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## 2 Indian athletes barred for breaching no needles policy

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Two Indian athletes were banned from the Commonwealth Games on Friday and ordered to leave Australia “on the first flight available” after needles were discovered in their room at the athletes village.

Commonwealth Games Federation president Louise Martin said triple jumper Rakesh Babu and race walker Irfan Kolothum Thodi had been banned from the Games and ordered to return home immediately.

It’s the second time India has been investigated here for breaching the Commonwealth Games “no-needles” policy after a doctor with the boxing team was reprimanded last week.

A statement said testimony from an Australia Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) investigator was “credible,” and cast doubt on comments from the two athletes.

“The testimony of athletes Rakesh Babu and Irfan Kolothum Thodi, who denied all knowledge ... are both unreliable and evasive,” the ASADA statement said. “Rakesh Babu and Irfan Kolothum Thodi are in breach of the No Needle Policy.”

Babu had qualified for the triple jump final and was due to compete on Saturday. Thodi finished 13th in the 20-kilometer race walk last Sunday.

Martin said cleaners had found a needle in a cup in the apartment assigned to Babu and Thodi on Thursday. ASADA investigators then searched the room and located another needle in a bag belonging to Babu.

As a result both had been removed from the athletes village and their accreditation was suspended.

“When the Commonwealth Games Federation says no tolerance, the Commonwealth Games Federation means no tolerance,” Martin said.

Under games rules only medical practitioners and athletes who give prior notice and with an approved medical condition requiring auto-injection such as diabetes can bring needles into the athletes’ village.

As well as the athletes’ suspensions, “strong reprimands” were issued to Indian officials including the team’s chef de mission with a warning that any further breaches could result in suspension of accreditation.



*‘Au malo a le BTI mai Nuuli a Tama’ita’i A, lea ua toe pale i le Ipu o le Siamupini i lenei tausaga. Ua i ai fo’i ma le tama’ita’i o Samicia Sopo’aga lea ua mauaina le MVP, po’o le ta’alo lelei i lea ta’amilosaga.*

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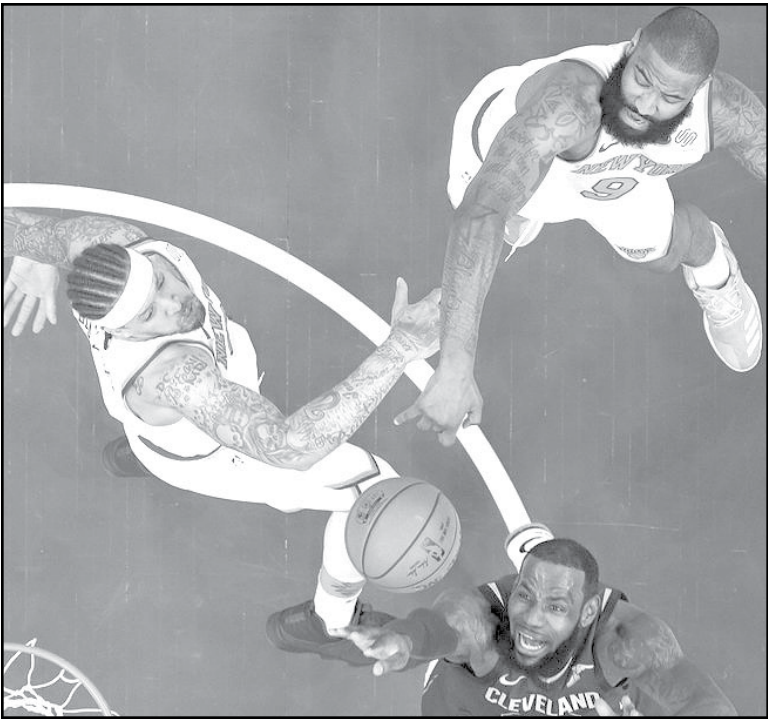
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# Warriors, Cavs vulnerable, or headed for NBA Finals Round 4?



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, bottom, drives to the basket against New York Knicks' Michael Beasley, left, and Kyle O'Quinn in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

Maybe this is the year.  
Maybe the Golden State

Warriors, opening the post-season without Stephen Curry or any momentum, won't be the best of the West, where there's a Houston team that can run and gun as well as they do.

Maybe the Cleveland Cavaliers, starting from the middle of the pack in the East, just have too big a hill to climb, even with LeBron James carrying them.

Or perhaps none of that matters, and the NBA is headed toward Round 4 of its reigning rivalry.

The postseason opens Saturday and it's far from a guarantee it ends with a record fourth straight NBA Finals matchup between the Warriors and Cavaliers. Neither was the best team in its conference during the regular season — the Cavaliers were only No. 4 in the East — and it's not hard to envision a Houston to Toronto trip replacing what's become an annual Oakland, California, to Cleveland itinerary.

Then again, the Warriors could be as dangerous as ever once Curry returns from a knee injury that could have him back for the second round. James has played in the last seven NBA Finals, so nobody knows how to get to the finish line better, no matter from where he starts.

And the other top contenders have to overcome their history of disappointments. Houston's Mike D'Antoni and James Harden have never won, and Chris Paul hasn't even gotten out of the second round. The Raptors had their best regular season ever, but they were last seen in the postseason getting stomped in four straight by James and the Cavs last year in the second round.

Golden State faces No. 7 San Antonio on Saturday in the postseason opener, followed by the top-seeded Raptors and No. 8 Washington Wizards in the East. Sixth-seeded Miami and No. 3 Philadelphia are then followed by Portland-New Orleans in the other 3-6 matchup.

