

A look at the Junior Prep Sports (JPS) Division 1 All-Star Football Team that will be representing American Samoa in the upcoming JPS Football Classic II that will he held at Aloha Stadium in Hawai'i early next month. The team led by Head Coach Okland Salave'a will start departing the territory for Honolulu next week Wednesday. (Not pictured is the JPS D1 All Star Offensive Coordinator, Sua'ese Pooch Ta'ase.)



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## Texans looking to end skid in finale against Colts

HOUSTON (AP) - The two games since third-stringer Houston Texans have lost five T.J. Yates has taken over for games in a row for the first time Tom Savage. since 2013, and as they prepare for their regular-season finale at just 13 points combined in the Indianapolis they're trying not two games Yates has started. to dwell on how disappointing And their passing game, which this season has been or look too was among the league's best far ahead.Coach Bill O'Brien with Watson at the helm, has and his team are simply focused averaged just 105.5 yards a on trying to improve and end game in the past two weeks. their skid this week.

to the playoffs, but this is kind of like our playoff game — playoff game right here," O'Brien said. season and ... see if that puts us ending on a good note heading into the offseason."The Texans (4-11) failed to make the playoffs this season after winning the AFC South the past two seasons, and it's the first time within his progression. So, in O'Brien's tenure that they'll finish with a losing record after and he'll ... work very, very going 9-7 in each of his first hard to improve and we'll get three years in Houston.

play for in this dreadful season to the Steelers was the improve-Deshaun Watson and J.J. Watt, Texans finished with 176 yards O'Brien hopes his team will rushing for their first 100-yard play for pride on Sunday and rushing game since running for for the opportunity not to finish 134 in their win over the Carlast in their division for the first dinals on Nov. 19. That effort time since going 2-14 in 2013. was led by backup Alfred Blue, Houston is in third place in the who had 16 carries for a seasondivision, one game ahead of the high 108 yards. It was the first Colts (3-12).

want to end up in last place," win this game and not be in last last season. place, no doubt about it."

have gotten even worse in the concussion.

The Texans have managed

However, O'Brien was "Neither one of us are going quick to point out that Yates isn't the only problem in Houston's passing woes.

"There's a lot that goes into "Let's see how we can finish the playing that position and it's not just him," O'Brien said. "It's protection. It's route-running. It's his execution, his reads of the coverage, his ability to go from one side to the next as far as making the proper read we'll work on all those things it better this week."One encour-Though there's little left to aging sign from Monday's loss marked by injuries to stars ment of the running game. The time this season Houston has "In the division, you don't had a 100-yard rusher as Lamar Miller has struggled in his O'Brien said. "It's very imporsecond season with the Texans tant to go out there and try to after running for 1,073 yards

The Texans will likely have To do that the Texans will to sign another quarterback this have to figure out a way to week to back up Yates after get their passing game going. Taylor Heinicke sustained a Houston has struggled in that concussion on Monday when area since Watson was injured he briefly took over when in early November, but things Yates was being evaluated for a



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell (26) celebrates with JuJu Smith-Schuster (19) after scoring a touchdown against the Houston Texans during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Dec. 25, 2017, in Houston.

(AP Photo/Michael Wyke)

## Tomlin noncommittal about lineup for finale vs. Browns

players before the postseason begins.

Le'Veon Bell and company play during Sunday's regular-season finale against winless Cleveland.

AFC North title in four years earlier this month and secured a first-round bye by dominating Houston on Christmas night.

A shot at the top seed and home-field advantage in the playoffs remains a possibility, a scenario the relies almost exclusively on the New past decade and even that came in 2008 when Tom Brady was out with a knee injury.

"We will play to win that football game," discussing. Make no mistake about it. The expecfootball."

The Steelers held out Roethlisberger, Bell and Antonio Brown in their meaningless 2016 finale will, is a difficult task, but not if everybody against the Browns when backup quarterback Landry Jones guided Pittsburgh to a comeback 27-24 victory.

Jones could again get the call or at least play extensively, though Tomlin insists he's not going scoreboard is telling him about the game in Foxborough.

One decision is already made for Tomlin. the first half of a loss to the Patriots on Dec. 17.

Tomlin remained noncommittal about game suspension.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Tomlin isn't Brown's availability for the playoffs. Pittsburgh sure how long of a break he wants to give his star opens the postseason on Jan. 13 or 14. The perennial All-Pro posted video on his Instagram The Pittsburgh Steelers coach is going to wait account on Christmas Day of him very gingerly to determine how much Ben Roethlisberger, walking up his driveway with a football in his

When asked if there's any concern about The Steelers (12-3) wrapped up their third Brown dealing with rust should he return, Tomlin offered nothing but caution.

> "I didn't say that (he will return)," Tomlin said. "So, we'll see. He hadn't missed a lot of time over the course of his career here anyway so we don't have a lot to draw from in that regard."

The only player in NFL history to have 100 York Jets beating New England on the road, catches in five consecutive seasons has been something the Jets have done only once in the remarkably durable during his rise to one of the best players in the league. He hasn't missed multiple games because of injury since 2012.

The Steelers hardly missed Brown while Tomlin said Tuesday. "Who we choose to employ rolling over the reeling Texans. Rookie JuJu or utilize or activate — we are in the process of Smith-Schuster caught six passes for 75 yards and a touchdown, Martavis Bryant added three tation will be what it is. The people we put on the receptions for 60 yards and Justin Hunter, active field will be expected to play and play winning for just the sixth time this season, hauled in his first touchdown reception in 13 months.

"The replacement of Antonio Brown, if you simply does their job and makes the necessary plays when the opportunities come their way," Tomlin said. "That's what happened throughout the game for us."

Tomlin anticipates the same "hand in the pile" to make personnel decisions based on what the mentality when Pittsburgh tries to make Cleveland the second team in NFL history to go 0-16 regardless of who is in the lineup.

That lineup will not include linebacker James Brown will miss a second straight week while Harrison. Pittsburgh cut the five-time Pro Bowler recovering from a strained left calf suffered in over the weekend to make room for right tackle Marcus Gilbert as Gilbert returned from a four-





FILE - In this Dec. 2, 2017, file photo, Grambling State linebacker De'Arius Christmas (5) reacts after a fourth-down stop in the third quarter during the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship football game against Alcorn State, in Houston. Grambling plays against North Carolina A&T in the Celebration Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 16. Grambling is trying to win its second straight Celebration Bowl and finish off its season undefeated against FCS competition.

## Tigers aim for 7th straight win against Texas in Texas Bowl

game winning streak after starting the season 1-5.

Texas Bowl would make the Tigers (7-5) only tackle Chris Nelson won't play after injuring his the second team from a Power 5 conference to elbow in practice and tight end Garrett Gray, finish with eight wins after opening the year 1-5 and the first since Rutgers did it in 2008.

Such a remarkable turnaround has many asking second-year coach Barry Odom what he did to get the team on track.

now, you can buy one, get one free. We'll see how that goes in the offseason," Odom joked.

Then he got serious.

"We've got a really good group of kids that were bought in together; that cared about each other; that knew that we were doing a lot of things in our program the right way and we were getting so close to breaking down the wall. We just weren't playing really good on Saturdays."

time since 2014, have not only won six games hands quickly and accurately. But I also see guys, in a row, they have done it in impressive fashion, supporting cast, that are making plays for him, winning those games by an average of 30 points. too." They have also scored 45 points or more in each of those wins, to set a school record.

the team also played in the Texas Bowl in 2014. the Tigers. They're coming off a loss to Texas Tech that capped another disappointing season in the first games and was 147 of 260 for 1,803 yards with 10 year under coach Tom Herman. The Longhorns touchdowns and seven interceptions. Buechele is (6-6) need a victory to give them their first winning season since finishing 8-5 in Mack Brown's final season in 2013.

