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Patriots happy to be home for latest trip to AFC title game



Atlanta Falcons defensive tackle Jonathan Babineaux (95) sacks Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) during the second half of an NFL football divisional football game, Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, in Atlanta. The Falcons won 36-20. (AP Photo/John Bazemore)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots have had what seems like an annual spot in the AFC championship game over the past decade.

But the fact that this year's game is at home could factor into whether they are able to make a return trip to the Super Bowl.

The Patriots became the first team since the 1970 merger to advance to the AFC title game in six straight seasons with their win over the Houston Texans last week.

The Patriots are 5-1 at home in AFC championship games,

with their lone loss coming in 2013 against the Ravens in Ray Lewis' final trip to Foxborough.

While being at home doesn't guarantee victory, playing the game at Gillette Stadium is welcomed by a team that has been on the road in two of their past three trips to the AFC title game. Both of those road games ended in losses to Denver, including a 20-18 defeat last season.

"It's the energy. You get out there and everyone is really energetic. The fans are really intense," receiver Chris Hogan said Tuesday.

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Don't expect big spending by Seahawks on offensive line

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Being an offensive lineman for the Seattle Seahawks this season was a tough proposition.

No players drew more ire and more criticism from analysts and fans than the ones responsible for protecting quarterback Russell Wilson. Much of the criticism was justified. The main reason Seattle ranked 25th in the NFL in rushing and allowed Wilson to be sacked 41 times was issues by a young,

inexperienced group up front.

But all those hoping the Seahawks would start over and spend big to bring in a completely new offensive line next season were given a dose of reality by Pete Carroll this week.

It's not going to happen.

"We're going to work really hard this offseason to make sure that we make that spot really competitive again. We're not going to rest on anything or set back, we think we've got it now. We'll continue to work," Carroll said. "There's opportunities, of course, in the draft and free agency and all of that, that we're open to. We'll never turn away from any of those chances. But if nothing happened these guys are coming back, and they're going to get after it."

That's not necessarily what Seattle fans wanted to hear: The Seahawks are attempting to reconstruct a position group using young players rather than spending resources.

It's a risky proposition if you miss on the right players, but can be a huge success if done correctly and allows for money to be spent elsewhere.

"We're not going to go out and spend a ton of money in free agency, on one guy to try to save the day. That's not how we function at all," Carroll said. "We bring the young guys up, developing them and make them a part of this program. Then as they go and they earn their opportunities, then we'll reward them as we can. I hope that it's really clear that that's the way we've done this with a really clear intent."

Because of their youth,

the Seahawks had the lowest-paid offensive line in the NFL, spending just over \$6 million on its inexperienced unit. Seattle ended up starting a converted basketball player at left tackle, a rookie at right guard, a second-year player with one previous game at left guard and a center on his third position in three years.

Seattle's offensive line was bound to struggle. In Carroll's eyes, that also means he sees the potential in their future as a united group.

"I think we have a chance now that this is maybe one of the two or three years, of the seven or eight, that we have a chance to come back with kind of the same group and have a chance to build," Carroll said. "We're going to try to, but we're going to challenge the heck out of those guys, too."

The anchor for that group will be center Justin Britt. After playing right tackle and left guard his first two seasons, Britt found a home at center. He was a Pro Bowl alternate and the most consistent of Seattle's linemen.

Britt will be one of the certainties for next season along with rookie Germain Ifedi, whom Carroll intends on keeping at right guard despite his experience as a tackle in college. Left tackle George Fant was a basketball player less than two years ago and left guard Mark Glowinski had one start prior to this season.

"The good thing about being a young group is we will be together a long time," Britt said. "So the longer we're together the better we will get together."



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady celebrates a touchdown by running back Dion Lewis during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Houston Texans, Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, in Foxborough, Mass. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

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Champ's artistic side to be displayed at Muhammad Ali Center

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — When Muhammad Ali wasn't jabbing or dancing in the ring, he sometimes liked dabbling as an artist. Now, 15 drawings created by The Greatest are being donated to the Muhammad Ali Center in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. The Ali originals are coming from the foundation created by the artist LeRoy Neiman and his wife. Ali gave the artwork to Neiman, his longtime friend, as gifts.

On what would have been Ali's 75th birthday, the LeRoy Neiman Foundation said Tuesday it will donate 21 Ali-related works of art valued at more than \$500,000 to the Ali Center. The three-time heavyweight champion and humanitarian died last June after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

The donated works include two Neiman paintings of the champ, including his famed "Athlete of the Century" piece that has been on loan and displayed at the cultural center and museum since 2005. Neiman, who died in 2012, said the painting summed up "the quintessential, colorful, confident Ali." Other items in the donated collection include two pieces by Ali's father, Cassius Clay Sr., and one that Ali and a friend drew.

Ali Center President and CEO Donald Lassere called it a "poignant, timely and prized gift" as the celebrated Ali's birthday and legacy.

The donated pieces will likely be showcased at a future special exhibit at the Ali Center, officials said. It will give fans of the champ a chance to size up his skills as an artist. The Ali originals — done in pastel,

water color, pen, marker and crayon — were created between 1964 and 2005.

The drawings range in size and quality, said Tara Zabor, curator of the Neiman Foundation collection. Some represented his predictions for upcoming fights. In honor of his friend, the crowds in his fight scenes would include a mustachioed Neiman.

Neiman met Ali, whose father was an artist, in 1962 in the dressing room at a New York City arena before a bout. The artist sketched the young heavyweight sitting on the rubbing table. The two formed a long friendship and sometimes drew together between matches and workouts.

Neiman Foundation President Steven Bond said the Ali originals will shed light on the boxer's artistic side.

"These sketches in some ways were pretty bare bones, consisting of black-and-white stick figures, posed and dramatic moments from previous fights," Bond said. "But don't let the simplicity fool you. The playful works ... offer up fresh readings of Ali's personal history."

Neiman was best known for his brilliantly colored images of sporting events and leisure activities. His subjects included a long roster of famous athletes.

Last year, a print of a Neiman painting of Ali was stolen from an Ali Center exhibit while it was open to the public. The print, showing Ali in a classic boxing pose, was valued at \$5,000. An arrest was made in late 2016 in Pennsylvania, but the artwork was not recovered.



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) passes as fellow quarterback Mark Sanchez (3) looks on during an NFL football practice at the team's headquarters in Frisco Texas, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

Cowboys delay talk of Romo's future, likely knowing answer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Those closest to Tony Romo on the Cowboys aren't ready to discuss the future of the Dallas quarterback, probably because they know the likely final answer.

After 156 games and franchise bests of 34,183 yards passing and 248 touchdowns, Romo's career in Dallas appears to be over after he lost the job he held for 10 years to rookie sensation Dak Prescott following a preseason back injury.

The question is, what's next? "There's several cards to be

played," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said on his radio show Tuesday. "Don't think for one minute if you see something written or something said about what and where Romo is going to be relative to our team that there's any credibility to it."

"There's only one that can make that decision, and there's been no decision made."

Whether it's a trade or release, Romo figures to have at least some say in where he goes because of his strong relationship with the Jones family and coach Jason Garrett. And logic says it will be a playoff contender needing a quarterback.

Meantime, it's hard to think about a Romo-less Dallas roster for Garrett, seen frequently at sporting events with Romo during the offseason in recent years. He didn't want to discuss the specifics of the 36-year-old's future.

