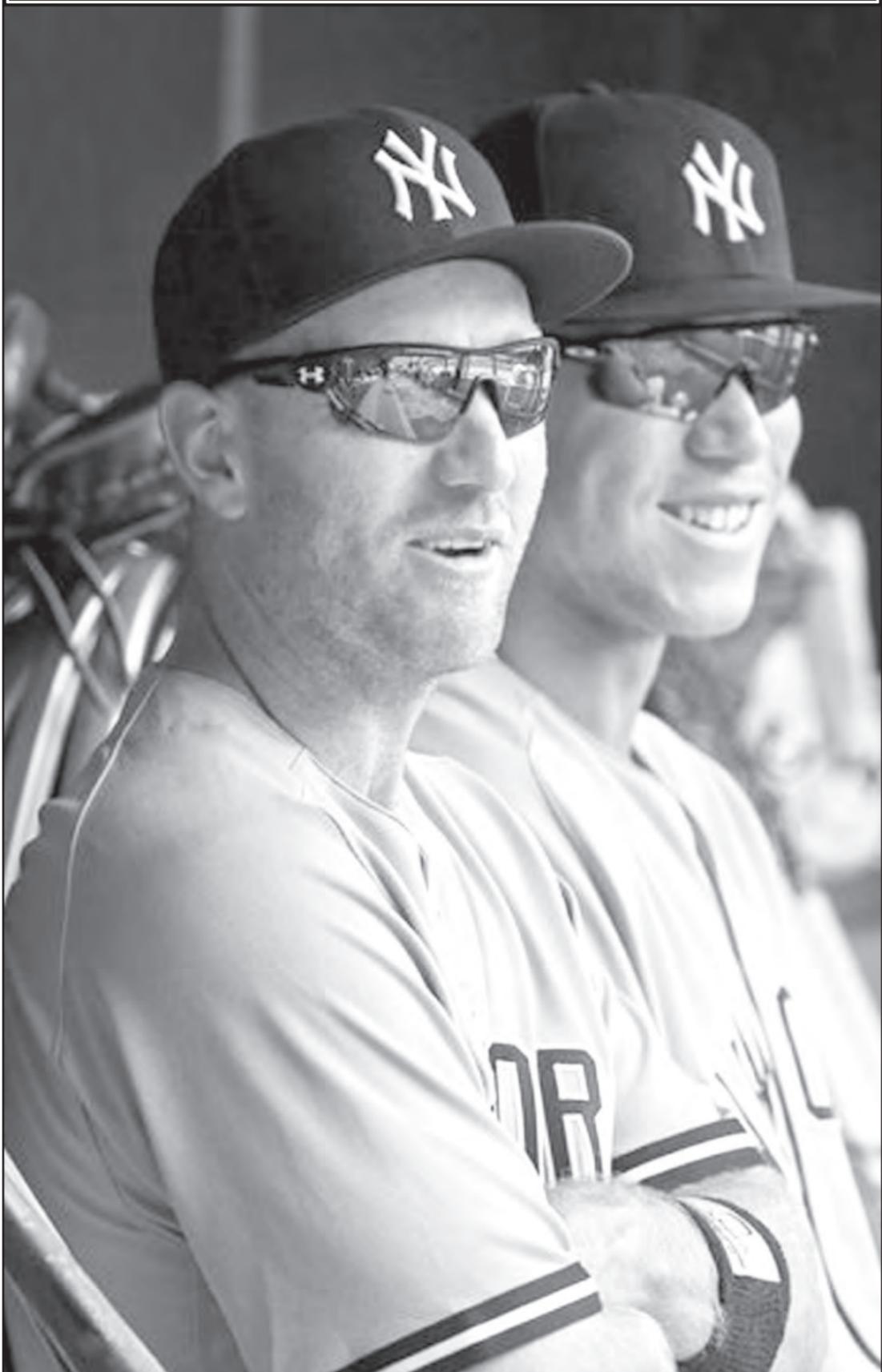


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New York Yankees third baseman Todd Frazier sits in the dugout with Aaron Judge during a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins Wednesday, July 19, 2017, in Minneapolis. The Yankees acquired Frazier on Tuesday in a trade with the Chicago White Sox. (AP Photo/Bruce Kluckhohn)

Moncada arrives with White Sox with Cuban mentor in Abreu

Cienfuegos, Cuba, was on Chicago traffic.

But despite some construction and delays, the road to Guaranteed Rate Field was completed Wednesday for Moncada, Chicago's new second baseman and baseball's top prospect, according to Baseball America.

"I texted (Abreu) and I asked him in the morning if he can pick me up at the airport and he did it," Moncada said through a translator. "I'm happy. I'm trying to enjoy the moment and enjoy this opportunity. I'm in the big leagues right now and this is where I want to be."

The switch-hitting Moncada, 22, will bat sixth on Wednesday and wear No. 10, taking his place next to first baseman Abreu in the infield.

"I've known him since he was a kid," Abreu said through a translator, from his locker stall next to Moncada's. "We were from the same town, and I knew him from that time when I was playing there. He's just an outstanding player. He's got all the tools to be an All-Star."

Moncada was acquired from the Boston Red Sox for ace Chris Sale in the offseason

and hit .282 with 12 homers, 36 RBIs and 17 stolen bases at Triple-A Charlotte. Boston spent \$63 million — including a record \$31.5 million bonus — to sign Moncada in 2015 after he left Cuba. Moncada played eight games last season for the Red Sox, batting .211 with four hits in 19 at-bats. He drove in one run. White Sox manager Rick Renteria admitted there was a special feeling in the air with the arrival of Moncada, the first to arrive from a deep crop of young players brought in by general manager Rick Hahn.

"I love his makeup. He's driven," Renteria said. "There are people who see him and he's a very gifted athlete so sometimes he does things very easily that may be misconstrued as being nonchalant but he can get to balls, he can do things seemingly without any effort."

"He's ready to give you everything he's got. And he knows what we expect, what we ask of them. But we want them to have fun in the big leagues. He's going to be a big part hopefully in where this organization is going."

Moncada continues a Cuban connection for the franchise that dates to

Hall of Famer Minnie Minoso and continued with the \$26 million signing of 19-year-old outfielder Luis Robert earlier this summer. Abreu hopes to help Moncada along the way just as Cuban players Alexei Ramirez and Adrian Nieto did for him when he arrived in 2014.

Hahn has unloaded pitcher Jose Quintana to the Chicago Cubs and outfielder Adam Eaton to Washington, and continued late Tuesday night when third baseman Todd Frazier and relievers David Robertson and Tommy Kahnle were dealt to the New York Yankees. The White Sox acquired a prospect package that included outfielders Blake Rutherford and Tito Polo, pitcher Ian Clarkin and veteran reliever Tyler Clippard. Renteria said Clippard, who was traded for the fourth time in less than three seasons, will fill the closing role vacated by Robertson. Clippard, a right-hander, is 1-5 with a 4.95 ERA in 40 games for the Yankees.

Right-handed pitcher Brad Goldberg also joined the White Sox to help in the bullpen. He allowed four runs in 1/3 of an inning his only outing with Chicago last month.

CHICAGO (AP) — Yoan Moncada has a friend from his hometown to show him all about life in the big leagues in his new town.

The first lesson from new Chicago White Sox teammate Jose Abreu, a fellow product of



Chicago White Sox and the World Team's Yoan Moncada runs on a ground out during the first inning of the All-Star Futures baseball game against the U.S. Team, Sunday, July 9, 2017, in Miami. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

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Indiana Fever's Candice Dupree (4) makes a pass during the second half of a WNBA basketball game against the San Antonio Stars, Wednesday, July 12, 2017, in Indianapolis. San Antonio defeated Indiana 79-72. (AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

Fever snap 5-game losing streak with 84-77 win over Mercury

PHOENIX (AP) — Erica Wheeler had 20 points and seven assists, Candice Dupree scored 17 points, and the Indiana Fever snapped a five-game losing streak with an 84-77 victory over the Phoenix Mercury on Wednesday. Wheeler's no-look pass to Erlana Larkins for an open layup extended Indiana's lead to 77-72 with 3:27 to go. After Dupree's steal, Briann January hit a jumper for an 81-77 lead with 48.5 seconds

left. Diana Taurasi missed two 3-pointers on consecutive possessions with under a minute to play and Wheeler went 3 for 4 at the line for Indiana (8-12).

Taurasi made six 3-pointers and scored 34 points for Phoenix (11-9). Taurasi had 19 of the Mercury's 39 first-half points and finished 9 of 20 from the field for her second 30-plus game of the season.

Brittney Griner did not play for Phoenix.

Berrios, Twins top Yankees 6-1 for elusive home series win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jose Berrios was coming off his worst start of the season, during which his personal trainer spotted some stiffness on the right side of his delivery.

He loosened up. The Minnesota Twins did too, with an early burst.

Miguel Sano hit a three-run home run, Jose Berrios went strong into the seventh inning and the Twins beat New York 6-1 on Wednesday to win their first home series against the Yankees in nine years.

