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## AUMUA AMATA ASHSAA HS FOOTBALL



## The 'Blue Empire' victorious in both divisional match ups

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Last Thursday kicked off week No.6 for the American Samoa High School Athletics Association's (ASHSAA) football season; and despite the the buckets of rain, Samoana's Blue Empire came out strong to collect their third victory of the season in the varsity division, after sending the Lions home scoreless.

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The Sharks' Junior Varsity squad is currently atop the JV standings as the No.1 seed after demolishing the Lions in a 34- 6 victory last week.

It was yet another 30+ scoring game for the Sharks — their 4th win in a row — thanks to their rhythmic 'Air Attack'.

For the Varsity Division, Samoana has moved up to the No. 2 spot in the standings after Tafuna defeated the Vikings.

The Sharks are now 3-2 and last week's game was the second time the Sharks have defeated Leone this season.

### VARSITY DIVISION SAMOANA 14, LEONE 0

The first half of the Lions and Sharks varsity match up was scoreless, as both defenses came out strong to deny any big conversion by either team, not to mention it was a Fumblerooskie evening, as the football and field were slippery and wet. Both teams turned the ball over numerous times in the opening half.

It was during the second half of play that the Sharks came out, desperately needing a win. Their offense, led by Anthony Feala

and Moses Michael Samia, managed to take the Sharks into Lions territory and into the red zone after Samia came up with some amazing catches to move the chains downfield.

The action started in the sixth minute of the third quarter.

6:02 into the second half of play, and Samoana played a threatening second and goal situation from Leone's 2-yard line, where Feala sent Louis Malala Jr. straight up the middle with the hand off for the opening touchdown of the game.

The two-point conversion was a fake field goal conversion for the Sharks, as Zephaniah Pati quickly turned to lob a pass to Antonio Pule for a successful extra point conversion, putting them ahead with an 8-point lead in the second half.

Late in the third quarter, with just 2:12 remaining, the Lions pinned deep in their own 1-yard line with a desperate offensive drive to get out of the red zone, were disappointed to see the snap from the center to their quarterback, fumbled in the end zone and recovered by Samoana's Pulefano 'Bunky' Misitana for a defensive touchdown for the Sharks, which extended their lead to 14-0.

The field goal conversion was a bad snap towards the holder, as the Lions rushed the backfield to deny Samoana an extra point attempt.

The Sharks managed to hold on to their lead into the final quarter of play, sealing a 14-0 victory again Leone.

The main factor in Samoana's victory was their defense, as the Sharks "Big D" led by Antonio Pule, Bunky Misitana, Solomona Seiuli and Sebastian

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Sam Mikaele of Samoana securing a catch and heading towards the end zone to score the opening touchdown of the game against the Lions last Saturday morning. Mikaele helped the Sharks to a 34-6 victory over Leone.

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Leone's Oakland Salave'a quickly turning to his receiver for a pass on a receiver screen play during the opening quarter of their JV game last Saturday morning against the Sharks. The Lions lost 6- 34.

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## 49ers DL Arik Armstead to have surgery on broken hand

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Defensive lineman Arik Armstead broke his hand during the 49ers' loss in Washington and will need surgery, coach Kyle Shanahan said Monday.

Armstead, a first-round pick in 2015, will miss significant time for a second straight season after having shoulder surgery that cost him the final eight games of 2016. He may go on injured reserve, where he would join fellow defensive ends Tank Carradine (ankle) and Ronald Blair (wrist).

The injury is a significant hit to San Francisco's depth along the defensive line.

"The more guys you lose, the less you like that depth," Shanahan said.

Armstead is one of the team's three consecutive first-round draft choices along the defensive front. The other two, DeForest Buckner and Solomon Thomas, remain available, and should see their workloads increase with Armstead on the shelf.

The 49ers wouldn't get Armstead back until the final two games of the season if he went to injured reserve and was given the return designation.

Thomas was selected third overall in the spring after the 49ers moved down one spot in a trade with the Bears. He logged his second sack as a pro Sunday and leads the team with eight tackles for loss. With Armstead

leaving the game early, Thomas led San Francisco's defensive linemen with 68 snaps.

"He goes for it each week," Shanahan said of Thomas. "I thought he took a little bit of a step back versus Indy and I thought he took a step forward this week. I thought he played relentlessly, played very hard, kept working, got that sack opportunity."

The 49ers (0-6) became the first team in NFL history on Sunday to lose five straight games by 3 points or fewer. They'll return home Sunday after three straight road games to host the Dallas Cowboys (2-3).

San Francisco may have rookie linebacker Reuben Foster available for the first time since he suffered a high ankle sprain during the season opener. He was held out Sunday after the team released NaVorro Bowman, forcing reserve Brock Coyle to make his first start since joining the 49ers in the spring.

Foster participated in all three practices before Sunday's game, but Shanahan didn't quite see enough to feel comfortable putting him back on the field.

"He was close all week. But I didn't think he put together three days @ 100 percent like I wanted him to," Shanahan said. "And I just had to go against what we wanted, and I felt like it was much better for Reuben and it was tough to do."



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Iverson Ta'ase of the Lions locking on to Ali'itoa Langkilde and attempting a pass during the opening half of their varsity game against Samoana last Thursday evening. The Sharks won 14-0.

