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Koa Leama of Nu'uuli devoured John Uga'itafa behind the line of scrimmage for a huge loss on a quick receiver pass play. Leama read this one, and came in for the stop in the second quarter of their JV game last Saturday morning.

[photo: TG]



Fitu Amata catching the opening touchdown pass of the game, early in the first quarter of their match up against the Nu'uuli Wildcats last Saturday morning at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. Amata led the Sharks to a 28-2 victory over the Wildcats.

[photo: TG]

Samoana becomes first team to shut out the Wildcats

by T. Gasu
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The Samoana Sharks defeated the Nu'uuli Wildcats in both divisional competitions last weekend, during the 9th week of the American Samoa High School Athletics Association's (ASHSAA) current football season. The Sharks varsity defense did what no other team has done so far this season. That is, completely shut out Joseph Mauga and the Wildcats offense. Samoa News coverage of the 2017-18 ASHSAA football games is sponsored by Congresswoman Aumua Amata.

Head Coach Pati Pati and the Blue Empire had another victorious weekend, as they prepare to play in their final match of the regular season this Saturday against the Faga'itua Vikings.

In the JV division, Junior Tanielu showed off his throwing abilities in a 28-2 victory. Meanwhile, Nu'uuli superstar Joseph Mauga, who scores at least two touchdowns in each of their games, wasn't able to score at all against Samoana's defensive front, evident in a 49-0 shutout.

VARSITY DIVISION SAMOANA 49, WILDCATS 0

Principal Tupa'i Rod Atafua led the Sharks offensive unit in the last two games. He and Anthony Feala have clicked in an unstoppable offensive rhythm.

6:25 in the opening quarter of the match and Feala leads the Sharks inside the red zone for a threatening first down situation. From there, Feala fakes a hand off to Mikaele and quickly looks up to fire a bullet

pass down the middle to Moses Michael Samia for the opening touchdown of the game.

The field goal conversion by Elliot Lelei was good enough to secure an early 7-point lead.

5:22 still in the opening quarter of play – Samoana second and long from Nu'uuli's 25-yard line, and Feala drops back to fire a long one to Elliot Lelei who was on a seam route and caught the pass en-route to the end zone for Samoana's second touchdown of the game.

The field goal conversion by Lelei was good and extended the lead 14-0.

3:42 in the second quarter of play, and Feala changes pace. Samoana, keeping it on the ground, opted to go with their workhorse, David Mikaele, who muscled his way for the Sharks into the red zone. From there, Feala sent Samia straight up the middle with a 10-yard touchdown reception, their first on the ground game.

The field goal conversion by Lelei was good and increased the lead 21-0.

Not too long after that, 2:21 still in the second quarter, Samoana's first down from their own 30-yard line.

Feala looked outside and fired a quick wide receiver screen play to Lelei, who turned on his boosters and beat a three-man coverage on his way to scoring his second touchdown of the game. But that's wasn't the end of it. Samoana took it all the way to the last seconds of the first half. Five seconds remaining in the 2nd quarter, and Feala fires a solid pass to the middle, right to Alex Te'o who caught it on his way to

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Finally healthy, Richardson becoming what Seahawks hoped

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Paul Richardson believed that if he could ever get through all the injuries that have sidetracked his career, he could develop into a consistent option for the Seattle Seahawks.

It’s finally happening, and just in time with Richardson in a contract year.

“I’m pretty confident in myself out there and in the offense. My biggest focus every week is to stay healthy,” Richardson said. “So as long as I’m healthy, I feel like I give us a good chance on offense to make some plays or at least draw some attention, take the top off or whatever my duty calls me to do that week, I just maximize it.”One of the big questions entering the season was who would become the complementary wide receiver opposite Doug Baldwin, especially after Jermaine Kearse was traded to the New York Jets before the start of the regular season.

Richardson is filling that role. He’s already set a career high with a team-high five touchdown receptions, including two TDs and 105 yards receiving in Seattle’s win over Houston two weeks ago. He’s four catches away from tying his career-best of 29 receptions in his rookie season in 2014.Having those second and third options has become even more important as Seattle’s run game has scuffled through the first eight weeks and the team has relied more on quarterback Russell Wilson’s arm. Seattle is second in the NFL in passing yards per game and Wilson is on pace to attempt more than 600 passes this season for the first time in his career.

Baldwin will always be Wilson’s primary target. But Richardson’s improved consistency and ability to win deep throws downfield has been a boost for Seattle’s offense.

“It is really fun to see him so confident now,” coach Pete Carroll said. “He has just grown so much. He has been very level-headed about it as well in his work habits and everything. His mentality has been great, but you can see the confidence is really just coming out of him.”

