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The Lady Wildcats are now going to the big dance, squaring off against local powerhouse, the Faasao Marist Lady Cougars, in the championship game.

[photo: courtesy]

Jokic turns in triple-double, Nuggets beat Pistons

120-113

By PAT GRAHAM, AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Nikola Jokic was cool after his eighth triple-double of the season.

With good reason: He was covered in ice packs — one on his right wrist and another on his back, no doubt courtesy of his tussle with big man counterpart Andre Drummond. Then, off to the hot tub.

Jokic's hot hand accounted for 23 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, Jamal Murray added 26 points and the Denver Nuggets' playoff hopes received a much-needed boost with a 120-113 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Thursday night.

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Florida bounces Bonnies after their 1st NCAA win in 48 years



Florida guard Egor Koulechov (4) and St. Bonaventure guard Idris Taqqee (1) battle for the ball during the first half of a first-round game at the NCAA college basketball tournament in Dallas, Thursday, March 15, 2018. (AP Photo/Brandon Wade)

By SCHUYLER DIXON, AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Egor Koulechov watched a heartloss as a freshman at Arizona

Four years and two schools later, the graduate transfer from Russia enjoyed his second NCAA experience quite a bit follow shot by Texas' Cameron

Koulechov scored 20 points and Florida eased past St. Bonaventure 77-62 on Thursday night, ending the Bonnies' postseason two days after their first NCAA Tournament victory in awesome," Koulechov said.

points and Chris Chiozza had 11 assists for the sixth-seeded they've been in the tournament. Florida (21-12) will face Texas Tech in an East Region secondround game Saturday.

"This is what I wanted when I came here," Koulechov said. "We're obviously not done. Still hopefully a lot of basketball to be played."

A whirlwind week finally caught up with the Bonnies (26-8), who finished at 35 percent when the outcome was in doubt.

Courtney Stockard led St. Bonaventure with 14 points after scoring 26 in a win over UCLA in a First Four game in Dayton, Ohio, on Tuesday.

Stockard fouled out with 2:10 remaining and left to a fans who were still on their feet in the final minutes in sections

lines Center court from their team's bench.

Arizona State. As a seldomused reserve, he didn't get in the Ridley in 2014.

first 20-point game since early 3-point range.

whole year, it's been amazing."

Florida trailed 22-21 late in Gators, who have reached the the first half when Mike Okauru and put the Gators up 36-22.

> Mobley for a put-back dunk a foul to give Florida its first 20-point lead at 57-37 with about 8 minutes remaining as nament opener.

"It's always chip on your shooting but were in the 20s shoulder when you're picked first NCAA appearance since to lose in the first round as a higher seed for the second year in a row," Chiazza said. "It wrong."

BIG PICTURE

standing ovation from Bonnies backcourt leaders Mobley and campus. Jaylen Adams weren't much

just across the American Air- of a factor in their final games. While Mobley scored 10 points, he was 1 of 9 on 3-pointers. The Koulechov spent the pre- pair combined to go 5 of 19 breaking NCAA Tournament vious two seasons at Rice after from the field, including 1 of 12 sitting out a year when he left from long range. Adams scored

Florida: The Gators rolled game when the Sun Devils lost without much scoring help to Texas on a buzzer-beating from the two most experienced players off last year's East Regional finalist. Chiozza, who The 6-foot-5 guard had his hit the running 3 that beat Wisconsin in the regional semifi-January, going 4 of 10 from nals last year, scored eight, but did finish just one off his career "This team, they've been high for assists. KeVaughn Allen, who scored a career-high "The whole experience, not just 35 in that win over the Badgers, Jalen Hudson scored 16 the NCAA Tournament, Just the had seven points. They were a combined 5 of 17 from the field.

ON THE BOARDS

St. Bonaventure's Idris Elite Eight the past five times hit a 3-pointer to start a 15-0 run Taggee had a career-high 13 that continued after halftime rebounds with two blocks. Keith Stone of Florida matched Hudson soared over Matt his career best with eight boards and scored nine points. He had and made the free throw after 22 points in the loss to Arkansas.

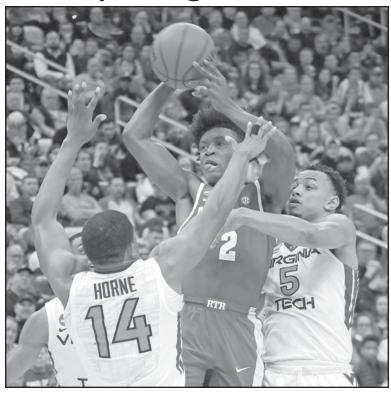
RECORD-SETTING SEASON

St. Bonaventure, which set the Gators bounced from a loss a school record for wins by to Arkansas in their SEC Tourbeating UCLA and was an atlarge choice out of the Atlantic 10 Conference, was making its 2012 and seventh overall.