[photo: TG]

# Rookie WR Williams contributes to Chargers' turnaround win

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Mike Williams only got 10 snaps in his debut with the Los Angeles Chargers, and he caught just one pass. The first-round pick from Clemson still savored his first chance to be on an NFL field. “Little jitters, but once I saw the ball coming my way, I felt a little better,” Williams said. The rookie receiver loved it even more when his 15-yard catch contributed to the Chargers’ fourth-quarter touchdown drive in a 17-16 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

“It was big,” Williams said Monday after the Chargers returned home. “That’s what coach (Anthony Lynn) was preaching the whole week. It was going to be a tough road game. We just had to go out there and fight to the end. That’s what we did, and we’ve got two big road wins.” Indeed, the Chargers’ relocation year is looking up after back-to-back victories that have erased some of the disappointment from an 0-4 start. Now they’ve just got to figure out how to do it at the NFL’s smallest home stadium, where they still haven’t won.

A team that struggled mightily to win close games over the past two seasons has suddenly won consecutive nail-

biters heading into Sunday’s visit from Denver, which beat the Chargers by three points on a last-minute blocked field goal in the season opener.

Los Angeles’ defense largely did an outstanding job against Derek Carr and the Oakland offense, giving up just 274 yards and limiting the Raiders to two touchdown drives.

The Chargers’ offense relied heavily on running back Melvin Gordon, who rushed for 83 yards and caught nine passes for 67 yards. Philip Rivers passed for 268 yards, but also threw no interceptions and took only one short sack. Thanks to a herniated disk in his lower back from the first day of his rookie minicamp with the Chargers, Williams hadn’t played in a game since last January, when he won the national championship in Clemson’s victory over Alabama. When asked whether that game was more stressful than his NFL debut in the Black Hole, Williams laughed.

“I don’t know, that national championship game was pretty intense,” he said. “Alabama was pretty good. But that first NFL game, that’s what you dream about as a kid, just to get the opportunity to be in the NFL and get a chance.”

# Cavs, Warriors gear up to begin championship quests again

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Minutes after LeBron James lost the NBA Finals to the Golden State Warriors four months ago, he vowed to return to the gym right away with plans to get back to the big stage. To win another ring.

Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant heard it yet already knew it — and everybody on the defending champs and King James’ Cleveland Cavaliers realizes these teams could be destined for another championship showdown at the end of this season.

No, James is not through. Neither are the reigning champs if they have their way.

They all understand the entire league has upped its game to chase these two heavyweights from their respective conferences.

“That’s the beauty of competition at the highest level, other teams make us better and vice versa. Cleveland made us better,” Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. “They beat us two years ago, they made us better last year. We’re doing the same thing for them. They’re retooling a little bit, they’ve got some great talent. Every team is trying to get where we are and that pushes us. We push them. That’s what makes the game better.”

The Warriors and new-look Cavs will be tested in their openers: Golden State hosts Houston on Tuesday night in Chris Paul’s Rockets debut, while Cleveland plays Boston at home with Kyrie Irving in a Celtics jersey following that blockbuster August trade that transformed the Eastern Conference rivals.

After losing to Golden State in a Game 5 clincher in Oakland, the Cavs spent the summer rebuilding a roster that now features new stars like Derrick Rose, Dwyane Wade and Isaiah Thomas.

Despite dealing Irving to its closest competitor in the East, Cleveland is deeper with more versatility and talent than at any time James has been on the roster.

And with close friend Wade back by his side, James is not only happy but is teammates with a player who brings out the best in him. Throw in former league MVP Rose, motivated to show he’s still one of the game’s elite guards, along with Thomas, Kevin Love, J.R. Smith, Jae Crowder, Jeff Green, Kyle Korver and Tristan Thompson, and it’s easy to see why Cleveland seems to be on a collision course with the Warriors again.

The key being health and

how quickly the Cavs can assemble all the pieces.

“Don’t think we’ll be the team we want to be in a week. It’s going to be for the whole season,” James said. “We’re going to have changes, we’re going to make changes, we’re going to become a better team as the games go on so the team opening night will not be the team that we know we can be.”

James can become a free agent next summer, but has not backed off his intent to end his career with Cleveland.

“I think when you get to a certain level you don’t need another team to motivate you. We want to win a championship, they want to win a championship,” Golden State’s Draymond Green said. “We know what it’s like, we know the feeling, we love the feeling. They know the feeling, they love the feeling.”

The Warriors are almost the same team, with Finals MVP Durant far more comfortable his second time around with Golden State — the scrutiny of leaving Oklahoma City long behind him.

“I expect us to pick up with a full head of steam on Tuesday,” Curry said.

