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Sau Ia's 2018 (IFBB) Body Building Champion is Ben Matale Fili of Samoa

FIRST TIME FOR INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BODY BUILDING EVENT IN AM SAMOA

by T. Gasu
Samoa News Sports Correspondent

The 3rd Annual Sau Ia Body Building Championship held at the Gov. H. R. Lee Auditorium last Saturday evening was the first time the International Federation of Body Building (IFBB) hosted an event in the territory. Samoa's Ben Matale Fili is the Overall Winner of the Men's Body Building Champion; while the Overall Winner of the Women's Body Building Champion is Titiula Manuma of Nu'uuli.

During the opening ceremony, the President of Sau Ia Peter Reid announced that this was the first time the IFBB is hosting a body building competition in the territory.

He added, "Another first for us is that this is the first time that we have our brothers from the neighboring Samoa visit us with a team of five contestants, and we're very proud to have them here led here by Samoa's Body Building President." ⊗

"Another first for this year is our partnership with the American Samoa Government, we'd like to extend our thank you to the Department of Health — this is the first time that we'll have scholarships offered to our winners, a total of five \$5,000 scholarships offered by Argosy University" Reid said.

The representative of New Zealand's International Federation of Body Building Esther Tofilau spoke on behalf of IFBB acknowledging, "Sau Ia's collaboration with the American Samoan Government, I think that's what it's all about. Health and wellness, our landscapes and many of our countries have changed so it's really good to see the progress."

Tofilau said, "I am here to represent IFBB, we have a total of 193 countries, and the last country was actually American Samoa who joined us last year and they are officially a member of the federation. We hold over 2,500 annual events worldwide. We were established in 1946."

The winner of the 2018 (IFBB) Sau Ia Body Building Championship was 21 year old Ben Matale Fili of Faleula, Samoa.

Samoa News spoke to the Champion who competed for the second time in IFBB competition — his first appearance on stage was last year's Samoa's Body Building Championship, where he won 1st Place in the Juniors category, and 2nd Place Overall in the Men's competition.

According to Fili, "At first I couldn't believe it, but it was a dream come true for me. My family was all I thought about, you know, I always want to make my family especially my parents proud of me — I know they weren't here to watch me perform but I was very glad and very excited to bring the championship home."

He's thanks and acknowledges those who've supported him along the way to this competition, "Firstly I want to thank our almighty Heavenly Father who made this possible for me. A big fa'afetai and fa'amalo to my family, especially to my parents and sister. To my colleagues and workmates for being the realists and being very supportive — a special thank you to my major sponsor Joes Gym #teamJoe and to my personal trainer John Lemoa, thank you all very much."

WINNERS OF CATEGORIES

- Overall Men's Body Building Champion — Ben Matale Fili.
- Overall Women's Body Building Champion — Titiula Manuma.
- Winner of the Women's Junior Category — Monique Hollister.
- Women Physique Overall Winner — Titiula Manuma, 2nd Place — Casey Manuka.
- Winner of the Overall Men's Junior Category — Fa'afetai So'oalo.
- Winner of the Overall Men's Physique — Joseph Asiata.
- Men's Masters Category — Floyd Scanlan, 2nd Place — David Fanene.
- Men's Over 70kg — Aunese Tauinaola, 2nd Place — Joseph Asiata.
- Men's Over 80kg Category — Ben Matale Fili, 2nd Place — David Fanene.
- Men's Over 90kg Category — Bert Fuiava, 2nd Place — Lomi Lole.
- Men's Over 100kg Category — Carl Brighthouse, 2nd Place — Floyd Scanlan

2018 Sau Ia
(IFBB) Body Building
Overall Men's Cham-
pion, Ben Matale Fili
— flexing for the crowd.
[photo: TG]



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua Aino Frost)



Fergie says 'tried my best' after national anthem blowback



Singer Fergie performs the national anthem prior to an NBA All-Star basketball game, Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

By GREG BEACHAM, AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fergie is apologizing after trying something different with the national anthem at the NBA All-Star Game.

"I've always been honored and proud to perform the national anthem and last night I wanted to try something special for the NBA," the Grammy-winning singer said in a statement Monday. "I'm a risk taker artistically, but clearly this rendition didn't strike the intended tone. I love this country and honestly tried my best."

Fergie's slow, bluesy rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" on Sunday night wasn't particularly well received at Staples Center or on social media before the 67th edition of the NBA's annual showcase.

A low chuckle rumbled through the sold-out arena after she finished the first line of the song with a throaty growl on "the dawn's early light."

Fans throughout the star-studded crowd reacted with varying levels of bemusement and enthusiasm while her languid, 2 1/2-minute version of the song continued. Although Fergie was on pitch, her tempo, musical accompaniment and sexy delivery were not exactly typical for a sporting event or a patriotic song.

Golden State All-Star Draymond Green captured Sunday's mood — and became an instant GIF — when he was shown open-mouthed on the scoreboard and the television broadcast in apparent confusion over the unique vocal stylings. Green then chuckled to himself after realizing he was on TV.

After a forceful finish, Fergie finally got big cheers when she shouted, "Let's play some basketball!"

The Black Eyed Peas singer, born Stacy Ann Ferguson, is from nearby Hacienda Heights, California.

Famed basketball commentator Charles Barkley joked that he "needed a cigarette" after Fergie's performance during the TNT halftime show.

Former Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal leaped to Fergie's defense, saying: "Fergie, I love you. It was different. It was sexy. I liked it. Leave her alone."

Others on social media weren't as kind, with criticism of the performance outpacing the positive reviews.

The Forum in nearby Inglewood, California, was the site of arguably the most famous national anthem in sports history during another NBA All-Star Game 35 years ago.

Marvin Gaye's touching rhythm-and-blues version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the 1983 game was initially criticized, but has since gained widespread acceptance as a groundbreaking musical performance.

Instead, Fergie is more likely to join the long list of curious versions of the anthem, even though she showed far more impressive vocal chops than the likes of Roseanne Barr or Carl Lewis.

Brevin Pritzl's 20 points help Badgers beat Gophers in OT



Wisconsin's Nate Reuvers (35) and Ethan Happ, behind, trap Minnesota's Jordan Murphy (3) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, in Madison, Wis.

(AP Photo/Andy Manis)

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Brevin Pritzl scored 20 points, including two 3s in overtime, and Ethan Happ led a defensive resurgence in the extra period to help Wisconsin beat Minnesota 73-63 in overtime on Monday night. Happ finished with 10 points after going scoreless in the first half, hitting a layup with 5.2 seconds left in regulation for a 59-all tie.