UP NEXT

While the tired Bonnies go gives you a little more fuel just home, the Gators will face a to go out there and prove them heavily pro-Texas Tech crowd in Dallas. American Airlines Center is about a five-hour drive St. Bonaventure: Senior from the Red Raiders' Lubbock

Sexton, Petty lead Alabama by Virginia Tech 86-83



Alabama 's Collin Sexton (2) gets off a pass between Virginia Tech's P.J. Horne (14) and Justin Robinson (5) during the first half of an NCAA men's college basketball tournament first-round game in Pittsburgh, Thursday, March 15, 2018

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

— to reach the round 32 for the

the Crimson Tide (20-15). Ala-

bama shot 60 percent (30 of 50)

of the regular season, finished

of eight 3-pointers, including

three in the first half to help the

"When I get in that type of

Crimson Tide hang around until

mode, I feel like no one can

stop me from shooting the ball,"

Petty said. "I always have my

eyes locked on my target and

COSTLY CALL

(21-12) with 19 points but

remaining and Virginia Tech

more on Alabama's ensuing

said. "That made it look worse."

Alabama in check. The Hokies

forced 17 turnovers but couldn't

slow down Petty and had trouble

whenever Sexton got into the

lane. Alabama made 20 of 30

2-point shots, including 11 of

HONORING BENSON

Orleans Saints owner Tom

Johnson paid tribute to New

14 in the second half.

"I shouldn't have had a

The bigger issue for Virginia

Point guard Justin Robinson

Sexton got going.

Sexton and Petty were in

first time since 2006.

By WILL GRAVES, AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Avery Johnson has spent plenty elementary school back then. of time trying to convince Now they're the centerpiece of Alabama freshman star Collin Johnson's dynamic attack with Sexton to take ownership of his play and the Crimson Tide, a message the coach has repeated from the floor. Petty, mired in frequently during his team's a serious slump near the end uneven season.

It finally seems to be getting with 20 points while making six through. The fact it took until March hardly matters.

"(Sexton's) giving more speeches to our team, which is showing leadership," Johnson said.Make no mistake, however. It's the point guard's play — and not his talk — that sent the Crimson Tide into the second round of the NCAA I'm going to hit it." Tournament. Sexton shook off a shaky and foul-marred first half to score 21 of his team- led the eighth-seeded Hokies high 24 points after the break as Alabama took control late in fouled out after being whistled an 86-83 victory over Virginia for a charge with 48 seconds Tech on Thursday night.

"The coaches prepare us for down 78-74. Hokies coach stuff like this," Sexton said. Buzz Williams got a technical "They do so many hours of film, foul after erupting in frustraand they tell us all the answers tion. Sexton made one of two to the test."The proof came free throws and then added two during the second half.

Sexton made six of 10 field possession to give the Crimson goals and 10 of 14 free throws Tide just enough of a cushion. over the final 20 minutes, including a jumper that got a towel in my hand," Williams friendly bounce off the back of the rim and a turnaround that gave the Crimson Tide a bit of Tech was an inability to keep breathing room in a game that featured 10 lead changes and never saw either club go in front by more than seven points.

No. 9 seed Alabama will face top-seeded Villanova in the East Region's second round on Saturday. The Wildcats had little trouble dispatching Radford earlier Thursday.

Things weren't nearly as Benson, who died on Thursday easy for the Crimson Tide, who at age 90. Benson gave Johnson, needed Sexton and freshman a New Orleans native, a Super backcourt mate John Petty — Bowl ring after the Saints won and a serious uptick in defen- their only title in February 2010 sive intensity in the late going after Johnson served as a con-

sultant and honorary ambassador for the club.

"He meant so much to the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana and so many people," Johnson said.

BIG PICTURE

Alabama: Sexton might be the thinking man's version of Oklahoma star point guard Trae Young. Sexton lacks Young's shooting touch, but his quickness makes it nearly impossible to keep him out of the lane. And rather than force shots late, Sexton tried to get to the rim.

Virginia Tech: The Hokies are on the rise in the Atlantic Coast Conference, but success in March remains elusive. Virginia Tech has just one NCAA Tournament win in the last 21 years.

UP NEXT

Alabama will try to reach

the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2004 when it takes on Villanova.

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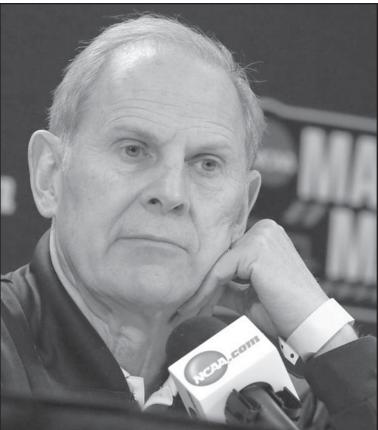








Big Ten teams hope to shake off rust in NCAA Tournament



Michigan coach John Beilein talks during a news conference for an NCAA men's college basketball tournament first-round game Wednesday, March 14, 2018, in Wichita, Kan.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

By LARRY LAGE, AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Big Tenteams entered the NCAA Tournament with an unusually long

Purdue, Michigan State, Michigan and Ohio State each tried to make the best of a break, which lasted about two weeks following their conference tournament.