"We certainly want the best for him, whether he is here or whether he is somewhere else," Garrett said Monday. "He has been such an inspirational guy to me and everybody who has been fortunate enough to be around him. So good things will happen for Tony Romo. A lot of things will be discussed over the next few weeks."

Tight end Jason Witten came into the NFL with Romo in 2003 and is his best friend on the team. Romo and Witten didn't appear in the locker room a day after a 34-31 playoff loss to Green Bay. But immediately after the Packers won, Witten was asked whether his friend had played his final game for the Cowboys and he recalled the only time Romo spoke publicly all season, when he read a five-minute statement that conceded the job to Prescott

and didn't take questions.

"I'm sure in the next few weeks we'll have a time to talk," Witten said. "But I'm proud of him and how he handled that. Going back to when he had his press conference and the way he was able to kind of take the lead and eliminate the distraction for our football team. That wasn't easy to do. I think we're all better because of that."

After declining to discuss the Prescott-Romo decision in detail all season, Garrett finally opened up when the season was over.

Garrett, who was Romo's offensive coordinator for 3 1/2 seasons before taking over as head coach, said the difficulty was realizing how successful Romo was in the previous two seasons when he wasn't out with a twice-broken collarbone in 2015.

Romo was 16-5 in his final 21 starts, including two playoff games in 2014. But the Cowboys were in the middle of a team-record 11-game winning streak with Prescott when Romo was ready to return after breaking a bone in his back in the third preseason game.

"So when he had his opportunities based on the merits, there's a compelling argument to be made that that guy should be your quarterback," Garrett said. "What happened when Tony got hurt, Dak stepped in and this team got going. It went on a run, and what we needed to do was somehow, someway stay on that run."

Prescott likely eliminated any lingering doubt by leading the Cowboys back from 18- and 15-point deficits, the latter in the fourth quarter, against the Packers. Dallas tied the score twice in the final 4:08.

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Winters chooses to stay with Jets over trying free agency



This Aug. 1, 2015 photo shows New York Jets guard Brian Winters (67) pulling on his helmet as he walks out to the practice field at the team's NFL football training camp in Florham Park, N.J. Winters is sticking with the Jets after they took a chance on him four years ago. The right guard signed a four-year contract extension Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 worth \$29 million, including \$15 million guaranteed. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian Winters is sticking with the Jets after they took a chance on him four years ago.

The right guard signed a four-year contract extension Monday night worth \$29 million, including \$15 million guaranteed.

Rather than test the free agent market, staying put was more appealing to the 25-year-old Winters.

"I was comfortable with the decision I made as I was going through the process," he said during a conference call Tuesday. "I really like what the Jets have going here and I wanted to be a part of that and continue it."

"They're the team that gave me my shot in the beginning and I wanted to continue from that."

Winters was a third-round pick out of Kent State in 2013 and struggled during his first two seasons before becoming one of the Jets' most consistent and reliable starters on the offensive line the past two years.

He was scheduled to become a free agent in March, but the Jets got to work early on keeping Winters on a line that dealt with key injuries this season.

Even Winters wasn't immune: He missed one game after head-butting Seattle's Michael Bennett during a play, and was out the last two weeks after injuring a shoulder.

Winters had surgery on Dec. 23 to repair a torn rotator cuff and is expected to be completely healthy in time for training camp in July. He said he had no real uncertainty regarding his free agency value despite his injury.

"There's always thoughts of that, but the injury I had wasn't a career-ending injury," Winters said. "It's (a) five-month recovery. It's not like I would have missed time or anything, so it didn't really have much play into it, but you're obvi-

ously always thinking about that."

Winters was considered the likely top priority among the Jets' in-house free agent candidates and might have been an attractive option for teams looking for offensive line help.

He became New York's starter at left guard early in his rookie season, and started the first six games in 2014 before a knee injury ended his season. Winters moved over to right guard last season and showed marked improvement while making 10 starts after replacing the injured Willie Colon.

He further solidified his spot on the line this season while starting 13 games and is now firmly in the Jets' future plans.

"Just the growing pains, really," Winters said of his early struggles. "Coming into the NFL, I never played offensive guard."

"I was a tackle from a small conference, finally got my chance, didn't really know much about (playing guard), but I studied more and more. I moved over to the right side, where I felt a lot more comfortable."

He and left guard James Carpenter are the only starters on the line certain to return. Center Nick Mangold — whom Winters compared to "a fine wine" — could be a salary cap casualty, as could left tackle Ryan Clady and right tackle Breno Giacomini.

Despite that uncertainty and the team coming off a 5-11 season, Winters remains optimistic that New York can make a quick turnaround.

"The players, I know how the locker room is, I know what kind of talent we have in the locker room, especially in the offensive line room," Winters said.

"We have a great group of guys and I just want to build upon that and I feel like I was a part of something and I want to continue that."



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Panthers WRs coach Ricky Proehl resigns



An Atlanta Falcons fan Blake Supel, and his son Carolina Panthers fan Carter Supel, of Raleigh, N.C., watch team warm up before an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016.

(AP Photo/Bob Leverone)

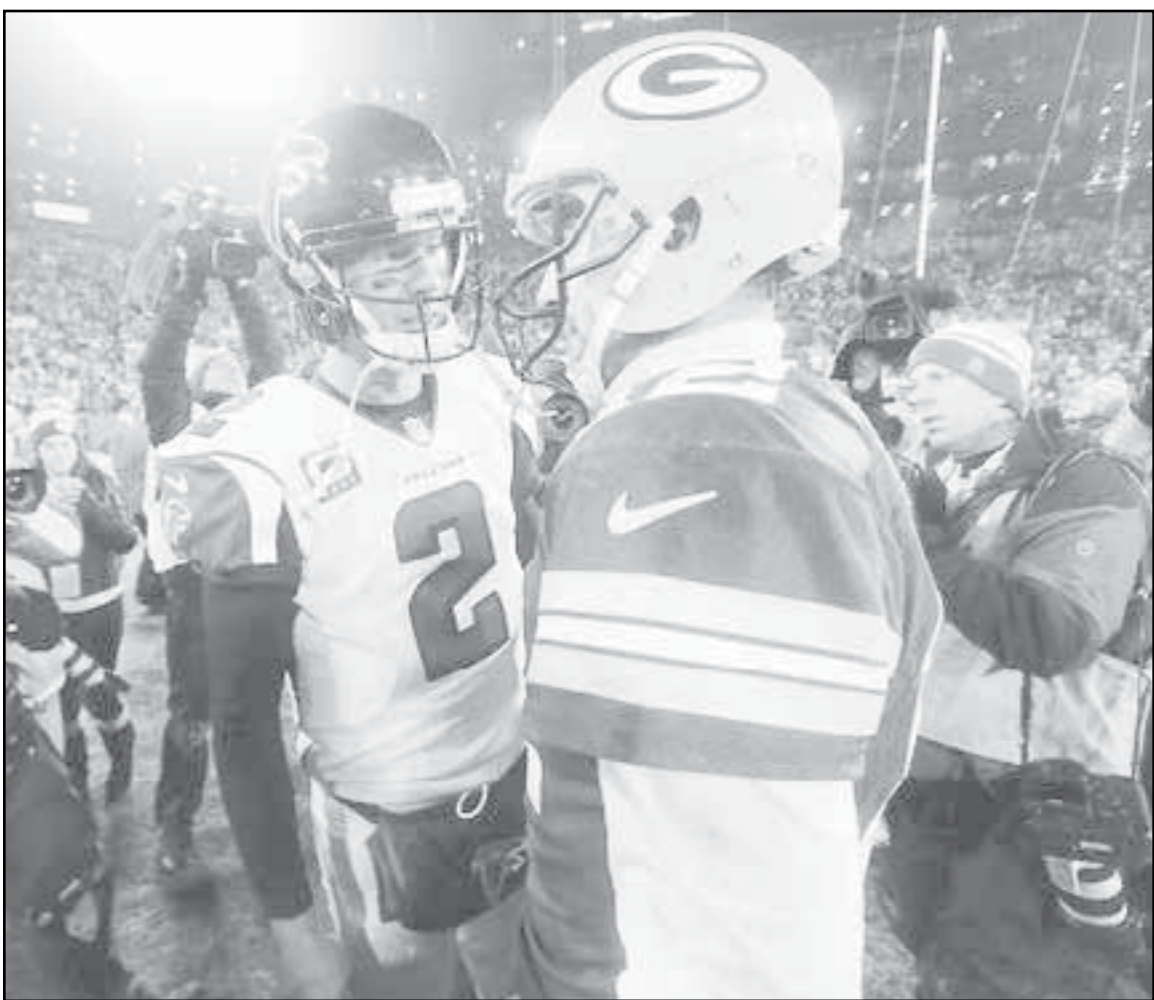
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Wide receivers coach Ricky Proehl has resigned from the Carolina Panthers so he can spend more time watching his sons play college football.