On Sunday, it's No. 7 Milwaukee at No. 2 Boston, and the

Cavs hosting the No. 5 Indiana Pacers in the East, followed by No. 5 Utah at No. 4 Oklahoma City. The Rockets wrap up opening weekend against No. 8 Minnesota, ending the NBA's longest playoff drought with its first playoff appearance since 2004.

A look at some things to watch in the first round:

### GOLDEN AGAIN?

Curry's injury is the only one that remains, but the Warriors at one point down the stretch were also without Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson, too. Even the champions couldn't overcome that, dropping six of their final 10 games, but they start against a San Antonio team whose injury problems are every bit as bad, assuming Kawhi Leonard doesn't return after missing almost the entire season.

### STREAKING SIXERS

Philadelphia is the hottest team in the postseason, winning its final 16 games to finish 52-30. But the 76ers are led by postseason newcomers in Joel Embiid and rookie Ben Simmons — and Embiid is still recovering from a broken orbital bone and concussion as the post-season begins — and will have to overcome their inexperience and a rugged Miami team.

### THUNDER STRIKE?

It was an up-and-down regular season for Oklahoma City, which acquired Paul George and Carmelo Anthony to play with Russell Westbrook but finished well back of Houston and Golden State. But the Thunder might be one of those teams better built for the postseason, and they got an easier road when they won three straight to grab home-court advantage against a Utah team that would have had it before a season-ending loss at Portland.

### BANGED-UP BOSTON

There's no more Kyrie Irving and there was only Gordon Hayward for a few minutes all season, so the Celtics are being overlooked despite their No. 2 seed in the East. But there's plenty of young (Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown) and veteran (Al Horford, Marcus Morris) talent on a 55-game winner that features one of the league's best coaches in Brad Stevens.

### WHO WINS?

As good as Toronto is, it seems futile picking against James and the firepower around him to get to the NBA Finals. But the Cavaliers don't defend well enough and can be picked apart by top offenses, so go with the West champion to win the title, particularly if it's Golden State or Houston.

Take it from another champion. "I like Houston and Golden State, pending their health, as being my top two favorites," five-time winner Kobe Bryant said during a conference call to promote his new basketball analysis show "Detail" that will run on ESPN during the postseason.



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# Netball gets new look: Tasman rivals meet in semifinals



*New Zealand’s Maria Folau poses for a photo following her netball team’s victory over Wales at the Convention and Exhibition Centre during the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, Australia, Friday, April 6, 2018.* (AP Photo/Rick Rycroft)

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Memo from Vicki Wilson to New Zealand netball: you need to find your identity and you need to find it quickly. The Aussie netball great has tipped the host team to play Jamaica in Sunday’s gold medal match at the Commonwealth Games, which would be a break with tradition.

But not before New Zealand get one more crack at their greatest netball rivals — Australia’s Diamonds — in the semifinals.

Trans-Tasman rivalry is so intense the only thing certain this Saturday is tears.

That and the Commonwealth Games retirement of New Zealand’s goal shooter Maria Folau.

A defeat for the Silver Ferns on Saturday will spark recriminations in netball.

For the entire stretch of the sport’s Commonwealth Games history — and this is a popular game across the Commonwealth — these two countries have always played for the gold medal.

# NFL rejects Burfict’s appeal, upholds 4-game suspension

CINCINNATI (AP) — Bengals linebacker Vontaze Burfict will be sidelined to start a season for the fourth year in a row, this time serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL’s policy on performance-enhancers.

The NFL rejected Burfict’s appeal without comment and upheld the full suspension on Thursday. It’s the third time the volatile linebacker has been suspended by the league in the past three years.

The Bengals are accustomed to going without their most valuable defensive player, whom they’ve steadfastly supported throughout his suspension-shortened career. They even gave him a three-year contract extension last season while he was serving a three-game suspension from the league.

They’ll have to plan to do without him again as they try to rebound from a second straight season of failing to reach the

Until now. “What is exciting ... there’s not going to be same people playing ... the same countries and that’s exciting,” said Wilson, who is working with the Fiji team at the games. “New Zealand don’t have cohesiveness in their forward line, there’s a stutter there. I also think New Zealand need work out what style they want to play. “They’ve gone man-on-man but their greatest strength has always been playing zone ... they need to work out their true identity.”

But Wilson said defending champion Australia’s combination of speed and skill would see them win gold with Jamaica winning silver.

New Zealand qualified for the semifinals on goal percentage despite losses to England and Malawi, with their progress ultimately relying on Uganda beating Scotland.

Jamaica will be coming off a loss to Australia when it takes on England in the other semifinal.

playoffs. The Bengals haven’t won a playoff game since the 1990 season, the sixth-longest streak of futility in NFL history.

Burfict missed the first six games of the 2015 season while recovering from knee surgery. The biggest meltdown of his career came during the playoffs that season, when he hit Antonio Brown in the head on an incomplete pass, drawing a penalty that set up Pittsburgh’s field goal in the closing seconds for an 18-16 victory.

Reacting to the hit — which left Brown with a concussion — the NFL suspended Burfict three games for the start of the following season, noting his history of such conduct.

Last year, his egregious hit on Kansas City’s Anthony Sherman during a preseason game — he leveled the running back as he came out of the backfield on a downfield pass play — drew a five-game suspension that was reduced to three games

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# A’ja Wilson top pick of WNBA draft by Las Vegas Aces

NEW YORK (AP) — A’ja Wilson is thrilled for the chance to head to Las Vegas.

The South Carolina star was the No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft by the Aces on Thursday night.

“It’s such a great feeling, just an amazing way to cap off my collegiate career,” Wilson said. “My heart was pounding before she announced the pick.”

The 6-foot-5 star admitted she has only been there once, but already knows the Nevada city slogan.

“What happens in Sin City stays in Sin City,” Wilson said laughing.

