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The search is on for aspiring local boxers

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

The American Samoa Amateur Boxing Association (ASABA) is taking a huge step in promoting boxing around the territory, by launching a recruitment program to sign up young and new fighters to take on the sport.

Within the first month since the program was launched, about a dozen young new local boxers who have shown interest in becoming fighters have been recruited.

However, recruitment efforts continue as the ASABA is working closely with all the local boxing clubs under its umbrella, to promote the program.

Speaking to Samoa News last week, ASABA head coach and trainer, Sala Sanele Etuale said the main purpose of the recruiting program is to draw the attention of young people around the island, who have the talent, to become boxers.

"I want to see many young people come out and join the sport. Boxing is about believing in yourself, and if you feel that you want to represent your country through boxing, this is your chance to join us.

"We will train you and make sure you will become an elite boxer and a real champion in the future," said Sala, who added that boxing is one of the many sports that people around the world love to watch, and American Samoa needs to recruit more young people to train, to become good fighters in the future.

"A lot of fighters who are representing American Samoa in boxing nowadays at the international level are from neighboring Samoa, and when it comes to international boxing rules, we face a lot of problems because World Boxing does not allow a fighter

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The Olympic 3x3 tournament is nearing and therefore, 3-on-3 tournaments are being played more and more now, even here in American Samoa.

The American Samoa Basketball Association (ASBA) hosted tournaments for the teen division during the summer and recently hosted a 3-on-3 tournament for the men's division - "3x3 Autumn Ball" which was held Saturday, August 26th at the DYWA Pago Pago Youth Community Center.

Each team was to register into the official page of the 3x3 tournament, and this will connect them with players from around the world. The registration was \$50 per team and according to the coordinators and administrators of the program: "No pay, no play". The 3x3 website serves as a tracker for players to get ranking points and keep track of their progress, stats and results for all 3x3 games that they play. Samoa News saw a fair number of teams participating in Saturday's tournament.

The ASBA is looking to take a team off island for competition later this year in December, and the group hopes to select a team from the players participating in the 3x3 competitions.

The winner of the "3x3 Autumn Ball" was Team Army: LorinVic Avalos DeOro, Talataina EJ Kelemete, and George Ioasa (pictured).

The future is looking bright for our island ballers with all the events and programs being held to improve the game and promote the sport here in the territory.

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Seen here are local boxing officials with some of the new boxers, who may just fulfill their dreams of becoming future champions for American Samoa. See story for full details.

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Baltimore Orioles starter Dylan Bundy watches a pitch to the Seattle Mariners during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Baltimore, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017. Bundy threw a one-hitter as Baltimore won 4-0.
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Bundy throws 1-hitter, streaking Orioles beat Seattle 4-0

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dylan Bundy threw a one-hitter for his first career shutout, Manny Machado hit two of Baltimore's four solo homers, and the Orioles extended their winning streak to six games with a 4-0 victory over Seattle on Tuesday night.

Bundy (13-8) allowed just an infield single to Kyle Seager in the fourth inning and set a career high with 12 strikeouts. The right-hander has a 2.00 ERA in August and has struck out 10 or more in three of his last four starts.

Jonathan Schoop and Welington Castillo also went deep for the Orioles, who moved two games over .500 for the first time since June 10.

Baltimore has outscored its opponents 44-17 during the winning streak. The Orioles also moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the Mariners in the AL wild-card race. Minnesota currently holds the second wild-card slot.

Schoop collected his 29th homer of the season and 500th career hit with a solo shot in the first off Erasmo Ramirez (5-5).

Schoop's blast moved him ahead of Machado for the team lead, but not for long. Machado hit his 29th homer in the sixth and reached 30 homers for the third consecutive season with his drive in the eighth off Casey Lawrence.

Bundy, who threw 116 pitches, struck out Danny Valencia for the fourth time to finish off his first career complete game.

In his fifth start since being acquired from Tampa Bay

on July 28, Ramirez allowed two runs and five hits over six innings.

Castillo led off the seventh with a homer off James Pazos.

The start of the game was delayed 32 minutes because of rain.

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Machado's homer to left-center in the sixth was corralled by a fan with a smiling baby strapped to his chest. The man danced, raised the ball above his head and was greeted with high-fives.

ROSTER MOVE

Bundy was reinstated from the bereavement list following the death of his grandmother and LHP Donnie Hart was optioned to Triple-A Norfolk.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: OF Jarrod Dyson (groin) could not do any pre-game work because of rain. He still could come off the DL over the next few days.

Orioles: J.J. Hardy (wrist) homered Monday in his seventh rehab appearance for Triple-A Norfolk. He is batting .263 with three RBIs. The Tides were rained out Tuesday.

UP NEXT

Mariners: Ariel Miranda (8-6, 4.62 ERA) will make his team-leading 27th start. The left-handed Cuban pitched one game out of the bullpen for Baltimore last season before being traded for Wade Miley.

Orioles: Ubaldo Jimenez (5-9, 6.57 ERA) has lost his past two starts, allowing 11 runs and 17 hits. Jimenez is 2-4 with a 6.50 ERA in eight career starts against Seattle.

Corso still going on "GameDay" — with help from his friends

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Lee Corso looks down at his notes and asks: "How do you say this guy's name?"

