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Leone Lions' defensive unit devouring Dennis Enoka of the Wildcats at midfield, during the opening quarter of their final game of the season. Leone shut out the Wildcats 32-0. [photo: TG]



An injured Nu'uuli Wildcat offensive lineman is carried off the field by his teammates, a protocol established by ATC Florence Wasko throughout the season. [photo: TG]

Lions shut out the Wildcats in Senior Game

by T. Gasu
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Head Coach Oakland Salave'a and the Leone Lions are celebrating their final victory of the season, a 32-0 shutout win against the Nu'uuli Wildcats, in the last weekend of regular season for the American Samoa High School Athletics Association (ASHSAA) 2017-18 football season.

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Prior to last week's game, the Wildcats informed ASHSAA that they would not field their Junior Varsity squad during their last scheduled game of the season. According to ASHSAA, this was due to safety reasons.

Nonetheless, the Black and Yellow Wildcats did field their varsity squad, to bid farewell to this year's senior class in a Senior Game against the Lions. This is the first year in a long time that the Nu'uuli Wildcats have not secured a single victory in the varsity division. They just haven't been able to fully establish their passing game (most defensive units they face are bound to contain Iosefa Mauga and Nu'uuli's ground attack).

And with their passing game having no effect, the result is their running game being plugged up again; hence, a shutout.

This was both the Wildcats and the Lions final games of the season. The semifinals for the varsity division is set for upcoming Saturday, Nov. 18, when No. 2 Faga'itua is sched-

uled to face off against No. 3 Samoana to determine which team will face the No.1 seed in the division, Tafuna High School.

THS Warriors are taking another weekend off, giving them a lot of time to heal and prepare for the biggest game of the season — their senior game and championship match — all set to be held Nov. 25th.

VARSITY DIVISION LEONE, 32 - NUUULI, 0

Branson Pualau, Dennis Enoka, and Iosua Hemingway led the Wildcats' defensive unit to a great start in the opening quarter of the match, as Leone's attempts towards the end zone were denied three times by Nu'uuli.

It wasn't until the second quarter that they were caught slipping by the Lions, resulting in the first six points of the match.

7:29 into the second quarter of play and the Lions, pinned deep in their own territory, were playing a second and long situation from their own 1-yard line. Konelio Feagia'i looked far to fire a long one to Raymond Paulo who secured the catch near midfield, and turned on his boosters to take this 99-yard touchdown to the house for the opening touchdown of the game.

The two point attempt was an inside hand off to #40 and it was good enough to give them an eight-point lead.

4:09 still in the second quarter of play, and Feagia'i strikes from long range again — Lions first down from midfield

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Team American Samoa wins 3 medals at the Tri-Nation Boxing Championships

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

American Samoa’s boxing team returned home over the weekend with one Silver and two Bronze medals from the Tri-Nation Boxing Championships held in Apia, Samoa last week. Four local boxers — 3 males and 1 female — from the American Samoa Amateur Boxing Association (ASABA) represented the territory at the two-day event.

The team returned last week Friday to a ‘welcome home’ crowd of family members and close friends gathered at the Pago Pago International Airport.

Alofa Mataafa brought home the Silver, while Alesana Alesana and Orlando Taala each secured a Bronze medal.

The lone female boxer, Elizabeth Tuavale — who was

undefeated prior to last week’s tournament — lost her bout against a tough opponent from New Zealand.

Head coach Sala Sanele Etuale, a former boxer that represented both Samoa and American Samoa in previous years, was excited when he spoke to Samoa News about the team’s accomplishments.

“They exceeded all my expectations and did well for a small team,” he said. “There were all sorts of emotions going through my head as the team headed into the final bouts. They dug deep and we are really happy, pleased to get the opportunity to get our hands on the trophy.” Sala said the whole purpose of sending local boxers to international competitions like the Tri-Nation and the 2-Samoas Battle, is to develop the young ones in the sport.

He said the ASABA is trying to develop the younger generation in boxing, “so when they grow up, they are good at it.” Another reason, he continued, is so young people will develop an interest in the sport.

When asked about the next tournament for our local team, Sala said they will take a one week break before getting together for their usual training, to prepare them for remaining tournaments on the agenda this year, to include the upcoming Pacific Mini Games set to be held in Vanuatu next month.

“Our training sessions will resume next week to prepare our team for the next challenge, and that will be a good chance for new boxers who just joined the Association last month, to train together with our seasoned boxers — those who have been in the sport for a long time,” Sala shared.

According to Sala, the ASABA team really showed their mettle during the two-day tournament in Samoa, competing against top fighters from New Zealand and Samoa.

American Samoa’s first medal at the tournament — a Bronze — came from one of the new warriors, Alesana Alesana in the 69kg division. Alesana dominated the first 2 minutes of the first round of the match, throwing some hard punches, connecting some good combinations with double jabs, followed by a powerful right hand to the body and head, which caused his opponent to fall down while holding his stomach with both hands. Alesana won by TKO when his opponent was unable to continue the fight. This is the first medal of his boxing career.

For the ladies division, Elisapeta Tuavale lost during a bronze medal match against an opponent from New Zealand in points, in the women’s super heavyweight division.

American Samoa’s second medal, another Bronze — by unanimous decision — came after all three judges agreed that Orlando Taala was too good for his opponent in the 75kg division. Like Alesana, this is Orlando’s first medal of his boxing career.

Alofa Mataafa secured the third medal for Team American Samoa — a Silver — in the 81kg division. Mataafa used his height and experience to dominate his final bout of the night, landing a few solid jabs on his opponent within seconds after the first bell went off.

“Not only does he know how to start strong, he finished off his opponent in the third round when he powered through and pounded his opponent with body shots until the fight was called, adding up another medal for American Samoa,” said Sala.

