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Team Amerika Samoa's All-Star Football Team – Coaching Staff, led by Head Coach Taveuveu Kolose Ili (far right). They will be leading our local high school all star football team to the State of Hawaii tomorrow night to compete in the Junior Prep Sports (JPS) Classic III that will be held at Aloha Stadium next week. [photo: TG]

Coach Merton Hunkin from Faga'itua High School's football program informing the players of the American Samoa All-Star team of their stations, just before practice at the Veterans Memorial Stadium – their preparations leading up to the Junior Prep Sports Paradise Football Classic III. [photo: TG]

Moses Michael Samia, David Mikaele, Iosefa Mauga and some of the running backs lining up at their station during practice at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. [photo: TG]

American Samoa's All-Star Football Team — READY TO WIN!

IT'S BY FAR THE MOST TALENTED GROUP TO COMPETE IN THE CLASSIC

by T. Gasu
Samoa News Sports Correspondent

The American Samoa High School All-Star Football Team is looking to make their second appearance in the Junior Prep Sports (JPS) Paradise Football Classic III that will officially open next week Monday, January 8, 2018 – with the opening ceremony scheduled at Bladesdale Convention Center in Hawai'i.

Some members of the All-Star teams, like the Girls All-Star Volleyball Team and Head Coach Lydia Faleafine Nomura, as well as some of the Division I All-Star Football Team have already departed, while others such as Head Coach Taveuveu Kolose Ili and the American Samoa High School All-Star Football Team are scheduled to depart the territory tomorrow night for Hawai'i.

Coverage of the American Samoa All-Star Football Team is proudly sponsored and brought to you by Congresswoman Aumua Amata.

Team Amerika Samoa who consists of 14 players from Samoana High School, 14 players from Tafuna High School, 9 players from Faga'itua High School, 6 players from Leone High School, and 4 players from the Nu'uuli Wildcats program – were selected by the American Samoa High School Athletics Association (ASHSAA) according to Head Coach Ili. "ASHSAA came up with the selection process, and I think halfway through the season, they based a number of players through the schools, at the time."

(Samoa News notes that SHS is the current reigning champions of the ASHSAA Football League, while THS is who played against Samoana in the championship game.)

As of their preparations heading up to the JPS Paradise Football Classic III, Head Coach Taveuveu told Samoa News, "It's been positive, the kids we have this year are very talented … there's definitely been an upgrade. We've got some very athletic kids, so it sort of made everything easier this year for the coaches to mold the talent and putting everything together as far as game planning is concerned."

He continued, "So it's been very uplifting, very positive, it's the holidays so the kids are also feeling that spirit – we have a very good team this year."

This year is also the first year that the All-Star invitation has opened up to the Juniors in ASHSAA Football, which has secured the talent in team American Samoa, according to Head Coach Taveuveu. "If you base the team on just Seniors, you're definitely not basing on talent alone, your basing on the status of the players as far as classes are concerned."

Taveuveu added, "Last year we took some players that were Seniors, but they weren't as good as far as the underclassmen at the same position – so this year all of these kids are ASHSAA All-Stars regardless of their status. These kids were also not only hand picked by their respective coaches, but were also recommended by all the coaches on other teams."

He said of the bonding needed to make it 'one team', "As coaches, we made it a col-

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Photos by Esther

FILE - In this Oct. 22, 2017, file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, center, talks with an official during the first half of the team's NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals in Pittsburgh. Tomlin was the only other coach named on all 11 ballots in voting by an Associated Press panel for the top NFL coaches, and finished second with 81 points. He has won six division titles, two AFC championships and one Super Bowl since replacing Bill Cowher in 2007. **(AP Photo/Keith Srakocic,**

Steelers standout O-line a tribute to Munchak's approach

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Munchak doesn't live in a bubble.

If anything, he makes it a point to avoid it.

So do the players he mentors as the offensive line coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

So when the Hall of Famer's name popped up as a candidate for the open head coaching job in Arizona this week, Munchak didn't ignore the elephant in the room.

Neither did his guys.

"We told him to enjoy the West Coast," Chris Hubbard said with a laugh. "Enjoy being out there closer to your daughter."

Hubbard was kidding. For now anyway.

Just because the AFC North champions have given the Cardinals permission to interview Munchak doesn't mean he's going to get the job.

Then again, if Munchak needs a reference or two, he won't lack for volunteers.

Look no further than the group Munchak has helped turn into one of the best offensive lines in the league, one bent on making sure their mentor will have to wait until early February before moving on to the next opportunity should one come along.

Over the course of the past four seasons, Munchak has taken a line filled with disparate personalities and pedigrees and turned it into a cohesive group and made most of them millionaires several times over in the process. When asked if Munchak deserves a cut of the profits, to a man they say yes.

Of course, Munchak would never take it. What's the fun in that when he can use the knowledge he's one of the lowest-paid guys in the room — and the only one, by the way, with a bust in Canton, Ohio — to bring out the sense of humor he uses to disarm and instruct, often at the same time. Film sessions are equal parts teaching mechanism and stand-up act.

"He'll make fun of you in a funny, nonaggressive way, not to where (you're offended)," said four-time Pro Bowl guard David DeCastro, whose rise to one of the best in the league coincided with Munchak's arrival in 2014.

"If he makes fun of you, you laugh about it but then it's still in the back of your head right, so you remember (the lesson) at the same time."

Four years and four playoff berths into Munchak's tenure, the lessons have been many. While left tackle Alejandro Villanueva stressed the line's only goal is "to win the game and keep (quarterback) Ben (Roethlisberger) upright," let's give it a try anyway.

Over the first decade of Roethlisberger's career, he was sacked an average of 42 times a season. Since Munchak arrived, that number has dropped to 22½ a season.

Though there are other factors at play, namely Roethlisberger's continued evolution, the presence of some of the best skill position players in the league in wide receiver Antonio Brown and running back Le'Veon Bell, the line's contributions can't be overlooked.

And those contributions start with Munchak, who has preached an ethos that could best be described as a jumbo-sized version of the "Three Musketeers."

"He created an offensive line and an offensive line is not about individuals, it's about the collective culture you have in the room," said Villanueva, a former practice squad player who made his first Pro Bowl this season.

"I've been nothing more than a product of his environment, the standards that he sets and the way he coaches."

A method that resonates in a room filled with everything from surefire bets DeCastro and center Maurkice Pouncey (both former first-round picks) to undrafted free agents such as Villanueva, Hubbard and left guard Ramon Foster.

Despite a resume that includes a Hall of Fame jacket and a spot on the 1980s All-Decade team during his career with the Houston Oilers, Munchak carries himself like an everyman.

"He understands the game so well so it makes you feel very comfortable when you talk to him about things," Villanueva said. "He's not panicking or freaking out when some things are not going right. He's always the same consistent person every single day."

Things have rarely gone wrong for the Steelers this season. The line has stayed remarkably healthy, the only real trouble spot coming when right tackle Marcus Gilbert served a four-game suspension for violating the league's performance-enhancers policy.

Hubbard stepped in and played admirably in Gilbert's absence. The Steelers went 3-1 during that stretch, the only loss to New England in a game that wasn't decided until the final seconds.

"He treats everybody the same, he has no favorites," Hubbard said. "That's a big part of what we have. That's why we're so close. We can talk about anything that may go on."

Including Munchak's possible departure. Yet the men Munchak coaches aren't wasting any time getting prematurely nostalgic. They're well aware Munchak, who went 22-26 in three seasons as head coach in Tennessee from 2011-13, is capable of taking over the big job.

And they'll be the first ones to congratulate him if it happens. There's also a job to do. What better way to bolster Munchak's stock than by having the line help pave the way to a seventh Super Bowl?

