By Leiloa Ese Malala
Samoa News staff writer

Jason Vele of Tafeta, never thought he would have any interest in Mixed Martial Arts — which is a full-contact combat sport that allows both grappling and striking, both standing and on the ground, using techniques from other combat sports and martial arts.

He boxed growing up but his main passion was to play football. Vele, who graduated from Tafuna High School, received a football scholarship to New Mexico Military Institute, but a couple of weeks after his graduation, got into a car accident, which injured his shoulder.

Doctors told him he could no longer play football because of his shoulder. He could not lift, punch or do anything with his arm. “My dream was to play football and get into the NFL, but that dream shattered because of my shoulder. I let go of myself and gained 40 pounds,” Vele told Samoa News.

Vele, a devout Mormon, then chose to serve a two-year mission, which was in Australia.

And it was during this time, Vele came to believe it was his faith in God and sacrifice of his shoulder. He could not do anything with his arm. He could not lift, punch or do anything with his arm.

After serving a mission, he applied for college again so he could play football, but school became too expensive for him. Vele then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where he got into boxing and decided to learn different types of fighting such as mixed martial arts. He knew it would be something that could help him train harder and get fit again.

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Tournament in Ohio, qualifying him to fight in the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) competition on Feb. 25 in Indiana.

“I have so much passion in this sport. My goal is to get to the big leagues especially the UFC, and so far I am getting closer,” he told Samoa News.

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Injured Fagaitua softball player is doing fine after accident during game

By Blue Chen-Fruean
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The American Samoa High School Athletics Association (ASHSAA) Girl’s Softball game that took place last Thursday afternoon at the Tony Solia’ita Baseball field in Tafuna, between the Faasoo Marist Cougars and Faga’itua Vikings ended early after one of the players suffered an injury so serious, paramedics had to rush the young lady to the LBJ Medical Center.

The sight of the 17-year-old seizing as players and spectators looked on was enough to bring everyone to tears. It happened during the bottom of the second inning, while the Vikings were batting. A senior from Faga’itua High School was gliding from third base to home plate when a Cougars player tagged her. Those who watched the game all agreed that there was no malicious intent and it was a clean play.

In the blink of an eye, the Vikings player flipped backwards and landed hard on her back. Vikings assistant coach Yominna Panama Paselio told Samoa News that everyone rushed on to the field, trying to render aid to the injured player who, by this time, was seizing.

Pasedio said players from both teams were in tears, standing there watching, not sure what to think or do. What happened next was something that had social media abuzz with positive comments and feedback over the weekend.

FMHS Cougars coach Victor Lang-kilde, also the president of the school’s Parent Teacher Association (PTA) spoke to the girls on his team and an agreement was reached, that the victory would be (Continued on page 4)
WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor coach Scott Drew preferred to focus on the positive aspects of the defense after the ninth-ranked Bears had to hold on to snap a two-game slide.

Johnathan Motley had 21 points and 16 rebounds for the Bears, but they had to hold on after blowing almost all of a 15-point lead in the second half and not making a field goal over the last 6 minutes of a 60-54 victory over Oklahoma on Tuesday night.

“If you like defense, you liked tonight’s game, because both teams defended pretty well, or the offenses were pretty bad,” Drew said. “So, let’s go with the positive — great defenses tonight. I know I’m pleased to hold them to 32 percent (shooting). You don’t hold many Big 12 teams to 32 percent and 54 points.”

The Bears (23-5, 10-5), who had lost four of their previous six games, moved back into a tie for second place in the Big 12.

Oklahoma used a 21-8 run to get within 49-47 on Jamuni McNeace’s jumper with 9:21 left. But Manu Lecomte then hit consecutive 3-pointers for the Bears, though those were more than 2 minutes apart and their last field goals.

“That was huge. We know Manu is a big shot maker,” Motley said. “When we need a big shot out of him, we know Manu is going to take it and make it.”

Lecomte, who finished with 11 points, had missed practice the previous two days after a loss to No. 3 Kansas on Saturday because of a sore ankle, as did lone senior Ish Wainright.

“Shoot, he almost had a triple-double. So, I told him re-injure it,” Drew said with a smile.

Baylor stayed even with No. 12 West Virginia and Iowa State in the conference standings with three games left in the regular season. The Bears’ Big 12 title hopes likely ended with a 67-65 home loss Saturday, when were outscored 8-0 over the last 3 1/2 minutes.

