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# Junior Golfers receive a boost from Tina Drabble Junior Golf Foundation



by Teri Hunkin  
Special to Samoa News

**A**rnold Palmer once wrote, "Golf is deceptively simple, and endlessly complicated. It satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is, at the same time, rewarding, and maddening — and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

Other sports enthusiasts may argue the last point, citing various games of strength, skill or endurance as "the greatest." Nevertheless, it is in youth where many great athletes are born, and it is up to parents, schools and the community at large to encourage those dreams.

Here in American Samoa, we have aspiring young golfers with skills and talents, which are undeniable. Recently, these young athletes were the recipients of generous support from the Tina Drabble Junior Golf Foundation. In support of Junior Golf — and in celebration of Tina's legacy — the Foundation, which bears her name, has donated money and equipment to American Samoa's Junior Golf Association.

The formal presentation was held on Monday, May 22 at the Golf Course in Iliili. Board member Alofia Afalava spoke on behalf of members of the Foundation, which include Tina's parents, Tom Drabble and Taalolo Chande Lutu-Drabble, who began the Foundation in her memory. Sandra King-Young and Christinna Lutu-Sanchez also serve on the Foundation board.

Leo Young, the talented young son of Sandra and Peter Young, represented the Junior Golfers at the ceremony.

The Foundation's gift, which consisted of golf clubs, bags and a \$3,000 check, will go a long way toward helping four Junior Golfers and two coaches participate in the Junior World Golf Competition being held in San Diego this summer.

There to accept the donation were volunteer coaches John Mitchell and Peter Young. Mitchell noted that the Association is deeply grateful for the funds, as the San Diego tournament is an expensive one. He told Samoa News that it was due to the actions of professional golf instructor Fuga Tolani Teleso, that American Samoa was given a few slots each year, allowing them to participate in the prestigious competition.

The Junior World Golf Competition is an internationally recognized event hosted at Torrey Pines each year, with 15- 17-year-old participants from around the world. Past Junior World Golf Championship winners include Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. Woods won division titles there in 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Another division champion from the Junior World Golf competition was American Samoa's own Tina Drabble. She paved the way with others from American Samoa, such as Angie Langkilde and Frankie Lefiti, who won honors in their age groups.

According to Ta'alolo, funds raised from local tournaments have enabled the Foundation to donate thousands of dollars on more than one occasion. Those donations were used for airfare and miscellaneous expenses, giving our Junior Golfers the opportunity to represent the Territory in the San Diego competition.

The Foundation has also given \$3,000 SAT to help establish a Junior Golf Program in Samoa, with the hope that an inter-island competition between the 2Samoas could be held annually.

In 2015, the Foundation spent over \$7,000 for a college student from Tina's alma mater, New Mexico State University, to live in the Territory for the summer. A senior in NMSU's Golf Management program, Nicholas (Nick) Andreis gave the Junior Golf Summer Program a real boost that year, with over 60 young people participating throughout the summer under his guidance.



President of the Tina Drabble Junior Golfer's Foundation, Taalolo Chande Lutu-Drabbl, handed over the check of \$3,000 and assorted golf equipment to assist with the 5 junior golfers and their coaches to attend the Galaway World Junior Golfer's Program in San Diego, California this summer. John Mitchell and Peter Young received it on behalf of the Junior Golfers Association.

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# Both JPS Vikings Division 1 & 2 lose in playoffs

By Leiloa Ese Malala  
Samoa News Staff Writer

The Junior Prep Sports (JPS) playoffs started on Wednesday with Division 2 (5th and 6th Graders) JPS Vikings playing the JPS Warriors. It was a tough defensive battle with both teams unable to score for three quarters.

Finally in the fourth quarter, with less than 2 minutes remaining, QB for the JPS Warriors Francis Mauigoa took the ball 60 yards for the first and only touchdown of the game. The two-point

conversion was no good leaving the score 6-0 in Warriors favor.

The JPS Vikings still had a lot of time left to comeback with a touchdown of their own, but their hopes were stopped when #17 Toalima Ho-Ching intercepted the ball off the Vikings pass and took it 49 yards to the 1-yard line with 17 seconds left on the clock. The Warriors took a knee, time expired and they now advance to play in next week's JPS Division 2 Championship game against the winner of the Lions and the

Wild Cats.

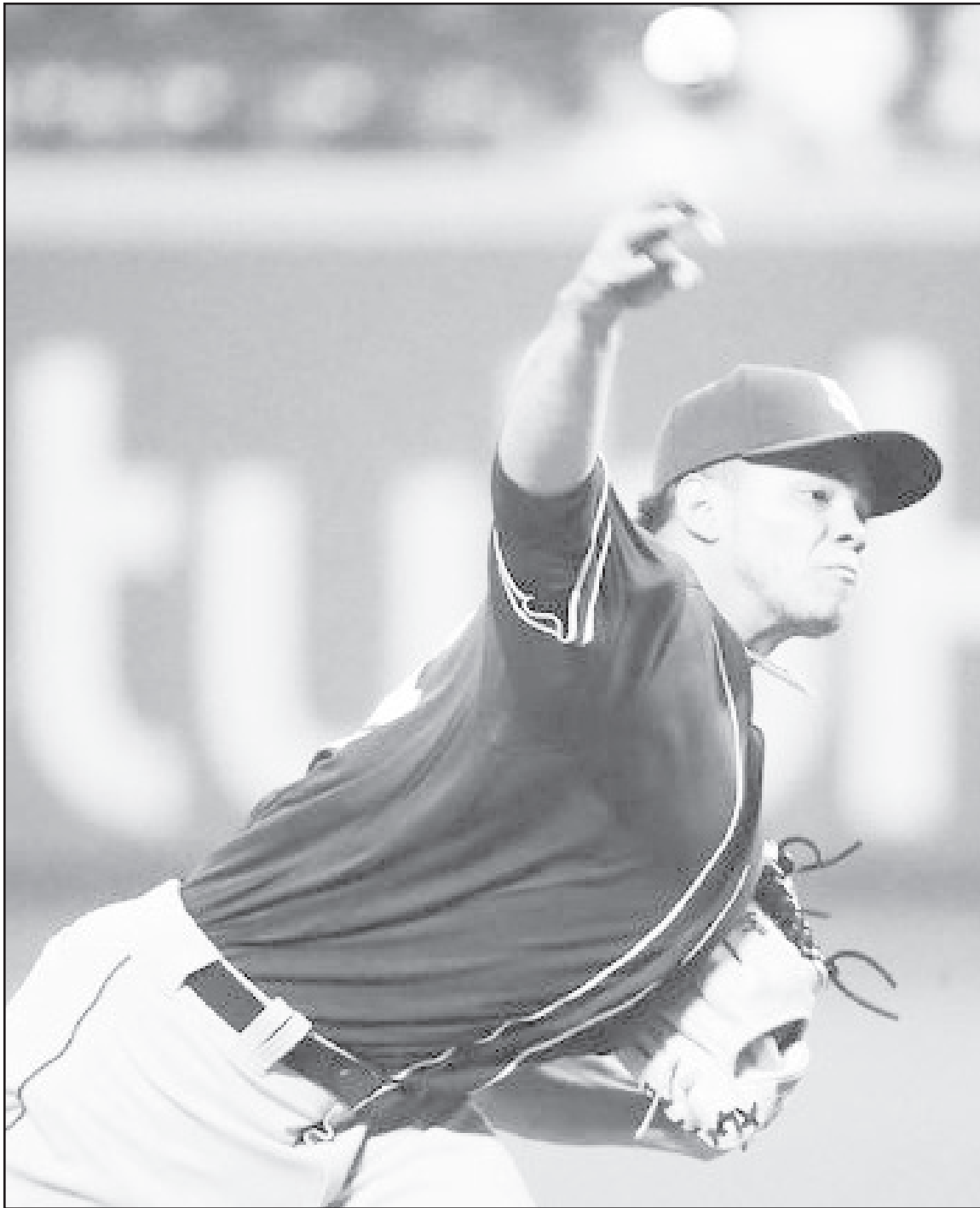
The action didn't end here.

Next up was the Division 1 (7th and 8th graders) JPS Vikings playing the Division 1 JPS Lions. It was a fast paced, hard-hitting battle from the start with the JPS Lions Running Back #35 Sio Lealiifano scoring early on in the first quarter making it 6-0.

The Vikings had a chance to score in the second quarter, but their 25-yard pass attempt for a touchdown was incomplete. The score remained the

same until the fourth quarter when the Lions defense intercepted the ball and took it all the way for a touchdown, which led to the final score, Lions 12 — Viking 0.

The Lions are now heading to next week's JPS Division 1 Championship game against the winner of the Warriors and Wild Cats. Thursday night Playoffs will be on next Monday's Samoa News issue. Congratulations to both teams heading to the Championship next Saturday, June 3rd.



San Diego Padres starting pitcher Dinelson Lamet delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets Thursday, May 25, 2017, in New York.

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

## Lamet shines for Padres, Mets lose after pushing back deGrom

NEW YORK (AP) — Dinelson Lamet made a splash for the San Diego Padres on Thursday night at rain-soaked Citi Field.

For the New York Mets, the season is teetering dangerously close to becoming a wash.

Lamet overpowered the Mets in his major league debut, New York's Rafael Montero labored on short notice and the Padres held on for a 4-3 win.