The momentum carried over into overtime for the Badgers (13-16, 6-10 Big Ten), who handed the Golden Gophers (14-15, 3-13) their ninth straight loss. Pritzl opened overtime with a 3 from the wing. Wisconsin then capitalized on Minnesota

miscues later at the other end as Happ had a steal and drew an offensive foul on back-to-back possessions. The Badgers scored after each mistake to extend to an eight-point lead with 2:12 left. Jordan Murphy had 16 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out to lead Minnesota. The Gophers lost a seven-point lead with 7:33 left in regulation and went without a field goal for nearly a six-minute stretch from the second half into overtime.

Michael Hurt had career highs of 15 points and eight rebounds for Minnesota, while Nate Mason scored 11 on 5-of-18 shooting. Three-point shooting gave the Badgers a

35-34 lead at halftime despite a scoreless first half from Happ, who didn't pick up his first bucket until 17:32 of the second half. Brad Davison was 4 of 6 from the 3-point arc in the first half, while Pritzl hit a desperation 3 from the left corner just before the buzzer to put Wisconsin ahead at the break.

Davison finished with 19 points. **BIG PICTURE**

Minnesota: Picking up his NCAA-leading 22nd double-double of the season, Murphy has been a bright spot in what has otherwise turned into a dismal season for the Gophers. The junior has also shown some range with his shot after hitting an open 3 from the wing in the second half for a 58-51 lead with 5:58 left. It ended up being Minnesota's last field goal until early in overtime.

Murphy is 3 of 3 from the arc over his last two games after not attempting a 3 during the previous five. Wisconsin: It's hard to hold Happ scoreless, but Minnesota did just that in the first half after throwing double teams at the 6-foot-10 forward from different angles and at different times.

Graham leads No. 8 Kansas to 104-74 rout of Oklahoma



Kansas guard Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk, back, steals the ball from Oklahoma guard Rashard Odomes (1) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Lawrence, Kan., Monday, Feb. 19, 2018. (AP Photo/Orlin Wagner)

By JORDAN WOLF, Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Devonte Graham had 23 points and seven assists, Malik Newman added 20 and No. 8 Kansas beat Oklahoma 104-74 on Monday night.

The Jayhawks (22-6, 11-4 Big 12) controlled things early, jumping out to a 10-0 lead less than four minutes into the game and forcing Lon Kruger to burn a timeout before the first media break. The Sooners (16-11, 6-9 Big 12) never recovered.

Kameron McGusty led the way for Oklahoma with 22 points while Jamuni McNeace added 18 in his first career start.

It was a cold shooting night for Trae Young, who missed 10 of his 13 shots. His 11 points were a season-low. He did have nine assists.

Kansas broke the 100-point threshold for the first time since

December as six Jayhawks scored in double figures.

The win marks No. 300 all-time in Big 12 play for the Jayhawks. Only two other schools (Texas, Oklahoma) have surpassed the 200 mark.

BIG PICTURE

Kansas now sits a half-game ahead of Texas Tech atop the Big 12 standings after gaining a game on the Red Raiders when they fell to Baylor Saturday.

Oklahoma has now dropped its last six games, and has fallen to No. 8 in the Big 12. The skid has led some to speculate that the Sooners could miss the NCAA Tournament.

UP NEXT

Kansas has a road clash with Texas Tech Saturday, serving as a battle for the outright Big 12 lead.

Oklahoma will look to rebound at home against a hot Kansas State team on Saturday.

Alabama State beats Alcorn State 82-62

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Jacoby Ross had 19 points, seven rebounds and six assists Monday night to help Alabama State beat Alcorn State 82-62.

The Hornets (7-19, 7-7 Southwest Athletic Conference) went on a 14-3 run to lead 66-51 on Ross' jumper with 6:26 left in the second half. The Braves (10-18, 6-9) got the deficit no closer than 13 from there.

Alabama State led by as many as 14 in the first half with runs of 11 and eight straight points. But Alcorn State had a 9-0 run to get the deficit to 27-22 and later got as close as 52-48 before the Hornets pulled away for good.

Reginald Gee added 17 points on 8-of-13 shooting and Fausto Pichardo scored 14, making 7 of 8 from the field. The Hornets shot 34 of 59 overall.

A.J. Mosby had 18 points, Yalen Reed scored 14 and Dante Sterling added 11 for the Braves.

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 DEPARTMENT of HUMAN RESOURCES

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title	COMPTROLLER	Posting Date: January 29, 2018	Serial No.: 030-18
Department/Division:	Treasury/Finance	Closing Date: February 29, 2018	Announcement No.: 005-18
Type of Position:	Temporary Employment	Pay Grade and Salary Range: GS 18-Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience	
Posting Type:	Employment Opportunity/Open to the Public		
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- Preparations of the American Samoa Government Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title LAVATAI of the village of OFU by FONOTAGA TILI of the village of OFU, county of OFU, MANU'A District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title LAVATAI shall be registered in the name of FONOTAGA TILI in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: JANUARY 10, 2018 thru MARCH 12, 2018

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

Fa'aaliga o le Fa'amauina o se Suafa Matai

O le fa'aaliga leni ua faasalalauina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauina o le suafa matai o LAVATAI o le nu'u o OFU e FONOTAGA TILI o OFU faalupega o OFU, falelima i MANU'A.

Ua taliaina e le Resitara lea talosaga, faatasi ma le talosaga a le aiga faapea ma le tusi faamaonia mai matai o lea nu'u, ma ua i ai nei i teuga pepa a lea ofisa.

A i ai se tasi e faafinagaloina, ia faaulufaleina sana talosaga tete'e, po o sana faalavelave tusi-tusia i le Ofisa o Resitara i totonu o aso e 60 mai le aso na faalauiloa ai leni fa'aaliga. Afai o lea lea se talosaga tete'e, po'o se faalavelave foi e faaulufaleina mai i aso e 60 e pei ona taua i luga, o lea faamauina loa lea suafa matai i le igoa o FONOTAGA TILI e tusa ai ma aiaiga o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa. 01/19 & 02/20/18



Winner of the Over 70kg Category, Aunese 'Ounce' Tauinaola during his Most Muscular pose.

[photo: TG]

Fit to be tied: Canada, Germany share 2-man bobsled gold



Driver Justin Kripps, right, and Alexander Kopacz of Canada celebrate after tying for the gold with Germany during the two-man bobsled final at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Monday, Feb. 19, 2018. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Pierre Lueders driving that sled for Canada. Lueders was there Monday night, since he now coaches the host South Koreans.

"Pierre is actually the guy who taught me how to drive a bobsled," said Kripps, who was born in Hawaii, calls Canada home and also holds an Australian passport. "It was pretty cool that he was here to see it."

Latvia got bronze, with Oskars Melbardis and Janis Strenga finishing 0.05 seconds back to complete the closest three-sled finish in Olympic history. And afterward, Kripps, Friedrich and Melbardis all not only had similar times — but similar thoughts.

"It's crazy," Kripps said.

"It was crazy," Friedrich said.