Herman said this year has been a challenge in changing the culture on the team.

"That three straight losing seasons takes its toll on kids, really does," he said. "It's difficult for them, especially when you ... deal with adversity, it can be a: 'here we go again syndrome.' So that has been an ongoing challenge of re-establishing the right way to handle adversity and the right way to compete and the right way to go about our daily business."

Some things to know about the Texas Bowl.

#### SITTING OUT

The Longhorns will be without several players on Wednesday night for a variety of reasons. Safety DeShon Elliott and offensive after declaring for the NFL draft. Cornerback 92 tackles for losses.

HOUSTON (AP) — Missouri is on a six- Holton Hill, who missed the last three games of the season for violating team rules, will also miss A win over Texas in Wednesday night's the game after declaring for the draft. Defensive receiver Lil'Jordan Humphrey and running back Toneil Carter will miss the game after being suspended for violating team rules.

#### LOCK(ED) IN

Missouri quarterback Drew Lock threw 43 "I'm going to sell it for \$19.99 and if you call touchdown passes this season to set school and Southeastern Conference records. Lock's touchdown passes were the most in the nation, marking the first time an SEC quarterback led the country "Really, we didn't change much," he said. in that category since Florida's Danny Wuerffel in 1996 when he won the Heisman Trophy.

> Lock threw for 3,695 yards and has thrown three or more touchdown passes in each of his last eight games, highlighted by a six-touchdown game in a win over Idaho.

"He's playing with a lot of confidence," The Tigers, who are in a bowl for the first Herman said. "He's getting the ball out of his

#### TWO QUARTERBACKS

Herman said that both Shane Buechele and Texas is back in a bowl for the first time since Sam Ehlinger will get time at quarterback against

Ehlinger is a freshman who appeared in eight a sophomore who also played in eight games. He was 131 of 199 for 1,350 yards with six touchdowns and four interceptions.

"Neither of these quarterbacks have done anything so egregious that you would say that a guy is behind the other one, but neither of them have done anything really to take the bull by the horns," Herman said. "So we'll figure out who is playing better and who is in a rhythm and who is seeing the defense better and playing the game better and ride that guy for as long as we can."

#### **DEFENSIVE TURNAROUND**

After the 1-5 start, Missouri's defense made a major turnaround to help get the Tigers on the right track. Through their first six games the Tigers allowed 42.2 points a game, but have allowed just 21.3 points a game since then.

The Tigers have a knack for getting in the tackle Connor Williams are skipping the game backfield and are tied for 14th in the nation with









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File-This Oct. 21, 2017, file photo shows New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia throwing during the first inning of Game 7 of baseball's American League Championship Series in Houston. Sabathia's \$10 million, one-year contract has been finalized by the Yankees, a deal that raises New York's projected luxury tax payroll for next year to about \$178 million. The deal was announced Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, about 10 days after the sides reached an agreement pending a physical.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip, File)

## Sabathia's \$10M deal finalized by Yanks; payroll up to \$178M

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after the 2011 season, the Yankees agreed to a deal that paid him \$25 million in 2016 and for 2017 that became guaranteed because he did not finish extended benefits. 2016 with a left shoulder injury.

Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner repeatedly has said New York intends to get under next year's tax threshold of \$197 million, which would reset the team's base tax rate from 50 percent to 20 percent in 2019, the first season after Bryce Harper and Manny Machado are free agents. New York has paid tax penalties began in 2003.

players for next season whose salaries with in-season moves. salaries total \$120.7 million

NEW YORK (AP) — CC 1.71 ERA in 10 starts following for purposes of the luxury tax: Giancarlo Stanton (\$25 mil-Sabathia needs periodic lion), Tanaka (\$22,142,857), ized by the Yankees, a deal that injections in his surgically Jacoby Ellsbury (\$21,857,143), raises New York's projected repaired right knee. The six- Aroldis Chapman (\$17.2 miltime All-Star is part of a rota- lion), Brett Gardner (\$13 miltion that includes Luis Severino, lion), David Robertson (\$11.5

The Yankees have eight Sabathia is 237-146 with players eligible for arbitration ment pending a physical. The a 3.70 ERA and 2,846 strike- whose projected salaries total 37-year-old left-hander is taking outs in 17 big league seasons \$30 million: Dellin Betances, a pay cut from the \$25 mil- with Cleveland (2001-08), Mil- Gray, Didi Gregorius, Aaron lion he earned this year, when waukee (2008) and the Yan- Hicks, Tommy Kahnle, Austin he went 14-5 with a 3.69 ERA kees, who first signed him to a Romine, Chasen Shreve and in 27 starts for his best season \$161 million, seven-year deal Adam Warren. The rest of the since 2012. He was 9-0 with a before the 2009 season. When 40-man roster, which includes Sabathia had the right to opt out Aaron Judge, Gary Sanchez, Greg Bird, Severino and Montgomery, figures to add approximately \$10 million. Each team included a \$25 million option will be charged a projected \$14,044,600 for benefits and

> In addition, the Yankees are charged with \$3 million for cash transactions. They are credited with \$3 million from Miami in the Stanton trade and are debited \$5.5 million in the Brian McCann trade to Houston in November 2016 and \$500,000 in the Chase Headley trade this month to San Diego.

New York likely would want annually in each year since the to start the season \$5 million to \$10 million below the threshold, New York has seven signed allowing the Yankees to add





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Players of the JPS D1 All Star pacing and sprinting it out during conditioning – the final part of their early morning practices held yesterday morning at the field in front of the VA memorial center inside the Senator Daniel Inouye Industrial Center, in Tafuna. [photo: TG]

# F1 champion Hamilton apologizes for video mocking nephew

Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton has apologized for posting a video online in which he can be heard yelling at his young nephew for wearing a princess dress.

Hamilton deleted the video and issued a series of tweets apologizing on Tuesday after he was criticized for questioning the boy's gender expression.

The four-time Formula One champion wrote, "I love that my nephew feels free to express himself as we all should," later adding, "I have always been in support of anyone living their life exactly how they wish and I hope I can be forgiven for this lapse in judgment."In the video, Hamilton can be heard asking his nephew why he got the pink-and-purple dress for Christmas and saying, "Boys don't wear princess dresses." He also said he was "so sad" to see his nephew in the dress.

#### Antetokounmpo back in lineup for Bucks against Bulls

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo was set to return to the Milwaukee Bucks' starting lineup Tuesday night against the Chicago Bulls after missing a game with soreness in his right knee.

Milwaukee coach Jason Kidd says Antetokounmpo was cleared to play without restriction. Kidd says the Bucks will take it day to day with Antetokounmpo's knee, saying he will "just worry about today and then talk about tomorrow after the game."



#### "Channel 47" KBS WORLD Program of American Samoa

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Arizona Cardinals head coach Bruce Arians leaves the field after an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, in Glendale, Ariz. The Cardinals won 27-24.

(AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)



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#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

Closing Date & Time: Friday, December 29, 2017 RFP No: ASPA18.012.ESD-WTR **Issuance Date: December 01, 2017** No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Power Authority issues a Request For Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written proposals for the:

"Water Use Information Project for American Samoa"

#### **Submission**

An original and one PDF copy of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFP No. ASPA 18.012.ESD-WTR Water Use Information Project for Am. Samoa." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), Friday, December 29, 2017:

**Procurement Office** American Samoa Power Authority P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

#### **Document**

The RFP package outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Procurement Office at ASPA's New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: http://www.aspower.