The Aces, who moved to Las Vegas from San Antonio this past winter, had the first pick for the second straight season.

Ohio State’s Kelsey Mitchell went second to the Indiana Fever. Indiana also took Victoria Vivians with the eighth pick, giving coach Pokey Chatman a strong young core to build around.

The Chicago Sky took Diamond DeShields, who spent the season playing professionally in Turkey, and Gabby Williams of Connecticut with the next two picks.

“I’m excited to see what we can do,” DeShields said.

UCLA guard Jordin Canada was selected fifth by the Seattle Storm. She’ll get a chance to learn from Sue Bird.

“I love Sue Bird, she’s one of my role models,” Canada said.

Azura Stevens, who decided to forego her final year of eligibility at UConn, was taken sixth by Dallas. Washington drafted Ariel Atkins of Texas seventh. Lexie Brown was picked ninth by Connecticut.

New York took Kia Nurse 10th, marking the third UConn player to be taken in the opening round. It’s the second time in three seasons that three Huskies were drafted in the first round. UConn players went 1-2-3 in 2016.

“It’s really cool that we were all here for each other,” Williams said.

Los Angeles drafted 19-year-old Russian star Maria Vadeeva with the 11th pick. She’s the first foreign player who didn’t play at an American college to

be taken in the first round since 2012.

Marie Gulich of Oregon State was drafted by Phoenix to close out the first round.

UCLA’s Monique Billings was the final player invited to the draft to be taken. She went with the 15th pick to Atlanta. The Dream had traded for that pick earlier in the day sending Bria Holmes to the Connecticut Sun.

“I wasn’t nervous, I knew that I would be drafted,” Billings said.

The draft was held at Nike’s New York headquarters. The athletic apparel company is a global partner and outfitter for the WNBA this season. They unveiled the new WNBA uniforms earlier Thursday.

Training camps open up on April 29 and the 22nd season of the WNBA begins play on May 18.

Other tidbits from the draft: **PRESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS:** Former President Barack Obama’s niece, Leslie Robinson, was taken in the third round by the New York Liberty. Her dad is vice president of player development and G League operations for the Knicks.

**GREEK SISTERS:** When Wilson was took a picture with WNBA President Lisa Borders on stage, the pair flashed the Alpha Kappa Alpha sign. The two were sorority sisters with Borders graduating from Duke and Wilson from South Carolina. Kappa Alpha Kappa was the first African American sorority starting at Howard in 1908.

**ALL IN THE FAMILY:** DeShields joined her father (Delino) and brother (Delino Jr.) as first-round draft picks. Father and son were taken in the baseball draft. They are believed to be the first father-son-daughter combo to all be taken in the opening round of a draft. The elder DeShields was in attendance at the draft.

Pam McGee, Imani McGee-Stafford and JaVale McGee were the first mother-daughter-son to be taken in the opening round when McGee-Stafford was drafted with the 10th pick in 2016.

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on appeal. In a letter informing Burfict of that decision, the league referred to his history of hits on defenseless players.

Jon Runyan, the league’s vice president of football operations, told Burfict that “you must be held accountable for this continuing unacceptable conduct.”

The suspension handed down on Thursday is Burfict’s first for using impermissible substances.

Burfict also was ejected last season during a game at Tennessee for contact with an official, drawing a fine but no suspension for that infraction.



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## INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-042-2018

Issuance Date: April 2, 2018

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-040-2018

Issuance Date: April 10, 2018

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Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms to provide the “**Department of Education-Integrated Data Services (IDS) Building Renovations**” located in the village of Tafuna, Territory of American Samoa.

2. **RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799 until 2:00 p.m. (local time), **Friday, April 27, 2018** at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Procurement Conference Room locatd at the Moso’oi Business Center. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who are not present at the Pre-Bid Conference.

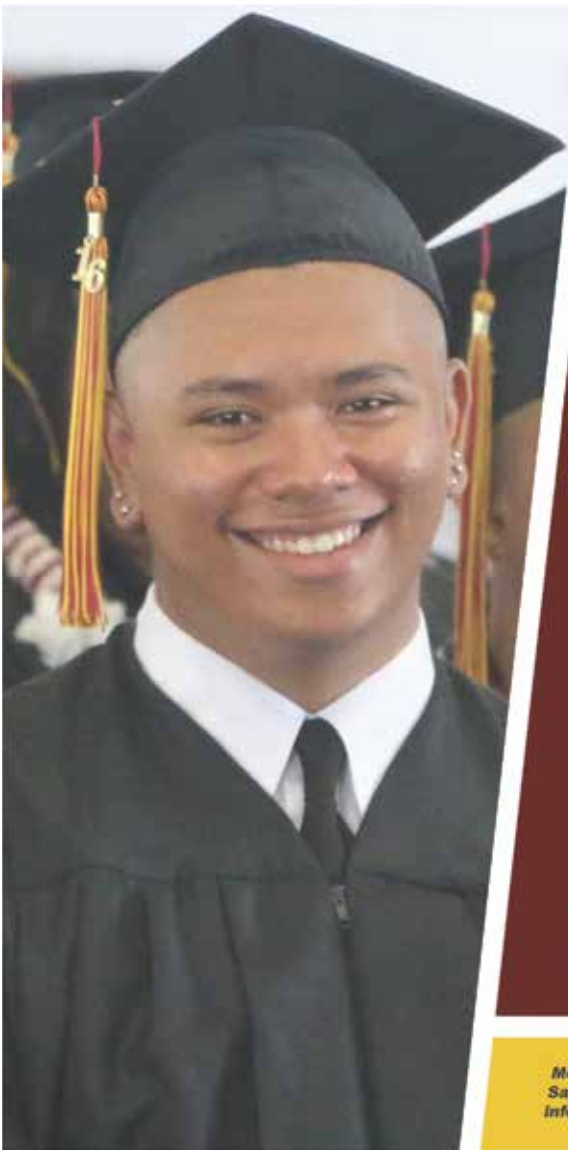
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Without Curry or top seed, Warriors face different playoffs

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry on the sidelines again, this time with a hurt knee. No longer the sure-thing No. 1 seed. Steve Kerr piecing together rotations based on who's available through illness and injury.