Kansas, which is home Wednesday night against TCU, is one win from guaranteeing at least a share of its 13th consecutive Big 12 title.

Kameron McGusty had 13 points to lead the Sooners (9-18, 3-12), and was the only one of seven players who scored in their big run to make multiple baskets. His 3-pointer started the big spurt.

“Baylor got off to a great start, and then after that I thought we battled a little bit better,” Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. “Second half, came out and fought much better, Baylor’s good, Baylor’s really good.”

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Approved for Issuance: Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: ASPA17.019.WTR
Closing Date & Time: March 17, 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:

“PAGO PAGO TO FAGASA SERVICE AREA WATER SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADE”

Submission

An Original and one PDF copy of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: “RFP No. ASPA17.019.WTR Pago Pago to Fagasa Service Area Water Supply Distribution System Upgrade” Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), Friday, March 17, 2017:

Materials Management Office
American Samoa Power Authority
P.O. Box PFB
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: 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 Materials Management Office at ASPA’s Tafuna Compound and may also be obtained from our Website: http://www.aspower.com.

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No. 9 Baylor holds on 60-54 over Oklahoma to stay in 2nd
Candice Wiggins says her WNBA experience was “toxic”

The Associated Press

Candice Wiggins said her experience playing in the WNBA was “toxic” and was a major reason why she retired last season. In an interview with The San Diego Union-Tribune, Wiggins said the culture in the league was “very, very harmful” and that she was targeted throughout her career for being heterosexual and popular.

Wiggins said that she was treated poorly because she was straight. The 30-year-old Stanford graduate said she was bullied from the time she was drafted by Minnesota. “Me being heterosexual and straight, and being vocal in my identity as a straight woman was huge,” Wiggins said.

At the time she retired last year, Wiggins told The Associated Press that she “had nothing left to prove,” and gave “all the gas in (her) tank.” “I wanted to play two more seasons of WNBA, but the experience didn’t lend itself to my mental state,” Wiggins said in the interview with the newspaper. “It was a depressing state in the WNBA. It’s not watched. Our value is diminished. It can be quite hard. I didn’t like the culture inside the WNBA, and without revealing too much, it was toxic for me.”

Current and former WNBA players were empathetic to Wiggins, but also disputed her claims in social media posts. Imani Boyette, who just finished her rookie year with the Chicago Sky, posted a lengthy blog on Wiggins’ comments. “I don’t want to silence you Candice. I hope we can have an open dialogue about your experiences. But next time, I hope you ask your journalist to interview someone else who was there with you,” Boyette wrote. “I ask that you use real statistics. I ask that you not try to out other women. I ask that you try not to defame a league that gave you your platform, whether you like it or not. I ask that you remember your sisters, your fellow WNBA stars, the young girls coming up after you. The WNBA is about inclusion, always has been and always will be.”

Boyette is from Los Angeles and was a huge fan of Wiggins growing up. “Reading that article hurt me first and foremost because I don’t want anyone to be bullied but more important, I understood the bigger implications of the article,” Boyette told The Associated Press in a text. “I don’t discount her experience, I can’t. I’m not her nor was I there, but her rhetoric was highly problematic and I felt the need to address it both as a fan of hers and a current WNBA player.”

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given to the Vikings. Samoa News understands that following the incident the Faga’alu coaching staff was told that they would be forfeiting the game.

But Langkilde, whose team was already up 6-0 when the accident occurred, notified ASHSA officials that they were handing over the win for the game, to the Vikings.

The decision by Langkilde and the Cougars team has gained numerous praises online, with people – both local and off island – sending messages of condolences to the Vikings team and their injured player, and congratulating the Fausao Marist players for being great competitors.

When contacted for comments on Sunday afternoon, Langkilde said giving the Vikings the win was “the right thing to do.” According to him, the goal of sports is to teach kids that winning isn’t everything, and that good sportsmanship and love for each other is much more important.

Langkilde said he is proud of his team, for agreeing to give Faga’alu the win. “At the end of the day, it all starts from the top. If we can teach our kids to do the right thing and support one another, then we have done our job.”

He said, “In this day in age, we want to teach our kids that it isn’t all about winning.” He said kids need to be taught that there are things in life that are essential in building good character and molding them to become good examples.

