

KEILANI RICKETTS SELECTED **TO USA SOFTBALL 2018** NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

by Blue Chen-Fruean Samoa News Correspondent

American Samoa will be represented on the USA Softball 2018 World Championship roster, with the selection of Keilani Ricketts to the squad.

Ricketts, a pitcher out of San Jose, CA, has strong ties to the territory, through her Gabbard family. She recently married Sean Tumanuvao, son of Kolio and Monika Tumanuvao, and nephew of Monsignor Viane Etuale.

Tumanuvao is a Class of 2009 graduate of Faasao Marist College Preparatory School.

His former teacher, Victor

Langkilde, told Samoa News medal at the 2008 Olympic last week that Keilani, along Games. In addition, the Womwith her sisters — Samantha en's National Team has capand Stephanie — were in the tured eight Pan American territory a few years back during Championships and 10 WBSC one of the Samoa Bowl Games. "They conducted clinics and medals. brought equipment down for the players and the program," Langkilde said.

Ricketts' selection to the team is a big deal. After all, Teamusa.org notes that the USA nance — which set 11 different Softball Women's National program in the sport's history."

secutive Olympic gold medals Olympic team of any sport. (1996, 2000, 2004) and a silver

World Championship gold

At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, the US Women's National Team was touted as the "Real Dream Team" by Sports Illustrated. Their domi-Olympic records — led them to Team is "the most decorated be considered the best women's softball team ever assembled, Team USA won three con- and possibly the most dominant

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Anthony, Adams lead Thunder past **Lakers 114-90**

Wednesday night.

overall and outrebounded the the game the rest of the way. Lakers 54-30.

Julius Randle scored all 16 Lonzo Ball sat out his second had eight points in 26 minutes. knee, and the injury news got in the first half, but just 47 perreturn and forward Kentavious Caldwell-Pope left with a right Achilles tendon strain and did not return.

until scoring eight in the final minutes. three minutes of the second quarter.

Oklahoma City started strong on Friday. in the second half. A 3-pointer by Paul George bumped the land on Saturday.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) lead to 11, and a 3-point play Carmelo Anthony scored by Westbrook midway through 27 points to help the Okla- the quarter pushed the margin homa City Thunder beat the to 14.Westbrook got Corey Los Angeles Lakers 114-90 on Brewer off balance with multiple crossover dribbles before Steven Adams had 21 points blowing by him for a layup that and 10 rebounds and Russell gave the Thunder an 86-70 lead. Westbrook added 19 points and A 3-pointer by Anthony made seven assists for the Thunder, it 91-70 and forced the Lakers who won their third straight. to call timeout late in the third The Thunder shot 48 percent quarter. The Thunder controlled

TIP-INS

Lakers: F Brandon Ingram of his points in the first half for returned after missing a game the Lakers. Rookie point guard with a mild left ankle sprain. He straight game with a sore left ... Shot 55 percent from the field worse for the Lakers. Rookie cent in the game. ... Pope scored forward Kyle Kuzma left with 10 points in 15 minutes. He was a finger joint sprain and did not one of two Lakers to score in double figures.

Thunder: Boxer "Money" Mayweather attended the game. ... G Andre Roberson The Thunder led 60-54 at returned after missing eight halftime behind 16 points from games with left patellar ten-Anthony and 14 from Adams. dinitis. He finished with four Westbrook had just two points points and three steals in 17

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SMU guard Jarrey Foster (10) dunks over Wichita State guard Conner Frankamp (33) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 in Wichita, Kan.

(Travis Heying/The Wichita Eagle via AP)

Milton scores 33, lifts SMU over No. 7 Wichita State 83-78

"near perfect" to have a chance Conner Frankamp added 11. against No. 7 Wichita State.

that and more.

'Might have been better than perfect," Jankovich said.

Milton scored a career-high 33 points on 11-of-14 shooting to lead the Mustangs to an 83-78 victory, snapping the Shockers' Arena on Wednesday night.

"I don't know how you play better than that," Jankovich said. "Shake controlled the game, not just scoring in bunches. He had control of everything.

SMU (13-6, 3-3 American Athletic Conference) had lost three straight, not winning since Dec. 31. It was the Mustangs' first road win against a top-10 team since Jan. 16, s1982 at No.

won 67 of 68 at Koch Arena.

"I think we need to be desperate every game right now," said Milton, who was 5 of 6 from beyond the arc. "But knowing it would be an environment like this, that the fans would be crazy, was motivation."

Jahmal McMurray scored 16 points for the Mustangs, who shot 63.8 percent. Ethan Chargois had 12 points, and Ben excellent," Jankovich said. Emelogu added 10.

Landry Shamet led the "better game plan." Shockers with 20 points and 10

Wichita State rallied after And it worked." Shake Milton gave Jankovich trailing 70-57 with 4:33 remaining to make it a one-posminute.

> Mustangs made shots when it mattered.

27-game winning streak at Koch tremendous playmakers that 3-pointers. made great plays," Shockers down to four or three, and they would hit another big shot."

The Mustangs rarely use a had them employ one the entire game. They also had personnel issues to overcome. Jarrey Foster, the Mustangs' secondleading scorer, did not return clock ran. Wichita State (15-3, 5-1) had after getting injured less than six minutes into the game.

By the 10-minute mark of the second half, Emelogu and Chargois each had four fouls.

SMU found a way to hang on with some stellar individual plays. Each team had 30 field goals, but the Mustangs had just 10 assists — 14 fewer than Wichita State.

"I thought our execution was

Marshall gave credit to a Saturday.

"They tried to score early Houston on Saturday.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - assists, and Shaquille Morris and, if not, they held the ball SMU coach Tim Jankovich said scored 17. Darral Willis scored and ran clock," Marshall said. his Mustangs would have to be 12 points off the bench, and "And with the zone, they wanted to shorten the game.

HOME STATE VIBES

McMurray had not scored session game twice in the final in double figures in any of the three January games before Like much of the game, the reaching that mark by halftime Wednesday. He had 10 points on 4-of-5 shooting in "In the end, they really had the first half, hitting both of his

McMurray is from Topeka coach Gregg Marshall said. and also attended Sunrise Chris-"They kept throwing dagger, tian Academy Prep School in dagger, dagger. We would get it Wichita before playing two seasons at South Florida.

BOUNCE, BOUNCE

In another way to shorten zone defense, but Jankovich the game, the Mustangs would often let the ball bounce around after Wichita State made shots. That forced a Shocker or a referee to retrieve the ball as the

"It felt like we lost two minutes just to that," Marshall said.

BIG PICTURE

SMU: The Mustangs could turn their season on this victory, and it will go down as a signature performance for Milton.

Wichita State: The Shockers suffered their first conference loss with a rare lackluster show from their defense.