There will be the fanfare of the Warriors receiving their

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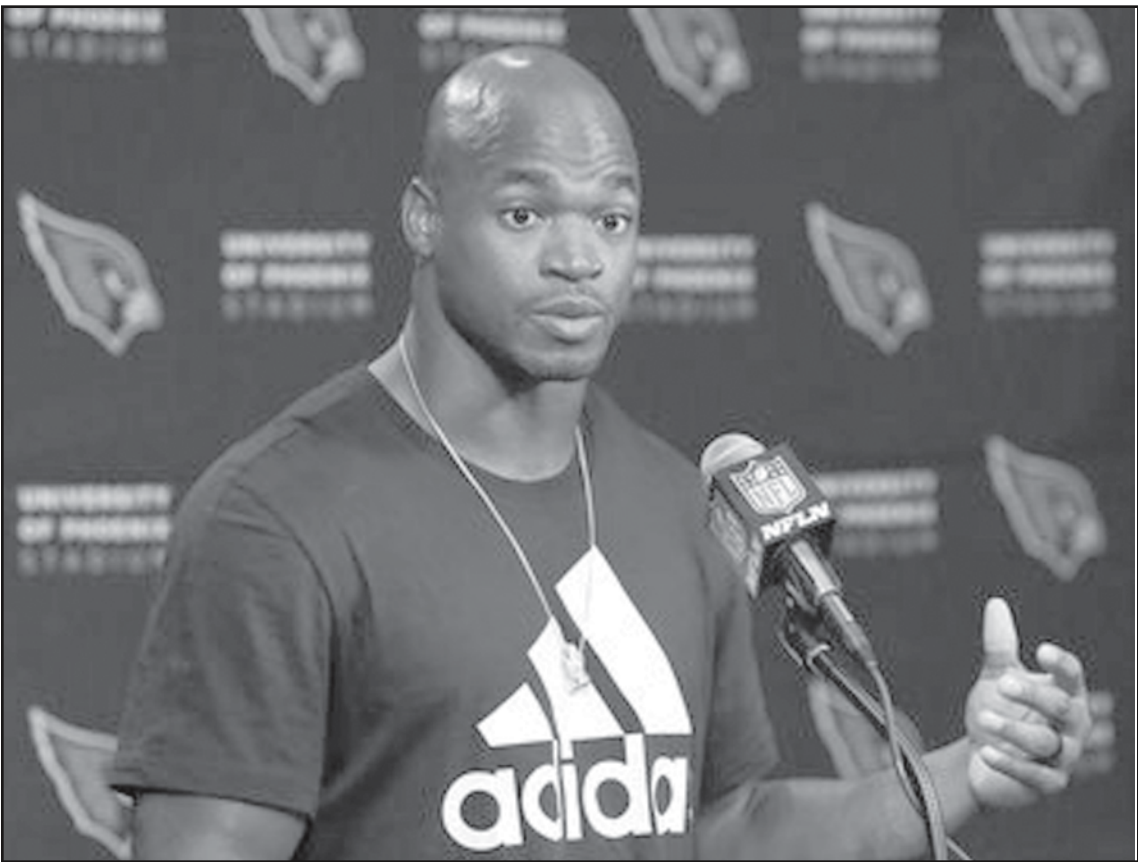
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Arizona Cardinals running back Adrian Peterson talks during a news conference after an NFL football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, in Glendale, Ariz. The Cardinals defeated the Buccaneers 38-33.

(AP Photo/Rick Scuteri)

## Buoyed by addition of Peterson, Cardinals head to London

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals were in fine spirits as they boarded a plane for London on Monday, buoyed by the addition of Adrian Peterson and his impressive debut against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

There was a noticeable uptick in the team’s energy and the home fans’ enthusiasm from the time Peterson first touched the ball on Sunday. In fact, he got a standing ovation after his first carry, which went for eight yards. “That’s the type of impact I want to make with my teammates and fans,” he said in front of his locker on Monday. “For me, I’m just happy to have the opportunity.” Five days after being acquired in a trade with New Orleans, Peterson rushed for 134 yards in Arizona’s 38-33 victory over the Buccaneers. He scored on a 27-yard run on the team’s first possession and punched one across from one yard out later in the game, giving him 99 career rushing touchdowns. He said he felt no worse for wear after his 26 carries on Sunday. “My body feels good,” Peterson said. “I feel really good, not

banged up. I got my squats in today, did some cardio. Ultimately I came out well. A couple of bruises, but outside of that I’m fresh.”The Cardinals (3-3) head to London for an NFC West showdown with the vastly improved Los Angeles Rams, who lead the division at 4-2.

While the Rams are staying in Jacksonville after beating the Jaguars there on Sunday and won’t leave until Thursday, the Cardinals chose to depart late Monday afternoon, in part so they can adjust to the 8-hour time difference. Coach Bruce Arians said the team was to arrive in London about noon, local time, on Tuesday.

“We’ll unpack and go straight to a workout and break a sweat, try to keep them up and stay awake,” he said. “If you’re going to take a nap, take it a little bit later in the day and then get a night’s sleep.”Arizona’s offense, which had sputtered through the first four games, looked like its old high-powered self on Sunday, with season highs in points (38), touchdowns (five), net yards (432), rushing yards (160), average yards.

### Blue Emp...

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held the fort down for the Blue Empire in their third straight victory into the second round of action.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY SAMOANA 34, LEONE 6

The Sharks and Lions JV game opened up the triple header scheduled for last Saturday.

The Sharks ‘Air Attack’ led by offensive coordinator Keith Leuta proved to be unstoppable, as the Sharks scored five touchdowns, all on pass attempts from quarterback Jr. Tanielu.

The Sharks didn’t hesitate to get on the board early, after the opening offensive possession of the game.

9:52 into the opening quarter and Tanielu fires a long one to Sam Mikaele for the opening touchdown of the game, a 25-yard reception that put Samoana ahead with a six-point lead.

The Lions, led by quarterback Oakland Salave’a, were swarmed by Samoana defenders from all corners of

the field, as the Sharks defense, led by Masaichi Aviu and Paul Fano, shut down the Lions throughout the opening quarter of the match.

2:27 into the second quarter of play, and Samoana strikes again from the air — Samoana’s first down from Leone’s 15-yard line and Tanielu looks to John Uga’itafa for their second touchdown of the game, a quick slant pass to Uga’itafa that extended Samoana’s lead to 12.

While the Lions couldn’t stop the Sharks option game of Run-n-Gun, the Blue Empire continued to wreak havoc into half time, keeping it in the air as usual.