Injuries have defined most of Richardson’s career to this point. It started at the end of his rookie season when Richardson suffered a torn ACL in a playoff game against Carolina. He missed the first half of the 2015 season still recovering and when he did return, he suffered a season-ending hamstring injury on his only catch of the year, a 40-yard reception down the sideline.He returned healthy in 2016 but struggled to find a role in the offense until late in the season. He finished the regular season with 21 catches, but had seven receptions and a touchdown in Seattle’s two playoff games. The Seahawks had seen enough from Richardson to feel confident going into this season that his role could increase and he could essentially take the place of Kearse.That’s largely what has happened. Richardson has at least two catches in every game. He leads the team in touchdowns. Richardson’s off-season work catching passes form Wilson in Los Angeles is paying off.“What Paul Richardson has been able to do this year is a testament to his hard work, and is a testament to everything he’s been doing all offseason, honestly,” Wilson said. “He had an unbelievable offseason; he was getting tons of work down in L.A., we were getting together throwing a bunch.



Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Paul Richardson celebrates in the first half of an NFL football game after score his second touchdown against the Houston Texans, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, in Seattle. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)



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Giants’ Manning not ready to sit just yet

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Eli Manning is not ready to sit just yet.

A day after New York Giants coach Ben McAdoo floated the idea that he would consider using some young players, and no position was being excluded, the two-time Super Bowl Most Valuable Player said that he definitely wants to keep playing.

Manning told reporters Tuesday after the team’s workout that he didn’t hear coach Ben McAdoo’s comments on Monday’s conference call.

“I didn’t hear it,” Manning said. “My goal is to prepare every week and do my job. He said that he’s got faith in me and to keep grinding.

“So that’s what we’re doing. I want to play. That’s what I like to do. I like to play football and play quarterback. I understand that I got a job to do and I got to do it better and do it well and get wins and if you don’t, everybody’s job is up for grabs in this league.”

McAdoo said that he was impressed that Manning was a little taken aback by the suggestion of a possible replacement.

“What do you expect?” McAdoo said. “I’m glad he said that. He’s a pro football player, that’s what he should be saying. Eli, he’s our quarterback. I have a lot of confidence in Eli. That hasn’t changed. But that doesn’t mean at some point in time, we won’t throw another guy in there to get a look at him.

“Every position needs to be held accountable and every position needs to play to a high standard. The same thing goes with the coaches. And obviously, when you lose in the fashion that we lost (Sunday), it’s not good enough.”

Manning has made 207 consecutive starts going back to his rookie season. If he starts this week, he will tie his brother Peyton for the second-longest streak by a quarterback in NFL history. Brett Favre holds the record with 297 consecutive starts.

The Giants are still stinging from the 51-17 loss to the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday.

Manning was asked about the relationship with his head coach.

“Coach and I, hey, we communicate well,” Manning said. “We have great confidence in each other and have a good relationship. I haven’t been tested. I mean, I think, hey, he’s the coach. I’m the quarterback and just trying to keep getting better and keep working.”

The Giants (1-7) face the winless 0-9 San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in Santa Clara, California.

“Hey, I think both teams need a win,” Manning said. “I think you try to play your scheme. You try to do things correctly, do things right. We got to play our game. We got to be where we need to be. Make the plays that are there.”

Manning knows that he missed receivers Sterling Shepard and Tavarres King on passes that could have been touchdowns against the Rams.

“I missed Shepard on a post route that we could have made,” said Manning, who completed 20 of 36 for 220 yards and two touchdowns and an interception Sunday.

“We had a couple other plays. We had drops. You had just different things that keep you out of a good down and distance. There’s always little things. There’s always things you have to correct and missed plays. We’re not in that position where we can have too many of those.”

McAdoo agreed with Manning’s assessment of his play.

“It’s disappointing,” McAdoo said. “We had chances down the field. We got to make those throws and make those catches. It’s pro football. We got to catch them on all opportunities like that. You don’t get many in the game. It’s just incompletions and we got to clean them up.”

If McAdoo wants to go to Davis Webb, the third-round draft pick from Cal, then Webb will be ready.

“My job is to be the best teammate I can be,” Webb said with Manning standing in a locker immediately to Webb’s right.

“That’s my priority. I’m here to help the team win. That’s my role right now. I’m confident in anything I do. I’m confident when I’m playing checkers. I have learned so much from Eli. I’m grateful to have a teammate like him. Not many can say they’re learning from a Hall of Famer and one of the best in NFL history.”

Manning realizes that this has been a tough season — and there are still eight more games to play.

“Hey, it’s tough for everybody,” Manning said. “It’s no fun losing games and losing players and going through stretches where you’re not winning. So, a good thing is we got eight more games and an opportunity to fix it.”



