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Life is all about opportunities and surrounding ourselves with positive people and a strong support system. Nobody knows this better than 17-year-old Fautua Tufue Maiava Jr. Fau, as he is known to everyone, is the eldest of four children born to Florence Tua and Fautua Maiava Sr. of Fagasa, Fagatogo, and Fitiuta, Manu’a.

The 6-foot-3, 270-lb. senior at Samoana High School confirmed to Samoa News over the weekend that he has verbally committed to Colorado Mesa University, a school that offered him a four-year football scholarship.

Six other schools, including Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado, and Dixie State University in St. George, Utah had also expressed strong interest in Fau, but the timid teen told Samoa News that he opted to go with the Mavericks.

Fau becomes the first Samoan player to ever be directly recruited from American Samoa by Colorado Mesa University. Other Samoans have played for the Mavericks in previous years but they were all recruited from schools in the US, never from the territory.

Come this fall, Fau will be sporting the maroon, white, and gold uniform, and be part of the Mavericks squad, which finished with a 9-3 overall record and qualified for the NCAA Playoffs. Colorado Mesa, an NCAA Division II school, competes in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC), for which they won their second straight championship title this past season with an 8-2 record.

As with all other aspiring football players in the territory, Fau dreams of one day making it to the pros, playing in the National Football League (NFL). But he says that goal isn’t the only thing he’s working towards. (Continued on page B8)

The 37th Annual Morris Trophy Awards 2016 was held at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle, Washington.

Isaac Asiata, 24 years old, a 6-foot-3, 323 pound senior from Spanish Fork, Utah, accumulated 39 straight starts during his last three seasons and was named to the 2016 Associated Press All Bowl Team.

He was a four-year starter and played in 45 games during his collegiate career. During the 2016 season, Asiata scored a touchdown against USC after recovering a fumble in the end zone. Asiata is the first Samoan Ute offensive lineman to win the Morris Trophy Award and he dedicates the award to his mother Leitu Tui, said Asiata.

He graduated from University of Utah (Utes) in 2016, majoring in Sociology and is married to Angelia Benson Asiata. Asiata (center) is seen here with his mother (right) and wife (left). [courtesy photos]

“I LOVE FOOTBALL; BUT MY GOAL IS TO GET AN EDUCATION AND GRADUATE”
New York Knicks’ Carmelo Anthony (7) is defended by Phoenix Suns’ TJ Warren (12) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, in New York. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

Dwyane Wade hasn’t had to often rely on Eastern Conference coaches. Carmelo Anthony never has.

Now the coaches could be the only way the two veterans participate in the All-Star Game.

Neither was voted a starter and both face tough odds to get picked as reserves this week for next month’s game in New Orleans.

Anthony had been elected a starter in all five full seasons with the Knicks, part of his eight starts among nine All-Star appearances. But the fan support wasn’t there this season and he didn’t get any help from the media or fellow players in the first season they were included in the voting process.

He might get some from coaches, who still praise him as a dangerous scorer at 32 years old.

“I would love to be a part of that weekend, represent not only the Knicks but represent New York as a city down there in New Orleans,” Anthony said.

“So if I have the honor to do that I’d accept that with open arms, but we’ll see what happens.”

Reserves will be revealed Thursday after voting by head coaches in each conference, who will select three front-court players, two guards and two players regardless of position.

Wade has been a starter 10 times in his 12 All-Star appearances, and both numbers would have increased this year in the old voting format. He finished second among guards in fan voting but only sixth among media and players.

Now he’s in the guard mix with Boston’s Isaiah Thomas, Toronto’s Kyle Lowry, Washington’s John Wall and Charlotte’s Kemba Walker.

“He got my vote. I will tell you that,” Jimmy Butler told reporters of his Bulls teammate.

Now Wade needs some from coaches.

MILD, MILD WEST

Alvin Gentry, like many people, thought the Pelicans’ playoff hopes were over before they really started.

After all, teams don’t usually climb out of 0-8 holes in the Western Conference.

But neither the Pelicans nor anyone else is out of it this season in a horrible year at the bottom.

“I’ll be honest with you, in 28 years I’ve never seen it like this,” the New Orleans coach said.

Eight teams could be battling for the final spot, and it might not take much to get it.

In 2013-14, the Phoenix Suns went 48-34 and they couldn’t. Now 35 wins is on pace to get it done.

“Timing is everything I guess,” said Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek, who coached that Phoenix team.