Tanielu quickly lobbed a pass over a Leone defender and into the hands of Avery Seumanutafa, a 5-yard conversion for Samoana’s third touchdown of the game.

The two point conversion by Fano was immediately plugged up in the backfield by Cyan Fiatoa and a host of Lions, as Samoana extended their lead by 20 points.

Late in the third quarter, Samoana continued to stick

with their air attack.

2:58 into the second half of play — Samoana’s second down at midfield — and Tanielu charges up to fire a long one out to BJ Anderson for their fourth passing TD of the game, extending the lead to 26.

The two-point conversion, a quarterback draw by Tanielu was good enough to put them ahead by a dominating 34 points, heading into the final quarter of play.

But the Lions were still searching for answers, and they finally came through.

7:29 into the final quarter of play, and Salave’a leads the Lions with a threatening second down situation from Samoana’s 39-yard line, where Salave’a airs a long pass out to Legget for their first and only touchdown of the game.

The two-point conversion was unsuccessful, as the play action pass by Salave’a was immediately stopped by Fano behind the line of scrimmage for a loss.

The Sharks were able to maintain their lead and win their fourth straight victory of the regular season.



# Winston day to day with sprained AC joint in shoulder,

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jameis Winston has a sprained AC joint in his throwing shoulder, an injury the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are hoping will not cost him any more playing time.

The third-year quarterback was hurt during the first half of Sunday's 38-33 loss at Arizona. X-rays were negative, and coach Dirk Koetter said an MRI performed Monday revealed no structural damage.

"He'll be day to day for right now," Koetter said, adding that Winston has not been ruled out for next Sunday's game at Buffalo. "He's sore. He's sore most weeks. ... We just have to see how it goes during the week."

Winston has started 37 consecutive games to begin his career after entering the NFL as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2015 draft.

He was replaced against the Cardinals by veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick, who rallied the Bucs (2-3) from a 31-0 third-quarter deficit to make the final score deceptively close.

Winston was injured when

he was hit by Cardinals linebacker Chandler Jones less than six minutes into the game.

He played two more series before being replaced by Fitzpatrick, who threw for 290 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Koetter said Winston almost certainly will not throw much — if at all — in practice this week. Still, he reiterated it would be premature to conclude the young quarterback won't be able to play against the Bills.

"The way I understand it is, he will be cleared medically to play," Koetter said.

"I know Jameis can handle a lot of pain. That's not going to be an issue," the coach added. "I think it's going to be more, does Jameis feel he can play at the level he needs to play at? Obviously, though, the No. 1 thing in all this is Jameis' long-term health."

Winston completed his first three passes after being injured against Arizona, and then removed himself after throwing incompletions on his last three attempts.

"We'll be able to see, at some point this week, how it's affecting his velocity.

That was the thing yesterday. ... Jameis loves to compete and play, but he felt like he just couldn't drive the ball down the field like he needed to," Koetter said.

Third-string quarterback Ryan Griffin is on the injured reserve-designated to return list. He's eligible to return to practice this week, but can't be activated for another two weeks.

Koetter said a decision had not been made on whether to bring in another quarterback this week.

Meanwhile, the coach said he has full confidence in Fitzpatrick — a 13-year pro who has started 116 games for six other teams — if Winston can't play.

"That's why you have an experienced backup," Koetter said. "Jameis likes to take every rep in practice, and so you need a backup who's not a developmental guy, a backup who can go in without getting any reps."

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston, right, is tackled by Arizona Cardinals outside linebacker Chandler Jones (55) and inside linebacker Haason Reddick (43) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, in Glendale, Ariz. Winston was injured on the play, would briefly return to the game, but left the game before halftime.

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# TELL ME A STORY: SECRETS OF THE RIVER

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Once upon a time, the three princes of Serendip told their father that they wished to travel. They sought wisdom in the world, but they also wished to travel like ordinary men.

“We want to see the world as it is,” they told the king, “without all of our privileges.”

They set off astride three old horses, taking only a sack of clothing, a pouch of water and a basket of bread. On their travels they encountered many troubles, but they always found their way back to the road. One day, they heard the sound of roaring water, and wondered if that was the ocean. They headed toward the sound and soon came to a wild river overflowing its banks. Standing there was a man dressed in rich, flowing silks, and he was raising his hands to the heavens, cursing and weeping at the top of his lungs. The princes called out to the man. “What happened, sir? Can we help you?” The man turned and the princes saw that his face was streaked with tears. He was so full of sorrow that they felt their own hearts break. They almost wept as he wailed, “It is a disaster! I am ruined. I am cursed!”

The brothers dismounted and came closer. “What happened?” the eldest asked.

“We may be able to help,” said the second prince. “We will do all we can,” said the youngest.

“No one can help me!” the man cried as he cast his gaze upon the river. He pointed at the whitecaps on the water and said, “There lies my fortune. I am a merchant, and I have traveled all over the world collecting treasures. I built my palace on the riverbank and planned to live in peace, but the river has destroyed all that! Once upon a time, I loved this river, but it has turned into my enemy.”

The eldest prince smiled. “Sir, this might be a blessing.” The merchant looked at the prince as if he were a madman and asked, “What can you mean? I’ve lost everything I owned!”

The second prince smiled and said, “We have been learning to seek the good in misfortune, sir. Often if you can do that, you will find even greater fortune.”

“Yes,” said the youngest. “Trust us, we are certain your good fortune will exceed your wildest dreams if you pay close attention.” And with that they rode off again.