Samoana High School Head Coach Pati Pati – who is the Defensive Coordinator for the American Samoa All-Star Football Team, working with his defense during their all star practice. Their preparations for the upcoming JPS Paradise Football Classic III. [photo: TG]

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laborative effort from the beginning – ASHSAA has also been pushing the same message, to try and make sure that the kids are a united front."

He continued, "We're not Faga'itua, we're not Tafuna, we're not Samoana – we're team Amerika Samoa. Every chance we get we try to get the message across to the kids , and I think it's been very positive and the kids are buying into it, to being one unit and hopefully it'll reflect on the field."

Samoa News asked Taveuveu about American Samoa's focus for the JPS Paradise Football Classic III. He said, "We have to be consistent on both sides of the ball on both offense and defense – fortunately for us, we have Tala Sufia (Tafuna High School quarterback) and Vito Kitiona (Faga'itua High School quarterback) who were the only two underclassmen that we were able to take with us to the Classic last year – so they they do bring some experience as far as the JPS Classic is concerned.

"We also have a lot of good running backs and good offensive linemen that I think we'll be able to execute the game plan that we do put it – and on the other side, on our defensive side of the ball, we have some very lengthy and fast skill position players, linebackers, as well as defensive linemen who can compete at that level."

In conclusion, Head Coach Taveuveu wanted to thank everyone who has supported them in their preparations for the upcoming Junior Prep Sports Paradise Football Classic III.

He said, "This is the third year and we're thankful for the invitation from Robert Faleafine as well as Lydia Faleafine Nomura and the whole JPS organization. We're also thankful to Honorable Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga and the Government of American Samoa for footing the bill … so that these kids are able to go to Hawa'ii and be a part of this excitement and to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to showcase their athleticism and abilities – as well as to putting American Samoa on the map."

Taveuveu concluded, "ASHSAA has been wonderful, our special thanks to the DOE Director Dr. Ruth Matagi Tofiga, who has been really advocating for this to happen and she's really been putting forth the effort that not only the players get to go – but the best of the players and the best of the coaches to represent American Samoa.

"Our special thanks as well goes out to the parents of my players and the community for putting up the money for this additional journey," he said.

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American Samoa All-Star wide receiver Ali'itoa Langkilde of Leone High School, getting a play call from Offensive Coordinator Travis Shalhout – during their route running drills at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. [photo: TG]

Bellerin rescues Arsenal by clinching 2-2 draw with Chelsea

LONDON (AP) — Hector Bellerin came to Arsenal's rescue in stoppage time to clinch a 2-2 draw against Chelsea after conceding in an absorbing Premier League encounter on Wednesday.

All four goals came in the final half hour of a game that left third-place and defending champion Chelsea 16 points behind Manchester City and Arsenal 23 adrift of the leaders.

The deficit would have been even worse for the sixth-place hosts had Bellerin not redeemed himself. The right back's challenge on Eden Hazard had allowed the Chelsea winger to cancel out Jack Wilshere's opener in the 67th minute.

Marcos Alonso fired Chelsea in front in the 84th with his sixth goal of the season, but wasn't as meticulous back on defensive duties in the second minute of stoppage time. A headed clearance went straight to Bellerin, who leveled with a half-volley.

Chelsea was still pursuing the winner in the third minute of stoppage time when defender Davide Zappacosta struck the crossbar.

Had striker Alvaro Morata not missed so many chances this could have been a third consecutive win for Chelsea. Chelsea is becoming reliant on Alonso for goals, with the left-sided defender the team's second-highest scorer behind Morata.

On the night when Diego Costa scored on his return to Atletico Madrid from Chelsea, the ferocious forward seems just what the champions have required at times.

Instead all Chelsea and Arsenal can realistically now achieve through the league is Champions League qualification. Even that could be beyond Arsene Wenger's side, with fourth place five points away.

Fortune wasn't on Arsenal's side against Chelsea.

Alexis Sanchez managed to hit both posts in the 16th — with the ball pinging from one side of the goal to the other without crossing the line. Then Chelsea goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois blocked Alexandre Lacazette's low shot on the turn.

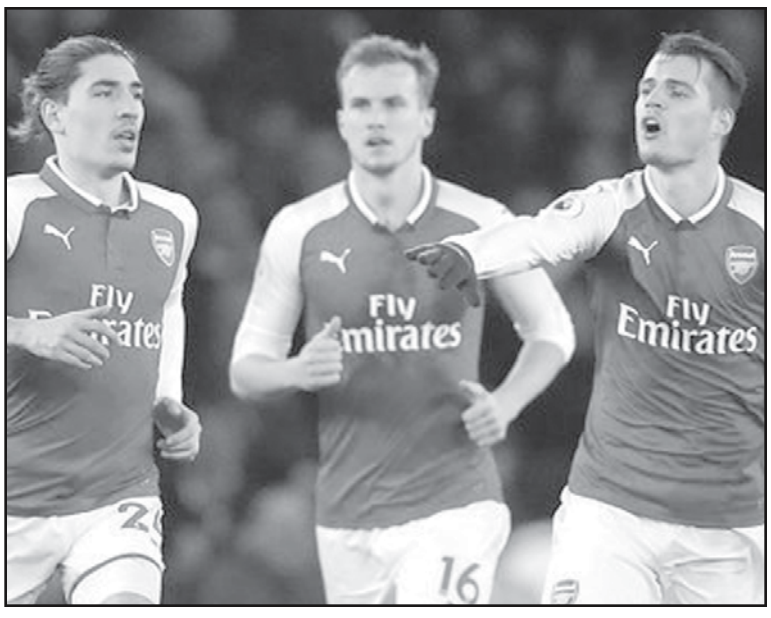
After Hazard and Alonso were denied by Petr Cech at the start of the second half, Courtois used his sprawling body to again thwart Lacazette.

Wilshere, who had been booked in the first half for a challenge on former Arsenal teammate Cesc Fabregas, was fortunate to avoid a second yellow card for diving just before scoring.

Wilshere stayed on the pitch and lit up the game by combining with Mesut Ozil before scoring an eye-catching goal, slamming a fierce shot off the left hand post and into the net. In an Arsenal career punctuated by injuries and a season on loan at Bournemouth, it was Wilshere's first league goal since May 2015.

Wilshere's good work was undone when Bellerin's high challenge on Hazard led to the equalizer from the spot.

"He's always very quick in the box," Bellerin said. "I saw the ball in the air and I tried to challenge for it. We both went for the ball at the same time."



Arsenal's Hector Bellerin, left, celebrates scoring his side's second goal with Arsenal's Granit Xhaka during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Chelsea at Emirates stadium in London, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. (AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

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Head Coach of the American Samoa All-Star Football Team, Taveuveu Kolose Ili talking to his team during a break at practice – their preparations for the upcoming Junior Prep Sports (JPS) Paradise Football Classic III that will be held at the Aloha Stadium in Hawaii next week. [photo: TG]

Saints defense bracing for first test vs Pan thers' Olsen

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — When Saints cornerback Marshon Lattimore finished reviewing game video of the latest performance by New Orleans' defense, he came away unimpressed, but not discouraged.

"We didn't get up for that game and that's on us. We know we've got to step it up," Lattimore said after practice Wednesday, as the Saints prepared for their postseason clash on Sunday with Carolina. "It's the playoffs, so that's in the past. We're going to get the job done. We didn't lose our confidence at all. We're good. We're going to get up for this game for sure."

Lattimore and fellow Saints defenders not only have to address their recent backsliding as a unit, but also for the presence of star Carolina tight end Greg Olsen, who didn't play in either of these teams' previous two meetings this season.

"You're talking about one of the better tight ends in the game. Not having him is significant and having him is huge," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "He's smart. He's tough. He blocks for the run. He enjoys competing and quite honestly, he does so many little things well in regards to zone or man, that third down or red zone — pick a situation — it's just significant."