UP NEXT

SMU: Hosts Tulane on

Wichita State: Plays at



Iowa' Nicholas Baer, left, and Rutgers' Geo Baker (0) battle for a loose ball during an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 in Piscataway, N.J.

(John Munson/NJ Advance Media via AP)

Sanders, Baker lead Rutgers past Iowa 80-64

for the foreseeable future, Rut- very end did we ever look comgers coach Steve Pikiell gave fortable offensively." his team a simple message on Wednesday night.

"All hands on deck."

against Iowa Wednesday night.

"We had two days to prepare," Pikiell said. "I told these guys that you have to step up."

And step up they did.

Corey Sanders scored 18 points with eight assists and two steals and Geo Baker had 17 points, five rebounds, five four 3-pointers. assists and two steals, to lead Rutgers past Iowa 80-64.

Ten) was able to overcome a rebounds that Mike gets. The making five 3s on nine shots. 20-point deficit in its last game hustle plays that he does. Everyat Illinois, they were unable to body has to put in a little more do it a second time in a row. effort to pick up his slack." Rutgers (12-8, 2-5) led by as many as 23 points with 14:31 to go.

back)," Iowa coach Fran to win back-to-back conference McCaffery said. "We were games and fell to .500. They a Saturday matinee. down 14 at half. You want to were below .500 early in the get it under 10 and then it's a season at 4-6.

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) three-possession game almost, — With Mike Williams out but we never really until the

Jordan Bohannon scored 23 points, including five 3s, and Tyler Cook had a double-double After Williams injured his with 10 points and 10 rebounds replaced. ankle in the last 10 minutes of for the Hawkeyes.Rutgers went practice on Saturday, the Scarlet on a 12-0 run capped off with a Knights were ill-prepared to steal and dunk by Baker to take play without their senior captain a 23-13 with 7:53 left in the first against now-No. 22 Ohio State half. The Scarlet Knights folon Sunday. That wasn't the case lowed that with a 13-6 run, once again capped off by Baker, who hit a 3 with 3:48 to go to make it 36-19 before heading into the break with a 38-24 lead.

> Deshawn Freeman scored 14 points with eight rebounds and Issa Thiam added 16 points for assist. Rutgers, including a career-high

a little bit more (without Wil-

BIG PICTURE

Ten win of the season, the Ten in 2014. "I thought we could (come young Hawkeyes were unable

Rutgers: The Scarlet Knights got a much-needed win after losing Williams. For a team that lacks depth, any injury would be troublesome, but the senior captain is Rutgers' sixth man with intangibles that can't be

BACKUP GUARDS

While Williams (ankle) was out last game, Matt Bullock and walk-on Jake Dadika did not see action against now-No. 22 Ohio State. That was not the case against Iowa. By midway through the first half, both had checked in and combined for 11 minutes. It was Bullock's first minutes all season and he scored two points and made an

BOHANNON'S BIG 3S

Bohannon came into the "Coach says we have to do game leading the Big Ten in 3-pointers with 2.73 per game. While Iowa (10-10, 1-6 Big liams)," Sanders said. "Those He helped boost that average,

FIRST WIN

Rutgers had been 0-5 and 0-2 at the RAC against Iowa in the series that dated back to Iowa: After their first Big 1989. Rutgers joined the Big

UP NEXT

Iowa: Host No. 3 Purdue for

Rutgers: At No. 23 Michigan on Saturday afternoon.

Barnes, Scott help Indiana State beat Evansville 71-66

with 23 seconds remaining to Conference). make it a two-possession game ville 71-66 Wednesday night.

Barnes the line, Qiydar Davis added 12 left in the game.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) points with three 3-pointers and Jordan Barnes scored 17 Tyreke Key had 10 points and fourth and fifth fouls in the last points, Brenton Scott added 14 nine rebounds for Indiana State 23 seconds, sending Scott and including a pair of free throws (9-10, 4-3 Missouri Valley Key to the line where they made

The Purple Aces (12-5, 2-5) as Indiana State held off Evans- trailed by 15 in the second half, points, Dru Smith led Evansbut pulled as close as 68-66 ville with 23 points, including three when Blake Simmons scored 7 of 9 at the foul line, and five 3-pointers, was six of seven at and was fouled, converting the assists and Ryan Taylor added the line, Scott was five of six at 3-point play with 33 seconds 12 points.

But Simmons picked up his three of four.

Simmons fouled out with 16

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Holding: Browns tackle Thomas still undecided about future

CLEVELAND (AP) — Joe football future.

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Cleveland's star left tackle, who played more than 10,000 consecutive snaps before suffering a season-ending left triceps injury on Oct. 22, said Wednesday night that he's undecided about continuing his Hall of Fame-caliber career or retiring.

10-time Pro Bowler said. "Had that I've been dealing with a a lot of time to think and spend number of years."Thomas came some time with the family, but not ready definitively to a back spasm in 2007 lasted make a decision one way or four weeks."Couldn't practice. the other just yet. Really for Basically couldn't tie my own me, my decision is just going shoes," he said. "And I go, 'This to come down to do I feel like is my last year. There's no way I'm healthy enough to survive I can do this another season.' another season?"One of the And I made it four more after NFL's premier tackles, Thomas that. So it's weird the highs and was on the field for 10,363 lows that you go through during straight plays before his triceps a season, especially because of ripped while blocking on a running play against Tennessee. a game takes on you." Thomas planned to take the offseason to weigh his options, and awards brought out some of he remains unsure if he wants to Cleveland's biggest sports make a comeback or move on to movers and shakers, including a new career, perhaps in the TV broadcast booth.

either direction.

back and forth," he said.

Thomas was a presenter at historic 0-16 season.

"I don't think there's any real rush at this point," he said. "Obviously, they want to know before the draft and free agency, so that if they have to make different plans if I'm not going to be there, they want to know about it. I told them I'll make let them know and give them as much time as I possibly can."

Thomas said he won't be Thomas remains torn about his medically cleared to play until summer, but that timeframe has no bearing on his decision.

"It's seven-to-nine months from surgery, so that would put me in June or July," he said. "But I'm not worried about that. The elbow is something that'll take care of itself. I feel confident the rehab has gone well and it will continue to go well. Really for me, knee and "Making progress," the back are the primary issues close to quitting before when the emotional and physical toll

The 18th annual sports former Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar, Indians man-Thomas isn't leaning in ager Terry Francona and Cavaliers general manager Koby "There's some days you go Altman. The event was hosted by ESPN's Tom Rinaldi.