Scattered showers soaked Queens all day, and thunderstorms were forecast for midgame, although heavy rain never came.

Mets manager Terry Collins pushed back scheduled starter Jacob deGrom to try avoiding an abbreviated outing, instead telling Montero around 3:45 p.m. that he'd start the 7:10 p.m. contest.

Montero (0-4) allowed two runs during a 45-pitch first inning, including a bases-loaded walk to Matt Szczur. Montero threw 87 pitches over three innings, giving up three runs, five hits and three walks. His ERA rose to 8.24.

"He was in constant trouble," Collins said. "The first inning, just fortunate we limited the damage to what he did."

Lamet (1-0) began his day by striking out Michael Conforto on three fastballs — the last at 98 mph — and cruised through five innings of one-run ball.

The 24-year-old right-hander punched out eight and surrendered just three hits, including Lucas Duda's homer in the second.

The Padres rotation hasn't had a true fireballer this year, so Lamet's powerful fastball-slider combo gives San Diego a dif-

ferent look. He also impressed manager Andy Green with his changeup, a pitch Lamet said he's been working on, as well as his composure.

"I expected to see a little more emotion out of him," Green said. "He was relaxed all day."

Brad Hand allowed a run, but got the save by escaping a jam in the ninth for the second straight night.

He got his first save of the season Wednesday.

Jay Bruce popped out in foul territory with a runner at first to end it.

New York had runners reach base in each of the final five innings, including two on and two outs in the sixth and seventh innings, but left-hander Ryan Buchter evaded both jams.

The Mets have lost eight of their past 11 games and are well back in the NL East at 19-26.

Even red-hot Conforto had a miserable night.

The leadoff hitter had struck out in five straight at-bats, including four on Thursday, before singling to right off Hand in the ninth inning.

The left fielder also lost sight of a pop fly during the third inning, covering his head while the ball dropped about 30 feet away just inside the foul line.

Hunter Renfro ended up with a double and later scored on Szczur's single.

"I just completely lost it," Conforto said, adding that he felt "helpless" once he lost track of the ball.

In the third, Jose Reyes doubled down the third-base line with Matt Reynolds at first, but the Padres executed a 7-6-2 relay

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# Junior ...

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Additionally, according to Ta'alolo, golf clubs, bags and range balls have been purchased for the Junior Golfers. The Foundation has also sponsored teams for tournaments organized by other charitable organizations in the Territory, such as the Lions Club, Rotary, Shriners, Hope House and the American Samoa Cancer Coalition.

## TINA DRABBLE & HER LEGACY

A beloved daughter of American Samoa, Christine "Tina" Michelle Drabble-McCormack, entered the world of golf at the tender age of nine years old, and wound up in the history books of the Territory before she passed away in 2012 at just 41 years of age.

The cancer, which took her life, never dampened her spirit, though, and all the way to the end, it was her wish to give back to the island community in which she was lovingly raised.

She was an honor student who had learned the game of golf from her uncle Fuga Tolani Teleso, and her first foray in the world of competitive golf came early. She was just 10 when she represented the Territory in the Junior Golf World Competition in San Diego, where she placed 2nd in World and 1st in International.

The following years would see her representing American Samoa as the flag carrier for the Territory in the 15-17 age group, where she won 2nd and 3rd place world trophies. To these honors she added an additional 4th place and two 1st place International trophies in Junior Golf. After high school, Tina was accepted at Stanford, Brigham Young University, and New Mexico state due to her sterling four year, 4.0 academic record. She chose New Mexico State for its exceptional golf program, and was captain of her golf team while at the home of the Aggies.

In 1985, she became a member of American Samoa's Team at the South Pacific Mini-Games held in the Cook Islands, where her team took the gold. Two years later, at the age of 15, she participated in another gold-winning American Samoa team, this time at the South Pacific Games held in New Caledonia. That same year, 1987, she also won the Individual Silver Medal.

Not content to rest, Tina went on to win the Fiji Ladies Open in Suva and the Fiji Ladies Classic at Deuba three years in a row: 1989, 1990 and 1991. She was the youngest to have won three consecutive years and broke several records.

Before turning pro in 1996, Tina participated in the 1996 Amateur Links, finishing second to Natalie Gulbie, who

went on to become one of the LPGA's top golfers. After joining the ranks of the Ladies Professional Golf Association herself, Tina continued to distinguish herself on the links.

In 2007, a year after she was diagnosed with cancer, Tina was selected to be American Samoa's flag carrier in the 2007 South Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa, where she culminated her career by winning the Individual Gold Medal for American Samoa.

She continues on in the history books as the only American Samoan female to attain membership in the LPGA, and her life and achievements were entered into the Congressional record in July 2012 by then Congressman Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin.

A Fono Concurrent Resolution regarding Tina was also entered into the legislative records of the Territory.

Tina Drabble's life continues to be an inspiration to young golfers, and as one of American Samoa's iconic ath-

letes, she left a legacy any parent would be proud of.

Following her death, her parents Tom Drabble and Ta'alolo Chande Lutu Drabble established the foundation to carry forth her legacy and her love of the game. Dedicated to supporting and promoting golf among the youth, the Tina Drabble Junior Golf Foundation was created in 2013.

With monies raised, it has been able to donate funds to help the Junior Golfers participate in the World Junior Golf Competition, where Tina won several awards in every category over the years.

Although she lost her six-year battle with melanoma cancer in July 2012, Tina's life continues to inspire young athletes in the game she loved. She will be remembered each year through the Foundation set up to support Junior Golf, and American Samoa's 5th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Junior Golf Association, will be held on July 15 this year.



Vaha Tua of Vaiala Tongan in action against Vaitogi United on Match Day 3 of the 2017 FFAS Futsal Tournament at Samoana High School's gym in Utulei on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

[FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

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### "Channel 47" KBS WORLD Program of American Samoa

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (5/28)	Monday (5/29)	Tuesday (5/30)	Wednesday (5/31)	Thursday (6/1)	min	Friday (6/2)	Saturday (6/3)	min
10 : am	Please Find Her Battle Trip (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	The Happy Loner (E,R) KBS World E-Today	Singing Battle (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Sister's Slam Dunk (E,R)	Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	Global Peace Concert One Korea (E,R)	Encore Drama "Prime Minister & I" (E,R)			Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E,R)		The Return of Superman (E,R)	" Prime Minister & I "	
12 NOON	Daily Drama "Still Loving You" (E,R)			Queen for Seven Days Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		10'	Queen for Seven Days	East Sea (E,R)	30'
1 : pm	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Fight for My Way Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Queen for Seven Days Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		East Sea (E,R)		30'
2 : pm	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Guesthouse Daughters (E,R)	Singing Battle (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	Sister's Slam Dunk (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'
3 : pm	Encore Drama Prime Minister & I (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Becky's Back (E,R) Final	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Queen of Mystery (E,R)	Guerilla Date (E,R)	50'	My Father is Strange Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
4 : pm	Encore Drama Prime Minister & I (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Fight for My Way (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Queen of Mystery (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama	00'
5 : pm	Encore Drama Prime Minister & I (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Fight for My Way (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Queen of Mystery (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)		Fight for My Way (E,R)	Queen for Seven Days (E,R)	
6 : pm	# 10, 11, 12.	# 1, 2.	# 22, 23, 24.	# 14, 15, 16.	Please Find Her				
7 : pm	Gag Concert	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E,R)			Daily Drama "Still Loving You" (E,R)		Singing Battle	Sister's Slam Dunk (E,R)	20'
8 : pm	Beauty Bible 2017 S/S (E)	KBS World News Today (Live)			KBS World e-Today		Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E)	40'
9 : pm	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Fight for My Way Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Music Bank (Live)					
10 : pm	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	The Happy Loner (E,R) KBS World E-Today	Singing Battle (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R) Please Find Her Guerilla Date (E,R)	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
11 : pm	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name(working title)" (E)				KBS World E-Today		Immortal Songs 2 (E)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
12 : 00	Daily Drama "Still Loving You" (E)				Queen for Seven Days				
Next Day	KBS 9 News (Live)		KBS 9 News (Live)		KBS 9 News (Live)				00'
1 : am	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)		Fight for My Way Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Queen for Seven Days Wed-Thu Drama (E)		My Father is Strange (E)		20'
2 : am	Hollo Counselor (E)	Guesthouse Daughters (E)	Singing Battle (E)	Happy Together (E)	Sister's Slam Dunk (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama Fight for My Way (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Queen for Seven Days (E,R)	30'
3 : am	Encore Drama "Prime Minister & I" (E)				"The Return of Superman" Special (E)				
4 : am	KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	East Sea (E)	KBS World E-Today	Music Bank (E,R)	50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'
5 : am	Beauty Bible 2017 S/S (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	KBS World E-Today	My Neighbor Charles (E)	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	00'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
6 : am	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R) My Neighbor Charles (E,R)				
7 : am	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Fight for My Way Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Queen for Seven Days Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		50'	My Father is Strange Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
8 : am	Hollo Counselor(E,R)	The Happy Loner	Singing Battle	Happy Together	Sister's Slam Dunk	00'	Prime Minister & I (E,R)	My Neighbor Charles (E,R)	00'

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England's Justin Rose plays an approach shot during day one of BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth Golf Club, near Virginia Water England Thursday May 25, 2017. (Steven Paston/PA via AP)

# Johan Carlsson takes BMW PGA lead at revamped Wentworth

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) — Johan Carlsson shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to take the first-round lead in the BMW PGA Championship, the European Tour's flagship event at Wentworth Club's revamped West Course.