Berrios (9-3) allowed only one run, his fewest in 11 starts, on a two-out single by Brett Gardner in the seventh before being removed.

“I think he got a little more confidence back,” Twins manager Paul Molitor said. “He got back on track, and he looked like a different guy with the lead.”

Berrios improved to 6-0 in seven afternoon turns this season and helped drop the Yankees to 0-8-2 in their past 10 series.

Last weekend at Houston, Berrios was pulled with two outs in the second inning after allowing four hits, three walks and seven runs, though only two were earned.

Zack Granite sparked a two-out, six-run surge by the Twins in the second inning against Yankees starter Jordan Montgomery (6-5) with a two-run single, his first major league RBIs.

Eduardo Escobar tacked on an RBI single before Sano crushed an 0-2 curveball that hung over the plate into the bullpen for a 6-0 lead.

“I was ready for any pitch he put in the zone that I can drive to the wall,” said Sano, who has 23 homers this year.

Montgomery (6-5) recovered and completed six innings, but the damage was done during the 38-pitch second inning that yielded a career-high six runs allowed. The Twins went 4 for 30 with runners in scoring position over the first two games of the series, but they were 3 for 7 in this one.

“Definitely gave me a second wind,” Berrios said. “I wasn’t really thinking about it, but it definitely helped.”

Montgomery was the first left-handed starter to lose to the Twins in eight matchups since David Holmberg on June 21 with the Chicago White Sox. In those past seven such games, the Twins scored a total of nine runs off those lefty starters.

“It just snowballed, and I couldn’t stop the bleeding,” Montgomery said.

Despite a 10-22 record in the past 32 games, Yankees manager Joe Girardi stressed optimism.

“I just feel like we’re poised to make a good little run here,” he said. “I like what our pitchers are doing and the way they’re competing. Offensively, we’ll get going and we’ll put things together.”

NEW GUYS

The trio acquired by the Yankees in a trade with the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday, infielder Todd Frazier and relievers David Robertson and Tommy Kahnle, arrived at the ballpark around game time and soon joined their new teammates in the dugout.

Frazier entered as a pinch-hitter, striking out in the seventh inning and staying in the game at third base. Kahnle pitched a perfect eighth inning, striking out two.

ONE-SIDED

The previous time the Twins took a series from the Yankees anywhere was June 2014 in New York. Their previous series victory against the Yankees at home was August 2008 at the Metrodome.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Yankees: Frazier was the third player hit by a pitch, when Twins rookie Trevor Hildenberger plunked him on the right hand in the ninth. He stayed in the game and wore an ice wrap afterward but said it was only precautionary.

Twins: CF Byron Buxton (strained left groin) has been progressing well, on a track to return on Tuesday when he’s eligible to come off the DL.

UP NEXT

Yankees: RHP Luis Severino (5-4, 3.40 ERA) will take the mound on Thursday at Seattle to begin a four-game series. Severino has 16 strikeouts in 14 innings over his past two starts, with four runs allowed. RHP Felix Hernandez (5-3, 4.20 ERA) will pitch for the Mariners.

Twins: After a day off on Thursday, All-Star RHP Ervin Santana (11-6, 2.99 ERA) will take the series opener on Friday against Detroit. He leads the major leagues with four complete games and three shutouts. RHP Anibal Sanchez (1-0, 6.08 ERA) will pitch for the Tigers. Sanchez has walked only one batter over his past four starts.

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AHL allowing players on minor league deals to go to Olympics

Players on American Hockey League contracts will be eligible to play in the 2018 Winter Olympics.

President and CEO David Andrews confirmed through a league spokesman Wednesday that teams were informed they could loan players on AHL contracts to national teams for the purposes of participating in the Pyeongchang Olympics.

The AHL sent a memo to its 30 clubs saying players could only be loaned for Olympic participation from Feb. 5-26.

The Olympic men’s hockey tournament runs from Feb. 9-25. Like the NHL, which is not having its players participate for the first time since 1994, the AHL does not have an Olympic break in its schedule.

The AHL’s decision does not affect players assigned to that league on NHL one- or two-way contracts. No final decision has been made about those players. NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly denied a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation report that the league had told its 31 teams that AHL players could be

loaned to play in the Olympics. It was an AHL memo sent at the direction of that league’s board of governors.

When the NHL announced in April that it wouldn’t be sending players to South Korea after participating in five consecutive Olympics, Andrews said the AHL was prepared for Canada, the United States and other national federations to request players.

“I would guess we’re going to lose a fair number of players,” Andrews said in April. “Not just to Canada and the U.S., but we’re going to lose some players to other teams, as well. But we’re used to that. Every team in our league has usually got two or three guys who are on recalls to the NHL, so it’s not going to really change our competitive integrity or anything else.”

The U.S. and Canada are expected to rely heavily on players in European professional leagues and college and major junior hockey to fill out Olympic rosters without NHL players.



Minnesota Twins Zack Granite rounds third base on his way to score against the New York Yankees on a single by Eduardo Escobar in the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 19, 2017, in Minneapolis. The Twins won 6-1.

(AP Photo/Bruce Kluckhohn)

IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: TG)



Minnesota Timberwolves' Jamal Crawford balances a basketball as Minnesota Timberwolves president of basketball operations/head coach Tom Thibodeau speaks during a news conference, Wednesday, July 19, 2017 in Minneapolis. (Richard Tsong-Taatarrii/Star Tribune via AP)

Crawford picks Timberwolves over Cavs, Warriors

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — At 37 years old and having never played in the NBA Finals, Jamal Crawford certainly could have gone ring chasing when he received a buyout from the Atlanta Hawks.

The Golden State Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers, who have met in the last three finals, were both interested in the veteran scorer. LeBron James was calling Crawford personally to recruit him to Cleveland.

So naturally, Crawford chose ... the Minnesota Timberwolves?

The Wolves have missed the playoffs for 13 straight seasons. But after Minnesota added Jimmy Butler, Taj Gibson and Jeff Teague this summer, Crawford decided to join Tom Thibodeau's team in hopes of being an integral part of a team trying to break through as opposed to the latest hired gun on an established contender.

"I want to experience it with these guys and go through the wars and the struggles and just really embrace the journey with these guys," Crawford said Wednesday. "To me, that can be even more gratifying than just going to a team that's already made and ready to win a championship. Hopefully, we'll get there, but we'll all go through it together."

It's been a whirlwind few weeks for Crawford, who spent the last five seasons on a Western Conference contender with the Los Angeles Clippers. He started the summer under contract with the Clippers and working with coach Doc Rivers and several teammates to convince star forward Blake Griffin to stay in Los Angeles.

Griffin did decide to stay, but point guard Chris Paul chose to leave a group that had been together for years and couldn't quite get over the hump. Paul's decision to join James Harden in Houston forced Rivers to shuffle the decks, and Crawford was traded to Atlanta as part of a three-team deal that brought Danilo Gallinari to the Clippers.

With no interest in being a part of a rebuilding project with the Hawks, Crawford and agent Aaron Goodwin negotiated a buyout of his contract to make him a free agent. Once he hit the market, the Wolves moved quickly to lock him up on a two-year deal worth nearly \$9 million.

The Wolves were in desperate need of some bench scoring, and Crawford has been one of the best in that department for years. He is a

three-time Sixth Man of the Year. General manager Scott Layden, who worked in San Antonio prior to coming to Minnesota, compared Crawford's willingness to come off the bench to Manu Ginobili.

"There's a lot of character issues there with both guys and it's the reason they've had success and the reason they've shared in victory, willing to sacrifice some of their game and their play to help the group," Layden said. "It's impressive. Very few people do that, or very few people embraced that."

The size of the contract certainly helped the Wolves curry favor with Crawford, but they also offered him a chance for a featured role with some familiar faces. Wolves assistant GM Noah Croom used to work with Goodwin Sports Management and was integral in the recruitment and Crawford has long been friendly with owner Glen Taylor and respected Thibodeau's hard-driving approach.

Over the past two years in Los Angeles, Crawford saw his minutes and shot attempts go down as the Clippers added more firepower to their bench.

In Minnesota, he is the only wing currently on the roster behind starters Butler and Andrew Wiggins. Thibodeau said Crawford can expect to average in the mid-20s in minutes per game, and there will be plenty of shots for him in a second unit that right now likely also includes Tyus Jones, Nemanja Bjelica and Gorgui Dieng. Thibodeau also said he envisions playing an occasional small lineup with Teague, Crawford, Andrew Wiggins, Butler and Karl-Anthony Towns. "I don't know how you would defend that group," Thibodeau said.

Crawford will still have to show is that the gradual decline in his production over the last three seasons — his 12.3 points per game last year was his lowest average since 2002-03 — was more a product of the role he had with the Clippers and not his body slowing down in season No. 17. He played in all 82 games and only missed three in 2015-16.

"I just try to stay ready so I don't have to get ready," Crawford said. "I just continue to go. I love the game. Before anything else, I loved basketball. Before I had a wife and kids or anything, it was just me and my basketball. I've always stayed true to that."