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Approved for Issuance: **Utu Abe Malae**, Executive Director

## Arians denies report he's leaving Cardinals as 'fake news'

labeling it "fake news."

An article in Pro Foot- Wednesday. ball Weekly cited "multiple end of Arians' fifth season as to do. the team's head coach.

said nothing has been decided.

said on Tuesday. "I don't know where that came from. Nothing half and people keep asking me shutout in 25 years. the same questions."

Hub Arkush, Arians said, "I don't know who the heck this guy is or where these supposed most exciting thing in coaching meetings took place."

Arians can become the winningest coach in Cardinals history with his 50th victory at Seattle in the season finale on Sunday.

Arians is 49-32-1 in five seasons with the Cardinals, including the postseason. They are 7-8 this season.

Coach of the Year, for his work bring. as an interim coach in place of Chuck Pagano in 2012 and after directing to the Cardinals to an 11-5 record and a playoff berth in 2014. Arizona went 2011 he and his wife Christine 13-3 and advanced to the NFC championship game in 2015 but slipped to 7-8-1 in 2016.

Arians has had health issues, cancerous portion of his liver

good luck while he spoke)," he you think about it. Oh my gosh,

Arians outlined his plans for to be there? deciding whether it's time to go.

everything finalized through the Bowls." season and get all the reports end-the-season business done," he said, "sit down with my wife and son and daughter and we'll talk about it and see what we want to do," he said, "make a decision sometime between Monday and February, whenever (team president) Michael (Bidwill) lets me."

rate of uncertainty in Arizona.

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Ari- ther has quarterback Carson zona Cardinals coach Bruce Palmer, who is recovering from Arians says a report that he and a broken arm that ended his the franchise have agreed to part season prematurely. Palmer, ways after this season is untrue, who was having a solid season before he was hurt, turns 38 on

Arians said the decisions of sources" as saying the split Fitzgerald and Palmer will have would come next week at the no bearing on what he decides

The coach talked of how But the 65-year-old coach Arizona could be "a very dominant defense next year" after the "Nothing's changed," he way it performed the past few weeks. Arizona's 23-0 victory over the New York Giants on changed in the last month and a Sunday was the Cardinals' first

Arians talked about how As for the article's author much he loves to develop young quarterbacks.

> "That's always been the to me," he said.

> There's the looming return of running back David Johnson, who broke his left wrist in the opener, depriving Arizona of one of the league's best players.

> "That's a great one," Arians said of reasons to come back, "maybe 2,000, 2,500 reasons."

A reference to the kind of Arians is a two-time NFL yards gained Johnson could

> But Arians also acknowledged that when he was "refired," as he calls it, as offensive coordinator by Pittsburgh in were fine with the move away from the game after his many years as an assistant coach.

"We were really fine with including surgery to remove a it at that time," Arians said. "She was 'really' fine with it. last offseason. But he said he Obviously the call from Chuck has been healthy through this (Pagano) and we hit the lottery as far as coaching goes and it's "That's been a big difference been an unbelievable six years (knocking on a wooden table for since then. That's the one thing said, "having no major things what if they win the Super Bowl happen this year was huge." next year and you're not going

"Dick LeBeau always said 'I "We'll come back (from was going to retire at 70, then Seattle) on the plane and get I would have missed two Super

There's that beautiful house like we always do, get all our on the lake waiting for him in Georgia.

> But Arians said when he's not excited about the job, "that's when you know it's time."

> "I was up at 5 (a.m.) and excited to get here," he said on Tuesday. "That hasn't changed."

NOTE: Safety Antoine Arians is part of a triumvi- Bethea, who intercepted Eli Manning twice on Sunday, has Larry Fitzgerald hasn't a torn pectoral muscle and will said whether he will come miss the season finale. He has back for another season. Nei- five interceptions this season.

## Maple Leaf great and Hall of Famer Johnny **Bower dies at 93**

Leaf goalie who helped Toronto intra-league draft. Bower played has died. He was 93.

statement Tuesday the Hall of game as a 45-year-old in 1969. Famer died following a short battle with pneumonia.

became known as the China Cup in 1962, '63, '64 and '67.

TORONTO (AP) — Johnny Wall. His career took off after Bower, a beloved former Maple the Leafs claimed him in a 1958 win its last Stanley Cup in 1967, 475 regular-season games and won four Stanley Cups for the Bower's family said in a Leafs before playing his final

Bower won the Vezina Trophy in 1961 and shared it Bower was a two-time with teammate Terry Sawchuk Vezina Trophy winner who in 1965. The Leafs hoisted the

## Left-hander Zach Duke, Twins finalize 1-year contract

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — he allowed were home runs. Left-hander Zach Duke and the a one-year contract.

appearances this year for St. Washington (2012-13), Cin-He struck out 12 and walked (2016-17). six in 18 1/3 innings over 27 games, and three of the 13 hits agreement Tuesday.

He is 61-85 with a 4.54 ERA Minnesota Twins have finalized in 169 starts and 299 relief appearances over 13 major The 34-year-old was 1-1 league seasons with Pittsburgh with a 3.93 ERA in 27 relief (2005-10), Arizona (2011), Louis, returning to the major cinnati (2013), Milwaukee leagues on July 21 after Tommy (2014), the Chicago White Sox John surgery in October 2016. (2015-16) and the Cardinals

Minnesota announced the



Linemen of the JPS D1 All Star team sprinting towards the line during conditioning yesterday morning at the field in front of the VA memorial center inside the Senator Daniel Inouye Industrial Park. The JPS D1 team is led by Head Coach Okland Salave'a. The team will start departing for Honolulu, Hawai'i next week for the JPS Classic II.

## Oklahoma's rivalry with SEC continues with new coach Riley

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma has no plans to bow and played really well." down to the mighty Southeastern Conference.

shod over most of college foot- Smart's second year. ball for the past decade, but in Oklahoma beat Alabama in team in Georgia." the Sugar Bowl after the 2013 after the 2016 season.

called some of the stories about enough from critics who said the SEC's supremacy "propaganda." The rivalry he stirred up continues with new coach Lincoln Riley and Oklahoma's matchup with Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, among other Rose Bowl national semifinal on Jan. 1.

Riley tried to temper things a bit when the pairings first came

out. Strong running game. Their last year, in the bowl game."

young quarterback has come on

Riley also has great respect for Georgia coach Kirby Smart. The SEC has run rough- The Bulldogs are 12-1 in

"Kirby has obviously done a recent years, former Oklahoma great job in just a short time," coach Bob Stoops was vocal Riley said. "To me at this point, about his belief that the Sooners it's not about conference vs. and the Big 12 were elite, too. conference. It's about this really He had the facts to back up his good team from Oklahoma claim — under his leadership, going up against a really good

season, Tennessee during the mentary toward the SEC ear- I promise you, because they 2014 and 2015 regular seasons lier in the season when he was know they're going to have to and Auburn in the Sugar Bowl defending the Big 12. After score some points to win. So it's Oklahoma's 62-52 win over a little bit different mindset. It's As far back as 2013, Stoops Oklahoma State, he had heard the Big 12 was watered down Riley was more reserved than because of the lack of defense. He referenced Oklahoma's 35-19 win over Auburn in the things, as evidence that the Big 12 can hold its own.