Rusty or refreshed?

We'll find out soon.

Second-seeded Purdue will face 15th-seeded Cal State Fullerton and third-seeded Michigan State will play 14th-seeded Bucknell on Friday in Detroit.

Fifth-seeded Ohio State seemed to be ready, beating 12th-seeded South Dakota State 81-73 Thursday afternoon after a 12-day layoff. Third-seeded Michigan, which won the Big Ten Tournament title on March 4, trailed 10-0 in the opening minutes against 14th-seeded Montana before pulling away for a 61-47 victory Thursday

because of the 10-day stretch," Michigan's Moe Wagner said. "We came out sluggish, and that can't happen. We do that against a different team, show's

The Boilermakers and Spartans hit the road after the conference tournament was played in New York, hoping to refresh and recharge off the court.

Purdue players made a short trip to Indianapolis to play video games and eat dinner together at Dave & Buster's.

"We feel refreshed," Boilermakers center Isaac Haas said.

Michigan State, meanwhile, went to Chicago to watch the Bulls play and practice at their facility, and went to see "Hamilton."

"Most of them hadn't been to a Broadway-type show," Izzo said. "What I enjoyed most about it is nobody complained. Everybody was excited. When we were riding back on the bus and they started singing some of the songs from it I said, 'Wow.' We must've done something "Not everything can be that hit home because they were

all into it."

Big Ten coaches and players did not enjoy this season's condensed schedule, which was set up to finish the regular season earlier so the tournament could be played at Madison Square Garden. The conference has traditionally ended its conference tournament the same day the NCAA Tournament field is announced, finishing its title game just before the annual TV show, but made the exception to get into a coveted venue and market.

While they grumbled during the season about playing games with less time to prepare in between, the longer break may have been good in particular for Purdue and Michigan State.

Boilermakers forward Vince Edwards aggravated his ankle injury during the Big Ten Tournament, getting held to a total of 11 points in the last two games. The ailment kept him out of the lineup for two games in February. The break, it appears, served him well.

"It's been great to actually be able to see some of that explosiveness come back," Edwards said. "The last couple of practices have been really good."

The Spartans are trying to move forward after having their season stunted by offcourt issues, including a crisis on campus related to how the school handled sexual assault allegations against disgraced doctor Larry Nassar. They were also faced with questions related to an ESPN report, questioning how the basketball and football program handled sexual assault allegations against their players. Miles Bridges was declared ineligible for about a day, just before the final regular season game, because the school discovered his family members had dinner with an agent last winter without his knowledge.

The turmoil may have made the team even closer, focusing it on a lofty goal."We're in our mindset where if it's not a national championship, then it's probably a bust for this team," Michigan State point guard Cassius Winston said.

No Bull: Buffalo pulls off big upset, knocks off Arizona

By JOHN MARSHALL, AP Basketball Writer

BOISE, Idaho (AP) – Inside Buffalo's locker room hung a handwritten sign with two words: Ball Pressure.

Coach Nate Oats knew the Bulls had a shot at beating big, bad Arizona, but only if they could put lots of pressure on Arizona's guards and make them shoot from the perimeter.

It worked to perfection.

Call them the bracketbusting Bulls.

hounding Arizona into sub-

pulled off the NCAA Tournament's biggest upset of the opening round, rolling to an 89-68 victory over the fourthseeded Wildcats in the South Region on Thursday night.

"I felt like we had a shot," Oats said. "I didn't think we were going to win it like that."

The MAC's Bulls have a decided size disadvantage against the Pac-12's Wildcats and their pair of their 7-footers.

Pushing the pace and zona's defense with its quickness, getting to the lane for

mission, 13th-seeded Buffalo shots at the rim and kickouts to shooters.

Defensively, the Bulls pressured Arizona's guards and collapsed around its big men in the lane, forcing the Wildcats (27-8) to the perimeter. Arizona couldn't convert, going 2 for 18 from beyond the arc while the Bulls knocked down 15 of 30.

And, boy, did they run right into the round of 32 against Kentucky on Saturday.

Wes Clark scored 25 points, Buffalo (27-8) shredded Ari- Jeremy Harris added 23 and CJ Massinburg had 19 points for

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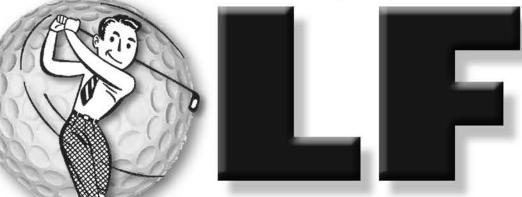


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▶ Jokic...