The 30-year-old Swede had eight birdies and two bogeys.

"Obviously, this week is a big week and I've always had that goal in mind that this is going to be a tournament to get it around no matter what," Carlsson said. "Play with what you have and that's what I did. I didn't try to hit any super fancy shots. I just played with what I had and I think that was the key to success."

Italy's Francesco Molinari, Thailand's Kiradech Aphibarnrat and Scotland's Scott Jamieson were a stroke back. British Open champion Henrik Stenson was at 68 along with Shane Lowry, Thomas Pieters, Bradley Dredge, Graeme Storm, Alex Noren, Ross Fisher, Branden Grace and Nino Bertasio.

Ernie Els made his latest course changes following criticism of his 2010 redesign. The renovation started eight days after Chris Wood's

victory last year, with all 18 greens stripped and reseeded.

"The greens are absolutely as pure as you can find," said Els, a seven-time World Match Play winner on the Harry Colt-designed "Burma Road" layout. "We listened to some of the players' comments through the years since we started first changing, and I think I feel we've got it right this time."

The greens on Nos. 8, 11, 14 and 16 were completely rebuilt and another five were partially rebuilt. All the bunkers were redesigned.

"The greens are so good. I love this golf course right now," said Carlsson, the former San Diego State player who is winless on the European Tour. "I think it has become so much better."

Els appeared to have chipped in for an eagle on the par-5 12th hole, but instantly realized he had replaced his ball in wrong spot after checking to see if it was plugged. The four-time major winner took a two-shot penalty and his 71 left him five strokes back.

## ► Lamet shines for Padres, Mets lose...

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with shortstop Chase d'Arnaud narrowly throwing out Reynolds at the plate.

San Diego rookie Allen Cordoba had two hits in his first game batting leadoff. Despite never playing above the Rookie-level Appalachian League before this year, the Rule 5 draft pick from St. Louis is batting .307. Duda added an RBI single in the eighth. Szczur has 15 RBIs in 15 career at-bats with the bases loaded.

### TOO MUCH RELIEF

The Mets used at least three relievers for the 26th straight game, the longest run in team

history by 11 games, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

At least this time it was effective. Paul Sewald struck out four over three scoreless innings after Montero exited, and Josh Edgin followed with two more shutout frames. Addison Reed gave up a run in the ninth.

### UP AND AT 'EM

Collins has urged Montero to trust his stuff, not overthink and throw more strikes. Collins hoped that giving the swingman just three hours' notice might get him into more of a wind-and-fire mentality.

"We thought the later we

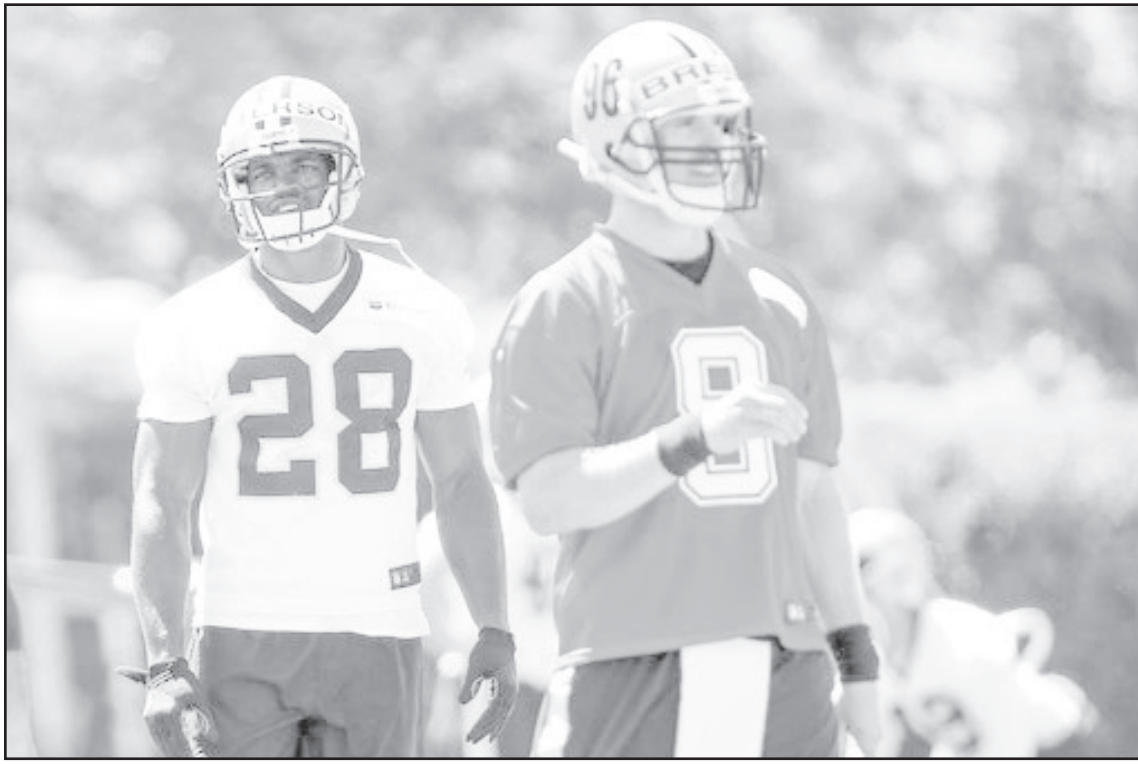
told him, the less he could get anxious about it," Collins said, adding "he just didn't make any pitches early in the game."

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Padres: OF Manuel Margot is out at least through Friday's game at Washington after experiencing tightness in his right calf this week.

Mets: SS Asdrubal Cabrera came off the DL and entered as a pinch hitter. C Kevin Plawecki was sent to Triple-A Las Vegas. ... Bruce started in right field after leaving Tuesday's game with tightness in his back and sitting out Wednesday.





New Orleans Saints running back Adrian Peterson (28) stands behind quarterback Drew Brees (9) during NFL football practice in Metairie, La., Thursday, May 25, 2017. (AP Photo/Derick E. Hingle)

# Saints exploring possibilities for newly acquired Peterson

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Adrian Peterson is learning what it's like to play in an offense that won't feature him.

Then again, this is exactly what arguably the greatest running back of his generation signed up for when he agreed to play with the New Orleans Saints and prolific passer Drew Brees.

"I think he's looking forward to that," Saints fullback John Kuhn said after Thursday's voluntary offseason practice, the first with veterans that has been open to media this off-season. "Not to put words in his mouth, but everybody in here, especially on the offensive side, realizes that the more weapons that we have, the more explosive we can be."

"It's a situation, I think, where we all look around and say, 'If we all have success as a group, we'll all have success individually,'" Kuhn continued. "That can prolong careers. That can create accolades. That can do all kinds of different things for everybody."

While players were in shorts and there was no tackling, Peterson appeared to be fit and largely recovered from knee and abductor injuries that sidelined him most of last season. He participated vigorously in the entirety of Thursday's non-contact practice. Other than a fumbled a handoff exchange with backup quarterback Chase Daniel, he had few missteps and saw perhaps more action than he otherwise might have because incumbent starting running back Mark Ingram was held out for unspecified reasons.

The Saints seem inclined to explore whether Peterson might be more of a factor as a receiver out of the backfield than he has been during his first 10 NFL

seasons. He caught several passes at practice — not just screens, but a few balls thrown farther downfield, along the sideline.

Just how serious coach Sean Payton is about making Peterson a regular receiving threat isn't clear, but the Saints do have a history of running backs contributing regularly in the passing game in Payton's offense, starting with Reggie Bush in 2006 and continuing with Pierre Thomas, Darren Sproles and Ingram.

Payton said Peterson looks "comfortable catching the ball in space ... much the same way you'd expect Mark or any of those backs to have a variety of things that they can do."

"Now, as we get closer into the season, you begin to hone in on how you want to deploy certain people," Payton continued. "But he made a few catches today that looked pretty good."

Peterson did not speak with reporters. He was one of a several players, including Brees, who did not appear in the locker room after players were excused for Memorial Day weekend.

However, Peterson said in a conference call after signing with New Orleans last month that he liked the vision Payton had for him in an offensive scheme that has rarely featured a single workhorse running back.

"I know what type of offense New Orleans runs," Peterson said then. "I knew what I was getting myself into and I am comfortable with that."

Payton didn't sound concerned about finding ways for Peterson and Ingram to co-exist and also alluded to the fact that running backs play a position that is relatively prone to injury.

"We'll figure it out," Payton

said. "That trait of wanting the ball is obviously a healthy one. And we'll make sure each week we put a plan together and utilize the strengths of what those guys do well. And look, it's a long season."

It remains to be seen how effectively Peterson, at 32, can summon the form of his prime, when his combination of power, speed, agility and instincts seemed to set him apart.

But Peterson has said that does not believe it's fair to lower expectations for him simply because conventional wisdom that running backs tend to decline sharply after 30, particularly if they've had a couple significant injuries.