It hasn't exactly been an easy course this season for the defending NBA champions.

The Golden State Warriors are used to being the best out West, a top target that everyone in the NBA seeks to unseat.

It's just a little different this time.

Not that Kerr is overly concerned. Golden State's coach thinks the Warriors will be just fine when they open their best-of-seven series against No. 7 seed San Antonio at home Saturday afternoon.

"We're going to have new life when the playoffs start.

And I'm well aware of what a long, difficult season it's been," he said. "So many things have been thrown at us here the last month, especially all the injuries, which have really shaken up our rotation. That's made it difficult on everybody and our players. But they're fighting and that's the main thing."

"We're going to be all right."

During one especially tough stretch, all four All-Stars were out because of health — Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson. Golden State dropped seven of 10 at one point last month, then lost its final regular-season game by a jaw-dropping 40 points Tuesday night at Utah.

Yet, now, everybody is relishing a new season.

"It's not a carbon copy of last year by any stretch," Curry said. "But I know for sure we have the guys and the IQ and the resiliency to understand how we're going to accomplish our goal this year and not compare it to last year. Because I'm sure you can ask any championship team along the way that's trying to repeat or whatever the case is, every journey is defined by different circumstances."

"Injuries, the fact that we have been in the 2 spot for about two weeks now with really no chance to climb or fall, so you have to fight human nature in that sense. I think all that we've invested in our game, in our team and in our identity over the course of the last three, four years will show up when the time is right." Two years ago, Golden State put its focus on going for a record 73 victories and lost to LeBron James and the Cavaliers in the Finals. Then late last season, the Warriors were gearing up for that inevitable Finals rematch with rival Cleveland while Durant worked back from a knee injury before capturing his first title and becoming Finals MVP.

For Kerr, the goals lately were simple: find some rhythm and return everybody to health. He used 27 different starting lineups — yes, a huge number — in a big jump from his first three seasons coaching Golden State. Last season there were 14 different starting five combinations for the Warriors on the way to a second title in three years, 12 the year before that and just eight during 2014-15 as the franchise won its first championship in 40 years.

And this time around, the Warriors didn't even know their opponent until Wednesday night, meaning Golden State's video crew worked overtime preparing for all the possible opponents.

"Basically we spend most of our time trying to predict what's going to happen, and we're all wrong," Kerr quipped last week.

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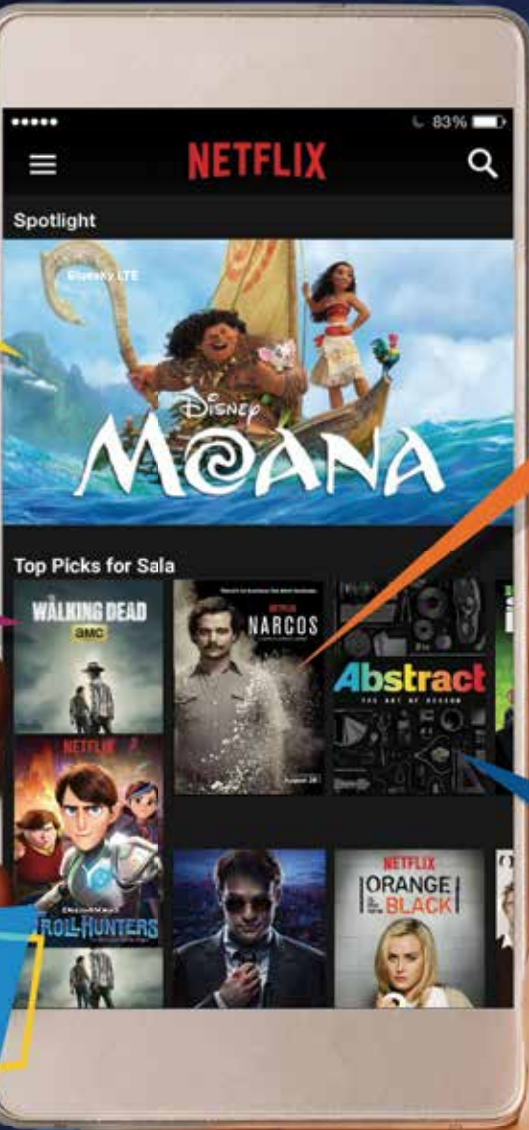
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## A woman with dark, wavy hair is the central figure, wearing a vibrant red traditional Filipino blouse (Barot Tagalog) adorned with a delicate floral garland. She has a small, rectangular name tag pinned to her blouse. The background is a bright, crowded indoor space, likely a convention or exhibition hall, with other people visible in the distance.