Proehl's son Austin is a wide receiver at North Carolina. His other son Blake recently committed to play football at East Carolina.

Proehl joined the Panthers as an offensive assistant in 2011 and was promoted to wide receivers coach in 2013. He was critical in the development of Kelvin Benjamin, a 1,000-yard receiver as a rookie in 2013 and helped re-ignite Ted Ginn Jr's career in Carolina.

The 48-year-old Proehl played 17 seasons in the NFL, winning two Super Bowls. Proehl was well respected in the locker room because of his long playing career and the no-nonsense attitude he brought as a coach.

Packers-Falcons NFC matchup expected to produce big offense



FILE - In this Dec. 8, 2014, file photo, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan (2) talks to Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers after an NFL football game in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers and Falcons play in the NFC Championship on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, in Atlanta.

(AP Photo/Mike Roemer, File)

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — The high-scoring offenses of the Atlanta Falcons and Green Bay Packers appear poised to provide a memorable send-off for the Georgia Dome.

Factor in the teams' leaky defenses, and Sunday's NFC championship game could surge past the unusually high over/under of 60½ points set by the Westgate Las Vegas Superbook.

The Falcons led the NFL in scoring. Even so, they know it won't be easy to keep up with the scoring pace set by quarterback Aaron Rodgers and the Packers.

"It's obvious they've got a stud at quarterback," Falcons left tackle Jake Matthews said Tuesday. "We've played a lot of great teams with great players at quarterback. ... Whatever it takes, we just have to put up as many points as we need to."

Matthews said the weekly message from offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan is "I don't know if we're going to have to win 6-3 or 40-37."

Of those alternatives, 40-37 appears to be the more likely target, in part because the Atlanta and Green Bay defenses don't dominate the statistics like their offensive counterparts.

Shanahan is a leading candidate in the San Francisco 49ers' coaching search.

The game will be the Falcons' farewell to the Georgia Dome, which will be demolished in the offseason. The Falcons will move into the \$1.5 billion Mercedes-Benz Stadium next season.

The Falcons and Packers finished the regular season ranked 28th and 31st, respectively, in pass defense. The Falcons allowed 25.4 points per game to rank 27th, only a few spots below the Packers (24.2) at 21st.

The Falcons beat the Packers 33-32 in Atlanta on Oct. 30. Atlanta led the NFL with 33.8 points per game.

Green Bay linebacker Nick Perry said the goal will be to prevent big plays.

"They are very explosive," Perry said. "When we look at

the film, we have to make sure we don't give up those explosive plays. Everything lives off that. They are good at what they do. We are going to look at the film and go over it and make sure we prevent as much as we can of those guys giving up explosive plays."

The Falcons advanced with a 36-20 divisional playoff win over Seattle last week. Green Bay's offense also rolled in a 34-31 win over Dallas.

Despite the unimpressive season totals, Atlanta allowed fewer than 20 points in four of its last six regular-season games.

But none of those games were against Rodgers.

The Falcons have faced Russell Wilson, Cam Newton and Drew Brees in their past three games.

Asked who compares with Rodgers, Falcons linebacker De'Vondre Campbell had a quick answer.

"Nobody. It's just that simple," Campbell said. "The things that he can do, it's just amazing to see. There's no one I can compare him to."

The Falcons are led by MVP candidate Matt Ryan, the All-Pro who ranked second in the NFL in yards passing and TD passes. Atlanta's offense featured depth, as Ryan threw scoring passes to a record 13 players during the season, and balance with running back Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman.

Atlanta's offense provides nice support for its defense, but cornerback Jalen Collins insisted Tuesday he doesn't want to have to rely on that strength.

"You don't go in the game thinking you're going to give up hundreds of yards and a bunch of points," Collins said. "We're looking forward to trying to limit the points as best we can and give our offense an opportunity to put points on the board."

Falcons cornerback Robert Alford said expectations for a high-scoring game gives the defense reason "to have a chip on our shoulders."



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“At the end of the day, it’s another football game, and I just have to approach it like that, just the way I’ve been approaching every single game this year. Go out there, play my best, play good football and try to help this team win as much as I can.”

Special teams captain Matt Slater acknowledged that New England’s performance against the Texans could have been better, but said no one is taking anything for granted about this latest shot at a Super Bowl berth. “Anytime you win a playoff game, whether you play well or not, if you win the game that’s all that matters,” Slater said.

“I think we all appreciate the opportunity that we have. Could we have played better? Certainly. But we could also be at home.”

The Steelers — and coach Mike Tomlin specifically — can expect to get an even more hostile reception than usual from the Patriots fans.

This comes after Tomlin was broadcast using a derogatory expletive to describe the Patriots during a postgame speech to his team following Pittsburgh’s divisional-round win over Kansas City.

Unbeknownst to Tomlin, the speech was aired on a social media livestream by Pittsburgh receiver Antonio Brown.

Tomlin apologized for his use of “regrettable” language on Tuesday. But he said he’s not worried about it having an impact on his team’s preparations this week.

“We are in the AFC championship. You aren’t going to creep in the back door of New England and win a football game, and creep out of there with an AFC championship,” he said. “I am not worried about our team’s ability to deal with the potential distractions.”

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Fesiligia Sunia taofia o tagata toese e aunoa ma ni moliaga e faila



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O le toe tatala ai i tua e le Fa'amasino o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, afioga Fiti Sunia o ni tagata se to'alua i le taeao ananafi sa taofia fa'apagota e Leoleo i le toese i Tafuna i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso, e aunoa ma ni ripoti e fa'ailoa atu ai moliaga o lo o faia fa'asaga ia te i laua, na fautuaina ai loa e le fa'amasino le itu a le malo ina ia silasila toto'a i le tula'i soo mai o lenei mataupu.