"Going back to the bowl games last year, there's one conference that gave up under 20 "Georgia is a great team, points a game," he said. "That regardless of what league was the Big 12, where everythey're in," he said. "They're body's playing out-of-confera great football team. I've had ence teams. So everybody wants a chance to watch them a little to talk about all that. We didn't bit this year. Obviously, they're have any problem moving the really, really good defensively. ball against SEC defenses, one It doesn't take long to figure that of the best ones in the country

Riley said at the time that some of the offensive numbers Big 12 teams allow during league play are a product of teams taking necessary risks. He called the perception that the Big 12 was a step below "uneducated."

'When you play great offenses week in and week out, and when the other teams know you're playing great offenses, people are going to be more aggressive," he said. "People Riley wasn't as compli- are more aggressive against us, a different set of challenges."

Even in those statements, Stoops. As the Sooners prepared for Tennessee in 2014, Riley's predecessor quipped about the SEC's supposed belief that its athletes are a cut above.

"I don't know," Stoops said at the time. "That hasn't been the case in our experience. Whenever we've played, that hasn't been much of a difference."

After Oklahoma's over Auburn, Stoops reporters should "maybe just bury that narrative" about SEC supremacy.Heisman winner Baker Mayfield has a chance to extend Oklahoma's streak against the conference.

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Players from the JPS D1 All Star team posing proudly with their team Mothers, who were there to support them during practice yesterday morning at the field in front of the VA memorial center inside the Senator Daniel Inouye Industrial Park, in Tafuna.



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## **Czech Republic** upsets Russia 5-4 to open world juniors

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) -Filip Zadina and Filip Chytil scored second-period goals for the Czech Republic in a stunning 5-4 victory over Russia in the opening game of the world junior hockey championships on Tuesday.

Russia has medaled at the past seven world juniors while the Czech Republic has not reached the medal round since 2005. This was the Czech Republic's second victory in the past 12 meetings with Russia.

Martin Necas, Filip Kral and Ostap Safin also scored for the Czech Republic, and Martin Kaut had three assists. Josef Korenar made 34 saves.

Zadina and Chytil scored to give the Czech Republic a 4-2 lead late in the second period. Filip Kraul scored the Czech Republic's fifth goal 6:16 into the third period.

Artur Kayumov Vladislav Syomin scored late in the third period for Russia. Marsel Sholokhov and Alexei Polodyan scored in the first period.

Also Tuesday, Katchouk had a goal and an assist as Canada beat Finland 4-2.

Katchouk's linemate Taylor RaWednesday, December 27, 2017sh scored and added an assist for Canada, while Drake Batherson had the eventual winner and Sam Steel scored a

Carter Hart made 29 saves for the win.

Aleksi Heponiemi and Henri Jokiharju replied for Finland, while Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen



## Garoppolo leads 49ers to historic in-season turnaround

cisco 49ers make a bit of history that Jimmy G is in place. for the NFL's best in-season turnaround.

season as poorly as the 49ers Just from what I know of Carlos, did with nine straight losses has I have a pretty good feeling that ended it as well as it is going he was halfway joking. in San Francisco with Garopkeep getting better."

tations surrounding the 49ers. future success.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. Running back Carlos Hyde (AP) — Jimmy Garoppolo has even talked about a possible already helped the San Fran-Super Bowl run in 2018 now

"I definitely would want to rein that in," Shanahan said. "I No team that ever started a haven't spoken to Carlos yet.

"But, I haven't seen him yet. polo having led the team to four But, definitely that's not somestraight wins. The 49ers (5-10) thing that we want, because I already have the best record of don't believe that's the way you any team that started a 16-game should think. You can't conseason with a 0-9 record and trol what's going on next year. they can double the previous You only can worry about right best win total held by many now." Ending the season on a teams by winning the season streak such as this and falling finale Sunday at the division short of the playoffs is rare. The champion Los Angeles Rams 49ers could become the 41st (11-4). "We think we're playing team in the past 23 seasons to better. But, by no means have win their final five games but we arrived," coach Kyle Sha- only the 2005 Miami Dolphins nahan said Tuesday. "We've missed the postseason in that got a long way to go, we better group. Whether there's a big carry-over effect remains to be The midseason arrival of seen. Nearly half of those teams Garoppolo in a trade from New -19 of 40 - missed the play-England has been just the spark offs the following year whether the 49ers needed. He has won it was because of quarterback all four of his starts for San injuries that doomed teams such Francisco and his 1,250 yards as Green Bay this season, New passing are the most by any England in 2008 or Washington player in his first four starts for in 2013, or natural regression a franchise. That play has lifted that impacted other teams, finthe entire team and the expecishing strong is no guarantee of







## **Miami's Dion Waiters** will consider offseason ankle surgery

ceding Tuesday that it probably a procedure takes place.

The Miami Heat guard game with Orlando. missed his second straight game Tuesday because of a recurrence of the sprain that kept him off the floor for the final 13 games of last season. There's no timetable for his return, though is as bad — but I'm also not a Waiters he does not expect this absence to be like the month he missed when he first sprained the ankle last March.

with it all season.

though," Waiters said. "I've got to. I'm not making any excuses. It is what it is. It's something I don't like to talk about because there's nothing we really can do right now but try to take tweak. That sucks."

Heat season ends.

"No," Waiters said. "Hell no."Waiters is averaging 14.3 and most of his stats are fairly of the same problem. comparable to a year ago he was at nearly 40 percent last stress fracture in his leg. season and is barely at 30 percent this season.

optimism of a quick return to part of his rehab.

MIAMI (AP) — Dion the lineup. He got hurt early in Waiters will consider having Miami's game against Dallas surgery this offseason to repair on Friday on a drive in the lane his problematic left ankle, con- where the ankle just appeared to give way, then sat out against won't be fully healed until such New Orleans on Saturday and was inactive for Tuesday's

"He will continue to do rehab, treatment and conditioning and see when we can get him back on the court," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "I don't think it trainer or a doctor.'

Waiters considered surgery last summer, deciding against it because he would not have been The ankle never fully healed, ready for the start of this season. and Waiters has been dealing. He said when the time comes he'll discuss with his family and "I've played through it, advisers how best to proceed.

"Until I take care of it and do what I was supposed to do with it, even if I have a little sprain it's going to be severe," Waiters said. "I didn't even do anything when I twisted it. I just twisted care of it, get it stronger, things it."The Heat have been dealing like that. I don't want to be in with plenty of injury woes this predicament where it's a all season. Hassan Whiteside little tweak you've got to miss returned to the lineup Tuesday a decent amount just off a little after missing 11 games with a bone bruise in his knee, Jus-He was adamant that surgery tise Winslow remains out with will not take place before the a knee strain, Goran Dragic is playing through elbow pain and James Johnson missed a week with right ankle bursitis — and points this season for the Heat, is now out again with a flare-up

Plus, Rodney McGruder has except 3-point shooting, where yet to play this season with a

"We believe in each other, man," Johnson said Tuesday The Heat share Waiters' after some light court work, a



Faga'itua Vikings Defensive Coordinator Meafou Sagapolutele encouraging the JPS D1 All Star players during their conditioning part of practice yesterday morning at the field inside the Senator Daniel Inouye Industrial Park, across from the ANZ Bank, in Tafuna.

## Moss, Utah run past West Virginia 30-14 in Heart of Dallas

Moss took a third-down handoff and quickly burst through the line and into an opening in the middle of the field. Utah was off and running to another bowl victory.