Former Cavaliers center the Greater Cleveland Sports Zydrunas Ilgauskas received Awards, which he attended with a lifetime achievement award his wife, Annie. Thomas said he at the gala event. The 7-foot-3 has not received any pressure Ilgauskas was affectionately to make his decision from the known simply as "Z" by Browns, who are coming off a Cleveland fans who embraced the Lithuania native and made him one of their own.Ilgauskas overcame two major foot injuries early in his career and played 13 seasons in the NBA before retiring in 2011 after one year in Miami. The Cavs retired his No. 11 in 2014.

Ilgauskas recalled that early a decision when I'm ready and in his career, owner Gordon Gund had a deal worked out to trade him to Detroit.



File- This Oct. 29, 2017, file photo shows Houston Texans head coach Bill O'Brien, left, talking with quarterback Deshaun Watson, right, before an NFL football game in Seattle. The Texans have lost five in a row, eight of nine and don, Äôt even have a first-round draft pick in April. Houston sent its selection to Cleveland to take Deshaun Watson at No. 12 overall last spring. Watson is now recovering from a torn ACL in his right knee, and his injury coincided with Houston, Äôs subsequent collapse. Some are calling for the ouster of O, ÄôBrien even though players, including Watson, believe O, ÄôBrien should get another (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File) chance.

Evans has 23 points, 10 assists as Grizzlies beat Knicks

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — for almost four minutes. Tyreke Evans had 23 points, including three free throws in 10 assists to lift the Memphis Grizzlies over the New York Knicks 105-99 on Wednesday night.

while Dillon Brooks and Jarell Martin added 17 points each to help Memphis win its second straight.

Knicks with 21 points, while Enes Kanter finished with 20, including 18 in the first half. Courtney Lee and Michael Beasley had 18 points each.

sat out with an illness.

102-99 with about 47 seconds Evans converted three free throws, including one when Lee was called for a technical with 17.8 seconds left.

to 18 midway through the third night. quarter. It was still shooting 51 percent after three quarters but on Friday night. opened the fourth not scoring

TIP-INS

Knicks: Have lost seven the closing seconds, along with straight road games in Memphis. New York's last road win against the Grizzlies was in March 2011. ... Lee converted a free throw with 5:05 left in JaMychal Green added the second quarter — his 45th 18 points and 13 rebounds, straight, setting a franchise record. Chris Duhon held the record of 44, set during the 2008-09 season. Lee now has 48 straight. ... Television ana-Kristaps Porzingis led the lyst and former Knicks star Walt Frazier took a ball to the face in the first half. He never missed a play and returned after treatment at halftime.

Grizzlies: Memphis also was Memphis played without without F/C Brandan Wright starting center Marc Gasol, who due to illness. ... With Gasol out, Deyonta Davis started the The Knicks pulled within first game of his career. ... The Grizzlies, who beat the Lakers left on a 3-pointer by Lee, but on Monday, had not won consecutive games since Oct. 26-28.

UP NEXT

Knicks: Continue seven-Memphis stretched its lead game trip at Utah on Friday

Grizzlies: Host Sacramento



Memphis Grizzlies forward JaMychal Green (0) reacts after dunking the ball as New York Knicks forward Michael Beasley, from left, Grizzlies guard Tyreke Evans (12), and Knicks forwards Kristaps Porzingis and Tim Hardaway Jr. (3) look on in the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, in Memphis, Tenn. (AP Photo/Brandon Dill)



Kerem Kanter rallies No. 11 Xavier over St. John's 88-82

over St. John's on Wednesday utes left. Kanter's tip-in started night, giving Chris Mack the Xavier's decisive run. Musketeers record for career coaching wins.

Big East) unbeaten in 13 games seven points or fewer. at the Cintas Center this season. double-double of the season.

coaching victory at his alma 5 nationally to No. 11. Their mater, passing Pete Gillen for 3-point shooting was a big the school record in his ninth

a shooting slump by scoring 24 14 of 26 from beyond the arc on points during a 92-70 win over then-No. 25 Creighton on Saturday. He followed with 23 points on Wednesday.

midway through the second to the Hoyas 69-66 on Jan. 9. half before Xavier surged ahead 79-67 with 2:56 left. The Red 19 Seton Hall on Saturday. The Storm dropped its seventh rematch is Feb. 14 at the Cintas straight. Justin Simon had a Center. career-high 28 points.

The Red Storm made their Kerem Kanter had 22 points first 11 shots in the second half and led a late run that swept No. and went up 65-62 on Tariq 11 Xavier to an 88-82 victory Owens' 3-pointer with 10 min-

BIG PICTURE

St. John's: The Red Storm Kanter had eight points and keeps coming close and coming an emphatic block during a 17-2 up short. Five of the losses run that kept Xavier (17-3, 5-3 during their skid have been by

Xavier: The Musketeers He also matched his career high have regained their footing with 13 rebounds for his third after consecutive road losses at Providence and No. 1 Villanova Mack got his 203rd that dropped them from No. problem during the two losses, and they found their touch Trevon Bluiett emerged from during the two wins. They went Wednesday.

UP NEXT

The Red Storm plays a second straight road game at St. John's (10-9, 0-7) led Georgetown. They lost at home

The Musketeers play at No.



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Baylor forward Lauren Cox grabs a rebound in front of Iowa State center Kristin Scott (25) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, in Ames, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

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Brown, Cox help No. 4 Baylor roll past Iowa State, 79-50

Richards scored on a putback.

That would be as close as Iowa State would ever get.

Kalani Brown scored 25 points, Lauren Cox had 21 points, 15 rebounds and a career-high nine blocks, and No. 4 Baylor beat Iowa State 79-50 on Wednesday for its 13th straight win.

Kristy Wallace scored 16 points for the Lady Bears (16-1, 6-0 Big 12), who never trailed in picking up their sixth straight league win by at least 22 points.

"Our defense is pretty good. I thought we helped each other a lot," said Baylor coach Kim Mulkey, whose team held the Cyclones to 24.6 percent shooting. "It's a road win. Road wins are tough to come by."

the Baylor outscored Cyclones (8-10, 2-5) by 38 in used to competing at a high the first half two weeks ago in Waco, and it was nearly as dominant early on in the rematch. a 19-2 lead after a quarter with Iowa State missing 19 of its first 20 shots — and pushed their lead to 26-4 less than 13 minutes into play.

and Cox, whose interior play suffocated the Cyclones.

"Just good defense. Coach (Mulkey) puts emphasis on that all the time, and I tried to move my feet. I had to play inside and out," Cox said.

Though the outcome was Iowa State climb back to 45-30 in the third quarter. But Wallace drilled a corner 3 to put the Lady Bears back ahead by 20.

Bridget Carelton had 24 points for the Cyclones, who've lost five of six.

"They're a monster," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. "I guess the only good thing about tonight is that we don't have to play them again."