Langkilde said efforts by them to contact the Faga’alu coaching staff to get an update on the condition of the injured player were unsuccessful. He said the Cougars team was trying to find out if the girl was still in the hospital, as they wanted to pay her a visit and bring her a card.

Moments after the accident, employees from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were contacted and shortly thereafter, the girl, accompanied by Paselio, was rushed to the hospital. According to Paselio, the girl was in and out of consciousness during the ride from Tafuna to Faga’alu but she was relieved when the girl finally spoke to her after they arrived at the hospital. “It was a relief when she looked at me and responded when I asked who I was,” Paselio said with a smile.

The injured player, who plays second base and is the president of the Vikings senior class, was released Saturday afternoon, and Samoa News understands that she suffered a brain contusion and therefore, has been told to rest and take two weeks off.

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“We’re always working, trying to get better,” Kelly said. “Early on this season we’d have some tough shots, but then we gave up some easy baskets. But we just have a lot of respect for them. Shaq Morris had 18 points, five assists and five boards. Connor Frankamp, Markes McDuffie and Rashad Kelly had 13 points apiece. Landry Shamet scored 12 on 4-for-4 shooting. And surging big man Darral Willis Jr. finished with 11 points, five rebounds and four blocks.

The Shockers played 16 players, nine of them at least 10 minutes. All but two scored. “That’s what we wanted to do, get them in the game and get some playing time. To see them
No. 25 Wichita State rolls right through Evansville, 109-83

Dave Skrenta, AP Sports Writer
WICHITA, Kan. (AP) The impressive depth of No. 25 Wichita State has never been more evident than Tuesday night, when little-used seniors John Robert Simon and Zach Bush checked into their final home game.

The Shockers were already on their way to a 109-83 blitz of Evansville, their 11th consecutive win and one that moves the Shockers into the Top 25 for the sixth straight season, but they might just keep rising. The nation’s No. 2 team in scoring margin and one of the best defensive teams in the country hasn’t lost since Jan. 14.

Jaylon Brown had 25 points to lead Evansville (14-16, 5-12), which has dropped nine straight to Wichita State. Dru Smith hit five 3-pointers and finished with 19 points.

“I mean, they executed at a high level,” Evansville coach Marty Simmons said. “They made it so difficult. We had some breakdowns, they made some tough shots, but then we gave up some easy baskets. But we just have a lot of respect for them.

Shamet started the onslaught with consecutive 3-pointers during a 12-0 run in the game’s first 7 minutes. The Shockers’ bench came off the court, and the game got busy at both ends of the court, at one point ripping away a steal and then tallying an assist by finding McDuffie for an easy basket at the other end. Frankamp also poured in a couple of 3s of his own as Wichita State built a 48-32 halftime lead.

The Purple Aces, overwhelmed and outmuscled, allowed the game to get away from them early in the second half. Wichita State converted points on eight consecutive possessions, and then Zach Brown hit a 3-pointer following their first empty trip, as the lead swelled to 66-42 with 14:50 to go. The Shockers’ seniors entered with 7:00 left. And on a night when everything was going right, Busch and Simon got into the scoring act and put a tidy bow on an easy win.

“We’re always working, trying to get better,” Kelly said. “Early on this season we’d have some tough practices, bad practices, but we’re grown together. Every day we want to give it our best, and that’s carried over to the game.”

The Shockers can clinch a share of their fourth straight Missouri Valley title if Illinois State loses to Southern Illinois on Wednesday night. But they will most likely need to beat Missouri State on the road Sat-urday. Their only league loss was at Illinois State on Jan. 14. Evansville appeared to be turning its season around when it followed a nine-game losing streak with four straight wins. But the Purple Aces blew a 14-point second-half lead at Bradley, then never put up much of a fight against the hot-shooting Shockers.

UP NEXT
Wichita State finishes its regular season against the Bears on Saturday. Evansville returns home to face Indiana State on Saturday.
Illinois forward Kipper Nichols (2) defends a shot attempt by Northwestern forward Vic Law (4) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Champaign, Ill., Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017. Illinois won 66-50.

(AP Photo/Rick Danzl)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Illinois coach John Groce could only say one thing after his team defeated Northwestern 66-50 on Tuesday night.

“That was exhausting, another war,” Groce said.