Moss ran for 150 yards, including a career-long 58-yard run for a touchdown on the Utes' opening drive in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on way to a 30-14 win over West Virginia on Tuesday. They are now 11-1 in postseason games under Kyle Whittingham, who matched most bowl wins by an active earlier but returned to be part ginia, already has said he will coach.

team and he always caps the coordinator had been promoted year off right," Utah sophomore quarterback Tyler Huntley said.

Huntley scored twice, both on 2-yard keepers, but they led for good in their fifth straight bowl victory after Moss broke free on a drizzly and chilly day in Cotton Bowl Stadium.

us to come out of the gates with a big play early on and set the tone," said Moss, who like Huntley still has two seasons left with the Utes (7-6).

West Virginia (7-6) finished the season with its third straight loss. The Mountaineers had only 153 total yards without junior quarterback Will Grier, who broke a finger Nov. 18, and 1,000-yard rusher Justin Crawford, a senior who bypassed the

NFL draft.

"It was a pretty disappointing loss to end a pretty disappointing season," Mountaineers coach Dana Holgorsen play at a high level and that is another short run. the bottom line."

Pittsburgh after his defensive season. to head coach.

Utes prepare for bowl games like regular season games, often in full pads and with continuing conditioning work. There is also a little bit of peer pressure.

"We've got a group of guys "It was very important for and have had several groups of guys come here that take a lot of pride in their bowl performance and the bowl record that we have," Whittingham said. "This group was no different. Each subsequent group doesn't want to be the group that lets the previous groups down. They want to keep that bowl prowess alive."

#### THE TAKEAWAY

TDs came after West Virginia receivers.

DALLAS (AP) — Zach bowl game in advance of the miscues. The first came after a muffed punt return set Utah up at the Mountaineers 13, and the second came after an offside penalty on a short punt gave the Utes a second chance on fourth said. "You never hear me use it down. Huntley then completed as an excuse. If you lose guys, a 25-yard pass on the fourthyou need guys to step in and and-3 play before scoring on

West Virginia: The Moun-Whittingham's debut as head taineers missed Grier, who coach was a Fiesta Bowl win broke the middle finger on his at the end of the 2004 season. throwing hand early in a loss He co-coached that game with against Texas. Grier, whose Urban Meyer, who had taken 34 TD passes were the second Alabama's Nick Saban for the the Florida job three weeks most in a season for West Virof Utah's postseason win over return next year for his senior

#### **SABAN'S TIEBREAKER?**

Saban has a chance, maybe Under Whittingham, the two, to add a bowl win this season. The Crimson Tide will play Clemson in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day in the College Football Playoff. Two other active coaches can get their 11th bowl wins before then: Miami's Mark Richt and Meyer, who is now at Ohio State.

#### **ONE SHORT OF 1,000**

KaRaun White's 18-yard TD catch with 2 minutes left for West Virginia put him over 1,000 yards receiving this season, along with teammate Gary Jennings. But David Sills V, who had 18 TD catches, had no catches Tuesday and finished 20 yards shy of giving the Utah: Both of Huntley's Mountaineers three 1,000-yard



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Buffalo Bills wide receiver Kelvin Benjamin (13) can't make a catch in the end zone in front of New England Patriots cornerback Stephon Gilmore, left, during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, in Foxborough, Mass.

## **Bills owner Pegula questions** NFL replay review inconsistency

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Bills owner office in New York." Terry Pegula wondered what television NFL officials were watching in questioning inconsisten- he said immediately following the game by cies in video replay rulings after Buffalo receiver saying he remains at a loss by the call being Kelvin Benjamin's touchdown was overturned in reversed even after spending the past few days a loss at New England last weekend.

The usually low-key owner went out of character Tuesday during an appearance on Buf- players need to turn their attention to a critical falo's WGR-Radio by specifically referencing season finale at Miami on Sunday with the Bills' NFL officiating chief Al Riveron, and saying he slim playoff chances hanging in the balance. intends to raise his concerns with the league.

to fix it," Pegula added. "I'm not saying this as drought. Buffalo needs to beat its AFC East rival the owner of the Bills. I'm saying it as a football and have either Baltimore (9-6) lose to Cinfan. We can't have stuff like this happening in cinnati, or have both Tennessee (8-7) and Los our league."

Pegula questioned whether the league has taken its review process too far in overturning to be mentally disciplined and focused on what officials' calls

"Replay was developed by this league to correct obvious mistakes," he said. "If you've got to look at a play 30 times from five different sive coordinator Rick Dennison from eliciting a angles and keep looking at it and looking at it and laugh when asked if he understood what constilooking at it, you go with the call on the field. It's tuted a catch. what the league's been doing ever since replay

might be the only one in the nation who agrees with the call being reversed.

asked whether he expects the conversations at the Jesse James scored in making a 10-yard catch league office to be unfriendly.

the other side, I can dish back unfriendly, too, the ball after crossing the goal line. because it's a little upsetting" he said.

Benjamin was initially ruled to have had both feet down in the end zone in catching a 4-yard Wilson \$50,000 for questioning two calls pass that would have put Buffalo up 17-13 in the including a pass-interference penalty with no final seconds of the first half of a 37-16 loss on Sunday.

The official's call, however, was reversed upon a video review, with referee Craig Wrolstad saying replays revealed Benjamin did not have heard from numerous observers who disagreed control of the ball when his first foot hit the turf. The Bills instead settled for a field goal in tying the score at 13.

cized the league by saying the official's call was wasn't consistent." incorrectly reversed by "someone in a suit in an

Bills coach Sean McDermott reiterated what consulting with league officials.

However, McDermott added, he and his

The Bills (8-7) are still in contention, but need "I don't know what's going on, but we have help from other teams to end a 17-year playoff Angeles Chargers (8-7) lose their games.

"We must turn the page," he said. "We've got we can control, and that's ourselves and this

McDermott's message didn't prevent offen-

"I'm not at liberty to say," Dennison said.

The NFL's review process is taking heat for a As for Riveron, Pegula said the league official second consecutive week in which a touchdown was erased against the Patriots.

In a 27-24 win over Pittsburgh on Dec. 17, Pegula then provided a blunt response when officials initially ruled that Steelers tight end with 28 seconds left. The call was reversed upon "Well, you know, if it's unfriendly from review when it was ruled James lost control of

Pegula wouldn't be the first Bills owner to The NFL declined to comment on what Pegula question a call that went against Buffalo at Foxborough, Massachusetts.

The NFL fined late Hall of Fame owner Ralph time remaining — that led to Patriots beating Buffalo 25-21 in 1998. Pegula and his wife, Kim, purchased the Bills from Wilson's estate in 2014.

On Benjamin's touchdown, Pegula said he's with the reversal.

"Everybody I talked to, and they're not Bills fans, they're not necessarily anti-Patriots, they're Former NFL officiating VP Mike Pereira critiall baffled by that call," Pegula said. "It just











Head Coach Okland Salave'a of the Junior Prep Sports (JPS) Division 1 All Star team - talking to his All Star players after practice yesterday morning at the field in front of the VA memorial center inside the Senator Daniel Inouye Industrial Park, in Tafuna.

Salave'a and his team will start departing the territory next week Wednesday for Hawai'i to be a part of the JPS Football Classic II.

## Amid sales drop, Harley-Davidson wants to teach more to ride

Harley-Davidson is placing a Davidson in 2002 after holding renewed emphasis on teaching several executive positions people to ride as part of its efforts over 25 years. He created what to attract more customers.

The Milwaukee-based company's decision to expand the number of dealerships with a Harley "Riding Academy" comes as the industry grapples with years of declining sales and an aging customer base.