Mai le to'a 8 na taofia fa'apagota e Leoleo i le toese i Tafuna i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso, ma tutula'i ai i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo i le taeao ananafi, o le to'a 6 sa fa'agasolo a latou mataupu ina ua mae'a ona faila e le malo moliaga fa'asaga ia te i latou, sei vagana ai le to'alua o i laua na toe tatala i tua ina ua le mafai e le malo ona faila ni tu'uaiga fa'asaga ia te i laua.

O i laua e to'alua na toe tatala i tua e aofia ai le Tama matua ia Siaumau Siaumau Sr, ma le ali'i o Bernard Iakopo, o se tasi e le fou i le silasila a le fa'amasinoga.

A o aga'i atu Iakopo i luma o le ali'i fa'amasino mo lana iloiloga, na fesili le afioga a Sunia i le loia a le malo pe ua taunu'u atu le Leoleo sa ia pu'e fa'apagota ia Iakopo ma taofia i le toese, ae ina ua fa'ailoa e le loia a le malo e le auai atu le Leoleo na ia taofia fa'apagota Iakopo i le toese, na alaga leotele ai le afioga i le ali'i fa'amasino ia Sunia ma saunoa sa'o atu ia Iakopo e fa'apea, "Ua lelei, ua tatala oe mai le falepuipui".

Ina ua iloa e Iakopo o lea ua toe tatala o ia, sa faliu o ia i tua ma savali aga'i atu i le itu o lo o i ai le Masela a le Fa'amasinoga, mo le tatalaina ese o loka o lo o loka ai ona lima, ma ona foliga fiafia o le a toe alu i le fale.

E le fou le susuga a Iakopo i le silasila a le fa'amasinoga, aemaise lava le tulaga o le a'afia o ia i le gasegase o le mafaufau, lea e mafua ai ona taofia soo o ia e Leoleo ma molia e le malo.

O le mataupu a le susuga ia Siaumau Sr na lona 6 i le fa'asologa o mataupu sa iloiloia e le fa'amasinoga.

E amata taualuaga a le fa'amasinoga e lei taulimaina e le afioga i le Fa'amasino se pepa o tagi e fa'ailoa atu ai e le malo tu'uaiga fa'asaga ia Siaumau Sr.

Na fesili Sunia i le loia a le malo pe aisea ua oo atu ai Siaumau Sr i luma o le fa'amasinoga, e ui e le o i ai se pepa o tagi ua faila fa'asaga ia te ia, ae na tali le loia a le malo, "o lo o fa'agasolo i le taimi nei su'esu'ega a le malo fa'asaga i le mataupu lea na mafua ai ona aumai o ia i luma o le fa'amasinoga".

Na faliu Sunia ma fesili i le Leoleo o le Falepuipui po o anafea na taofia ai le susuga ia Siaumau Sr, ae na tali le Leoleo, "pei uma lava o le aso Sa na te'a nei", ona toe faliu lea o le afioga a Sunia ma saunoa atu ia Siaumau Sr e fa'apea, "e tusa ai ma galuega fa'atino a le fa'amasinoga e uiga i lau mataupu, o lea ua fa'ailoa mai e le itu a le malo le fa'aauau o a latou su'esu'ega fa'asaga i le mataupu na mafua ai ona taofia oe i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso, ae mo le taimi nei (aso ananafi), e le o i ai ni fa'amaumauga poo ni faila i luma o le fa'amasinoga e fa'ailoa mai ai ni moliaga poo se tagi ua faia fa'asaga ia te ia".

Saunoa atili Sunia i le loia a le malo e fa'apea, o loo malamalama le fa'amasinoga i auala e fa'atino ai galuega a le vaega fa'amalosi tulafono, e pei o le tulafono e taofia ai se tasi lalo o le vaaiaga a le malo mo le 48 itula, ae sei fa'agasolo le failaina o moliaga fa'asaga ia te ia, ae talu ai o lea ua oo atu le Tama matua i le fa'amasinoga e aunoa ma se tagi ua faila fa'asaga ia te ia, o le itu lena o loo fiamalamalama i ai le fa'amasinoga.

Na fa'ailoa e Sunia i le loia a le malo le tula'i soo mai o mataupu fa'apenei, o le taofia lea e le malo o ni isi o le atunu'u lautele i le falepuipui ma avatu i le fa'amasinoga, ae leai ni moliaga ua faila fa'asaga ia te i latou, ma o se tulaga fo'i lea e tatau ona toe vaavaai toto'a i ai le vaega fa'amalosi tulafono fa'apea ai ma le Ofisa o Leoleo.

O le mae'a ai o le saunoaga a Sunia, na ia poloaina ai loa le tatalaina i tua o le susuga a Siaumau Sr.



Ni isi o afioga i Senatoa fou o le nofoaiga lona 35 a le Fono Faitulafono lea ua nofoia i le taimi nei, [mai le itu agavale] le afioga ia Tauuaa S. Vaouli, Paepae Iosefa Faiiai ma le afioga i le Maupu ia Levu Tulafono Solaita Jr. [ata AF]



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TALA I VAIFANUA



O se va'auga ia Juliano Giuseppe Falaniko ma lona tina o Divine Iuli Falaniko. O Juliano ma malaga i Honolulu mo le Polynesian Football Bowl i Honolulu i le aso 21 Ianuari 2017. Ua na'o ia le sui mai Amerika Samoa o le a ta'alo i lea ta'alogaga. [ata: foa'i]

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

JULIANO FALANIKO O AMERIKA SAMOA I LE "POLYNESIAN BOWL"

Ua malaga ese atu mai le teritori le ali'i o Juliano Giuseppe Falaniko o Leone, ina ia auai i le ta'alogaga football a le Polynesian Bowl, ma o iina foi o le a fa'aeaina ai nisi o alo o Samoa ua fili fa'apitoa e auai i le lisi o alo mai Atumotu Polenisia. O le Polynesian Bowl o lo'o i lalo o le vaaiga a le Polynesian Hall Fame ma o le uluai ta'alogaga lea a le Polynesian Bowl e faia i Honolulu i le aso 21 o Ianuari.

O se fa'aeaga sa le mailloa e nai ona matua, Divine Iuli ma Juliano Mateo Falaniko, peita'i, "Ua talia mo'omo'oga sa talosia mo lenei alo o le atunu'u, e sii ai le fa'afetai i le Atua o mea uma." O le fautuaga sa molita'i e le tina i sana toe fa'amanatu i lona alo ae le'i tuua lona aiga, "Ia e iloa lelei, o lo'o e tau'avea lou aiga, lau aoga, lou nu'u ae maise o lou malo atoa o Amerika Samoa. Fai le mea sili pe a e ta'alo, ae ia lue feoa'i ma lou Atua ma le loto fa'amaulalo, ia e agamalu."

Sa aoga Juliano i Midkiff Elementary, soso'o ai ma le

Aoga Mauuluga a Leone mo le fa'ausaga ma ua tele fo'i avanoa ua filifila ai o ia e malaga atu ai i fafo mo ta'alogaga football, ma e alga lana taumafaiga i lea fo'i fa'agatama i le tatou atunu'u.

