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Running Back for the the AYFS Packers 'Ricky' getting sandwiched by two AYFS Rams defenders during the season opener last Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. The Rams claimed their first victory of the season with a 8-6 win.

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AYFS officially kicks off 9th football season

by T. Gasu

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The American Youth Football of Samoa (AYFS) League officially kicked off its 9th season at the Veterans Memorial Stadium last Saturday, with a triple header that entertained fans and supporters.

Opening up this year's action were the 49ers and the Bears, the reigning champions who claimed victory after a 38-12 win.

The second match-up was a tight battle between the Rams and the Packers.

The Rams won by a mere 2 points.

BEARS 38 - 49ERS 12

At the quarterback position this year for the Bears is Vaifanua Peko-Vai who led the way for the reigning champs, opening up with a mixture of run-and-pass plays with the help of Marcus Samia and Jared Lotulelei.

1:23 remaining in the opening quarter of the game and the Bears were already knocking on the door from the Niners 2-yard line, after a hard run by Samia. From there, Peko-Vai rolled out of the pocket with the play action pass to find (#48) in the end zone for the opening touchdown of the game.

The two point conversion was a quarterback keeper by Peko-Vai to put them in the lead with 8 points.

The Niners put up a good defensive fight throughout the

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Steven Sinoti of the AYFS 49ers taking this one nearly for a touchdown. He was just shy of the goal line after celebrating a bit too early; nevertheless, it was a 91-yard carry for Sinoti, the longest run for the Niners during the season opener against the Bears last Saturday morning. The 49ers lost 12-38 against the reigning league champs. [photo: TG]



Marcus Samia storming through midfield with the ball, carrying this one for huge yardage for the Bears. Samia helped the Bears to a 38-12 victory over the Niners. [photo: TG]

Huskers beat Illini 64-63 on Palmer's last-second 3-pointer



LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — James Palmer Jr. hit a 3-pointer just before the buzzer to give Nebraska a 64-63 win over Illinois on Monday night.

Michael Finke had converted a 4-point play with 8.1 seconds left to give Illinois the lead. After a Nebraska timeout, Isaac Copeland inbounded to Glynn Watson Jr., who found Palmer on the left wing for the winning shot.

The Huskers had led 61-57 with under a minute to play when Palmer dunked off a steal. But Finke scored in close on Illinois' next possession, and after Palmer missed the front end of a one-and-one, Illinois called timeout with 18.7 sec-

onds left. Finke hit his 3 in front of the Illini bench, got fouled by Isaiah Roby and made the free throw for what looked to be the play that would give Illinois its first Big Ten win under first-year coach Brad Underwood.

Palmer finished with 24 points on 10-of-19 shooting after a dismal 1-for-9 outing in a loss at Penn State on Friday. Evan Taylor added 13 for the Huskers (13-7, 4-3 Big Ten).

Trent Frazier scored 19 points, Finke added 16 and Leron Black had 13 for the Illini (10-9, 0-6), who are winless in six true road games.

BIG PICTURE

Illinois: The Illini are one of the most snakebit teams in

the nation. They've led in the second half in eight of their nine losses, and in four of them they've had the ball with either the lead or in a tie with less than a minute remaining.

Nebraska: This was an important win for a Nebraska team that has hopes of returning to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2014. A loss at home to the last-place team would have been a stain on the resume.

TSHIMANGA RETURNING

Coach Tim Miles announced Nebraska center Jordy Tshimanga, who has been away from the team since Thursday for personal reasons, will return on Tuesday. The sophomore started the first 18 games and averages 3.5 points and 5.1 rebounds.

"Last week, I discussed some personal issues with Coach Miles," Tshimanga said. "This conversation resulted in me not participating in team activities the last few days, but it has allowed me to work on these issues so I can fully focus on academics and basketball at the University of Nebraska. During the last few days, I have very much appreciated the support of Coach Miles, the coaching staff, (Athletic) Director (Bill) Moos and, most importantly, my teammates."

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Trent, No. 5 Duke use 18-0 burst to rally past No. 25 Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Gary Trent Jr. scored a season-high 30 points and No. 5 Duke needed less than three minutes to erase a 13-point second-half deficit, scoring 18 consecutive points to overtake No. 25 Miami 83-75 on Monday night.

The Blue Devils scored 15 points in only six possessions to rally, and the comeback included a trio of 3-pointers by Trent. He shot 9 for 14, including 6 for 9 from beyond the arc. Duke (16-2, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) extended its winning streak against ranked teams to seven games, including four this season. Miami (13-4, 2-3) lost at home for the first time this season.

Marvin Bagley III had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Blue Devils, who shot 55 percent and won despite tying a season high with 19 turnovers. They committed none in the final 10 minutes as they rallied.

Lonnie Walker IV finished with 19 points for Miami. Dewan Huell added 18 points and 13 rebounds.

NO. 10 KANSAS 71, NO. 6 WEST VIRGINIA 66

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Svi Mykhailiuk scored 17 points, including 12 over the final seven minutes, and Kansas roared back from a big deficit to beat West Virginia.

Devonte Graham added 16 points and Udoka Azubuike scored 10 for the Jayhawks (15-3, 5-1 Big 12).

Kansas has won four straight and broke a four-game losing streak in Morgantown to West Virginia (15-3, 4-2). The Mountaineers have lost two straight for the first time this season.

Sagaba Konate had 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots for West Virginia. But he didn't score over the final seven minutes. Esa Ahmad added 15 points and Jevon Carter scored 14.

NO. 23 MICHIGAN 68, MARYLAND 67

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman made two free throws with 1.2 seconds left, lifting Michigan over Maryland.

Kevin Huerter connected on a go-ahead 3-pointer on the previous possession for the short-handed Terrapins. Moritz Wagner had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Wolverines (16-4, 5-2), and reserve Jordan Poole had 11 points. The Wolverines went ahead by 10 with 5:50 to go and yet barely did enough to win against a team with just eight healthy players on scholarship. Maryland's Anthony Cowan scored 24 points, Huerter had 12 on 4-of-11 shooting and Darryl Morsell added 10 points.



Duke's Gary Trent Jr (2) drives as Miami's Lonnie Walker IV defends during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, in Coral Gables, Fla. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Lecomte scores 30 in Baylor's 76-60 win over Oklahoma State

WACO, Texas (AP) — Manu Lecomte scored 25 of his career-high 30 points after halftime as Baylor avoided a rare three-game losing streak with a 76-60 victory over Oklahoma State on Monday night.