Olsen missed nine games with a foot injury this season. He played in Carolina's last four regular season games, with as many as nine receptions in one game.

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11 : am	30' The Swan Club (E,R)	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)		Encore Drama The Swan Club		The Beauty K-pop World Festiva	
12 NOON	40' Heritage Tomorrow	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)					
1 : pm	50' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)					
2 : pm		The Swan Club (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		K-RUSH (E,R) K-RUSH (E,R)
3 : pm	30' Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	Drama Special 2017 K-pop World Festiva	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit K-RUSH (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	The Swan Club (E,R) K-pop World Festiva	Music Bank
4 : pm	50' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	The Unit (E,R)	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	
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6 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R) # 20, 21, 22 Final	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R) # 6, 7, 8	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R) # 32, 33, 34	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R) # 6, 7, 8	The Swan Club (E,R) Jisook's Table for O'		2017 KBS Drama Awards (E,R)
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8 : pm		Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)					
9 : pm	40' KBS World News Today 00' UHD UNESCO World Heritage Special (E,R)	Heritage Tomorrow The Swan Club (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Music Bank (Live)	Happy Together (E,R)	
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11 : pm	40' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)					* Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E)
12 : 00 Next Day	20' Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)						
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4 : am	20' Encore Drama Lovers of Music (E,R)						
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8 : am				K-pop World Festival Global Audition		My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	
9 : am	20' The Swan Club (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		"Gunman in	The Beauty

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O le tatalo amata ma sina upu fa'ala'eiau sa ta'ta'ia ma saunoa i ai Rev. Siulagi Solomona, o se uso ia te ia.

Na mua lava le avanoa i le fa'auluuluga o le faigamalo, ma tula'i ai le Sui Kovana Lemanu Peleti Mauga, ma fa'apea ai, "O lenei uso i le galuega, e le faigofie i le Kovana ma le Kapeneta lona tu'ua o le Malo. O se tasi sa tua i ai le Kovana i sana fa'asoa, ma sa tele fo'i ina fesiligia mo se fesoasoani i ni fa'ai'uga faia i lo matou lava va fa'aleuso i le galuega. Pe faatolu lava ona vala'auina o ia e avea ma sui o le Kovana Sili i nisi o fa'atasiga na fa'atulaga. Peitta'i, pe a ou vala'auina e na te fa'aauauina lea sao maualuga, e toe fesiligia mai, 'A'o le a lau mea na e fai? O le mea lena a oe, ia suia le Kovana i nei mea taua, ae le o a'u!' Pe a avatu loa se mafuaga ua le mafai ai e lo'u sui ona auai, e faigofie lava ona malie mai, ona o le usita'i ma lona naunau ia faia le tiute fai tau le malo."

"O le tele o taimi e le finauvale ona taofi, e taofiofi le avafatafata ma le tofa mamao ina ia i'u lelei fonotaga, ma ia fefa'apalepalea'i sui uma o le kapeneta ma ia galulue fa'atasi, ia i'ulelei taumafaiga uma, e lelei ona manatu faufautua i le faiga-

(Faaauau itulau 7)

Molimau…

Mai itulau 6

malo, e mau fa'atuatuaina fo'i e le afioga Kovana Lolo Moliga lana tuualalo i le tele o taimi e lutaluta ai le sa ma le folauga a le faigamalo."

"Ina ua pipi'i le ata o le aiga o Taeaoafua i le pi'oga muamua i Nuuuli, sa ou vala'au i ai, 'Se ua e toe fa'aleagaina lava le ata o Va ma tamaiti.' Leai ua e loto leaga aua e leai sou ata fa'apena. O nai suaga na i le olaga faigaluega ma le afioga le Foma'i, e i ai lona loto alofa i lona aiga, e pele ia te ia le tina ma le fanau, e fautua fo'i ina ia o i aiga e fa'afeiloa'ia tou aiga ma le alofa, e le toe mautinoa le taimi o totoe."

"Sa tautua i lona aiga i ona suafa Matai Taeaoafua ma Fofogaoaiga, sa tautua i lona malo, sa tautua i Kamupani Tumaoti, sa tautaua i fanau i A'oga, sa tautua i lana Ekalesia i Leone i lona tofi Tiakono. Fa'afetai i le Atua ona o oe ma lou sao ua goto lou la, ae ua matou se'e ai i ma'a malie," o a Lemanu lea.

Na soso'o lea ma le malelega a le afioga le Ma'oputasi Mauga T. Asuega, lea sa ia fa'ailoa ai, "I tausaga ta'itasi mo le sisigafu'a a le atunu'u, e matou te filifilia se tasi e fia teuteuina le atunu'u e tatalia ai malo fa'aaloalogia ina ia le fa'aletonu, o lenei lava le Fa'atonusili e lalamua i lo'u taofi. Taeaoafua Dr Meki e faia le mea atoa. E leai se toe tali mai po'o se leo pa'ulua, ae na'o le fa'afetai mo le avanoa e faia ai le mea sili e lenei matagaluega."

"Ia silamio le atunu'u, e matagofie tausaga ta'itasi ona o le sao o lana matagaluega i so'o se taimi mo fa'atasiga tetele, fa'afetai le tautua, fa'afetai le fai mea mafai, faafetai i le sapaia o le finagalo o lenei vaega o le tatou malo, o lo outou sao, e atili ona avatu ai tala matagofie o le tatou Malo ma lana taligamalo i fafo i o tatou uso a malo sa vala'auina fa'apitoa. O ituaiga tagata fa'apenei, e mou atu ae le mou le matagofie o mea sa e iloa ai i lenei olaga, e tumau i lou fatu e pei o se ata matagofie ana galuega sa faia ma aoga ai mo oe. O ia lava o se ta'ita'i lelei, agava'a ma o se taitai Kerisiano fo'i o ia!"

O le afioga Lenamuaiao Galea'i L.K. Tuufuli, na ia toe fa'atepa le aofia i le amataga mai o le soifuaga o Taeaoafua i lona ola a'e ai i Fagatogo, a'o avea ona matua ma Fa'afeagaiga taulagi i le Ekalesia a Iesu i Samoa i Fagtogo.

"Ina ua taliu mai Rev. Siulagi ma Fuarosa Solomona mai le la'ua fa'amisionare i Papua Niu Kini, ua mae'a i ai uma le fanau, e o'o lava ia Sina. Ona sau ai loa lea o Meki o se tama talavou, tino lelei ma le leo tele. E fiafia i ai nisi tamaiti, ae fefefe ai isi ona o lona tino lelei. O lea fo'i se taimi na amata ai ona a'oga i Fiailoa School ma e savavali fa'atasi uma lava ma tamaiti o Fagatogo i le a'oga."

"O se tasi lenei o alo o le atunu'u sa ou mata'ia pe tua ma ni a ae avea ma se ta'ita'i o le tatou faigamalo. I taimi sa tauva ai, e le'i mama lo'u taofi lana taumafaiga. Sa iloga lona tula'i mai, peita'i o lea ua vala'au le Atua, e tu'u mea uma ae alu. O le a mou malie atu fo'i lona leo i le fa'alogo, ae o lo'o tumau ana galuega ua fua, le fanau talavou a le atunu'u na aoga i ai e a'oa'o, fa'aauau le faiva ua tu'ulima atu ia te outou, fai ia mafai."

O lana vasega sa matua umi i ai le taimi o molimau, aua o i latou nei, sa iloga ona umi le latou mafutaga, ae o le latou olaga fa'atasi mai mo le silia i le 50 tausaga, sa taumafai sui taito'atasi e fa'amatala i le na'o le 5-10 minute le umi o le tautinoga.