O le Polynesian Bowl ua fa'amoemoe e ta'a'alo ai le fanau a'oga mauululuga ua matauina le tulaga lelei o latou ta'a'alo i le Football, ma ua filifila i latou e Team Marcus Mariota o le Tennessee Titans ma Team Ronnie Stanley mai le Baltimore Ravens ae faia i le Aloha Stadium i le itula e 6:00 i le afiafi.

I le taimi nei ua fa'agasolo koleniga a tama ta'a'alo ua mae'a ona pikia mo 'au e lua, ma e fa'asolo lava e tusa ma le latou faatulagaga o mea e fai i aso ta'itasi seria oo i le aso fa'amoemoeina o le ta'alogaga faitaulia.

O le Head Coach a le Team Mariota o June Jones a'o le Head Coach mo Team Stanley o Dick Tomey.

TAOFIA SAPALAI FOU O FA'AASU NAMU E LE ASEPA

Ua savalia le 6 vaiaso o lo'o gapatia pea le mamalu o le atunu'u e tau saillia ni fa'aasu

namu i totonu o le atunu'u. Sa fesiligia le vaega o le ASEPA i le toe talia o fa'aasu namu.

"E moni lava, sa faia le galuega e ao ina fa'atino e le ASEPA ina ua taumafai le Kamupani Oloa a le Aveina Brothers e fa'a'ulu mai se isi ituaiga o fa'aasu namu fou. O lea o lo'o taofia uma nei uta o fa'aasu namu, seia mae'a ona kilia mai, ma ua usita'ia fo'i e le Au fai oloa, tulafono tau fefa'ataua'iga ma malo e i lalo o le puipuiga a le USEPA," o se faamalamalamaga lea a le susuga a Tuiasosopo i le vaega a le Pesticides a le ASEPA.

Ina ua fesiligia le Kamupani Oloa a le Aveina Brothers, sa faailoa mai e sona sui sinia i le Ofisa auto, "O lo ua tatalia nei le oo mai o se sui o le ASEPA ina ia toe taga'i i le taumafaiga ua fa'atino nei ina ia fa'asa'o ai lea fa'atuaiga, ma fa'a'ulu mai loa lea oloa mo le fa'atauina. O lo ua iinei le fa'atuaiga, ae o le gaioiga sa fa'a'ailoa mai e ao ina faia mo le saogalemu o le soifua o le mamalu o le atunu'u e fa'aaogaina, lea ua mae'a fo'i ona fa'atino ma tatalia sui o le ASEPA e fa'atagaina pe lea lava."

Tofia Komiti e iloiloina tupe maua mai i tulafono mae'a ona pasia

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Ua tofia nei e le afoaga i le ali'i kovana ia Lolo Mata-lasi Moliga se Komiti Fa'afoe fa'apitoa, latou te iloilo ma mata'itu auala e fa'aleleia atili ai tulaga o tupe maua a le malo, lea e maua mai i tulafono ua mae'a ona pasia e le Fono Faitulafono ma sainia e le kovana e ave ma tulafono.

O sui o lea Komiti Fa'afoe e aofia ai le Loia Sili a le malo ia Talauega Eleasalo Ale o le ta'ita'i, ma ona totino e aofia ai Ueli Tonumaipe'a, Catherine Saelua, Keniseli Lafaele, Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia Poumele, Keith Gebauer ma l'ulogologo J. Pereira.

I se vaega o lana poloaiga na sainia i le vaiaso na te'a nei ina ua tofia totino o lenei Komiti Fa'afoe, na taua ai e le afoaga i le ali'i kovana le tele o tausaga, e le o tulaga malosi le fa'amalosia o tulafono o lo o mafai ai ona fa'amalosia ma maua mai tulaga o tupe mo le tamaoiga o le malo o Amerika Samoa, ae o lo o fa'aauau pea suiga i auala o lo o fa'atautaia ai vaega eseese i totonu o le malo e pei o pisinisi.

I tausaga e 4 ua mavae atu e pei ona saunoa le ali'i kovana, na amata ai loa ona vaavaai le faigamalo i tulafono nei, ma amata ai loa ona fa'atulaga ni isi o suiga ina ia mafai ai ona maua ni isi tupe fa'aopoopo mo le malo e pei o le vaavaai i tulaga o le totogi o laisene pisinisi,

tulaga o lafoga o lo o totogi atu e pisinisi i le malo, atoa ai ma isi lava auala sa vaavaai i ai le faigamalo ina ia mafai ai ona fa'amalosia le itu tau tupe mo le tamaoiga.

"O lenei polokalame e mana'omia le fa'aauau pea, ma ua maitauina ai le tatau lea ona tofia se Komiti Fa'afoe fa'apitoa latou te va'ava'ai i auala e fa'atumauiina ai le lelei ma le malosi o tupe maua mo le tamaoiga o le malo", o se vaega lea o le saunoaga a le ali'i kovana.

O galuega tauave a le Komiti Fa'afoe e pei ona tofia ai e le kovana, e le gata latou te iloiloina tulafono o lo o i ai i le taimi nei o loo maua mai ai tupe mo le malo, ae o le a latou vaavaai fo'i i taimi ma aso o lo o aoga ai nei tulafono.

Afai ae mae'a galuega a le Komiti Fa'afoe mo le iloiloina o tulaga uma e fa'atatau i tulafono tupe o lo o maua mai ai le fesoa-soani i le tamaoiga o le malo, ona tu'uina atu loa lea o sa latou fautuaga i le kovana mo ni suiga e onomea ona faia i tulafono o lo o i ai nei, ina ia mautinoa e mafai ai ona fa'atupulaia pea tulaga o tupe maua mo le malo o Amerika Samoa.

Ae talu ai o le taua tele o galuega e tatau ona fa'atino e le Komiti Fa'afoe, ua fa'atulaga ai le aso 25 Fepuari o le tausaga nei e tatau ona tu'uina atu ai la latou ulua'i ripoti e tusa ai o le latou saililiga ua amataina nei.



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BRIAN BENJAMIN LOMA

O le masina o Me 2018 lea ua fa'atulaga e faia ai le fa'amasinoga autu a le ali'i o Brian Benjamin Loma i luma o le vaega iloilo iuga, i le mae'a ai lea ona teena e le fa'amasinoga mauuluga o se maliliega na latou sainia ma le malo ma le fa'amoemoe e fa'amuta ai tualumaga o lana mataupu.

O le fa'aiuga o le tausaga na te'a nei na tu'uina atu ai e le malo ma le itu a Loma sa latou maliliega ua mae'a ona sainia, ma le fa'amoemoe e fa'amuta ai tualumaga o le mataupu o lo o tu'uia ai Loma e le malo, ae i le mae'a ai ona iloilo e ali'i fa'amasino o aiaiga uma o le maliliega fa'apea ai ma isi mau fa'amaonia mai iloilo sa faia fa'asaga i lenei mataupu, na tu'uina mai ai loa e le afoaga i le ali'i fa'amasino sili ia Michael Kruse lana fa'aiuga e teena ai le maliliega, ae tu'u sa'o atu loa le mataupu e fa'atulaga se aso e iloilo ai e tagatanu'u se fa'aiuga amiotonu.