Congratulations Team American Samoa!







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Ex-football player charged with murder in wife's death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former professional football player sliced his wife's neck and then crawled on the ground outside their rented Utah condominium before flagging down a police officer, prosecutors said in murder charges filed Monday.

The bloody scene in the ski town of Park City indicated that Keri "KC" McClanahan, 28, put up a desperate struggle before she was killed. The murder weapon was a small, sharp knife she'd worn sheathed in a nylon paracord bracelet, charging documents state.

Police found her husband, Anthony D. McClanahan, 46, covered in blood and crawling on his stomach outside early in the morning of Nov. 2. He lifted himself up just enough to flag down a police officer, then dropped back down and began convulsing, his arms making a "snow angel motion," the officer on scene told prosecutors.

No attorney was listed for him in court records Monday, and a phone number for him went unanswered.

Anthony McClanahan was treated for minor injuries. He originally told officers he and his wife and baby had been attacked, but investigators found no evidence of anyone else going into the condo or any baby at their place in the Park Regency.

His wife's body was found in the condominium he had

rented after someone else at the building called 911, saying they'd seen him crawling low to the ground through the hallways and calling for help. Keri McClanahan had suffered several cuts to the front, back and sides of her neck, as well as other defensive wounds and carpet burns.

McClanahan had been charged with child kidnapping last month after authorities said he took his 8-year-old son from a previous relationship from his school in Arizona on Oct. 3 and traveled with him through Nevada and Utah.

He was arrested in Utah on Oct. 12 and gave his son back, then bonded out of jail a week later.

He and his wife rented the condo in Park City a few days later, charging documents said.

Originally from Bakersfield, California, McClanahan played four years with the Calgary Stampede of the Canadian Football League in the mid-1990s after a collegiate career at Washington State University. He was in training camp with the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL in 1994 but never played in a game.

Keri McClanahan, who went by KC, had been planning to leave her husband but wanted to help him get on his feet first, said her sister, Heather Gauf.

The couple had met last year when he was working as a personal trainer in her hometown

of Bellingham, Washington, and he pushed for a fast wedding, Gauf said.

"It worried me a lot," she said, but "he kind of had us fooled."

After the January 2017 wedding, they moved to Arizona together and began traveling to volunteer in hurricane affected areas.

But his jealousy began to emerge and in September he got frustrated about a missed donation and punched her, Gauf said. He'd sometimes refer to the effects of head injuries he'd suffered during his football career, though Gauf doubts they were the root cause of the violence.

After the punch, Keri McClanahan returned home to Washington, but her husband continued to contact her even as he left Arizona with his son.

Anthony McClanahan ended up in Utah because he has family there and wanted his son to be an extra in a Disney TV production, Gauf said.

Keri McClanahan eventually met him in Utah to help with his son, and stayed to help him get back on his feet after his arrest, Gauf said.

"She's such a sweetheart," said Gauf, who remembered her sister as an adventurous, athletic woman with a great sense of humor who leaves two children of her own.

"He definitely dimmed her light so much and it was really hard to watch," she said.



This undated photo shows Keri "KC" McClanahan, 28. Former professional football player Anthony McClanahan killed his wife Keri and then flagged down a police officer, prosecutors said in murder charges filed Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. (Heather Gauf via AP)

Novice surfer masters a pro move: Punching a shark to escape

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A novice surfer mastered a pro's move on the first try: He punched a shark on the nose to escape its jaws.

The attack Monday afternoon off the Australian coast left Charlie Fry with superficial puncture wounds on his right shoulder and upper arm.

A British doctor who arrived in Australia two months ago to work, Fry said Tuesday he had recently watched a YouTube video in which Australian professional surfer Mick Fanning described his famous escape from a great white shark during a surfing competition in 2015.

"So when it happened, I was like: 'Just do what Mick did. Just punch it in the nose,'" Fry told Nine Network television. "So Mick, if you're watching or listening, I owe you a beer. Thank you very much."

Fry, a surfing beginner, was surfing with three doctor friends when he was attacked off Avoca Beach, 90 kilometers (60 miles) north of Sydney

"I was out surfing and I got this massive thud on my right-hand side; it completely blindsided me," Fry said.

"I thought it was a friend goofing around. I turned and I

saw this shark come out of the water and breach its head," he said.

"So I just punched it in the face with my left hand and then managed to scramble back on my board, shout at me friends and luckily a wave came, so I just sort of surfed the wave in," he added.

Fry said he wasn't conscious of his injured and bleeding arm until he reached the shore.

"I didn't really notice it at the time because when you're surfing, all I'm thinking was: 'I'm about to die. I'm literally about to die,'" Fry said.

"So I thought ... 'get in as fast as possible, ride the wave for as long as you can and then just start paddling for your life,'" he added.

Fry's friends drove him to Gosford Hospital, where they all worked, to be treated. The beach was closed for 24 hours.

Lifeguards spotted the 3-meter (10-foot) shark that attacked Fry close to shore and would use drones on Tuesday to check that it had left the area, Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Fry said he could not return to the ocean for a week due to his injuries, but "after then, I'll

be racing to get back in."

Fanning was competing at the J-Bay Open in South Africa two years ago when he was knocked off his board by a shark yet escaped unscathed. The video of the attack and Fanning speaking about it has been viewed more than 24 million times on YouTube.



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Wildcats quarterback, Diamond Vea scrambling with the football, after failing to find an open receiver for a pass during the second quarter of their varsity match up against the Lions. The Wildcats were shut out in 32- 0 loss.

[photo: TG]

Broncos sticking with QB, beleaguered special teams coach

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Both Brocks are keeping their jobs in Denver, where the Broncos are mired in their worst funk in decades.