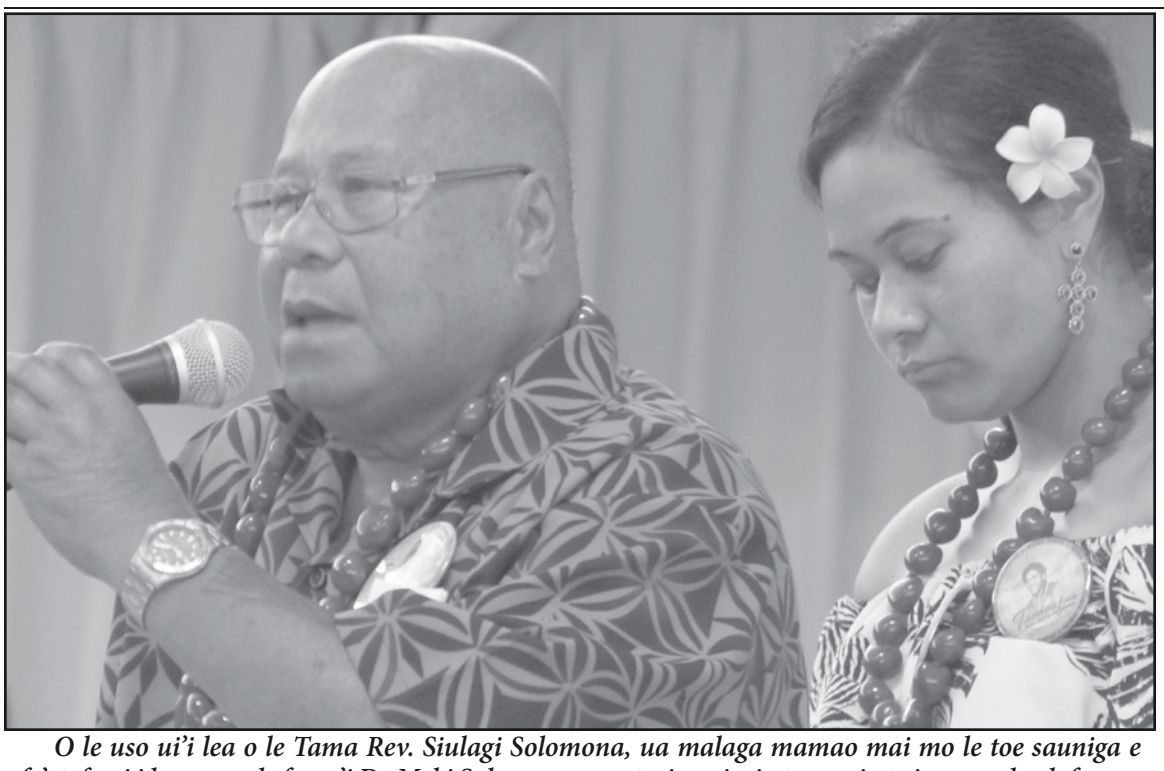
Na amata mai le latou folauga a'o a'o'oga fa'atasi i latou i le Fiailoa School, lea ua i'u nei ina avea lava ma Samoana High School.

O i latou na o'o lava i fafo le sailiga, ma sa matele ina a'o'oga fa'atasi fo'i i Iunivesite mo le sailiga o tusi pasi maualuluga, e pei ona mua'i maua nei e ia, a'o le'i atoa lona 30 tausaga o le soifua.

(Faaauau itulau 8)

O se va'aiga i le nofoaga sa alaalata'i ai le aufaipese a le Malo, o le aufaipese lava lea a le DHSS ua totoe nei o le latou sui fa'atonu sli John Suisala ua ia fa'auluulu i ai lea auaunaga mo tagata lautele. Tau ina ua pa'u se toa ae tu se toa!

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O le uso ui'i lea o le Tama Rev. Siulagi Solomona, ua malaga mamao mai mo le toe sauniga e fa'atofa ai i le susuga le foma'i Dr Meki Solomona, o se tasi e asiasi atu pea ia te ia ona o le alofa, ma le tausi aiga. Ua totoe o ia o lo'o soifua mai o le auuso e to'alima ma tuafafine e to'alua.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Tete'e Thomas Siaumau moliaga, aofia ai moliaga mamafa e 6

Tusia: Fili Sagapolutele

O ali'i o lo'o masalomia i le auai i le tafanaina o se ta'avale leoleo i le masina ua te'a, ua ia teena moliaga fa'asaga ia te ia.

O le aso 29 o Tesema 2017 sa tulai ai le susuga ia Thomas Siaumau i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga i lana uluai iloiloga ma ia teena ai moliaga sa faila e le malo.

O le loia fautua ia Douglas Fiaui, sa tulai mo le ua molia ma fa'ailoa i le fa'amasinoga le teena e Siaumau o moliga e iva e pei ona faila e le malo. I le teena ai e Siaumau o moliaga a le malo, ua fa'atulaga ai loa le isi ana iloiloga i le masina fou.

Mai moliaga e iva o lo'o tuuaia ai Siaumau, e 6 moliaga mamafa, ae 3 moliaga mama.

O le amataga o le vaiaso ua te'a na taua ai e le afioga i le Komesina o Leoleo, Le'i Sonny Thompson, i le Samoa News e fa'apea talu ai ona o lo'o fa'auau pea suesuega a leoleo i lenei mataupu, o le a le mafai ai ona auiliiliina mai tu'uaaiga po'o moliaga fa'asaga ia Siaumau.

O le lua vaiaso talu ai sa taofia fa'apagota ai e leoleo ia Siaumau ina ua faila e le malo moliaga fa'asaga ia te ia, e auala mai lea i se poloaiga a le fa'amasinoga.

Ae o le aso 27 o Tesema, sa tulai ai Siaumau i luma o le afioga i le ali'i fa'amasino ia Fiti A. Sunia, i le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, mo se tasi o ana iloiloga. Ma i lea taimi sa talosagaina ai e le itu tete'e le ali'i fa'amasinoga e fa'atulaga se tino i tupe e mafai ai ona tatala i tua Siaumau e fa'atalitali ai lana mataupu a'o fa'agasolo i luma o le fa'amasinoga.

Saunoa le loia fautua a le ua molia, Ryan Anderson, e faapea i le taimi na taofia ai Siaumau e leai se tupe fa'atulaga e tatala ai o ia i tua, ae i lalo o le Fa'avae Toe Teuteu a Amerika Samoa, o lo'o taua ai le agava'a o Siaumau i se tupe fa'atulaga e tatala ai i tua.

Ae sa fiau le loia a le malo, Woodrow Pengelly, ma fa'atuiese i lea talosaga ona e 6 moliaga mamafa fa'asaga ia Siaumau, ma e le o se taimi muamua foi lea ua tulai ai lenei taulealea i luma o le fa'amasinoga.

Ae sa tali le susuga ia Anderson e faapea e moni e le o se taimi muamua lea o Siaumau i molia ai i le tulafono, ae o lo'o lo'o i ai lona aia tatau i lalo o le fa'avae o Amerika Samoa e fa'atulaga ai le pone - pe o le tupe e tatala ai i tua.

Sa toe finau Pengelly e faapea sa i ai nisi o mataupu faapea i le vaitaimi ua fano, sa le fa'atulagaina ai e le faamasinoga se tupe o se pone, ona o le tulaga matuia o i latou sa tuuaia i solitulafono.

I le fa'aiuga a le Sunia, sa ia fa'atumau ai pea e leai se tupe fa'atulaga e tatala ai le ua molia ia tua, ma e mafai e le itu tete'e ona toe laga lenei mataupu i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga.