FILE - In this Aug. 31, 2017, file photo, New York Giants quarterback Davis Webb looks to pass during the second half of an NFL preseason football game against the New England Patriots, in Foxborough, Mass. Giants players get back to work after their 51-17 loss to the Rams and some are suggesting it’s time to let rookie quarterback Davis Webb play for Eli Manning with the team at 1-7. (AP Photo/Winslow Townson, File)

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Alexander Zverev talks to his coach by headphones during a break of an exhibition match against Stefanos Tsitsipas at the ATP Next Gen tennis tournament finals, in Rho, near Milan, Italy, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

Shot clock & Hawk-Eye most popular changes to tennis players

MILAN (AP) — “Can you say something useful and not be this useless all the time? Just say one thing that is actually useful.”

“Go more to the net ... not just to shake hands.”

And with that, coach Marcelo Melo let Alexander Zverev return to the baseline with, hopefully, a winning tactic.

Player coaching, normally forbidden during a match, is being trialed at the ATP’s Next Gen Finals in Milan this week, and conversations like the above are giving fans new insight, and entertainment.

Coaches and players conversing through headsets at the end of sets is one of the new rules being applied, along with shorter sets, no-Ad scoring, medical timeout limits, and no lets on serve.

But, for the players, the most popular innovations are the shot clock, and Hawk-Eye making all the line calls.

The on-court clocks enforce the 25-second rule between points, and shorter warm-ups ensure matches begin precisely five minutes from the second player walk-on.

Zverev withdrew from the Next Gen Finals to focus on the elite ATP Finals starting on Sunday in London, but turned up in Milan on Tuesday to play an exhibition match against alternate Stefanos Tsitsipas.

“The Hawk-Eye calling all the lines, that would be something that I wouldn’t mind at all,” Zverev said. “The shot clock is something not bad. There has to be a few adjustments maybe made to that but I think that has potential.”

ATP executive chairman and president Chris Kermode believes the clocks will become a feature on the regular tour from 2019.

“Next year, for sure not, but I think 2019 there’s a possibility,” he told The Associated Press.

“To me, having a shot clock, people have been talking about it for years and it’s like can we just do it or not do it? This is clearly let’s just do it. The reduced warm-up for sure we can get done, too, and the rest is then up for discussion.

“You’ve got to have a year’s lead-in so everyone is fully aware of what’s happening. You can’t just thrust it upon them and go, ‘By the way, January, guys, you’re playing under different rules.’ Also I think we need to analyze the success of this week. This is just day one. Let’s take all the data through all the matches, see what works, what doesn’t work.”

The most drastic change is the shorter set, where the first to four games takes the set, with a tiebreak at 3-3.

While Kermode says it is his favorite innovation, he recognizes it is unlikely to be brought in anytime soon.

“There are a couple of no-brainer ideas that we should be doing,” he said. “But once you start the dramatic scoring format changes that’s going to be the most difficult. I’m actually a big fan of the system but I’m aware of the challenges.

“Will this happen on the tour in the next five years? Probably not. But 10 years down the line could this be the way it’s played? Yeah, it could be.”

Automatic line calling was another change that was met with universal appreciation.

Hawk-Eye cameras decide all line calls, eliminating the need for line judges and ensuring the chair umpire is the only match official on court.

When triggered, the new system will make an instant automated “out” call.

“For now, live Hawk-Eye is a good thing,” No. 2 seed Karen Khachanov said after losing to Daniil Medvedev. “Only thing is I would like to hear different voice.” Khachanov said he’d prefer if the Hawk-Eye recorded the voice of whoever was the chair umpire, so the calls sounded more legitimate. Kermode said the ATP will consider feedback from the players, as well as different generations of fans, the sponsors, and the media.

“I don’t want to run the tour dictatorially,” he said. “We need to take everyone’s feedback, and analyze it properly and strategically. If we do this over the next two or three years and we decide the game is absolutely perfect that is fine, too, but at least we’ve taken a good look.”



Jr. Tanielu of the Sharks scrambling with the ball after not finding an open receiver - one of the most vulnerable times for any defensive unit. Tanielu is one of the most dangerous running quarterbacks in the ASHSAA league. [photo: TG]

Winning T-wolves eager for litmus test vs. champion Warriors

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The last time the Minnesota Timberwolves won five straight games, five head coaches and nearly nine long years ago, Al Jefferson was the centerpiece of the team. Kevin Love was a rookie, still coming off the bench. Fifteen different players started at least one game.

Karl-Anthony Towns had just turned 13. President George W. Bush was still in the White House.