"Stid-um," Kirk Herbstreit responds and then begins to spell Auburn quarterback Jarrett Stidham's last name for his longtime ESPN "College GameDay" partner. A few letters in, Herbstreit reaches over and says, "Here, let me get that for you."

Herbstreit writes the name on the sheet of paper, and then they ready themselves to record the next segment.

Now 82 and eight years removed from a stroke, Corso is back for a 30th season on "College GameDay." He can still energize college kids on a Saturday morning like a free-beer tailgate, and for millions of viewers the games don't begin until he dons a mascot head and picks the day's marquee matchup. But getting Corso through a show also requires some help, both on the air and behind the scenes. At times his contributions are off topic. Names come out wrong. Words can escape him.

Herbstreit, Rece Davis, Desmond Howard, David Pollack and the rest of the "GameDay" crew have adjusted. Instead of Corso's limitations hindering the show, they make it more compelling. It feels real, not staged, and for live TV, that's usually a good thing.

"To this day there's no question in my mind that all the great things that coach adds to the show outweigh those times when his tongue may get tied or he stumbles on his speech or he stumbles over a few words or has trouble getting something out," said Lee Fitting, who was "GameDay" producer for 12 years and now oversees all ESPN's college studio and remote programs. "And the times when he does struggle to get some words out, the way in which Kirk and Rece and Desmond and David help coach along, pick up that slack, makes up for it."

"It's endearing to the viewer. It's the family members picking another member of the family up."

Corso signed a new multi-year contract with ESPN earlier this year. Fitting said it was a no-brainer for the network to bring Corso back. Corso said it was the same for him.

"This job is like stealing. I travel first class in a nice plane. I have a driver waiting for me. I go in a room and have room service. I have a meeting. Then I go to the best game of the weekend and talk football — and they pay me. You gotta be kidding me," Corso said. "Why the hell would I leave something like this?"

Corso played quarterback at Florida State in the 1950s,

and roomed with teammate Burt Reynolds. He went on to a 27-year coaching career that included stints as head coach at Louisville, Indiana and Northern Illinois. His last coaching job was with the Orlando Renegades of the USFL in 1985. Two years later, he was hired by ESPN.

He was a natural on TV, quick-witted, spontaneous and unafraid. In 1996, Herbstreit, the former Ohio State quarterback, joined Corso and host Chris Fowler on "GameDay."

"Everything he did, I mimicked," Herbstreit said of Corso.

That relationship has grown from coach-quarterback to more father-son over two decades. Herbstreit said he would turn to Corso for advice on marriage and raising kids. As for making it in TV, Corso said Herbstreit needed only a little guidance.



Retuning Vikings offensive lineman, Lalomilo Iosefa going through a lineman drill during practice at Onesosopo Park yesterday evening, as the defending champs prepare for the kick off of the 2017-2018 ASHSAA football season. [photo: TG]



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RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Faatili, President.
Date of issuance: August 16, 2017
Date & Time Due: September 15, 2017
No later than 2:00 pm local time

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

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Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo, second from right, celebrates with Elvis Andrus, left, Robinson Chirinos, second from left, and Rougned Odor, right, after Choo hit a three-run home run off Houston Astros relief pitcher Francis Martes during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Astros moved their three-game home series against the Rangers to St. Petersburg because of unsafe conditions from Hurricane Harvey. (AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

Choo paces Rangers' 12-2 rout of Astros in Florida

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Shin-Soo Choo homered and drove in four runs Tuesday night, helping the Texas Rangers rout the Astros 12-2 in the opener of a series relocated to Florida due to flooding in Houston caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Adrian Beltre of the Rangers drove in three runs to pass Hall of Famer Ernie Banks for 28th on the career RBI list with 1,637 while Joey Gallo hit a two-run homer off Mike Fiers (8-9) before an announced crowd of 3,485 at Tropicana Field, the home of the Tampa Bay Rays.

The three-game series that concludes Thursday was moved from Minute Maid Park because of flooding in the Houston area, with the Astros serving as the home team after the Rangers declined a proposal to play the games in Arlington, Texas.

It's only the fourth time in major league history that games have been relocated to neutral sites because of weather.

The Astros were involved as well in 2008, when two scheduled home games against the Chicago Cubs were moved to Milwaukee because of Hurricane Ike. Three games between the Angels and Indians were played in Milwaukee instead of Cleveland because of snow in 2007, and two games between the Montreal Expos and Florida Marlins were moved from Miami to U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago due to Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

Choo had an RBI single off Fiers, who allowed eight runs in four innings. He added a three-run homer off reliever Francis Martes in the fifth.

Martin Perez (10-10) pitched seven strong innings for the Rangers, yielding two runs and

eight hits. Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman drove in runs for the Astros with third-inning singles.

The small but lively crowd included Carolina Padilla, who made the 90-minute trip to the domed stadium with two 9-year-olds — one of them her son, David, who wore a Jose Altuve jersey.

"It's awesome. It's wonderful," she said. "When we found out this morning they were playing here, they were like, 'Oh, we have to go!'"

Seating was limited to the lower level, with tickets going for \$10 each. Some Astros fans wore orange T-shirts, one Rangers fan showed up wearing a Dak Prescott football jersey and a handful of people showed up in Tampa Bay Rays gear.