After blowing a 10-point lead and trailing at halftime, the Bears (12-6, 2-4 Big 12) went ahead to stay when Lecomte hit a 3-pointer on their first shot of the second half. Lecomte finished 11-of-17 shooting, including 7-of-12 3-pointers to match his career high for made 3s. Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. had 12 points for Baylor, while Mark Vital had 10 rebounds and eight assists. The Bears made three consecutive 3s in a 77-second span, with Jake Lindsey's long-range shot sandwiched by a pair from Lecomte, to go ahead 42-34 with 12 minutes left.

Baylor hasn't had a three-game losing streak in four years, when it lost five in a row from Jan. 15-28, 2014.

Cameron McGriff had a career high 16 points for Oklahoma State (12-6, 2-4), and Tavaris Shine had 14.

Jeffrey Carroll, playing his 100th career game with the Cowboys, finished with eight points on 2-of-12 shooting. He had averaged 19 points over his previous eight games.

BIG PICTURE

Oklahoma St.: The Cowboys couldn't pull off another late big comeback. They were coming off a 65-64 win at Texas, where they overcame a 12-point deficit in the final 5:55. Oklahoma State did have that first-half comeback at Baylor, but fell behind quickly after halftime and the margin grew to 20.

Baylor: The Bears still haven't had a halftime lead in a Big 12 game this season. Since that five-game losing streak in 2014, they have an overall record of 98-41.

UP NEXT

Oklahoma State is home Saturday against No. 4 Oklahoma, closing out the regular-season series between the in-state rivals. The Sooners won 109-89 in Norman on Jan. 3. Baylor plays three of its next four games on the road, starting Saturday at No. 10 Kansas.

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The AYFS Packers about to rip up their banner as they made their way on to the field for the first time this year, during the season opener against the AYFS Rams last Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium.

[photo: TG]



Sam Mikaele of the AYFS Rams trying to evade a tackle from a Packers defender during their season opener last Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. Mikaele scored the two point conversion that put the Rams over the Packers, 8-6

[photo: TG]

AYFS...

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remainder of the first half – and it wasn't until the final minutes of the second quarter that the Bears were able to strike again.

1:26 remaining in the first half, and the Bears stick with their ground attack from mid-field. Bears first down from their own 44 yard line, and Peko-Vai sends Travis Lotulelei to the sidelines with a sweep play. He was able to break two tackles on his way to the end zone to score the Bears second touchdown of the game – 64 yard touchdown reception by Jared Lotulelei.

The two point conversion was an inside hand off to Marcus Samia to secure a 16-point lead. Not too long after that, the Niners shocked the Bears with a long run by Steven Sinoti with just 30 seconds remaining in the first half.

The Niners, who were pinned deep in their own territory, managed to get out of the danger zone when Steven Sinoti received the hand off from their own 10 yard line, and ran it all the way downfield for what could've been the first touchdown for the Niners.

Instead, Sinoti celebrated a bit too early before crossing the goal line, spotting the Niners a first down on the Bears' 1 yard line. VWith just 13 seconds remaining in the opening half, the Niners punched in their opening touchdown of the game after a quarterback keeper by Meafou – who brought the Niners back to life just before halftime, trailing the Bears 6-16.

The Niners kick off was received by Isaako Fa'atili of the Bears, who returned it all the way back to the end zone for another Bears touchdown with just 3 seconds remaining in the first half. The two point conversion pass to (#10) was dropped in the end zone and the Bears led 22-6 heading into half time.

6:48 into the third quarter and the Niners find themselves in trouble, deep in their own territory.

49ers first down from their own 5 yard line, and they fumble the ball inside the end zone, a live ball that was recovered by Toalima Tatupu for the Bears 4th touchdown of the game – this time, coming by way of their defensive unit.

The two point conversion was a pass from Samia to Folasatele Galea'i who secured the pass inside the end zone to extend their lead 30-6.

2:09 remaining in the third, and the Bears continue to wreak havoc on the Niners. Peko-Vai,

leading the Bears back into the red zone, managed to send Samia straight up the middle with a 5-yard touchdown run to extend their lead 36-6.

The two point conversion was a quarterback keep by Lotulelei who scrambled out of the pocket to find open receiver, then opted to tuck and run it in for two points.

The score was 38-6 heading into the final quarter.

The Niners offensive unit led by Meafou, never gave up and fought to the last seconds of the game.

5:17 remaining, and the Niners who were knocking on the door inside the red zone punched in their second touchdown of the game, after Meafou rolled out to find Sinoti in the end zone and connected for six.

The Niners came back to trail 12-38 but it wasn't enough to claim victory.

RAMS 8 – PACKERS 6

This match was a close one from the start, as both defensive units came out strong, evident in a scoreless first quarter.

Even though the Rams won, it was the Packers who claimed first blood.

5:48 in the second quarter, and the Packers running game intensified with their power back Ricky Tuilefano.

Packers second down on the Rams 12-yard line, and Ricky storms to the sidelines to find his edge on his way to the end zone for the opening touchdown of the game.

The two point conversion to Ricky was stopped shy of the goal line by Sam Mikaele of the Rams.

The Packers were now leading by six points and they shut out the Rams throughout the remainder of the second and third quarter of play.

It wasn't until the final quarter that the Rams were able to connect in the air for the tying touchdown of the game.

9:52 remaining and the Rams - in a third and goal situation from the Packers 8 yard line - saw their quarterback Tai'ese roll out of the pocket to fire a pass to Zachary Latu for their first touchdown of the game.

The two point conversion was a hand off to Sam Mikaele who powered his way past the goal line against a host of Packers to extend their lead and win the match with a final score of 8-6.

(Samoa News notes that due to a lack of sponsorship, we will only be covering the first two games of these AYFS weekend battles).

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Durant's 32 points send Warriors past LeBron, Cavs 118-108

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kevin Durant scored 32 points, Stephen Curry added 23 and the Golden State Warriors extended their road winning streak to 13 games with a 118-108 Martin Luther King holiday victory Monday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers, their struggling NBA Finals foes.

Durant scored 16 in the third quarter for the defending NBA champions, who haven't lost outside Oracle Arena since Nov. 22.

LeBron James scored 32 points and Kevin Love 17 for Cleveland, which had its home winning streak stopped at 13. Isaiah Thomas, getting his first taste of the Warriors-Cavaliers rivalry, had 19 points in a season-high 32 minutes as he works his way back from a hip injury.

It was Golden State's second straight win over the Cavs, who have dropped eight of 10 dating to a loss to the Warriors on Christmas Day. Cleveland was down just 93-91 entering the fourth, but the Cavs missed 17 of 19 shots to open the period, allowing Golden State to throttle away.