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Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin, right, is fouled as he goes up for a basket as Denver Nuggets forward Paul Millsap, front left, and center Nikola Jokic defend in the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, March 15, 2018, in Denver.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

"He had a hell of a game triple-double and a win, too," Drummond said of Jokic.

third quarter, Detroit sliced it took Drummond outside. to five before Will Barton took over and hit big basket after big time and tried to just score," basket down the stretch.

team's liking.

"We've got to figure out a way to buckle down," said Murray, whose team now hits the road for a pivotal sevenplacent, get relaxed. We've win the game." got to take every possession the same."In a game where the the run that allowed Detroit to climb back into the game.

that run to take away what in attendance. ... The Nuggets could've been an even better improve to 27-10 at the Pepsi win," Malone said.

The fading Pistons dropped their 11th straight road game 26 points and nine assists.

"We knew we dug ourselves going to fight or let up?" said Dwight Buycks, who had 19 of his 22 points in the second half. "We needed that same energy in the first when we got down."

Denver's big lead melted away with the Pistons hitting eight 3-pointers in the second half. Detroit cut the deficit to 102-97 with 6:55 remaining. Gary Harris hit a scoop shot and then had a fast-break dunk in awkwardly on his right leg and tonight." after a timeout he hit the free throw. He then left the game.

"It's a little sore right now," Harris said. "See how I feel in

the morning."

Jokic was a handful for Drummond — and vice versa. It was far from easy, though, Jokic had trouble with Drumeven if it looked like things were mond's strength down low, headed for a blowout. Down and Drummond struggled with by as many as 26 points in the Jokic's range as he frequently

"I took it to his chest every Drummond said. "He wasn't Giving up big leads is a trend trying to block any shots, he Denver would like to curb. It's just wanted to stand there and happened too often for the get a bailout foul and get back on offense.

"They had their run, they played very well throughout the whole game, but that fourth quarter we woke up and played game trip. "We can't get comvery well — but not enough to

TIP-INS

Pistons: G Reggie Bullock Nuggets won categories such returned to score 17 points as points in the paint (52-40), after missing a game with a second-chance points (21-6) sore back. ... It was Drumand rebounds (45-41), the mond's 51st double-double of number that troubled coach the season. ... Detroit's last road Michael Malone was 27-6— victory was Jan. 10 at Brooklyn.

Nuggets: F Paul Millsap added 14 points. ... NBA Com-"It's unfortunate we allowed missioner Adam Silver was Center.

TRIPLE-DOUBLE

Jokic's eight triple-doubles despite Drummond scoring are the most by a Nuggets 21 points and grabbing 17 player in a season since Fat rebounds. Blake Griffin added Lever had nine in 1988-89. This one almost seemed, well, quiet.

"It's not quiet — you're so a hole so it was like, 'Are we used to it," Murray explained. "It's something you shouldn't be surprised by him doing."

BARTON STEPS UP

Barton finished with 23 points after struggling his last two games. Malone said he had a recent conversation with his guard.

""I asked him, 'What can I do to help you?" Malone said. "This team needs Will Barton to play Will Barton basketball. which he was fouled. He landed I thought Will Barton was great

UP NEXT

Pistons: At Portland on Saturday in stop No. 3 on a sixgame trip.

Michigan plods to 61-47 win over Montana in NCAA first round



Montana head coach Travis DeCuire directs his team during the first half of an NCAA men's college basketball tournament first-round game against Michigan, Thursday, March 15, 2018, in Wichita, Kan.

(AP Photo/Orlin Wagner)

By DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) -Michigan coach John Beilein defense to pull away. didn't have to point out to his against Montana that they had yet to score.

a blueprint for a comeback, line, which meant a scoreless either.

ments, hang in there, stay con- cruising into the second round. sistent with what we do.

composed during that time."

The third-seeded Wolver- all about. It's March." ines absorbed a big opening salvo from the Grizzlies, then turned to Charles Matthews to lead them back. He poured in 20 points with 11 rebounds, Michigan locked down on defense control board was swapped and pulled away for a 61-47 vic- out and the game eventually tory in their first-round matchup resumed. in the West Region.

"I said, 'All we need is one basket here, and let's win the field in the second half, and the next four minutes," said many of the misses were open Beilein, whose team trailed 10-0 looks near the basket. That's in the opening minutes. "We did hardly the recipe for an NCAA that. Then it was, 'Let's win the Tournament upset, especially next four minutes,' and we did against a team in Michigan that that. And all of a sudden we're entered the dance on a nineahead by the half."

Then, the Wolverines (29-7) methodically drew away over it woke up for the late start, a long period of the second half when No. 14 seed Montana (25-8) failed to score, and games. The Wolverines will chugged into a matchup with need to do that before Saturday, sixth-seeded Houston — a lastsecond winner over San Diego State — in the second round of the tournament.

and Oguine Michael apiece to lead the Grizzlies.

"That's a good basketball DeCuire said. "Matthews steps layup with 1.1 seconds left. up and has a big game. If you look at it, he was really the difference in the ballgame."