"Crazy, crazy, crazy, crazy," Melbardis said.

Perhaps even more unbelievably, it was the third time a two-man competition ended in a tie. The other was in 1968, when Italy got the gold over West Germany even though they finished with the same time. Italy got the win that year because of a tiebreaker that's no longer in use, with the edge going to the sled with the fastest heat.

Nico Walther and Christian Poser of Germany, the leaders after Sunday's first two runs, were fourth — only 0.20 seconds back. Johannes Lochner and Christopher Weber, also from Germany, were fifth in 3:17.14.

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — Justin Kripps and Alexander Kopacz were thoroughly confused when they crossed the finish line. They knew they had just won an Olympic gold medal for Canada, and were puzzled why the rival Germans were running their way to celebrate.

Eventually, it made sense. The closest Olympic sliding race in history had two sets of winners Monday. Canada and Germany will share gold from the two-man bobsled event at the Pyeongchang Olympics after Kripps and Kopacz finished their four runs in the exact same time as the German duo of Francesco Friedrich and Thorsten Margis.

The winning time: 3 minutes, 16.86 seconds. "I managed to see the clock that said No. 1 on it," Kripps said, as the German team sat to his right after the race. "At first I thought that we won outright, and then these guys jumped over and they were super-excited. And I was like, 'These guys are really happy for us.'" Well, technically, they were. Kripps, the final driver on the track, had the lead for much of the fourth heat. But with the margins so close, Friedrich started to think that a shared gold was somehow possible.

Turns out, he was right. "We saw he was one-hundredth in front, two-hundredths in front, three-hundredths in front," Friedrich said. "I thought we would tie or we would get silver. We tied and it was fantastic for us." It was Canada's second gold medal in two-man bobsledding — both coming in a tie. The Canadians shared gold with Italy in 1998, with

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Walker IV hits 5 3s, scores 19, Miami beats Notre Dame 77-74

By ANTHONY ANDERSON, Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Mike Brey doesn't pay much attention to the NBA draft stock of opposing players, but the Notre Dame coach does hear his own staff's assessments and, on Monday night, he saw nothing from Miami's Lonnie Walker IV that would make him disbelieve the latest assessment.

"Walker's shots were pro stuff," Brey said after the freshman led the Hurricanes to a 77-74 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over the Irish. "He's a first-round guy, my assistants told me, and he looked it tonight. He made some money tonight."

Walker scored 19 points, hitting 5 of 7 from 3-point range, and his deep 3 gave Miami the lead for good as the Hurricanes rode a late 13-0 burst in a matchup of teams scrambling to make the NCAA Tournament field.

The Canes (19-8, 8-7) trailed by five with 7:51 to go before their decisive run over a span of five-plus minutes to snap a season-high three-game skid.

"That's a terrific road victory for us," Hurricanes coach Jim Larranaga said. "Both teams battled; a very competitive game. We played terrific to end the first half with an eight-point lead (actually nine at 38-29), then Notre Dame played great to take the lead in the second half."

The Irish (16-12, 6-9) saw their deficit reach 45-35 shortly after the break before beginning a charge that put them up 62-57.

Walker, though, proved deadly in the 13-0 run. His triple from the left wing gave Miami the lead for good at 65-62 and he followed that with a fading, contested 17-footer as the shot clock expired.

The Canes' Ebuka Izundu, starting for the first time all season, was 7-of-8 shooting and finished with 14 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots. He had 10 points, six boards and all of his steals and blocks after halftime.

"I thought Ebuka Izundu really stepped up for us, made some shots," Larranaga said of the 6-foot-10 junior who was averaging just 4.5 points and 3.4 rebounds going in.

Ja'Quan Newton added 12 points and eight rebounds for Miami, which confounded the ND defense with 53-percent shooting.

"Every time we went zone, they hit a couple 3s," Brey said after the Canes finished 9 of 19 outside the arc, "and then you go back to man and they hit putbacks. We've been a pretty good defensive team. The numbers say it, (but) we could not defend them like we've been defending. They've got a lot of athletic ability."

Martinas Geben led the Irish with 19 points and seven rebounds. Matt Farrell added

16 points, six boards and six assists. T.J. Gibbs scored all of his 11 points after the break.

IRISH INJURIES

Notre Dame, adding to its array of injuries this season, played for the first time without regular Rex Pflueger, who injured his back in Saturday's win at Boston College.

Brey said he expects Pflueger to be back and start in ND's next game.

The Irish also are eagerly anticipating the Feb. 28 return of Bonzie Colson. The senior, averaging 21.4 points and 10.4 rebounds, has missed the last 14 games with a broken foot.

ND's gone 5-9 without him.

Freshman D.J. Harvey has missed the last nine games with a knee injury.

MIAMI'S MIX

The Hurricanes continue to be without sophomore guard Bruce Brown, expected to be sidelined another three weeks after undergoing left foot sur-

gery on Feb. 1.

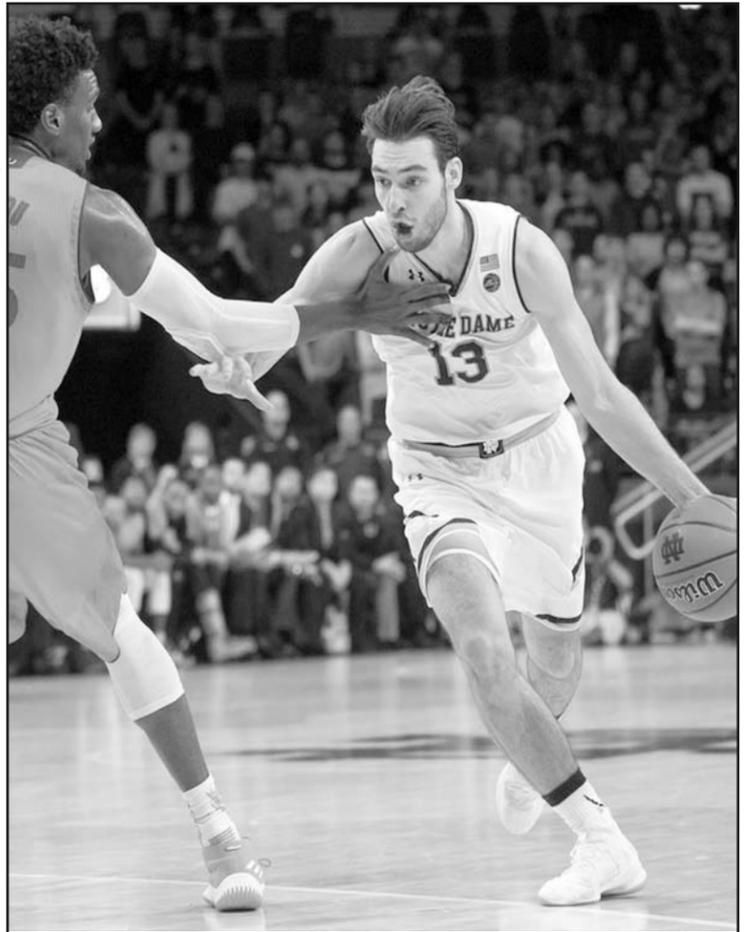
Brown was averaging 11.4 points and leading Miami in rebounds (7.1) and assists (4.0) when he was injured Jan. 29.