The Warriors and Cavs have met in the Finals each of the past three years. There's no guarantee there will be a fourth matchup, and at this point only one of them looks prepared for June.

Cleveland was home after going 1-4 on a road trip that included blowout losses in Minnesota and Toronto.

But while the Cavs aren't playing like themselves, Warriors coach Steve Kerr was confident they'd look different in June.

"I am very aware that they have LeBron," Kerr said before the game. "We've played them

in the Finals three straight years and I guarantee you there was a moment like this in all three seasons — at least one, sometimes more. So we know. He's always going to get the ship righted and what happens now has nothing to do with what happens later."

Despite their recent struggles, the Cavs remain a confident bunch, and they showed some early swagger. After he and his teammates were introduced to "Gloves Are Comin' Off" by rapper 7kingZ, James came out swinging.

He was in attack mode from the start, scoring 16 points in the first quarter and setting the tone for the Cavs.

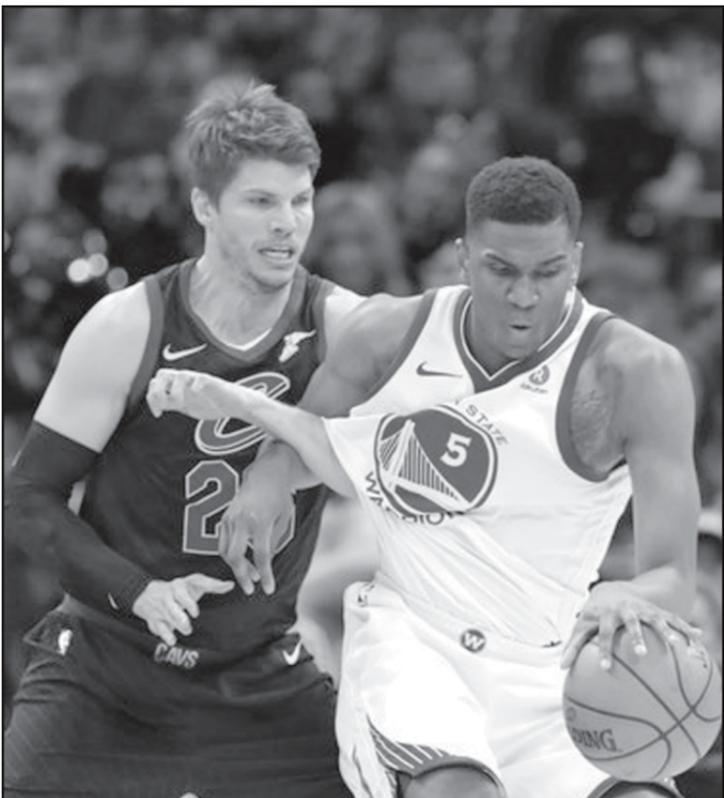
Later in the half, James retreated down the lane for a huge block on Durant, blasting the ball off the glass to trigger memories for Cleveland fans of his famous chase down on Andre Iguodala in the closing minutes of Game 7 of the 2016 Finals.

But by the time the fourth quarter rolled around, the Warriors were up to their usual tricks.

And when Iguodala dropped a shot with 1:24 left to put Golden State up by 14, Durant waved both arms like a boxing referee stopping a fight.

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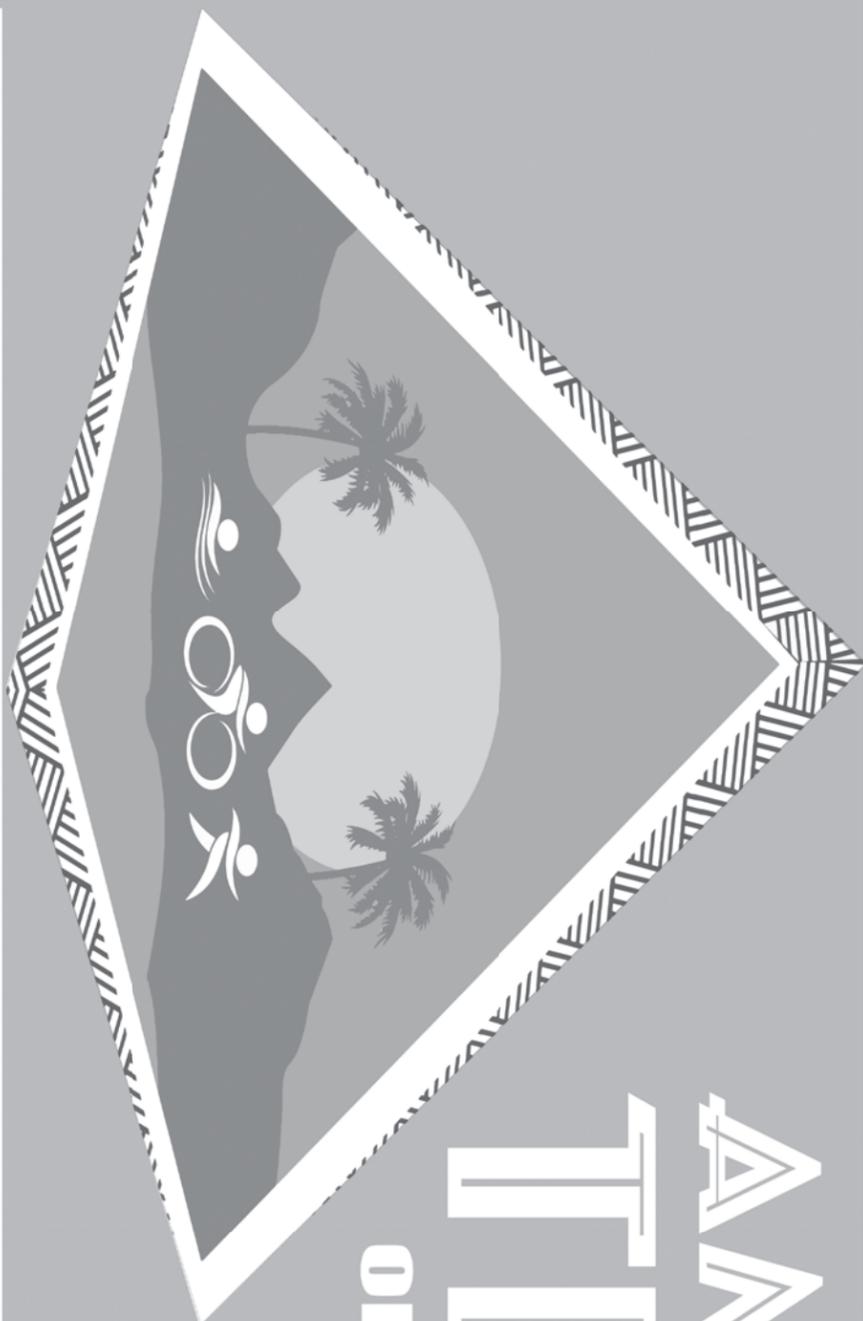
Warriors: Their franchise record for consecutive road wins is 14 set in 2015-16. ... Recorded 33 assists on 41 made field goals. ... Kerr smiled when reminded that James recently said his best basketball is still to come. "I know he's better now than he was four years ago," Kerr said. "That's insane when you think about that because that should have been his prime, four years ago, and he was already an MVP and a champion.