The woebegone Wolves have waited a long time for this. They will play at Golden State on Wednesday night, just one-half game behind the defending NBA champion Warriors for the best record in the Western Conference. Forget for a moment that the regular season is merely 12 percent complete. For the first time in, well, 13 years or so the Wolves will be a legitimate participant in a marquee national game on ESPN rather than a token opponent.

“You want to see where you are and how you measure up,” coach Tom Thibodeau said. “Everyone in the league is chasing them.”

These Wolves (7-3) have produced the franchise's best 10-game start to the schedule since a 9-1 record in 2001 when Kevin Garnett was 25, Terrell Brandon was the point guard and Anthony Peeler was the first player the off the bench.

With only three players who've been on the roster longer than three years, there aren't as many scars in the locker room as all that franchise futility would suggest. The last few seasons have been frustrating enough, though.

“It’s something that’s

changing around here, and I'm glad to be a part of it," said Shabazz Muhammad, who with fellow reserve Gorgui Dieng has the longest tenure in their fifth year.

The 2008-09 team finished 24-58, so the early January success was clearly not a harbinger.

The Wolves have lost 461 games between the end of that streak and now, so even three solid weeks to start a season is an accomplishment. Thibodeau was hired to take them much further than that, of course.

The hard-driving, no-nonsense coach sure won't be satisfied with this team's progress anytime soon, and neither will these players, from 17-year veteran Jamal Crawford to Towns, who's still only 21.

“We just want to keep doing more of what we’re doing,” Crawford said after practice on Tuesday.

That's continuing to better the defense, for one.

The Wolves have held three consecutive opponents under 100 points, with newcomers Jimmy Butler, Jeff Teague, Taj Gibson and Crawford beginning to pick up the tendencies of their returning teammates and the young core of Towns and Andrew Wiggins starting to learn the principles of helping and switching under the defensive-minded Thibodeau. Chemistry is just as important when they're guarding the basket as it is when they have the ball.

"It's still a work in progress," Thibodeau said, "but I think we are moving in the right direction."

The depth, and the versatility of that depth, is another area of vast improvement. The

second team, which Thibodeau has played together as a unit for several stretches at a time, includes Tyus Jones, Crawford, Muhammad, Nemanja Bjelica and Dieng. When they are in, there has not been a drop-off at all from the star-studded starting lineup.

The Wolves are shooting 3-pointers more effectively and often, too, another long-running weakness of this team going back dozens of players and a handful of head coaches. With Towns in the paint and Wiggins on the wing, the Wolves already have two of the league's best offensive players.

"They can definitely score. They have three or four guys out there that can get 20 on any given night," said Charlotte Hornets power forward Marvin Williams, whose team lost at Minnesota on Sunday night. "They are definitely tough to stop."

Then there's Butler, the alpha wolf who Thibodeau wanted so badly as a tough, experienced two-way player who would not only challenge his teammates to excel but selflessly defer to them on the court as needed.

“When I feel like it’s my time to shoot, I’ll shoot it,” Butler said. “But as of right now, my teammates are rolling. Feed them. Let them get us going.”

Butler's attitude and perspective might be the biggest upgrade the Wolves have made among so many.

“Often times you hear people say things, and they never do the things that they say. But when you watch what they’re doing, it tells you what’s important to them,” Thibodeau said. “Jimmy has always played that way.”

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The playmaker for the Wildcats, Iosefa Mauga is stopped immediately by a host of Samoana Sharks behind the line of scrimmage for a loss during the third quarter of their varsity match up last Saturday morning. Samoana's defensive unit shut out the Wildcats completely in a 49-0 victory, the first team to ever shut out Nu'uuli this regular season.

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No change in top 4 of CFP rankings; Georgia, 'Bama 1-2

Georgia, Alabama, Notre Dame and Clemson held their spots in the top four of the College Football Playoff rankings, and unbeaten Miami moved up three spots to No. 7 before its showdown with the Fighting Irish. Oklahoma remained fifth and TCU moved up to sixth in the rankings released Tuesday. The Sooners and Horned Frogs play a key Big 12 game on Saturday, with the winner taking sole possession of first place in the conference.

After Miami, unbeaten Wisconsin was No. 8, the highest-ranked Big Ten team. Washington, the highest-ranked Pac-12 team, is ninth and Auburn is 10th.

Notre Dame visits the Hurricanes on Saturday night, and Georgia is at Auburn.

No. 14 Penn State and No. 15 Ohio State fell out of the top 10 after losses last week.

UCF was 18th, the highest-ranked team from outside the Power Five conferences. The highest-ranked conference champion from the Group of Five leagues is guaranteed a spot in one of the New Year's Six Bowls, and the American Athletic Conference is in prime position to grab that bid this year.

UCF is unbeaten and leading the American's East Division, and Memphis, ranked 22nd, is in the first in the AAC West. No other Group of Five conferences are represented in the selection committee's rankings this week.