Cohen after she played 36 min-

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Just utes against Oklahoma. Cohen, 20 seconds into her first career a co-captain, is averaging 10.8 start, Baylor freshman Didi points and 7.4 rebounds a game.

THE BIG PICTURE

Baylor: The 6-foot-7 Brown and the 6-foot-4 Cox are so good that most teams simply don't have an answer for them, especially when Cox is burying top of the key 3s like she was against Iowa State. But the Lady Bears were sluggish coming out of the halftime break, and a stronger team — like Texas, for instance — might have made them pay for that.

Iowa State: It's no shame to lose to a team as talented as Baylor. But barring a miracle, the Cyclones will miss the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years after earning nine straight bids. Though Fennelly has a lifetime contract for a reason, next year will be crucial for a program

POLL IMPLICATIONS

As the highest-ranked team The Lady Bears stormed out to with a loss, Baylor likely isn't moving up until unbeatens Connecticut, Louisville or Mississippi State lose.

THE NUMBERS

Iowa State was 1 of 17 It was all keyed by Brown shooting in the first quarter and 2 of 15 from 3-point range in the first half. ...Cox, a sophomore, posted her sixth double-double of the season and the seventh of her career. ...Brown had nine rebounds as well. ... The Cyclones were just 5 of 28 from 3-point range. ...Baylor turned it never really in doubt, Baylor let over 17 times, but it outscored Iowa State 36-16 in the paint.

SHE SAID IT

"She has a lot on her shoulders with this team," Mulkey said of Carleton, the only Cyclones player with more than 10 points. "We threw a lot of different people at her."

UP NEXT

Baylor hosts Kansas State on Saturday.

Iowa State hosts No. 17 Baylor rested senior Dekeiya West Virginia on Saturday.

webster's jumper in OT lifts W Illinois over Fort Wayne

MACOMB, Ill. (AP) — of 4 free throws apiece before Kobe Webster scored 24 points Webster hit his jumper in the with four 3-pointers and hit lane off of C.J. Duff's defensive the winning basket with 1.1 rebound. Dylan Carl missed seconds left in overtime, and a jumper on the next Bears' Western Illinois rallied from 10 points down to beat Fort Wayne 75-74 on Wednesday night.

Gilbeck each hit jumpers for a four seconds left. 72-69 Leathernecks lead in OT, 73-72 on his jumper with 2:57 to play. The teams missed 3

possession.

Gilbeck's free throw tied it at 68 at the end of regulation Dalan Ancrum and Brandon and Konchar missed a shot with

Fort Wayne trailed early but but John Konchar scored five scored 13 straight and finished straight and Fort Wayne led on a 10-0 run to lead 36-26 at halftime.







Lua galuega a le malo ua latalata tatala

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

malosi lelei, ma ua mae'a nei.

O lenei galuega, i le sauniga amata lona fausaga, sa fa'ailo tiute fai i aso ta'itasi. ai e mae'a lelei ia Novema 4, fa'aletonu na lutia ai lea galaloaia.

O le aso Lulu o le vaiaso fou e tatala aloa'ia ai mo le atoatoa o lea vaega tele o le uafu.

mai e le Pulega o le Mea Toso Va'a i Satala, o le latou fale fogafalelua lea e fa'atautaia ai latou galuega tau a'oa'oga ma ua fa'amautu fo'i i ai nisi mea sa fa'afalelemalu solo lava i le lotoa, e tatau ona mae'a lelei i le ta'ita'i ma le fa'auluuluga.

nisi o asia le matou galuega, o nofoaga. lo'o pa'o lava i si matou pa'usisi ma ua lelei fo'i ua toe fesiligia e le malo e tatala ai lenei galmai e nisi o ali'i senatoa o le Maota Maualuga, ae ua toetoe a o'o atu le vala'au e pa'au mai e maimoa ma fiafia ua mae'a le Fepuari 2018. galuega!"

lona fausaga, ina ia fa'aofi i ai nisi o vaega e fa o le latou tautua fausaga, atoa ai ma le nofoaga le anofale lea ua alo atu nei i ai. o lo'o fausia ai, o eleele e ao ina fale e fausia ai.

pisi sami fa'atasi ai ma galuega lea. mamafa e faia ai.

I le taimi nei, o lo'o agava'a Ua fa'ailoa e le Matagal- lava le tupe na fa'asoa atu i ai uega o Uafu ma Malaeva'alele, e fa'amae'a ai le faletele lea. ua latalata ona tatala aloa'ia le O se fiafiaga fo'i o le aufaigavaega mo va'alaiti i le uafu tele luega i lea vaega, le va'aia ua i Fagatogo, lea sa toe fausia ia toetoe mae'a le latou fale fou, e fa'aosofia ai fo'i le fiafia e faigaluega ona ua fa'afouina mea sa suaina ai le eleele ina ia uma i le va'ai ma le fa'atinoga o

O le tele o le fale lea e 2016 a'o loma ai le Palotaga 360ftX40ft le e fausia e le kamuo le faigamalo lea ua tutula'i pani lotoifale, PRIMO Builders. nei. Peita'i ona o le tele fo'i o O le agatonu fo'i ona tatalaina aloaia i le vaitau o le sisigafu'a uega, lea ua tatou o'o mai ai pea o lea fale, ina ia maimoaina fo'i i lenei taimi, ua fa'ato'a mae'a e ta'ita'i o Malo e fai mai i le lelei ma ua agava'a e tatalaina tatou Fu'a ma fa'ailoa atu i ai nisi o suiga lelei ua mae'a o'o i ai le nofoaga e tautuaina ai va'a fagota, va'a mo femalaga'iga, maimoaga ma le fa'aaogaina ina ia avea ma se avanoa fa'amaketi o le latou tautua. Pe afai e le gafatia loa e le tatou Ua fa'apena fo'i ona fa'ailoa Nofoaga o Mea Toso Va'a se galuega toe lipea o le a fa'ao'o atu loa i Fiti po'o Aukilani i Niu Sila mo na ituaiga o tautua.