The remarks came after a tight contest where the deficit didn’t grow larger than four points for much of the game. Both teams continued to battle for the first 10 minutes of the second half until Northwestern suffered an eight-minute scoring drought and Illinois built its lead to double digits for the first time.

Malcolm Hill, who led the way with 18 points, spearheaded Illinois’ second-half push. The senior scored 13 points in the second half and helped lead a defense that limited Northwestern to 18 second-half points.

Illinois (16-12, 6-9 Big Ten) controlled the pace for much of the game, including offensively where the Illini shot 40 percent from the field and 6 of 18 from 3-point range.

The strong offensive and defensive performances have been something Groce and his players knew was a key in defeating Northwestern for a second time this season.

“Everyone has been working really hard and it’s paying off,” Maverick Morgan said. “Leron Black had a strong presence, scoring seven of the Illini’s first eight points. He finished with 11 points and eight rebounds. Seven Illini scored five points or better.

The group effort has been something Groce has reiterated throughout the season. Illinois has won three of its last four games, but the coach knows his team can’t look far ahead.

“You get up at eight o’clock in the morning .” Groce said. “I wish there was some fancy process, but it’s just trusting the process.”

Bryant McIntosh led the way for Northwestern (20-8, 9-6) with 16 points and was the lone bright spot for the team.

While the guard continued to push his team, his teammates failed to respond and McIntosh eventually became too tired to help carry the Wildcats at the end.

“We didn’t have that fight we normally have,” Northwestern coach Chris Collins said. “When you’re playing a team that’s fighting the way Illini was fighting, they’re going to make you look bad if you don’t match that, and we didn’t match it tonight.”

The Wildcats shot well from the field, 32 percent, but failed to take advantage of the numerous open 3-point opportunities, shooting 4 of 18.

Scottie Lindsey scored two points and had two rebounds in 22 minutes in his second game back from injury. The Wildcats will need a stronger performance from Lindsey and others if the team wants to make a strong push for its first NCAA Tournament berth. With three games left, Collins knows it’s time to sprint to the finish.

“It’s not a marathon anymore,” Collins said. “I would hope our guys are excited about that.”

BIG PICTURE

Northwestern: The Wildcats have now lost twice to a bad Illini team. Northwestern has three more games before the Big Ten Tournament and what will likely be the program’s first NCAA Tournament berth.

Illinois: The Illini got another win against their rival, one that will help their NIT Tournament chances. With three games left in the season before the Big Ten Tournament, wins against Northwestern are the bright spot for a season that doesn’t look good for John Groce’s team or his future.

ROLE PLAYER

Michael Finke made quiet contributions to the Illini’s win. The sophomore forward finished with five points and brought in seven rebounds.

FRESHMAN STANDOUT

Kipper Nichols continued another strong game against Northwestern, finishing with six points, three rebounds, a steal and three blocks.

STAT OF THE NIGHT

The Illini bigs made a difference in the game. Illinois out-rebounded Northwestern 42-30 and out-blocked the Wildcats 4-0.

UP NEXT

Northwestern travels to Bloomington for a Saturday night matchup against Indiana.

Illinois heads back to the road for a Sunday evening game at Nebraska.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: ASLA 01-17 A,B,C
ISSUANCE DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2017
CLOSING DATE & TIME: FEBRUARY 27, 2017, 3PM LOCAL TIME

The American Samoa Legal Aid (ASLA) issues this Request for Proposals to invite qualified and licensed firms to submit formal written proposals to provide one, two or all three of the following services A,B, C:

A. Install, maintain and repair a total of four desktop computers and four printers/scanners at stations within Ta'u island, Olosega island and Ofu island for the ASLA Manua Islands Access to Legal Aid TIG project. (Computers and printers/scanners will be provided by ASLA);

B. Design, develop and test a new ASLA Justice for All website;

C. Maintenance and repair services for ASLA office computers, including ASLA’s server.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

A more detailed description of the proposal requirements for services A, B, C, above is available at and may be obtained by interested firms by email or in person from the ASLA Office at Pago Pago, Mondays to Fridays, 7.30am to 4pm, telephone 684-633-3300/01.

RIGHT OF REJECTION:

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Approved: Fainu’ulelei L.P.F. Ala‘illa-Utu, Executive Director

CLOSING DATE & TIME: FEBRUARY 27, 2017, 3PM LOCAL TIME
COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Bam Adebayo’s fourth double-double of the season helped No. 11 Kentucky avoid a late-season upset, as the freshman scored 22 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds in the Wildcats’ 72-62 victory over Missouri on Tuesday night.