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the end zone for another Blue Empire touchdown.

Opening up the second half was a stunning defensive performance by the Nu'uuli Wildcats, as Iosua Hemingway and Dennis 'Da Man' Enoka led Nu'uuli to nearly shutting out the Sharks in the third quarter of play.

But then the Sharks came back. With just 3 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Samoana fixed up a strategy that once again put them in the end zone.

In a desperate 4th and long from Nu'uuli's 15-yard line, the Sharks were in field goal formation and faked a field goal as Zephaniah Pati rolled out with the rock to find Antonio Pule in the end zone for another Sharks touchdown — this time, from special teams.

Lelei's field goal kick widened the lead 41-0.

4:04 remaining in the ball game, and Feala again faked out the Wildcats with the running game.

After a run by Mikaele and Lewis Malala Jr., Feala opted to go with another quick pass to Alex Te'o for their final touchdown of the game, closing this one off with a 49- 0 victory, courtesy of the Blue Empire defense, with their outstanding containment and overall outstanding performance.

JUNIOR VARSITY

SAMOANA 28, NUUULI 2

It was that 'Air Attack' that opened things up for the Sharks, as their offensive unit led by quarterback Jr. Tanielu didn't hesitate to put the opening touchdown pass in the hands of Fitu Amata.

8:54 into the opening quarter of the match, and Samoana was playing a second and long situation from their own 20-yard line.

From there, Tanielu looked to Fitu Amata for the quick slant pass down the middle as Amata was en route for a long 80-yard touchdown reception for the Sharks to open things up.

The two-point attempt was a pitch play out to Paul Fano; but it was stopped immediately by Koa Leama of the Wildcats for a loss.

Not too long after that - 5:26 still in the opening quarter of the game, and the Sharks who were again inside the red zone, managed to convert after Tanielu threw a bomber over Avery Seumanutafa, who secured the catch for his first touchdown of the game.

The two-point conversion was a roll out pass to (#43) which put them ahead, 14-0.

5:46 into the second quarter of play and Tanielu showcases the strength of his throwing abilities, when he fires a long pass from midfield to Seumanutafa who turned it up for six.



The leader of the Sharks defensive unit, the 'Hammer-Head Shark' Daniel McMoore, led Samoa-na's defense in a complete shutdown of the Wildcats during last week's matchup. The only two points of the game were given up by their offense during the final quarter of play.

[photo: TG]

The two-point conversion was a roll out pass to John Uga'itafa, which extended the lead 22- 0.

Touchdown #4 for the Blue Empire came in the third quarter.

Samoana third down from Nu'uuli's 25-yard line, and Tanielu fires a solid pass to Paul Fano, beating a two-man coverage in the air, as he secures the pass for Samoana's final touchdown of the game.

The 'Hammer Head Shark' Daniel McMoore and his defensive unit shut down Nathaniel Maea and Nu'uuli's defensive unit, allowing zero points into the final quarter of play.

The only two points for the Wildcats came from a defensive effort in the final quarter of the game when Koa Leama sacked Jr. Tanielu in the end zone for a safety, which put the Wildcats on the board.



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Times Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco confirms that retired baseball pitcher Roy Halladay was killed in a small plane crash in the Gulf of Mexico off Bailey's Bluff Road, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 in Holiday, Fla. Roy Halladay, a two-time Cy Young Award winner who pitched a perfect game and a playoff no-hitter for the Philadelphia Phillies, died Tuesday when his private plane crashed into the Gulf of Mexico.
(Douglas R. Clifford/Tampa Bay Times via AP)

Former star pitcher Halladay killed in Florida plane crash

HOLIDAY, Fla. (AP) — Roy Halladay, a two-time Cy Young Award winner who pitched a perfect game and a playoff no-hitter for the Philadelphia Phillies, died Tuesday when his private plane crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. He was 40. Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco said during a news conference that Halladay's ICON A5 went down around noon off the coast of Florida. The sheriff's office marine unit responded and discovered Halladay's body in shallow water near some mangroves. No survivors were found.

Police said they couldn't confirm if there were additional passengers on the plane or say where it was headed. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

Halladay, who retired after the 2013 season, was an amateur pilot who often posted on social media about small planes. His father was a corporate pilot.

"I have dreamed about owning a A5 since I retired! Real life is better then my dreams!!" Halladay tweeted on Oct. 13.

ICON aircraft had posted a video with Halladay trying out a new plane. The video showed Halladay taking delivery of a new ICON A5, a two-seat "light-sport aircraft" that can land on water.

In the video, Halladay said the terms of his baseball contract prevented him from having a pilot's license while playing, and that his wife was originally against the idea of him getting the aircraft.