O ulua'i iloiloaga o le mataupu a Loma na fa'atautaia lea i luma o le afoaga i le ali'i fa'amasino sili lagolago ia Lyle L. Richmond, ae talu ai ona ua le atoatoa le malosi o le ali'i fa'amasino, o le mafua'aga lea ua se'e atu ai loa le mataupu e iloiloina e le afoaga i le fa'amasino sili ia Kruse ma ana fa'amasino lagolago, le afoaga ia Mamea Sala Jr ma Fa'amausili Poumele.

O lo o tu'uia e le malo ia Loma i le moliaga mamafa e tasi o lona umia fa'asolitulafono lea o vaega o le laau fa'asaina o le mariuana, le moliaga e mafai ona fa'asala ai se tasi i le toese mo le umi e le itiiti ifo i le 5 tausaga, pe fa'asala fo'i i le salatupe e le itiiti ifo i le \$5,000.

O le moliaga na alia'e mai i le fa'alavelave lea na tula'i mai i le po o le aso 11 Setema 2016, ina ua malaga mai Loma i le va'alele a le Hawaiian Air mai Honolulu ae maua ai e sui o le Ofisa o Tiute vaega o le laau fa'asaina o le mariuana, i totonu o ni oloa sa ia taumafai e fa'a'aulufale mai i le atunu'u.

O ni isi o oloa na taumafai le ua moliaga e fa'a'aulufale mai i le atunu'u e aofia ai lole suamalie ma mea fai ti, lea na su'e e Leoleo (Fa'aauau itulau 11)

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Tusia: Akenese Ilialo Zec
VAEGA: 44

Ia manuia lou alo atu i faiva ma tiute o le a feagai ai i lenei aso. Ae alo maia, o le a toe fa'auau atu la tatou tala. Na muta mai la tatou tala, o lea ua alu le fa'amalamalama a Lilo i le aiga o Loleta, o lea fo'i ua fa'atali mai e matua o Loleta ma lona aiga. Ae fai mai le tala, ina ua logo e le teine ona matua e tusa ai ma le fanoga ua i ai nei, na fa'ata'alise loa ona logo e le toeaina o Falaniko le failauga po'o le matai taule'ale'a o lona aiga, e o'o ane e tali le savali lea o le a taunu'u atu i lo latou aiga.

O lona uiga e fa'apea lava le tu ma aganu'u a Samoa, a alu atu se fa'amalamalama, e fetalai'i matai o aiga, o le Fa'aSamoa moni lava lea, o le tulaga la lea e fai, pe afai e maualuga suafa matai o lo'o umia e se tama o se teine po'o se tama. O le tulaga tonu lava lea ua o'o i ai lea afiafi.

Fai mai, na iloa mamao mai lava e Loleta le alu atu o le ta'avale ma ua ia iloa fo'i o Lilo lea ua alu atu. Ua pei oni ufi e tutupu mo'omo'oga ma manatu ua lolofi ifo nei i le loto o le tama'ita'i. Ua lagona le fiafia, ae salani i le mimita, aua o lea ua o'o ane si ana manamea fa'apelepele e fai le fa'amalamalama, ma ua aloa'ia ai loa le la mafutaga.

E le i tu lelei le ta'avale, ae tamo'e ane Loleta e fa'afeiloa'i le au malaga lea ua taunu'u nei. O le taimi lea, ua le iloga se mea e minoi solo i ai le lo'omatua o Susitina. O teuga uma a le lo'omatua i lea afiafi, ua matua'i selau pasene, alu ane i le toeaina o Falaniko, ua matua'i lua pasasa teuga a le toeaina latou.

E le o iloa atu e Loleta, ua matua'i tula'i i luga lona tina ma autilo mai i fafo i le alu atu o le ta'avale. Na fa'apea mafau-fauga o le lo'omatua o Susitina ina ua iloa mai lana tama o tamo'e fiafia mai e fa'afeiloa'i le ta'avale lea ua alu atu, "Se i va'ai atu ia, leaga lava le teine-aititi e mata tane tele, se i va'ai, o lea ua muamua tamo'e a'o lea

ma te nonofo atu, ai ua leva ona fia fai to'alua, e le lalolagi e, ma mea o tumu ai."

Ua 'ata'ata le lo'omatua ma toe fa'apea ifo i lona loto ma lona mafau'au, "Loleta, ua tasi si au mea sa'o, la lea, la lea, o mea tonu lava ia e fefete ai le loto o lou tina, aua o mea sasa'o lava mea ia, e le o ni mea pipi'o."

Ae fai mai, na tauautilo nei le lo'omatua pe fa'apei foliga o le tama ua fa'ananau i ai le loto o lana tama teine e to'atasi. Na oso mai nei i fafo le tamaloa o Vesi, ua tilotilo le lo'omatua ma fa'apea ona mafau'auga, "Oka, oka e, ua pei o se tama e amo popo lenei tama, pe fa'apefea ona alu le loto ma le mafau'au o lenei teine, se i va'ai atu ia, ua pei o foliga o se fa'ataulaitu lea ua ou va'ai atu nei i ai."

Ua liliu nei le lo'omatua ma tilotilo atu i le toeaina ma le matai o lo latou aiga lea ua saofafa'i nei e fa'atali le malaga lea ua alu atu i lea afiafi. "Niko, oka, oka e, se ou te ofo lava a'u, po'o ga fea lava o lenei tama ua alu i ai le ulu o lenei teine, e, ua tau oso mai lo'u ma'i suka ma lo'u toto maualuga se, ua a la Niko, o le mea lea e te maua i lou afafine lea, o le leaga o le faiga, ia o lea la, ou te le mana'o lava i lenei tama ua sau, Niko, ou te le mana'o i ai, ua pei o se tamaloa lenei tagata, ae le o se tama."

Fai mai, ua nofo ifo nei i lalo le lo'omatua ma soloi ona mata, "Niko, o la'u tali le na ua fai atu ia te oe, oka, ai o se tamaloa ua to'a sefulu se fanau, a'o lenei ua fa'amaopo e lenei teine, o le mea lava le e maua e Loleta, leaga e le usita'i ia te a'u, na o oe lava e fa'alogi i ai, o fua la ia e fua mai ai."

Ua le tautala le toeaina o Falaniko ae ua na o le punou, "Susi, malie maia oe, fa'atali se i o tatou va'ai, ua faigata, o lea ua taunu'u mai, ae onosa'i mai, teuteu mai lau va'alele, teuteu mai lau va'alele, 'aue e te matelelele fa'apena, to'a mai le tai.

E faia pea...



Ni isi o ta'ita'i o le malo i le taimi na aga'i atu ai mo le maimoaina o vaega eseese o le Sa fou a le malo, le MV Manu'atele ina ua tatala aloaia i le vaiaso na te'a nei. O ni isi o i latou e aofia ai le afioga ia Toleafoa Henry Tavake, afioga i le Senatoa ia Tilo Vasaga Tilo ma le afioga i le tama'ita'i faipule mai le Laumua i Uosigitone ia Aumua Amata.

[ata AF]

FA'AFETAI TELE LAVA!

Faatulou atu i ou paia Samoa mai sau e oso a'e ai le la seia pa'ia falealupo e goto ai. Faatulou i lau Afioga i le Kovana sili ma le Lutena Kovana faapea le tafa tolu o lau faigamalo. Faatulou atu fo'i i auauna a le Atua lo o aumau i lea afioaga ma lea afioaga, o lo o nofo tatalo ma nofo tapua'i au'a se manuia o Samoa. Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna lava!