Perhaps the Wolverines were a bit rusty by the long layoff after the Big Ten Tournament, which was moved up a week so that it could be played at Madison Square Garden this year, because it was the plucky Big Sky champions who roared to the game's first 10 points.

"That's an excuse. Not everything can be because of the 10-day stretch," Michigan's Moe Wagner said. "We came out sluggish, and that can't happen. We do that against a different team, show's over."

Michigan's Zavier Simpson played just four first-half minutes because of fouls, and Wagner was scoreless at the break on 0-for-3 shooting, as Montana employed some early trapping.

It took Matthews pouring in 12 first-half points to get the Wolverines on track.

Then it took some stingy

Wagner scored the first guys during the first media points of the second half, and timeout of Thursday night's after Montana's Jamar Akoh NCAA Tournament game answered at the other end, the Grizzlies proceeded to miss their next 12 field-goal attempts. He didn't have to give them They did not even get to the foul drought that lasted nearly 10 "Our huddle was like a minutes. Michigan used the lull normal huddle," he explained, to push a 31-28 halftime lead to "because I really trust these 44-30 with about 9 1/2 minutes guys to know what's going on. left, and then maintained its We had to make some adjust- advantage the rest of the way in

"We can't be negative about "I loved the way we stayed the game," Simpson said. "We got the win and that's what it's

POWER OUTAGE

The second half was delayed for about 10 minutes with 17:53 to go when the power running the shot clocks went out. The

BIG PICTURE

Montana was 7 of 28 from game winning streak.

Michigan never looked like which was pushed back even later because of long early when they will have to contend with high-scoring Houston star Rob Gray.

UP NEXT

Montana rues its fifth straight Ahmaad Rorie scored 15 points NCAA Tournament loss while the Wolverines set their sights on Houston, which beat the team," Montana coach Travis Aztecs on Gray's wind-milling



American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-011-2018

Issuance Date: March 9, 2018 Closing Date: March 23, 2018 No later than 2:00p.m. (local time)

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms to provide "Rockfall Mitigation of Lafiga, Tifa, Anape'ape'a and Matalesolo, American Samoa" for the Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management.

2. RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799, until 2:00 p.m. (local time), March 23, 2018 at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. PRE-BID MEETING

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on March 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Procurement Conference Room.

4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Electronic copies of contract documents, including Plans and Scope of Work can be examined or obtained from the Office of Procurement during regular business hours, free of charge.

- 5. The American Samoa Government reserves the right not to accept the lowest or my bid.
- 6. The American Samoa Government reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM Substantial Amendment to the Program Years (PYs) 2014 to 2017 Annual Action Plans

Reprogramming of CDBG Funds From PYs 2014 to 2017

This Public Notice is posted to advise the community that a request will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development to reprogram funds listed below.

| From: | Amount | | Status |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Fire Trucks for Manu'a & Aunu'u | \$6,580.00 | | Existing Project |
| Fagatogo Playground | \$27,109.13 | | Existing Project |
| Multipurpose Trades Building | \$1,283.66 | | Existing Project |
| Land Acquisition HOME Partnership | \$229,219.89 | | Existing Project |
| School Vans for Manu'a | \$13,402.00 | | Existing Project |
| Manu'a HS Greenhouse | \$10,000.00 | | Existing Project |
| Matatula Greenhouse | \$7,000.00 | | Existing Project |
| Pago Pago Harbor Boardwalk | \$205,405.32 | | Existing Project |
| TOTAL: | \$500,000.00 | | |
| To: | | Amount | Status |
| Debris Removal & Gita Disaster Relief Efforts | | \$500,000.00 | New Project |
| | TOTAL: | \$500,000.00 | |

In accordance with the American Samoa Government citizen participation plan the public is invited to comment during normal business hours for 30-days following the date of publication at the Department of Commerce, located on the 2nd floor of the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei. Comments must be submitted in writing to Lina Petaia-Suisala, CDBG Manager.

As a result of damages caused by Cyclone Gita and President Trump's disaster declaration, ASG has requested a waiver of the 30-day comment period noted above. Should HUD approve the waiver, the comment period for this notice will be 7 days from the date of this publication. If HUD does not approve the waiver, the comment period will be the 30-day comment period noted above.

For more information regarding this notice, please contact the Department of Commerce at 633-5155, Ext. 271

Keniseli F. Lafaele **Director of Commerce**





Tama'ita'i fa'aipoipo Falelua Alafaio ma lona tuagane matua, ae maise o si ona tina Ituau Alafaio ma lana Uo Sili o si ona tausoga mai Niu Sila Ms Tuautu Leota, o le maea ai lea o le sauniga. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost.]



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Buffalo, which shot 55 percent.

"With us being a MAC, it's easy to look at us as a team that can't compete with a highmajor, a team that has four NBA prospects," Clark said. "We know deep down from looking at the film and getting our confidence right that we could play with those guys. We came and played hard."