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(Faavaaua itulau 8)



# E LE O OE O SE SULI MONI

by Sam - vaega III

“Aisea na oti ai lou to’alua”, o le fesili atu lea a le isi Tausima’i i le fafine meauli, ae fa’aulavea loa le fafine o Mekala. “Aisea e te lua sue-sueina ai fua na mea e le oo i ai lo oulua malosi. Ia tapena ese loa ma o ese ma le fanua manu e lei taunu’u mai leoleo e aveese oulua”. O le tala muamua lava lea a le fafine o Mekala ina ua ulufale atu i totonu o le tama’i fale lea e nonofo ai le fafine meauli pologa ma lana fanau e to’atolu. “Siaula, o e faalogo mai i la’u fa’atonuga lea ua fai atu, tapena ese loa ma le fale ma o ese ma le fanua”. E lei ai ma se isi o Tausima’i na usita’i, ae sa na o le nonofo lava i lalo ma faaauau pea le la galuega o loo fai o le togafiti lea o le isi tamaititi meauli o loo ta’atia fa’agaulua i le isi tulimanu o le fale ma ona foliga ma’i. “Malie oe Tina, e le mafai ona ma tula’i ese ao lea e mafatia le fafine ma lana fanau. Na auina mai maua e le malo e fesoasoani i tagata mafatia e i ai lenei fafine ma lana fanau, ma ia mautinoa e puipuia le atunu’u atoa mai le aafia i le siana o le fa’ama’i oti lea ua amata ona pipisi i le atunu’u atoa”.

E lei uma lelei atu le fa’amatalaga a le Tausima’i ae aapa atu loa le fafine o Mekala ma fa’atu mai le isi o i laua i luga ma fai atu i ai, “Toe tasi lava la’u tala lea laa fai atu ia te oulua e te le lua usita’i, ona o mai loa lea o leoleo e aveese faamalosi oulua ma auina atu i se nofoaga e te lua lei oo muamua lava i ai”. E fai lava tala a le fafine sau a o Mekala ma faatau pupula atu ona mata i Tausima’i, ae na o le nofo lava o le isi e lei ma se ano ane i ai, sei vagana ai le tama’ita’i tausimai lea na tu i luga ua amata ona fefe i folafolaga ma foliga sau a o le fafine o Mekala lea ua faaali atu ia te ia. Ona ia punou lea ma fa’apea atu i lana paga, “O le tonu, e sili pe a ta tula’i ese ina ne’i a’afia atu ai o ta ola i lenei fafine sau a”. Ae faapea ane le tali a le isi ana soa, “Afai o le a ta o ese, ae o le a faafelea le fafine meauli lenei ma lana fanau o loo manaomia se fesoasoani ona o le siana lea ua amata ona maua ai i latou”.

Na tu tu le isi tausima’i ua le gagana, ua le mautonu lona mafaufau i le tonu o le a fai, pe solomuli ese pe fa’auau pea ona la nonofo ai i le nofoaga lea se’i tau togafiti le tulaga fa’aletonu lea ua oo i ai le fafine meauli ma lana fanau.

E le i toe fa’atali le tausima’i o loo nofo i lalo, ae ua ia tago atu loa ma fa’atu i luga le fafine meauli ma lana fanau ma fai atu i ai, “O tatou lea laa o i le falema’i, e le tatau ona toe nonofo outou iinei”. E fai lava tala a le tama’ita’i tausima’i lea ma tago atu ua faatutu mai i luga le fafine ma lana fanau mama’i, ma amata loa ona latou savavali i fafo o le fale ma le fa’amoemoe e aga’i atu i le ta’avale. O le ita tele o le fafine sau a o Mekala i gaioiga a tausima’i ia ua faia na mafua ai loa ona ee i luga ma tago atu ua vili lana telefoni, ma fa’apea ana upu i le telefoni, “O mai loa i le taimi lava lenei, ia aua ne’i toe tuuina se avanoa i tagata tagata fia ulavavale”. Na ona uma lava o le telefoni a Mekala, savali faanatinati atu loa i fafo o le fale ma taumafai e toso mai le fafine meauli ma lana fanau ma fai atu i ai, “O le aso fo’i lenei e maua ai ma le iuga o oe ma lau fanau. Seiloga e fasioti uma outou ma tausima’i nei ona fa’atoa outou iloa lea o le mea e ta’u o le usita’i i se faatonuga e tuuina atu. A o faia tauiviga a le tausima’i ma le fafine o Mekala i le tau faloina o lima o le fafine meauli ma lana fanau, ae fa’afuase’i loa ona vaaia le aga’i mai o ni ta’avale lanu uli solo atoa se 2 i totonu o le lotoa, ma aga’i sa’o mai lava i le nofoaga o lo o tu atu ai le ta’avale a tausima’i. Na ona tu lava o sipi lanu uli nei, tulioso loa i fafo ma ni ali’i e ofu uli soloatoa uma ma aga’i atu ua aveese mai tama’ita’i tausima’i e to’alua ma toso fa’anatinati loa i totonu o sipi. A o faia nei gaioiga, ae faafuase’i loa le vaaia o ni sipi lanu meamata se 3 ua ulufale mai fo’i i totonu o le lotoa. Na ona tu tu lava o sipi lanu meamata nei tuli oso loa i fafo ma ni ali’i e toniga leoleo nana ma a’upega i o latou lima. E

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## ► Molia...

Mai itulau 7

fa’alavelave, na alu atu ai lona to’alua i le fale o lana uo e fia talanoa ia te ia. Ao la talanoa ma lona to’alua, na tu’uaia ai e lona to’alua o ia fai mai sa la momoe ma le isi tamaloa, ma avea ai loa lea fa’amatalaga ma itu na tula’i mai ai se taugaupu i lo la va ma lona to’alua.

Na faia le la taugaupu, na fa’afuase’i ona ia fa’alogoina le pe o lona lima, e lei umi ae ona vaaia le tafe mai o le toto (tulou). Sa ia vaaia lona to’alua

o loo ia uu se tama’i naifi i lona lima. O le taimi lea na alu ai loa i le atoa lona to’alua.

Ina ua fesiligia e leoleo le ua molia, sa ia teena ai lona fa’aaoga o se tama’i naifi e fa’aoo ai manu’a i lona to’alua. Na taua e Mikaele e fa’apea, na taumafai e tui o ia i le naifi, ae na avea le taumafai o lona to’alua e aveese mai le naifi mai ia te ia ma itu na manu’a ai loa lona lima.