They had traveled for many years when one day, as they were heading back toward home, they happened past the same river. The eldest prince said, “Isn’t this the place where we met the sad merchant and the raging river?”

“It is,” said the second prince, and the youngest agreed. Just at that moment a man ran up to them and called, “Sirs, please come to my master’s home.

He wishes to offer you a place to rest and take refreshment. He looks after everyone who passes by.”

The princes agreed and followed the man to a palace atop a high cliff overlooking the river. There at the palace door was the very man they had met so many years before. This time his smile was radiant and his eyes were as bright as the stars.

“Come in, fellows!” he said as he immediately recognized the three princes. “I have prepared a dinner for you, and I have a story to tell you.”

He showed them to their quarters with lovely beds and baths. After they had washed, he invited them to sit with him over a glorious meal, and there he told the tale.

“I have you to thank for this good fortune,” he explained to the princes. The day they had left the riverbank, the merchant thought about all they had said.

After he had stopped wailing, he began to think about how much he had always loved the river. He remembered swimming and fishing and whispering his secrets to the water when he was just a boy. Back then, the river had been his best friend. When the river spoke to him, he always listened.

But as he grew older, he forgot how to quiet his mind and heart. He forgot to ask the river what it needed and wanted. He forgot to listen to what the river had to say. So when the princes were gone, he sat down and he began to listen. After some time, he began to hear the river speaking again. “Lift up your eyes and you will see,” the river said.

The man looked up, and there it was: This cliff with the beautiful view. He knew that was where he would build his home.

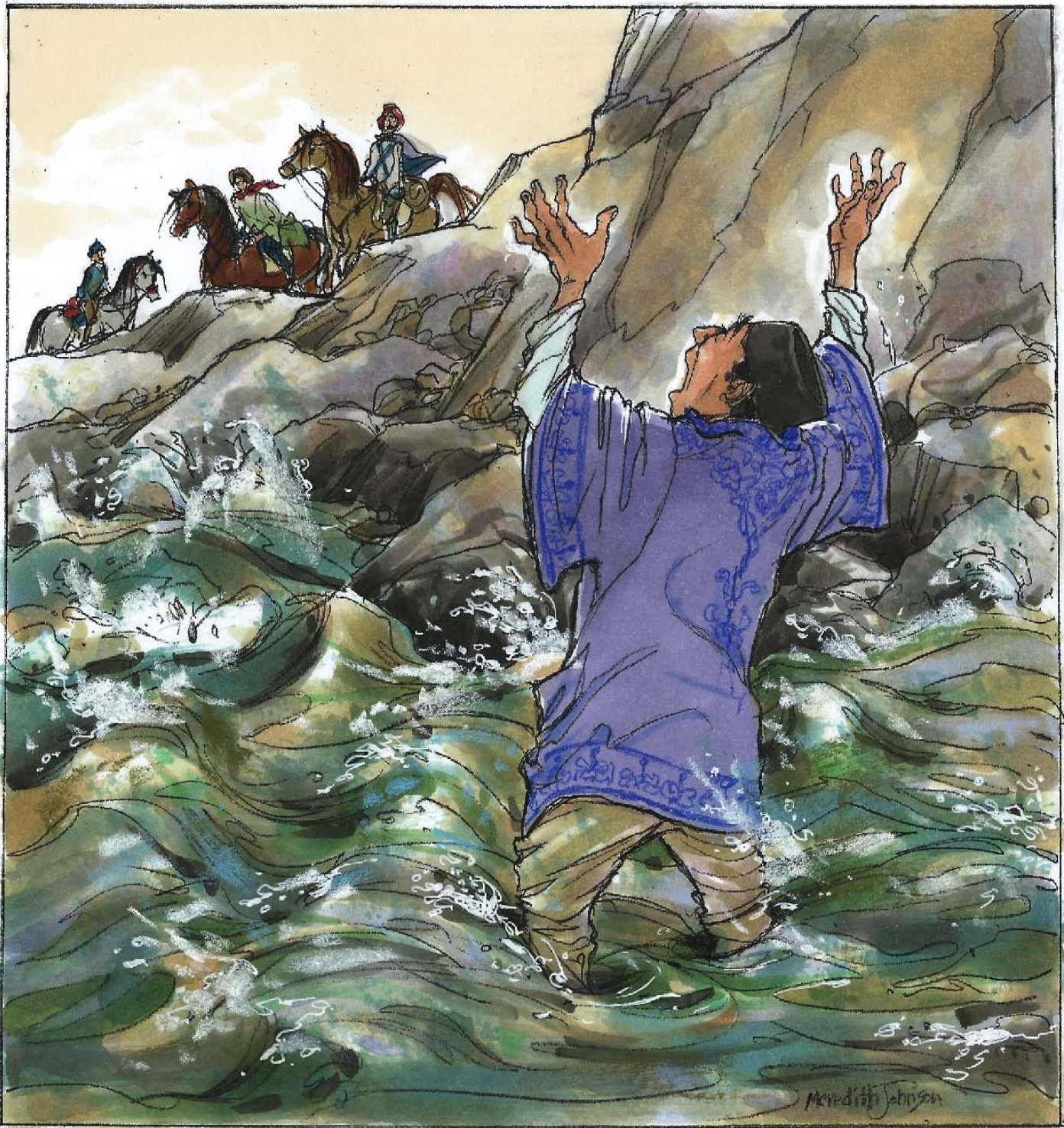
He and his workers climbed to the top of the cliff to prepare the ground. But

as they were digging, they came across a field of gems -- rubies, amethysts, diamonds and sapphires all glittering under the sun. The merchant nodded as he remembered. “The river brought me even greater wealth,” he told the brothers. “Just as you promised, I found even greater fortune.”