"O le fou o nofoaga e fa'atino ai galuega, o le fa'alagona fo'i lea o le saogalemu i le tagata faigaluega, o lea fo'i ua fa'aosofia isi lua vaiaso o soso'o nei, ona ai ma le fia galue mae'ae'a i fa'alauiloa mai fo'i lea o se latou tiute e fa'atino. E faigata ona tatalaga aloa'ia mo le silafia a le fa'atino tiute pe afai e va'ai atu atunu'u atoa ma le malo i ona e tuai lava mea ia e tau kulisi atu e fa'atino ai le faiva lena e O le fale fogafalelua lea sa te mana'o e fa'amae'a. E tutusa fa'atupeina i le \$1 miliona o le lava ma le lagona fo'i lea pe a tupe na maua mai le fa'atauga e oso atu i le ta'avale fou e te o Pone a le malo. O le susuga tietie ai i le galuega, ma lou oso Moefa'auo Bill Emmsley sa ia i le ta'avale ua 60 tausaga talu fa'ailoa mai, "Ua toeititi lava ona fealua'i, ua tele mea e oia!" uma le galuega, ma e tatau fo'i O se tala ata lea na fa'ailoa mai ona fesiligia aua e le o i ai lava e se tasi o ali'i faigaluega i lea

> O le aso patino ua fa'atulaga uega o Aperila i le vaitau o le Sisigafu'a 2018. Ae o le galuega latou, e mae'a lelei lava ia

I le taimi nei, e iloga mai e Ona o lenei fo'i maota e fou le toe i ai se isi mea e fa'atuai ai le mae'a o le galuega, aua o mea uma e a'afia i le timuga ua ma e fai fo'i si taugata o lona mae'a uma, ae o le fa'aleleiga o

"O le fale pito i tele o lo fa'amautu lelei le fa'avae o se tula'i i lenei lotoa, ua le mafai ona toe fa'aaogaina mai le tele o Afai e mae'a lenei galuega, o tausaga ona ua fa'aleagaina lava le fa'ato'a toe fa'atuina lea o fale e le vai i taimi e timuga ai. O le fou i le Nofoaga o le Mea Toso mae'a ai o le matou fale foga-Va'a talu mai le 60+ tausaga ua falelua lea, o se mea matagofie te'a, ma o se fale lava ua leva na ua tupu i le matou fo'i vaega i tatau ona fausia aua e tele fo'i le lenei tausaga," o a Moefa'auo



O le ali'i talavou ua fa'atalia nei le auai e fai lona sao i le Koneseti a le Tourism a Samoa i le afiafi o le Aso Faraile a sau nei, Reno Anoa'i, o lona tina o Manufou Lia'iga Anoa'i ma le faletua o le tofa Taeaoafua Fofogaoaiga Dr. Meki Solomona - Vaofu'amalo Soliai Solomona ua feiloa'i i le DDW mo 'aiga o le taeao i le aso Tofi talu ai. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



I le saunoga o le Tina matua o Amanda Galeai Iuli, sa auai atu ai Latea Sagapolutele Floor (ogatototonu) ma ona granddaughters - le masaga ia Stephanie ma Danielle - e va'aia lava ia, o se sauniga e toe tepa ai tina uma i le taua o le taimi e fa'aalu e fetufa'i ai ma tausia lelei oe e lau fanau. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



Lua pasi a'oga molimauina le fa'ae'e i luga o le MV Sili i lana malaga i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso na te'a mo le Manu'atele. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

OSOFA'I ST. THERESA MA AVE SIPIKA **TETELE E LUA**

I le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso na te'a nei, na osofa'ia ai e nisi le falea'oga o le St. Theresa i Malaeloa Pope Paul Il po'o le Malisi Tuai ma ave 'ese mai le Computer Laboratory sipika tetele lava e lua, e tatau ona to'a fa tamaiti talavou e si'ia fa'ato'a mafai ona ave.

O se tala faanoanoa mai le tama'ita'i pule, Kathy Taleni, sa ia fa'ailoa mai ai, "Ona ua pau fo'i lea o se fa'aiuga o se vaiaso ua ou le sau ai i le falea'oga tatala ma fai ai ni a'u galuega, ua manatu fo'i ia faia se aoga i le fatuaiga latou, ae ua o'o mai ai i le aso Lua, ua mavae atu le fa'aiuga umi o le vaiaso, ua osofa'ia le matou falea'oga, o i le Coputer Laboratory, ma 'avea nei sipika matua tetele."

O lo'o maofa le tama'ita'i pule ona e le gafatia e se talavou se to'atasi ona si'i le mamafa o le sipika lea, ae lua lea ua avea. O nei fo'i sipika e na'o na teu ai i le potu o Komipiuta ae fa'aaoga i le taimi o tu'ufa'atasiga a le Aoga, po'o ni fiafia po'o fa'au'uga, ae o lea ua si'i fa'atasi e nei luega o le Puipuiga o le Saogalemu Lautele na tagata talepe fale.

Ua mae'a se lipoti a leoleo i lenei mataupu ma ua fa'autagia fo'i e leoleo le aoga ina ia mataala ma fa'alogo i talanoaga a le fanua a'oga, ina ne'i mao masalo i nisi mai mamao, ae o se tasi lava latou te iloa lelei nei mea totino o lo'o aofia i lenei soligatulafono.

"O le tau o nei sipika e \$1,200 i le sipika e tasi, peita'i, e leai lava se isi mea o fa'aleagaina o le potu o masini pe avea fo'i. Pau le mea na matauina sa matala le faitoto'a i tua o le falea'oga, aga'i mai le tagata i le sitepu aga'i i luga talepe le puipui o le potu komipita e oso atu ai i totonu. O le toe ave'esea o sipika nei, sa matala le faitoto'a o le potu komipiuta e pito i luma, o iina na si'i ese atu ai ma avatu ai i lalo i se ta'avale o fa'atali mai ai. E le mafai ona sa'esa'e atu e nisi e to'a fa pe to'alua se sipika fa'apena, e iloa mai lava e le lalolagi uma o avatu," o se isi lea fa'amatalaga fa'aopoopo mai a le Taleni.

Ua fa'ailoa atu ai fo'i i le mamalu lautele, aua o lo'o matele mea e gaoia e i latou o talepe fale i Sipika po'o masini taugata e mafai ona fa'aaogaina e i latou e maua ai le Initeneti. A i ai fo'i se pisinisi po'o se aiga e fia fa'atau atu i ai e se tasi ni sipika tetele ituaiga o le Pevey, o lea ua silafia ua gaoia atu nei Sipika a le a'oga a St. Theresa.

LEAGA LE KIA

Ua maea ona toe auina atu i Samoa le va'alele 9 nofoa a le Talofa Air lea na i ai ni faaletonu i le taimi na tulaueleele ai i le malae va'alele i Pago Pago nei i le aso Tofi ua te'a.

fa'aleleia atili ae o lo'o i ai le va'alele lona lua mauaina fo'i le fa'ailoga o le ta'alo lelei mai le a le Talofa Air o lo'o fa'aaogaina fo'i mo ana vasega o tama ta'a'alo vasega 12 i lenei tausaga. femalagaiga i le va ma Tutuila fa'apea fo'i ma le

toe i ai se fa'aletonu i lana malaga lea, ina ia toe ta'aloga na maimoaina. fa'aleleia se mea na leaga.