Arizona was bewildered by Buffalo's quickness and had a hard time getting the ball into Pac-12 player of the year Deandre Ayton. He still finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds, but the Bulls prevented him from dominating, as he had most of the season.

Now the Wildcats' tumultuous season is done and so is the Pac-12 — Arizona was the last of the conference's three teams still in the bracket. It's the first time since 1996-97 a school from the six major conferences failed to send a team to the round of 32.

"They overwhelmed us in the second half, on offense and defense," Arizona coach Sean Miller said.

Arizona has played through one of the most difficult seasons in program history. The Wildcats were twice entangled in a federal investigation into nefarious recruiting practices and lost one of their best players twice to injury. Allonzo Trier missed two games after testing positive for the same banned substance that cost him 19 games a year ago.

Outside of an 0-for-3 trip to the Bahamas, their focus on the court rarely wavered. Arizona won the Pac-12 regular-season title and routed Southern California in the tournament title game, becoming the second team in conference history to sweep both in consecutive seasons.







Sauni le Koluse Mumu e fa'amae'a lana auaunaga mo taimi o 'afa

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O le aso Lulu o le vaiaso fou, Mati 21 e pei ona fa'alauiloa aloaia mai e le Ofisa o le Koluse Mumu i le atunu'u, o le a fa'amae'a aloaia ai lana tautua mo le ofoina atu lea o fesoasoani i tagata taitoatasi uma o olea poloaiga, ua ia talosagaina le atunu'u na pagatia i le 'afa o Gita na a'afia ai Amerika Samoa i le aso 9 Fepuari o le tausaga nei.

I se isi faaupuga e faapupula atili ai le gaioiga a le Koluse Mumu, o le aso lea o le a mae'a aloaia ai galuega o le ofoina atu o fesoasoani mo aiga mafatia, ae o le a fa'aauau pea lana tautua e pei ona masani ai.

E pei ona taua i se pepa o fa'amatalaga mai le Koluse Mumu, e tusa ma le 5 vaiaso talu mai le aso o le 'afa sa latou fa'atinoina ai galuega fesoasoani mo le atunu'u. E silia i le 1,200 talosaga mai aiga mafatia sa mafai ona latou tauaaoina ma ofo atu i ai galuega fesoasoani.

O isi auaunaga e pei ona fa'aalia i le pepa o fa'amatalaga, e aofia ai taumafataga e 15,337 sa latou saunia mo aiga uma ao aumai ai i maota o sulufaiga e pei ona vaevaeina nofoaga eseese e 13, ma le anoanoa'i o isi fesoasoani e pei o vaega e moomia mo i latou ua manunu'a.

E tusa ma le to'a 220 tagata faigaluega a le Koluse Mumu na mafai ona galulue i le fa'atinoina o lenei auaunaga, e aofia ai i latou mai fafo atu o le atunuu e pei o Amerika ma Amerika Samoa nei, lea sa ofo fua mai lo latou taimi e fa'atino ai nei galuega fesoasoani.

Talu mai le taimi o lenei galuega fa'atino, e tele isi auaunaga sa mafai ona fa'atinoina e le Koluse Mumu ia i latou sa ofo fua mai lo latou taimi, e aofia ai le faia o aoaoga i auala e ofo atu ai le fesoasoani muamua mo se tasi ua pagatia.

Sa fa'apea fo'i ona fa'apipi'i (smoke alarm) e le Koluse Mumu fa'ailoilo e 600 mo maota e 234 le asu ua tupu.

Sa faapea fo'i ona fesoasoani sui o le Koluse Mumu i tagatanu'u mo le fa'atulagaina o gaioiga e sulufa'i ai aiga i taimi o fa'alavelave, ina ia mautinoa e leai se fa'afitauli e tula'i mai e ono aafia ai le aiga atoa ao taumafai e sosola mo se sulufaiga.

O gaioiga mo le sulufa'i atu i se isi nofoaga malu puipuia i taimi o fa'alavelave, e tatau ona fa'ataunu'uina i totonu o aso e 2 ao lumana'i ai le aso o le fa'alavelave. A o i ai pea le atunu'u i le vaitau o aafiaga ona o le 'afa o Gita, o le vaiaso nei lea na sainia ai e le



I le sainia ai e le ali'i kovana ai Ofisa uma o le malo i Matagaluega ma Ofisa Tumaoti, atoa ai faalapotopotoga ma tagata taitoatasi, ina ia galulue fa'atasi mo le ofoina atu o fesoasoani ia i latou uma o loo mana'omia le fesoasoani ona o aafiaga o le 'afa o Gita.