Golden State Warriors' Kevon Looney, right, drives past Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyle Korver in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

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Rams quarterbacks Nick Foles (right) and Case Keenum talk during a pregame warmup in 2015. (AP Photo)

Many St. Louis ties spice NFC title game

They were jettisoned by the Rams. But now two quarterbacks who couldn't make it with the St. Louis team are set to start next weekend in the NFC championship game.

Minnesota's Case Keenum, whose miraculous 61-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the game Sunday beat the Saints, got five starts for the Rams in 2015, their final season in St. Louis. He was let go after the 2016 campaign. Philadelphia's Nick Foles, who helped the Eagles beat the Falcons on Saturday, had 11 starts for the Rams in '15 but was cut before the next season.

And each isn't even the No. 1 QB on his current team. But because of injuries to those ahead of them, they'll be in the spotlight next weekend when their teams play in Philadelphia for a berth in the Super Bowl.

"I don't even know right now" what to say, Keenum said. "I have no words."

Foles did have a few remarks.

"Our team never wavered, defense did an amazing job, special teams," he said. "That's just been the story this year is that we just all stuck together."

There are more St. Louis ties to the NFC title contest.

The Rams made Sam Bradford, whose knee injury opened the way for Keenum to start, the first player taken in the 2010 draft. Bradford eventually fell out of favor and was traded to the Eagles — for Foles. Bradford was dealt again last year, to the Vikings, and has recovered enough to be Keenum's backup now.

And Vikes offensive coordinator Pat Shurmer had that position with the Rams in Bradford's rookie season.

Lining 'em up • The Eagles, despite having the top seed in the NFC playoffs, are an underdog at home for the second consecutive week. When the point spreads for the conference title games were posted Sunday in Las Vegas, Minnesota opened as a 3-point favorite. That was the same line that Atlanta was favored by over the Eagles on Saturday.

The over/under (total points scored) in the Philadelphia-Minnesota game opened at 39½.

For the AFC title game, New England opened as a 9-point choice over visiting Jacksonville. The over/under was 47.

Patricia to lead Lions? • New England defensive coordinator Matt Patricia probably will become the Lions' next head coach once the Patriots' season is finished, ESPN reported. He has been the favorite to succeed Jim Caldwell since he was fired.

The Lions haven't interviewed anyone for the job since Jan. 5, when they met with Patricia. They haven't made any moves on their No. 2 choice, Mike Vrabel, even though he's eligible to be hired at any moment. They haven't even brought any of their other candidates in for a second interview.

Elsewhere • The Bills hired Alabama offensive coordinator Brian Daboll for the same position. He replaces Rick Dennison, who was fired recently. Before joining the Crimson Tide last season, Daboll, 42, was the tight ends coach for Super Bowl-champion New England. He has 17 seasons of NFL coaching experience.

Titans coach Mike Mularkey said right tackle Jack Conklin suffered a torn knee ligament Saturday and probably will miss the start of training camp.

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I le molimau a le Tina sa la'ua mafuta i le fatuaiga, "E tele rosa, ae tasi sa ia filifilia ai le vao filifili o i latou uma, na fa'afetai aua o a'u sa ia filifilia mai le tasi ae afe sa i lona ala!"

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O Ia lava lea sa mafua ai ona soifua a'e i Port Moresby, Papua Niu Kini, a'o fa'anofonu'u fa'amisionare ai nai ona matua ma tuafafine: Rev Siulagi & Fuarosa To'alepai Solomona."

"O se tama e agaga i lona afafine, o lona toe malosia na fa'afo'isia mai ina ua o'o mai le meaalofa sili mo i ma'ua i la le tino, Tavita Meki ma lona uso la'ititi. E osiosi e ia lona aiga ma o'u aiga i so'o se mea. E le atoa fo'i matou fa'atasiga pe afai e misia ai lona leo.

E le mafai ona malaga loa, ae le afea nai o ma'ua aiga i Hawaii po'o Kalefonia. O o'u aiga ma ona aiga e tutusa pau i lana tausiga ma asiasiga. E le misia lana fa'amalosi'au i fanau a lona aiga ma lo'u aiga i a'oa'oga.

E na te siakia so'o se tasi i se mea o mana'omia. E talimana'o i nai ona tuafafine a'o ia te ia le tausiga e o'o mai ina faia o latou aiga, e le mafai ona tu'ua lana matata fa'atama matua ia i latou uma. Ua alu lona tama, ae tu'u i ai lona faiva, o se faiva na te faia ma le fiafia ma le agaga fa'afetai."

"E le fesiligia lana fa'ai'uga i lo'u loto, o se fa'ai'uga e faia i le fa'avae o le alofa. E faigata ona ia tu'u ese lona talitonuga i lona Atua, ma lona auunaga i Siona le Mauga Pa'ia, o lona lea ala e tapena ai lona sao mo lona Atua.

Eui ina ia ou fa'aluulumatau i lou naunau e avatu i le matou ekalesia, ae le'i maluelue lona tumau ai i le Ekalesia na ia soifua a'e ai. Ua i'u nei lana

folauga, ua faigata ona ou fa'agalo le alofa sa ia te a'u, ae maise i le li'o o i ma'ua ma le fanau, fa'afetai fo'i i le Atua, ua alu ese atu o ia, ae ua ou maua fo'i se atali'i ua tula'i mai e alofa ia i matou i le matou aiga, fa'afetai son Vincent."

"O ana upu o le a nonofo pea ma i matou, e ui fo'i ina matuitui le oti, ae o tua atu o lo'o i ai lava le alofa o le Atua e tausia fa'atasi uma ai i tatou, o pelega a le ali'i foma'i Meki Tavita Solomona, le tama o lenei aiga!"