Small crowds are routine at the Trop, where the Rays rank last in the major leagues in attendance, averaging just 15,614 per game — roughly half — what the Astros (30,661) and Rangers (31,370) have

drawn in their home stadiums this season. "I'm really disappointed that some more people didn't show up. It's no big secret that the Rays could move, and Major League Baseball is watching this," Tampa resident Jeff Justin, who described himself as a Cubs fan who supports the Rays, said. "This is sad. It really is." Texas manager Jeff Banister said before the game that the prospect of the series attracting small crowds should not affect either team's commitment to playing for people affected by the storm.

"If at this moment they need people in the stands to have them charged up to play the game," Banister said, "they aren't playing for the right reasons."

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Astros, Rangers arrive in Florida emotional and distracted

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A.J. Hinch conceded it was difficult to concentrate on baseball.

Like the rest of the Astros and Rangers who traveled halfway across the country to play a three-game series relocated to Florida because of Hurricane Harvey, the Houston manager had mixed emotions about being at Tropicana Field on Tuesday night.

The intrastate rivals settled on meeting in St. Petersburg — home of the Tampa Bay Rays — after the Rangers refused to swap home series and stick themselves with a longer road trip next month.

“It’s hard to imagine playing. It’s hard to imagine not playing,” Hinch said.

“They’re going to be played at some time. Given that we’re safe and out of the area and out of danger, I understand. ... Obviously, it’s out of our hands,” he added. “We understand the magnitude of what’s going on back home. We know that we can only offer a little bit of a reprieve by playing, and trying to play well and trying to win the series, but it’s a distraction.”

Players on both teams talked about the difficulty of boarding flights Monday for the trip while so many people were suffering because of the storm.

Texas outfielder Delino DeShields took exception to some of the banter on social media that criticized the Rangers’ refusal to play the series in Arlington, where Astros players would have been closer to family and friends affected by the storm.

“We really can’t control where we’re at right now. Our hearts and prayers are with everybody in Texas,” DeShields said.

“Me personally, I want to be there to help everybody in Houston and be there for the state, but we’ve got a job to do,” he added. “We’ve got to play baseball. And we’ve got to play baseball somewhere where both sides agreed upon to play.”

DeShields said too much was being made about the decision to move the games to Florida.

Astros pitcher Lance McCullers Jr. was among those criticizing the Rangers for not swapping home series, writing on Twitter on Tuesday that the organization “should be absolutely ashamed.” The nasty dialogue on social media “disappointed” DeShields and “kept me up” until the wee hours of the night, when he posted a lengthy statement on Twitter urging everyone to remember what’s really important.

DeShields said it took him nearly an hour to compose the tweet. By the time he reached Tropicana Field on Tuesday, his anger had subsided.

“Obviously everyone is sad

for what’s going on, and people are using baseball for an excuse to disrespect each other and to make someone feel superior than the other, when it’s not about that,” DeShields said.

“It’s about Hurricane Harvey flooding the city of Houston and affecting the cities around it. I think people need to get their priorities straight. They need to realize what’s really important,” DeShields added. “And that’s doing whatever they can do to help the people down there deal with the situation that they’re dealing with.”

The Rays said it’s believed to be the fourth time in MLB history that games have been relocated to neutral sites because of weather.

The Astros also were involved as well in 2008 when two scheduled home games against the Chicago Cubs were moved to Milwaukee due to Hurricane Ike.

Three games between the Angels and Indians were played in Milwaukee instead of Cleveland because of snow in 2007, and two games between the Montreal Expos and Florida Marlins were moved from Miami to U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago due to Hurricane Ivan.

“It’s tough to sit here ... thinking of all those people at home while I get to go play a baseball game, while thousands and thousands of people have been stranded, stuck, they’ve lost their homes, they’ve lost everything that they have,” Astros outfielder George Springer said.

“It’s puts it into perspective how fortunate I am and how fortunate the guys in this room are that we weren’t there,” Springer added.

“We’re playing a game as thousands and thousands of people are stranded. It’s sad to see, but our thoughts and our prayers are obviously there.”

Rangers manager Jeff Banister agreed.

“The video and pictures are one thing when you watch. It’s gut wrenching. Then you feel helpless of not being able to do anything that helps out,” Banister said.

“I can offer prayers and encouraging words but when the videos and pictures start coming out you saw areas I’ve been around my entire life in standing water,” the manager added. “It’s incredible for me to even wrap my brain around. I can’t imagine the fear that everybody in the community felt.”

Banister said he hoped the games here will provide fans of the teams at least some “momentary relief from what is going on in their life.”

“Throughout our history baseball has been a great distraction for different moments in time,” the manager said.



FHS Vikings lineman Dyson Moana working hard during bag drills yesterday evening at practice held at Onesosopo Park. [photo: TG]

Japan hosts Australia with World Cup spot for winners

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A win for either Japan or Australia when they meet at Saitama north of Tokyo on Thursday means a place at the 2018 World Cup, with both teams keen to seal their spot with a game to spare.

If Japan, a point clear at the top of Group B above Saudi Arabia and Australia, wins then Japan does not need any points from a tricky trip to Saudi Arabia in the final group game on Sept. 5.

Despite sitting on top, the pressure has been building on Japan coach Vahid Halilhodzic after a series of uncertain performances. Just last week the national association denied reports that the Bosnian would be dismissed if the hosts fail to defeat Australia.