Sonny Gray wins 3rd straight start as A's avoid sweep

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Sonny Gray has no idea whether he will be traded or not, yet he soaked in the standing ovation when he walked off the Coliseum mound nonetheless.

Gray struck out six pitching into the seventh in what might have been his final home start in Oakland if the club tries to deal him before the trade deadline, and the Athletics rallied in the fifth inning to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-2 on Wednesday.

"It was nice," Gray said of the greeting from his home fans. "I've had a lot of times coming off the mound getting some nice ovations, some cheers.

It took me back to 2013 a lot and those two playoff games. It was really nice, and whether it is or whether it's not, it's not up to me. But it brought back a lot of memories."

Matt Joyce hit a towering homer to the right-field seats in the eighth for Oakland.

Rajai Davis doubled home Oakland's first run in the fifth then Joyce followed with a tying sacrifice fly before Davis scurried home with the go-ahead run on a wild pitch.

Gray (6-4) won his third straight start and fourth in five. When speculation arose from the White Sox side before his Friday outing that the right-hander had been scratched because of a possible deal, the A's quickly announced that he was indeed taking the mound for his scheduled outing.

After a pair of one-run defeats to begin this series, the A's avoided being swept by the Rays in Oakland for the first time.

Gray allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings with two walks.

Manager Bob Melvin has seen enough players go, he didn't want to ponder what is next for Gray.

"I try not to think too much about that because when you have a group of guys that you're dealing with, that's basically what your focus is," Melvin said.

"And I've had him for a while, so I just kind of go with the flow as far as that goes."

The Rays got three straight singles off Gray to start the fourth inning, including an RBI single by Wilson Ramos. Brad Miller also drove in a run on a groundout.

But Oakland finally got to Tampa Bay right-hander Jake Faria (4-1) in the fifth.

With seven straight quality starts to begin his career, Faria took his first big league loss.

A's All-Star Yonder Alonso hit an RBI single in the inning, when Faria had two of his four walks. He allowed six hits

and four runs in five innings, striking out four.

Alonso was thrown out at home in the first when he tried to go from first on Khris Davis' double to right.

The throw beat him so handily Alonso didn't even try to slide and instead ran behind the plate before turning for the dugout.

SOUZA INJURY

RF Steven Souza Jr. said he felt much better after the game after exiting in the first with a strained left hip. He was hurt trying to steal second after drawing a leadoff walk to start the game.

Shane Peterson replaced him. X-rays were negative and Souza will be re-evaluated and have an MRI once the team arrives home.

"I went to slide and it was extremely muThursday, July 20, 2017 around second base," Souza said.

"My leg got stuck in the ground and I just kind of felt a jump in my hip. That didn't feel very great."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: Of Souza, manager Kevin Cash said: "We're actually pretty optimistic that we avoided a major injury. He's going to go to tomorrow to have some major testing done."

... Cash said LHP Blake Snell would take his next turn despite being winless at 0-5 with a 4.98 ERA in 11 starts.

Athletics: The A's hope to have Chad Pinder back from the DL and a strained left hamstring when they return home from an upcoming seven-game trip to the New York Mets and Toronto.

Melvin plans to use him as a utilityman. ... RHP Kendall Graveman allowed five hits and four runs with one strikeout and a walk on 46 pitches in 2 1/3 innings with Triple-A Nashville rehabbing his strained pitching shoulder.

RHP Jharel Cotton (blister on his right thumb) also pitched in the game, striking out six in 3 1/3 innings, while Pinder was 0 for 2 with a walk and strikeout for the Sounds.

UP NEXT

Rays: With the Rays back home, RHP Alex Cobb (8-6, 3.59 ERA) takes the ball in Friday's series opener against Yu Darvish and Texas having not faced the Rangers since April 6, 2014.

Athletics: After Thursday's day off following a cross-country flight, RHP Paul Blackburn (1-0, 1.83 ERA) pitches the series opener at the Mets in his fourth career start.



3's Company coach Allen Iverson yells to his team during a game against Tri State during in the BIG3 Basketball League in Philadelphia, Sunday, July 16, 2017.

(AP Photo/Rich Schultz)



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New rims for the Fagaalu basketball court have been installed by Sale Ilolilo and his crew. The rims were donated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the American Samoa Basketball Association - both of which are also sponsoring this year's summer basketball clinics for the territory's youth.

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Arenado hits 3 homers, powers Rockies past Padres 18-4

DENVER (AP) — To fire up Nolan Arenado, just give him a day off.

His manager mandated he sit a game, and Arenado stewed over it for a night before taking it out on the baseball.

Arenado lined three homers as part of his five-hit afternoon and tied a career-high with seven RBIs, helping the Colorado Rockies complete a three-game sweep of the San Diego Padres with an 18-4 victory Wednesday.

"I don't like days off," Arenado said. "I know they're important and, obviously, I'm playing well after them."

That's an understatement. In games after not being in the lineup this season, the All-Star third baseman is hitting .583 with four homers and 13 RBIs.

"We'll have to look at that a little closer," manager Bud Black joked. "We don't want to give him every other day off."

Trevor Story and Charlie Blackmon also homered on a scorching day when the Rockies had a season-high 21 hits. Gerardo Parra ran his streak of reaching base to 10 straight plate appearances over three games before flying out in the fifth. He finished with four singles.

Arenado had a pair of RBI singles to start the game, followed by solo shots in the fourth and fifth innings, and a three-run homer in the sixth. He had a chance at a fourth homer in the eighth and lined out to left.

"I was trying to hit a homer. That's probably why I didn't," Arenado said. "The at-bats before that, I was just trying to hit the ball hard and stay on top

of the baseball. They went out."

Jon Gray (3-1) kept the Padres in check until running out of steam. The right-hander allowed all four of his runs in the sixth — his last inning of work.

Padres starter Clayton Richard (5-10) lasted just 3 2/3 innings and gave up 11 runs, 10 earned, inflating his ERA from 4.75 to 5.35. He also matched a team record by allowing 14 hits.

"I felt good today, unfortunately," Richard said. "It seemed like one of those days where it wasn't meant to be."

This illustrated the kind of offensive afternoon it was for the Rockies: Blackmon's leg cramped up on a foul ball in the sixth. He consulted with Black and the trainer before leaving the game. Inheriting an 0-2 count, pinch-hitter Pat Valaika promptly lined an RBI single.

In all, five players had at least three hits as the Rockies scored in every inning but the eighth. Blackmon extended his hitting streak to 14 games and Gray even contributed with an RBI single.

"They hit balls through holes. And they bloomed balls in and they hit balls off walls and they hit balls out of the ballpark," Padres manager Andy Green said. "Literally, every conceivable type of hit they could get, they had today."

TRAINWEEPER'S ROOM

Padres: Manager Andy Green is hopeful OF Hunter Renfroe (strained neck) will come off the DL on Thursday. ... Green said RHP Jarrod Cosart had a procedure to clean up his elbow and will miss the rest of the season.

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E tasi le moliaga mamafa lea ua tu'uaia ai e le malo le Tina talavou ia Mele Moimoi Mapu, o le moliaga lea o lona umia fa'asolitulafono o se vaega o le pauta fa'asaina o le aisa ma le fa'amoemoe e tulei ma fa'atau atu i isi tagata.

O lea moliaga, e mafai ona fa'asalaina ai se tasi i le toese mo le umi e le silia i le 10 tausaga, po o le fa'asala foi i se salatupe e le silia i le \$10,000, po o le fa'asala fo'i i fa'asalaga uma nei e lua.

O le tama'ita'i loia sili lagolago ia Kristy Dunn sa tula'i mo le malo i le iloiloga sa fa'ataunu'uina ananafi, ae o le tama'ita'i loia fautua ia Kate Hannaher sa tula'i mo le Tina ua molia ia Mapu.

O le aoauli ananafi na fa'ataunu'uina ai se iloiloga fa'apitoa o lenei mataupu i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, ma maua ai le avanoa o le afioga i le Tama'ita'i Fa'amasino le tumau ia Gwen Tauiliili-Langkilde na te iloiloa ai mau na tu'uina atu e le malo, pe mafai ona lagolagoa ai tu'uaiga ua soli se vaega o le tulafono, o Mapu fo'i lea o lo o tu'uaia i le solina o le tulafono.

E tusa ai ma fa'amaumauga a le fa'amasinoga o lo o taua ai e fa'apea, o le aso 7 o le masina lenei o Iulai na tula'i mai ai lenei mataupu, ina ua masalomia e sui o le Ofisa o Tiute se afifi na ui atu i le Falemeli i Fagatogo, o lo o i ai vaega o fualaau fa'asaina, ina ua fa'ailoa atu e se Ta'ifau (K-9) ua mae'a ona a'oa'oina fa'apitoa i le sailia o fualaau fa'asaina, ma logo ai loa e sui o le Ofisa o Tiute le Ofisa o Leoleo mo se fesoaosani, ma tofia ai loa le ali'i Leoleo Su'esu'e ia Det. John Seumanutafa na te su'esu'eina lenei mataupu, o ia fo'i lea sa avea ma molimau a le malo i le ulua'i iloiloga o lenei mataupu sa faia i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo i le aoauli ananafi.