2000 with about 50 locations and now 245 dealerships in the U.S. offer the three- or four-day course. The company says about a quarter of those launched since 2014.

Harley sold 124,777 new Forty-Eight at \$11,299. motorcycles through months in 2017, down from 135,581 during the same period the previous year, according to the company's most recent earnings report.

The Motorcycle Industry Council says the median age of for Indian Motorcycles and motorcycle owners increased Victory Motorcycles. Pandya from 32 to 47 since 1990. About recently launched "Give A 46 percent of riders are over 50; Shift," a volunteer group disonly about 10 percent are 30-34. cussing ideas to promote motor-

back of her father's motor- sions, he said, is the idea that "if cycle growing up, but when the mom rides, the kids will ride." 25-year-old took a class to ride for the first time she couldn't help being anxious.

"I think motorcycles inherently do scare a lot of people," said Kay, a Milwaukee woman who is one of 50,000 people nationwide who took a riding course at a Harley-Davidson dealership this year.

The training is one of the ways Harley is trying to attract a new generation of riders like Kay amid big demographic shifts."Some of the aging Baby Boomers, which have been the guts of Harley-Davidson's purchasers, they're getting older and some of them are just getting out of the sport because they can't handle the motorcycle anymore," said Clyde Fes- ular with younger viewers.

MILWAUKEE (AP) - sler, who retired from Harleybecame the "Riding Academy."

> He said the idea "is getting people comfortable on a motorcycle and getting them to feel safe and confident."

In addition to riders getting older, a slow economic recovery has made it harder for millen-The program launched in nials to buy new motorcycles, said Jim Williams, vice president of the American Motorcyclist Association.

> Among the newest models, a 2018 Softail Slim starts at \$15,899 and a 2018 Sportster

"The younger generations are buying plenty of motorcycles, they're just not new," Williams said.

But it's not all the millennials' fault, said Robert Pandya, who managed public relations Samantha Kay rode on the cycling. One of their conclu-

Currently, women are about 14 percent of the riding population, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

"The biggest possible opportunity in motorcycling is to invite more women to ride," he major so he asked me if I was said.

That's not lost on Harley-Davidson. Among the ways Harley-Davidson is trying to reach younger riders is by having motorcycle rolemodels like Jessica Haggett, the founder of the "The Litas" allwomen motorcycle club, be a voice for the company on social media. And the company is also focusing advertising efforts in male-dominated sports like the X Games and UFC events pop-

"I think we have to work harder to gain share of mind with young adults, for example, in that they have other activities in their lives. They're on screens, they're connecting socially, they're involved in gaming, they're involved in other things," said Heather Malenshek, Harley-Davidson's vice president of marketing.

She said the easily customizable Sports Glide model that launched in November and the aggressive, performance-driven Fat Bob also have younger riders in mind. In all, the company plans to release 100 new motorcycles over the next 10 years. During that time, the company also wants to gain 2 million new riders.

Terri Meehan took plenty of motorcycle rides with friends as a passenger but has wanted to be in the driver's seat for a while. The 42-year-old took the Harley-Davidson riding course in October because she wanted to learn from "an expert who could teach right way versus someone who had learned bad habits.'

The price of the class varies by dealership but it's generally about \$300. Students spend time in class learning about motorcycle safety and on ranges learning to ride. Meehan plans to buy a motorcycle soon.

"My son's a psychology going through a mid-life crisis, which is actually quite hilarious," said Meehan.

Kay's experience notwithstanding, another challenge for Harley-Davidson is motorcycling simply isn't a major part of people's upbringing like it was once, Malenshek said.

"If you think about Baby Boomers, they probably were brought up on a dirt bike or had an uncle or a neighbor or something who was riding around in a Harley-Davidson.

## **Ex-Steelers star** linebacker Harrison signs with Patriots

man in the locker room.

England Patriots on Tuesday, three days after his unceremonious departure from Pittsburgh.

posted a photo on Instagram showing himself with 40-yearold quarterback Tom Brady in New England's locker room, writing that he finally has "a teammate that's older than me!"

The AFC North champion Steelers released the five-time Pro Bowl linebacker and 2008 NFL defensive player of the year on Saturday to make room for right tackle Marcus Gilbert, who is returning from a suspension for violating the league's at defensive end and outside performance-enhancing stance policy.

we feel give us the very best chance to win," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said Tuesday when asked why the team didn't release a different player to make room for Gilbert. "We needed the people we kept. We needed to activate Marcus Gilbert. Really, it's nothing more than that."

A day before, Tomlin had said following Pittsburgh's 34-6 win over Houston that clinched a first-round playoff bye that difficult decisions such as this are "just life in football."

To make room on their roster, the Patriots released linebacker Trevor Reilly.

Harrison, who is the Steelers' career leader in sacks, piling up owns more Super Bowl wins.

James Harrison is no longer 80½ during his 14 seasons with the odd man out or the oldest the Steelers and 82½ during his career, briefly retired in Sep-The ex-Steelers star signed tember 2014 following a forgeta one-year deal with the New table 2013 season in Cincinnati but returned when the Steelers ran into injury trouble.

He collected at least five The 39-year-old linebacker sacks every season between 2014 and 2016 and signed a two-year deal last spring that would have kept him in Pittsburgh through his 40th birthday.

> But Harrison's playing time dipped significantly this season — he has just one sack. He was active in just five games despite being injury-free and with the Steelers turning more toward outside linebackers Bud Dupree and rookie T.J. Watt.

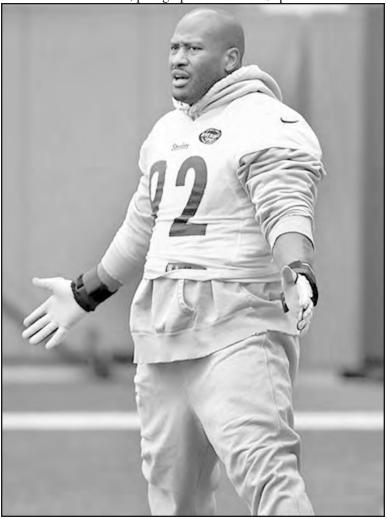
> The Patriots have been thin linebacker all season.

New England, which won "We make the decisions the AFC East for a ninth consecutive season, can wrap up the AFC's top seed with a win over the Jets this weekend or a loss by the Steelers, who host winless Cleveland.

> The Patriots and Steelers are both 12-3 and have wrapped up first-round byes. New England owns the tiebreaker by virtue of its 27-24 win at Pittsburgh on Dec. 17.

> Harrison would get a chance to face his former team if the Patriots and Steelers meet in the conference championship for a rematch of last year's title game, which New England won 36-17 on its way to its fifth Super Bowl title.