“I hear the recent criticism directed my way and it puts pressure on me but this is the kind of situation I like,” Halilhodzic said. “The more I come under attack and the more criticism I face, the more determined I am to respond.”

Japan is concerned over the fitness of Inter Milan fullback Yuto Nagatomo, but will otherwise be at full strength.

Both Japan and Australia received a boost on Tuesday

when Saudi Arabia missed a chance to go top of the group and lost 2-1 away to the United Arab Emirates.

That result means the Socceroos are able to qualify for Russia if they manage to win in Japan.

A draw would leave the team needing to defeat group struggler Thailand in Melbourne next week to be sure of a fourth successive World Cup appearance.

Australia coach Ange Postecoglou denies that there is any pressure.

“From the outside people look at it and see pressure, but for anyone involved, be it a coach or a player, you look forward to these occasions,” Postecoglou said.

In Group A, the only matter to be settled is whether South Korea or Uzbekistan takes the second remaining qualification spot after Iran sealed the first in June.

Under former Real Madrid coach Carlos Queiroz, Iran is not only unbeaten in eight group games so far, but has yet to concede a goal.

South Korea, aiming for a ninth successive World Cup appearance, has lost its last four games to Iran and a 3-2 defeat to

Qatar in June was a third defeat in four qualifiers. It cost Uli Stielike his job as head coach, with the German being replaced by Shin Tae-yong.

Shin has called up English Premier League stars Son Heung-min of Tottenham Hotspur and Swansea City’s Ki Sung-yeung, although both have been recovering from injury.

Son, who played 70 minutes for Tottenham in Sunday’s 1-1 draw with Burnley in London, declared himself fit but Shin declined to be drawn on whether the English-based players will start the game.

“It wouldn’t be appropriate for some players if I said I have chosen starting members at this point because that implies I’ve already made up my mind even before they came here,” Shin said. “People will find out about our starting members on the match day.”

Uzbekistan can keep the pressure on South Korea with a win over last-place China in Wuhan.

If the former Soviet republic can do so and then defeats South Korea in Tashkent on Sept. 5, then the Central Asians will qualify for a first-ever World Cup.





Leone Lions Junior Varsity football squad running 10 laps yesterday morning during football practice at the school field, as they anticipate the start of the ASHSAA football season Saturday, Sept. 9th, at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. [photo: TG]



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Ga Tech's Johnson in no hurry to reveal starting quarterback

ATLANTA (AP) — With less than a week to go before season opener against No. 25 Tennessee, Georgia Tech still hasn't revealed who will start at quarterback.

That's not to say coach Paul Johnson is struggling with a decision.

Coy as always, Johnson indicated Tuesday that he knows who will get the nod when the Yellow Jackets take on the Volunteers in the second of two Chick-fil-A Kickoff games at Atlanta's new Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

But it looks as though he'll wait until the first offensive series Monday night to let everyone else in on the secret.

"We may play all four of 'em in the first game," Johnson said with a smile.

Junior Matthew Jordan is the most experienced of four candidates who battled through spring practice and into the pre-season for the chance to replace three-year starter Justin Thomas at the most important position in the triple-option offense.

But Johnson's reluctance to name a starter might be an indication that he's going in a different direction, at least for the first game. If that's the case, junior TaQuon Marshall would likely be the next man up. Then again, given Johnson's penchant for catching people totally off guard, don't rule out Lucas Johnson or Jay Jones, a pair of redshirt freshmen.

Jordan is by the most experienced of the candidates. He was Thomas' backup the last two years, and even stepped

in to lead Georgia Tech to an upset victory at Virginia Tech in 2016. Marshall played nine games at running back as a freshman, then shifted to quarterback last season, appearing in two games as a third-stringer.

"Matthew is a little older. He probably has a better understanding of what we're trying to do than anybody else," Johnson said. "But I think I could call a game for any of 'em."

Georgia Tech released an updated depth chart that shows all four players in bold lettering, indicating each still has a shot at starting.

And, looking to ensure that no one discussed what they've been told behind closed doors, the school said none of the four would be available for interviews after practice Tuesday.

"Our guys know who's going to play, and I probably know who's going to play," Johnson said.

"I might send it out on Twitter here in a day or two. Who knows? We'll get through a couple of more practices and it'll be one of these four guys. I promise."

The coach has settled on a starting B-back, a position that suddenly came open a couple of weeks ago when the top returning rusher, Dedrick Mills, was kicked off the team for violating athletic department rules.

Sophomore KirVonte Benson, who has never carried the ball in a college game, beat out Quaide Weimerskirch, Jerry Howard and Jordan Ponchez-Mason.



▶ The search is on for...

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from one country to represent another," Sala explained.

An example of this is the case of Kaisa Ioane, a Samoa-born fighter who has been fighting for American Samoa for over 3 years now, but was unable to represent American Samoa during the Oceania Championships last June in Australia, because he's a Samoa National.

"I have no problem with fighters from Samoa who want to come here and fight for our country. I always look at us and Samoa — as one people — under two different flags, but my point is very clear — we need to recruit more young people from American Samoa..." said Sala.

As a result, to put a stop to the problem, the ASABA is working hard to recruit more young fighters who were born in American Samoa.

"I see a lot of youth who want to join boxing, but the problem is — they are pushed by their parents to play sports, such as football, that can give them opportunities to receive scholarships to go off island and pursue a career," said Sala.