E pei ona lipotia e le Samoa News i lana lomiga ia Tesema 19, o lo'o taua ai e le Komesina o Leoleo ia Le'i Sonny Thompson i se fa'atalanoaga ma le Samoa News e faapea o le po o le aso 14 o Tesema sa tafana ai e se tagata pe o ni tagata se ta'avale leoloe i le nofoaga o le Tony Solaita Baseball Field in Tafuna.

O le fa'alavelave e pei ona saunoa le Komesina o Leoleo, na tula'i mai i le taimi na aga'i atu ai se ta'avale a Leoleo e tali i se valaau mai le Leoleo po a le ASTCA, e uiga i ni cherry bomb na tauai atu e ni tagata i totonu o le lotoa a le ASTCA.

Na taunu'u Leoleo ma taamilo i le lotoa mo sina taimi, ona fa'aauau atu ai lava lea o le siaki masani a Leoleo i le itu o lo o i ai le malae Baseball i tua atu o le o le nofoaga autu a le ASTCA.

A o fa'atino le siaki masani a Leoleo, sa moimauina le faitoto'a o le pa o loo matala, ona manatu ai loa lea o Leoleo ina ia siaki totonu o le lotoa pe aisea ua matala ai le pa o le malae Baseball. Na oso i fafo le isi Leoleo ma savali atu e siaki le pa ae ave atu e le isi Leoleo le ta'avale.

I le taimi na tulioso uma ai i fafo Leoleo ma aga'i atu i totonu o le lotoa, na la vaaia ai loa se moli (flash) e foliga o se moli o se fana o loo aga'i mai i le isi itu pogisa o le malae. O iina na la iloa ai loa se tagata o loo ia fanaina le la ta'avale Leoleo. O le isi pulufana na nuti nini'i ai le tioata pito i tua o le ta'avale pikiapu a Leoleo, ma agai atu ai le pulufana ma masae ai le vaega o le nofoa e faalagolago ai le ulu o le ave ta'avale, ae o le isi pulu na fana ma pu ai le faitoto'a o le pasese i le itu taumatau.

Molimau...

Mai itulau 7

Taliu mai o ia ae le'i umi ona tautua i lona malo e ala i le faia'oga ma soso'o ai ina Pule Lua i le Samoana, ma toe avea ai ma Pule A'oga i Samoana lava, ae maliu lona tama. O le tofi loa o le ulumatua tama ua tu'uina atu ia te ia. O le tausiga o lona tina ma nai ona tei uma sa ia te ia lea.

Molimau fo'i Silulu Teofilo, i le puipuiga a Meki ia te ia, e le'i fa'atalatu'u, lave i le fasi ina ia sa'o le va'ai ma le fa'amuamua i le a'oga, lea ua aoga, o lana lea fa'afetai i lona tuagane sa latou nonofo fa'atasi mai i o latou matua i Kalefonia, ia Aunty Saili ma lona to'alua i Carson.

Na fa'alauiloa e i latou le laau sa sasa ai tamaiti, na avea ma ata o le laupepa muamua o le Nusipepa, o sasa ai e le Pulea'oga Dr Meki Solomona le fanau e tuai i le a'oga ma le o i vasega, e matele i fanau mai Nuuuli ma Fagatogo. "O le igoa o lea la'au o le Komiti Fa'afoe a le Matagaluega o A'oga!"

"A mae'a ona sasa le fanau lea, e toe fetaui uma lava i le potu o le pule a'oga, ona fesiligia lea pe tutuli le fanau i aiga, ae tasi lava le tali, 'E leai, se'i o muamua e ta'a'alo leaga o lea e fa'atuatuaina le vaega lea i le au football. A uma loa, a malo e le tutulia, ae a faiaina, ona tutuli lea ma tusi i matua."

"Lea ua va'aia le suiga i olaga o nei fanau, ua toe taliu mai ma ua tutula'i i totonu o le faigamalo a Tutuila ma Manu'a i tofiga lelei, aisea, ona o le fa'atonu a le Komiti Fa'afoe o le Matagaluega o A'oga," o se vaega lea o le molimau a le tama'ita'i fa'atonu o Uafu ma Malaeva'alele, Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele.

"O se tasi e faamoemoe i ai le matou saogalemu, sa matou fa'atuatuaina e avea ma puipuimalu i lo matou olaga a'oa'oina ma tausaili i kolisi ma Iunivesite i fafo, fa'afetai Meki mo lou alofa fa'atuafafine ia i matou uma sa i ou autafa a'o tatou a'o'oga mai le laiti se'ia o'o ina tatou toe taliu mai i fanua. O se tasi e fautua ma fa'atino na ia una'ia ai matou fa'amoemoe i se taunu'uga lelei," o sana toe fa'aopoopo mai lea.

O le latou pese faigata ona nota sa latou pepese ai, "And then there was You!" O se fatuga e foliga mai i le vaitau ua maua ai le avanoa o Dr. Meki e alofa i se tama'ita'i, lea sa ia filifilia ai Vaofu'a Soliai o Nuuuli. Peita'i ina ua mae'a uma molimau a le vasega, sa latou toe usuina ai le Tofa la'u Feleni.

Na tula'i fo'i le tama matua, Maluafou Solomona, o le toe uso o le tama o Taeaoafua, Rev. Siulagi Solomona o soifua pea ma e fa'ato'a taunu'u mai fo'i mo le aso fa'apitoa o le foma'i. "O le olaga osiaiga, tausiaiga, tausi matua o le tofa le fa'atonu, sa o'o atu lava ia te ia, aua ua toe o ia." O lana molimau, e fa'afetaia ua ia maua le avanoa e fa'alogo ai i le tele o molimau matagofie e tusa o le soifuaga o lana pele o Dr Meki Solomona. Na ia peseina lea o le vi'iga o le Atua e tomuli i lana molimau.

O le avanoa mo le aiga o le tausiali'i na tula'i ai le tina o Leutu Soliai mo lana fa'asoa. "Ua ou le mailoa se mea a fai, aua o Taeaoafua lava mea uma i le matou aiga, ae maise ai le matou sosaiete o maupaolo mai i le aiga Sa Soliai. Talofa o lea ua na'o a'u le tina, sa amata mai lava i le laina i le pito i lalo se'ia o'o ina ma tutu to'alua ma lenei tagata faamama avega ia te a'u i mea uma o le aiga, lea ua tu'ua nei na'o a'u..Ou te tatalo i le Atua e fesoasoani mai, alofa mai Fofogaoaiga ma e fa'alatalata mai, e fa'asoa mai lou atamai ia te a'u, ou te fautuaina ai le tatou aiga ua e tu'ua nei."

Na tutula'i uma suli o le aiga Sa Soliai ma nisi fo'i o le latou Ekalesia a Iesu o le Au Pa'ia o Aso e Gata Ai ma latou usuina se vi'iga matagofie e fa'amae'a ai le molimau a le tina matua.

Na tulai le uso moni o le tausiali'i ma ia fa'asoa lagona o'otia o le fa'alogo mai i le tala fa'anoanoa ua le utuva ai lagona o'otia o le alofa, po'o ai se e fusi atu i si ona uso, e fa'amafanafana lagona o'otia ua o'o i ai le mafutaga mafana. Fa'afetaia le mamalu ua sasao ma ua latou molimauina le uluai sauniga mo le latou tuagane ua ta'ui tama i ai i latou uma, aua o se tasi e fa'amoemoeina i lo latou aiga atoa.

O le susuga le Sui Fa'atonu John Suisala sa fai ma sui o le Matagaluega o Alamanuia mo Tagata Lautele sa molimau e tusa o le mafutaga ma Taeaoafua.

"I so'o se taimi e tu'u mai ai se fa'atuatuaga e fa'atino e le matou matagaluega se galuega tele mo le Malo, e tasi le 'agaga e fa'alogoina e i matou o fa'ai'u ai se tanoa a le matou fa'atonu, 'I'm Loving It!' E matou te iloa ai e mana'o e fai fiafia ma faia e i matou uma le mea sili e mafai ona fa'atino ai lea galuega."