Only Pittsburgh, with six,



FILE - In this Dec. 23, 2017 file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers' James Harrison takes part in the NFL football team's afternoon practice in Pittsburgh. The New England Patriots signed Harrison, Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, after he was released on Saturday by the Steelers. (Peter Diana/Post-Gazette via AP, File)



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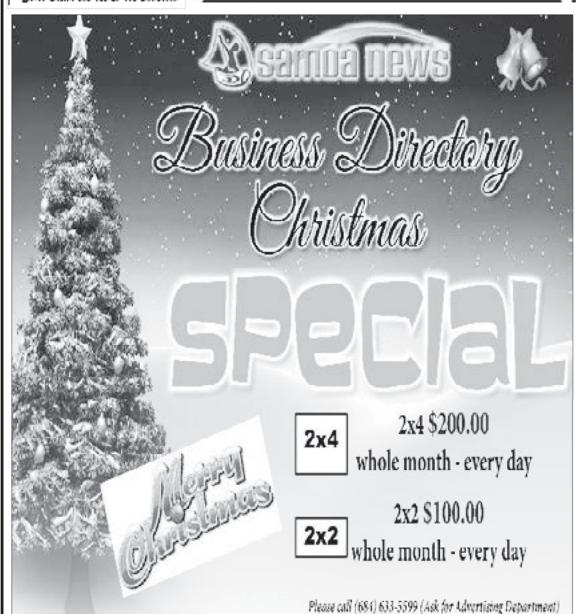
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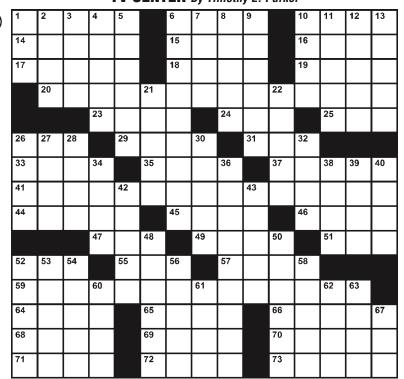
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#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"...He's back at the North Pole taking a long winter's nap."



Wednesday, December 27, 2017

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY



Happy Birthday: Reflection and hard work will be necessary this year. Consider what you have done in the past and how you can use your experience and know-how to avoid making the same mistakes over and over again. Don't get down when all you need to do is hone your skills and make them work more efficiently. Don't complain or give in to outside interference. Your numbers are 2, 14,

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Anything related to work should be handled carefully. Take care of your responsibilities without complaint. An emotional reaction will make you look bad and lead to an impulsive move. Do your best to get along with others. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be direct if you have a problem. Being honest and asking questions are the best ways to get to the bottom of any situation that leaves you feeling uncertain. Peace and love will help resolve issues, but complaining won't. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to what you know and steer clear of anyone who shows inconsistency or unpredictable tendencies. Stay grounded and stick to whatever commitments you have made. Use common sense and offer honest answers.★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A shopping trip will lead to a bargain that will improve your domestic environment. Make romance a priority and make plans to enjoy being with the people who make you happy. Personal improvements are featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make a change at work or to your status and reputation. Consider what you enjoy doing most and look for ways to use your skills, experience or knowledge to help you head in a direction that excites you. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Consider the adjustments you can make to the way you live. Consider how you can apply the knowledge you have gained in the past to future prospects. A change of location or updating your skills will help you move forward. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refuse to let individuals who don't share your opinion get a rise out of you. Nurture the relationships that are most important to you. The quality of your interactions with others will depend on your frame of mind.\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't venture too far from home. It's important to focus inward and reflect on the plans and promises you've made. Do whatever it takes to stabilize your relationships with those you care about before moving forward. ★ ★ ★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A bargain is not worth it if you have to incur debt. Changes can be made that are cost-efficient and will allow you to save rather than spend. Common sense and the ability to say "no" will be in your best interest. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will swell up when dealing with friends or relatives who know how to get a rise out of you. Stop and think before you take the bait and you'll come up with a much better way to handle such encounters. ★\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't leave anything to chance. Getting your personal papers and documentation in order will be necessary before the year comes to a close. Don't let anyone take you for granted. Look for a way to reach your professional goals. \*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Offer suggestions, but don't take over. You'll be blamed for interfering if you are too eager to tell others what to do. Misunderstandings are apparent. Personal growth should be your focus, not trying to change others. ★★



#### HUSBAND'S THREAT OF DIVORCE COMPELS WIFE TO LOSE WEIGHT

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for 18 years and have two wonderful kids, ages 14 and 12. Ten months ago, my husband said to me, "I told you I would divorce you if you ever got fat." I was shocked! Yes, I have gained some weight over the years, but at 5 feet 5 inches tall and 150 pounds, I was not exactly obese.

I was frightened by what he said, so I took off 25 pounds. He didn't appear to notice, so I asked him, "Now what do you think?" He said, "You have no muscle tone"!

Abby, nothing I do is good enough. I work part-time and take care of our kids and the house. I go out of my way to cook and bake interesting things for them. Any appreciation? His praise is, "Not

Abby, what should I do? -- BIGGEST LOSER IN NEW YORK

DEAR "LOSER": Before I answer your question, I should point out that the way some abusers maintain control is by withholding approval, love, money, etc.

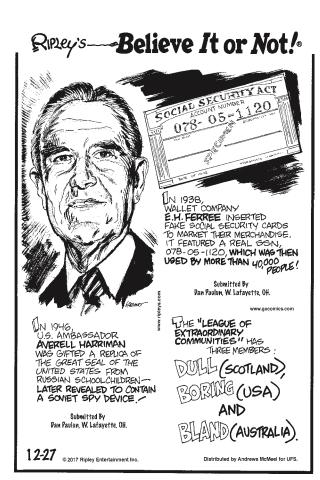
According to the National Institutes of Health, a woman who is 5 feet 5 inches tall should weigh between 114 and 144 pounds to be considered a normal weight. For your husband to threaten you with divorce if you didn't lose weight was brutal. Nothing you do is good enough because keeping you insecure and always trying to gain his approval is how he maintains the upper hand in your marriage. Losing weight is not easy. You should have been praised for your success.

Since you asked what to do, I'll tell you: Take him at his word. Your husband may have said your muscle tone is flabby, but from where I sit, what's sagging is your self-esteem. Go to the gym. Get into a training program. Improve that muscle tone, and along with it your image of yourself. Then, once you have achieved your goal and feel better about yourself, decide whether you want to remain married to a man who has such poor "muscle tone" between the ears.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 63-year-old widow. I have not been with a man since my husband died 10 years ago. I am now dating a 31- year-old man. I am deeply in love with him. He says he's in love with me, too, but his family says he doesn't know what love is. He was previously in a four-year relationship with someone his own age.

Am I crazy for dating a man who is 31? He's everything I have always wanted, and what I would consider the perfect man for me. He claims his only problem with dating me is that I will probably pass away in 20 years, and he will be alone and devastated. My concern is I feel I am preventing him from future children and a possible wife his own age. He says he doesn't want kids, but I'm not so sure. Please tell me what to do. I have never been in this situation before. -- HELP, PLEASE, IN **PENNSYLVANIA** 

DEAR HELP, PLEASE: As relationships evolve, couples learn more about each other. You didn't mention how long you and this man have been involved with each other, but if it has been less than a year, you would be wise to slow things down. It would be in your interest to know why his family thinks he doesn't know what love is. The answer to that question could be enlightening.