"It's our job to promote boxing and to allow our young people to learn the basic rules, just to give them an idea of how cool boxing is," he noted.

One of the 'new' boxers who enlisted in the Mapusaga Fou Boxing Club, told Samoa News that it is his dream to become a fighter in the future.

"My grandfather was a fighter during his time," said Alfred Talosaga, 17, of Mapusaga Fou. "When I was a young boy, my grandfather encouraged me to join our village boxing club to become a fighter like him, and it was my dream to become a fighter one day."

Talosaga is a senior at Tafuna High School where he is a member of the varsity football team.

"The reason why I wanted to join our village's boxing club, was not only to follow my grandfather's footsteps, but I also wanted to learn how to keep

the peace in the family, and be someone who sets good examples for other young people in my village," said Talosaga.

"I grew up learning from my teachers that sports is education," he said. "In fact it is another way of attracting the minds of students to school. Basically, everything is education."

According to Talosaga, joining boxing is a good experience, especially when you get to meet new people and make friends with other young people from various boxing clubs.

"Sports is another way for the government to get the message out to the youth about how to address challenges of life," he said, adding that sports, like boxing, should be developed hand in hand with education.

Talosaga's advice for youth who are still not sure what to do in life: "Stay focused and keep working hard. Keep your promises, move forward, and always prioritize."

While boxing is one of the growing sports in American Samoa nowadays, members of the community still believe the government needs to assist, by providing good facilities for the sport to be revived.

One parent said the major problem the local Boxing Association is facing is the lack of a permanent facility to host competitions.

"There are a lot of boxers in American Samoa but the main problem is there are no solid facilities to train our boxers to become good in the sport.

"We have a boxing ring at the Maliu Mai Beach Resort, but that is not a permanent ring. Kids are training in their own clubs under breadfruit trees, and if we continue to train our boxers like that, we will never see the sport moving forward (on island).

"It's about time for our government to donate more money to develop our sports," said Alfred Viliamu, a former boxer and a trainer for the Maliu Mai Boxing Club.



The Leone Lions special teams working on their kick off during practice yesterday morning, to prepare the players for the opening of the ASHSAA football season on Sept 9th.

[photo: TG]

New Jersey to US Supreme Court: Strike down sports bet ban

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey officials say the U.S. Supreme Court should strike down a ban on sports betting in all but four states because it wrongly forces states to enforce a regulation that Congress wants.

The high court will hear New Jersey's argument this fall that the ban is not legal because it exceeds the authority of Congress. The state has been trying for nearly a decade to legalize sports betting and grab a share of the estimated \$150 billion that is bet illegally on sports each year.

After being rebuffed in its efforts to regulate legal sports betting, New Jersey tried a different tactic: repealing its regulations regarding sports betting, leaving no law in place at all.

The question to be decided by the justices is this: Does a federal statute that prohibits modification or repeal of state-law prohibitions on private conduct impermissibly usurp the regulatory power of states?

Major professional and collegiate sports leagues oppose New Jersey's effort to legalize sports betting, saying it would threaten the perceived integrity.

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Boston Red Sox's Eduardo Nunez hits an RBI double off Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Brett Anderson during the sixth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, in Toronto.

(Chris Young/The Canadian Press via AP)

Sale and 2 relievers toss 4-hitter, Red Sox beat Jays 3-0

TORONTO (AP) — Roughed up in Cleveland his last time out, Boston's Chris Sale couldn't wait to get back on the mound.

The down time between starts sure seemed to drag, however.

"It seemed like a month," Sale joked.

Maybe so, but it was definitely worth waiting for.

Sale and two relievers combined on a four-hitter, Hanley Ramirez hit a solo home run and the Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Sale (15-6) fanned 11 in his ML-best 17th double-digit strikeout game, raising his league-leading total to 264. His 15 wins lead the AL.

The left-hander, who matched a season-worst by allowing seven runs in his previous outing, gave up just three hits in seven innings.

"Anytime you go out there and have a bad one, you want to get right back out there," Sale said. "As a competitor, that's what you want to do, you want to get back out there and right the ship."

Red Sox manager John Farrell credited his ace for "an outstanding effort."

"That was a vintage Chris Sale outing," Farrell said. "He was powerful, he threw a lot of strikes."

Sale has not allowed a run in 22 innings against the Blue Jays this season.

"He's got that reputation, he's got the results," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.

After Toronto DH Kendrys Morales hit a one-out double in the second inning, Sale retired 17 consecutive batters before Morales singled to begin the eighth.

Kevin Pillar chased Sale with a single, and Addison Reed came on to strike out pinch-hitter Ezequiel Carrera and Miguel Montero. Ryan Goins singled to load the bases for Steve Pearce, but he grounded into a fielder's choice.

"Reeder was huge there in that eighth inning," Sale said. "I left him in a dumpster fire right there."

Craig Kimbrel finished for his 31st save in 35 chances.

Toronto has lost nine of 11.

Sale caught Pillar looking at strike three in the second for the 1,500th strikeout of his career. Sale reached the milestone in 1,290 innings, quicker than any other pitcher. Kerry Wood did it in 1,303 innings.

"It's hard for me to fathom that a guy can record that many strikeouts in less than 1,300 innings," Farrell said. "Really remarkable."

Even Sale considered his achievement "pretty crazy."