“Ever since that day, I invite everyone who travels through this kingdom to stay in my home. I offer food and clothing. I help everyone feel renewed and refreshed, and everyone brings a treasure. Some people bring objects. But most of all, people bring wisdom and company and stories, the most precious treasures of all.” The brothers of Serendip nodded. They were not surprised to hear this happy tale.

“I am blessed,” the merchant said, “and now I know how true your words were. Misfortune brought me my greatest fortune.”

## Secrets of the River







Committee Boat Apaula and sailors heading in to Sadie's by the Sea after a round of races. Ten Apia sailors and nine local sailors competed this past weekend in the 2017 Pago Pago Harbor Optimist Sailing Regatta. [courtesy photo]

# Heath, Smith sidelined with injuries for US women's team

CHICAGO (AP) — Forward Tobin Heath and defender Taylor Smith are sidelined with injuries that will keep them out of the U.S. women's national team training camp in Louisiana ahead of two upcoming matches against South Korea.

Heath is nursing an ankle injury and Smith her shoulder. Both women were hurt in the NWSL championship match last Saturday, the U.S. Soccer Federation said Monday.

The Americans play Thursday at New Orleans and Sunday in Cary, North Carolina.

Neither player will be replaced on the roster and coach Jill Ellis will have 18 players dressed for each game.



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# 'Purposely hidden': Cheerleaders to protest anthem in tunnel

KENNESAW, Ga. (AP) — Five cheerleaders at a college in Georgia are vowing to kneel in the stadium tunnel when the national anthem is played at Saturday's homecoming game, moved off the field by their university after an earlier protest.

The so-called Kennesaw Five will kneel outside the view of fans in the tunnel of the 8,300-seat Fifth Third Bank Stadium, cheerleader Shlondra Young said in an interview Monday. Young said she believes they are being "purposely hidden" from public view when the Kennesaw State Owls host Gardner-Webb University of North Carolina.

"I feel as though it was an attempt to silence us," she said. "But even though they are moving us, we will not be silenced."

The cheerleaders said they closely watched a national debate over NFL players kneeling during the anthem, adding they prayed before kneeling before a college game Sept. 30.

The decision to move the cheerleaders was made by the school's athletic department, which meets after each game "to determine how best to enhance the game day atmosphere," school spokeswoman Tammy DeMel said in a statement Monday to The Associated Press. It made no mention of the anthem protest.

"Some of the other changes have included painting the KS

logo at midfield for the first time, processes to help expedite fan entry, and more loud speakers by the student section," the statement added.

The NFL has been embroiled in controversy over players using the anthem before games to protest. Former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick started the movement last season when he refused to stand during the anthem to protest racial inequality and police brutality. President Donald Trump and others have lashed out at NFL players for not standing during the anthem.

Protests have spread outside the NFL at times. Last year in Pennsylvania, several cheerleaders at a high school in the community of Coraopolis kneeled during the anthem at a football game attended by several war veterans. The backlash resulted in the school restricting attendance at the school homecoming game to parents of players. And during last year's football season in Nebraska, six Omaha Central High School cheerleaders took a knee before a game to protest.

Sheriff Neil Warren in Cobb County, where the suburban Atlanta campus is located, called Kennesaw State President Sam Olens after the Sept. 30 protest, and was assured the demonstration wouldn't happen again, according to a report in The Marietta Daily Journal.

"My wife, Penny, had tears in her eyes, and we were both

shocked to see such a lack of respect for our flag, our national anthem and the men and women that serve our nation," the sheriff, a longtime school booster, told the suburban Atlanta newspaper.

He said his Atlanta suburb has lost "sons and daughters" defending the country abroad, adding, "to witness these ill-informed students acting this way clearly tells me KSU needs to get busy educating these students on more than just passing their classes. They need to learn all that the flag truly represents."

The sheriff would not comment Monday to The Associated Press, said Glenn Daniel, a spokesman for his office.

Olens, the college president, was unavailable for comment Monday, DeMel said.

On the Kennesaw campus, students rallied Monday in support of the five cheerleaders.

There has been some negative reaction, but it is outweighed by the support they've gained, said Young, 20.

"We try not to focus on the negative," said another of the five cheerleaders, 19-year-old Tommia Dean.

The cheerleaders said there was fear and worry ahead of their decision to kneel during the anthem at the September game. One of them, 19-year-old Kennedy Town said she worried how fans would react. But in the end, she said, she overcame that with her beliefs. "My passion is stronger than my fear," she said.



Kennesaw State University cheerleaders, from left to right, Kennedy Town, Shlondra Young and Tommia Dean talk outside the student center on the school's campus in Kennesaw, Ga., Monday, Oct. 16, 2017. The three are part of a group of cheerleaders from the Georgia college that say they will take a knee in the stadium tunnel when the national anthem is played at Saturday's homecoming game since their university moved them off the field after an earlier demonstration.

(AP Photo/Jeff Martin)

## ► Cavs, Warriors...

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championship rings in a pre-game ceremony.

Yet Golden State still remembers its flop on opening night a year ago, following a loss in the 2016 Finals to Cleveland after its record-setting 73-win regular season. The Warriors lost at home to San Antonio 129-100 in Durant's debut. This time, they're beginning the daunting quest of trying to repeat — something the franchise couldn't do after the 2015 title against James and Co. as Cleveland won last year.