Ae avea ia lenei avanoa e momoli atu ai le agaga fa'afetai i le paia ma le mamalu o le atunu'u ona o lo outou lagolagoina ma sapaapaia o lo matou faamoemoe o le autalavou EFKAS mai Utulei ua mafai ai ona fa'ataunuuna ma le manuia. Faafetai i lo outou aao mafola ma lo outou aao foa'i. Tau ina ia fa'amanuia atu le Atua i lo outou alolofa ma lo outou agalelei.

Fa'afetai faapitua i le Afioga Faipule ia Vailoata Amituana'i, o Vesi Fautanu, faapea fo'i ona faafetai atu i le Tinā ia Foua ma si ona alo le Foma'i ia Saipale Fuimaono, Tinā ia Foua Taape, ma le aiga. Faafetai i Ekalesia EFKAS mai Aua, Atū'u, Gataivai, Faga'alu, Katoliko Fa'agaalu, ona o lo outou fesoasoani mai.

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LEONE HIGH SCHOOL PTA MEETING, Wed, Jan 18th @ 4:30pm in the School Library. All parents are asked to please attend this very important meeting. [01/18]

PTA AOGA MAUALUGA LEONE: o le a faia se fonotaga a le Sosaiete a Matua ma Falaoga i le Aso Lulu, Ianuari 18 i le Faletusi a le aoga i le 4:00 i le afaifi. Talosaga atu i mata uma o lana a'oga ina ia auai i lenei fonotaga taua. [01/18]

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

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy Parker January 18, 2017

- ACROSS**
- 1 Struggle to breathe
 - 5 Italy's capital, to natives
 - 9 One's "humble" residence
 - 14 Supreme Court Justice Bader Ginsburg
 - 15 Period pieces?
 - 16 Genesis tower place
 - 17 Under deadline pressure
 - 20 Kind of gun or stove
 - 21 Take an ax to
 - 22 Albanian coins
 - 23 Before, in old poetry
 - 24 Respectful title in India
 - 26 Certainly not far from
 - 28 Thousands of pounds
 - 30 Leaves quickly
 - 34 Summer coolers, briefly
 - 37 Scandinavian royal name
 - 39 Hollywood offering
 - 40 Responsibility of an NFL coach
 - 44 Prey clutcher
 - 45 Rural water source
 - 46 Ping-Pong table feature
 - 47 Short upright piano
 - 49 React to a shock like an angler?
- DOWN**
- 1 Pinot, for one
 - 2 Carpenters find it boring
 - 3 Long past the shelf date
 - 4 Rizzuto of Yankees fame
 - 5 John or loo
 - 6 Table crumb
 - 7 Arithmetic
 - 8 White as a sheet
 - 9 "The Middle" network
 - 10 Cotillion locale
- 11 Slim woodwind
 - 12 It has 13 diamonds
 - 13 Some large deer
 - 18 Home out on a limb
 - 19 Female sheep
 - 25 Teammate on "Family Feud," often
 - 27 Topmost spot
 - 29 More rational
 - 31 Browning product?
 - 32 Trident feature
 - 33 Stone paving block
 - 34 Performs on Broadway
 - 35 React to an "applaud" sign
 - 36 Diva highlights
 - 38 Job for Mr. Parker?
 - 41 Shake with laughter
 - 42 Important joint
 - 43 Assembly of school singers
 - 48 Calc prerequisite, typically in the clergy
 - 50 Baker or Loos
 - 54 Oar holder
 - 55 Info-gathering mission
 - 56 Made angry
 - 57 Kind of ski lift
 - 58 Fill a position
 - 59 Protective covering
 - 61 Mark of Zorro?
 - 63 Map showing planned features of an area
 - 65 Bard's "above"
 - 66 Court org. or old court org.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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**Wednesday,
January 18,
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Happy Birthday: Silence is golden. Listen and choose your path carefully. Don't let temptation draw you into something questionable. Rely on your own resources to reach your destination using discipline and hard work to get there. This is a year of putting everything in its place in preparation for what's to come. Stability and security should be your priorities. Your numbers are 4, 12, 22, 32, 35, 42, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Temptation will consume you. Don't get emotional about how you deal with situations concerning your peers or employer. It is best to bide your time while you gather facts. Education and gaining experience are favored. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Not everyone will be happy with your accomplishments. Don't let a jealous individual rain on your parade. Be proud of what you have to offer and indulge in giving what you can to those who do appreciate your time and effort. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Change is welcome and can be good if you keep it simple and within your means. Don't let confusion or uncertainty take over. Network, ask questions and make decisions. A partnership will be in your best interest. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid joint ventures. You will do your best by working alone on a goal or activity that brings you pleasure. Incorporate your skills and knowledge into the things you enjoy doing most, and you will find your niche. Stick to a set budget. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Paying for someone to do a job that you can take care of yourself will be a waste of money. Explore other ways to cut corners as well and you will have more money to spend on things that matter to you. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep money matters to yourself. Joint ventures will lead to a loss. Concentrate on emotional rather than financial partnerships. A day trip will result in more options as well as information that will help you reach your goal. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be confused by what someone does or says. Don't overreact or take offense when the best way to bring about positive changes will be to offer incentives and ask for advice or contributions. Keep life simple. Avoid indulgence. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An emotional plea will be the result of someone trying to take advantage of your kindness. Keep in mind that charity begins at home. Do your best to put your time and effort into home and personal improvements, not helping outsiders. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you do for others or a cause you believe in will encourage greater respect from others. Refuse to let an emotional incident cost you at work. Being productive will be the way to gain acceptance and advance. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will come between you and making the right choice when dealing with educational pursuits, dealing with peers or taking impulsive actions. Think before you make an unrealistic promise. Slow down -- time is on your side. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep an open mind, but don't feel you have to share personal information with anyone who doesn't wield proper authority. Protecting your interests and doing so secretly will help you avoid loss. Invest in yourself, not someone else. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Bring about change without overspending. Realistic plans will be supported by the people you need in your corner. Don't let anyone pressure you into doing something you cannot afford. Be progressive, not excessive. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, outspoken and impulsive. You are caring and persistent.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

LEARN TO MANAGE ANGER BEFORE EXPLODING AT KIDS

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old woman, and I know I should have a lot more patience than I do right now. I'm happily married with two beautiful children. After work when I return home, I'm fine for the first hour or so. But if my children start to get loud or keep asking me to do something, I get extremely aggravated.

My children are young and I love them, but I should be in more control of my temper toward them. I feel so bad when I lose it and shout at them. What can I do to improve this? -- **SHORT FUSE IN GEORGIA**

DEAR SHORT FUSE: I'm glad you asked, because it is important that you learn to relieve your frustration without taking it out on your children. There are healthy ways of managing frustration without exploding.

The first is to recognize that you are becoming upset. Leave the room and, if your husband is home, go for a walk or a short run to help you to regain your perspective. Another technique is to "stall" before reacting. Pause for a moment and say a prayer, "Please Lord, don't let me lose my temper!" before opening your mouth. My booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With it," contains a number of healthy ways of dealing with frustration and other negative emotions. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$7 in U.S. funds, to Dear Abby -- Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. I hope it will be helpful to you. It's important that you get a handle on your temper so your children won't grow up thinking that verbal abuse is a normal way to handle their own emotions.