Na taua e Det. Seumanutafa i lana molimau e fa'apea, i se taimi o le so 7 Iulai e pei ona taua, na alu atu ai le ua molia e piki mai sana afifi mai le Falemeli i Fagatogo, le afifi lea ua masalomia o lo o i ai vaega o fualaau fa'asaina i totonu.

Saunoa atili Det. Seumanutafa e fa'apea, ina ua fesiligia e sui o le Ofisa o Tiute le ua molia po o a mea o lo o i totonu o le afifi, na fa'ailoa i ai e le ua

molioa o aisa. Ae ina ua maua fo'i le avanoa na te fesiligia ai le ua molia poo a mea o loo i totonu o le afifi na alu atu e piki mai, sa fa'ailoa atu fo'i e Mapu ia te ia, o aisa o loo i totonu o le afifi.

Na fua e Det. Seumanutafa le mamafa o le afifi ma iloa ai, e tusa lona mamafa ma le tasi le pauna, 10 aunese. Ina ua fesiligia le ali'i Leoleo i le tau e mafai ona fa'atau ai lenei vaega tele o le aisa i Amerika Samoa, na taua ai e Det. Seumanutafa e tusa ma le \$90,000 pe a fuafua i le tulaga lea ua i ai le maketi o fefa'atauaiga o fualaau fa'asaina i le taimi nei.

Na taua e Mapu i Leoleo e fa'apea, o se tagata sa la masani i luga o le Facebook na ia fa'atauina mai ai le vaega tele lenei o le aisa i le tau e \$800.

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A o taumafai ai le faigamalo e saili auala e fa'asao ai ana tupe mai le soona fa'aalu i auala e le mana'omia toe leai se aoga i le atunu'u, o le taeao ananafi na tauaao ai e le maota o sui se ripoti e fa'ataui i potu sui le tumau mo afioga i Faipule, lea ua sauni le malo e fa'aalu le silia i le \$30,000 e fausia ai.

O le tupe lea ua fa'amoemoe e fa'aalu i le tau o meafaigaluega (material) e fausia ai le galuega, ae le o aofia ai le totogi o le fa'atinoina o le galuega, fa'apea ai le tau mo le fa'apipi'iina atu i le suavai ma le sewer line a le Pulega o le Eletise ma le Suavai (ASPA).

Na tauaao e afioga i Faipule kopi o le ripoti ao lumana'i ai le tatala aloaiaina o le latou fonotaga i le taeao ananafi, ma fa'alogoia ai finagalo fa'asea mai ni isi o faipule i le mafua'aga o le fausia ai fua nei potu sui le tumau mo faipule, ma fa'aalu ai lenei tupe tele ae o lo o tele manaoga taua ma le aoga e tatau ona fa'amuumua i totonu o le atunu'u, e pei o le fa'aleleia lea o auala o lo o sili ona fa'aletonu.

E ui e leai se Faipule na ia fesiligia lenei mataupu i le taimi o folafolaga a le maota o sui ananafi, ae na atagia i lagona fefa'asoa'i fa'asamasamanoa i le taimi ao lumana'i le tatalaina o le aofia a le maota, le fesiligia e ni isi o i latou o le tulaga o le fausia ai fua nei potu sui mo faipule, atoa ai ma le tatau lea ona tuuina atu muamua le mataupu e fesiligia ma fa'atalanoaina i luma o le maota.

I se tusi mai le afioga i le Fa'atonusili o le Matagaluga o le Tamaoaiga ma Alamanuia a le malo (DOC) ia Keniseli Lafaele, lea sa tauaao atu i le Fofoga Fetala'i o le maota o sui ia Savali

Talavou Ale ma afioga i Faipule, o lo o taua ai le tau atoa e fausia ai potu le tumau e sui ai afioga i Faipule i le aofaiga e \$33,814.38.

Na taua e Keniseli i lana tusi ia Savali e fa'apea, "e tusa ai o le tatou talanoaga mo le fausiaina lea o ni potu le tumau e sui ai afioga i Faipule, ao fa'aaoga ai e le maota o sui le fale o loo i le itu i Matau o le Fale Laumei mo a latou galuega mo le isi 2-3 tausaga, ua fa'apipi'i atu ai i tua o lenei tusi le lisi o oloa ma o latou tau mai kamupani eseese i le atunu'u, ua fa'amoemoe e fa'aalu i le fausiaina o le galuega".

E pei ona taua i le ripoti sa fa'apipi'i fa'ataui atu ma le tusi a Keniseli, e \$540 le tau o uta oneone mai le kamupani a Vailu'u & Sons; \$400 le tau o uaea (amplimesh wire) mai le K & K Island Star Corporation; \$935.52 mo mea faigaluega tau eletise mai le Neil's ACE Home Center, ma le \$31,938.86 o mea faufale mai le kamupani a le Tool Shop.

E le o taua i totonu o le ripoti le igoa o le Konekarate lea ua sauni latou te fausia le galuega, ae pe fia fo'i le tau e fausia ai e le Konekarate le galuega.

Na taua e se tasi o afioga i Faipule le tatau lea ona tu'uina atu mataupu fa'apenei e soalaupule i ai le maota, ina ia manino tulaga uma e fa'aalu i ai tupe a tagata totogi lafoga a le atunu'u.

Saunoa atili lea Faipule e fa'apea, e le fesiligia galuega lelei fa'apenei aemaise o tulaga uma e fa'aaoga e afioga i Faipule, pau le itu e tatau ona fa'amanino, ia silafia e le maota fuafuaga mo galuega fa'apenei, atoa ai ma le fa'amaninoina o i latou e fa'atinoina le galuega, pe fausia e le Ofisa o Galuega a le malo, pe la'a tu'u atu fo'i e fausia e konekarate tua.



O se tasi o sui mai Uafu i Amerika, ua matua o'o ane i le sui mai Tonga ina ia fa'ailoa ane ia te ia le uiga o le meaalofo sa latou taua'aoina mo le Pulega o le Uafu ma Malae vaalele i Amerika Samoa. Ua fa'ailoa atu i ai o le Matau La'au.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



Le afioga i le ali'i Peresetene o le Senate, Gaoteote Palaie Tofau.

[ata AF]

Tu'uaia se Tina i aisa...

Mai itulau 9

Na taua atili e le ua molia i Leoleo e fa'apea, o le tagata lea sa ia fa'atauina mai ai le vaega tele lenei o le aisa, e le gata e le masani i ai, la te lei feiloa'i muamua fo'i, ae na te le iloaina po o fea le atunu'u o le lalolagi e nofo ai, ae na mafua ona ia fa'atauina mai lenei vaega o fualaau fa'asaina, o lona mana'o i se auala vave e maua ai sana tupe.

Na taua atili e Mapu i Leoleo la fetusiaiga sa faia ma le tagata na aumai ai fualaau fa'asaina, lea e aofia ai imeli atu o le isi i le tasi, fa'apea ai ma le fa'atinoina o isi uiga le manuia e ala i le fetufaai o ata mataga (sex photos), ma o nei faiga uma e le i iloa e lona to'alua.

Na taua atili e Det. Seumanutafa i lana molimau e fa'apea, na avea lona talosagaina o Mapu mo se avanoa e alu ai i totonu o lana itulau Facebook, ina ia mafai ai ona fa'amaonia lana fa'amatalaga ua tu'uina atu, ma itu na toe suia ai loa lana fa'amatalaga ma ia fa'ailoa atu ai, o lana fa'amatalaga muamua sa tu'uina atu e pepelo uma.

O agava'a a le susuga a

Det. Seumanutafa i le avea ai ma Leoleo mo le silia i le 7 tausaga, atoa ai ma le silia i le 100 mataupu e fa'ataui i le umia fa'asolitulafono o fualaau fa'asaina ua ia su'esu'eina, o se tasi lea o tulaga na taua e le malo sa fesoasoani atili ai i le tu'u fa'atasia o lenei mataupu.

Ae ui i le fesiligia e le loa a Mapu o agava'a o le Ta'ifau K-9 atoa ai ma sui o le Ofisa o Tiute, ma le auala na mafua ai ona maua fa'ailoilo e fa'ataui i fualaau fa'asaina sa i totonu o le afifi, na taua e le afioga i le Tama'ita'i Fa'amasino ia Tauiliili-Langkilde le fa'amalieina o le faafofoga a le fa'amasinoga i mau sa tu'uina atu e le malo, e lagolagoia ai le soli o se vaega o le tulafono, ma poloaina ai loa le tofu atu o le mataupu a Mapu i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maua'aua e fa'aa'au ai isi ana iloiloiga o lo o mulimuli mai.

O lo o tumau pea tuutuuga o lo o tatala ai Mapu i tua mai le toese i Tafuna, e fa'atali ai lana iloiloiga lea ua fa'atulaga e faia i le itula e 9:00 i le taeao o le aso Faraile o le vaiaso nei.