"This game has been around a long time," he

said. "To do that, it's cool. I appreciate it. I try not to get too caught up in it but I definitely take a step back and look at that and appreciate it."

Promoted from Triple-A Buffalo to make his first start for the Blue Jays, left-hander Brett Anderson (2-3) allowed one run in 5 2/3 innings

"I thought he was tremendous," Gibbons said. "It was a great night for him. Opened a lot of eyes."

Boston's Eduardo Nunez doubled in the first and tried to score on a two-out single by Mookie Betts, but was thrown out at home plate by right fielder Jose Bautista.

After Morales doubled in the second, Sale and Anderson combined to retire 22 consecutive batters before Boston's Rajai Davis hit a two-out single in the sixth. Davis stole second and scored the game's first run when Nunez blooped an RBI double past a sliding Bautista, who failed to make a backhanded catch.

Anderson left after Andrew Benintendi followed with an infield single. Dominic Leone came on and retired Betts to end the inning.

"As far as my first start with a new team, I couldn't really ask for much more," Anderson said.

Ramirez hit a two-out drive off Leone in the sixth, his 20th.

FAN-TASTIC

In three starts against Toronto this season, Sale has struck out 35 while walking two.

ROTATION RECORD

Anderson is the 14th pitcher to start for the Blue Jays this season, the most in team history. Toronto used 13 starting pitchers in 1979, 2002, and 2013.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Red Sox: LHP David Price (left elbow) is expected to throw off the mound Wednesday. Price last threw from the mound July 22, allowing six runs in five innings in a start against the Los Angeles Angels. ... 2B Dustin Pedroia (left knee) ran the bases and will do so again Wednesday. If all goes well, Pedroia hopes to return during Boston's upcoming series with the New York Yankees.

ROSTER REPORT

Toronto optioned RHP Leonel Campos to Triple-A Buffalo to make room for Anderson and granted OF Nori Aoki his unconditional release. RHP T.J. House cleared waivers and was assigned to Buffalo.

UP NEXT

Red Sox: RHP Rick Porcello (8-15, 4.75) won his first four starts in August before allowing a career worst 11 runs against Baltimore on Aug. 25.



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 - 6 Nat or Natalie of music
 - 10 Secretive "Hey, buddy"
 - 14 Like a ram
 - 15 With a fresh twist
 - 16 Blue green "water" color
 - 17 Reparation for being disgusting?
 - 20 In court
 - 21 Tall cup-boardlike structure
 - 22 And others, briefly
 - 24 Birch relative
 - 25 Obviously embarrassed
 - 29 "The Magic Flute," for one
 - 32 Steep, rugged cliff
 - 33 Amazing success
 - 34 West of old Hollywood
 - 37 One who is conceited and disgusting?
 - 41 Slimming couple?
 - 42 Garden pest
 - 43 On the calmest side, at sea
 - 44 Firebug's crime
 - 45 Reddish pigments
 - 47 Attachments to 29-Across or "party"
- DOWN**
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 - 4 MIT grad, often (abbr.)
 - 5 Flouts
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 - 7 Plastic ___ Band
 - 8 Legendary performer
 - 9 Fanciful pitcher
 - 10 Radio bribery scandal
 - 11 Calamari source
 - 12 Capital of Bolivia
 - 13 Recipient
 - 18 Words to live by
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- 23 Securing, as a door
 - 25 Have throbbing pain
 - 26 Feature of a fedora
 - 27 Dawdles
 - 28 "Ick!" relative
 - 30 Begged
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 - 33 Off-the-wall sound
 - 34 Braying beast
 - 35 Stellar server at Wimbledon
 - 36 ___ out a living (just gets by)
 - 38 Actress Mason
 - 39 Brown co.
 - 40 "Fargo" affirmative
 - 44 Foot parts
 - 45 Not exactly round
- 46 Simple breakfast
 - 47 Lacking grace
 - 48 Express one's thoughts
 - 49 Word with "moth" or "half"
 - 51 Smidgens
 - 53 Stylish anagram of "lean"
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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Happy Birthday: Emotional situations will lead to uncertainty. Take your time and look at all your options before you make a move. Control whatever situation arises to avoid loss. Your numbers are 7, 18, 22, 27, 32, 39, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A business trip or meeting is favored. You can bring about positive changes if you demonstrate what you have to offer and the best way to apply your skills, knowledge and services. Don't make impulsive decisions. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Channel your energy wisely. Concentrate on finances, contracts and taking better care of your health. A fitness routine may not be your first choice, but if you pick the right activity, it can turn out to be beneficial and fun. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Alterations to your home or important relationships will help to stabilize your life. A willingness to compromise combined with a smart financial plan will help ease stress and give you the breathing room you need to move forward. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An emotional incident should not distract from your business dealings or productivity. If something is bothering you, deal with it quietly and only after you have had time to assess the situation thoroughly. Avoid impulsive reactions. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you don't like something, change it. Don't wait for others to take over. You have the skills and knowledge to bring about positive change and the ability to impress others and get ahead while doing so. Hard work will lead to positive change. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen carefully and share as little personal information as possible. Knowledge is power and will help you decipher who you want to align yourself with. Partnerships will not be as they appear. Get what you want in writing. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Throw your weight around. Make decisions, set a course of action and follow through. Refuse to let someone push you around. Think big and be willing to help those in need. Make a positive contribution. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check out new job posts or any opportunity to use your skills to increase your income. A change in the way you produce and present what you have to offer will lead to more time to do the things you enjoy doing most. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do whatever it takes to reach your goals. Take on physical or emotional challenges with the intent of pushing forward until you see changes transpire. Travel and education are encouraged and will help improve your quality of life. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pick up the pace and work hard until you reach your goal. Interference can be expected if you are dealing with government agencies or financial institutions. Back away from people who are inconsistent. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Partnerships are featured. Changes can be made if you collaborate with someone you love. Your ability to reach your goal and to make a difference will be reason to celebrate. Work hard and play hard and you'll have no regrets. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on your responsibilities and don't stop until you are finished. It's important to keep your head down if you want to avoid being dragged into someone else's problems. Mediating could be interpreted as meddling. **