Payton appears ready to give Peterson the benefit of the doubt. After all, Peterson not only has compiled seven seasons with 1,000-plus yards rushing, but also rushed for more than 2,000 yards in 2012, one season after reconstructive surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"He would be the one guy that you would say already has really gone against conventional wisdom," Payton said. "So I would agree with him, not only (because of) his skill set, but his physical ability and the way he trains and his athleticism."

Kuhn has seen Peterson up close many times, having played eight years for Green Bay. Peterson spent all of his previous seasons with Minnesota, in same division as the Packers.

"He looks the same way he looked when I was watching him from the other sideline," Kuhn said. "I'm just excited to see him in the same team colors."

Notes: The Saints prac-

# Boston's Price set to make season debut Monday at White Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox pitcher David Price is set to make his season debut for Boston on Monday at the Chicago White Sox.

The 31-year-old left-hander, starting the second season of a \$217 million, seven-year contract, has been recovering from a strained pitching elbow.

"Excited, just to be back here," he said Thursday. "There's not a better feeling. You can't replicate it anywhere else."

Price allowed nine runs — six earned — and 12 hits in 5 2/3 innings during a pair of injury rehabilitation starts at Triple-A Pawtucket. He struck out eight and walked two.

"A lot of pitches, in a short amount of time. I think that is more of a test to being

healthy as opposed to going out there and throwing five or six (innings) in 90 pitches," he said. "To do what I did in both of my rehab outings, I don't think you can do that if you're not healthy."

Boston began the night with a 24-21 record.

"He's eager to get back to us and physically he feels great," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "His return to us will give us a definite boost but that's not to de-emphasize he needs to go out and perform."

Farrell hopes Price's return has a trickle-down impact.

"It's not based solely on the name on the back of his jersey," Farrell said. "Hopefully it allows us to even out some of the performances within the rotation."



FILE - In this Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 file photo, Boston Red Sox pitcher David Price throws a live batting session at a spring training baseball workout in Fort Myers, Fla.

(AP Photo/David Goldman, File)

ticed with black No. 96 decals on their gold helmets to honor Hall of Fame defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy, who died earlier this week. Kennedy had a close relationship with Saints general manager Mickey Loomis and served in an unofficial advisory role to the club.

"He was just here for the draft weekend. All of us are devastated, that would be the way to describe it," Payton said. ... Outside linebacker Hau'oli Kikaha, who is trying to come back from a third tear of his left anterior crucial ligament, participated in drills.

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A Green Bay A player dribbles the ball as two PanSa opponents converge on him during Match Day 3 of the 2017 FFAS Futsal Tournament at Samoana High School's gym in Utulei on Saturday, May 20, 2017. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

# Intense race for top two spots in Futsal groups

By FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio

It is an intense race for the top two spots in both pools of the 2017 FFAS Futsal Tournament after Match Day 3 results from Saturday, May 20, at Samoana High School's gymnasium in Utulei.

The top two teams from each pool will advance to the Championship bracket, and it is a clouded race with five teams in both Pools 1 and 2 having at least a mathematical shot at earning one of the four slots in the group that will determine American Samoa's futsal champions.

## POOL 1

In Round 5 games last Saturday, Lion Heart A beat Tafuna Jets 2 4-1, while in other results it was Green Bay A 3, Pago Youth 1 by forfeit; Utulei Youth 7, Black Roses 2 and Royal Puma 3, PanSa 0 by forfeit.

In Round 6 results, it was Royal Puma 3, Lion Heart A 1; Pago Youth 1 1 Utulei Youth 0; Green Bay A 3 PanSa 3 and Tafuna Jets 2 2, Black Roses 1.

Utulei Youth is ahead of Pago Youth 1, and Royal Puma by a point with 13 to the latter two's 12. Lion Heart A is fourth with 11, followed by Green Bay A (seven), Black Roses (four), and PanSa (one).

Pago Youth 1 holds the goals differential tiebreaker against Royal Puma with an 11-6 edge.

This Saturday, the coveted top two spots will be contested heatedly between Pago Youth 1 and Royal Puma as both teams face one another. Lion Heart A is in play for one of the two spots also, but needs several

scenarios to fall into place for them, such as a win against PanSa and possible tie between the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds.

Utulei Youth will claim the top spot if they win their final match against the Jets 2 to maintain.

The final round will be played on Saturday and the playoffs scheduled for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29.

## POOL 2

Vaiala Tongan took the top spot away from the Jets 1 after the latest rounds in Pool 2 with 13 points, followed by the latter with 12, while Ilaoa & To'omata sits at third with 10. Lion Heart B is fourth with eight points, followed by Tapu-

timu Youth with eight as well, Green Bay B at No. 7 with six and Vaitogi United in eighth place with one point.

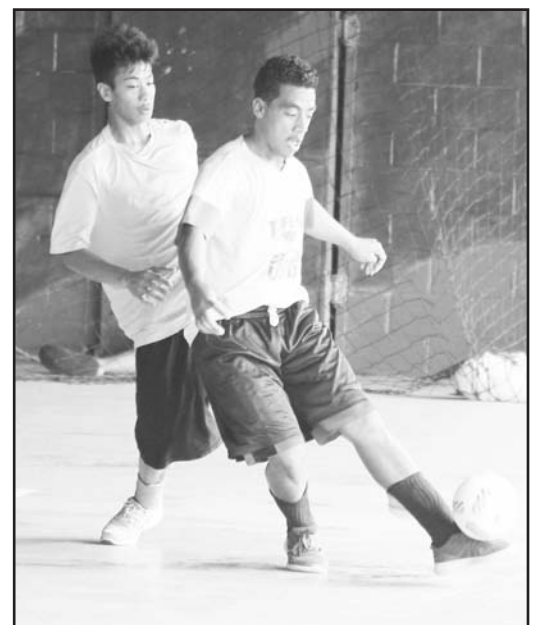
In Round 5 games last Saturday, it was Jets 1 1, Lion Heart B 0; Pago Youth 2 6, Green Bay B 3; Vaiala Tongan 1, Vaitogi United 1 and a double forfeit for Ilaoa & To'omata and Taputimu Youth. In Round 6 games, it was Vaiala Tongan 3, Lion Heart B 1, Ilaoa & To'omata 5, Pago Youth 2 0, Green Bay B 3, Vaitogi United 1 and Taputimu Youth 4, Jets 1 3. Jets 1 and Ilaoa & To'omata will battle for one of the top two spots this coming Saturday, while Vaiala Tongan hopes to maintain it's No. 1 position with a win against Pago Youth 2.



Tafuna Jets 1's Harry Matau holds off Lion Heart B's Charmaney Faatupuinati on Match Day 3 of the 2017 FFAS Futsal Tournament at Samoana High School's gym in Utulei on Saturday, May 20, 2017. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]



Green Bay B's goalkeeper in action against Pago Youth 2 on Match Day 3 of the 2017 FFAS Futsal Tournament at Samoana High School's gym in Utulei on Saturday, May 20, 2017. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]



Bryman Levaula of Tafuna Jets 2 tries to control the ball against Lion Heart A's Jordan Leilua on Match Day 3 of the 2017 FFAS Futsal Tournament at Samoana High School's gym in Utulei on Saturday, May 20, 2017. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]



# Red Sox win 4th straight, 6-2 over Rangers

BOSTON (AP) — There's something about Boston Red Sox pitchers and 20-strikeout games.

There have been six major league games with that many strikeouts and the Red Sox made the list for the third time, fanning that many Texas Rangers for a 6-2 victory Thursday night and a sweep of the three-game series.

Five Boston pitchers combined on the 20 strikeouts with starter Drew Pomeranz getting 11 in six innings and closer Craig Kimbrel getting four in the ninth when the leadoff batter reached on a wild pitch strike three. Boston's Roger Clemens twice reached 20 strikeouts by himself.

"His stuff is nasty. What he is doing right now I have never seen anything like that," Red Sox reliever Matt Barnes said of Kimbrel.

Kimbrel has retired 53 of the last 56 batters he has faced and right-handed hitters are on an 0-for-41 streak.

Xander Bogaerts and Deven Marrero hit their first home runs of the season helping Boston to its fourth straight win.

"A lot has been made about our home run totals or lack thereof," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "Tonight was the first of what should be many more."

Pomeranz (4-3), who tied his career high with the 11 strikeouts, made it as far as six innings for the third time this season and beat Texas for the first time in nine career outings.

"Felt lost for a couple of starts and wasn't satisfied," said Pomeranz, who gave up four hits and walked one. "Tonight I felt more like last year."

Elvis Andrus homered and Nomar Mazara had two hits and an RBI for Texas, which has lost four of five overall and 15 of 21 on the road.

"The sweep is surprising," Andrus said. "But that's the beauty of baseball, I guess. You cannot take any team for granted. Even when you feel you're playing at your best, stuff like this can happen."

Andrew Benintendi and Mitch Moreland had RBI singles in the first inning as Boston got to Rangers starter Nick Martinez (1-3) early.

Bogaerts hit a two-run homer in the third to put Boston ahead 4-0. Despite finishing with 21 home runs last year, Bogaerts needed 46 games to connect for the first time this season.

"Good to get one over the wall and get it out of the way," Bogaerts said.

Mike Napoli struck out four times while Pete Kozma and Andrus went down three times each. Every Ranger starter struck out at least once.