Le afioga i le ali'i Faipule ia Faimealelei Anthony Fu'e Allen i le taimi na ia faitauina ai le ripoti e fa'ataui i le fausiaina o potu sui le tumau mo Faipule i le taeao ananafi.

[ata AF]

TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: *Leua Aiono Frost & Line Vaeono*
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O Mosese Lavemai, le CEO o le Pulega o le Uafu i Tonga sa fai ma sui o le aumalaga e to'atolu na masi'i mai mo lenei fonotaga. Sa ia mua'i faafetaia lava le mafai ona fa'atula'ia le auunaga a le "Talofa Airways" mai Samoa i le va o Tonga ma Amerika Samoa, o lea ua mafai ona vave o'o mai ai i latou. I lana folasaga sa ia fa'ailoa ai, "Pe ana leai lea so'otaga fou lava ma aoga tele mo i matou i Tonga, ua fa'aaogaina mo lenei fonotaga. Fa'afetai fo'i i le vave ona talia e le Fa'atonu ma le Malo o Amerika Samoa ma le Lunaite Setete o lea tautua, ua matua fa'apupu'u ai le taimi fa'aalu vale i feoa'iga i le ea, ae tuai ai ona fa'ato'ai mai i fauna o Amerika Samoa."

I lana folasaga na fa'atautaia mai i ata fa'asolo sa fa'ailoa ai le auunaga a le Uafu tele i Tonga lea ua fa'atautaia ai Uafu mo Va'a La'u Oloa, ma le isi mo le Uafu o Va'a La'u Pasese tetele po'o Meli. Ua taumafai fo'i ma le vaega tolu o lea Uafu tele, o le a fa'agaoioia ai le tautuaina o Va'a Fagota tetele ma laiti.

E ese mai le tele o va'a loa ua fa'aluaaina le aofai ua ulufale ma taula atu i le latou Uafu tele o Queen Salote International Cargo Wharf ua fa'apena fo'i le Uafu o Vuna, lea e taula i ai Meli tetele ma ua fa'aaogaina fo'i luga o lea Uafu mo fefa'ataua'iga o Galuega Taulima ma mea gaosia i Tonga mo le to'atele o tagata maimoa mai fafo, fa'atasi ai ma le fa'aaliga fo'i o Tu ma Agaifanua a

Tonga.

Ua avea nei le Uafu o Tonga e fetaulai i ai va'a oloa, ma fesuia'i ai uta a va'a. Ona o lea auunaga, e ao ina matua mautu le saogalemu o tagata faigaluega fa'apea fo'i ma le saogalemu o Oloa ma Uta fela'ua'i i pusa oloa tetele. I masina ta'itasi ua ta'i 12- 17 va'a oloa e taula atu i le Queen Salote Wharf. Ona o lea ua vave tele ai ona mo'omia lava le fa'aleleia atili ma le fa'alauteleina ole tautua a le latou Malo i lea Uafu. E na'o le tasi lava le latou Va'a Pailate mo le fa'aulufaleina atu o va'a uma i nei Uafu e lua.

Ua fa'ateleina le tulaga o fela'ua'iga i le va o Amerika Samoa ma Tonga e ala i oloa fa'atau mai ma fa'atau atu. I va'a e fesuia'i va'a e uta ese mai ai mai Tonga, e ao ina maua'i va'aia ala o tulafono o nei uta pe o talafeagai ma aiaiga o uta oloa mo Amerika Samoa.

E ao fo'i ina fa'aleleia atili le tulaga o mea faigaluega i luga o le Uafu mo Fela'ua'iga o Oloa i Tonga, ua fai si leva o ituaiga o lifi ma mea uma o fa'aaogaina e tagata faigaluega, e ono lamatia ai le saogalemu o Oloa ma tagata faigaluega.

"A lelei mea faigaluega, ua vave ma saogalemu fo'i le fa'atinoga o tiute e le aufaigaluega fa'atasi ai ma le pulega o le Uafu," o sana tala ata lea.

"Peita'i, i so'o se galuega lava e tau fa'auia atu ni suiga lelei mo le fa'atinoga o tiute i Tonga, e matua mataituina lelei lona tulaga o a'afiaga mo le saogalemu o le gataifale ma le siomaga atoa i tagata ma meaola uma o le sami, aua o le gataifale lava ma le laueleele, o sosia tumau

lea e fa'alagolago i ai Tonga, pe afai ae le toe o'o atu ni va'a oloa," o sana toe upu lena, ona fa'aalia loa lea o le ata fa'asolo i le puna'oa o Tonga e ala i le gataifale ma le tele o i'a tetele o tafola se'ia o'o lava i i'a laiti.

O le masina o Aukuso 2017, o le a talimalo ai le Pulega o le Uafu a le Malo Tonga i le fonotaga a le Pacific Maritime Transport Alliance, lea e aofia fa'atasi ai i latou ma Niu Sila.

O lenei fonotaga o lo'o auai mai le Pulega o le Uafu a Tonga, o se sui vala'aulia e fa'alagolago i le fonotaga atoa, ma fai ai le latou lea folasaga matagofie mo le silafia a pa'aga uma e to'a 13 ua latou auai fa'atasi nei.

TAUVAGA FA'AEVAGELIA FA'ASAMOA

O le Tauvaga Fa'avagelia fa'asamoa a le Pulega Tualauta ma Leasina i Sisifo o le Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa sa fa'atautaia i le Faleta'alo i Kanana Fou, ma sa amata i le taeao.

O autalavou EFKAS sa auai i lea aso e aofia ai Faleniu, Aoloau, Pava'i'a'i, Ili'ili, ma Vaitogi. Sa auai fa'atasi ai ma latou Faifeau ma o latou faletua. Na amata le fa'atasiga i le i le tatalo na saunia e le Susuga i le Faife'au Toeaina Tony Hollister ona soso'o ai lea ma le fa'asologa o le polokalama fa'ataoto - amata ia Ili'ili, soso'o ai Aoloau, Pavaia'i, Vaitogi, ma Faleniu.

Manaia lava tala ma siva fa'asamoa, aua e toe fa'amanatu ai i le mamalu o le atunu'u, po o fea lava o e aumau ai, e le galo lava lo tatou aganu'u moni o

Samoa. O le tele o nisi o tala fa'atino, sa aua i le tupulaga talavou e gasolo i fafo e fia saili le lumana'i, peita'i, e lele lava le toloa ae ma'au mai pea i le vai.

E le'i faigofie le fa'amasinoina o nei mea uma sa fa'atauva ai autalavou, na naunau uma lava i le manumalo ma sa iloga foi ona faia e i latou le mea sili i a latou polokalama na tapena mo le aso o Autalavou.

"I taumafaiga uma ua fa'atinoina e le fanau talavou, e leai se isi na fa'atemeteme le tapenaga, pe foliga mai e lei lava tapena, fa'afetai i le agaga o le fai mea lelei i so'o se mea e tapena ai le ola fa'aleagaga o le fanau talavou. Fa'afetai i Faife'au ta'itasi ma latou ta'ita'i Autalavou aua, ua iloga nei, e tele le taleni lea e i nei pulega e lua ua mae'a fa'aalia o latou sao," o tala lea a le ta'ita'i o le sauniga ma le fa'atasiga ina ua mae'a ona maimoina le polokalama i lona atoaga.

O le fa'atulagaga o le manumalo se'ia o'o i le mulimuli, sa fa'aalia ai le fa'aiuga a fa'amasinoga e le susuga le Faife'au Toeaina Tony Hollister: Tulaga muamua ai le autalavou mai Aoluau, tulaga Faleniu, tulaga tolu Pavaia'i, tulaga fa Vaitogi ae mulimuli le 'autalavou a Iliili, o le autalavou fo'i lea a le Toeaina.

O lana fa'amalo sa ia fa'ailoa ai lona agaga ia nofo fealofani le fanau talavou mai pulega e lua, aua nei latou faia ni amioga e le tusa ma se atali'i o le Atua, ma ia taumafai e ususita'i i mate i totonu o le li'o o aiga, ma fa'alogofa fo'i i ta'ita'i i totonu o autalavou ma galuega, ae sili ia fa'atonu i le Atua i mea uma.



O se meaalofo na taua'oina e le Pulega o le Uafu i Tonga mo Amerika Samoa Port Administration o le "Matau La'u tele lava", ua talia e le faatonu o Uafu ma Malaevaalele a le tatou Malo, Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

O le taimi ua taua'oina ai le meaalofo mo le sui sa ia faia le folasaga mo le Pulega o le Uafu i Tonga CEO Mosese Lavemai.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Fautuaina taofia tipi o lafoga Feterale mai siaki o alauni a Senatoa

tusia Ausage Fausia

Ua fautuaina e le Peresetene o le Senate, le afioga i le Tama'ita'i o le Ao ia Gaoteote Palaie Tofau le Teutupe a le malo, ina ia taofia le toe tipiina o lafoga a le feterale mai siaki o alauni a afioga i Senatoa, ona o lo o manino i le tulafono e leai ni lafoga e aveesea mai i siaki o lafoga a Senatoa ma Faipule.