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

SON BRACES FOR REACTION TO TRANSGENDER FIANCEE

DEAR ABBY: I moved to the Philippines five years ago. While I was there I met "Emma." After a few months, I realized I was in love with her, and last year we became engaged. I took her to meet my family. They loved her and supported our engagement.

I'm now living in the States and she's still in the Philippines waiting for her visa. Emma is transgender and I don't know how to tell my family. I love her and know I want to spend the rest of my life with her, but my dad is homophobic, and I know he won't support my decision to marry a transgender woman. My mother will also be disappointed because we won't be able to have children together. I need your advice. What should I do? -- **FORBIDDEN LOVE IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR FORBIDDEN LOVE: You say that when you introduced Emma to your family they liked and accepted her. Because you did not tell them then that your fiancée was transgender, expect them to be surprised. That news will bring your father face to face with his homophobia. As to your mother, even if Emma were not transgender, there's no guarantee that Emma would be able to bear children. In cases of infertility, couples sometimes decide to adopt or employ the help of a surrogate and an egg donor.

As a mature adult, the decision about whom you marry should be yours. Your parents' disapproval should have nothing to do with it. If and when you do give them the news, be prepared for a negative reaction. However, I see no reason why you feel you must tell them since they didn't question her gender before.

DEAR ABBY: A longtime friend of mine, "Mia," married a little over a year ago and moved a few hours away. They have been having trouble in their marriage, but have been trying hard to make it work. Mia is now pregnant, and her baby is due next month.

Over the past few months her husband has been messaging me on Facebook. He hasn't said anything overtly sexual, but it is clearly flirtatious. I don't know him well, so I either don't respond or give one-word answers.

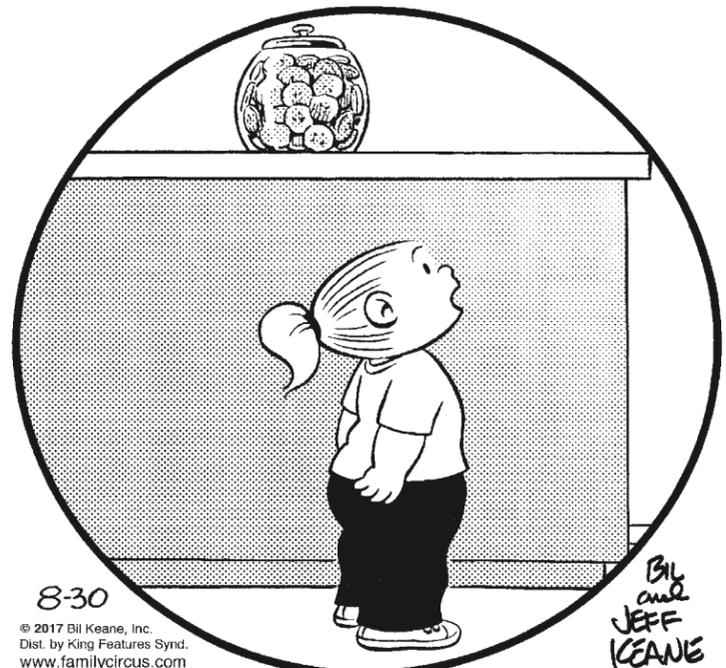
I feel what he's doing is inappropriate, but I'm unsure how to proceed. He's extremely sensitive and reactive to rejection. I'm afraid if I confront him, I will no longer be welcome in their home. I'm also worried that if I tell Mia, she'll be devastated and our friendship will be ruined. Any advice would be appreciated. -- **ANONYMOUS READER**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: If you deal with this directly, your friend's husband will likely deny it and become defensive and punitive. Unless his flirtation becomes overtly sexual, continue to ignore it. Do not respond immediately to his messages. If he asks you why, say you are busy. If you feel you must comment, keep it casual, remote and brief. And always ask him to relay regards to his wife. It may remind him that he's married.