Terrence Phillips led Missouri with a career-high 22 points, shooting 4 for 8 from 3-point range while the rest of the Tigers shot a combined 0 for 14.

Neither team led by more than two possessions in a low-scoring first half. Missouri (7-20, 2-13 Southeastern Conference) took a 28-24 lead with 4:27 remaining in the half following a 7-0 run. John Calipari called a timeout after a layup by Jordan Barnett capped the Tigers’ run, and the Wildcats held a 31-30 halftime lead despite shooting 1 for 8 from the field to close the half. Barnett finished with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Kentucky (23-5, 13-2) dominated the glass in the second half, outrebounding the Tigers 26-12 led by Adebayo, who had 10 second-half rebounds. Missouri was in foul trouble all game as its frontcourt struggled with Kentucky’s size and athleticism. The Wildcats made 19 of 28 free throws, while Missouri converted on 14 of 23 attempts. Missouri forwards Reed Nikko and Russell Woods had both fouled out with 4:30 remaining, forcing the Tigers to go small. Woods and Nikko were limited to 24 combined minutes due to foul trouble.

De’Aaron Fox scored 13 points and Malik Monk added 11 despite shooting 4 for 12 from the field. Monk entered the game averaging a team-high 21.4 points per game.

BIG PICTURE
Kentucky: The Wildcats remain tied with No. 13 Florida for first place in the SEC. The Gators defeated South Carolina 81-66 Wednesday in Gainesville. Kentucky improves to 6-2 on the road, tying the Gators for the most conference road victories.

Missouri: The Tigers have never beaten the Wildcats in 10 attempts. Missouri has not beaten a ranked opponent since an 80-71 home win against then-No. 18 UCLA on Dec. 7, 2013.
Lakers shake-up: Magic is in charge after GM Kupchak fired

GREG BEACHAM, AP Sports Writer

With the Los Angeles Lakers mired in the worst years in franchise history, owner Jeanie Buss has turned to Magic Johnson to lead them back to championship contention.

Johnson, who for years was the Lakers' executive vice president of basketball operations in a major shake-up of the struggling team's front office.

Jim Buss retains his ownership stake in the team, but Jeanie Buss has final say under the structure set up by their late father, Jerry Buss. She used it to chart a new course for the 16-time NBA champion franchise, which has the NBA's third-worst record at 19-39. The Lakers are almost certain to miss the playoffs for the fourth straight season, and they've won only 84 of their 373 regular-season games under Buss and his brother from his job to do it.

Jeanie Buss fired general manager Mitch Kupchak on Tuesday and put Johnson in charge of basketball operations. Jim Buss also was dismissed as the Lakers' executive vice president of basketball operations in a major shake-up of the struggling team's front office.

Johnson, who said he will put aside his numerous business obligations to focus on his work with the Lakers, said he will concentrate on his work with the Lakers and his role with the Los Angeles Dodgers, a baseball franchise he has owned since 2012.

"I can't think of a more exciting time to be a Lakers fan," Johnson said in an interview on Spectrum SportsNet, the Lakers' television network. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead this great franchise, and I look forward to working with Jeanie Buss, Rob Pelinka and the entire Lakers organization that I love," Johnson said.

Johnson has no time to waste. The Lakers' Magic Johnson speaks at a groundbreaking ceremony for a stadium which will be home to the Los Angeles Football Club in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Lakers fired general manager Mitch Kupchak on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, and put Magic Johnson in charge of basketball operations in a major shake-up of the struggling franchise's front office.

FILE - In a Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016 file photo, former Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson speaks at a groundbreaking ceremony for a stadium which will be home to the Los Angeles Football Club in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Lakers fired general manager Mitch Kupchak on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, and put Magic Johnson in charge of basketball operations in a major shake-up of the struggling franchise's front office.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut, File)

The Lakers return from the All-Star break on Friday at Oklahoma City. They face San Antonio at Staples Center on Sunday.

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(AP Photo/Nick Ut, File)
This fight will lead him to become an official MMA fighter for the Ultimate Fighting Championship also known as UFC. Vele, who proudly wears the American Samoa flag at every fight, said, “When I go to my fights, I take home with me, which is the American Samoa flag. This is something I now love to do, so I can take it back with me home and share it with the community.”