I se iloilogaga sa faia i luma o le Senate i le vaiaso na te'a nei, lea fo'i na molimau ai le Teutupe a le malo ia Ueligitone Tonumaipe'a, na tu'uina atu ai e le ali'i peresetene lana fautuaga i le Teutupe, i le mae'a ai lea ona fa'aleo e ni isi o Senatoa o lagona fa'asea i le mafua'aga ua tipi ai fua lafoga mai a latou siaki o alauni, o le autu fo'i lea o le iloilogaga sa valaauina e le Komiti o le Paketi a le maota maua luga, lea na ta'ita'ia e le afioga i le ali'i Senatoa ia Magalei Logovi'i.

O le iloilogaga sa valaauina ina ua fesiligia e ni isi o Senatoa i le taimi o folafolaga a le maota maua luga i le vaiaso na te'a nei, le mafua'aga ua tipi ai lafoga a le feterale o le FICA ma le Medicare mai siaki o a latou alauni o loo maua.

O tulafono a le feterale e pei ona fa'amanino e le Teutupe i luma o le komiti e fa'apea, soo se agalatupe fa'aopoopo lava e maua e se tagata faigaluega, e tatau ona tipi mai ai le lafoga o le FICA ma le medicare, afai e le faia lea tulaga, e fa'asala e le Ofisa o Lafoga a le malo tele (IRS) lea tagata.

Na fa'amanino e Tonumaipe'a e fa'apea, i lalo o le tulafono a le malo o lo o i ai, a mae'a le tausaga faigaluega, ona faila lea e Senatoa ma Faipule a latou ripoti i le Ofisa o Lafoga a le malo e fa'ailoa atu ai mea sa fa'aalu i ai tupe o a latou alauni o loo maua i le tausaga atoa (expenses report). O le tupe o loo maua e Faipule ma Senatoa mai a latou alauni, e fa'aalu lea e fa'atau ai mea o loo mana'omia mo a latou ofisa e pei o masini computer ma isi lava mea faigaluega e mana'omia.

Ae ina ua maituaina le leai o ni ripoti mai Senatoa ma Faipule e fa'atatau i le manaoga e pei ona taua, na fesiligia ai loa le mafua'aga ua le tipi mai ai le lafoga o le FICA ma le medicare mai siaki o alauni a Senatoa ma Faipule, ma faia ai loa le aiaiga, e sili pe a aveese mai le lafoga mai siaki o alauni a Senatoa ma Faipule, ina ia puipuia mai ai i latou mai le a'afia i lalo o tulafono a le IRS.

"O le mea moni lava, afai

e malaga mai sui o le Ofisa o Lafoga a le malo tele ma siaki atu e leai ni a outou ripoti o failaina atu, e i ai le avanoa e sala ai a outou afioga, o le mafua'aga moni lena sa faia ai loa le malilie ma ni isi o Senatoa ma Faipule ua mavae atu, ma malilie ai loa i latou i le auala lea, nai lo le tau faila o ripoti i le fa'aiuga o le tausaga", o le saunoaga lea a le Teutupe a le malo.

Saunoa atili le Teutupe e fa'apea, afai e finagalo afioga i Senatoa e faila a latou ripoti e pei ona taua i le fa'aiuga o le tausaga, o se tulaga lelei lena ina ia taofia ai le aveese o lafoga mai a latou siaki.

Na fa'amanino e Gaoteote i le Teutupe a le malo e fa'apea, o le tulafono o lo o i ai, e leai se lafoga e aveesea mai i siaki o alauni a Senatoa ma Faipule. Na ioeina fo'i e Gaoteote le saunoaga a le Teutupe e fa'atatau i tulafono a le feterale, lea e tipi ese ai le lafoga mai alaga tupe fa'aopoopo a le tagata faigaluega.

"Ae o le itu e fia fa'amanino, o tupe ia e maua mai ai siaki o alauni a afioga i Senatoa, e le o ni tupe mai le feterale, o tupe lotoifale lava a tatou, e leai ma se sene apa a le feterale na alu ai, e le o se tulaga talafeagai la le tipi fua o le lafoga ma alu i le feterale ae o tupe lotoifale ia e maua mai ai alauni a le Fono", o le saunoaga lea a Gaoteote.

Sa ia saunoa atili fo'i e fa'apea, mai le tele o tausaga le nofoaiga a Senatoa ma Faipule ua mavae atu, na leai lava ni lafoga o le FICA ma le medicare na aveesea mai a latou siaki, ae na fa'atoa faia lava le suiga lea ina ua avea le tofa Velega Savali ma teutupe, e auonoa ma le fa'amalamalamaina mai i afioga i Senatoa ma Faipule o le uiga o lenei suiga, ae na te'i lava ua tipi siaki a le Fono.

Na taua fo'i e Gaoteote e fa'apea, ana fa'apea o tupe ia ua tipi ese mai i siaki a afioga i Senatoa o loo aoga mo le faigamalo a le atunu'u, o se tulaga lelei lena mo i latou, ae o le itu e fa'anoanoa ai, ona o lea ua tei ai lava ua manuia ai le feterale, ae o tupe o alauni e maua mai i tupe lotoifale.

"O le fautuaga i lau susuga a le Teutupe, taofi loa le toe tipi o tupe mai siaki a afioga i Senatoa, tu'u mai e faitalia lava le Toeaina ia ma faila lana ripoti pe a uma le tausaga, ona o loo malamalama fo'i matou i le faituaina o le tulafono, e leai ni lafoga e tipi mai siaki o a matou alauni", o le saunoaga fa'ai'u lea a Gaoteote.



A look at several delegates and representatives who attended Tuesday's official opening of the 104th Annual Conference for the Association of Pacific Ports held at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

E LE O OE O SE SULI MONI

by Sam - Vaega 73

E le o se vaiaso filemu le vaiaso atoa lea i le mafaufau o le tamaloa o Meki, talu ona mae'a mai le la talanoaga ma le ali'i foma'i meauli lea na sulu atu i lona Ofisa mo se fesoasoani. O le itu o loo mamafa i le mafaufau o Meki, e foliga mai i lana fa'alogologo o loo tau saili e le ali'i foma'i lea lona tuafafine e pei ona fa'amatala i ai e le Toeaina o Pulusi, ma ua tau vavala mai fo'i i le mafaufau o le tamaloa, o loo naunau lava le ali'i foma'i na te sailia lona tuafafine ina ia maua.

O le ripoti muamua lava na tu'uina atu e le vaega o Leoleonana i le Ofisa o le latou Ta'ita'i o Meki na manino mai ai, o se vaiala oona na a'afia ai le tino o le fafine meauli lea na ia fanauina le teineititi pologa o Ianeta, na mafua ai ona maluu o ia ina ua tuana'i aso e 2 talu ona fanau lana pepe, e leai fo'i se su'esu'ega sa faia e uiga i le mafua'aga o lona maluu, ona sa talosagaina e le tamaloa o Pulusi lea sa avea ma Faipule o le itumalo i le taimi ina ia taofi le faia o se su'esu'ega fa'asaga i le mafua'aga o le maluu o le fafine meauli lea, ona o ia o se tagata pologa, e le ma'imauina fo'i tupe a le malo e fa'aalu e su'esu'eina ai mataupu e a'afia ai ola o tagata pologa i totonu o le malo.

O le taulimaina ai e Meki o le ulua'i ripoti mai lana vaega fa'apitoa e uiga i le fafine pologa meauli lea na ia fanauina le pepe

teine ae maluu loa, na manatu ai loa Meki o le amata i le maluu o le fafine la latou su'esu'ega, se'i tau saili le mafua'aga tonu na ala ai ona maluu le fafine, ae pe sa i ai fo'i se ripoti na tusia e le falema'i e tusa ai o lona maluu.