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DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old daughter suffers from Peter Pan Syndrome. Three years out of college, she wants to live an "extended dorm" lifestyle with other young men/women (and their girlfriends/boyfriends), instead of settling down and moving out with her boyfriend of two years.

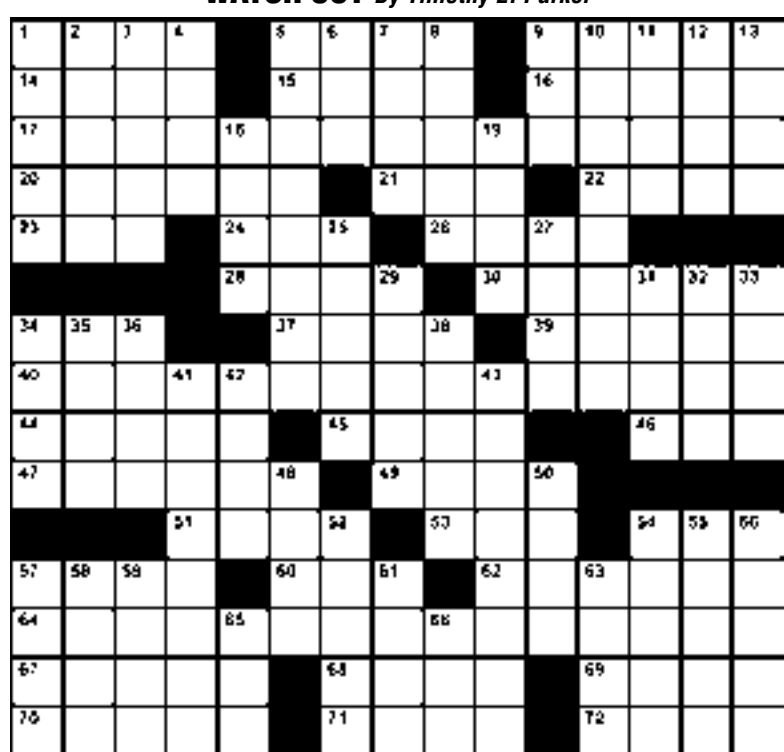
She says she has "a high need for affiliation" (she needs a lot of people around 24/7). But she also has a high need for change/variety and rotates roommates every two to three years. Looking for a "mini commune" in a crowded city like San Francisco is very difficult. What makes matters worse is that she also has hobbies like sewing that require a lot of space.

Is there something wrong with this lifestyle preference? And if so, how do I help her break out of it? -- **WORRIED DAD IN CALIFORNIA**

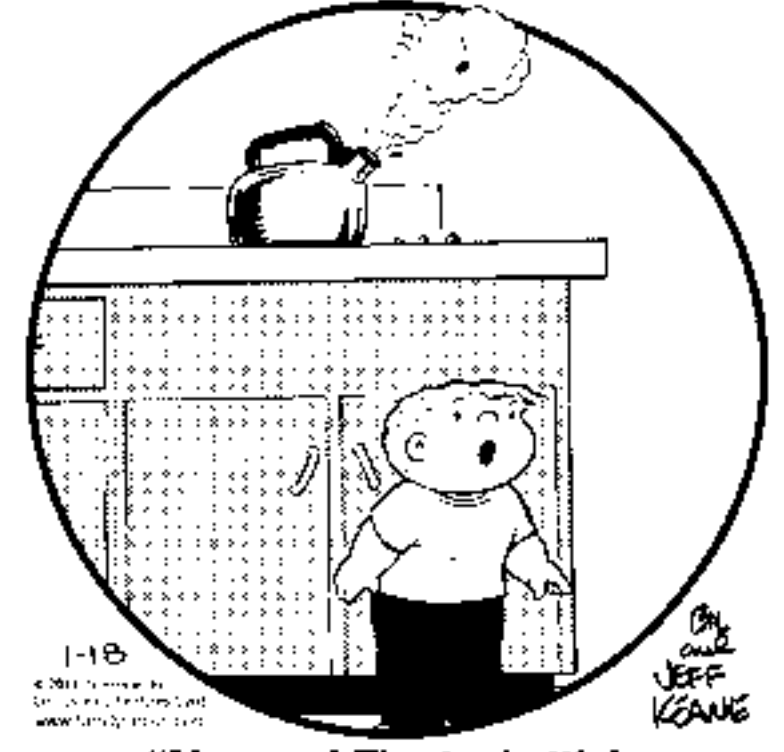
DEAR DAD: At 25, your daughter is an adult. Many people her age live communally because it's less costly than living independently, and San Francisco has become so expensive that it's often their only option.

If she's already living in an "extended dorm" situation, it's her life to live and she'll learn lessons. If you feel compelled to offer her advice, suggest they relocate to a less expensive and crowded area, which may entail a longer commute, but with fewer roommates she will have more room for her hobbies.

WATCH OUT By Timothy E. Parker



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1/18 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Tuesday's Puzzle Answer

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Oregon strength coach suspended after players hospitalized

KAREEM COPELAND, AP Sports Writer

The University of Oregon suspended football strength and conditioning coach Irele Oderinde one month without pay after three players were hospitalized following a series of intense workouts last week.

The school announced the decision in a statement Tuesday evening and detailed a review of the incident. It added that all future workouts have been modified and the strength and conditioning coach will now report to director of performance and sports science Andrew Murray instead of coach Willie Taggart, who apologized in the statement.

Oregon's statement detailed that players began an off-season conditioning program last Tuesday after six weeks away from "football-related activities" and Oderinde led those workouts.

Three days into the sessions one player complained of "muscle-soreness and displayed other symptoms of potential exercise-related injury." The medical staff took "appropriate action" and two other players later complained of the same symptoms.

"I have visited with the three young men involved in the incidents in the past few days and I have been in constant contact with their families, offering my sincere apologies," Taggart said in the statement. "As the head football coach, I hold myself responsible for all of our football-related activities and the safety of our students must come first. I have addressed the issue with our strength and conditioning staff, and I fully support the actions taken today by the university."

"I want to thank our medical staff and doctors for caring for all of our young men, and I want to apologize to the university, our students, alumni and fans."

A hospital spokeswoman confirmed that one of the players, Doug Brenner, was released from PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend on Tuesday and the other two were in good condition as of the evening.

"The university holds the health, safety and well-being of all of our students in high regard," director of athletics Rob Mullens said in the statement. "We are confident that these athletes will soon return to full health, and we will continue to support them and their families in their recoveries."

The Oregonian was the first to report (<http://bit.ly/2iCfSGt>) late Monday that the players were hospitalized after being taken there late last week. The newspaper reported that the mother of one of the players said her son has been diagnosed with rhabdomyolysis, a condition that occurs when muscle tissue breaks down and leaks into the blood stream. The condition can cause kidney damage.

The University of Iowa said Friday it will pay \$15,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by a football player who was diagnosed with exertional rhabdomyolysis. William Lowe was one of 13 Hawkeyes hospitalized following a high-intensity 2011 workout.

Lowe's lawsuit alleged that coaches and trainers failed to properly supervise the January 2011 workout and didn't immediately offer medical care after he and others reported severe pain and symptoms.