O se vaaiga i le aumalaga a le IFBBSauia Bodybuilding ua masi'i mo Sydney Ausetalia e tauva i le Australian Bodybuilding Championships lea e amatalia ia Mati 16-18, 2018. O i latou o malaga fa'apitoa o le susuga Floyd Scanlan mo le vaega a le Masters, lea e tauva ai tagata e 41 tausaga ma aga'i i luga. O le tama'ita'i o Titiula Manuma o lo'o tauva i le vasega o tama'ita'i talavou, ma le susuga Jarold Papu o lo'o tauva i le Men's Jr Division i le Physique pe na'o o le manava e aga'i i tau'au o le tino e fa'amasinoina. O outou mama na, o lo'o malaga fa'atasi fo'i i latou ma se tasi o tatou fa'amasino i lea faagatama, Sala McMoore o le IFBB Sauia Bodybuilding lava. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]







Mana'omia le fa'atuina o se Komiti Suesue a le Maota o Sui

isi o mataupu tuga ua alia'e mai i le atunu'u i le Toeaina. taimi nei.

le toese i Tafuna, ona o le sosola soo i tua mai le falepuipui.

lea o le Fono Faitulafono, o le silasila toto'a ia mo le togafitiina o la manu'a, atoa ai ma le uala e tali atu ai i le augani mai o tagatanu'u mo se fesoasoani, aemaise lava tulaga o le fa'atinoina o gaioiga e soli ai le tulafono.

ona faasalalau i le nusipepa i le vaiaso na te'a nei, ua mafua ai ona tutupu lagona ua tatau ona toe nei mataupu.

Sa ia taua le taua tele o le galuega a le Komiti Suesue a le maota o sui, e le gata e mafai ai ona Fa'amasinoga ona faia se gaioiga e fesoasoani ai valaaulia molimau e oo atu e molimau, ae maua i le foiaina o lenei fa'afitauli, o le taimi tonu lenei ai fo'i ma le avanoa e faafofoga ai sui o le komiti o le Fono e tula'i atu ai. O le aso Gafua o le vaiaso i fa'amatalaga auiliili e fa'atatau i mea o loo fou lea ua faatulaga e faia ai le iloiloga a le Komiti

tulafono ona ia faatinoina ni gaioiga faapenei. Sa ai ma le Pule o le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia.

tutupu muamua fo'i faafitauli faapenei i le toese Ua talosagaina e le afioga i le ali'i Faipule mai i Tafuna i tausaga ua mavae, lea na mafua ai ona Manu'a #2 ia Toeaina Faufano Autele le oo i le falepuipui ni ali'i Leoleo e aofia ai ma le Pule o taimi ua tatau ai i Ta'ita'i o le Maota o Sui, ona le falepuipui i Tafuna, ae foliga mai o lea fo'i ua toe fa'atula'i se Komiti Suesue na te iloiloina ni toe alia'e mai nei tu'uaiga", o le saunoaga lea a

O le mataupu e pei ona taua e Toeaina, na O le valaau ina ia toe fa'atula'i se Komiti alia'e mai ina ua faailoa e le ali'i pagota o Joe Suesue a le Maota o Sui, na afua mai lea ina Togitogi i luma o le fa'amasinoga i le vaiaso ua salalau ripoti mai le Samoa News fa'asaga i na te'a nei, sauaga mata'utia o loo faia e leoleo sauaga o lo o faia i ni ali'i pagota o loo taofia i fa'asaga ia te ia ma le isi pagota i totonu o le

O ia sauaga e aofia ai le fasi fa'amo'amo'a Saunoa Toeaina e faapea, o le tiute tonu lava o i laua e aunoa ma le auina atu i le falema'i fa'apologaina o i laua.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei fo'i na faailoa mai ai e ni pagota o loo taofia i le falepuipui i Tafuna Saunoa atili Toeaina e fa'apea, o ripoti e pei i le Samoa News, ni isi o tuuaiga faasaga i le faapologaina e leoleo o ni alii pagota se to'alua.

O gaioiga faapologa e aofia ai le loka o la lima tofia se Komiti Suesue e gafa ma le iloiloina o i le taimi e aai ma momoe ai, atoa ai fo'i ma le faaoolima i ai o Leoleo.

Saunoa Toeaina e fa'apea, afai ua le mafai e le o Fa'amasinoga a le maota o sui lea ua faamo-"E le tatau i se leoleo ua tofia e faamalosia le emoe e molimau ai le Loia Sili, Loia Fautua, atoa



tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

POLOKALAMA FANAU MO LE ESETA - TAUSALA LALALEI PASEFIKA

lenei tausaga.

O lea fa'amoemoe e Atuvasa i Utulei ia Mati 31.

"O le polokalama lava e masani ona faia mo fanau i lea mafai lava ona vala'au ane aso i so'o se mea o Amerika e vala'aulia o ia mai so'o se atoa, o le sailiga o fuamoa. O fa'alapotopotoga, a'oga po'o le ala fo'i lea o le manatu ai i vaega fo'i o le tatou Malo. lea fo'i polokalama e fa'afiafia le fanau ma fai se latou le polokalama e fa'ataua ai fa'amalositino i ni ta'aloga i lea le fanau fa'apitoa i totonu o malae o le Atuvasa, fa'atasi ai Tafuna Elementary, peita'i o le ma se ta'elega fa'atasi ma latou susuga le faia'oga KJ Amepaiga," o se tala mai lea a Matau- erosa o le vasega lima, e finau aina mo le silafia e le atunu'u.

le Tafuna Elementary, mo lana polokalama fesoasoani e faitau tusi i le fanau.