Vele thanks God and his family for the blessings he has received to continue to do something with his life and not give up and encourages those who are struggling to not give up but keep going no matter what situation you are in.

Samoa News wishes Jason Vele best of luck in this month’s competition!

Jason Vele qualifies for …
Amata aloaia le aoga fa’a Leoleo lona 25 mo le maunu 6 masina	

La taimi na atunu’u aloaia le aoga fa’a Leoleo lona 25 i le taeao amanafi i le nofoaga aua o le ofisa o Fitaflita tui i Tafuna. [l-r] Su'i Komesina o Leoleo, afioga Fa’al Авау ’іpupu Comdr. Ta’ ase Lavata’і, auaunaga i le ofisa o Fitafita tuai i Tafuna. 

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O le aoga i le Kovanua le fesoasoani i le Leoleo, lea na i le Ofisa o Tiute, sui mai le Leoleo, lea na i le Ofisa o Tiume i le Atuia. 

Le taimi na atunu’u aloaia le aoga fa’a Leoleo lona 25 i le taeao amanafi i le nofoaga aua o le ofisa o Fitaflita tui i Tafuna. [l-r] Su’i Komesina o Leoleo, afioga Fana’i Aiona McKenzie. 

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Alo maia, o le a fa’aunu atu la tatau tala mo leiene aso. A pei o ni uti i tutupu manuata u lofia ai nei le tama o Lilo i lea taimi, aua ua le maunou i le lonu o te toua mea le a fa’a, mau mai le umu le fa’iota’iga lea ai le a lega ai Loleta, le e i toe maunou se iai taimi i fia polino ai. A fa’i mai le tala, na fa’aati a Lilo i le va’a i a fa’i mai ai, le a laulau e Vesi le alo nei mo le meatausami, a e u le fia ‘o ia, le sa e Loleta ma lona ‘ofaga vae papa’u, ua ma ana vala mata ua pei o vai i se teine o le ata.

Na lagona le matamatu o Lilo i lea taimi, ona o lea ua atu ma Lefefe ma Vesi, aea ‘ese’ e mea mai lea va’a ai i a i. E le i manaua le tama o le a tupu ia mea, aea sa ia toa manaua, uiga ma aga a Loleta i lototu o le falefaiga-leuga, e matu’a i le fa’ialalu i ai le the oe le the ai lea fa’uoa. O lea la u maunou le mea o le o lea iai ‘ita. O le mea na tupu, e tau’a ai le Lilo, le a sa e Loleta ma lona ‘ofaga vae papa’u, ua ma ana vala mata ua pei o vai i se teine o le ata.

Na i a loa le fia polino lea au a Loleta ma saofa’i ifo i talane o Loleta.

A fa’aati a Lilo i le va’a i a fa’a, sa e Loleta ma Vesi, aea sa e Loleta ma lona ‘ofaga lea iai se mea na matamata ai i se mea na maunou.

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MLB to push forward with process for rule changes

PHOENIX (AP) — Major League Baseball intends to push forward with the process that could lead to possible rule changes involving the strike zone, installation of pitch clocks and limits on trips to the pitcher’s mound. While baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred expressed hope the ongoing process would lead to an agreement, he said clubs would reserve the right to act unilaterally, consistent with the rule-change provisions of the sport’s labor contract.

Union head Tony Clark said last weekend he did not foresee agreement from the union — unless it gives one year notice. With the one year of notice, management can make changes on its own.

“Unfortunately it now appears that there really won’t be any meaningful change for the 2017 season due to a lack of cooperation from the MLBPA,” Manfred said during a news conference. “I’ve tried to be clear that our game is fundamentally sound, that it does not need to be fixed as some people have suggested, and I think last season was the kind of demonstration of the potential of our league to captivate the nation and of the game’s unique place in American culture.”

Yet, he also added: “I believe it’s a mistake to stick our head in the sand and ignore the fact that our game has changed and continues to change.”

Manfred said while he prefers an agreement, “I’m also not willing to walk away.” He said he will send a letter to the union in the coming days and plans to continue dialogue with Clark and others in hopes of reaching agreement.

Clark met with Cactus League teams last week, live at a time over Thursday, Friday and Saturday before departing Monday for Florida to visit each Grapefruit League club — and proposed rules changes were a topic.