"She's fought me the whole way," Halladay said.

"Hard. I fought hard. I was very against it," Brandy Halladay said in the same video, before explaining why she eventually understood and approved of her husband's desire to have the plane. The couple have two sons, Ryan and Braden.

Halladay spent 12 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays followed by four seasons with the Phillies. He was 203-105 with a 3.38 ERA and an eight-time All-Star.

"Such a sad day," former Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard tweeted. "We lost a great ball player but an even better human being."

Other baseball players to die in plane crashes included Pittsburgh Pirates star Roberto Clemente in a relief mission from Puerto Rico traveling to earthquake victims in Nicaragua on New Year's Eve in 1972; New York Yankees catcher Thurman Munson piloting his own plane near his home in Canton, Ohio, in 1979; and Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle piloting his own plane in New York City in 2006.

Halladay was nominated several times for

the Roberto Clemente Award, given by Major League Baseball to players for sportsmanship and community involvement. The Halladay Family Foundation has aided children's charities, hunger relief and animal rescue.

A 6-foot-6 right-hander, Halladay was a throwback on the mound. Durable and determined to finish what he started, Halladay won the AL Cy Young in 2003 after going 22-7 and the NL prize in 2010 after going 21-10.

"You know, if my career's two years, three years shorter than it could have been because I wanted to go out and pitch deep into games, I'm fine with that," he said in a retirement news conference.

In 2011, Halladay was part of the "Four Aces" rotation in Philadelphia with Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels and Roy Oswalt. Halladay and the Phillies lost 1-0 to St. Louis in the deciding Game 5 of the NL Division Series.

"To the world, Roy was one of the best pitchers in baseball, but to me, he was an inspiration, a great mentor, teammate, and most important, a friend," said Hamels, now with the Texas Rangers. "His preparation and work ethic has and will forever be ingrained in me. Roy was a man of few words, but he lit up when his boys were around. His family and this game were everything to him, and there will never be a day in my own life that I won't miss him."

Chris Bourjos, the Toronto-area scout who signed Halladay, first saw him pitch in St. Louis in the summer of 1994, before his senior season as a prep star in the Denver area. Halladay's family had a pitching mound in the basement of its home.

"Perfect pitcher's body, tall, lean athletic. And the velocity! At that time, 93 miles an hour was pretty special," Bourjos, the father of Tampa Bay center fielder Peter Bourjos, recalled Tuesday.

Nocco, the sheriff, personally knew Halladay. "Many of you know Roy as a Cy Young winner, future Hall of Famer, one of the best pitchers ever to pitch the game of baseball," Nocco said.

"We know Roy as a person, as a caring husband who loved his wife, Brandy. He loved his two boys tremendously ... and we are so sad for your loss."

Nocco said Halladay knew many members in the sheriff's office, and that Halladay was part of a charity fishing tournament last Friday.

"He was probably one of the most humble human beings you'll ever meet," Nocco said. "For somebody who won two Cy Youngs, one of the greatest pitchers in baseball, he would walk in the room as if he was anybody."

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5 Hanging items in 2000
10 Close watch
14 Leaning tower city
15 Place to stay
16 Christianity, once
17 "Spiral Jetty" state
18 Smell of therapy?
19 "Amscray!" relative
20 What musical Courtney put in her living room?
23 Orion's brightest star
24 Family nickname (var.)
25 "Ain't It" (Fats Domino jam)
28 Heavenly instrument?
30 ____Napoca (city in Romania)
31 Specter
33 "Take On Me" band
36 What actor Eddie put in his guest-room?
40 "____ I saw Elba ..."
41 Trips around the sun
42 Mixed variety

- 43 Narrow valley
44 Epoxy
46 Richard's first second
49 Diamond measure
51 What Hollywood legend Bob had in his army barracks?
57 Poems of tribute
58 Major heart valve
59 Chimney part
60 Human cream puff
61 Bygone Venetian leaders
62 Handles
63 Scottish girl
64 Church tower
65 Old-style "for fear that"

DOWN

- 1 "Bloom County" character
2 "Godfather" Corleone
3 "Aim high ..." military org.
4 Prince in India
5 Alter
6 "Golden" army
7 Coral island
8 Graphic opening?
9 Czech or Pole

- 10 It can go either way
11 White as a sheet
12 Get puffed up
13 Like Santa's laundry
21 Use a scope
22 Our planet
25 Land measure
26 Hurtful remark
27 Not just big
28 ____ d'oeuvre
29 Cleo's slayer
31 FBI guy
32 "Ben-____"
33 "... ____ to leap tall buildings"
34 One born to receive
35 Brouhahas
37 Material that runs?