O le falema'i lea o lo o galue ai le ali'i foma'i meauli lea sa sulu ia Meki mo se fesoasoani, o le falema'i tonu lena o loo taua i le ripoti na maluu ai le fafine meauli lea o loo autu i ai le ulua'i su'esu'ega ua amataina nei. O se tasi o taeao pisi lava i totonu o le falema'i tele lenei i totonu o le taulaga, ao pisi fo'i le ali'i foma'i meauli i le tau togafitiina o tagata ua lolofi atu ina ua pesi se tasi o fa'ama'i oti tele lava i totonu o le atunu'u, na ulufale ai loa sui e to'alua o le vaega o Leoleonana a Meki i totonu o le falema'i, ma fesili mo le Pule o le falema'i mo se feiloaiga, ae i le mae'a ai o le feiloaiga ma le Pule o le falema'i, na manino ai i sui e to'alua o le vaega a Meki, o le ali'i foma'i e igoa ia Lavi, o ia lea o le fom'i sili i totonu o le falema'i, o se ali'i fo'i ua fa'atuatuaina i lona tomai atoa ai ma le poto o fa'aiuga na te faia ina ia fa'asao mai ai ola o tagata mama'i. Na fa'ateia le ali'i foma'i o Lavi ao pisi i le togafitiina o se tasi o ma'i tigaina ina ua eu eu atu e se teine tausima'i lona tauau ma musumusu atu i ai, "O loo i ai ni ali'i Leoleonana se to'alua o loo fia feiloa'i mai ia te ia", ae sa toe tali atu i ai le ali'i foma'i o Lavi

i le teine tausima'i, "Fa'ailoa atu i ali'i Leoleonana, fa'atoa ou avanoa i le isi itula ona o loo tau fa'amae'a togafitiga mo la'u ma'i tigaina o loo tau togafiti". O se feiloaiga fiafia na maua e ali'i Leoleonana ma le ali'i foma'i sili ina ua mae'a le pisi o galuega o lea aso, ma fofola ia loa e ali'i su'esu'e le autu o le la savali, o le fia maua lea o ripoti e fa'atatau i se fafine meauli na fanau ma maluu ai lava i totonu o le falema'i lea i le 25 tausaga talu ai, ona o le ripoti lena o loo fia maua e fai ma au ivi o le su'esu'ega tele o loo latou galulue ai.

"Tu'u mai ni nai aso e 2 se'i o'u galue ai e tau saili mai fa'amaumauga o loo oulua tau sailia nei, ona tatou toe feiloa'i ai lea i le taimi fa'apenei i lo'u ofisa, ma fofola atu ai ni isi o vaega e mafai ona fesoasoani i la oulua su'esu'ega. E te'a lava le 11 i le po o le aso lea o loo i ai pea le ali'i foma'i o Lavi i lona ofisa, o lo o tau tu'u fa'atasi uma fa'amaumauga o lo o mana'omia e ali'i Leoleonana, e le gata i ripoti ae o ata sa mafai ona maua i totonu o faila a le falema'i, sa ia tu'u fa'atasia uma ma le fa'amoemoe e tu'uina atu i ali'i Leoleonana, ae o totonu o se tasi o faila, na maua ai e le ali'i foma'i isi ata o le fafine meauli o loo autu i ai le su'esu'ega, o se ata o se tamaititi pe a ma le 10 tausaga o loo tu i ona tafatafa, ae o le taimi lea o loo mamafa le fafine meauli o lona ma'itaga.



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Aquatic animal
 - 6 In first place
 - 11 Dog with a snub-nose
 - 14 "Now ___ was I?"
 - 15 Early American patriot Silas
 - 16 90-degree architectural add-on
 - 17 Studied cross-country routes?
 - 19 Literary collection
 - 20 Some Monopoly props.
 - 21 All-singing productions
 - 23 Guilt-stricken
 - 27 Stops, as a yawn
 - 28 Pager
 - 29 Apt to yak
 - 30 Accumulate
 - 31 Paratrooper's need
 - 32 Candy purchase, sometimes
 - 35 Swing type
 - 36 Witchy one
 - 37 ___ one's time (wait patiently)
 - 38 Suffix with "rich" or "poor"
 - 39 Rural festivals
 - 40 Papal court
 - 41 Kind of viper or 1-Down
- 43** Boundary
- 44** Clears of charges
- 46** Lotto winner's option
- 47** Navigator's concern
- 48** Waterproof sheet
- 49** Genetic stuff
- 50** Yogi's instrument?
- 56** Mouse alert
- 57** Provide, as with a quality
- 58** Sometimes swampy forest
- 59** Color changer
- 60** English county
- 61** Grain bane
- DOWN**
- 1 Nighttime flier
 - 2 Word in many titles
 - 3 Some like it hot
 - 4 Goof up
 - 5 Makes a moniker change
 - 6 Made sense (with "up")
 - 7 Feminine possessive
 - 8 Paris thirst-quencher
 - 9 Make a margin comment
 - 10 Regardless of
 - 11 Valuable avian sculptures?
 - 12 Arm bones
- 13** Beaker material
- 18** "... happily ___ after"
- 22** Juvenile newt
- 23** Ease off
- 24** Large trucks
- 25** Fireplace activity during seismic activity?
- 26** Vaulted church area
- 27** Seriously avoids
- 29** Note grouping
- 31** Yelps or yells
- 33** "Ta-ta" alternative
- 34** Get more ammo
- 36** Thermos relatives
- 37** Belch
- 39** Flying disk
- 40** Use
- 42** "___ Father, who art ..."
- 43** Hamilton's foe
- 44** Like big farms and great estates
- 45** ___ Island (Brooklyn neighborhood)
- 46** Paint or glove type
- 48** Type of believer
- 51** Words from sponsors
- 52** Damage slightly
- 53** "Animal Farm" creature
- 54** Type of maniac
- 55** Skin art, slangily

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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EUGENIA LAST

LAST

**Thursday,
July 20, 2017**

**THE LAST WORD IN
ASTROLOGY**

Happy Birthday: You cannot please everyone, but you can do what you feel is most beneficial for you as well as the people you care about. Making changes at home that will add to your enjoyment are favored, but putting a little cash away for safekeeping will also be necessary. Maintain a balance between what you want and what you should do. Your numbers are 3, 11, 17, 23, 29, 35, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take part in events or activities that you can do with a partner or that will help you meet new people. An educational pursuit, self-improvement course or learning through experience are all favored. Romance is in the stars. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Refuse to let what others do influence you. Emotional pleas for help will not be justified. Get the facts before you offer to help someone who is using you for your skills, experiences or hard-earned cash. Firm action will be required.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make a promise to do and be your best, and renew a commitment to someone you love. Personal changes will lead to greater opportunity and a better home environment. Do whatever it takes to make romance, family and children a priority. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your involvement will make a difference. Sign up for a cause you believe in or voice your opinion regarding situations that will affect your community. Your contribution will put you in a good position when change needs to be made. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An opportunity is within your reach. Discuss your plans with people you trust and believe in. Offering your suggestions will help you become an intricate part of the solution. Plan to share your success and to spend time with someone you love. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mixing business with pleasure will lead to trouble. Avoid getting trapped in a situation that could leave you taking on responsibilities you don't want. Concentrate on the ideas and pursuits that make you feel accomplished. Romantic problems can be expected.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your added discipline should be put to good use. Strive to make personal improvements that will help you get ahead. A partnership with someone special will take a favorable turn. Express your ideas and feelings openly. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money matters are best dealt with conservatively. A practical approach to investments or how you spend your money will make a difference to the way others perceive you. Generosity will attract others, not popularity. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on partnerships, communication and getting ahead professionally. An opportunity to gain additional skills or information conducive to getting ahead will be featured. Celebrate with someone you love. Romance is highlighted and will improve your personal life.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Learn as you go, but don't lead someone to believe you know more than you do or can do something you can't. Taking on too much or making changes based on someone you think you can count on will not turn out well.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A gift, prize or opportunity will come your way from an unexpected source. Share your good fortune with someone you love. Do something that will make your life less stressful. Romance or family fun will improve your personal life. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems at work or at home will surface if you don't communicate honestly. Self-deception will stand in your way. It's important to see your relationships with others for what they truly are. Don't mislead or be misled.***

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

MISTRESS SEEKING SOLACE STILL MOURNS YEARS AFTER MAN'S DEATH

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do. I was having an affair with the most wonderful (married) man. I'm sure that he and I were the only ones who knew. He passed away unexpectedly a few years ago. I still go to the place where we met and hung out together. In my mind, I see him walking in and speaking his last words to me.

How do I mourn for him without giving it away? He was cremated, so there's no grave to visit. I end up in tears when I visit "our" place. I need all the advice you have to offer. -- NEEDS HELP IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR NEEDS HELP: Please accept my sympathy for your clearly heartfelt loss. Ordinarily I'd suggest you join a grief support group, but I'm afraid if you do, you might run into his widow if you live in the same area.

It might help you to visit the place you met less often. Surely there are less painful places you can go to quietly reflect on your relationship. You might also consider discussing your feelings with a therapist or a trusted, nonjudgmental friend, because keeping these feelings bottled up is not healthy.

DEAR ABBY: There is a nice couple we know who make their own wine. They give us a couple of bottles a year and ask us to return the empties, which we are happy to do.

We love good wine of all kinds. In years past, we have appreciated their wine gifts, although, to be honest, they have been of marginal quality. I usually end up using it for cooking.