“I have great respect for the labor relations process, and I have a pretty good track record for getting things done with the MLBPA,” Manfred said. “I have to admit, however, that I am disappointed that we could not even get the MLBPA to agree to modest rule changes like limits on trips to the mound that have little effect on the competitive character of the game.”

Clark saw talks differently. “Unless your definition of ‘cooperation’ is blanket approval, I don’t agree that we’ve failed to cooperate with the commissioner’s office on these issues,” he wrote in an email to The Associated Press. “Two years ago we negotiated apace of pay protocols that had an immediate and positive impact. Last year we took a step backward in some ways, and this offseason we’ve been in regular contact with MLB and with our members to get a better handle on why that happened.
Happy Birthday: Volunteer or take a stance and do something that will make a difference in your community or the way you choose to live life. Embrace challenges, but don’t set unreasonable goals. Consider the possibilities and how to approach what you want to see happen without losing sight of what’s most important to you. If you do, you will receive. Your numerals are 4, 11, 18, 37, 42, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone will try your patience. When it comes to work, put your head down and take care of your responsibilities to avoid any recourse or complaints. Strive for perfection and excellence, and you will overcome setbacks and loss.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share your thoughts and feelings and find out where you stand. Someone will contribute to your ideas and offer to help you. Collaboration with the right people will bring prolific results. Let your imagination flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do more for others, but make sure you get something in return. Don’t let anyone take advantage of your generosity and keen perception of situations. If you want to contribute or partner with someone, set up guidelines and boundaries.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look outside your usual stamping grounds. Go to unfamiliar destinations and you will broaden your mind. Checking out different philosophies, lifestyles and cultural back-grounds will lead to personal changes. Discuss your thoughts and plans with someone you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make plans to boost your education. Be resourceful and engage in feats that arechallenging and require intelligence, perception and physical agility. Now everyone who you are capable of accomplishing and new opportunities will be your reward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be leery of people making outlandish promises or unpredictable moves. The information you are given will not be complete. Question every aspect of any contract, negotiation, settlement or money matter before you concede. Invest in yourself, not someone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You’ll find it difficult to keep the peace when dealing with partners or people you live with. A reserved approach will give you a chance to gather facts and information that will help you negotiate your position and your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You’ll have plenty to think about. Don’t let anyone persuade you to take part in something that isn’t going to benefit you personally. An emotional plea will lead to changes that are not in your best interest. Avoid travel and dealing with institutions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional matters will surface if you neglect someone who needs your attention. Dealing with children, friends, relatives or your lover should be handled carefully. Don’t take physical or financial risks. Don’t let someone from your past disrupt your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Educational pursuits and dealing with professors, police or anyone in a position of authority can cause you stress and uncertainty. Use your ability to learn from others in order to come up with a plan that works for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ask questions and make decisions. A chance to expand an interest or idea you have will bring you greater returns than you anticipate. Don’t waffle or show laziness when taking actions to turn your dream into a reality.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Size up your situation and set parameters. Don’t overdo it in order to be noticed or feel obligated to take on responsibilities that don’t belong to you. A slow and steady pace will get you where you want to go.

Birthday Baby: You are ambitious, perceptive and outgoing. You are imaginative and experimental.

daughter’s identity as asexual is not welcomed by her mom

Dear Abby: I have recently started disclosing to close friends and family that I am asexual (someone who experiences no sexual attraction to any person). For the most part they have been supportive, but my mother tends to worry. She is afraid that if I do not want children and that I am repulsed by the thought of sexual intercourse, but my mother acts like if I don’t have children, I won’t be as welcome. She even suggested that I could marry a gay man, so sex wouldn’t be an issue. And my friend continues to pressure me into dating, saying “I just haven’t met the right one yet.” Abby, I have no idea of what to do. How do I talk to her about my sexuality? I am -- and many people don’t. Please tell your mother for me that marrying a gay man is not the answer because HE may want a sex life, something to which I am entitled, by the way. As to your friend, she’s well-meaning but misguided.