Portland has surprisingly struggled after a second-round appearance last season, Dallas and New Orleans have battled injuries, and Minnesota, the Lakers and Phoenix might be too young.

That might leave Denver, which leads the race for eighth at 18-25.

But if one of those bunched at the bottom can get hot — or even just lukewarm — it might be playing in May.

“You think 1-8 you got to make up seven games to just get back to .500, but it’s just been kind of a strange year in that … the last six, seven spots in the West everybody has an opportunity still I think,” Gentry said.

With a couple of win streaks and a couple of things you feel like you’re right there.”

COMING THIS WEEK:

SHINING STARS: Before heading to New Orleans for the All-Star Game, starters LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and Kawhi Leonard, plus likely reserves Russell Westbrook and John Wall visit the Big Easy this week as the Pelicans host Cleveland, Oklahoma City, San Antonio and Washington.

CURRY’S LONE HOMECOMING: With the All-Star Game moved from Charlotte to New Orleans, the Golden State Warriors’ game Wednesday in North Carolina will be Stephen Curry’s only chance to play at home this season.

GOING FOR 14: The Washington Wizards try for their 14th consecutive home victory on Tuesday against Boston, their lone game in the nation’s capital in a six-game span.

MVP VS. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Joel Embiid is the heavy favorite for the first-year award and James Harden a leading contender for the top individual award. Their teams play Friday when Houston visits Philadelphia.

STAT LINE OF THE WEEK: Kawhi Leonard, Spurs: 15 of 30, 41 points in 118-115 overtime victory over Cleveland. With the highest-scoring game of his career, Leonard became the first Spurs player with six straight 30-point games since Mike Mitchell in 1986.

All-Star party could be over for Carmelo, Wade
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — There’s this football game planned for Feb. 5 in Houston. Let’s hope it turns out much better than most of the postseason matchups the NFL has provided this year.

To say Sunday’s championship games were duds is being kind. Blame the two losing teams, the Packers and Steelers, who were so helpless that they looked like they should have been done playing last month. All credit to the Patriots and Falcons, of course, who could give fans an all-time great shootout in two weeks.

But don’t count on it considering how eight of the 10 playoff contests were, well, no contest.

Wild-card weekend was everything except wild. Routes galore. Inert performances by the undermanned Raiders and Dolphins, inconsistent Giants, and they-don’t-belong-there Lions. It didn’t improve any with the mismatches on the first day of the divisional round: Houston had no business being on the same field as New England, and only the Patriots’ sloppiness kept that game relatively close for a while. Atlanta passed Seattle dizzy and cruised.

The respite from such lopsided and at times barely watchable matches came the next day with a classic Packers-Cowboys game. It was worth waiting for from beginning to end — the kind of product that entices everyone — and was followed by a tight Steelers-Chiefs game that seemed to bode well for the conference finals.

Then, deflation.

Sure, it was sweet for the folks in Georgia and New England, and they deserve to celebrate. The Patriots (16-2) are seeking even more history, including Tom Brady going for a record fifth Super Bowl crown by a quarterback. The Falcons (13-5) are an exciting offensive machine with an improving defense and a coach likely to entertain in Dan Quinn. Oddsmakers expect a close one, too, making the Patriots merely a 3-point favorite.

“It’s an honor to get to go and play in this game,” Patriots receiver Julian Edelman said Sunday night. “This is what you fight for. This is what you train for. This is what you get hurt for, and prepare for, and go through the ebbs and flows of a season.”

Unfortunately, the NFL this month has seen far too many ebbs. The conference championships punctuated that, which was surprising because the Steelers and, in particular, the Packers had performed so well in their previous two outings.

Maybe that was a big part of the letdown Sunday. Green Bay and Pittsburgh made so many mistakes almost from the outset that they never gave themselves a chance to reach Houston. Perhaps they simply ran out of steam, while their opponents had a wild-card bye that kept them fresher.

“Seemingly much fresher. “If this has taught us anything, it’s how important home-field advantage is,” Aaron Rodgers said. “Being able to sleep in your own bed and practice and not have to travel and have the fan support, it makes a big difference. We’ve played in three of these now and all on the road. It’s tough to win on the road.”

For the Steelers, it’s nearly impossible to win in Foxborough, where they are 1-5 since 2002; Brady was injured for the one Pittsburgh victory in 2008. They might not have won against Boston College with the kind of showing they made this time.