"Matou te iloa o Taeaoafua o se tasi e muamua i luma lana fa'atinoga o ia o le Ta'ita'i, e le pa'ole fo'i se fa'atinoga o tiute e tofia ai. E faia le mea sili e gata ai le mafai."

"E tolu muagagana e fa'aaogaina e ia mo i matou pe a o'o ina o'o i siui o sana tautalaga fa'alaua'itele i le matagaluega, 'Ia outou manatua o outou faiva o lo'o tapua'ia ma e nofo tatalo fo'i tagata uma mo i tatou a'o faia tiute'. Lona lua, 'O mai ina outou o, faatasi atu i tou aiga, o e pele ia te outou'. Ma le lona tolu o ana folasaga 'E tuu na mea ae alu i le fale, aua e take care lava e tatou tatou, e tatau ona fai ma va'ai toto'a i le Malosi."

Ina ua mae'a lana molimau ona usuina lea e le matagaluega le pese, "Oh Lord My God" e fa'ai'u ai le latou molimau mo le latou fa'atonu.

Molimau a le afioga Pulu Ae Ae Jr, sa faia e tusa o le la'ua mafutaga ma Taeaoafua, ma lana fesoasoani fo'i i le vaitau o fa'alavelave ma le fa'amoemoe fo'i o le palotaga. "Sa fa'auia atu lava Taeaoafua mo sina fesoasoani o Wahoo, e le'i tali tualimaina lava se mea. Na ona fai mai lava, fai atu i le papalagi lena lau numera. Na talosaga se 10, ae o'o mai pusa e la'u mau le selau. Fa'afetai la ua ou maua se avanoa lelei lenei ou te faafetaia ai le tofa Taeaoafua mo lena foa'i sili ona taua mo a'u."

O se molimau na matua talie ai le to'atele na fa'afofogaina, ma ua tau avea ai fo'i le vaivai o isi aua e fa lelei itula na fa'atautaia ai lea sauniga.

E tusa o le afa o le iva i le afiafi na mae'a tonu ai le sauniga ae fa'ato'a fa'atautaia ai e le tausiali'i Vaofu'a ma le pa'ia o aiga, fa'aaloaloga mo e uma na auai atu i lea aso.

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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF AMERICAN SAMOA will hold its General Meeting on January 15, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Famous Restaurant (behind SSS Gas Station) in Tafuna. Please contact John Raynar 258-0693.O le a usu le Fonotaga Faalaua'itele a le Pati Ripapilikana i le aso 15 o Ianuari, i le 5:30 pm. O le a faia lea i le Fale'aiga a le Famous (tua ane o le pamu kesi a le SSS) i Tafuna. Fa'amolemole fa'afesoota'i Tina Ioane 254-3426. [1/12].

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICAN SAMOA: Do you have available time on your hands? Do you like to help others? No matter what you're good at or what you are willing to learn, we have place for you. Receive valuable training and make a difference in your community. Join the team and become a mentor, a tutor, an advocate, helping others. Call Mona Uli to register 258-4957.

ARE YOU UNDER 18 AND NEED A PLACE TO STAY? Do you feel unsafe at home? Call 699-4357 (HELP) or message us on Facebook @PasefikaYouthProject. All contacts and information are strictly CONFIDENTIAL. Remember to call 911 if you have an emergency. American Samoa Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter.

MANA COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE is now holding support groups for people who suffer from mental illness or any form of disability. Join me every Friday @ 12Noon @ the Alliance office in Nu'uuli. For more info call Liz Mailo @ 272-3257 or 699-0272.

FEELING ALONE? Come to SURVIVORS TAKING ACTION THROUGH SHARING, a support group for victims of violence (physical or sexual). Join me every Thursday at 12:00 noon @ the Alliance office in Nu'uuli. You don't have to do it alone. For more info, call Liz Mailo @ 272-3257 or 699-0272.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK. A parent to parent support group for families with children with disabilities. Contat Sandy 731-3959 (English), Ivorie 770-6678 (Samoan).

SAMOAN SAINTS ORGANIZATION Roadside Clean Up on the 21st and 29th of this month until the end of the year. All are welcomed. Meet in front of Lupelele Elementary School, 5:30pm, rain or shine. Do it for our beautiful island. Contact Jay @ 254-0651 for more info.

URGENT HOMES NEEDED FOR ADULT DOGS being trapped at Lyons Park!! Majority of adult dogs trapped are healthy &very friendly but will be humanly euthanized if no one claims them after 48 hours of being held. PLEASE HELP! Call Mona at 258-4116 or 699-9445.

ASOA General Meetings. Will be held each month on the 3rd Friday at 10am at ASOA Center in Tafuna on Tasi St. All seniors welcome. Questions, call 699-1131

WHEELCHAIRS Old, Battered or Banged up. Pls donate, in any condition to ASOA so we may be able to help someone in need. Call Marysita 770-1838 or 699-1131

SCUBA FISHING BAN It is unlawful to possess any spear while using SCUBA. Marine & Wildlife Resources. 633-4458 / 252-0445.

WOMENS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS of all ages to help in the Fale. Support your hospital, donate your free time by calling 633-1222 Ext. 199. All proceeds from Fale sales donated to purchase equipment for LBJ.[till]

HUNTING BAN ON WILD BIRDS & BATS is still in effect - it is unlawful to kill or hunt wild birds & bats. Dept. of Marine & Wildlife 633-4458 / 252-0445

USED MOTOR OIL? Take it to a LUBE CUBE. Drop off used motor oil at a service station near you. Protect the land, protect our drinking water. ASEPA 633-2304.

HURTING? ABUSED? Free peer-to-peer teen counseling at Teen Challenge for peer pressure, suicide prevention, drug & alcohol prevention. TC open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. 699-2635/258-8298 Teen Hope 699-7729(PRAY).

FEELING DOWN and like there is no one to talk to? Contact Catholic Social Services, 8 am - 4 pm, 699-5683 or 699-6611. Where someone is there to listen.

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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Slightly open
5 Scenery, to a speeder
9 As long as
14 Kinks hit
15 Country road
16 Misprint, e.g.
17 -
20 Speechifies
21 "Don't bet ___"
22 Visualize
23 Wendigo relative
25 Lean
27 Sprinted
30 Animated explorer
32 With lots of zip
36 Away from the wind
38 Small plantation
40 Musical syllables
41 Taurus, for one
44 Hidden, in Paris
45 Comfort
46 Foot segment
47 Anteater features
49 Paper joiner
51 Vietnamese holiday
52 Poetry of a people
54 Practice punching
56 Advanced deg.
59 Plate dropper's cry
61 Jong and Hill
65 Clipper, for Pan Am
68 Aden's country
69 Oft-parched gully
70 Decorative sewing bag
71 Com-mencement
72 Laurel of comedy
73 Defeat wa-terproofing

DOWN
1 As well
2 A day in France?
3 Jessica of Hollywood
4 Shabby and then some
5 Be a rocket man
6 Fond du ___, Wisc.
7 "... there-fore ___ Caesar"
8 Horse controllers
9 Pursued, as a career
10 Day divs.
11 Author Murdoch
12 Costly theater seat
13 Fish-eating eagle
18 Marsh plant
19 Lubricates
24 Full of wrath
26 ___ Gras
27 Carpenter's tools
28 Other-worldly creature
29 ___ Modelo (beer brand)
31 Nirvana-reacher
33 Put on coats
34 "There's no ___ like home"
35 Marina craft
37 Invest with some trait
39 Flat-topped hills
42 Score more than
43 Dirigible kin
48 In a bit
50 Certain noble
53 Disgorges
55 Reacts to yeast
56 BLT condiment
57 Word with "muy" or "tres"
58 Weaponizes
60 Jazzy singing
62 Quote as a source
63 Malaria symptom
64 Scissor
66 Iacocca or Remick
67 Tooth-paste-box letters