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Because we are not in touch with his extended family, I was surprised when he told me his sister wants Jenna to be a flower girl in her destination wedding. I’m not comfortable sending her alone with a 6-year-old. She even suggested that I could marry a gay man, so sex wouldn’t be an issue. And my friend continues to pressure me into dating, saying “I just haven’t met the right one yet.” Abby, I have no idea of what to do. How do I talk to her about my sexuality? I am -- and many people don’t. Please tell your mother for me that marrying a gay man is not the answer because HE may want a sex life, something to which I am entitled, by the way. As to your friend, she’s well-meaning but misguided.

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The Hare Who Outwitted The Lion

Once upon a time, all the animals lived peacefully among the hills, where the grass grew high and the rivers flowed. Life was good until a powerful lion came to live among them. He was forever hungry, and to satisfy that hunger, he chased after all the creatures, sometimes eating two or more in one day.

The animals grew terrified, and life changed. They no longer roamed freely. Sometimes they stayed home for days. They whispered among themselves about the awful things that would happen if they dared step outside. Fear created more fear, and that created still more fear.

At last the hare decided he had had enough, and he called a meeting of all the animals. “We must confront him,” the hare said. Some of the others agreed. “What shall we say?” the timid langur murmured.

“All right,” said the hare, “and we will talk to him.”

“Let’s tell him not to eat us,” all the gorillas suggested, and the chimpanzees chattered their agreement.

“Let’s form a committee,” said the sloth, “and we will talk to him.”

And so the hare led the deer, the porcupine, the orangutan, the macaque and the leopard to speak to the lion.

The leopard spoke first. “Lion,” he said, “it is not good for you to run through the hills all day, every day, chasing us. If you wait at home in your den, we’ll send you one animal each evening for supper.”

The lion’s whiskers bristled as he thought about this plan. It was true the trek sometimes exhausted him, but he worried that he would go hungry. “I must have my supper every day. If you let me down, I’ll go after you all!”

“We won’t let you down,” the hare said, and then the group decided that they must ask the animals to draw straws each night to determine who must have my supper tonight. Fear has ruined the deal for all the animals!”

The animals shook their heads, certain that the hare had gone crazy. How could he imagine the lion would not eat him? After all, he always ate whoever came his way.

That night the antelope chose the short straw. Everyone wept as he departed for the lion’s den.

Every evening after that the animals drew straws, and one was always sentenced to die to satisfy the lion.

As the process began, the animals began to grumble and worry. They stopped sleeping. “What if tomorrow is my day?” they wept and worried.

“What if my child is chosen?” the langur murmured.

“We cannot go on like this,” the village said.

“I agree,” the red panda added. But that night the hare had an idea, and so he made certain it was he who drew the short straw that night.

“It’s time for me to be the lion’s supper, but never fear! I will be back among you tomorrow, this I swear!”

The animals shook their heads, certain that the hare had gone crazy. How could he imagine the lion would not eat him? After all, he always ate whoever came his way.

The hare ran off, but instead of running directly to the lion’s den, he ran to the river. He jumped into the water, and then he rolled around in the mud on the riverbank. When he was thoroughly filthy, he raced to the lion’s den.

“What’s this?” the lion roared. “I won’t eat a dirty animal! Hare, you have ruined the deal for all the animals!”

Now I will begin hunting again.”

“Sir, please!” the hare said forcefully. “I am not your supper tonight. I was on my way here with a big and very clean hare, but as we were running, we met another lion. He stole the big hare for himself.”

“What? Another lion? There are no other lions here!” the lion growled.

“Oh, but this one is much bigger than you, sir,” the hare explained. “And stronger. And he is much more fierce.”

“What are you talking about?” the lion raged. “There cannot be another as strong and as fierce and as important as I! If this is true, show him to me!”

“Very well, if you insist,” the hare said. “If you follow me, I will take you to his house and you shall see for yourself.”

The hare began to run, and the lion followed him up to the top of a very steep hill. There, the hare ran to the well, and he leaned over and looked down into its depths.

“Here he is,” the hare said to the lion. “He’s down there eating your big hare!”

The lion growled. “Show me,” he said, and he raced to the side of the well, leaned over and looked inside. Sure enough, down below he saw a lion and a hare in the water. Of course, this was only the reflection of the lion himself and the hare beside him. But the lion had never seen a well, and shaking with fury, he leaped into the well. Naturally, he never returned.

“Sir, please!” the hare said. “I have ruined the deal for all the animals!”

That is how the hare outsmarted the lion, and so it has been ever since. Or so many of the animals say.