A DISGUSTING PUZZLE By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

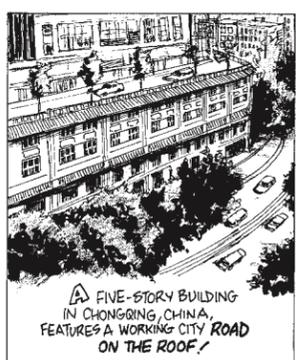


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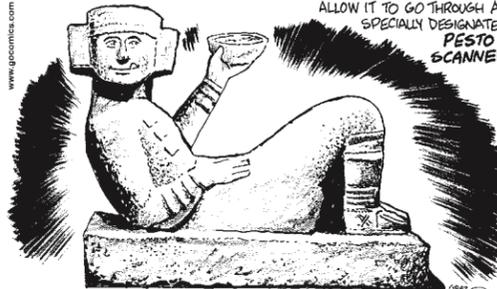
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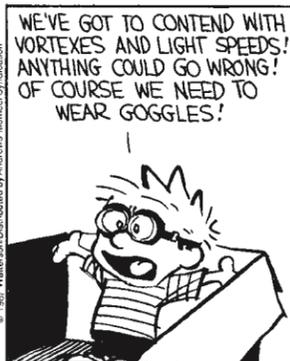
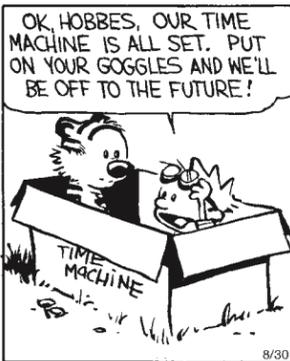
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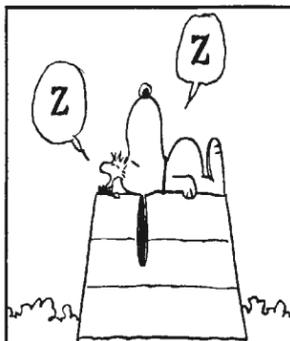
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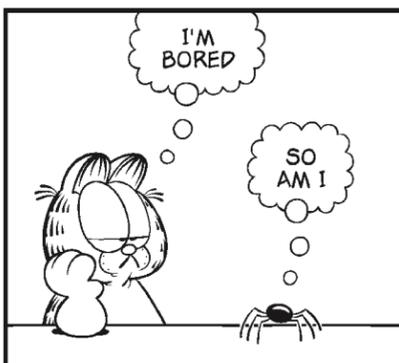
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Sudoku Pacific

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

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

8/30 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Tuesday's Puzzle Answer 8/29

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

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Watt gets wish: Cow-boys-Texans game funds going to recovery

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — While J.J. Watt still thinks the Houston-Dallas preseason game shouldn't be played because of catastrophic flooding in Houston, the star defensive end for the Texans is getting his wish that money generated by the exhibition finale will go to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

Watt, who started a fundraising page that reached \$4 million in donations in barely more than two days, reiterated his stance that the game originally scheduled for Houston on Thursday night should have been scrapped instead of moved to the home of the Cowboys.

The Texans, who are in charge of the game since they are technically the home team, said Tuesday that tickets and parking will be \$25 apiece. Tickets were available online

starting Tuesday night.

"I think the only good thing that can possibly come out of a game on Thursday would be a massive fundraiser," Watt said. "This is bigger than football. It's bigger than a game. It's bigger than any of us."

Speaking of massive fundraisers, Watt almost didn't know to react to the stunning growth of his effort, which started with a web page and a selfie video Sunday. Since then, he's been offering video updates as the total climbed. The original goal was \$200,000.

The highlight Tuesday was a \$1 million donation from Tennessee Titans owner Amy Adams Strunk, daughter of the late Bud Adams. Strunk's father owned the Houston Oilers when the franchise moved to Nashville in 1997.

"That's remarkable, from a team in our division, one of our rivals, willing to go above and beyond football," Watt said. "It just speaks to humanity. It speaks to the good in people."

The team flew to the Dallas area after a preseason loss in New Orleans last weekend and practiced the past two days at Cowboys headquarters. Coach Bill O'Brien said the Texans were hopeful of a return home before Monday.

The Texans have two concerns that dwarf the game against the Cowboys, which will involve few if any starters. The first is their families back in Houston. The second is the season opener against Jacksonville, which is supposed to be at home Sept. 10.

"It's not easy, but being a professional athlete isn't," linebacker Brian Cushing said. "We have to juggle a lot of different things and be expected to do it at the highest level."

All team personnel are accounted for, and O'Brien said the club was working to help the players who weren't on the trip that never made it back to Houston. He has said there were about 10.

"Two or three times a day, we've tried to reach them," O'Brien said. "Sometimes the issue is the cell service, not being able to get them on the cellphone. But we're doing the best we can to help. Some guys are in areas that are harder hit than other areas."

O'Brien said the position and roster battles that always define the preseason finale will give plenty of players something to think about other than what's going on at home.

"I realize it's not the AFC championship game," O'Brien said. "But I will tell you for all the guys that are going to play in that game, it's a very important game. It's an important game for them as Houston Texans and it's an important game for them to be able to put some good football on tape."

Houston Texans' J.J. Watt, center, sprints across the field with other defensive lineman during a morning practice at the Dallas Cowboys training facility, Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in Frisco, Texas. The Texans are working out in the practice facility of the Dallas Cowboys because of floods pounding Houston. An exhibition game in the Texans' stadium Thursday might be moved to the home of the Cowboys.

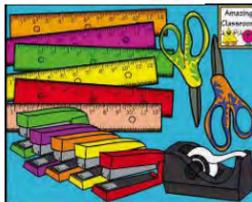
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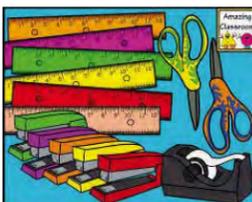
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