"Pomeranz was throwing well," Rangers catcher Jonathan Lucroy said. "Obviously their bullpen came in and threw well also and they played better than we did overall tonight."

Marrero homered in the eighth off Alex Claudio.

Martinez gave up four runs in five innings and is winless in four starts against Boston with a 6.46 ERA.

Andrus cut Boston's lead to 4-1 in the fourth inning with the homer, snapping an 0-for-9 drought.

Moreland tied his career high by driving in at least one run for the sixth straight game and extended his hitting streak to seven games, batting .393 in



Boston Red Sox's Deven Marrero, right, celebrates with teammate Christian Vazquez after knocking him in on a two-run home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers at Fenway Park in Boston, Thursday, May 25, 2017. (AP Photo/Mary Schwalm)

that stretch.

Boston swept Texas for the first time at Fenway Park since 2008. Since 2009, Texas has the best winning percentage at Fenway Park in the major leagues at .600.

#### STRIKING SUCCESS

Pomeranz recorded his 500th career strikeout when he whiffed Napoli for the final out of the fourth inning, his eighth of the game.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 3B Adrian Beltre

will play in extended spring training games in Arizona the next three days after being sidelined all season with a calf strain.

Red Sox: 2B Dustin Pedroia was removed from the game after five innings for precautionary reasons due to left knee pain. He is listed as day to day. ... LHP David Price will make his season debut Monday in Chicago against the White Sox despite surrendering six earned runs in 5 2/3 innings over his

last two rehab starts. ... 3B Pablo Sandoval is 3 for 13 in four rehab games.

#### UP NEXT:

Rangers: Will send RHP A.J. Griffin (4-1) in the opener at Toronto.

Red Sox: LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (3-1) looks to win his fourth straight decision when they entertain Seattle on Friday.



# Panthers LB Kuechly won't change style after 2nd concussion

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly has no plans to alter his aggressive style of play following a second concussion last November, one that tugged at the emotions of a national TV audience when he was carted off the field sobbing uncontrollably.

The 2014 NFL Defensive Player of the Year still doesn't like talking about that frightening Thursday night game, and is clearly itching to put concussion talk behind him and prove to doubters he'll be just fine this coming season.

He said it's time to move on. "You don't play the game and think about getting hurt because that slows you down and increases the likelihood of getting hurt," Kuechly said Thursday as sweat dripped from his brow following a morning OTA practice session. "You just go out there and play."

Kuechly, 26, spent three weeks in the NFL's concussion protocol last year following a collision with Saints running back Tim Hightower. Hightower's helmet hit Kuechly's face-mask and chest a split-second before teammate Thomas Davis collided with Kuechly's head from behind, leaving the three-time All-Pro gasping for breath

and the soldout crowd in silence.

After Kuechly was helped on to a cart, almost every player on both sidelines came up to wish him well. Kuechly seemed oblivious to it all, the tears streaming down his cheek as he stared ahead blankly. To those watching on TV, it was a close-up reminder of the violent nature of the sport and the mystery that still surrounds concussions.

Even after being cleared by independent doctors, Panthers coach Ron Rivera decided to keep Kuechly out for the final three games of the season.

Kuechly strongly disagreed with Rivera's decision at the time, but there was little he could do.

Rivera said if the Panthers had been in playoff contention he might have considered allowing his defensive leader to play. But with Carolina running out of bodies and heading toward a 6-10 finish, he played it conservative.

"There's some medical science that says even though a guy is cleared the longer you wait sometimes the better," Rivera said Thursday. "All I did was follow what the doctors were telling me, and make a decision I thought was best for the young man and the team

going forward."

Teammate Ryan Kalil said he knew Kuechly was frustrated last season when Rivera wouldn't let him play.

But Kalil said he has the utmost respect for the Panthers medical staff, a group headed by longtime NFL head athletic trainer Ryan Vermillion.

Kalil said the culture in Carolina has always been putting the welfare of the player first, something he has seen time and time again during his 10 seasons with the Panthers.

"I don't know how it is around the rest of the league but this is a group that sincerely cares about the health of its athletes," Kalil said. "This perception is it's about trying to rush players out there. But that's not the case because it's not beneficial to the team. The quicker you rush a guy out, the more susceptible he is (to suffer another concussion). So it is in the best interest of the individual and the team that that guy is healed first. The best way do that is to rest."

Kalil pointed to Panthers offensive tackle Michael Oher, who still hasn't cleared the NFL protocol eight months after sustaining a concussion.

Oher hasn't been pushed to get back on the field.



Carolina Panthers' Luke Kuechly (59) directs the defense during the NFL football team's organized team activity in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday, May 25, 2017. (AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

Oher did not participate in OTAs this week and Rivera said Thursday and wouldn't say when he expects him back on the field. The Panthers drafted offensive tackle Taylor Moton in the second round out of Western Michigan as an insurance policy.

For Kuechly, it is back to business as usual.

The Panthers aren't in pads

yet, but he's running around with his teammates and making plays like he always has. When it comes time for real games, Kuechly said little will change in his approach to tackling ball carriers or sacking quarterbacks.

"I have never been a big lead-with-my-head tackle guy," Kuechly said. "I just try to get them how I can get them and get them on the ground."

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# Hamilton finds quicksand sign as Reds' game washed out



Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher Wandy Peralta warms up in the rain after an interleague baseball game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Cleveland Indians was postponed, Thursday, May 25, 2017, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

CLEVELAND (AP) — A day after scoring the go-ahead run from first base on a ninth-inning single, Cincinnati's Billy Hamilton arrived at Progressive Field and saw a quicksand sign had been placed on his locker-room chair along with a bag of drying agent used on infields.

Francona said when asked how Chisenhall got hurt. "I don't think he does either. The first time he really said anything was yesterday. He felt groggy."

Cleveland's front office already had tweeted a photo of his welcome.

Reds: RHP Tim Adleman, slated to start Friday at Philadelphia, allowed a career-high six runs over 4 2/3 innings in his last start against Colorado on May 20.

"I saw that on social media," Hamilton said. "I think it's pretty cool, to be honest with you. Quicksand can stop anybody. That's the first time any team has ever done something like that."

Indians: RHP Mike Clevinger, scheduled to start Friday's series opener against Kansas City, made his longest start in the majors on May 20 at Houston, tossing seven scoreless innings while striking out a career-high eight.

Hamilton leads the major leagues with 23 stolen bases, but he didn't get to swipe any Thursday. The Reds' game at the Indians was postponed because of rain and rescheduled for July 24 at 7:10 p.m.

Hamilton beat out a relay throw to avoid a game-ending double play on Wednesday night — a video review was needed — then came home on Zack Cozart's two-run, two-out single in Cincinnati's 4-3 win.

Hamilton doesn't actually expect opponents to turn infield dirt to goo.

"Dirt is just dirt," he said. "I don't think anyone does that because that would also slow down their guys who could steal bases. But I joke about that in Chicago (at Wrigley Field), when I see their grounds crew with the hoses. I tell them, 'That's more than enough water.' Now, in the minor leagues, I think some teams did do that to try and slow me down."

Hamilton has been caught stealing three times, including by Indians catcher Yan Gomes on Tuesday night.

"He has game-changing speed," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "He can disrupt a game so much."

The Reds won two of three this week against their Ohio rival. Both teams pushed back their scheduled starting pitchers a day.

### MAKING MOVES

Cincinnati claimed RHP Jake Buchanan off waivers from the Chicago Cubs and placed LHP Amir Garrett on the 10-day DL with right hip inflammation). Garrett is 3-3 with a 6.00 ERA in eight starts. 1B-OF Peter O'Brien, who was playing for Triple-A Louisville, was designated for assignment.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Indians: OF Lonnie Chisenhall, who missed games Tuesday and Wednesday, was put on the seven-day concussion DL. "We don't know,"

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**FILE** - In this Feb. 12, 2009, file photo Louisville coach Rick Pitino, left, talks with guard Andre McGee during the first half of an NCAA college men's basketball game against Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. A grand jury declined to indict an escort and former Louisville men's basketball staffer in a sex scandal that engulfed the program. The Jefferson County grand jury decided Thursday, May 25, 2017, there wasn't enough evidence for charges of prostitution and unlawful transactions with a minor against Katina Powell and Andre McGee. (AP Photo/Joe Raymond, File)

# No indictment for escort, staffer in Louisville sex scandal

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky grand jury declined to indict an escort and former Louisville men's basketball staffer in a sex scandal that engulfed the program.

The Jefferson County grand jury decided Thursday there wasn't enough evidence for charges of prostitution and unlawful transactions with a minor against Katina Powell and Andre McGee.

Powell wrote in a book published in 2015 that McGee, a staffer under coach Rick Pitino, had hired her to provide dancers to perform sex acts for Cardinal recruits and players from 2010-2014. "Under Kentucky law, we can't prosecute someone just based on their statements," prosecutor Christie Foster said in a news conference. "We can't prosecute Miss Powell just based on this book. We have to have sufficient corroborating evidence to present to a jury, and in this case we just didn't feel that we have that."

The announcement by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office comes as the school awaits discipline that is expected to be handed down by the NCAA in early June. Pitino has denied knowledge of the activities described in Powell's book and recently answered the NCAA's allegation that he failed to monitor McGee.