Without him, the Canes have used a variety of lineups in ACC play. Izundu became the eighth different starter Monday.

BIG PICTURE

Miami: The Hurricanes boosted their NCAA Tournament hopes. Among their three remaining regular-season games, they host Boston College after losing to the Eagles 72-70 two weeks ago, then travel to No. 10 North Carolina.

Notre Dame: ND's perilous NCAA Tourney hopes were dealt a major blow. The best the Irish can finish in the ACC is 9-9, and that would require a win at No. 1 Virginia. A year ago, when a league-record nine teams made the field, Wake Forest got in at 9-9, although Syracuse did not at 10-8.



Notre Dame's Nikola Djogo (13) tries to move by Miami's Ebuka Izundu (15) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, in South Bend, Ind. Miami won 77-74. (AP Photo/Robert Franklin)



American Samoa Government DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education.

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3 - 21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who have a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievements. As a condition for granting the funds, each State or Territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 14, 2018. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference Room in Utulei at 2:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education Office located in Faga'alu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faaufono Vaitautolu at faauitolu@yahoo.com or Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi at atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, Assistant Director Special Education Division, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

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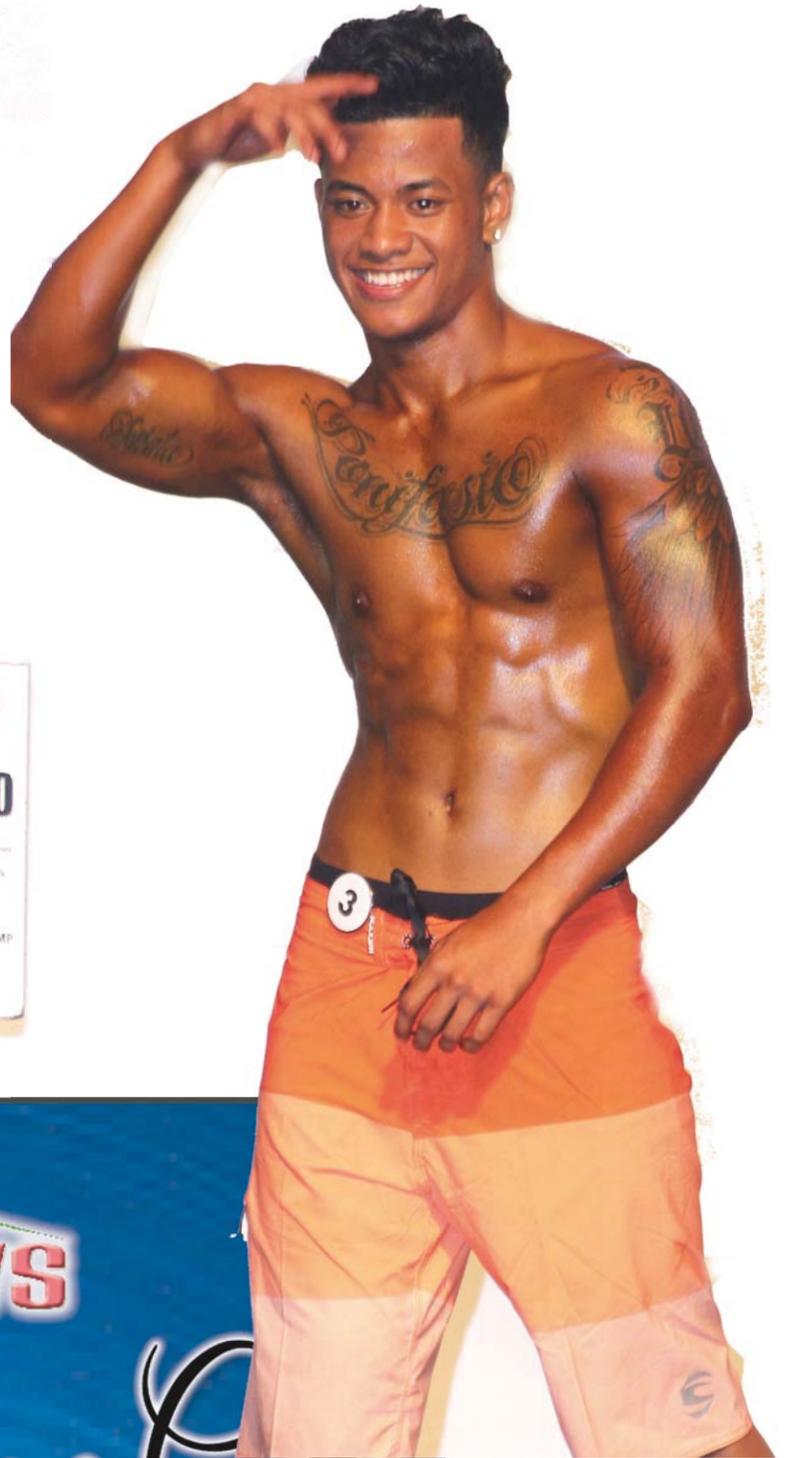
Ua tu'uina mai e le Matagaluega o A'oga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avanoa e fa'alia ai finagalo fa'alau'itele a le mamalu o le atunu'u mo le alagatupe talosaga i lalo o le Maga B Tulafono mo Tagata o iai Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o A'oga a le Malo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

O ia alagatupe ua fuafuaina e fa'atino ai a'oa'oga fa'apitoa tu'uina atu mo tamaiti a'oga uma, e amata mai i le 3 - 21 tausaga, i totonu o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa o lo'o iai manaoga fa'apitoa ua fa'afaiagata ai taumafaiga taua'oa'oga i totonu o potu a'oga. O se tasi aiaiga mo le taliaina o le talosaga, e tatau i Setete ma Teritori uma o lo'o talosagaina ia alagatupe ona fa'asalalau a latou tusi talosaga mo se finagalo fa'aalia o tagata lautele. E tatau ona lava se avanoa e silasila lelei ai le atunu'u mo le silafia ma tu'uina mai so latou finagalo fa'aalia e tusa e 30 aso ae le'i tu'uina atu le tusi talosaga ia Me 14, 2018. O le a faia se fonu fa'alau'itele ia Aperila 12, 2018 i le potu fonotaga i le Ofisa ASDOE Early Childhood Education i Utulei i le itula e 2:00pm. O le a iloiloina e le Matagaluega a A'oga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fa'aalia a le lautele ma tu'uina atu ni fautuaga ae le'i o'o i le aso fa'atapula'aina o tusi talosaga.