Coach Vance Joseph said Monday that quarterback Brock Osweiler will start against Cincinnati next weekend, getting his third consecutive start despite being 0-2 since replacing Trevor Siemian.

Really, Osweiler has been the least of Denver’s worries in 28- and 25-point blowouts.

Joseph gave his beleaguered special teams coach Brock Olivo a vote of confidence, too.

Olivo’s units were directly responsible for 24 New England points in a 41-16 loss to the Patriots on Sunday night that dropped the Broncos to 3-6 with their fifth consecutive loss.

Osweiler threw for 221 yards and a touchdown to go with one interception and no sacks.

“Brock played a solid game yesterday,” Joseph said. “I was very pleased with how he played.” So, Siemian won’t be getting his job back this week, and former first-round pick Paxton Lynch remains a non-factor because, Joseph said, he’s still working his way back from a sprained throwing shoulder he sustained in the preseason and still hasn’t turned it loose on deep passes.

“We want to make sure he’s totally healthy before he plays again,” Joseph said. “I’m not sure when that’s going to come.” The only one who might lose his job is

Isaiah McKenzie, but Joseph wouldn’t commit to benching the rookie from Georgia whom the Broncos drafted in the fifth round and handed the punt return job before the preseason.

His muffed punt Sunday night set the tone for Denver’s fifth straight double-digit loss . It came after the Broncos forced Tom Brady into a three-and-out on New England’s first drive. After the turnover, the Patriots scored five TDs and two field goals before punting again.

“He has five fumbles in 28 attempts, but he’s also top 10 in return yards,” Joseph said. “With that being said ... we have to figure out how to minimize those huge errors and play a cleaner brand of football.

If that means having someone go in, just getting the ball caught and possessing the ball after a defensive stop — if it happens, it happens.” The Broncos also gave up a 103-yard touchdown return on a kickoff and suffered a blocked punt .

Plus, they had 12 men on the field during a punt on fourth-and-5 that resulted in a Patriots first down that led to a touchdown. (Another time, they had just 10 men on the field when Dion James scored on an 8-yard run). Linebacker Brandon Marshall caught that punt — his first in a game since high school — and admittedly forgot he could run with it . Joseph said he still has faith in Olivo, 41, who was Dave Toub’s assistant special teams coach in Kansas City the

last three seasons.

He praised Olivo’s energy, smarts, pedigree and hard work. Despite the 24 points his units cost the Broncos, “I’m fine with Brock,” Joseph said. “Brock works hard, he’s a young coach and he’s a bright coach. He’s going to be a great coach in my opinion.”

Joseph said the coaches need to simplify the game plans starting Sunday against the Bengals (3-6) “so we can play more efficient because we’ve spotted teams in the last three weeks 14 (points) in K.C., 14 in Philly and yesterday 24 points on special teams.

“You can’t beat NFL teams spotting them 14 and 24 points.”

Joseph said he didn’t see any quit in his team even though the Broncos have been outscored 165-68 during their five-game rut.

You have to go all the way back to 1961, the franchise’s second year of existence, to find a five-game stretch in which the Broncos were outscored by more than 97 points.

“We’re not broken by any means,” Joseph said, “because we believe we can win.”

When he met with his team to go over the latest film Monday morning, Joseph said, “I didn’t yell. I told the guys that I’m disappointed of where we are right now because we’ve played good enough football outside of the huge errors to compete. Until we find a way to not spot good teams 14 points, we can’t win.”

Nadal withdraws from ATP Finals after loss to Goffin

LONDON (AP) — Rafael Nadal will have to wait another year to win the ATP Finals. The world No. 1 withdrew from the elite, season-ending tournament after losing his opening match to David Goffin 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-4 on Monday at the O2 Arena. Nadal pulled out of the Paris Masters at the quarterfinal stage 10 days ago and admitted ahead of the ATP Finals on the indoor hard-court he struggles on, that his knees,

which have caused him trouble throughout his career, were still “not perfect.” Despite having qualified 13 consecutive times for the ATP Finals, only eight of which he’s been fit enough to compete in, Nadal has never won the event. Spain will still be represented, as Nadal will be replaced by U.S. Open semifinalist Pablo Carreno Busta. “My season is finished,” Nadal said. “Yeah, I had the commitment with the

event, with the city, with myself. I tried hard. I did the thing that I had to do to try to be ready to play. I tried, but seriously was miracle to be very close in the score during the match.” After two breaks of serve each, Goffin claimed an ugly opening set via a tiebreak and was on the verge of victory in the second, but Nadal’s fighting spirit saved four match points to force another tiebreaker and draw level. However, the third set proved a step too far for the 16-time Grand Slam champion, who began to struggle with his movement and was in visible pain. Goffin secured a double break to be 4-1.

No. 16 Washington regrouping after 2nd straight road loss

SEATTLE (AP) — Chris Petersen acknowledges he’s awful when it comes to handling losses. “I’m a bad loser. That’s a flaw that I have and even when we win can’t wait to put on the tape to figure out what went wrong,” Petersen said after having the weekend to think about Washington’s 30-22 loss Friday to Stanford. “When you lose you always think we didn’t play hard enough, our energy wasn’t right, whatever. Those kids played hard and my hats off to them.” The 16th-ranked Huskies (8-2, 5-2 Pac-12) were regrouping Monday after a second consecutive road setback. The loss to Stanford not only knocked Washington out of consideration for the College Football Playoff but also put a major roadblock in the Huskies’ path to the Pac-12 North title. The only team that controls what happens in the North is Washington State, which can earn a spot in the conference title game with a win over the Huskies in the Apple Cup. Washington needs Stanford to lose to California this Saturday to have any chance at a second straight division title.