“A lot of guys were feeling good about this game, the game plan and everything else,” right tackle Marcus Gilbert said.
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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — This was supposed to be the year New England’s stranglehold on the AFC could be loosened.

Yet after starting the season without their biggest star, the Patriots find themselves in a familiar place: with a chance to earn a Super Bowl title.

A week after showing flecks of vulnerability in its divisional-round win over Houston, New England put together the kind of dominant performance that has helped define the Bill Belichick and Tom Brady era, earning a 36-17 AFC championship game win over Pittsburgh on Sunday.

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Super Bowl will pit Brady's Patriots against Ryan's Falcons

HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Pro Football Writer
A season that began with Tom Brady serving a four-game suspension will end with him in the Super Bowl, where his New England Patriots will take on the Atlanta Falcons.

While much of the attention between now and the NFL championship game on Feb. 5 in Houston will be focused on Brady vs. Ryan, the true key matchup could be Atlanta's score-at-will offense, which produced the most points during the regular season, against the unheralded defense of New England, which allowed the fewest.

And these two teams are playing their best football at the most important time.

AFC champion New England (16-2) has won nine consecutive games — and hasn’t even trailed since Nov. 27. NFC champion Atlanta (13-5) has won its past six in a row, scoring at least 33 points in each.

“We’ll enjoy this,” Ryan said after earning his first Super Bowl trip in his ninth season, “but we’ve got some work to do.”

Brady and coach Bill Belichick will be seeking their — and the Patriots’ — fifth Lombardi Trophy, and second in three years. This will be the franchise’s league-record ninth appearance in the Super Bowl, including titles in the 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2015 editions.

“This team showed a lot of mental toughness over the course of the year,” Brady said.

The Falcons have never won the Super Bowl. This will be Atlanta’s second trip to the big game; it lost to Denver in 1999.

The club’s never had a quarterback quite as good as Ryan, though.

The guy named nicknamed “Matty Ice” went 27 for 38 for 392 yards, four touchdowns and zero interceptions, while adding a rushing TD, to help the Falcons score 51 points in the Super Bowl against the Patriots a year ago.

“Where is he? He’s like Waldo right now,” Bennett said. “He doesn’t want to come out in this stadium.”

Bennett called out the commissioner Roger Goodell, who attended the NFC championship that started a chant of “Where is Roger?” — he chose to attend the game in Atlanta instead.

And as well as Brady played — 32 for 42 for 384 yards, those three scores and zero interceptions — it was the way New England’s defense played that stood out.

Eight right after the game, too: On Pittsburgh’s first two drives, nine plays yielded a total of 26 yards. Then there was the stand late in the second quarter, when the Steelers had first-and-goal at the 1-foot line and came up settling for a field goal. And, by game’s end, the Patriots had forced two turnovers.

New England ranked No. 1 in the NFL in points allowed per game at 15.6, and it gave up only 326.4 yards per game, eighth-best.

Brady, a three-time Super Bowl MVP and two-time league MVP, and the Patriots also own a pretty effective offense, even after losing star tight end Rob Gronkowski to an injury. New England ranked fourth in yards (386.2) and third in points allowed per game at 15.6, and it gave up only 326.4 yards per game, eighth-best.

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It’s anyone’s guess how long 38-year-old Steeler line- backer James Harrison will play beyond this season.

What he is sure of is his team’s lack of preparation, and not their lack of defensive toughness, led to their loss in nine games.

“They out-executed us,” Harrison said. “They did not put us in defensive situations. We were put in defensive situations, in 3rd-and-long plays, to make them as good as they could be. They made us fast-track our plays and we couldn’t make them work.”

Bell had only six carries for 20 yards, and his absence was felt by an offense that sputtered through three games.

“Of course, we couldn’t get to the quarterback,” said offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan — expected to be hired after the season as San Francisco’s new head coach, he’s the son of two-time Super Bowl champion coach Mike Shanahan — that topped the league in scoring (33.8) and ranked second in yards (415.8).

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — LeGarrette Blount burst through the line at the Pittsburgh 19, slipped one tackle and bullied into another defender at the 9. Safety Mike Mitchell wrapped him up, but just got pushed backward. Three more Steelers pitched in, still unable to bring the New England running back down. And then came three more defenders — along with a whole bunch of Patriots pushing Blount toward the goal line.

By the time seven Steelers managed to tackle him, Blount had carried 18 yards to the 1-yard line. He finished the job on the next play to give the Patriots an 18-point lead as they snapped the Steelers’ nine-game winning streak on Sunday and won 36-17 in the AFC championship game.