On Tuesday the coach declined to discuss his hearing with the NCAA that he described as "one of the most

difficult days, and I don't want to relive any of those hours."

On Thursday, the Attorney's Office recommended no charges for Powell or McGee, and the grand jury agreed.

"Everything we thought initially based upon the book certainly raised concerns and needed to be reviewed, but just did not pan out," Commonwealth's Attorney Tom Wine said in the news conference.

Powell's lawyer, Larry Wilder of Jeffersonville, Indiana, praised Wine's office for thoroughly examining the evidence instead of rushing to judgment in the case that drew a lot of scrutiny to his client and the community.

"A prosecutor of lesser character might have tried to ramrod an indictment," Wilder told The Associated Press. "He didn't, and that says a lot about his character and professionalism."

Louisville has self-imposed its own penalties, including a postseason ban in 2015-16 and reductions in scholarships and recruiting visits by coaches. Athletics spokesman Kenny Klein said the school had no comment on the grand jury's decision.

Several investigations were launched after the October 2015 publication of Powell's book "Breaking Cardinal Rules: Basketball and the Escort Queen." Powell wrote that McGee had paid her \$10,000 for 22 shows from 2010-14 at the team's Billy Minardi Hall dormitory.

McGee left Louisville in 2014 to become an assistant coach at Missouri-Kansas City, which placed him on administrative leave when the allegations surfaced. He eventually resigned from UMKC a couple of weeks later to fight the "false allegations" against him.

The Commonwealth Attorney's office release said that authorities were originally concerned that Powell had used underage girls — including her daughters — to entertain recruits before determining that none were used. The investigation then shifted toward charges of prostitution, unlawful transactions with a minor and other charges, the attorney wrote.

All of the women identified in the book denied having sexual contact with recruits or being paid for sex acts, the statement said. Though recruits revealed instances of sexual contact with unknown women, the statement added, none were able to identify of them or confirm that "McGee or anyone else" had paid them.

Wine also acknowledged that all of the recruits involved were at least 16 years old, the legal age of consent in Kentucky.

Wine added that while the NCAA can show there were violations, his office had to be able to show proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The attorney's office ultimately decided there wasn't enough corroborating evidence to recommend charges.



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# Marisnick homers in 8th to lift Astros past Tigers, 7-6



Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick (6) celebrates his go-ahead solo home run off relief pitcher Alex Wilson (30) with George Springer during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, May 25, 2017, in Houston. (AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith)

HOUSTON (AP) — Jake Marisnick wouldn't acknowledge whether he thought his tiebreaking home run in the bottom of the eighth inning had ended the game. His teammates, however, were teasing him in the clubhouse after the game about a nearly humiliating premature celebration while he was rounding the bases.

"I don't know what you're talking about," Marisnick said with a grin when asked about it. "No comment."

Either way, Marisnick hit Houston's fourth homer of the game to lift the Astros to a 7-6 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night.

The Tigers tied it 6-6 in the top of the eighth when Jose Iglesias doubled off reliever Luke Gregerson (2-1) to drive in Andrew Romine.

Marisnick's homer to deep center off Detroit reliever Alex Wilson (1-2) gave Houston the lead back. Ken Giles got the last three outs for his 13th save as the Astros won three of four from the Tigers.

Carlos Correa, Marwin Gonzalez and Juan Centeno all homered off Justin Verlander in Houston's five-run fourth that gave the Astros a 5-3 lead.

"We have a great team with a lot of talent, and our lineup is

able to make adjustments to any type of pitcher so we can score some runs," Correa said. "It's really important."

Correa returned from two-game absence (illness) to hit his seventh homer of the season, a two-run shot off Verlander that pulled Houston to 3-2. One batter later, Gonzalez homered to right field with Evan Gattis aboard to put the Astros ahead. Centeno capped the scoring in the inning with a solo shot to left center.

"I let those guys elevate the balls on a night when the ball was flying pretty good," Verlander said. "It sucks when we score that many runs. It would have been nice for us to come back and win that game. I thought we had a good chance. It starts and ends with me."

It marked just the second time in Verlander's career where he allowed three home runs in a single inning. He allowed six runs and nine hits while walking four and striking out three in 5 2/3 innings.

Justin Upton's RBI single in the fifth pulled the Tigers within one, before Gattis' run-scoring double in the bottom of the inning extended Houston's lead to 6-4. Upton then homered, his ninth, in the seventh to pull Detroit within one again.

Detroit took an early lead in the second after Upton singled to score J.D. Martinez. Martinez extended the lead to 2-0 in the fourth with a homer off a curveball from Mike Fiers that he sent 430 feet onto the train tracks in left center.

Fiers allowed four runs on 10 hits in 4 2/3 innings.

The Tigers led 3-0 after Iglesias' RBI double in the fourth scored Alex Avila before the Astros took over the lead in the fourth.

"You hate to lose a lead and then you battle back and ultimately, lose the game — it's a little frustrating," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said.

#### CLEANUP HITTER

Astros manager A.J. Hinch said it was nice to get cleanup hitter Correa back in the lineup.

"When you have the middle of your order together it feels good," Hinch said. "You have

a sense of calmness on the team when his presence is needed."

#### GOING YARD

The Astros matched their season high with four homers, a feat they have accomplished four times this season. The Yankees and Orioles are the only other teams with four games of four homers this season. Houston had only two such games in 2016.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Tigers: C James McCann exited the game in the fourth inning after getting hit by a pitch on the left hand. McCann's pinkie appeared to be bleeding as he walked off the field. Avila, who injured his own hand on a catcher's interference play on Wednesday, entered the game for McCann. Detroit recalled C John Hicks from Triple-A Toledo to catch in Friday's doubleheader and placed McCann, who needed

five stitches, on the 10-day disabled list.

Astros: C Brian McCann passed a concussion test Wednesday and expects to play Saturday, when he is eligible to return from the seven-day concussion disabled list. ... RHP Collin McHugh (elbow) threw off of a mound for the first time in his rehab on Thursday.

#### UP NEXT

Tigers: RHP Buck Farmer was recalled from Triple-A Toledo to start the first game of Detroit's doubleheader against the White Sox on Friday. Farmer is 0-6 with a 6.84 ERA in 32 career appearances for Detroit. LHP Matt Boyd (2-4) will start the second game.

Astros: RHP Joe Musgrove (3-4) will make his 10th start this season, having allowed two runs or less in three of his last five starts.



New York Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, center, runs a drill with his players during the team's organized team activities at its NFL football training facility, Thursday, May 25, 2017, in East Rutherford, N.J. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

## Odell Beckham and Olivier Vernon miss Giants OTAs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants ended their first week of voluntary organized team activities missing two of their biggest stars — wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. and defensive end Olivier Vernon.

The workout Thursday was third of the week, and Beckham missed them all. The team did not say whether Vernon missed all three, but the veteran who signed an \$85 million contract in the offseason last year wasn't there Thursday, the only day workouts were open to the media.

The only other player missing was third-year defensive end Owa Odighizuwa, who hinted since the end of last season that he may take time away from football.

"It's a time to build fundamentals, communication, chemistry, and trust. So you want all your players here, especially the great ones," coach Ben McAdoo said. "They facilitate a lot of those things for you. But you coach who is here, that's

what time of year it is for us."

Beckham, who had led the Giants in receiving in each of his first three seasons and caught 35 touchdowns, isn't breaking any rules by missing the workouts. However, general manager Jerry Reese talked to him after last season and told him he had to mature.

The 24-year-old catalyst of the Giants offense portrayed himself in a bad light by taking a one-day trip to Florida and going out on a boat in the week leading up to the Giants' playoff loss to Green Bay.

Not only did the trip put him under the microscope, it was magnified when Beckham had a bad game in a one-sided loss to the Packers. Teammates didn't seem concerned with Beckham missing the workouts.

Cornnerback Janoris Jenkins said deciding whether to attending the workouts is an individual choice.

"Those guys are very talented and we know that this is a business and they are out there working and it is not a big con-

cern to the team," Jenkins said. "When they get back they are going to come in here like they always do and we will have fun and continue to practice."

Defensive tackle Damon Harrison emphasized that the workouts are voluntary.

"I'm more than sure OV and OBJ are somewhere working out just as hard or maybe even harder than we are," Harrison said. "So I'm confident that they'll come in and will be ready."

Veteran receiver Brandon Marshall, who left the Jets to sign with the Giants in the offseason, said that Beckham won't have any problem being in shape.

"He is probably the best athlete that I have ever seen," Marshall said. "I mean he can kick a soccer ball, he can kick a football, he can throw a baseball, he can hit a baseball. I am not saying that I am envious, but dang I wish I could be him. He has cool hair, he just signed the biggest shoe deal in football history."







**FILE** - In this Monday, Nov. 28, 2016 file photo, Golden State Warriors head coach Steve Kerr directs his team during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Atlanta Hawks in Oakland, Calif. Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr is not yet ready to return to the bench as the franchise prepares for its third straight trip to the NBA Finals. General manager Bob Myers made the announcement Thursday, May 25, 2017 though didn't rule out Kerr coming back at some point if he somehow is healthy enough to do so. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

# Warriors coach Steve Kerr not yet ready to return to bench

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Steve Kerr is involved in just about everything but the actual game-day coaching for the Golden State Warriors — film session, coaches meetings, game-planning and practice.