Washington should know shortly after kicking off against Utah on Saturday night what its title chances are since Stanford and California play earlier in the evening, Petersen said he won’t be seeking updates on what is happening in the Bay Area. “There’s still so much football to be played in these two games, so much crazy stuff happens. And it doesn’t matter what happens (elsewhere),” he said. “We have no say over that. All we can control is playing as hard as we can. Let’s play this week, let’s get to the following week. These will be two really tough games and I know this: We’ll feel really good about ourselves if we can get that done. Because these are going to be tough challenges.” Washington entered last week with the top defense in the country in yards allowed per game. But they were picked apart by the Cardinal, whether it was Stanford throwing to its taller, bigger receivers downfield or letting Bryce Love cut and slash his way through the Huskies defense. Stanford’s 406 total yards were the most allowed by Washington this season and most in

17 games dating to last season against Oregon. Most impactful was Washington’s inability to get off the field on third downs. Stanford was 10 of 18 on third-down conversions, 1 of 1 on fourth-down tries, all helping lead to a 12-minute advantage in time of possession. “They held the ball, converted third downs, ate up the clock, ran the ball well — that’s what they do,” Petersen said. “And they did it better than us. I tell our guys, if we’re playing with all we’ve got and our mind’s right, our energy is right and we’re physical and someone beats us, we don’t like it. It’s tough to stomach, but you tip your hat and move on. That night, those guys played better than us.” Almost as troubling was Washington’s offense going stagnant for the entire middle of the game. After Myles Gaskin scored on a 15-yard run with 11:37 left in the second quarter, Washington went three-and-out on three of its next six possessions, fumbled once and turned the ball over on downs when it was unable to convert fourth-and-1 at the Stanford 18 midway through the second quarter.



ASHSAA ATC Florence Wasko walking an injured Leone player off the field for a check up, during a time out in the second half of Leone and Nu'uuli's varsity match up last Saturday afternoon. [photo: TG]



Stanford running back Bryce Love, left, scores a touchdown past Washington defensive back Taylor Rapp (21) during the second half of an NCAA college football game Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, in Stanford, Calif. Stanford won 30-22. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

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Iverson Ta'ase of Leone is stopped immediately in the backfield by Branson Pualau of Nu'uuli during the second quarter of their varsity match last Saturday. Ta'ase and the Lions won 32-0.

[photo: TG]



Lions...

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and Feagia'i rolls out to fire another long pass out to Raymond Paulo, who secured the catch en-route to the end zone for his second touchdown catch of the game.

With just 33 seconds remaining in the half, the Lions passing game intensified as the Wildcats had double coverage on Paulo. This left an open window for Antwan Legget who secured a long pass from Feagia'i on a third and long situation from their own 15-yard line.

Legget turned it up for six to score his first touchdown of the game going into half time.

The Wildcats were hoping the second half would bring them some kind of luck. But Leone's gunslinger Feagia'i was on fire and it was a bit too late to hold him back.

3:22 in the third and Feagia'i leads the Lions inside the red zone again for another shot at the end zone. Feagia'i faked a quick pass to Legget and opted to give the hand off to #40 on the draw play for a 5-yard touchdown reception that extended Leone's lead and secured their 4th win of the regular season.





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FILE - In this Sept. 3, 2017, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers' Cody Bellinger watches his solo home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres, in San Diego. Aaron Judge of the Yankees and Cody Bellinger of the Dodgers are favored to win Rookie of the Year honors when the votes are announced Monday night, Nov. 13, 2017. (AP Photo/Alex Gallardo, File)

Judge, Bellinger unanimous picks as Rookies of the Year

The only major question was whether it would be unanimous — and it was.

Aaron Judge and Cody Bellinger are baseball's Rookies of the Year, after their record-setting home run binges left no need for any dissenting opinions. Judge led the American League with 52 homers, the most ever by a rookie. Bellinger hit 39 and had to settle for the National League's rookie record.

Judge and Bellinger received every first-place vote available from the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Judge became the first New York Yankees player to receive this award since Derek Jeter in 1996. Bellinger gave the Dodgers a record 18th Rookie of the Year winner.

"Watching him from the West Coast, what he did on the East Coast, was awesome," Bellinger said. "I was a big fan of his, and met him during the All-Star game, and he's a humble dude. I think we're both reflecting, now that the season's over, on the kind of seasons that we've had."

This was the first time both Rookie of the Year awards were unanimous since 1997, when Nomar Garciaparra of Boston and Scott Rolen of Philadelphia won.

This season's votes were announced Monday night. Boston outfielder Andrew Benintendi finished second in the AL, followed by Baltimore slugger Trey Mancini. St. Louis infielder Paul DeJong was the NL runner-up, with Pittsburgh first baseman Josh Bell finishing third.

Judge is also an MVP finalist.

"Obviously it was an amazing, remarkable year that no one would have predicted," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "When you

drop 52 — I think he really should have had 53, one that instant replay didn't protect. ... It should be a higher number. It was just an incredible year."

Ichiro Suzuki in 2001 and Fred Lynn in 1975 are the only players to win the AL MVP and Rookie of the Year awards in the same year.

The Yankees entered this season with marginal expectations by their standards, but the prodigious power of Judge and catcher Gary Sanchez transformed them almost overnight into an exciting young team with tremendous potential. They made the postseason as a wild card.

"It's exciting times right now to be wearing pinstripes," Judge said. "To come up through the minor leagues with a lot of these guys, watch them develop, and now to see what they're doing at the major league level is really impressive."

Judge's 495-foot shot on June 11 was the longest home run in the major leagues this season, according to Statcast. Although he struck out 208 times in the regular season and 27 more in the postseason, the 25-year-old outfielder is one of a handful of reasons why the Yankees suddenly seem to have one of the brightest futures of any team in baseball.