Instead of Pittsburgh going to its first Super Bowl since the 2010 season, the Patriots are heading to their second in three years and seventh since 2001. And it will be Tom Brady trying for his fifth NFL title instead of Ben Roethlisberger going for his third.

“There’s a reason he’s one of the best to ever play the game. That’s why we have respect for him,” Roethlisberger said. “We know, coming into this environment what we were up against. That’s why we needed to play a near flawless game and we didn’t.”

Not even close.

Roethlisberger completed 31 of 47 passes for 314 yards and a touchdown, but he also threw a fourth-quarter interception when the Steelers were already struggling to mount a comeback. He wasn’t helped by dropped passes by Sammie Coates, Cobi Hamilton and Roosevelt Nix — all first- or second-year players.

“At times, it almost felt like it was too big for some of the young guys,” Roethlisberger said. “Sometimes it’s just one play here and one play there. Tonight we didn’t make those plays. Was it too big? ... I don’t know. We need to make every single play in a game like this against an opponent like this.”

Missing Le’Veon Bell after the first quarter with a groin injury, the Steelers couldn’t convert in the red zone for the second straight game. A week after kicking six field goals — their only scores — but winning, Pittsburgh twice couldn’t punch the ball in from inside the 2.

“You’ve got good play-making opportunities, you’ve got to make them,” coach Mike Tomlin said. “When you’re in championship-level play, or championship football, we didn’t do enough of them.”

But the biggest problem was the defense.

The Steelers allowed Brady to complete 32 of 42 passes for three touchdowns and a career-playoff-best 384 yards while making No. 4 receiver Chris Hogan look like an All-Pro in his second postseason game. The former college lacrosse player had career highs with nine catches and two touchdowns and set a Patriots playoff record with 180 receiving yards.

“T’ll definitely don’t think we got enough pressure on him tonight,” linebacker Ryan Shazier said. “Normally we get turnovers and sacks when we get pressure on the quarterback the way we want to. We didn’t do that today and he was able to throw for 300 yards.”
"I just want to get an education and graduate," he said over a telephone interview with Samoa News. "It’s great and all to be in the NFL, but having a college degree, to me, is a MUST because once you get injured or get cut from a team, you will need something to fall back on."

Fau’s journey to securing offers from colleges was not an easy one. Matter of fact, it was through the persistence of several individuals that Fau was able to play in the recent 2017 Jr. Prep Sports (JPS) Classic in Hawai’i, where off island coaches were able to see him in action.

Fau said that ‘besides losing’, his experience at the 2017 JPS Classic was ‘fun’ and he was thankful that it provided exposure for him and others on the team.

This past season, Fau was part of the first American Samoa High School Athletics Association (ASHSAA) football ALL-KVZK Team. Members were selected based on:

- Regular season statistics provided by ASHSAA
- Player performance at their position
- Behavior on the field
- Player contribution to their respective teams
- Number of Impact plays

Off the field, Fau tries his best to maintain good grades, with his mother pushing him all the way. His love of science has sparked a desire in him to pursue a degree in biology. This semester, he will be inducted into the Samoana HS National Honor Society.

As a boy attending SPICC in Fatu-ma-Futi, Fau learned much about the Bible and its teachings. Perhaps this is why the soft spoken teen is humble and very much adored by many.

Family members describe him as a ‘good kid’, ‘never one to start trouble’, and ‘always obeys his elders.’

When he first entered high school as a freshman, Fau started off on the Junior Varsity (JV) squad. He was eventually moved up to the Varsity squad during his sophomore year, for which he eventually became a co-captain.

"Right now, I consider myself half-way there," Fau said, after being asked to comment about his full-ride offer from Colorado Mesa. "I really love the game, but even more so, I just want to get an education and graduate."

Fau credits his success to his parents Fau and Flo, and his grandmas Faimalie Tua and Maleka Maiava. He also expressed his sincerest appreciation to Anntoinette Tala Fisher-Slade, a math teacher at Samoana HS, whom he said did everything she could to help him with scholarship applications, among other things.

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Happy Birthday: Explore new territory by using your imagination and being innovative and fearless. Implement greater detail and strive to be unique and respectable in the eyes of others. Stop thinking about the changes you want to make and put your plans into motion. Take strides to conquer less. Implement greater detail and strive to be unique and respectable in the eyes of others. Stop doing. Staying grounded and using common sense will pay off. An old crush will tempt you. A passionate approach to life and love is encouraged.