Ua mae'a fa'ao'o le lipoti i le FAA e tusa ai o lea fa'aletonu, peita'i ua mae'a fa'ailoa mai fo'i le tala aloa'ia a le FAA, o le mea na tupu i lea malaga a le Talofa Air e le o se fa'alavelave fa'afuase'i e ao ina fa'ailo e ono lamatia ai le

O le tala mai, o le kia o le va'alele na leaga ao aga'i mai i e tu'u ese le pasese, ae ua mae'a tulaueleele.

Ua fa'ailoa fo'i e le sui o le FAA Ian Gregor, "Ua mae'a lipotia mai e le Talofa Air le fa'aletonu, ma ua faia fo'i le suesuega a le FAA."

Ona o se tasi o ali'i Senatoa sa i luga o le va'alele i lana malaga na tau fa'aletonu, o lea sa vave ai ona o'o i iloiloga a le Maota Maualuga se fa'asea, e le'i vave ona o'o atu se galuega fesoasoani a le Pulega a le Malaeva'alele i le taimi na tupu ai lenei fa'alavelave, ma ua avea fo'i ma se lape i le auaunaga a le Matagaluega o Malaeva'alele ma Uafu.

11 TA'AVALE A LE MAO TAOFIA SIAKIGA A LEOLEO

O le siakiga o ta'avale a le Malo e le Matagafa'atautaia I le aso Faraile na te'a nei i Pago Pago, ua taofia ai le 11 o ta'avale mai le toe femalaga'i, aua o nei ta'avale e le o lesitalaina ma laisene mo lenei tausaga ua amata.

E tusa ai ma le fa'amatalaga a le ali'i Komesina o Leoleo, sa ia fa'ailoa ai, "O lenei siakiga o ta'avale a le Malo, o le toe siaki lava po'o ua mae'a ona faia le galuega mo ta'avale a matagaluega taitasi aua o lo'o matele lava ina galo ona fa'afou le laisene o ta'avale ae o lo'o fa'aaogaina lava i galuega ma feoa'iga i alatele."

"O le tiute lava lea e fai o le DPS ia mautinoa o lo'o ave'esea mai ta'avale e le'i lesitalaina ma Laisene mai luga o le alatele," o se toe fa'aopoopo mai lea a le Komesina.

O lenei vaiaso, e o'o ai le siakiga o ta'avale a le malo i le itu i sisifo.

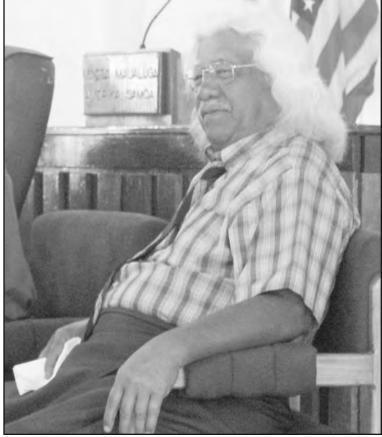
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O le afiafi o le aso Gafua na toe taliu mai ai fanau a'oga sa auina atu i Hawaii e tauva i Ta'amilosaga a le JPS i ta'aloga Football ma le Volley Ball. O latou ta'aloga sa alofaiva i ai na manumalo ai Hawaii West i le tatou All Stars i 'ai e 23-21. Peita'i o le tatou 'au football a tamaiti 7 & 8th Graders na manumalo ia Hawaii West i 'ai e 22-8.

O le tatou Au a Teine Volley Ball na o'o lava le latou taumafai i le ta'amilosaga e saili MOLITA'I VA'ALELE A LE TALOFA AIR NA ai le Auro ma sa latou mauaina le tulaga tolu i le to'afa maualuga lea na saili ai le Siamupini o lenei tausaga.

O le tama'ita'i o Cher Nomura sa ia mauaina le fa'ailoga o le ta'alo lelei i le Volley Ball, o Cisco Mauigoa na ia mauaina le ta'alo lelei i le O le toe avatuga o lea va'a i Samoa ina ia toe Football Division 1 ma le susuga Tala Sufia sa ia

O lo'o malaga mai fo'i le tatou 'au Football Division 1 ma se fa'ailoga fa'apitoa na taua'aoina Ua mae'a fa'ailoa mai, na tu laueleele lelei ona o le auai atu i lenei tausaga ma le mataina lava le va'alele i le Malae i Fagali'i i Samoa e le'i fo'i o le latou ta'a'alo malosi na fa'ailo i a latou



Dr. Iotamo Saleapaga mai le Falema'i o le LBJ.

Tali le LBJ fa'asea i le umi ona fa'atali i le 'ER'

tusia: Fili Sagapolutele

ae le fa'apea o aso uma.

O lenei mataupu na laga e afioga i senetoa." nisi o afioga i senetoa i le vaiaso ua te'a ona sa latou vaaia le susuga i le CEO ma le falema'i. tumutumu o le ER ae umu foi le E sa'o," o sana upu fa'aopoopo taimi o fa'atalitali le mamalu o lea. le atunu'u, e fia vaaia le foma'i ona o gasegase o le tino.

Ae peitai, ua maua e nisi o senetoa fa'amatalaga e fa'apea e o o atu i le lima itula o fa'atali o le mea la e fa'atali ai, ae o nisi o le atunu'u. Sa maua foi fafo," o se fa'amalamaga e le Samoa News fa'amatalaga lea a Dr. Saleapaga. mai nisi o le atunu'u faapea e ER ae fa'atoa maua le avanoa i le afiafi e vaai ai le foma'i.

O le iloiloga a le komiti a le ai e leai nisi i le ER. Maota Maualuga sa ta'itaia e le afioga ia senetoa, Nuanuaolefeagaiga Saoluaga T. Nua, o ia foi Maualuga.

tuuina atu i afioga i senetoa Saleapaga lea. se fa'amalamalamaga o lenei mataupu i le fa'asea ai o le uma o le tausaga e lima ai itula mamalu lautele o le atunu'u, e fa'atali ai le ma'i. Ae so'o se fa'apea afioga i senetoa, ona taimi lava e i ai se fa'ama'i pipisi o le umi o le taimi e fa'atali ai e i ai le taimi e o o ai le ER ua tagata i le ER.

se fa'ama'i pipisi, e pei o le

Dengue, po o le Zika, po o le I le iloiloga a le Maota Mau- misela, po o le chicken-box, o aluga sa faia i le aso Lua o le le taimi tonu lea e toatele ai i vaiaso lenei, sa fa'amanino ai e latou e o atu i le ER," o le sausui sini o le falema'i o le LBJ noaga lea a Dr. Saleapaga e uiga le mafuaga e tumu ai le Emer- i lenei mataupu. "Pei lava o le gency Room, 'ER', i nisi o aso, ER lea e tele i ai fa'asea a le toatele o le atunuu, fa'apea foi

"E le tali ese matou, le

"Ae o taimi fa'apenei, e tatau ai ona lava le onosa'i a le atunuu. Aua o taimi fa'apenei e tumu ai le ER, e le gata i totonu

Sa ia saunoa fo'i e fa'apea taunu'u i le 8a.m. i le taeao i le atonu e i ai nisi o afioga i senetoa, e oo atu i le LBJ e tui le toto i le taeao, e i ai aso e o o atu

O le mea lea, "e fa'amoemoe lava i aluga o le namu lea e talanoa ai tatou, i le dengue. A lea o le sui taitai o le Komiti o fa'apea e tele ni tagata ua afaina le Soifua Maloloina a le Maota i lea aso, pe lua ni aso soso'o, ona outou vaai lea i le toatele o O le susuga ia Dr. Iotamo tagata ua o o atu i le ER. E le Saleapaga mai le LBJ sa tali ese la i le mea lena," o a Dr.