New York came within a victory of the World Series this year, losing to Houston in Game 7 of the AL Championship Series. Bellinger's team made it to that final step, but Los Angeles fell to the Astros in a seven-game World Series.

Bellinger is the second straight Dodgers player to win Rookie of the Year. Shortstop Corey Seager did it last year.

"The future is bright in L.A.," Bellinger said. "I know that I'm excited, as well as the other teammates. Obviously,



Raymond Paulo, the 'Iron Man', taking his second touchdown catch to the end zone — Leone's second touchdown of the game during the opening half of their varsity match up against the Wildcats last Saturday afternoon. Paulo led the Lions to a 32-0 victory over Nu'uuli. [photo: TG]

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FILE - In this Dec. 5, 2016, file photo, outfielder Carlos Beltran smiles during a news conference to announce his signing a one-year contract with the Houston Astros, in Houston. Beltran is retiring after winning his first World Series title in his 20th major league season. The 40-year-old made the announcement Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, 12 days after the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 7 of the World Series.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip, File)

Beltran retires at 40 after winning 1st World Series title

HOUSTON (AP) — It took quite some time, but Carlos Beltran finally got there, winning a World Series title after 20 seasons in the majors.

Now he is leaving the Houston Astros and leaving baseball, retiring after a career in which he was a nine-time All-Star and was Rookie of the Year. The 40-year-old designated hitter and outfielder made the announcement Monday, 12 days after the Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 7 of the World Series.

He announced his retirement in an essay written for The Players' Tribune website. His story touched on what finally winning a championship meant to him.

"I realized early on that my purpose in this game was to share knowledge with younger players and to give back to the game of baseball," he wrote. "I always wanted to do that — that, and be the best teammate I could possibly be. Over 20 years, I feel like I accomplished that.

"So whether we won or lost Game 7, I would have still been happy with my career. But it still feels nice to have a ring," he continued.

Besides being named an All-Star nine times, most recently in 2016, and the 1999 AL Rookie of the Year, he won three Gold Glove and two Silver Slugger awards.

His production dropped dramatically this year. He hit .295 with 29 homers and 93 RBIs for the New York Yankees and Texas in 2016. He then batted .231 with 14 homers and 51 RBIs for Houston. Despite that, Beltran's veteran presence and his work with Houston's younger players including Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and Marwin Gonzalez proved invaluable for the Astros.

"He was worth every penny for us ... he helped us win in a lot of ways, even though his numbers were not what they were last year, he contributed in a lot of ways that were not really seen by our fans," Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "They were talked about a lot by our players. Also I think people know what I'm talking about. He really was a player-coach for us this year and he contributed in ways that lead me to believe there's no way we win the championship without him this year."

He finishes with a .279 average, 435 homers, 1,587 RBIs and 312 stolen bases. He also has played for Kansas City, the New York Mets, San

Francisco and St. Louis.

This season was Beltran's second stint with the Astros, after he was traded to Houston in June 2004. His work that postseason remains one of the best playoff performances in history. He hit .455 with four homers and nine RBIs in an NLDS win over Atlanta, then batted .417 with four more homers and five RBIs before Houston was eliminated by the Cardinals in the NLCS.

Beltran appeared in 10 games this postseason, including three in the World Series. He finished with three hits, including two doubles, and an RBI in helping the Astros to their first title.

Many of his current and former teammates expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Beltran on social media after his announcement on Monday. Correa posted a picture of the two of them on Instagram with a caption that read in part: "I will always look up to you brother! Thanks for making me a better player and a better person! I'm going to miss you so much!"

Houston right-hander Justin Verlander tweeted about Beltran's retirement, writing: "We only played together for a short time but what a ride we had! I learned a lot about what being a veteran means and the impact we can have. You're an amazing teammate and leader. What a way to bow out ... a World Champion!"

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman wouldn't say whether Beltran was a candidate to replace Joe Girardi as his team's manager. But he did rave about his career and the respect he has for him.

"He had leadership qualities, no question about that," Cashman said. "He was someone that people gravitated to in the clubhouse. I think managers or coaches could rely, or front offices could rely on (him), kind of directing things in a positive way or keeping the ship steered in the right direction."

After what Luhnow saw from Beltran in Houston this season, he could envision him becoming a manager one day. "Certainly. He's one of the brightest minds I've come across in the game," he said. "Now whether or not, I haven't (spoken) to him about what his intentions are after this, but I think he certainly would be a tremendous asset to any organization in whatever capacity he chooses to contribute."

LA Chargers QB Rivers reports possible concussion symptoms

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers is in the NFL's concussion protocol after experiencing possible symptoms of a head injury, endangering his streak of 194 consecutive starts since 2006.

Rivers told the Chargers about his symptoms Monday after they returned from a 20-17 overtime loss in Jacksonville, coach Anthony Lynn said.

The Chargers (3-6) are still hopeful Rivers can play on Sunday when they host the Buffalo Bills, but they will be cautious with the health of one of the most durable quarterbacks in NFL history.

"He needs to pass the test first," Lynn said. "If he's not healthy, we do not want him on the field. But if he's healthy and ready to go, then (he'll play)."

Rivers wasn't sacked by the Jaguars, but he was hit five times and pressured regularly.

Lynn wasn't certain when Rivers was hurt, but the quarterback took a big shot when he threw a long interception in overtime.

Rivers is the foundation of the franchise that moved to the Los Angeles area this year.

He spent his first two NFL seasons as the understudy for Drew Brees, but the North Carolina State product has started every game in the regular season and the playoffs for the Chargers since he became their starting quarterback in the 2006 opener.