E le o fesiligia le tele o le auunaga a Meki i lana ekalesia, e afua mai i le aufaipese, autalavou a'o talavou, se'ia o'o mai ina avea ma failautusi o le Ekalesia, ma le sui usufono i nisi o fonotaga a le EFKAS Aoa, ma se totino fo'i o le Komiti o Atina'e i Siona le Mauga Pa'ia.

O ia tautua sa molimau ai uso sa latou galulue Fiu Johnny Saelua ma le susuga le Ta'ita'ipese o lo'o tula'i nei i lea tofi atoa ma le fa'afeagaiga Rev. Eteuati Toma.

I le toe sauniga i lona oliolisaga tumau, sa fa'ato'a faia ai loa toe sauniga o le Agiagia o Amerika Samoa ma sa fa'apapa ai le uafana, ma iliina le pu o le fa'anoanoa o le amia o se tasi o le nofoa'iga a le Kapeneta a le Faigamalo a Amerika Samoa a'o tautua pea.

Ina ua mae'a gaugauina le agiagia sa taua'oina e le susuga le Malu o le Malo Siosa Aiono i lana afioga le Lutena Kovana Lemanu Peleti Sialega Mauga na te fa'ao'o i le faletua ma lona alo e to'atasi Katerina Keli'iaione Solomona Toeava. Na talia e le tina ma saunoa faamaise ai lana susuga le Sui Kovana, "Tau ina ia avea lenei fa'ailo, o se matau aloa'ia o le tautua matavela a Taeaofua Fofogaoaiga Dr Meki Solomona i lona malo ma ona tagata lautele. Ia fa'atasi le Atua ma fa'amafanafana ia te oe ma le fanau ona o le to'esea o le tama o le aiga. O le to'esea fo'i lea o se tasi o uso ia i matou uma i le tatou Malo."

Ona fa'amae'a ai lea o sauniga o le tama a le malo i lona oliolisaga tumau i lona laoa i le mauga o Tafeta, Amerika Samoa.

[O tala uma o Taeaofua Dr Meki Tavita Solomona, ua tusia ma fa'amaumauina i le gagana e pele ia te ia, ina ia le solo le falute pe mou malie atu ia te'i tatou uma le tofi ua i o tatou lima, lau Gagana Samoa, o se tasi o auau o lana molimau totino a le faletua ua lomua - L.Aiono Frost]



Le taimi na taua'ao ai le Agiagia a le Malo o Amerika Samoa i le Tina loto fa'avauvau Vaofu'amalo Soliai Solomona, e taualoa ai le tautua a Taeaofua Dr Meki Solomona i lona malo.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O se va'aiga ia i latou uma na mafai ona masi'i mai Seattle Washington mo toe sauniga o lana tofa Taeaofua Dr Meki Solomona i le amataga o le masina

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O nisi o le aufaigaluega ma uo mamae a Dr Meki Solomona a'o talavou mai se'ia o'o i ona toe taimi. Ua auai i latou e molimauina lona falelauasiga.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





I latou na aofia i le a'oga fa'apitoa a le "INSPIRE" lea sa fa'atautaia ia matauina ai aga ma uiga o so'o se Kanesa atoa ma ala e te fa'amama avega atu ai ia i latou o a'afia ai. Sui na auai i le fa'atasiga i le Tradewinds e aofia ai: Wynona Lee, Dr. Angela Sy, Magdalene Augafa-Leauanae, Vaa Tofaeono, Tofoi Unutoa-Mageo, Salote Aoelua-Fanene, Solinuu Savusa, Luana Scanlan ma Dr. Kathy Tong. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

KANESA - A'OGA MO TAGATA SUESUE ITUAIGA KANESA

O le aoaoga fa'apitoa mo i latou e fa'atautaia suesuega i ituaiga Kanesa eseese, o aga ma uiga e iloga ai, ae maise o togafitiga ma ala ua mafai ona fa'afo'ia ai tuga o lea gasegase fita, na fa'atautaia lea e nisi o foma'i na malaga mai, Dr Angela Sy ma Dr Kathy Tong ma i le INSPIRE.

O i la'u nei sa fa'auia mai e Dr Tofaeono & Luana Scanlan ma le nisi e aofia ai Va'a Tofaeono ma le tama'ita'i so'oupu o Salote Aoelua-Fanene ma sa faia latou fonotaga fa'alea'oa'oga i le Ofisa Autu o le American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition i le latou potu fonu i Nuuuli ae fa'ai'u ai i se latou mafutaga fa'atasi i le Tradewinds Hotel ma mae'a ai.

O le aoaoga lea o le INSPIRE e lima aso na fa'atino ai ma ua aota'uina ai nisi o alo o le atunuu sa latou naunau e fia iloa fo'i lea agava'a ma malamalama'aga tau le ma'i Kanesa i ona ituaiga eseese ma suesuega ma latou fa'amaumauga ua mae'a tamau ai.

O i latou na auai ma ua mae'a tau'avea lea kosi na aofia ai Dr Tofoi Mageo, Magdalene Augafa Leauanae, Wynona Lee ma Solinu'u Savusa. O le fa'aumaga o lea polokalama matagofie sa maua ai ma le nonofo fua i po e lua i le Tradewinds fa'atasi ma latou faia'oga na malaga mai, ina ia fefa'asoa'i atili ma fiafia fa'atasi.

O i latou nei sa auai ma fa'aailoa fo'i lo latou fiafia, aua o suesuega ma latou tusitusiga atoatoa nei ua fa'aילו, o nisi nei o tomali e sili ona mana'omia ona fa'amalamalama ai i latou e fa'auia atu ni fautuaga ma tima'iga i le lautele o i latou ua a'afia i le kanesa. O lea aoaoga na mae'a lelei i le fa'aiuga o le tausaga ua te'a, ia Oketopa 2017.

AOAOGA MO I LATOU E TAUSIA TAGATA I AI MA'I TUMAU

O lo ua fa'alauiloa mai le a'oa'oga fa'apitoa mo i latou uma o e tausia tagata e i ai gasegase tumau tau le tino po'o le mafaufau, tausia fo'i tagata matutua i tua i aiga ma falema'i, ma ia patino fo'i tomali eseese e ao ina fa'aleleia atili ai lo latou iloa ona tausia lelei o a latou pelega.

O lenei a'oa'oga e tatau ona e fa'amauina lona avanoa e te auai ai, ma e lesitala ai suafa a'o le'i tuna'i le aso 26 Ianuari, 2018. O le aoaoga o lo'o fa'atautia e le Pacific Youth & Community Development, ae amatatia le a'oa'oga lenei ia Ianuari 31, 2018.