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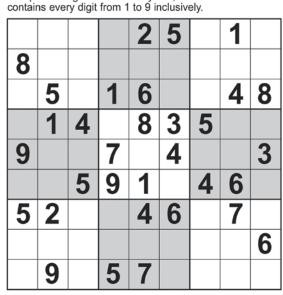
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### FATUIVA ALLEN SALAVE'A TE'O AUMOEUALOGO FUAVAI



Ua logo le nă itea, ua logo fo'i le nă i ama, ina ua mapu i Niafane le va'a o le Sanalala, ae lalafo le taula i malolo i vasa. Ua fefe vale ai nei le tauta auă ua ulifaō le taufa'anu'u, ua oso fo'i peau vale, ae felavasa'i peau lagava'a ina ua sopoutu peau ta tagata ma fulifaō e pei o matagi to fa'ata'uta'u. Ua gausia nei le tautali sa tapa apoapo ai manū, ina ua mafati lona sasaga sa silimea ai le oloa e tua iai aiga ma le ekalesia, auā ua lia'i le poutū ma ua le tatali poulalo, sa tapatautali ai le 'au'au ole maota i Ana-o-le-i'a. Ua po ai nei le nu'u, auā ua le pupula le la, ua puaoa fo'i le masina, ina ua agi

fa'asulusulu le la'i, auē! Ua foa lua le Pulou o le Ola, ina ua gasolosolo ao ae ta'ape pāpā, ina ua tifatō ma atafasaina fa'afuga o la'au e to'ulu le tupua ma le la'o'ai i Lalotavai auā ua lagia le afioaga e susū ai le Aumoeualogo, afio le Anavaotaua Te'o ma le Matua ia Mamea. Ua lagia le Aloali'i, tainane le susū o Afusia ma Samoa. Ua gausia fo'i le atipouniu ma lalafo le fa'asau o le upega lauga a le pa'ia maualuga ile To'afa ma le fetalaiga iā Maui'a ma 'upu ile Atimanutui e fa. Ole motusia fo'i lea o le asoa iā Fa'asilitamaita'i ma le to'ulu o 'autā iā Lea'ana ma le 'aumaga. Ua solo nei le falute ma lagia ai Laloifi ma Falesau, o le Fale o Mavaega, auā ua puaoa le maota i Avetonu, ina ua 'i le manu tulu'ia I le si'u 'a'au o Faga-o-atua. O le lagia lea o le afio aga e afio ai le Fa atui ole Motu, susu ai le Malu ole Fale, ae o le lagi e faasino i Ati Ma'opu ma le Maava. Talofa, ua tafefea pulu ile vai i le lauga a Tama Matua, ina ua sosofa le ta'ui-sa I le fa'autaga o'oo'o i lau fetalaiga Salave'a ma Salave'a ma 'upu iā te oe Fofō. Ua motu ai nei le 'asoa iā Iliganoa ma to'ulu'auta iā Ilaoa ma To'omata. Ua tupoupou nei Gagamoe, ina ua agi salulululu le Si'amouli, auā ua lagia le afio'aga e afio ai le Ma'oputasi, o le Tama na fa'asasau ma fa'asausau iai Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofō ma Aitulagi, Itu'au ma Alataua. O le lagia fo'i lea o Tei ma Anoalo, le Matua ma le Nofo fanau, tainane Anoaloifale. Ua gausia le tootoo ole feofeo ma tai loloto ile lauga a le na Falesefulu ai le Motu, lau fetalaiga Tuaolo, tainane fofoga o le Falefa ma oe le Launiu-na-saelua. Ua fatitoto ai nei auma o le gataifale e pei ole tala ia

Fulu'ulalematoto ma lofia ai le malae i Laloniu ma Falemalama, auă ua lagia le afio'aga e afio ai Lealaisalanoa, o le tama a malili e fa. O le lagi e fa'asino i le 'Autapa'au, a'o le susŭ ai le Ma'ava a Sua ma le Vaifanua. Talofa i le fa'autaga a Tama Matua lea ua segia e le savili, ma ua tafea fo'i le utu i le fetalaiga i le Atisua ma 'upu i le Alataua.

Ua matagitogaina nei le malae i Nu'uuli ma Paepaeuli, ina ua ite le papa osofia ae tu'utu'u mai le va'aloa ma amia ai le agaga i le fafa. Ua lagia ai nei le afio'aga o Ma'opu. O le lagi e fa'asino i Usoali'I ma Taumafaalofi. Talofa i le fa'a'autaga a le 'autalaia ma tolo popoto o le To'afa lele ua faleseu le 'ainā, ae ua mafuli fo'i fa'ala'au ōia 'upu i le Atimanea ma oe le Itu'au malosi.

Ua masofa ai nei le fa ma ua mamate vaiagia, ua le susua fo'i vaieli ma ua matūtū vaipapa ina ua mumutu vanu i le malae i Togalei. O le lagia lea o le afio'aga afio ai le Fa'atui. O le lagi e fa'asino i le Tamafa'alagia. O le lagia lea o maota o le Usoali'i. Ua usu fo'i le fono ma motu le tuive'eve'e o le lauga iā te oulua To'oto'o ma 'upu iā te oe le Ofu.

Ua fa'atau ata nei le la ma le masina ina ua lagona le leo i Rama i Malaetele. Ua peia le taualuga o Manu'a, ina ua fa'apōpō a o ni aso ua, auā ua lagia ai nei le afio'aga o le Tui Manu'a, le la'au na amotasi. O le lagi e faasino ile Fa'atui, tainane le Vaimagalo-o le tama a le malo. O le lagia lea o le suafa o Lefiti ma le Pupuali'i. Talofa ile fa'autaga iā te outou to'oto'o lea ua masoe ma nuti e pei ole kate i le ala ma 'upu iā te oe le Faletolu. O pa'ia ia o le lagi lea mai le Tai Samasama ma le vai sa o le Tui Manu'a se 'ia pa'ia le Tai 'ula'ula o Nafanua ma le vai salia i

Tūlāfasā, o le a nu'unu'u atu i to'oto'o au a Samoa, auā o lo latou faiva alofilima lea e tausi va'atele i pa'ia ia.

E! ua maliu le toa, ua maumau ai a'upega o le taua, auā ua goto le fetū o leapai ma o le a le toe va'aia, ua lilo fo'i le fetū o le aniva i lona nofoaga mau, ae mapu malolo le fetū o tapuite'a e lē toe susulu, ina ua to le fa'auli o le soifua tautua ma faamanavaina e le Atua galuega a lō matou tinā peleina. E fa'anoanoa lava e faasilasila atu ma le fa'aloalo tele, i aiga tupu, aiga o e'e, aiga o nofo, ma aiga o ao, paolo ma gafa na sausausema ma ni mulivai na fetafea'i a'o ni

taupega 'afa matou te malu ai i itu e fia o Samoa, uo ma aumeamamae, le tu'ua o le malō i le afioga i le Faletua, o lē sa pele ma mamae i loto ma agaga, o Fatuiva Allen Salave'a Te'o Aumoeualogo Fuavai, ile Maota Gasegase i Faga'alu, i le aso 11 o Tesema, 2017.

#### O le Polokalama lenei:

Masina o le Toetaumafa (Tesema 28,2017), i le Fa'aitula (10 i le taeao), o le a 'aveeseina lona tino maliu mai le Fanaega ma le Maota Fa'atausau i Faga'alu

Fa'aitula i le soliata o le la (11:30 i le taeao) o le a faia lona ulua'i sauniga i le malumalu Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa i le afio'aga i Aoa. A mae'a ona molimoli lea o lona tino maliu i le maota o Ana-o-le-i'a

Masina o le Toetaumafa (Tesema 29,2017), i le Fanaafi e fa'amalama (6:00 i le taeao), fesilafa'iga o aiga ma paolo tu

Soliata o le la (12:00 i le aoauli) sauniga Paia o le Misasa, o le faia ile malumalu o le Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa i Aoa lava, ma

molimoli ai loa i lona oliolisaga tumau ma falelauasi ai i lona aiga i Asofitu i Nu'uuli, i le maota o Aumoeualogo Te'o J. Fuavai.

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava

Afrioga i le Tama a le Malo

Lumerualoso /es fuavas

Aumoeualogo Te'as Fuavas maye nofoaalo fa'avauvau.