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Men's Junior Overall Winner, Faafetai So'alo. [photo: TG]



Overall Men's Physique Winner, Joseph Asiata saluting the crowd. [photo: TG]

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Ruthy Hebard hits 33 straight field goals for NCAA record

By ANNE M. PETERSON, AP Sports Writer

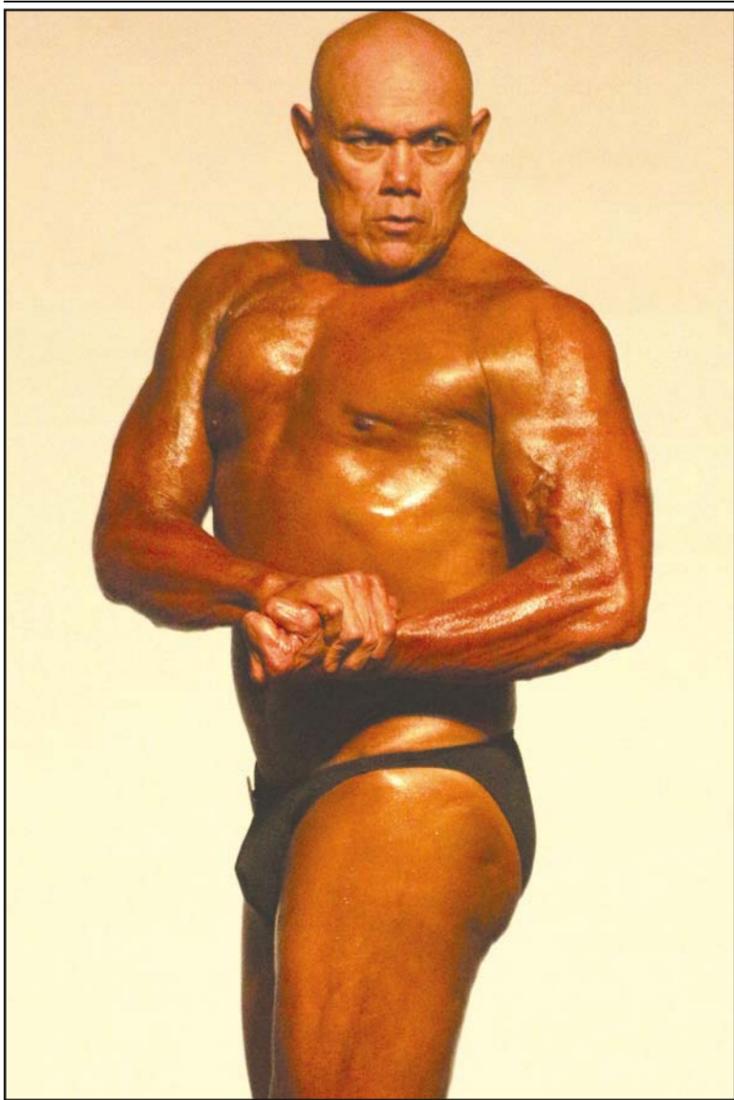
EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Oregon's Ruthy Hebard set the NCAA record for consecutive field goals made for men and women Monday night.

She came into the No. 8 Ducks game against UCLA with 30 straight makes, which was the women's record. She made her first three shots to break the men's record of 30 set by Yale's Brandon Sherrod in 2016. Hebard finally missed in the second quarter.

Her streak spanned 11 quarters and two overtime periods for the No. 8 Ducks. When it ended, the crowd gave her a nice ovation. She made her next attempt.

Hebard, a 6-foot-4 sophomore from Alaska, went 12-for-12 from the floor against Washington State on Feb. 11 and then went 12-for-12 again in a double-overtime victory over USC on Friday. She had made her final six shots in Oregon's previous game.





Women's Junior Overall Winner Monique Hollister.

[photo: TG]

Overall Men's Masters Winner - Floyd Scanlan flexing for the judges. [photo: TG]

Bethune-Cookman beats Morgan State 96-95 in OT

BALTIMORE (AP) — Brandon Tabb scored 34 points before fouling out in overtime, Isaiah Bailey had 28 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists and Bethune-Cookman beat Morgan State 96-95 on Monday night.

Bailey gave Bethune-Cookman an 82-80 lead on a 3-pointer from the wing in the closing seconds of regulation. Morgan State freshman Kyson Rawls was fouled on a driving layup attempt at 3.4 and he made two free throws to tie it at 82 and Bailey was off on a 3-point runner at the buzzer.

Tied at 92, Bethune-Cookman dribbled down the clock, Bailey was fouled on a layup attempt at 6.2 and he made two at the stripe. Rawls took a handoff and hit a potential winning 3-pointer but it was called off for a moving screen. Bailey sealed it with two free throws before David Syfax hit a 3 at the horn.

Shawntrez Davis, averaging 14.9 points, also fouled out with just nine points for Bethune-Cookman (16-12, 10-3 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference).

Tiwian Kendley scored 29 of his career-high 41 points after halftime for Morgan State (10-16, 6-7).



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Guest Poser during last Saturday night's 2018 Sau Ia Body Building Championship, John Lemoa - the 2017 Champion of Samoa's Body Building competition, showing off his double biceps for the crowd.

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Wardrobe issues causes Olympic stress for French skaters

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — The first notes of Ed Sheeran's "Shape of You" had just played when Gabriella Papadakis suddenly became aware that people were about to see a whole lot more of her shape than she had planned.

The French ice dancer's glittering emerald costume at the Olympics had come unhooked at the neckline and later in the routine her left breast was exposed live on television.

When the clasp became unhooked, the 22-year-old Papadakis was more worried about holding up her outfit than making sure her twizzles and rumba were in sync. Her swinging short program with partner Guillaume Cizeron at the Pyeongchang Olympics was threatening to go down in history alongside Janet Jackson's infamous wardrobe malfunction during her halftime performance at the Super Bowl.

"I felt it right away and I prayed," Papadakis said. "That's about what I could do."

Somehow, the French couple kept things together through most of their Latin program, producing a score of 81.93

points Monday that left them second behind Canadian stars Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

Not all the program, though. It was during the final element, when Papadakis leaned back in Cizeron's arms, that her costume rode upward to reveal her breast. The performance was being shown live on international television, and people immediately began posting screen-grabs of the incident on social media.

"Our coverage of ice dancing was live tonight. Once a competitor's brief wardrobe issue became evident, we purposely used wider camera shots and carefully selected replays to keep the issue obscured," NBC said in a statement to The Associated Press. "We have edited the video for all television encores and online replays."