He's just not yet ready from a health standpoint to be back on the bench with the start of the NBA Finals a week away.

General manager Bob Myers made the announcement Thursday, though he didn't rule out Kerr returning at some point if he somehow is healthy enough to do so — though that doesn't appear promising at this stage.

"If he feels better and we have to make those decisions, we will, but right now we're not putting any deadlines on should he feel better what will we do," Myers said. "It'll be based on what day it is, how exactly he feels, how long he's felt well. I should be saying this with more emotion because it's hard for me. I'm kind of in this basketball mode but he's a person and he's not feeling well and that's what makes it hard — more than how it affects our team is how he's feeling that makes it very difficult to have to sit here and say that the man that's hugely responsible for us being in the Finals for three years in a row, in a moment that he should be treasuring, can't do it."

"It's painful, and I know it's painful for him more than anybody."

Kerr was there as his team returned to practice following a two-day break after completing a four-game sweep of the Spurs on Monday night to improve

to 12-0 this postseason. Myers noted that "just having him in the building and around is very powerful."

The 51-year-old Kerr underwent a procedure May 5 to repair a spinal fluid leak stemming from complications after two back surgeries in 2015, after the Warriors won their first championship in 40 years during his first season as coach. While people have asked Kerr whether he should step away, Myers knows that's not the immediate answer.

"This is his sanctuary. Even though he's suffering, being at home or being removed is actually harder if we can understand that, because this is his joy," the GM said. "Even though it's a muted joy right now, this is the best thing that he feels. This is his fulfillment."

Kerr returned to practice May 13 after more than three weeks off the court, and he hasn't coached the Warriors on the bench since Game 2 of the first round against Portland. He then traveled for the Western Conference finals to San Antonio and has been watching games from behind the scenes, speaking to the team beforehand and during halftime. Acting coach Mike Brown has been leading Golden State during Kerr's absence.

It's unclear how well the latest procedure worked for Kerr, who missed the initial 43 games last season dealing with debilitating symptoms such as headaches and nausea that have returned throughout this season.

"Unfortunately this has been

a two-year odyssey," Myers said. "He's never tried to sugar-coat how he feels. Sadly, we've been dealing with this. So I can tell, and you guys are around, you see the ups and downs. ... He's not going to put himself or the team at risk and say that he can do it if he doesn't feel like he can."

Brown said he will continue to lead the way with reigning NBA Coach of the Year Kerr's guidance until told otherwise. Myers doesn't ask Kerr every day how he is feeling, rather allowing the coach to reach out with any updates.

"This is unusual, right?" Myers said. "It's a lot of gray area even though Mike has won all these games. There's no right or wrong way to handle this, short of looking in his eyes: 'How you feeling? How do you feel about doing it?'"

Even Myers, a close friend of Kerr along with being a colleague, is struggling to appreciate the accomplishment by the Warriors given the coach's heart-wrenching ordeal.

"Somebody asked me, 'Is going to the Finals three times muted because of what's going on?' Of course it is," Myers said. "This should be great. This should be unbelievable. And we are excited, and we are proud, but our head coach can't coach. It's not an excuse, it's just a fact, and that sucks. But we deal with it, and everybody has been dealing with it and have met that challenge and have embraced it and will continue to do it."

# FRENCH OPEN '17: 30 is the new 25 in men's tennis right now

HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

The very top of men's tennis has never been this old.

For the first time in the history of the ATP computer rankings, which date to the early 1970s, the men sitting at Nos. 1-5 are all 30 or older, the latest sign that the current crop of stars has enviable staying power.

It's also the latest reason to wonder when a new face will emerge among the elite, because there eventually will come a point — yes, there really will — when the group that was once known as the Big 3, then came to be called the Big 4, and now is considered by some to be a Big 5, is no longer running the sport.

With the French Open starting Sunday, No. 1 Andy Murray, No. 2 Novak Djokovic, No. 3 Stan Wawrinka and No. 4 Rafael Nadal (No. 5 Roger Federer is skipping Paris) all have designs on another major trophy. But could someone such as Alexander Zverev, who just turned 20 last month, or the supremely talented — and supremely enigmatic — Nick Kyrgios, 22, or Dominic Thiem, 23, make a breakthrough for the up-and-coming kids?

"We're probably coming to the end of one of the greatest eras of tennis that, certainly, I've ever seen," ATP Executive Chairman and President Chris Kermode said, "and what we need to do as a sport is look to the next generation of players."

Federer is 35, Wawrinka is 32, Nadal turns 31 on June 3, and Djokovic and Murray turned 30 this month. That quintet has won 46 of the last 48 Grand Slam titles, a dozen-year stretch of dominance.

Zverev's victory over Djokovic in the Italian Open final last weekend might have

symbolized coming change. Zverev was the first man born in the 1990s to win a Masters 1000 title, the youngest champ since Djokovic about a decade ago.

That title also pushed Zverev into the top 10, making him the youngest member since Juan Martin del Potro in 2008.

"It's nice ... for the tour, as well, to have a few younger guys, few younger girls, as well, to be able to play at the top," said Zverev, who is German. "As I said many times, unfortunately for tennis and unfortunately for the spectators, the top four cannot play forever. So it's good that younger players are starting to get through."

So then the question becomes: Why has it taken so long?

Why does someone such as former player and coach Brad Gilbert, now an ESPN commentator, say, "Today's 30 is like 25 used to be," as he did this week? Why have these 30-somethings had such staying power? And why is it taking so long for newcomers to make a mark?

There is a similar situation in women's tennis, where Serena Williams has kept winning Grand Slam titles into her 30s and is the oldest No. 1 in WTA history. Current No. 1 Angelique Kerber was the oldest woman to make her debut at that spot.

"Tennis has changed in the last 15 years ... since they slowed down surfaces and there is not much difference in speeds of the surfaces," said Patrick Mouratoglou, Williams' coach. "You rarely have many easy shots now. You have to work the points much more, and one of the consequences is you need to be physically much better and able to play long rallies."



**FILE** - At left, in a March 13, 2017, file photo, Angelique Kerber returns a shot during her match against Pauline Parmentier at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, in Indian Wells, Calif. At right, in a May 19, 2017, file photo, Garbine Muguruza returns the ball during a quarterfinal match against Venus Williams at the Italian Open tennis tournament, in Rome. Kerber and Muguruza will be competing in the French Open. (AP Photo/File)



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  - 14 Dickens' Heep
  - 15 Thing listed on a playbill
  - 16 Tip of Mexico?
  - 17 Place for a man to become super
  - 19 Paper unit
  - 20 "The Gold-Bug" author
  - 21 Filler of a black well
  - 22 Catch in a con
  - 24 Foils used in competitions
  - 26 Humorous play on words
  - 27 Historic Alabama city known
  - 30 Ferrari, for example
  - 35 Carpenter's tool
  - 37 \_\_\_\_-de-sac
  - 38 Thrown \_\_\_\_ loss
  - 39 To stay poised
  - 41 Vagabond's wanderings
  - 43 Mental inspiration
  - 44 "Sonnet" or "puppet" ending
  - 46 Like some golf balls
  - 47 Spins yarns
- DOWN**
- 1 Leap
  - 2 Two-tone cookie
  - 3 Flying toy
  - 4 Corn unit
  - 5 P, on fraternity row
  - 6 Danish bills
  - 7 Part of an egg
  - 8 Late boxing legend
  - 9 First one to try new wings?
  - 10 Place for Homer and family
  - 11 Little Bo sound?
- 12 Genesis twin
  - 13 Give gratis
  - 18 Bakery offering
  - 23 Baseball score
  - 24 Place for a fake wizard
  - 25 "Trooper" start
  - 27 Hard spare to pick up
  - 28 Say "y'all," e.g.
  - 29 Defame in print
  - 31 Mongrel
  - 32 Owned apartment, briefly
  - 33 Mythical giant with 100 eyes
  - 34 Rough files
  - 36 The Queen Mary, for one
  - 40 Skinny, slithering fish
  - 42 Chevy car of old
  - 45 Does a secondhand store job
  - 48 Machine gun syllable
  - 49 Surgeon's instrument
  - 53 Pastor relative, informally
  - 54 1/16 of a cup (abbr.)
  - 55 Wife of an Indian prince
  - 56 Reached the ground safely
  - 58 Speak like a drunk
  - 59 "Damn!" kin
  - 60 Nautical yeses
  - 63 Wedding vow
  - 64 Do very easy math
  - 65 Hawaiian giveaway

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**Friday, May 26, 2017**

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Make positive changes to the way you live or with regard to a personal relationship. Show how much you care or make alterations to the way you look that will make you more appealing. A romantic opportunity looks promising. 4 stars

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): If you want something, go after it. Look for a creative way to promote what you have to offer. Staying focused and keeping a steady pace will help you get ahead. A playful attitude will make you hard to resist. 3 stars

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Emotional matters will escalate quickly. Before you let excitement take over, find out the logistics of what's being proposed. Listen and assess your options before you take a chance on something iffy. Joint ventures aren't in your best interest. 3 stars

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Keep your personal information well hidden. Someone will try to use gossip to get a rise out of you. Don't fall for a trick to entice you into doing something you know isn't good for you. Choose your associates carefully. 3 stars