"I don't even really have an experience with him not being out there," said tight end Antonio Gates, Rivers' teammate since 2004.

"I'm pretty sure they'll go through the right steps in the protocols to try to get him back on the field. His health is the main concern. ... That's speaking from a personal standpoint as a friend, just making sure he's healthy enough to go out and play and help us win."

With 185 straight regular-

season starts and nine playoff starts, Rivers has the fourth-longest streak for a quarterback in NFL history.

Brett Favre set the NFL record with 321 starts from 1992-2010. Peyton Manning made 227 consecutive starts from 1998-2011, while the New York Giants' Eli Manning has a still-active streak of 220 straight starts since November 2004.

Rivers is 10th in NFL history with 48,096 yards passing in 14 seasons with the Chargers.

While they have struggled in recent seasons, Rivers and Gates led the Chargers to four straight AFC West titles from 2006-09, along with the 2007 AFC championship game.

Rivers has passed for 2,263 yards this season with 15 touchdowns and seven interceptions, completing 60.1 percent of his 323 throws. Nobody else on Los Angeles' roster has thrown a pass.

If Rivers can't play Sunday, Lynn says he is confident in backup Kellen Clemens, who hasn't started an NFL game since 2013 with the St. Louis Rams. Although he is well-versed in coordinator Ken Whisenhunt's offense, Clemens has barely played over the past 3½ seasons with the Chargers, throwing just 10 passes and getting most of his field time as a kick holder.

"I feel fine about Kellen," Lynn said. "He's well-prepared. He's a veteran. Obviously, I'd rather have my starter in there. But if something happen with Phil, we'll go with Kellen."

The Chargers don't have to decide until Sunday morning whether Rivers will play, and Lynn didn't seem anxious to make a quick decision this week. "Philip is obviously the cornerstone of what we do and how we implement our game plan," Gates said. "But I'm quite sure that we'll do things that maximize Kellen's ability if need be."



Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers (17) throws a pass as he is pressured by Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Dante Fowler Jr., during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, in Jacksonville, Fla.

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- 14 Studio sign
- 15 Computer brand
- 16 Attended
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- 25 Retracts, as a statement
- 27 Traveler's check?
- 30 Hero of the deli
- 31 Got off a train, e.g.
- 32 Graph line
- 34 Mob enforcer
- 36 Blazing stars
- 40 Invite to an after-party, e.g.
- 43 "What a Wonderful World," e.g.
- 44 Hawk
- 45 Man's jacket size
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- 13 Mexican moolah

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plan your actions and execute them with flair. You'll be able to capture attention and make headway when discussing travel plans or educational pursuits with someone you want to take on new challenges with. Your enthusiasm will be persuasive.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Anger will not get you ahead, but demonstrating control and channeling your energy into a job well done will make an impression that won't go unnoticed. Celebrate your accomplishments with someone you love. Romance is highlighted.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go where the action is. Be part of the future instead of hanging on to the past. Share information and partner with people who are heading in a similar direction as you. Network, but don't commit to anything too quickly. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems at home will surface if you want everything done your way. Try to get along with the people you deal with and you'll discover it will be easier to get things accomplished. Partnerships need to be nurtured, not tested.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel plans, educational pursuits and taking care of what's important to you should be high on your to-do list. Temptation, overreacting and indulgence will be your downfall. Being overly generous or trying to buy love is not recommended.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Direct your energy into activities that will help improve your surroundings at work and at home. A positive change will help you avoid criticism or complaints from people you deal with daily. Use incentives to get your way. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be sensitive to what others do or say. Be aware of your reactions and try to respond in a reasonable fashion. Working alone or striving to gather information as you move forward will help you avoid making a mistake. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's all about you and those closest to you. Don't feel like you have to fold to demands from people who are pushy about where or how you should spend your cash. Be true to yourself and make your choices clear.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you want change, make it happen. Share your ideas with peers or those you are going to engage in a partnership with. Ironing out the finer details will help you gain approval. Don't get angry or frustrated, get moving. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An emotional incident will develop into an argument if you aren't careful. Listen to explanations and work with others in order to get the most out of any situation you encounter. Compassion and understanding will be required. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An opportunity is within reach, but you can't let anyone interfere with your plans. Don't expect anything from others and you won't be disappointed. Do your own thing and you will have no regrets. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone in a position to put demands on you will cause problems. Don't let your emotions and anger take over or you will end up in a no-win situation. Your best alternative is to focus on ways to become self-sufficient. ***

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DISCOVERY OF PREGNANCY TESTS SURPRISES LIVE-IN GIRLFRIEND

DEAR ABBY: I am a lesbian. My girlfriend and I have been dating for six months. We have an awesome relationship and are very happy and open with each other.

I know she has dated guys in the past -- so have I -- so I'm not worried about that nonsense at all. But I recently found something of hers that surprised me. It was a container of pregnancy tests, and one was missing with a Plan B pill alongside of it. I am not mad about it because I know stuff happens, but I would rather that it not happen in our apartment.

I'm tempted to bring it up, but I would honestly rather not discuss it at all. I just don't want anything happening in the apartment. Would it be weird if I just threw the stuff out without telling her, or should I say something?

What if she wants to keep it? I don't think that would be the case, but it would start a fight because, as a female couple, we obviously don't need a pregnancy test. I know I am overthinking this, and I could use some advice on how to handle this uncomfortable situation. -- SURPRISED ABOUT IT

DEAR SURPRISED: I'm glad you asked. Do NOT "quietly" throw out those pregnancy tests or the medication. I don't know what kind of arrangement you have with your live-in girlfriend, but if fidelity was part of the agreement, you should absolutely talk with her about what you found. It does not have to degenerate into a fight, but it's important that you know why she feels the need to be in an intimate relationship, regardless of gender, with someone else.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a wonderful life and much to be thankful for, but we have no children and are usually alone on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Everyone makes such a fuss about sharing these holidays with loved ones, but I become depressed during this season.