"Your swag level is through

the roof, as it should be," Durant said. "You're the best team in the league and you go out there and beat a bunch of teams to win a championship, of course your swag is going to be through the roof. You hear about swag, you hear about guys deserving stuff or stories that they might have coming up into this year, all this fairytale stuff, it's cool stories, it's cool feel-good stories but you've still got to go out there and play the game, you've still got to lock in every possession if you want to win."BKN--The Heavyweights

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5 Tribal symbol  
10 Bunny hill gear  
14 On the briny  
15 Debonair  
16 "Dynamic" prefix  
17 Fishhook feature  
18 Marsh bird  
19 Tide type  
20 Day 97  
23 Tries out  
24 Class endings?  
25 Certifiable  
28 Common craft material  
30 "\_\_\_ Flux" (Theron movie)  
31 Dog-\_\_\_ (like old books)  
33 One of the Monopoly tokens  
36 Day 140  
40 Lingerie item  
41 Game-show host  
42 Plum for gin  
43 Headstrong  
44 Cafe offering  
46 Alleviator  
49 Spy in the Bible  
51 Day 162  
57 Author Larson

- 58 Speak publicly  
59 Australian parrot  
60 Cod or Fear  
61 More prudent  
62 Chicago's business district  
63 Like a ball ready to be driven  
64 Rude looks  
65 Starting chip in poker  
**DOWN**  
1 Rum-soaked pastry  
2 "Quicker than quick," in memos  
3 Statehood seeker (abbr.)  
4 Any dweller of any place  
5 African fly  
6 "You \_\_\_ to know that"  
7 Allowances for containers  
8 Dec. 24 and 31, famously  
9 Allot or portion (with "out")  
10 Most rational  
11 Walls in deep mourning  
12 Quite riled  
13 Some HS students

- 21 Novelist Deighton  
22 African plateau  
25 Metrical unit  
26 Imminent  
27 Protein-rich bean (var.)  
28 At liberty  
29 Nighttime, poetically  
31 Inscribe, as in rock  
32 Feeling of supreme wonder  
33 Beatles film of 1965  
34 Looking down from  
35 "With this ring, I \_\_\_ wed"  
37 Valentine's Day symbol  
38 Couple of swimmers?

- 39 Columbus' supportive queen  
43 Made quite a stink  
44 Skedaddling absconders  
45 Gun the engine  
46 Drastic option for a pilot  
47 Surrounding glows  
48 Take potshots  
49 Halt  
50 Let down, as trousers, e.g.  
52 Wolf sound  
53 Buffalo's lake  
54 Common lunch hour  
55 Easy run  
56 Publicize

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**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Head to the salon and get a trim or search the Internet for the latest trends. A mini makeover will brighten your day and put you in the mood to socialize with friends or plan something special with your romantic partner.\*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Problems with someone you love will develop if you let your emotions get the best of you. If someone pressures you, walk away. It's important to maintain a healthy balance in your relationships if you want to avoid discord. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Children, seniors or friends can hold you back if you don't figure out a way to incorporate them into your plans. Look for reasonable ways to bring about change that will be acceptable to everyone concerned. Moderation and simplicity will be required. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Disappointment could turn into a benefit if handled properly. Refuse to let your emotions take over or lead you into unsavory territory with a partner or domestic problem. Make a difference instead of causing a problem. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Be secretive regarding your plans until you have everything in place and are ready to launch. Giving others a polished presentation will make it that much easier to gain the support and approval required to excel. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You can think big, but when it comes to putting your plans into motion, practicality should overrule impulse and risk. Question everything and everyone before you get involved in something that isn't fail-proof. Your insight will ward off loss. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Limitations will set in if you haven't allowed yourself enough time to take care of your physical and emotional wellbeing. Set time aside to assess your current situation. Honesty will be crucial if you want to make positive changes. \*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll be pro-change. Consider all the angles before you press forward. Don't let your emotions take over or lead you down the wrong path. Intelligence and practicality will help you avoid loss or failure. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Know what you want before you get into a dispute with someone. Be fair with others if you want to retrieve something you lost. Personal, physical and emotional alterations will turn out well.\*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** An argument will limit what you can do. It's best to keep the peace and avoid battling over something you cannot change. Partnerships will suffer if you force issues that are best left alone. Focus on self-improvement.\*\*\*

# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

**AFTERNOON DELIGHT ENDS WHEN WIFE STOPS TO TAKE A CALL**

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been married for many years, work long schedules, and actually sleep when we go to bed at night. Saturday afternoon, we had "nothin' to do," so I suggested some hanky-panky. We were just getting into it when the phone rang.

I told her to let it go to voicemail, but when our married daughter's name was caller-ID-announced, she said she had to take the call because they had been playing phone tag all day. There was no important matter, just idle chit-chat. What a mood killer!

Am I wrong to be angry that my needs were ignored so my wife could say, "Hello, how are you?" to our daughter (who calls eight times a day anyway)? -- THWARTED IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR THWARTED:** Wrong? I don't think so. I think it's time to calmly ask your wife WHY she prioritized taking that call over the opportunity to be intimate with you.

P.S. The next time you're in "H-P" mode, put both of your phones on "do not disturb."

**DEAR ABBY:** I was diagnosed with lung cancer last year. After months of chemo, I had surgery and my lung was removed. Fifteen months after my diagnosis, my husband is still smoking cigarettes. I feel so hurt and alone going through this. I thought he would have stopped smoking for his own health as well as moral support to me. He says I don't have the right to change him and quitting is too hard, even though he refuses to get help to stop.