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WORRISE (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): DON’T LET IMPULSIVITY TAKE OVER. USE COMMON SENSE AND DISCUSS PROBLEMS OPEN-MINDEDLY. LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF A SITUATION AND YOU WILL FIND A WORKABLE SOLUTION. PUTTING THE PAST BEHIND YOU WILL HELP ENCOURAGE NEW ATTITUDES AND PROCESSES. DON’T GIVE UP; GET GOING.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): YOU HAVE CHOICES, AND WITH A LITTLE INGENUITY AND COMMON SENSE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OUTMANEUVER ANYONE TRYING TO PLAY EMOTIONAL GAMES WITH YOU. DON’T FOLD UNDER PRESSURE. LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS. FOLLOW YOUR HEART. MAKE ROMANCE A PRIORITY.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): BRING ABOUT CHANGE. DON’T FEAR THE UNKNOWN. REVIVE IN LEARNING AS YOU GO AND SHOW HOW SPIRITED YOU CAN BE. ENGAGE IN PASTIMES THAT PROMISE TO BROADEN YOUR MIND, SKILLS AND YOUR FRIENDSHIPS. EMBARK ON A NEW AND LIVELY FUTURE.

virgo (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): HANDLE DOMESTIC MATTERS AND DEAL WITH CHILDREN AND SENIORS CAREFULLY. OFFER HELP WHERE APPROPRIATE, BUT TAKE MORE THAN YOU TAKE AND YOU WILL LEAD TO CRITICISM. DON’T FEEL THE NEED TO BRING ABOUT CHANGES JUST TO SATISFY SOMEONE ELSE’S NEEDS.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): CHANGES BRING NEW BEGINNINGS. THERE IS A LOT TO LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCES YOU ENCOUNTER. DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE IS FAVORABLE, SO DON’T SIT ON YOUR HANDS, GET OUT AND PARTICIPATE.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): GET INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS THAT MAKE YOU USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND YOU WILL COME UP WITH MARKETABLE PLANS THAT COULD LEAD TO GREATER PROSPERITY. A PASSIONATE APPROACH TO LIFE AND LOVE IS ENCOURAGED.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): KEEP AN OPEN MIND, BUT DON’T BE GULLIBLE. ASK QUESTIONS AND DON’T FEEL THE NEED TO TAKE PART IN SOMETHING IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS OR FEEL UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE OUTCOME. PROTECT YOUR ASSETS, POSSESSIONS AND YOUR PHYSICAL WELL-BEING.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): AN OPEN MIND WILL LEAD TO PROSPEROUS OPPORTUNITIES. GOOD FORTURE IS WITHIN REACH IF YOU STAND BEHIND YOUR DECISIONS INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING WHAT SOMEONE ELSE IS DOING. STAYING GROUNDED AND USING COMMON SENSE WILL PAY OFF. AN OLD CRUSH WILL TEMPT YOU.

aquarius (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): USE YOUR SKILLS, ATTRIBUTES AND KNOWLEDGE INNOVATIVELY. BRING ABOUT CHANGE AND UPDATE YOUR GAME PLAN BY SETTING NEW TRENDS AND EXPLORE UNFAMILIAR POSSIBILITIES. YOUR ABILITY TO BE A FORERUNNER AND CONVINCE OTHERS TO SEE YOUR VISION WILL LEAD TO SUCCESS.

pisces (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): DON’T MISJUDGE SOMEONE WITH THE POTENTIAL TO DISRUPT YOUR PLANS. EMOTIONAL INTERFERENCE WILL LEAVE YOU IN AN AWKWARD POSITION IF YOU DON’T REACT QUICKLY. MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR PLANS AND PROTECT YOUR REPUTATION.

LONGTIME FAMILY FRIEND FEELS HURT BY SUNKY TEEN’S ATTITUDE

DEAR ABBY: I HAVE A BIGGER FRIEND FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. WE MET WHEN WE WERE 18 AND HAVE BEEN INSEPARABLE EVER SINCE. I WAS HIS ELOPEMENT IN HIS WEDDING, AND WHEN HIS FIRST CHILD WAS BORN, I TRAVELED SIX HOURS TO BE AT THE HOSPITAL WHEN "SARAH" WAS BORN. I HAVE NEVER MISSED A BIRTHDAY OR CHRISTMAS.