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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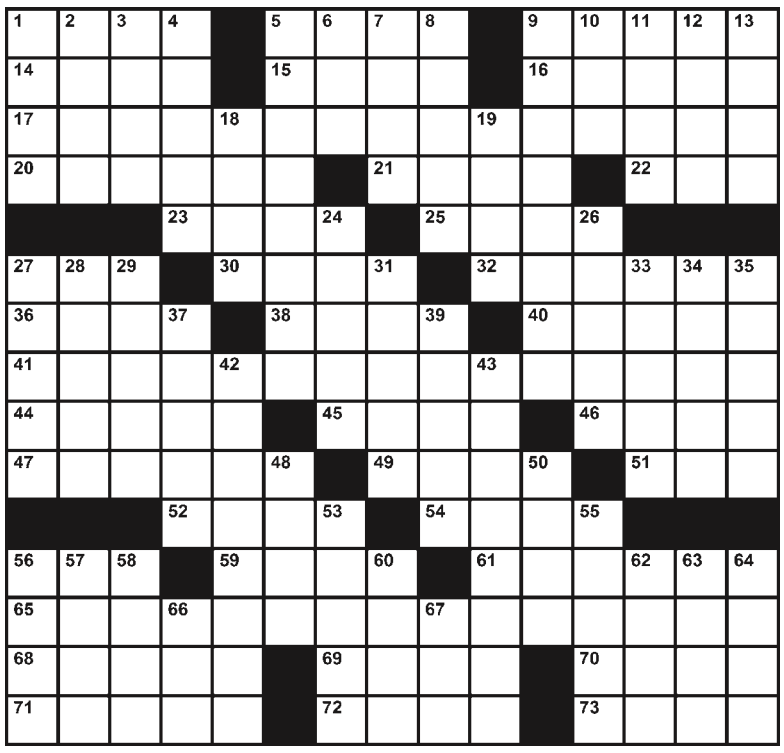

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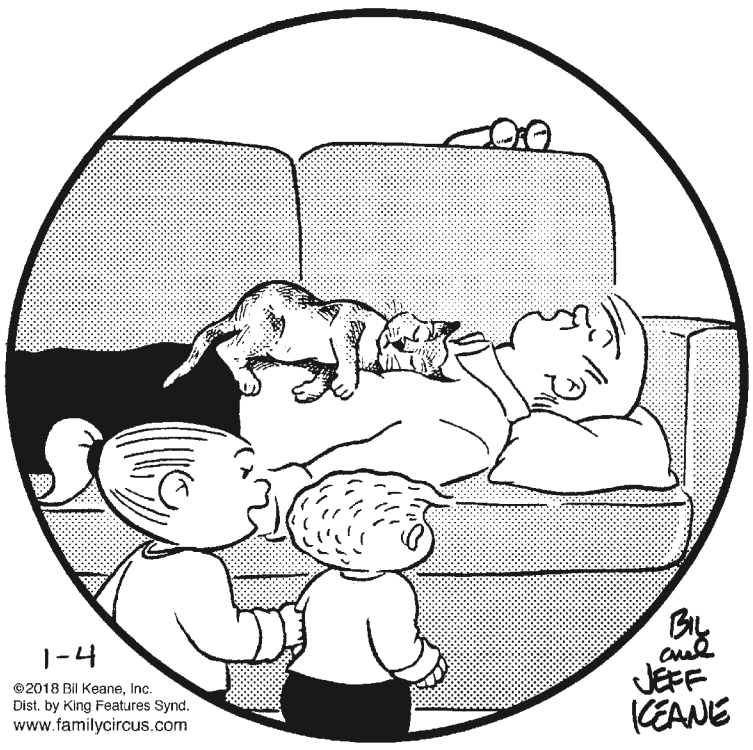


"Daddy purrs a lot louder than Kittycat."

Happy Birthday: Do what's best for you. Don't feel the need to make hasty decisions just because someone else does. Let your talents rise to the surface and lead you down a path that you find exciting and satisfying. Be open to suggestions, but don't let anyone make choices for you. Put more effort into whatever will benefit you the most. Your numbers are 2, 13, 22, 26, 34, 41, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll come up with some interesting ideas and solutions to problems you've been facing. Research and learn all you can before putting your plans into motion. Start small and work your way toward a better life and a healthier future.✷✷✷✷✷

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A good deal will be difficult to resist. Consider any consequences you might suffer if you move forward without first getting the go-ahead. Time-sensitive matters will leave you questioning the best way to move forward without upsetting anyone.✷✷

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make positive changes at home if you discuss your intentions with someone who will be affected by the choices you make. Getting the help and support you want will make your life easier. A partnership is apparent.✷✷✷✷

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change in the way you offer your services to others or deal with your peers will encourage you to get more in return. Hard work will pay off. Set your sights high and don't stop until you reach your goal.✷✷✷

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you love what you do, you will do it well. Look for jobs that interest and inspire you to do your very best. Expanding your awareness and collaborating with people who have more experience than you will be enlightening. ✷✷✷

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change may not be welcome, but it will be educational. Use your intelligence and do whatever it takes to make whatever is going on around you work to your benefit. It's how you handle situations that will count the most. ✷✷✷

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel like being generous and helping others, but when it comes to how you handle your cash, it is best to be frugal. Offer hands-on assistance or worthwhile suggestions that will encourage others to do what needs to be done. ✷✷✷✷

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Protect your reputation, position and status. Use your intelligence and common sense to keep heading down the right path. A well-thought-out strategy will encourage you to stick to a budget and avoid risky ventures. ✷✷

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check out what everyone else is doing and consider your options. Past experiences will spare you from making a mistake when dealing with emotional matters. Change can be positive, and short trips and networking will pay off.✷✷✷✷✷

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful how you spend your money. Don't get involved in joint ventures or donate money because you are made to feel guilty. Keep your cash, possessions and personal information locked up somewhere safe. Avoid indulgent behavior. ✷✷✷

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Partnerships look promising. Discuss your position and your intentions. Focus on positive changes and offer intellectual alternatives. You have much to gain if you use common sense to make your point. Be bold and take action. ✷✷✷

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A change to the way you do business or treat peers will be questioned if you aren't accommodating. Explain your reasons for taking a different approach. Changes can be good if they are planned carefully. ✷✷✷

RIDE IN VINTAGE CAR MAKES PASSENGER FEAR FOR HER LIFE

DEAR ABBY: Recently a friend came over and took me to lunch. She has a small, 50-year-old vintage car that was very popular in the '60s. She had come from Marin County over the Golden Gate Bridge to my house.

As she drove us to the restaurant, her car stalled twice. It was very underpowered and, in my opinion, rickety. After she dropped me home, I sent her an email strongly expressing my concern that she is driving an unsafe car. I was worried for her safety. She took offense, so I apologized.

She has plenty of money to buy a safe used car like anyone else, but she says, "I like driving vintage." I don't want to get into her car again. Was I wrong to tell her I felt her car was unsafe? -- NERVOUS PASSENGER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR PASSENGER: You weren't wrong to warn her. However, you may have been wrong to assume that she has "plenty of money to buy a safe used car." Nobody has as much money as others assume they do. Because you don't want to get into her car again, you should provide the transportation from now on or meet her at the restaurant.

DEAR ABBY: My across-the-street neighbor and I have become friendly. She has a 15-month-old and a newborn. Not only is she not married to the baby's daThursday, January 4, 2017, but they don't even live together.