Am I being overly sensitive to think he should stop smoking? I don't think he is being fair to our children because of the potential of them having to watch another parent receive the same diagnosis. -- NEEDS MORAL SUPPORT

**DEAR NEEDS:** You are not "overly sensitive." People have been known to get cancer from secondhand smoke. Face it, you are married to an addict. Not only is he being unfair to the children, he is being unfair to you and himself. Because he's unwilling to even try to quit, my advice is to insist that he do it outside and away from you.

**DEAR ABBY:** A few days ago, my daughter had a sleepover at a friend's house, and the girl's dad broke my daughter's eyeglasses by accidentally stepping on them. He said he would pay for them. In the meantime, I glued them together.

Fast forward to two days later, and our dog finished the job and broke the side that was still OK. Is the dad still responsible for paying or is he not, since my dog used the glasses as his chew toy? -- BLIND AS BATS IN FLORIDA

**DEAR BLIND AS BATS:** The man who stepped on your daughter's glasses should pay to replace them as promised, and in the future, when those glasses are not on your daughter's nose, they should be safely stored in their case and in a secure location!

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**THIS IS YOUR YEAR** By Timothy E. Parker

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MOE KEEPS KNOCKING ME DOWN AT SCHOOL FOR NO REASON. HE'S MEAN JUST FOR KICKS.

I SURE AM GLAD YOU'RE AN ANIMAL. ANIMALS SOMETIMES MAKE A LOT MORE SENSE THAN PEOPLE DO.

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RIGHT, HOBBS. GOOD POINT.

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Monday's Puzzle Answer

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IT'S A LOVE STORY!

IS IT LIKE OUR LOVE STORY?

YES, IF YOU MEAN, IS IT FICTION?...

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BROWNE

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I GOT ONE OF THOSE FITNESS TRACKERS

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# Buoyed by addition of Peterson, Cardinals head to London

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals were in fine spirits as they boarded a plane for London on Monday, buoyed by the addition of Adrian Peterson and his impressive debut against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

There was a noticeable uptick in the team’s energy and the home fans’ enthusiasm from the time Peterson first touched the ball on Sunday. In fact, he got a standing ovation after his first carry, which went for eight yards.

“That’s the type of impact I want to make with my teammates and fans,” he said in front of his locker on Monday. “For me, I’m just happy to have the opportunity.”

Five days after being acquired in a trade with New Orleans, Peterson rushed for 134 yards in Arizona’s 38-33 victory over the Buccaneers. He scored on a 27-yard run on the team’s first possession and punched one across from one yard out later in the game, giving him 99 career rushing touchdowns.

He said he felt no worse for wear after his 26 carries on Sunday.

“My body feels good,” Peterson said. “I feel really good, not banged up. I got my squats in today, did some cardio. Ultimately I came out well. A couple of bruises, but outside of that I’m fresh.”

The Cardinals (3-3) head to London for an NFC West showdown with the vastly improved Los Angeles Rams, who lead the division at 4-2.

While the Rams are staying in Jacksonville after beating the Jaguars there on Sunday and won’t leave until Thursday, the Cardinals chose to depart late Monday afternoon, in part so they can adjust to the 8-hour time difference. Coach Bruce Arians said the team was to arrive in London about noon, local time, on Tuesday.

“We’ll unpack and go straight to a workout and break a sweat, try to keep them up and stay awake,” he said. “If you’re going to take a nap, take it a little bit later in the day and then get a night’s sleep.”

Arizona’s offense, which had sputtered through the first four games, looked like its old high-powered self on Sunday, with season highs in points (38), touchdowns (five), net

yards (432), rushing yards (160), average yards per play (7.3), rushing average (4.6) and average yards per pass play (11.3).

“It was refreshing,” defensive lineman Frostee Rucker said, “to see some movement, to see some big plays. Our offense is capable of a lot of big plays. They have playmakers all across the board. Just to see their hard work pay off and A.P. (Peterson) coming in and doing a fantastic job. It’s great and we’re going to try to keep in rolling.”

With Peterson running the ball so effectively, and the line bolstered by the return of left tackle D.J.Humphries and left guard Alex Boone, there was a lot less pressure on Carson Palmer. That meant he had to throw fewer times and had much more time when he did. With the Buccaneers packing the box to stop the run, receivers often ran wide open, especially in the first half, when Arizona built a 24-0 lead.

“Probably the best first half of offensive football, team football, that we’ve played in a long time,” Arians said.

The second half? Not so much.

Ryan Fitzpatrick, stepping in for the injured Jameis Winston, threw for 290 yards and three touchdowns to bring his team back from a 31-0 deficit. The contest wasn’t clinched until Larry Fitzgerald gathered in an onside kick with 2:02 to play.

“I thought we relaxed after we scored and went up 31-nothing,” Arians said. “I thought we relaxed at that point in time and started giving up plays we hadn’t been giving up during the game.”

With the running game working, Palmer threw only 22 times. He completed 18 (including his first 14 attempts) for 283 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. In his first five games, Palmer threw 49, 36, 48, 51 and 44 times, and took a lot of vicious hits along the way.

Arizona entered the contest averaging a league-worst 51.8 yards per game on the ground. Peterson eclipsed that on the first series.

Now he is off to London for the second time in less than a month. Peterson was there with the Saints when they beat Miami 20-0 on Oct. 1.



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