- 38 What a 65 in a school zone might get you?
39 Vigorous
43 Clutches
44 Axle gunk
45 "Fond du" finish
46 Glow
47 Lecture platforms
48 Agendums
49 Welsh ____ (dog breed)
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Happy Birthday: Educational pursuits and using your physical skills to help you advance will pay off. Set the stage for what you want to see transpire. Lay down your plans and take one step at a time to ensure you reach your goal. Opportunities will be plentiful and relationships will play a role in helping you achieve whatever you set out to do. Your numbers are 8, 14, 25, 31, 34, 43, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Give everything you've got to gaining experience that will help you position yourself well for future prospects. Don't get angry if someone is acting like a jerk. Take care of your responsibilities and move onward and upward without hesitation. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make changes to your residence that will make your life easier. Sharing responsibility with someone else will improve your relationships and standard of living. Use your ingenuity to come up with unique solutions. Love is highlighted.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do your own thing and don't worry about what others do. Keeping up with your responsibilities should be your prime concern. Truth may be in short supply regarding a job someone wants you to do. Ask questions before you commit. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't push others to get involved in your battles or challenges. Take control and you will get things done in a shorter period than you expected. Once you are finished, plan to celebrate your success with someone special. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Subdue your emotions when dealing with work-related matters. Showing any sign of inconsistency or letting personal matters cloud the way you do your job will come back to haunt you. Stay intent on doing your best and getting ahead. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Reconnect with someone you used to enjoy being around and doing things with. A reunion will give way to new opportunities with old friends. Conversations will lead to travel plans or changes to the way you live. Romance is highlighted. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone push you into something you are not ready for. Speak up and make what you want known to anyone who may be pressuring you to change your ways. A job opportunity looks inviting and should be considered. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel, communication and furthering your education will play into your overall success. A change in the way you live or who you live with is favored. The power of persuasion will work well for you. Romance and personal gains are highlighted. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of administrative matters in your own unique way. A settlement, contract or investment will pay off. Don't go on a shopping spree before you have the cash in hand. Moderation is required.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your ability to be patient and charming will put you in a good position to negotiate professional gains. A unique platform to present what you want to accomplish should be considered. It's OK to be different.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lean on someone who has a better handle on a situation that crops up. Dealing with a colleague or relative will leave you emotionally drained and searching for answers. Be fair but firm when dealing with such matters. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take charge. Don't debate others if you don't have to. Let your actions be your calling card and your intuition guide you in financial, medical and legal matters. The stars are aligned, so don't waste time procrastinating or arguing.*****

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DIVORCED MOM MULLS OVERRULING DAD ON DAUGHTER'S SOCIAL LIFE

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I have been divorced for three years and share custody of our 10-year-old daughter, who lives with me full time. Her father lives out of state and sees her during the summer months.

Last year my daughter had an incident (an "I'll show you mine, you show me yours" kind of thing) with a friend at school, and my ex and I decided they should no longer hang out after school alone anymore. A year has gone by, and because they're in the same social circle at school, my ex is refusing to allow her to go to any events this friend attends (birthdays, sleepovers), even though there is always adult supervision.

It makes me sad to see her miss out, and I understand that the incident is normal for kids that age. What can I do? Since she does not live with him, can I overrule? -- I'LL SHOW YOU MINE

DEAR I'LL SHOW YOU MINE: I'm sorry your ex-husband doesn't understand that sexual curiosity in children is normal, because it appears he has overreacted. You cannot dictate the rules in his household. However, while your daughter is living with you during the winter months, he cannot overrule your parenting decisions either.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old woman who is trying to win back my high school sweetheart. He contacted me through Facebook seven years ago, and we've been talking off and on ever since.

I have never gotten over him, but he has had two bad past relationships and says he isn't ready for another one at this time. What can I do to let him know I haven't gotten over him since high school and that I'd love to try again?

Our relationship ended because my parents thought I was too young to have a boyfriend. I was 15 and he was 17. He says he would love to try again "one day" -- just not now. What are some things I could do to let him know, "Hey, I'm still here, and I want a second chance" without scaring him away? -- HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART IN FLORIDA

DEAR SWEETHEART: He KNOWS you are "still here" and want a second chance. Because he still isn't ready to give a romance with you another try, face it -- the status quo could last indefinitely. You have devoted seven precious years to trying to sway him. It's time for you to move on. How he reacts as you begin to disengage will let you know if you have made the right decision.

DEAR ABBY: Since the last presidential election our oldest son has stopped communicating with us. He would text us, but his texts were so disrespectful and hurtful we had to block him from our phones. He's a grown man and we love him. What should we do? -- DISAPPOINTED PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS: The last presidential election has proved to be so divisive that it has ended friendships and caused rifts in some families. Blocking your son from your phones was a mistake. It would have been better to have just told him you would prefer not to discuss politics via text messages. Until both sides can start listening respectfully to each other, healing and understanding will not happen. Unblock your phone and let your son know that he hurt your feelings, which is why you did it.