It was the second wardrobe mishap during the skating program at the Pyeongchang Games. American-born ice dancer Yura Min, competing for South Korea, had the back of her costume come unclasped during her short program with partner Alex Gamelin in the team competition.

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 - 21 Husband of Isis
 - 23 Pen again
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 - 28 Dignified woman
 - 29 Piggish enclosures
 - 30 Despises, as a gag
 - 34 Slithering fishes
 - 35 Parking monitor
 - 36 Haywire
 - 37 Lanka lead-in
 - 38 Kenny G.'s collection
 - 39 Be at the side of
 - 40 Alcoves
 - 42 Lassie's breed
 - 43 Cats with bushy tails
 - 45 Plays the flute
 - 46 Any depressing thing
 - 47 Brooks of music
 - 48 Mendes of Hollywood
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 - 57 Word with Aviv
 - 58 One taking the bus
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 - 6 Milk variety
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Happy Birthday: Look for opportunities. Don't waste time arguing when you should be pouring your energy into something concrete. Getting along with others will be half the battle. Missing out on something special because you refuse to compromise will lead to regret. Helping others will be a learning experience that encourages new friendships. Expand your horizons and aim to grow personally, emotionally and spiritually. Your numbers are 6, 13, 22, 25, 33, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't lag behind when you should be working extra hard to get things done. Let your emotions charge you with the energy you require to bring about positive change. Be ready to take on whatever comes your way.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A steady pace and a willingness to learn as you go will lead to gains if you don't let your ego get in the way. Show compassion and understanding and you will succeed. Help will be offered and progress should be made.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be cautious when dealing with superiors or administrative procedures. Problems will crop up if you don't remain calm and listen carefully to what's expected of you. Be moderate and keep partnerships peaceful to avoid interference.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your distance from anyone who tends to get fired up or act unpredictably. Stick to the people you find positive to work alongside and you'll be subject to unusual ideas that can help you solve work-related problems.**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Interacting with others will allow both you and those you deal with to make your thoughts clear. Communication followed by organized action will bring about important change. Don't neglect your responsibilities to those who depend on you.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take the high road when dealing with personal relationships. Discretion will be necessary if you want to avoid a feud. Family dynamics will be based on truth, responsibility and trust. Question motives and make your position clear.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be changeable and difficult to pin down. Rethink the past and how indecision has worked against you and consider the best way to handle any dilemmas you face within your important relationships. Step up and make a choice.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Revisit old ideas and you'll come up with a way to implement something you enjoy doing into a new business plan. Be creative and take a shot at actively pursuing your dreams. Networking will lead to new connections and ideas.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may know what's best for you and your family, but don't think that will stop someone from trying to interfere. Be careful not to offer personal information that could be used against you. Keep your plans a secret.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't speculate when accuracy will be essential. Walk away from unpredictable people and situations. Make your own opportunities instead of waiting for someone else to come through on a promise made long ago. Trust in yourself instead.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give up hope if someone is negative or criticizes you. Carry on and bring about the changes that will make you happy. For now, it's best to ignore what others do and focus instead on what's most important to you.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't feel pressured to make changes. Do what you want, not what someone else is trying to make you do. Discipline will help you avoid temptation. Keep the peace, but don't let anyone take advantage of you.***

Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren



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DEAR ABBY: When I was in my teens, and even into my 20s and 30s, I was a Plain Jane. I had little self-confidence. But strangely, I'm one of those people who has gotten better looking as I've aged. Now in my 50s, I am better looking than many women my age or even younger. Men definitely notice me, and I love it. My problem is, I'm now obsessed with my appearance. I constantly worry that I'll lose my looks. I have even considered cosmetic surgery. I don't want to be the shallow person I see I'm becoming. What can I do? -- LATE BLOOMER

DEAR LATE BLOOMER: There's a saying, "You can fool Mother Nature, but you can't fool Father Time." What it boils down to is, time takes its toll on everyone. It isn't shallow to have the feelings you are experiencing. But please remember that beauty is more than what's on the surface. Perhaps it's time to start concentrating on qualities that accentuate your inner rather than external beauty -- kindness, warmth, intelligence, generosity, an appreciation for the value of others -- because charm lasts longer than beauty. This is not to say I don't appreciate the value of cosmetic surgery, which can do wonders for a person's sagging ego. But your appearance should not be the focus of your life because, frankly, it isn't healthy.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from "Military Service Marker" you printed on Dec. 22. When my uncle, a military veteran, passed away, he was without a military service marker, too. His two kids (my cousins) didn't bother to obtain one, probably out of sheer laziness.

Feeling that it was important, I took the initiative and contacted the VA myself. I obtained the record of his honorable discharge (form DD 214) and his death certificate. I filled out the appropriate paperwork and my uncle got the marker to which he was entitled free of charge. It was delivered directly to the cemetery, and the only cost involved was the installation. It was well worth it, and I have never asked my cousins for a dime. I felt proud about having done something for a deserving vet! -- BILL B. IN MISSOURI

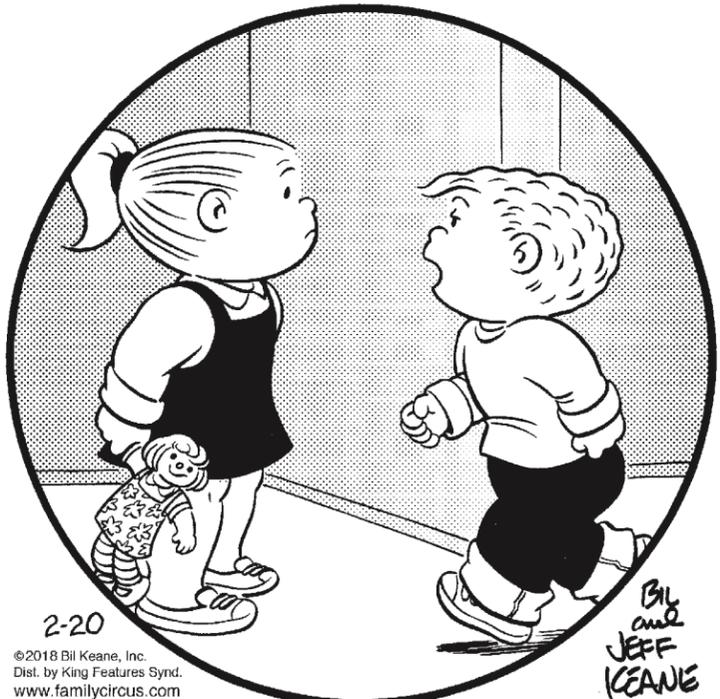
DEAR BILL: My thanks to you and to the scores of other readers who wrote to share this information with me. It is important to know that relatives of deceased military veterans can receive these military markers at no cost. Starting the process is as easy as contacting the cemetery, the VA at www.cem.va.gov/hmm/, or a local VFW or American Legion post for assistance.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice on whether to contact an old friend who backstabbed me years ago with my former business partner. I'm trying to get back into the field, and this old "friend" is doing well now. He has a lot of contacts that could help me start my own company. I'm not sure if I should contact him because of what he did to me. Should I? -- UNCERTAIN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Frankly, I think it would be a waste of time. Leopards don't usually change their spots. If you expect someone who backstabbed you once in business to become generous and helpful, you are dreaming. Find another way to network that he can't "taint," because if he can, he will.