Fa'amaonia e le Fono Faitulafono fa'atonusili fou e to'alua

tusia: F. Sagapolutele

O le vaiaso ua te'a sa fa'amaonia ai e le Fono Faitulafono - i le Maota Maua-luga ma le Maota o Sui - fa'atonusili fou e toalua mo le faigamalo a Lolo ma Lemanu.

MUAVAEFA'ATASI

O le aso Tofi sa pasia ai e maota e lua le tofiga a le kovana mo le tofa ia Muavaefa'atasi John Edward Suisala e avea ma fa'atonusili o le Matagaluga o Auaunaga mo Tagata ma le Soifua Manuia Lautele (DHSS).

I le Maota Maua-luga na pasia ai Muavaefa'atasi i le palota fulisia e 14 le ioe ae leai se fa'atuiese. I le Maota o Sui, o le palota fulisia e 17-0.

Ae le'i faia le palota a maota e lua, sa faia iloiloga masani e fesiligia ai agava'a o le ua tofia, e avea ma fa'atonusili.

Taua e le tofa ia Muavaefa'atasi i lana molimau i luma o afioga i senatoa, lana saunoaga i luma o le Maota o Sui, i se taimi o lea lava taeao e faapea, o le galuega a le fa'atonusili, e le faigofie, ae fa'amoemoe i le Atua e fesoasoani mai ai i galuega. E le gata i lea, sa ia taua foi le tatau lea ona galulue fa'atasi ma le au faigaluga ina ia fa'atunu'uina fuafuaga e fesoasoani ai i le atunu'u.

O nisi o afioga i senetoa sa saunoa i le taimi o le iloiloga sa latou taua ai e le fesiligia agava'a o Muavaefa'atasi, ona ua leva foi tausaga o galue i lea matagaluga a le malo, i le silia ma le 10 tausaga. Ma sa fa'afetaia e afioga i senetoa le tautua matavela a Muavaefa'atasi i le malo, e aofia ai le vaitaimi na galue ai i le Ofisa i le laumua i Uosinitone mo le tofa ia Faleomavaega Eni, a'o avea ma faipule o Amerika Samoa i le Konekeresi a le malo tele.

Saunoa le afioga i le senetoa ia Fai'ivae Iuli Godinet e faapea, o Muavaefa'atasi o ia lea sa galue malosi lava i le Ofisa o Faleomavaega i le tau aumaia o le polokalama lea o le ASNAP i Amerika Samoa, ma o se polokalama ua maua ai le lautele o le atunuu.

"Tele a tatou tala i le polokalama ae o le upu moni lava o le susuga ia Suisala, o ia lea na tu malosi i le aumaia o le polokalama lea i totonu o le atunuu," o se vaega lea o le saunoa a

Fai'ivae.

Sa fesiligia e nisi o afioga i senetoa le molimau i lona suafa matai, o Muavaefa'atasi, ma sa ia tali e faapea, o le suafa mai le aiga Sa Pulu i Pago Pago.

Ma o lea saunoaga a Muavaefa'atasi sa toe fa'amaonia e le afioga i le senetoa ia Tualo Manaia Fruean, mai Pago Pago.

"O le isi lenei matai tautua lelei i si o matou nuu o le tofa ia Muavaefa'atasi, ae fa'afetai i le alii kovana o lea ua tofia Muavaefa'atasi e fa'aauuina galeuga a Taeaofua ma lona ofisa," o se vaega lea o le saunoaga a Tualo.

"O le agaga lea ia tatou le Maota Maua-luga, aumai fanau a le atunuu e faaoga e fau le malo."

TUPUA

O le aso Tofi o le vaiaso ua te'a sa fa'amaonia ai fo'i e le Maota Maua-luga le tofiga a le kovana mo Kenneth Soala Tupua e avea ma fa'atonusili o le Matagaluga o Paka ma Malaetaalo. O le palota fulisia a le Maota Maua-luga e 14-0, ae o le aso Faraile ua te'a sa fa'amaonia ai e le Maota o Sui lea tofiga i le palota fulisia 16-0.

I le iloiloga a le Maota Maua-luga i le tofiga o Tupua, e le'i tele ni fesili ae fa'afetaia e afioga i senetoa le tautua a Tupua i lea matagaluga a le malo, i le tele o tausaga.

E 20 tausaga na ia tautua ai Tupua i le US Air Force ma sa ia tu'ua le vaega 'au i le 1984. O lona tomali i galuega tua e aofia ai le tauavega o tulaga ta'ita'i mo le latalata i le 10 tausaga i le Samoa Packing, o se vaega lea o le tusa i le kovana i le Fono.

O le tausaga e 2005 na amata galuega ai Tupua i le vaega o Paka ma Malaetaalo ma sa avea o ia ma sui faatonu lagolago o lea matagaluga talu mai le tausaga 2013.

Taua e le kovana i lana tusa e faapea, o le tele o tomali masani a Tupua ma lona avea ai ma faatonusili lagolago o le matagaluga, ua iloga ai lona agava'a e tauave le tulafono o le fa'atonusili.