# Fa’afotutupu afioga Lealaisalanoa A. Ricky Salanoa i Fagasa

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

O le aso Tofi, Aperila 6, na usualele ai le itumalo o le Ituau Malosi, le pa’ia lasi o aiga ma le afio’aga o Fagasa ae tainane fo’i le maualuga le vaea o Fa’afeagaiga Taulagi a le afio’aga o Fagasa fa’atasi ai ma le mamalu lautele o Samoa na poto i le Maota i Falepule ma Moso’oi, i Malaeti’a e moli-mauina le fa’afotutupu a lana afioga le Tamaamaliliefa o le Tei o Tupua, Lealaisalanoa Aof-

ma ua outou masi’i fa’aaloalo, o la outou teu ma a outou fa’aaloaloga, ou te pale ai i lo’u olaga atoa e toe tautua ai aiga,” o le tala lea a Lealaisalanoa.

Na masi’i mai Aiga Sa TuiAtua Tupua Tamasese Taisi, lea e ao ina so’otaga lelei i ai le nofo. Na fa’ailo mai fo’i Aiga o le afioga le Tama Aiga Tuimaleali’ifano, ae maise le Aiga Sa Leituala mai Nuusuatia, Safata ae maise o lona aiga Sa Faumuina i Lepea, Faleata.

pale i se taumafaiga ou te faia, ae fa’amoemoe i le Atua, aua e le faigofie le ma’a salafa lea ua outou fa’anofo ai lo outou atali’i.”

O le tautua a Lealaisalanoai lana ekalesia, sa mua’i avea ai o ia ma tagata o le Ekalesia Fa’apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa a’o la’ititi lava ae tofia e faia ma Tiakono i le tausaga e 2000. E o’o mai i lenei taimi o lo’o malosi lava lona tulai mai i lea tofiga ma o loo avea o ia ma Sui Totino o le Komiti o le Foa’i mo Fa’afeagaiga a le latou Ekalesia.

O lana tautua i lona afio’aga ma Aiga na soifua a’e lava o ia o va’ai i le tautua a lona tama matua, o le tama lea o lona tina, ae o lona tina fo’i o le ulu-matua o le fanau lea, le afioga le Tamaamaliliefa Lealaisalanoa ma lona tina matua Tuufue Orepa Tua. O le ala lea o lona ola magafagafa i le tausiga o aiga, aua sa va’ai i ai o fa’atino, e le mana’o fo’i lona tama lea i se mea e fa’aletonu e tautua ai aiga.

O le suafa fo’i o le Aof-agaimanu sa mua’i fa’ae’e ia te ia e lona aiga, e tautua ai, ae sa fiasia lava o ia i le avea ma totino fo’i o le Aumaga a’o talavou, e le’i matai. O le tausaga e 1997 lea na fa’asuafaina ai ia Aofagaimanu mo lona aiga seia o’o mai nei i le 2017. O le masina o Fepuari 25, 2017 na i’u ai se fa’ai’uga a aiga, o le a fa’asuafaina o ia ia Lealaisalanoa.

I lona ola a’e sa amata ana a’oga, na amata mai lava ana a’oa’oga i le A’oga Le’atele i Fagasa, ma na o’o mai loa ana a’oga i le vasega 6 ae si’itia i fafo e lona tama ma fa’aa’oga ai i le Waimanalo Intermediate School i Hawaii. Ina ua mae’a fa’au’u mai a’oa’oga maualuga i le tausaga 1985, na toe fa’afo’i mai lava o ia i ona matua i Fagasa. O le tausaga fo’i lea sa ia molimauina ai loa le tele o le tautua a lona tama ae ua fa’asuafaina ia Lealaisalanoa.

O le toe talii mai sa galue ai loa i le Accounts Payable a le Malo i Utulei mai le tausaga 1988-1989. Sosoo lea ma le faigaluega i le avea ma Shift Officer i le Ofisa o le Kovana i le Faigamalo a Coleman & Galea’i 1989-1992. Toe talii ane i le Fono Faitulafono ina ua suia le faigamalo ma faigaluega ai loa i le Senate mai le 1992 se’ia o’o mai lava i le 2012.

2013 ua amata mai ai loa le tautua i le Ofisa o le Kovana i lenei faigamalo Kovana Lolo Moliga & Lemanu Peleti Mauga o le Protocol Officer a le Kovana Sili. Lea o lo’o fa’auau pea lea tofiga, ma ua ia fa’ailoa fo’i, “Ou te fa’afetaia lava so’o se avanoa e tautuaina ai ta’ita’i o le tatou malo, aua ua matele fo’i ona iloa gofie mea uma e tatou ona tapena mo i latou, ona o le fitaituga o tofi o fa’aea ai e le atunu’u lautele.”



Le taimi na tapa ipu ai lana afioga le Tamaamaliliefa le Tei o Tupua, Lealaisalanoa Aofagaimanu Ricky i lona itumalo, afioaga ma le pa’ia lasilasi o Samoa na atoa i Fagasa i lea aso iloga mo le pa’ia o Aiga.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

agaimanu Ricky Salanoa.

I lea lava taeao na mae’a fa’apa’ia ai fo’i lona nofo i le sauniga pa’ia na ta’ita’ia ma fa’atautaia e le vasega uma o Fa’afeagaiga Taulagi i totonu o Fagasa lava, ma sa latou tofu sao mo lea fa’amoemoe.

Ina ua mae’a le sauniga pa’ia sa molita’i e fa’apa’iaina ai le nofo i luma o le Atua soifua, ona soso’o loa lea ma le usualele a le itumalo, samoa na potopoto faapea ma le pa’ia o le afio’aga. O lea mea lava e afio ai le To’afiaoali’i, Susu ai le Matua ma le Usoali’i, Tapa’au ma le Fetalaiga i le latou to’afa ma upu ia te oe le Faga e Sa.