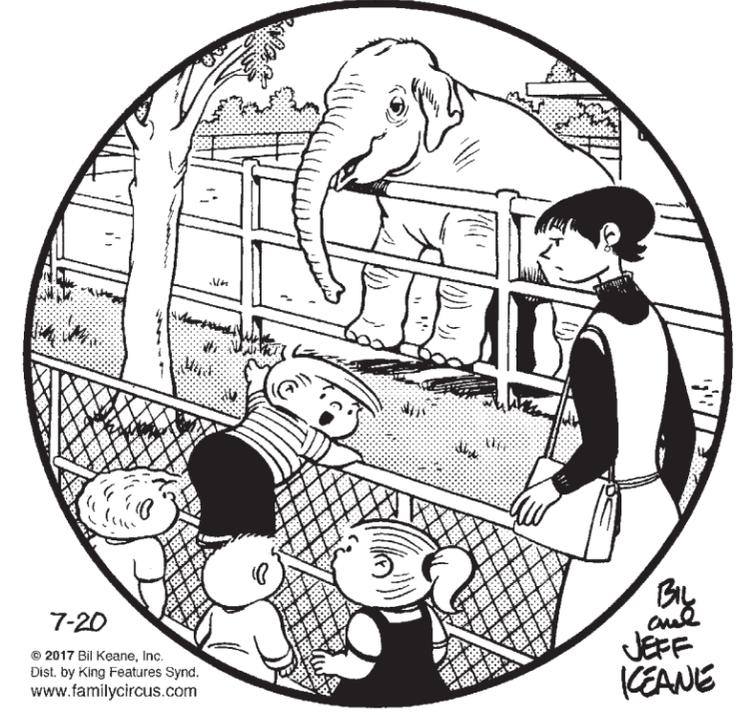
We just opened their last gift, Abby, and it is so awful I won't use it even in cooking. My husband and I are now having a disagreement: He says, "Dump it and return the bottle with a thank-you." I say, "Return the leftover wine (minus a 1/4 glass), and say how much we appreciate the thought, but that it just wasn't the flavor we drink." I just don't want them to waste their wine on us and give us any more, as they work hard to make it. Please advise. -- NOT A LIAR IN COLORADO

DEAR NOT A LIAR: It might be kinder to return the empty bottle with a note thanking them and asking them to please not send you more because you are trying to cut back on your alcohol consumption. It's the truth. The alcohol you're trying to cut back on is theirs.

7/20 CAN YOU EAR ME NOW? By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"They remember even longer than mummies."



Ripley's Believe It or Not!

ON DECEMBER 30, 1899, THE SS WARRIMOO CROSSED THE MEETING POINT OF THE EQUATOR AND THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE AT MIDNIGHT. THE SHIP'S FORWARD ENTERED JANUARY 1, 1900, WHILE THE AFT REMAINED IN 1899. THE WARRIMOO SIMULTANEOUSLY SAT IN BOTH HEMISPHERES, TWO DIFFERENT SEASONS, MONTHS, DAYS AND CENTURIES ALL AT ONCE!

Submitted By Pan Paulon, W. Lafayette, OH.

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING!?

AT WHITE TAIL CHAPEL, IN VIRGINIA, THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION ATTEND SERVICES NUDE!

Submitted By Pan Paulon, W. Lafayette, OH.

BETWEEN 1951 AND 1952 URANIUM ORE WAS BRIEFLY SOLD IN A CHILDREN'S SCIENCE KIT! THE GILBERT U-238 ATOMIC ENERGY LAB WAS \$50 PER UNIT AND CAME WITH FOUR TYPES OF TESTABLE URANIUM AND ALPHA, BETA AND GAMMA RADIATION SOURCES

Submitted By Pan Paulon, W. Lafayette, OH.

Calvin & Hobbes ©

by Bill Watterson

HEY MOM, WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT?

THEY SAY THE POLLUTANTS WE DUMP IN THE AIR ARE TRAPPING IN THE SUN'S HEAT AND IT'S GOING TO MELT THE POLAR ICE CAPS!

SURE, YOU'LL BE GONE WHEN IT HAPPENS, BUT I WON'T! NICE PLANET YOU'RE LEAVING ME!

THIS FROM THE KID WHO WANTS TO BE CHAUFFEURED ANY PLACE MORE THAN A BLOCK AWAY.

HEY, NOBODY TOLD ME ABOUT THE ICE CAPS, ALL RIGHT?

PEANUTS ©

by Charles M. Schultz

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BEETHOVEN WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT IN NASHVILLE?!

DID HE HAVE THE NASHVILLE SOUND? HUH? DID HE? DID HE?!

GOOD GRIEF!

HE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT IN NEW ORLEANS, EITHER!!

I JUST NEEDED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU WAYS WE CAN DISPEL THE IMPRESSION THAT WE'DE COLLUDING...

HOPE I'M NOT RECORDING THIS.

ZIGGY ©

TODAY'S SPECIAL

REFRIED REFRIED BEANS

..IT'S LEFTOVERS FROM YESTERDAY'S SPECIAL!

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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7/20 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Wednesday's Puzzle Answer 7/19

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Hagar the Horrible ©

by Chris Brown

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IS PERSISTENCE! NEVER GIVE UP!

FOR THE TENTH TIME, TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE!

ME AND MY BIG MOUTH!

GARFIELD ©

by Jim Davis

SLIGHTLY PUNGENT WITH A HINT OF NUTTINESS

EARTHY, LIKE WALKING THROUGH A MEADOW AFTER A SPRING RAIN

CHEESE SNOBS

ARISTOCRATIC YET HUMBLE

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Paxton, Gamel power Mariners to 4-1 win over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Not many pitchers have been able to slow down the Houston Astros this season.

James Paxton has done it repeatedly.

Paxton had another strong start against Houston and rookie Ben Gamel powered the offense with a two-run homer to give the Seattle Mariners a 4-1 victory over the Astros on Wednesday.

“Paxton was outstanding today,” manager Scott Servais said.

“It’s exactly what the doctor ordered.

He was on top of his game.”

Paxton (9-3) allowed six hits and one run in seven innings, after not allowing a run in his previous two starts against Houston this season. It’s the fourth straight win for Paxton, who struck out seven.

“He’s really good,”

Houston manager A.J. Hinch said.

“His arm strength is at the top end of left-handed starters in the league ..

. a lot of the story today is just about how good he was. We couldn’t quite break out and have a big inning against him.”

Wednesday’s performance improved Paxton to 2-0 with a 0.45 ERA and 20 strikeouts against the AL West-leading Astros this year.

“This was a big series for us and a big road trip, we went five out of six,” Paxton said.

“That’s awesome coming out of the break so we’ve just got to keep it going here and keep ourselves in this race.”

Houston starter Charlie Morton (7-4) retired the first nine batters and the Astros led 1-0 before Jean Segura led off the fourth with a single. Gamel’s first homer since June 23 came next to put Seattle up 2-1.

Segura had two hits and Robinson Cano and Mike Zunino drove in a run apiece for the Mariners, who won for the sixth time in seven games. Edwin Diaz pitched a scoreless ninth for his 18th save.

The Astros had a chance to cut into the lead in the eighth when they had runners at first and third with one out

. But Nick Vincent struck out Evan Gattis before Marc Rzepczynski fanned Carlos Beltran to end the inning.

Morton allowed six hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings for his first loss since coming off the disabled list on July 7.

Guillermo Heredia doubled to start the sixth before Segura reached on an infield single. Then an error by first baseman Yuli Gurriel allowed Gamel to reach and load the bases with no outs.

The Mariners pushed the

lead to 3-1 when Heredia scored on a groundout by Cano that left Gamel out at second. Morton was able to limit the damage when Nelson Cruz grounded into a double play to end the inning.

Zunino’s RBI double with two outs in the seventh pushed the lead to 4-1 and chased Morton.

Alex Bregman singled with no outs in the third, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and stole third base.

Houston took a 1-0 lead when he scored on a sacrifice fly by George Springer.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Mariners: OF Mitch Haniger was out for the fourth straight game after injuring his right index finger on Saturday night. Servais had initially said that Haniger would play on Wednesday, but decided to give him an extra day to recover.

Astros: All-Star SS Carlos Correa announced in an Instagram post from his hospital bed that he had surgery to repair a torn ligament in his left thumb on Wednesday. Correa is expected to be out 6 to 8 weeks recovering from the injury he suffered on a swing Monday night. ...

Ace Dallas Keuchel, who hasn’t pitched since June 2 because of a pinched nerve in his neck, will make his second rehabilitation start on Saturday, but the Astros haven’t decided where it will be yet.

THEY SAID IT

Servais on Seattle’s 5-1 road trip: “We talked about some things out of the break where we needed to get to and how we were going to get there and the guys have responded.”

DIG IT UP

Two days after the Astros held a fake funeral to bury Beltran’s glove because he hadn’t played in the field in two months, he was in the lineup in left field. The 40-year-old has played in 78 games this season, but Wednesday was just the 10th time he didn’t serve as the team’s designated hitter and the first since May 16 in Miami.

UP NEXT

Mariners: Felix Hernandez (5-3, 4.20 ERA) will start for Seattle in the opener of a four-game series against the Yankees on Thursday. Hernandez allowed six hits and three runs in five innings of a 4-3 win over the White Sox in his previous start.

Astros: Houston is off on Thursday before opening a three-game series at Baltimore on Friday with Mike Fiers (6-4, 3.75 ERA) on the mound. He allowed four hits and two runs while striking out a season-high 11 in seven innings of a 5-3 win over Minnesota in his previous start.