"Ae e le fa'apea la o aso tumu," o se toe fa'aopoopo lea "So'o se taimi e tupu ai a Dr. Saleapaga i lea mataupu.



Va'aiga i le tetele ma le uliuli o le tauasuasu mai alaasu o le Kamupani a le Star Kist i le aso Tofi talu ai. Na pu'ea mai lea ata i lumafale o le Port Administration ma ua iloga lelei, o le toe aso lea e fa'aleleia ai lea tulaga e le Star Kist ona amata ai lea o le pasiga a le EPA i le latou fale gaosi oloa ma toe pasia ai le amata o galuega a tagata faigaluega lea ua amata i le aso Gafua o le vaiaso nei.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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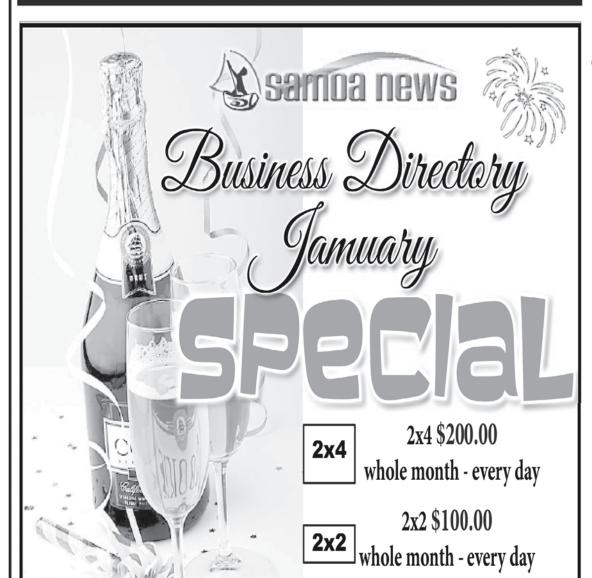
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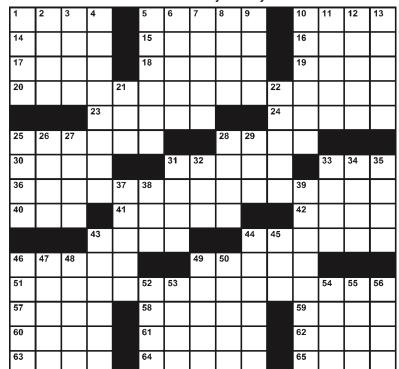
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I can't get these pants open. I think they made 'em childproof."

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Thursday, January 18, 2018 THE LAST WORD IN



Happy Birthday: Keep your life simple and your projects doable. Taking on too much will result in getting little done. Stay rocused and pay more attention to detail and getting things right the first time. Avoid indulgent behavior, temptation and poor influences. Strength and courage are a result of doing what's right, not from following the crowd. Choose what's best for you. Your numbers are 9, 13, 22,

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take the necessary steps to set up a better future. If you aren't happy or you feel you are missing out, do your due diligence and find out what your options are. Don't be fooled by appearances or what others say. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relationships will take time and effort. Refuse to let anyone bait you into an argument. Don't waste time on someone or something you cannot change. Go with the current and you will find an alternative way to get ahead.★*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for an outlet. A fitness regimen will help you blow off steam. Refuse to let your personal problems interfere with your work responsibilities or your friendships with peers. Utilize your time wisely to avoid conflict. Personal improvement is encouraged. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Joint ventures will not run smoothly if you and a partner cannot agree on expenditures, responsibilities or how things should be set up and executed. Consider working on your own and allowing everyone else the same privilege. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be easily distracted by what others do. Don't let temptation take over, leading to excessive behavior. Too much of anything will leave you short of cash and put your reputation in jeopardy. Stick to a budget when making domestic alterations. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Personal improvements can be made as long as you don't go into debt. Attend events that will broaden your awareness and encourage you to make new friends. Love and romance are encouraged and will result in personal happiness. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Personal improvements can be made. A change to the way you look or how you treat others will enhance your important relationships. Do your best to engage in activities that will bring you closer to those you love. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take better care of your health and emotional well-being. An honest self-assessment regarding who you are as a person and what you have to offer will give you more reasons to bring about positive changes to important relationships. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend more time perfecting the way you look and how you treat others. Don't feel obligated to take on someone else's responsibilities. You'll be taken advantage of if you are too gullible. Put your own needs first. Romance is highlighted. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partnerships will face turmoil if you choose to disagree. Question the outcomes based on the options you've been offered. Don't act on what you are led to believe when facts prove differently. Overreacting will not help resolve pending problems. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions will make you face situations you may want to ignore. Don't run and hide. Getting to the bottom of a situation and revealing the truth will be essential to bringing about positive changes. Make smart choices. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Know what you want and devise the best way to go about reaching your goals. Refuse to let emotions take over when money is involved. Joint ventures are not likely to go as well as planned. Do your own thing. ★★



FOOT-DRAGGING BOYFRIEND PUTS ENGAGEMENT ON ENDLESS HOLD

DEAR ABBY: I'm 28 and have been dating my boyfriend, "Spencer," for 2 1/2 years. We have talked a lot about getting married. We know where we want it to be, who will be in our wedding party and what the theme will be.

A year ago we discussed getting engaged. Spencer said he'd propose "sometime within the next year" and last spring it seemed like he was working up the courage to do it. (He was talking about how happy he was and what he was seeing for our future). Then his best friend got his girlfriend pregnant and told Spencer he was thinking about proposing to her. After that, the idea of us getting married went on the back burner. Spencer stopped talking about us, and I think the reason was he didn't want to step on anyone's toes. (It's why he said he didn't want to get engaged when his sister was getting married.)