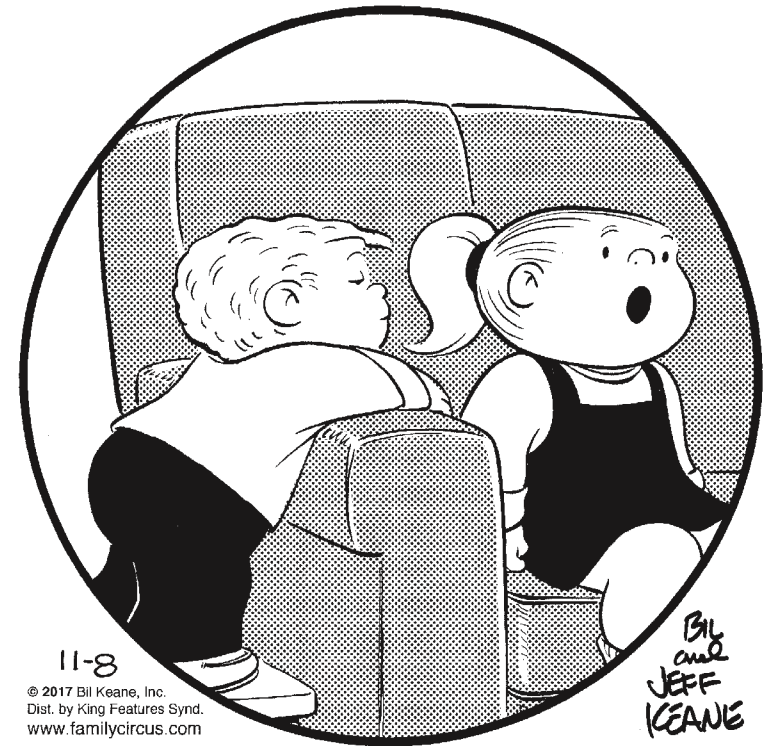
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"Mommy! Will you tell Jeffy to stop it! He keeps breathing on me!"

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2014, 835 OF ROME'S 1,000 POLICE OFFICERS CALLED IN SICK.

ELVIS PRESLEY INHALED A TOOTH CAP INTO HIS LUNGE DURING THE FILMING OF "JAILHOUSE ROCK" IN 1957, REQUIRING SURGEONS TO PART HIS FAMOUS VOCAL CORDS TO REMOVE IT.

OYSTER FARMERS ON THE ÎLE DE RÉ INSTALLED VENDING MACHINES AT A FRENCH RESORT TO SELL THEIR SHELLFISH 24/7.

Submitted By Van Paulon, W. Lafayette, OH.

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Calvin & Hobbes © by Bill Watterson

GRANDPA SAYS THE COMICS WERE A LOT BETTER YEARS AGO WHEN NEWSPAPERS PRINTED THEM BIGGER.

HE SAYS COMICS NOW ARE JUST A BUNCH OF XEROXED TALKING HEADS BECAUSE THERE'S NO SPACE TO TELL A DECENT STORY OR TO SHOW ANY ACTION.

HE THINKS PEOPLE SHOULD WRITE TO THEIR NEWSPAPERS AND COMPLAIN.

YOUR GRANDPA TAKES THE FUNNIES PRETTY SERIOUSLY.

YEAH, MOM'S LOOKING INTO NURSING HOMES.

PEANUTS © by Charles M. Schultz

OKAY! OKAY! HAVE IT YOUR WAY!

WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH WOODSTOCK, YOU HAVE PROBLEMS..

HE'S VERY FUSSY ABOUT WHERE HE SPENDS THE NIGHT...

I FEEL LIKE A FOOL!

The GOP tax plan is so simple it can fit on a postcard.

Greetings from

Thanks! suckers!

Donald Trump

THEY'RE GLAD YOU'RE NOT THERE!

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...IT'S GOTTEN A LOT WORSE SINCE THEY TORE DOWN ALL THE STATUES!

Hagar the Horrible © by Chris Brown

MY SWEETEST HONI... I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU THAT WILL TRULY MAKE US PARTNERS!

A TAMBOURINE! WE CAN START TOURING TOMORROW!

JINGLE JINGLE

GARFIELD © by Jim Davis

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID...

HURK! AAACK! HURRRRRRK! GAK!

HURRRK... WATER... ACK!

I MUST GET THE T-SHIRT

Sudoku Pacific

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

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11/8 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Tuesday's Puzzle Answer 11/7

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