O lo'o iloga fo'i le tautua a Tupua i le tulaga o ta'alogia i totonu o le atunuu, e pei ona avea ai o ia ma failautusi aoao o le American Samoa National Olympic Committee (ASNOC) mai le 1993 i le 2009 ma sa avea foi ma peresitene o le ASNOC.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 South American country
 - 5 Liquid-hitting-solid sound
 - 10 Barcode reading
 - 14 Boss' directive
 - 15 Not quite there
 - 16 Golden Fleece vessel
 - 17 Fabray and Martin
 - 18 Hawk's mansion
 - 19 "Of course"
 - 20 Three steel things
 - 23 Achieve peak juiciness
 - 24 Hall's partner
 - 25 Fish-loving splashes
 - 28 Cockeyed or lopsided
 - 30 Former Italian bills
 - 31 Polite palindromic address
 - 33 The Eiger, for one
 - 36 Three steel things
 - 40 Poker action
 - 41 Skier's transports
 - 42 Almanac data
 - 43 The waters of Clearwater, e.g.
 - 44 Bond
- DOWN**
- 1 Hunger reminder
 - 2 A biblical twin
 - 3 Indian princess
 - 4 Tough way to swim
 - 5 Slopes formed by erosion
 - 6 Academy attendee
 - 7 Legendary Sophia
 - 8 Large part of planet Earth
 - 9 Abound
 - 10 Runway-walker's walk
 - 11 Fancy condiment container
 - 12 Have no reason to argue
 - 13 Christmas songs
 - 21 Ventilation purpose
 - 22 Like a really bad apple
 - 25 Automotive pioneer
 - 26 Swing type
 - 27 "False" alternative
 - 28 Does toddler math
 - 29 Battle's big brother
 - 31 Bungle
 - 32 Army creature?
 - 33 Super rating
 - 34 Well-lit artist's place
 - 35 Artful dodge
 - 37 Thrown with oomph
 - 38 Salad topping option
 - 39 Like Bluetooth
 - 43 Baptism VIP, sometimes
 - 44 With the most aches
 - 45 Anytown, ___
 - 46 Badmouth
 - 47 Got all snoopy
 - 48 Guitar fret, e.g.
 - 49 Sleep interrupter
 - 50 Acts all slimy
 - 52 "En garde" weapon
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Happy Birthday: Set your goals for the year and don't stop until you are happy with what you have achieved. Your determination and desire will be recognizable, resulting in respect as well as rewards. What you discover will lead to new and unusual interests that can determine your direction for the remainder of your life. Think big, dig in and embrace change. Your numbers are 7, 10, 18, 27, 30, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay calm and keep your work and personal life separate. Your performance will be key to your advancement as well as to maintaining a sense of structure in your life. Don't make changes based on hearsay or a senseless argument. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Partnerships are favored. Business meetings, travel and using past experience to ensure you get what you want will help you establish your strengths. Knowing what you have to offer will give you the upper hand when negotiations take place. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't travel to unfamiliar places or try to make changes that go against the rules. Don't promise anything you cannot readily supply. Protect against injury and emotional battles. Discipline and control will be required regarding money matters. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be tempted to spend money on something you don't need or make a donation without knowing enough about the organization asking for help. Use your imagination and you'll find cheaper ways to make physical improvements or to assist others. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be emotionally charged and eager to bring about changes. Consider the consequences of your actions if other people are involved. It is best to take baby steps instead of catapulting into the unknown. Minimize your dreams to fit your budget. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Friends, relatives, children and parents will all have something to contribute that will encourage you to follow through with your dreams. The possibilities are endless if you use your imagination and skills to help you reach your goals. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Relationship changes will take you by surprise if you have lost touch or haven't been paying attention to what's going on right in front of you. Don't take anyone or anything for granted or you may suffer a loss. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll excel if you present what you have to offer. Your skills and intellect will help you gain respect as well as the go-ahead to follow through with your plans. A partnership that will allow you to expand your interests looks promising. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't divulge information that may be used against you. Someone from your past will disrupt your life if you are too generous or forthcoming regarding your life goals, beliefs and personal passwords. An offer will not live up to your expectations. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a different approach to the way you do your job or handle your responsibilities. Your ability to foster new ideas and turn them into something spectacular will give you the momentum you need to reach your goals. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The best way to move forward and make positive changes is to recognize what isn't working for you anymore and make revisions. Study the results you've been getting and make a point to start with small but effective adjustments.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at investments that show promise and dedicate your time and effort to being part of something that has the potential to grow. Offer suggestions as well as a commitment to see matters through to the end. ****



HUSBAND'S LONG BEARD IS HARD FOR WIFE TO STOMACH AT DINNER

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a long, bushy, ugly beard, and although I don't like it, I realize he's entitled to wear his facial hair any way he likes it. The problem is, when he eats, his beard gets into his plate and in the food, which I find nauseating. -- TOO MUCH HAIR IN TEXAS

DEAR TOO MUCH HAIR: If your husband's beard is so long it drags his food off his plate, the first thing you should do is suggest that he sit up straighter when he's eating. However, if he's unwilling -- or unable -- to do that, perhaps he would consider using one hand to hold his beard aside when he's about to take a forkful, or using hair clips to keep it away from his food.

Readers, if you have suggestions to help this grossed-out Texas wife, I'd love to see them.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is a smart, independent woman -- until she gets a boyfriend. She has been dating ever since Dad died in 1994.

Every relationship starts out well; the guy seems nice. Then he moves into her house and things change. Mom stops thinking for herself and turns into a brainless, spineless puppet. It causes conflict between us because she thinks I'm selfish and trying to sabotage her relationship.

She has had her current boyfriend for two years. I'm 37, disabled and require some help from Mom. So do my grandparents and a family friend Mom takes care of to supplement her income. The boyfriend is pushing Mom to spend three to four months of the year with him in Arizona, leaving those of us who need her without help.

None of these men ever help her out financially. Should I say nothing and let her disappear? What happens to the people who depend on her? -- JUST HER DAUGHTER IN COLORADO

DEAR JUST: What happens to the ADULTS who depend on your mother is they arrange for outside assistance during the time she's in Arizona. And if this is the first time in years that she will have taken a break, you should all wish her well.

DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers constantly interrupts when I'm having a conversation with other people. It doesn't seem to matter who I am speaking with or what the subject is. She'll interrupt in the middle of the conversation, and everyone must stop and look at her or acknowledge her.

We are in a professional environment, and I feel her behavior is extremely discourteous. The subjects she discusses are things like the sandwiches her husband bought the day before, what they had for dinner that night or whatever is trending at the moment. She never discusses work-related issues.

This happens every day and it's disruptive. Would you kindly share some ideas on how to deal with her interruptions? -- BOTHERED OFFICE GUY

DEAR OFFICE GUY: Obviously, your co-worker was never taught that interrupting while others are talking is rude. Because it bothers you, the next time she does it, tell her it's distracting when she breaks into your conversations and to please stop. If she persists, and other co-workers feel as you do about it, bring it to the attention of your supervisor or HR and let that person handle it.

STEELY CLAN By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"... He's Barfy's friend, and he's allowed to do that at his house."