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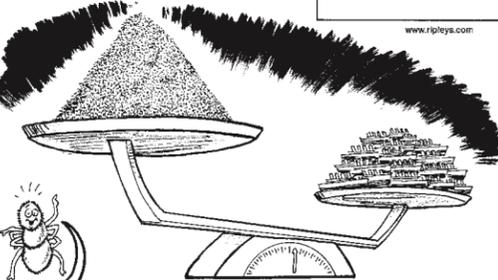
**"Grandma told me to 'simmer down'!
Do you know what a simmer is?"**

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CANADA DECLARED WAR ON JAPAN BEFORE THE UNITED STATES, JUST HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR.

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DAD! DAD! WHERE DO YOU KEEP YOUR GUNS? GET OUT THE MAGNUM!

I DON'T HAVE ANY GUNS. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

ROSALYN'S HERE AND SHE WON'T GO AWAY! WHY ON EARTH DON'T YOU HAVE ANY GUNS??

YOUR MOM AND I ARE GOING OUT. ROSALYN IS HERE TO BABY-SIT.

DON'T YOU REMEMBER? I TOLD YOU THAT THIS MORNING.

YOU JUST DON'T PAY ATTENTION. THAT'S WHY YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

HOW ABOUT A WOODEN STAKE AND A MALLET? DO WE HAVE THAT?!

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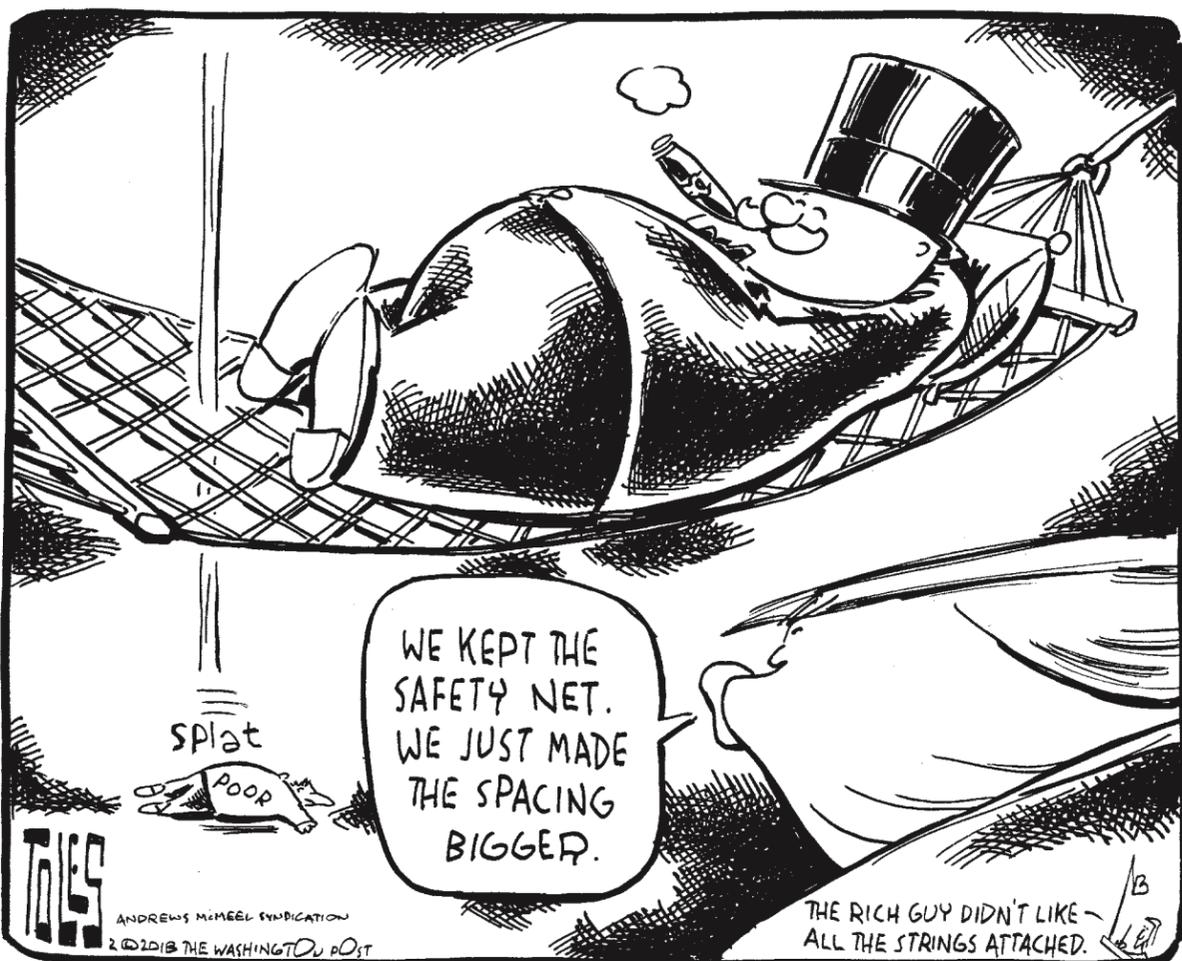
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION I'M FORMING?

IT'S GOING TO BE A CLUB FOR LITTLE BROTHERS LIKE MYSELF WHO ARE PERSECUTED BY DOMINEERING OLDER SISTERS, AND...

POW!

I WAS GOING TO ASK HER TO BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR FIRST MEETING...

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POOP

WE KEPT THE SAFETY NET. WE JUST MADE THE SPACING BIGGER.

THE RICH GUY DIDN'T LIKE ALL THE STRINGS ATTACHED.

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YOU JUST GOT UP? I'M JUST GETTING READY FOR BED!