I do volunteer work on these holidays, but still feel sad and like everyone else in the country is having a better time than I am. Any suggestions? -- NOT SO JOLLY IN ARIZONA

DEAR NOT SO JOLLY: You must be a new reader of my column or you would know that every year around holiday time I receive letters from people like you, expressing that rather than feeling joyful and elated, they feel depressed and deprived. Some of it may be the result of the incessant marketing of these holidays, which gives the impression that "everyone" is having a grand old time sipping cider, stuffing themselves with turkey and caroling under the windows of their neighbors.

An antidote for your holiday blues might be to do more than volunteer. Why don't you and your husband plan to do something special to treat yourselves, rather than stay home feeling like everyone else is enjoying themselves? Choose a different destination each year to visit and learn about.

Or invite some friends or acquaintances to join you at home. There's a saying that misery loves company, and in your case, company might be the solution to the problem.

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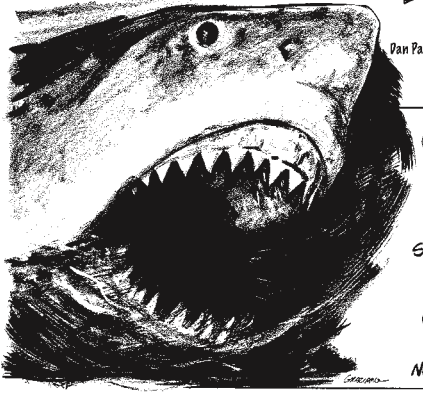
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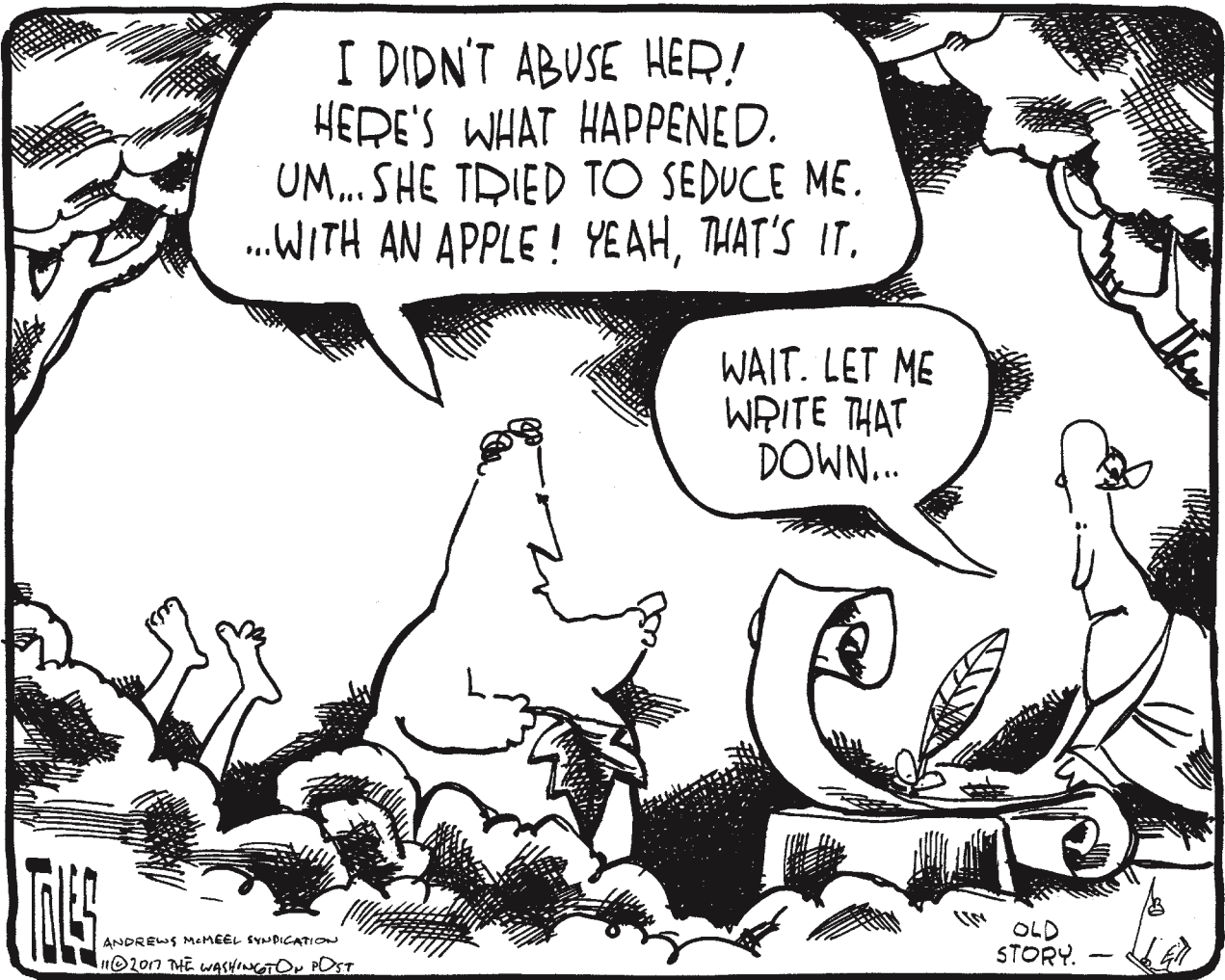
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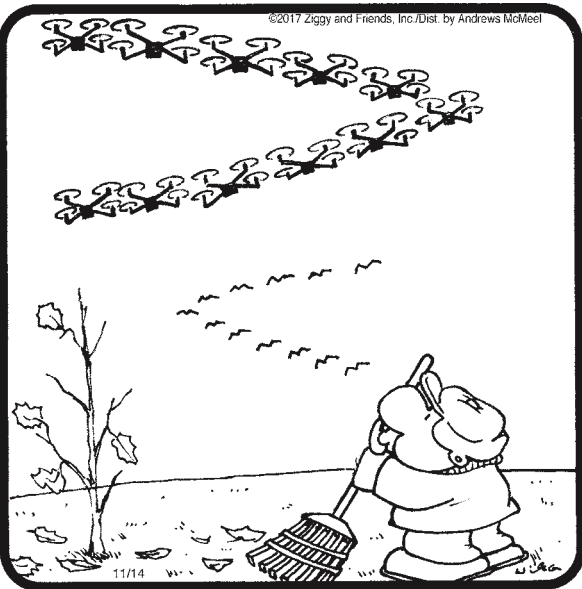
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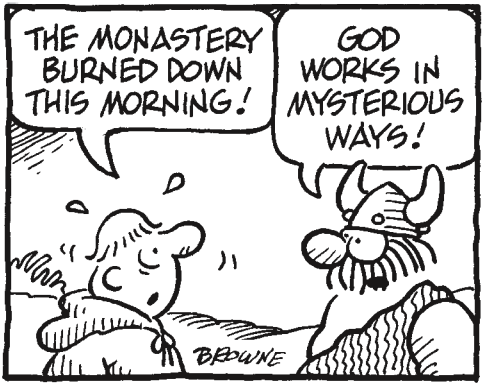