I lea aso na iloga ona lava saunia o le pa’ia o Aiga, aua na alu vaiaso e lua na muamua mai a’o le’i fa’ataunu’uina le fa’amoemoe o Aiga i le afio’aga ma le itumalo, o tali ona aiga masi’i mamao mai.

“Ou te mua’i fa’afetaia ou aiga masii mai Samoa, o le agaga o le alofa tula’i i le fa’amaoni o le alofa faitama ua ou va’ai i ai, a’o ai fo’i lo outou atali’i ua outou manatu mai ai,

I lea aso i lona fa’apa’iaga i le Itumalo sa vala’auina ai a’ao o le To’afa ina ia toto’o e fa’apa’ia Lealaisalanoa Ricky, ma sa iloga fo’i ona tofu fa’aaloaloga fa’asuaga uma o le Itumalo sa auai, ae maise o le mamalu na masi’i atu i itumalo ta’itasi o Samoa. O le vasega fo’i i le Lauti na laulelei sa tali toga fa’apea ma le seleni i latou i lea aso.

“Ua pau lava lenei o se saofa’i ua mafai ona o’o mai ai se fa’asoa o le seleni mo i matou le laut i na laulelei, ae o le mea ia na’o le ta’itasi lava toga, ae o lea ua lima toga tetele ma le seleni e 60. ua lava ma totoe fo’i le saofa’i ai i molimauina le aso o le afioga le tamaamaliliefa” o se tala ata lea a se tasi o matai sa auai i lea aso o le nofo a Lealaisalanoa.

E le galo fo’i ia te ia le pa’ia o ona aiga i Amerika Samoa, “O lo outou titifaitama, e le fa’aluaina se tautalaga, ae fa’afetai, ua maua so’u avanoa o le a ou taumafai ai se tautua mo le pa’ia o Aiga. Ou te iloa e le a’u so’u titi pe so’o so’u





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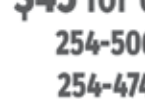


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5 Four-stringed instrument  
9 Mardi Gras items  
14 Chocolate nosh  
15 Deepest female voice  
16 Range or scope  
17 St. Augustine's, from 598-1538  
20 Emulate a sponge  
21 Grille protector  
22 Be worthy  
23 Caustic liquid  
24 Shell product  
26 Gym letters  
28 Food crumbs  
30 Nurse a newborn  
34 European mountain  
37 Jot or whit  
39 Calligraphy stroke  
40 Ink transfer production  
44 Gothenburg coin  
45 Three star followers  
46 Maritime plea  
47 Pain inflicter  
49 Small dent  
51 In this way

- 53 Norwegian or Irish  
54 Ooh partner  
57 William Howard's surname  
60 "High" drink  
62 Watercolor painting  
64 Department of some states  
67 Lenient? No way  
68 River in Kazakhstan  
69 Shredded  
70 E'en and morn domain  
71 God  
72 Dog command  
**DOWN**  
1 Type of call  
2 "The Sheik of \_\_\_\_"  
3 Feel  
4 "The Wizard of Oz" VID?  
5 Savage  
6 Priestly throw-on  
7 Ticket remnant  
8 "Oops" follower  
9 Sheepish reply  
10 Any hugger  
11 Swedish pop group  
12 Soda type  
13 Eyelid infection  
18 Therefore

- 19 Sweet potato relatives  
25 Bit of bad weather  
27 Virgo-Libra point  
29 Position  
31 Jolly Kringle  
32 Brit's kitchen floor material  
33 Juvenile newts  
34 Is inquisitive  
35 Foreign currency, once  
36 Trudge along  
38 Kindly endorsement  
41 Yarn workers  
42 Window part  
43 Like base-ball starters

- 48 Ballet swirler  
50 General dress  
52 Asian capital  
54 English racing town  
55 African capital  
56 Bunk or baloney  
57 Baker's abbr.  
58 Lane changer  
59 Let go  
61 Thick hairdo  
63 Grubs down  
65 Word with "day now"  
66 Driveway material

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Being pushy, or giving in to someone who is, will be your downfall. The best way to gain respect is to be open to compromise and strive for equality in all aspects of your life. Physical activity will ease stress. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your intuition when dealing with others will be on target. Attending a reunion or catching up with someone you haven't seen for some time will be rewarding. Be careful not to reveal personal secrets, information or passwords. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Protect against physical setbacks and chronic health issues. Do what's required to offset any negativity or emotional manipulation you face when trying to receive or offer help. Keep your objective clear and your questions and answers concise. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Visit a friend or spend time with someone you love. Sharing a common interest will encourage you to reveal how you feel and what possibilities exist for future get-togethers. Sign up for a reunion and reminisce. Romance is in the stars. \*\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Listen to your peers or those with more experience, and you'll get a different perspective regarding what's possible and how you can go about reaching your goals. Avoid indulgence; stick to what's tangible and you will come out on top. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put more energy and physical power into what you do, and not only will you make an impression, but you will feel satisfied with what you accomplish. A fitness regimen, life-style changes and surrounding yourself with positive people are encouraged. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Offer a unique version of how you can accomplish what's expected of you. Your insight will help open doors that have been closed in the past. Don't hesitate to make changes if that's what will encourage a positive lifestyle. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Participate, get active and strive to reach your goals. A day trip, planning something special with the one you love or attending a family gathering that will allow you to share your latest news is favored.\*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Stay at home and make adjustments to your space that will be more conducive to getting involved in hobbies or pursuits that interest you. Don't let someone else's impulsive move tempt you to follow suit. Catch up on your reading. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Take time out to enjoy your own company or the company of someone you love. Family fun, making personal changes that will lift your spirits, and updating your appearance are all favored. Love and romance will improve your personal life. \*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Visiting friends or relatives may be inviting, but protect against falling into a situation that you thought you dismissed a long time ago. If someone is aggressive, obsessive or indulgent, know enough to walk away. Protect against emotional blackmail. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of your personal finances, investments and any pending matters that need to be addressed. Your intuition will help you make choices based on what's actually happening instead of the limited information being offered. Personal improvements are highlighted. \*\*\*



# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

GIRL FEELS GUILTY FOR PARTYING DURING BREAKUP WITH BOYFRIEND

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 17-year-old senior and have been dating the same boy for two years. A month ago, he told me he wanted to break up "because he needed some time to figure out what he wanted." I was devastated but agreed. Two weeks later, he told me he was sorry and he loves me.

We are back together now, but the weekend after our breakup, I went to visit a college girlfriend. We went to a party and I ended up having sex with a boy I didn't even know. I feel guilty and unworthy. What should I do? If I tell my boyfriend, I'm sure I'll lose him for good. If I don't tell him, I'll always worry that he will find out from someone else. -- **UNWORTHY IN THE MIDWEST**

**DEAR UNWORTHY:** You are acting like you have something to feel guilty about. You don't. At the time you visited your college girlfriend, your boyfriend had broken things off with you. You do not owe him an explanation or a confession as long as you haven't given him an STD. Contact your physician and be checked to be sure.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm vegan and make a point of being polite to servers in restaurants. I carefully describe what I would like to eat from their menu. Although they appear to be attentive, half the time they serve me a meal with an added touch -- a scoop of sour cream or sprinkle of cheese on the top.

When it happens, is it fair to send the food back to the kitchen? Or is it better to painstakingly scrape the unrequested item off of my dinner? I don't want to waste food, and I would like my meal prepared to my specifications. Any suggestions? -- **VEGAN IN THE WEST**

**DEAR VEGAN:** You have every right to send a meal back if it wasn't prepared the way you requested. You, as the customer, are paying for your food, and you should not have to painstakingly scrape anything off it. Some people with dietary restrictions carry a laminated card with them that lists the foods they cannot eat. It is shown to the chef by the server at the time your order is placed. You may want to try it.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband died recently. We didn't have children. His family keeps contacting me and inviting me to lunch, movies, etc. The problem is, I have nothing in common with them and no longer want to spend time with them. When I make an excuse to politely bow out, they suggest another date, and another and another. How can I get them to leave me alone? -- **ENJOYING MY SOLITUDE**

**DEAR SOLITUDE:** Your former in-laws mean well, and many would consider you fortunate that they try so hard to be supportive and remain close. Keep in mind that you are their last tie to their son. However, because your polite refusals aren't getting through, tell them that while you appreciate their gesture, you are not lonely. In fact, you enjoy being "alone with your memories" and you will contact them if you change your mind.



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SIDE ROADS By Timothy E. Parker

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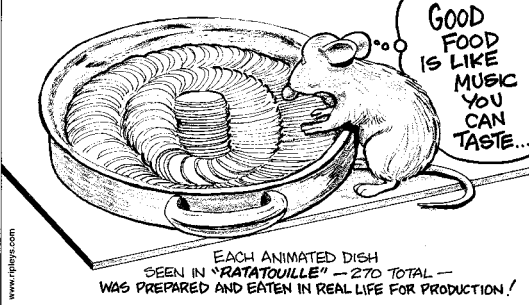
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THE TERM "SOCCER" PREDATES "FOOTBALL" AND WAS THE PREFERRED WORD USED BY THE BRITISH UPPER CLASS.

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MUCH AS I APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER, I DON'T THINK I NEED AN IMAGE CONSULTANT.

I PREFER TO LET THE WISDOM OF MY WORDS AND DEEDS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.


IN THAT CASE, YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO WRITE YOUR MEMOIRS.

WE'LL SEE. NOW IT'S PAST YOUR BEDTIME.

"DAD BURIED IN LANDSLIDE! JUBILANT THROGS FILL STREETS! STUNNED FATHER INCONSOLABLE- DEMANDS RECOUNT!"

GOOD NIGHT.

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YOU STUPID BEAGLE! MISS SWEETSTORY SENT YOU A FORM LETTER!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SHE SAID, "DEAR FRIEND..." YOU DON'T CALL SOMEONE WHO'S YOUR FRIEND "DEAR" IF YOU DON'T MEAN IT!

AND SHE SIGNED IT, "SINCERELY..." THAT MEANS SHE WAS SINCERE!

YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND LOVE LETTERS, SWEETIE!

♥ SMAK! ♥

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DO YOU LIKE MY NEW SHOES?

UMMMM...

LIE AND SAY YES

WELL...

LIE AND SAY YES

THEY'RE KINDA...

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LIE AND SAY YES

PLAY BY THE RULES, DUMMY!

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

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Thursday's Puzzle Answer 4/12

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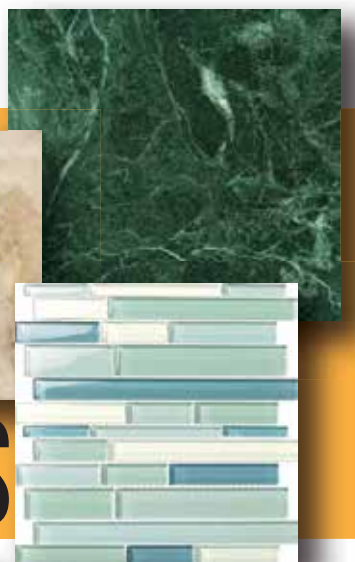
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