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Sudoku Pacific

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

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

2/20 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Monday's Puzzle Answer

2/19

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

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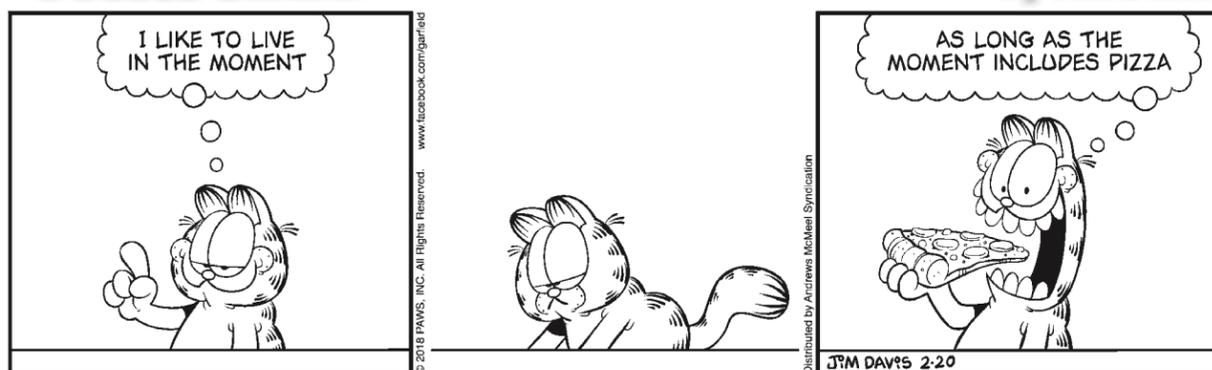
WHAT'S WITH THE AIR KISS?

I DIDN'T WANT A YESTERDAY'S SOUP KISS!

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I LIKE TO LIVE IN THE MOMENT

AS LONG AS THE MOMENT INCLUDES PIZZA

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Summer Reading Program
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The Mini Page

Next Week:
The origins of music

Issue 08, 2018

Founded by Betty Debnam

Balto Finishes Strong



Mini Fact:

Gunnar Kaasen, shown with Balto, was an assistant to the fastest musher in Alaska, Leonhard Seppala.

The Iditarod race

“Iditarod” is the name of a ghost town along the trails. Many experts believe it means “distant place.”

The Iditarod begins in Anchorage with a ceremonial start. The race truly begins the next day from Willow.

The Iditarod Trail runs for about 1,049 miles. It varies year by year because obstacles may arise, forcing mushers to break new trail.



The race keeps going until the last team comes in. The fastest winning time was eight days, three hours, 40 minutes and 13 seconds, set in 2017. The last racers can take nearly three weeks to come in.

Mushers begin training dogs in August, with the dogs pulling four-wheelers. In the spring and early summer, when the snow thaws, the dogs get a vacation.

Teams must stop at checkpoints throughout the trail. These stopping points are often villages where mushers and their dogs might get a chance to eat and drink.

At each checkpoint, veterinarians look over the dogs. Mushers rub salve, or ointment, on a dog’s paws. If a dog is injured or too tired, it might leave the race and be flown home from a checkpoint.

On March 3, about 70 daring mushers, or sled dog racers, and about 1,000 dogs will meet in Anchorage, Alaska, for the official opening of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The Iditarod (eye-DIT-uh-rahd) is one of the most challenging races in the world. It starts in Anchorage and crosses more than 1,000 miles of Alaskan wilderness. It ends up in Nome.

This week, The Mini Page learns about a legendary sled dog who was the hero of a journey that inspired the Iditarod.

A race to save lives

In January 1925, a dangerous disease called diphtheria (dif-THIR-ee-uh) threatened the people of Nome. Dr. Curtis Welch treated children who had come down with the contagious disease, but as more kids got sick, he knew he would run out of medicine. Doctors in Anchorage had more doses of the medicine, but the two cities were hundreds of miles apart.

The medicine could be sent by airplane, but cold and windy weather made it too dangerous. The only other option was to send the needed medicine by dogsled.

Gov. Scott Bone decided a relay of dogsled teams would carry the medicine from Nenana, where railroad tracks met the sled trail to Nome, 674 miles away. The relay started on Jan. 27.

Balto gets his chance

During the race, mushers and dogs met dangerous challenges, including sea ice and snowdrifts that could lead them off the trail.

When it was Gunnar Kaasen’s turn, he chose his favorite husky, Balto, and put him at the front of his sled for the next-to-last leg of the relay. They set out on Feb. 1 into a blizzard, running toward a town called Port Safety, where the last musher was waiting.

However, the musher in Port Safety had received instructions to wait for better weather and was asleep when they arrived! So Kaasen made a quick decision: He would finish the last 20 miles of the journey, with Balto in the lead.

Thanks to Kaasen and Balto, the medicine arrived in Nome on Feb. 2, just 5 1/2 days after leaving Nenana. The previous record for the trip had been nine days.

A hero

The 1925 Serum Run was famous all over the country, and Balto became a national hero and symbol of the journey. In New York City’s Central Park, a statue of him honors his service.

In 1973, Dorothy G. Page and Joe Redington Sr. started the Iditarod race. They wanted to celebrate the many things sled dogs have done for Alaskans. The sled dogs’ life-saving trip was just one of the services such dogs have provided.



Balto



Balto’s statue in Central Park.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPIditarod
- bit.ly/MPPhusky

At the library:

- “Balto’s Story” by Kevin Blake

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Balto are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

- ALASKA, ANCHORAGE,
- BALTO, CHECKPOINT,
- DIPHThERIA, DISEASE,
- DOGS, HUSKY,
- IDITAROD, KAASEN,
- MEDICINE, MUSHER,
- NENANA, NOME, RACE,
- RELAY, SALVE, SERUM,
- SLED, STATUE, TRAIL.

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 L Y R T R A I L H Y K S U H O N
 C D O R A T I D I O T L A B N



Cook's Corner

Oven-Baked Chicken Bites

You'll need:

- 3 boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/3 cup Italian dressing
- 1/2 cup Italian bread crumbs

- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 3/4 teaspoon dried basil
- cooking spray



What to do:

1. Place chicken cubes in bowl with Italian dressing.
2. Mix bread crumbs, parmesan cheese and basil in a separate shallow bowl.
3. Coat chicken pieces with bread-crumbs mixture.
4. Spray a medium-size baking pan with cooking spray. Place chicken pieces in one layer in the pan.
5. Bake for 30 minutes until chicken is done. Makes 4 servings.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. where a bank puts your money (7) _____
2. probably not (8) _____
3. school or house (8) _____
4. middle Beckham son (5) _____
5. wooden box (5) _____
6. light on a stand (4) _____
7. it goes around a picture (5) _____

ACC	UN	LD	ELY
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Answers: account, unlikely, building, unlikely, building, Romeo, crate, lamp, frame.

Mini Jokes



- Ivan:** What should you give a dog with a fever?
- Iona:** Mustard — it's the best thing for a hot dog!

Eco Note



Animals called **keystone species** play a vital role in their environment. One example is the wolf, a top predator. Wolves affect many links in the food chains below them. They keep down numbers of plant-eaters that might otherwise graze habitats bare. In this way, they help nature to stay in balance. They also prey on weak and sickly individuals, which helps to keep prey populations at numbers the habitat can support. Can you think of other keystone species?

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For later:

Watch your newspaper for updates about the 2018 Iditarod.

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