She has been asking me to help her a lot now that the baby is born. I'm 10 years older and raising three kids, all in their teens.

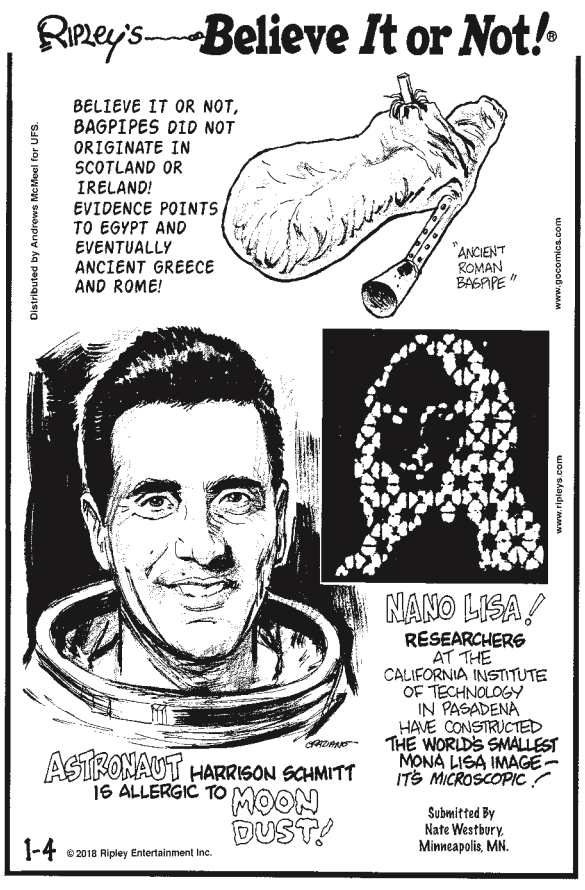
Abby, I don't want to raise anyone else's kids. How can I politely tell her that I have my own family to care for? She has a tendency to overreact. -- KEEPING DISTANCE

DEAR KEEPING DISTANCE: To tell your neighbor you "don't want to raise anyone else's kids" may be accurate, but it's a bit rough. When she asks you to do things for her, be pleasant and say -- consistently -- that you are busy, you don't have time, you have other plans, etc. If you do, she will soon realize that you are not to be depended upon.

DEAR ABBY: My son has lived overseas on and off for six years. He's being married to a wonderful young woman where they met, which was in Wales. Needless to say, not everyone can attend, so we are having a reception for them here in the States.

My son already has a fully furnished house overseas and doesn't need anything, plus the cost of taking gifts back would be astronomical! Anyway, he is thinking of asking for monetary help with the honeymoon. Would this be all right to do and, if so, how do you ask people for it? -- HELP FOR THE HONEYMOON

DEAR HELP: Many young people today post requests like that on their wedding website. Or, because friends and relatives may ask what they need after receiving invitations or announcements, the message can be conveyed verbally. According to the rules of etiquette, however, requests for gifts or money should NEVER be included WITH the invitations or announcements.



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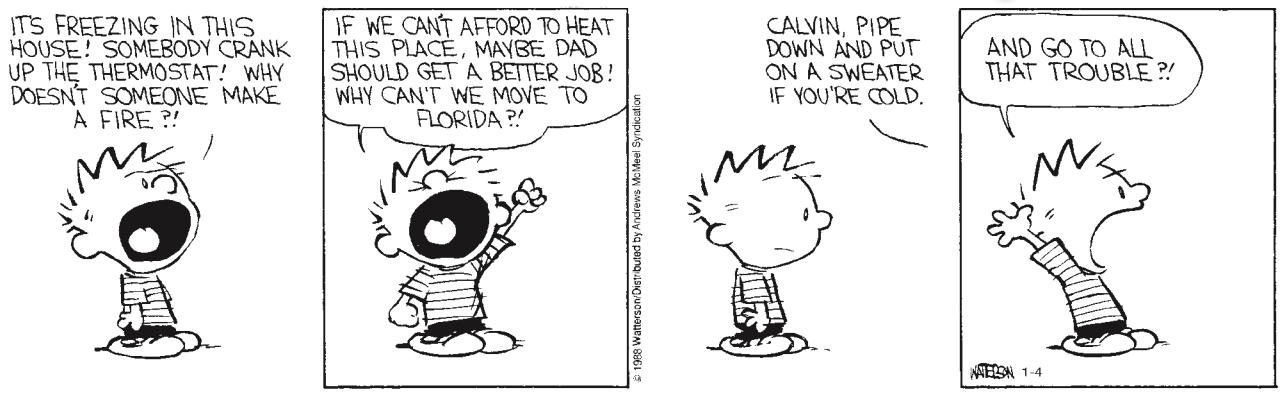

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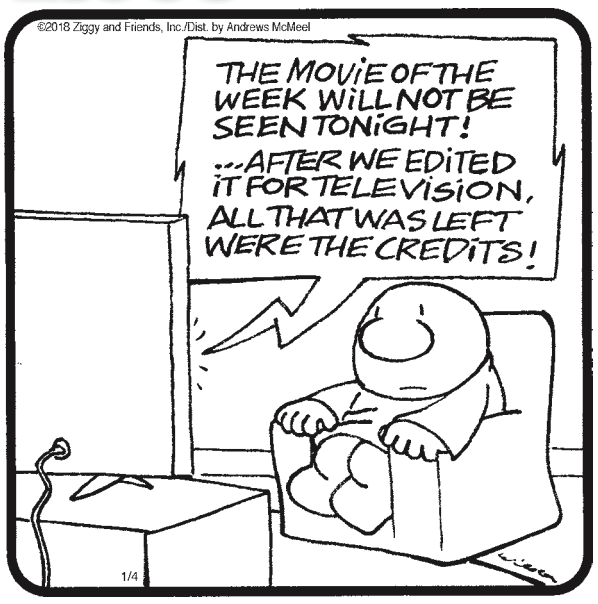

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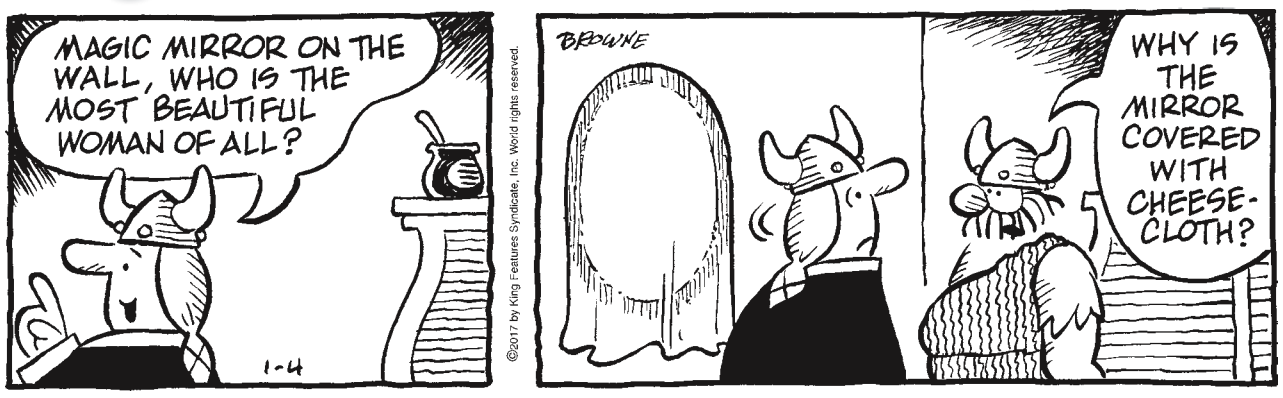

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Sudoku Pacific

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

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1/4 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Wednesday's Puzzle Answer 1/3

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