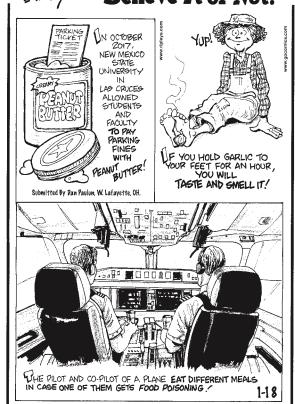
How do I bring up the subject without coming off as pushy or selfish? A lot of our friends are in committed relationships. If we put our lives on hold every time one of them gets engaged, we'll be waiting years before it's our turn and we can start a family. I'd appreciate any advice you might have. -- READY TO MOVE FORWARD

DEAR READY: Not knowing your boyfriend, I can't guess why you haven't received the official proposal. It's time to talk turkey with Spencer and ask him exactly why he seems to be stuck at the starting gate. It was considerate of him to postpone your engagement so it wouldn't distract from his sister's wedding plans. But for him to do it again because of his friend's impending fatherhood doesn't seem like a legitimate reason to me.

DEAR ABBY: I am a tween and I'm scared about getting a disease or sickness. It started when I watched the news one night last month waiting for a show to come on. The news had all these terrible crimes and diseases, and that's when I started freaking out. My friend says I'm crazy, and I'm afraid she's right. All this worrying has me really feeling out of it. What should I do to quit worrying about diseases? -- SOUTHERN GIRL

DEAR SOUTHERN GIRL: There's a saying in the news business, "If it bleeds, it leads." It means the more shocking a story is, the more attention it will grab and the more people will watch. Quieting your fears may be as simple as talking with your parents about what's scaring you, or having them schedule a visit with your pediatrician.





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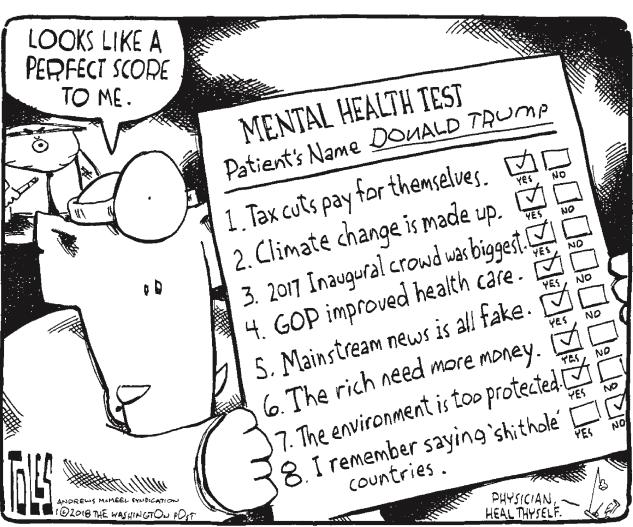






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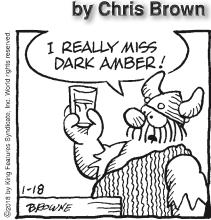
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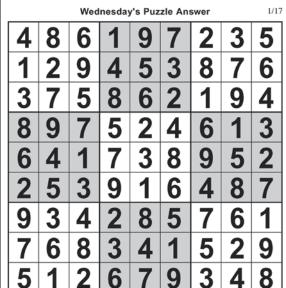


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GARFIELD







by Jim Davis



Britain's Johanna Konta leaves the court after loss to United States' Bernarda Pera during their second round match at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. (AP Photo/Andy Brownbill)

Upsets continue as heat rises: Muguruza, Konta out

Su-wei's game, losing 7-6 (1), 6-4 on Day 4 as the upsets intensified at the Australian Open.

No. 3-ranked Muguruza was the highest-ranked player to fall so far, but follows Venus Wil-Sloane Stephens out of the tournament in the first week.

Muguruza had five doublefaults, including one to give Hsieh a match point, and made 43 unforced errors. She needed a medical time out in the first set, and accidently hit a ball into a line judge in frustration.

Considered one of the contenders for the title after Serena Williams opted against defending her Australian title, Muguruza had a troubled preparation. She retired with cramps in the second round at the Brisbane International and with-

MELBOURNE, Australia Sydney because of a right thigh (AP) - Wimbledon champion injury. With a forecast high of Garbine Muguruza struggled 39 Celsius (102 Fahrenheit), with the heat and against Hsieh Maria Sharapova appeared to be in a hurry to get off the Rod Laver Arena court ASAP in the earlier match on Rod Laver Arena, winning the first set in 23 minutes. The five-time major winner advanced to the third liams and U.S. Open champion round with a 6-1, 7-6 (4) win over No. 14-seeded Anastasija Sevastova.

"It's a warm day. I did my job in two sets against someone that's been troubling in the past for me," said Sharapova, who missed last year's tournament while serving a 15-month doping ban. "So third round of the Australian Open, I don't know, I think I deserve to smile out there after that victory."

Ninth-seeded Johanna Konta was more exposed to the heat on an outside court, and lost to U.S. lucky loser Bernarda Pera 6-4, 7-5.No. 123-ranked drew before her quarterfinal at Pera is making her Grand Slam debut and, after losing in the last round of qualifying, didn't even know she had a spot in the main draw until Monday when Russia's Margarita Gasparyan withdrew with an injury.

> Konta saved three match points in the ninth game of the second set, then broke Pera to level at 5-all.

But Pera clinched it on her fifth match point when Konta, a semifinalist here in 2016, shanked an overhead at the net.

"It feels amazing. I was ready to leave on Monday and then they told me I'm in, so I was obviously excited. I was checking the tickets to fly back. I'm happy I didn't buy one."

Pera will next play No. 20 Barbora Strycova, who beat Lara Arruabarrena 6-3, 6-4.

Also advancing were No. 8 Caroline Garcia, who beat Marketa Vondrousova 6-7 (3), 6-2, 8-6, and No. 26 Agnieszka Radwanska, who next plays Hsieh.

Lauren Davis beat Andrea Petkovic 4-6, 6-0, 6-0 and has a potential third-round match against top-ranked Simon Halep, who was playing Eugenie Bouchard later Thursday.

Former No. 1-ranked Karolina Pliskova dropped only a game in each set of a win or Beatriz Haddad Maia.

Sam Querrey was the latest of the leading U.S. men eliminated when he lost his secondround match 6-4, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-2 to 80th-ranked Marton Fucsovics. No. 8 Jack Sock and No. 16 John Isner went out in the first round.

The 13th-seeded Querrey was one of 10 American players — men and women — to reach the second round from the 32 who started the main draws.

No. 5 Dominic Thiem rallied from two sets down to defeat 190th-ranked American qualifier Denis Kudla 6-7 (6), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 in the second round. No. 21 Albert Ramos beat another American, wildcard entry Tim Smyczek 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (2).