WHEN MY FRIEND ANNOUNCED THEY WERE MOVING FROM OHIO TO ARIZONA, I KNEW I COULDN’T BE AWAY FROM HIM AND HIS FAMILY, SO I MOVED AS WELL. I HAVE NO FAMILY OF MY OWN, AND I ADORE HIS TWO GIRLS.

WE WERE TurboLED 13 YEAR AND LIKE MOST TEENAGERS, SHE’S DISTANCING HERSELF FROM HER FAMILY AND EVEN MORE SO FROM ME. WHEN HER MOTHER AND DAD INVITE ME FOR DINNER OR A FAMILY GET-TOGETHER, SHE BARELY ACKNOWLEDGES ME WHEN I SAY HI OR ASK HER TO DO SOMETHING. SHE Wants nothing to do with me. IT BREAKS MY HEART. I LOVE HER AND I CONSIDER HER TO BE FAMILY.

MOTHER’S LAW: I SHOULD CONTINUE TO GO AND SUPPORT HER WITH HER SPORTING EVENTS AT SCHOOL. I’VE NEVER HAD A GAMES. DO I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HER WITH HER BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

ON ONE HAND, I TELL MYSELF THIS IS JUST A PHASE SHE IS GOING THROUGH AND WANTING TO CHANGE, HOPING OTHERS SEE REALITIES THAT I’M HER BIGGEST CHEERLEADER AND RECOGNIZE THE LOVE I HAVE FOR HER. ON THE OTHER HAND, I THINK SHE’S ACTING LIKE A SPOILED BRAT, AND IF SHE DOESN’T KNOW HOW TO TREAT PEOPLE, THEN I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH HER. HOW SHOULD I HANDLE THIS? — UN-UNCLE IN ARIZONA

DEAR UN-UNCLE: I AM SURE YOU ARE FEELING IT ISN’T ANY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT SARA’S PARENTS ARE FEELING RIGHT NOW. I AGREE THAT SHE IS PROBABLY GOING THROUGH A PHASE AND JUST BEING A “TEENAGER.” MY ADVICE IS TO GIVE HER SOME SPACE AND HOPE THAT WHEN SHE FINALLY PULLS IT OFF SHE WILL RECOGNIZE HOW LUCKY SHE IS TO HAVE SUCH A LOVING UN-UNCLE. I’M KEEPING MY FINGERS CROSSED FOR YOU.

DEAR ABBY: MY SISTER AND I ARE SENIOR CITIZENS WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS, SO WE SHARE AN APARTMENT TO MINIMIZE EXPENSES AND TO BE SURE SOMEONE IS AROUND IF NEEDED. MY BROTHER AND HIS WIFE SOMETIMES SOCIALIZE WITH US.

THE PROBLEM IS, MY BROTHER HAS A FRIEND. THE FRIEND AND HIS WIFE OFTEN USE FOUR LINGUISTIC. I DON’T LIKE HEARING THE F-BOMB USED AS AN EVERYDAY PART OF SPEECH. I HAVE TRIED MODELING CORRECT BEHAVIOR AND NOT CURSING, BUT IT HASN’T WORKED. HOW CAN I ASK THEM TO STOP WITHOUT ALIENATING THEM AND LOSING MY BROTHER AND HIS FRIEND? — APPALLED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR APPALLED: IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A CONTROVERSY AMONG THE LANGUAGE MANY INDIVIDUALS USE ON A DAILY BASIS, AND IT’S REGRETABLE. HOWEVER, THAT DOESN’T MEAN YOU MUST LISTEN TO IT AND REMAIN SILENT.

THE NEXT TIME IT HAPPENS, TELL YOUR BROTHER AND HIS FRIEND THAT WHEN THEY USE THE F-BOMB, IT MAKES YOU AND YOUR SISTER UNCOMFORTABLE AND ASK THEM TO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DROPPING IT WHEN THEY ARE WITH YOU. THAT’S NOT AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST, AND IT SHOULDN’T ALIENATE ANYONE.
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O lo o tu'ua'i e le malo ia Mamona i moliaga mamafa e lua o le fasioti tagata i le tuluaga lua, atoa ai ma le fa'ao'olima i le tuluaga muamua, o ni moliaga i malau ona fa'asala ai se tasi i le teine mo le umi e amata atu i le I0 tausaga o eo atu lava i le nofo-sala i le toese mo le olaa atou.

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