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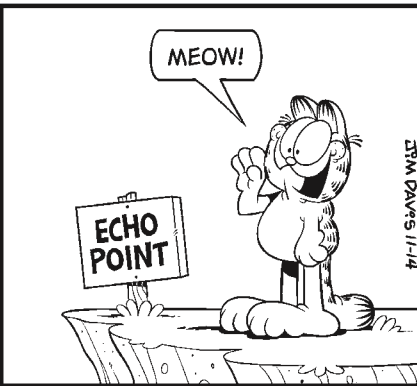


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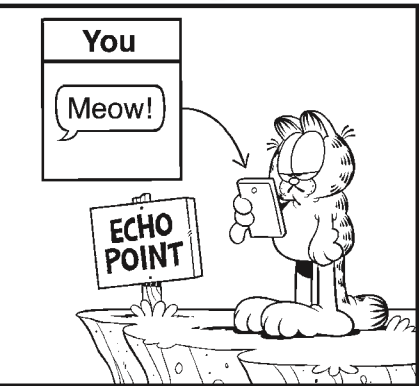
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Sudoku Pacific

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

5			7	6	2	1	8	4
6		4		1				
2				9	4			5
	5			2			9	8
8								6
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Monday's Puzzle Answer

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

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Jackpot! Las Vegas wins WNBA draft lottery

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Laimbeer and the Las Vegas franchise hit the jackpot, winning the WNBA draft lottery on Monday.

“Having the first pick will help to grow a fan base and this will go a long way towards that,” Laimbeer said in a phone interview. “I’m excited that we’ll add a great piece to the puzzle.”

Las Vegas had the best odds (44 percent) to win Monday’s lottery after finishing with the combined worst record the past two seasons while the franchise was in San Antonio. The team moved to Las Vegas last month and hired Laimbeer as its coach and president. It’s the second consecutive year that the franchise has the top pick. The Stars took Kelsey Plum No. 1 last season.

Laimbeer was happy to have good fortune in the draft lottery. In 2003, he was the overwhelming favorite to get the top pick and his Detroit Shock ended up getting the No. 3. It didn’t turn out that badly as Laimbeer took Cheryl Ford and the Shock went on to win the WNBA championship that year, going from worst to first.

“You expect the worst, hope for the best,” Laimbeer said. “You don’t know.”

Laimbeer said that he heard

that the draft is already planned to be held in New York next spring, but he wouldn’t mind seeing Las Vegas try and host it.

“It’s the league’s call. We’re open for anything. It’s a good destination place,” he said. “I’m sure we’ll talk about it here.”

Indiana will pick second with Chicago getting the third and fourth picks.

The Sky acquired the third pick from the Atlanta Dream in a trade.

“With these two prized draft picks, we can add potent impact players to our already talent-rich roster,” Sky GM and coach Amber Stocks said. “We will keep a keen eye on evaluating the upcoming draftees while also assessing the latent potential of these valuable assets.”

The Sky are the fourth team in league history to have both the third and fourth picks.

With a stellar senior class, this should be a pretty deep draft headlined by South Carolina star A’ja Wilson.

“Consensus is she’s the No. 1 pick,” Laimbeer said. “Time will tell. In our league, there’s some really big players.”

Seattle will pick fifth and Dallas sixth. The Wings will be followed by Washington, Phoenix, Connecticut, New York, Los Angeles and Minnesota.

FILE - In this Aug. 29, 2015, file photo, Bill Laimbeer, then the coach of the New York Liberty, watches the team’s WNBA basketball game against the Connecticut Sun in Uncasville, Conn. Laimbeer and the Las Vegas franchise hit the jackpot, winning the WNBA draft lottery on Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. “Having the first pick will help to grow a fan base and this will go a long way towards that,” Laimbeer, coach and president of the Las Vegas franchise, said in a phone interview. “I’m excited that we’ll add a great piece to the puzzle.”

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Small Fries/Drink



McChicken Wrap



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Quarter Pounder Burger



Med Fries & Med Drink



Two Cheeseburgers



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