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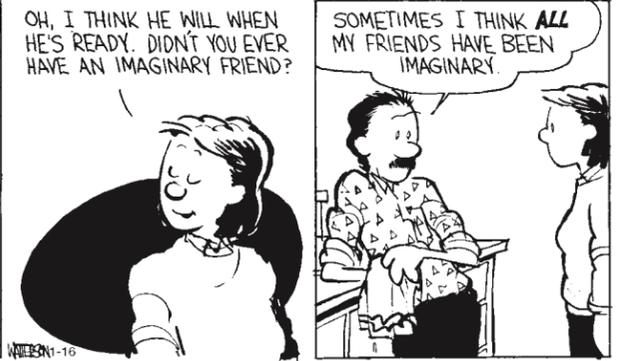
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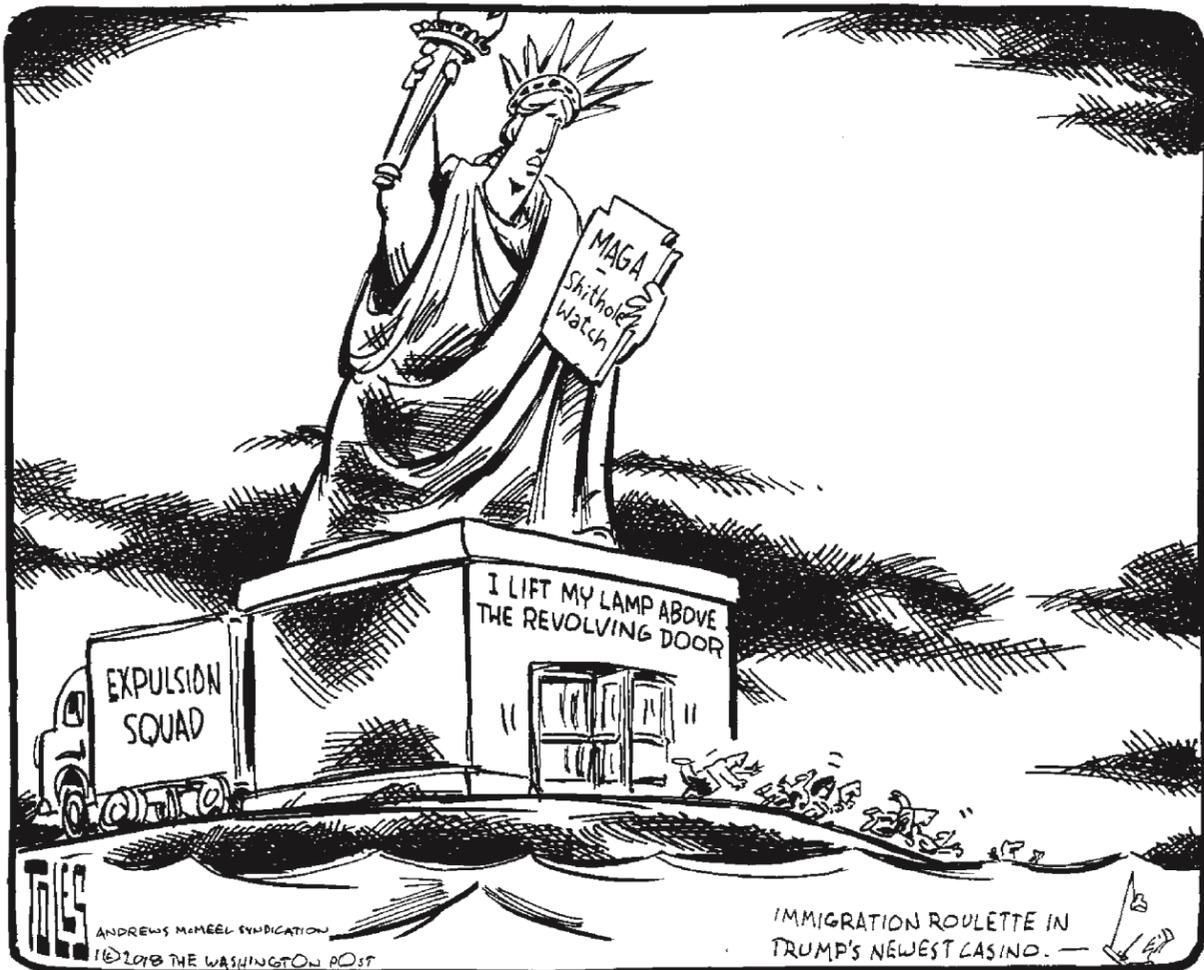
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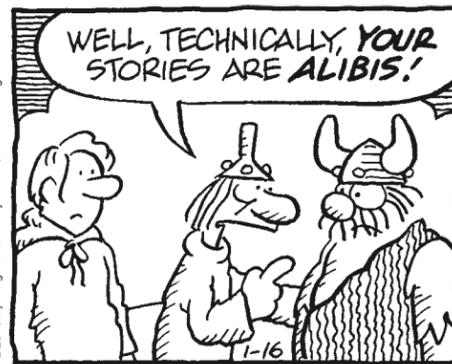


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Sudoku Pacific

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

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1/16 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Monday's Puzzle Answer 1/15

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⊗ The AYFS 49ers 'Niner Nation' running out to the field for the first time this season to face the AYFS Bears during the season opener last Saturday morning at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. [photo: TG]

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Oladipo scores 28, hot-shooting Pacers beat Jazz 109-94

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Victor Oladipo scored 28 points and the Indiana Pacers shot 54 percent from 3-point range in a 109-94 win over the Utah Jazz on Monday night.

Oladipo got going late in the second quarter during a 15-2 run that gave Indiana a 14-point lead. Then his back-to-back buckets early in the third capped a 9-0 surge to push the advantage to 67-47. He also had six rebounds and six assists.

Domantas Sabonis finished with 15 points and eight rebounds for the Pacers, and Thaddeus Young scored 17.

Donovan Mitchell scored 23 for the Jazz, while Derrick Favors added 16 points and seven rebounds. The Jazz put themselves in a hole with seven first-quarter turnovers, but rallied with a 14-0 spurt in the second to cut the deficit to 38-37. They never got that close again. The Pacers were efficient on offense all night, shooting 53 percent from the field and 14 of 26 from 3-point territory. Indiana is 15-0 when shooting above 50 percent.

TIP-INS

Pacers: Indiana began the night ranked second in the NBA

in 3-point shooting at 38.3 percent. Jazz: Raul Neto returned from a 15-game absence due to a concussion and bruised left knee. ... Rudy Gobert went through an extensive workout with braces on both knees before the game. He's thought to be close to returning from a left PCL sprain and bone bruise.

TURNER OUT

Pacers center Myles Turner did not play due to a ligament sprain and muscle strain in his right elbow. He will not play the remaining three games of the road trip. The team lists him as week-to-week depending on how quickly Turner heals, but said he will not need surgery.

SEFOLOSHA'S STATUS

Jazz forward Thabo Sefolosa has been diagnosed with a serious right knee sprain and wore a bulky brace before the game. The team has not announced a timeline for his return, but there are fears it could be a long-term injury.

QUOTABLE

"He's a very confident kid with a lot of talent," Pacers coach Nate McMillan said of Oladipo. "We knew that he had potential in making the move to trade him for Paul (George).