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel plans can be made. Expanding your interests will also encourage you to make positive lifestyle changes that ease your stress and promote more enjoyment. Don't settle for less when you can have so much more. Romance is highlighted. 4 stars

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Additional responsibilities will be thrust upon you. Before you agree to take on more, find out what's expected of you. Negotiate your position, time and the returns you receive. An elder will be difficult to deal with. 2 stars

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A change in the way you view your relationships with others will give you a reason to rethink your plans for the future. Short trips, emotional discussions and opportunities to grow personally and emotionally will tempt you. 5 stars

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Discuss personal plans with someone you love. Don't be afraid to say "no" if you feel the emotional, physical or financial risks are too high. It's better to be cautious and stick to what you know is doable. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Love, romance and family are highlighted. You can bring about favorable changes that will encourage greater comfort, convenience and happiness for you as well as those who share your space. Plan activities that you can enjoy with loved ones. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Follow your own path. Take pride in what you do, as well as the efforts you put in to make your life and your home suit your needs. Don't give in to anyone trying to coerce you into a change that doesn't feel right. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Attending a reunion or getting together with people you haven't seen in a long time will boost your morale and encourage you to stay in touch. Making future plans will lead to an interesting joint venture. Personal changes are favored. 5 stars

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional mayhem will break out if you aren't upfront about the way you feel, what you want or who you are. Talk is cheap, but offering false information will get you into trouble. Stick to the script and avoid discord. 2 stars

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# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

**UNWITTING COMMENTS FROM DAD CAUSE CHILDLESS DAUGHTER PAIN**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 40-year-old childless single woman. I spent several years doing various day care jobs and have great love for children, but due to female health issues, I am unable to have my own. I have a great job and home, but cannot afford fertility treatments or adoption, both of which are expensive.

My fertility issues have caused me heartbreak and many tears. My father often comments about how disappointed he is that he has no grandchildren. Recently, he made an offhand remark that I was "selfish" for not having had any. It upset me so much I cried for days. Dad is a good man, and I know he didn't mean to be hurtful.

How do I approach him about how his comment affected me without hurting him? I don't know how much detail to give him about my fertility issues. Should I just let it be and ignore him when he complains about not having grandkids? -- CHILDLESS IN IDAHO

**DEAR CHILDLESS:** Do not ignore this! Tell your father that you are UNABLE to conceive because of a medical problem and exactly how his comment made you feel. You should also tell him you are unable to afford fertility treatments or adoption because of the cost involved, and not to raise the subject again because it is hurtful and beyond your ability to remedy. Perhaps you could channel your motherly instincts by exploring foster care and other ways you can help children in need.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband left me for another woman four months ago. We had been married for 33 years, and my world has been ripped apart.

Now he says he wants to try to reconcile, and it has me feeling extremely confused. While I still love him, I know our relationship will never be the same as before. Will I look like a fool to everyone if I let him come home? -- HEARTBROKEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR HEARTBROKEN:** How you look to "everyone" is far less important than how you feel. You are correct that if you reconcile, your relationship will never be the same. But has it occurred to you that it might be better?

Husbands stray for all kinds of reasons. Before you make any final decisions about taking him back, insist on counseling so you can understand exactly what they were. That's how broken marriages are repaired.

**DEAR ABBY:** I had friendships with both of my second cousins, "Tom" and "Jane," a brother and sister in their 60s. They have long been estranged from each other. Tom was estranged from his parents as well. Jane was their parents' caregiver.

Jane called me to say their father was near death and thought I would want to know. Then she said, "I'm not telling Tom, and I'm asking you to do the same." I told her it was an awkward request because I am friendly with him, too.

Well, I chose to tell him. Tom called his mother and it went well, after years of no communication. Jane has now cut me out of her life. Was I wrong to tell her brother? -- MIKE IN MEXICO

**DEAR MIKE:** Yes, I think it was wrong to have gone against the wishes of the daughter who had assumed the responsibility of caring for her aged parents. It's fortunate that the conversation went well, because it might not have.

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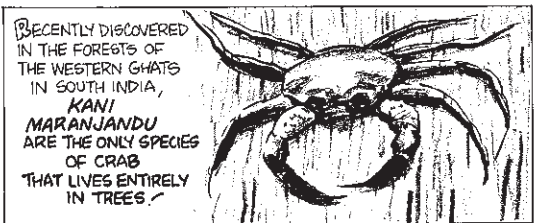
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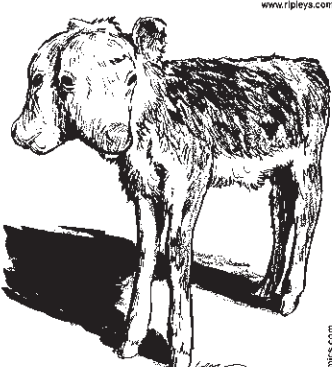
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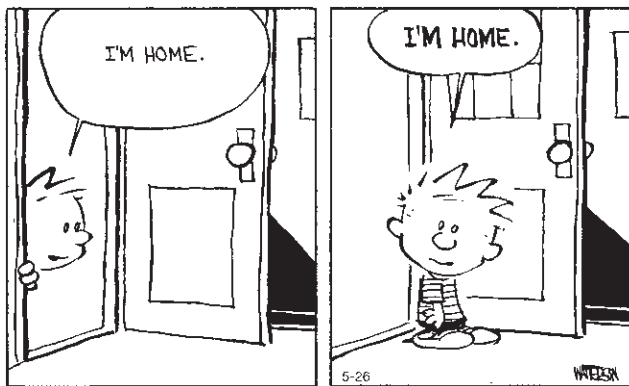


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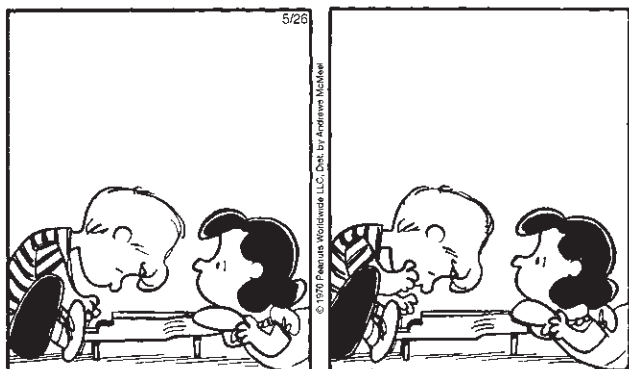
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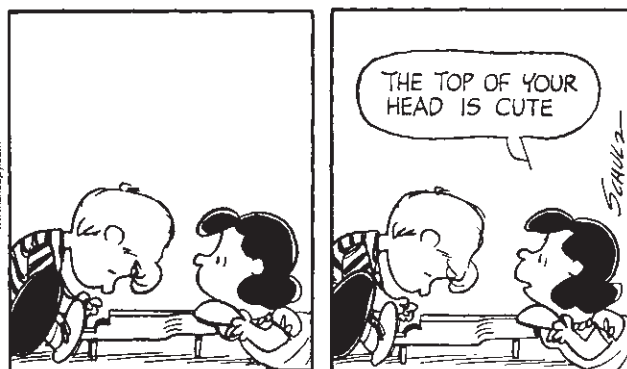
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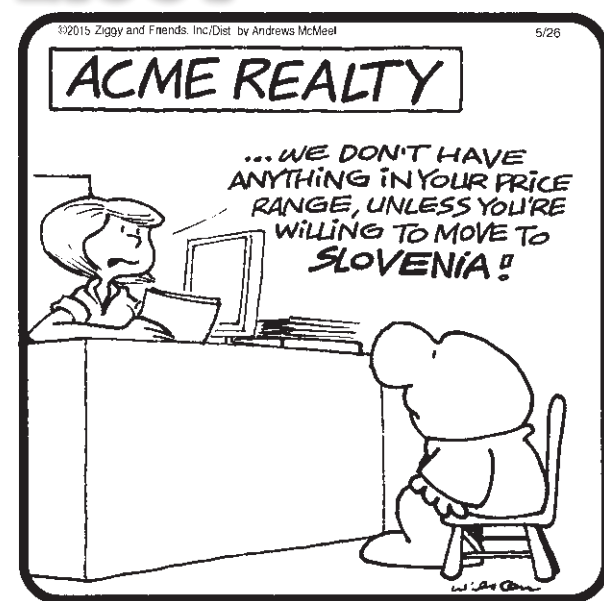
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**Sudoku Pacific**

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

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

5/26 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Thursday's Puzzle Answer

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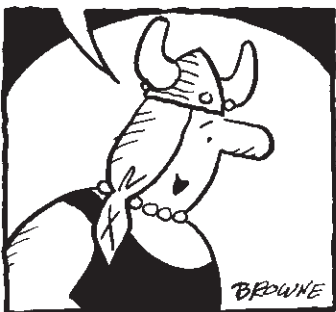
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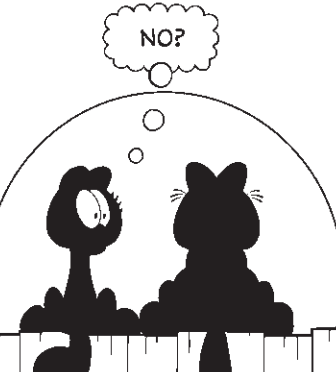


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