O lea taumafaiga ina ia Ua i ai se polokalama una'ia ai matua ma fanau e fa'apitoa ua tapena i ai le faitau tusi fa'atasi, ae maise o Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika, le fa'aosofia lea o le lagona fia o le tausala lalelei fo'i lea o faitau tusi i le fanau i taimi uma Amerika Samoa, Matau'aina o latou olaga, nai lo le matamata G. To'omalatai mo le fanauiti a televise i taimi uma ae le tele se le atunuu i le vaitau o le Eseta i aoa'iga lelei e maua ai e o latou olaga a'oa'oina.

O nisi na o tautua o lo'o fa'ataunuuina i le Su'igaula o le fa'atautaia pea e Matauaina, ina ia fesoasoani fo'i i le fanau ia naunau e faitau tusi, ma e

I le vaiaso atoa sa faia ai lava o ia mo avanoa lelei e E le gata i lea, o le aso valaa'ulia ai nisi o tama'ita'i ananafi na fa'atasi atu ai le lauiloa i le atunu'u, ina ia latou Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika i o'o atu i potu aoga ma faitau ia (Faaauau itulau 11)



O le taeao o le aso Lulu na va'aia ai le tutula'i o le aufaigaluega a le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina a le malo ma fa'alauiloa mai, e taofia le ulaula tapa'a ma le a'afia o i tatou i fa'ama'i pepesi fa'apea fo'i ma fa'ama'i tumau. Ua fa'alauiloa mai fo'i le tape o le namu ma ia tumama i tafa fale i tulaga o le fa'amama o le Lapisi ma atigi apa ma ipu pepa ina ia le maua ni nofoaga e fa'ateleina ai le namu, lea e feavea'ia fa'ama'i o le Zika, Dengue Fever ma isi ma'i pepesi.



O i latou na e to'a 61 a le Samoana High School, o totino tuai a le NHS ma ua fiafia fa'atasi nei ina ua faaulufale mai le isi 41 o sui fou mo le latou sosaiete i lenei tausaga.

[ata - Leua Aiono Frost]

Ex-Pence Indiana aide running for Congress defends resume By BRIAN SLODYSKO, Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A former Mike Pence aide who was fired from one government job and left another after being formally disciplined wants Indiana voters to send him to Congress, where he would take over for the boss who sacked him, according to a review of public records by The Associated Press.

State records show Diego Morales, a candidate in the GOP primary for the 4th Congressional District, was fired in 2009 by former Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita, who is giving up his reliably Republican House seat to run for Senate.

The disciplinary actions against Morales are part of a resume that also includes embellishments, a spotty work history and murky business dealings. His campaign didn't respond to several questions from the AP but did insist Morales served as a "senior advisor" to Pence when he was Indiana's governor. Some of Pence's aides have defended Morales' use of the title and endorsed his candidacy. However, the campaign acknowledges his work - including such tasks as event planning and venue preparation — didn't rise to the level of many others who worked under the eventual vice president. "Diego Morales' service to Indiana and his country are unimpeachable," campaign manager Michael Sorenson said in an emailed statement, noting the 39-year-old Morales is also a veteran. Morales often touts his role on Pence's staff as he campaigns for the nomination against Steve Braun and state Rep. Jim Baird.A spokeswoman for the vice president did not respond to a request for comment. A spokesman for Rokita declined to comment on the work habits of his former employee. Rokita's office formally disciplined Morales after eight months due to "incomplete" work, "inefficient execution" and a "lack of focus," according to records obtained under Indiana's public records act. He refused to agree to a work improvement plan and had filed notice that he intended to guit when he was fired, according to a termination letter.

Two years later, Morales left a different state job after refusing to sign on to a work improvement plan under former Secretary of State Charlie White, who was himself removed from office.

Tala i vaifanua...

i latou ni tusi.

"O le taumafaiga faifai pea, aua o lo'o matauina lava le vaivai o le faitau ma le malamalama lelei o le fanau i le gagana Peretania po'o le Igilisi. O lea e finau pea i ai aua e fai lava le galuega a'oa'o ma le fa'asino a i matou, ae fa'amoemoe e ulufia i le agaga o le tamaititi ina ia to'aga e faitau tusi, ia malamalama lelei i le tala o lo'o ua tusia, ma faitauina e i latou," o a Ameperosa lea.

Ua fa'ailoa fo'i na vala'auina fo'i isi faia'oga o le tausaga a le tatou malo, ina ia faitau tusi i nisi o potu a'oga. Ma ua iloga ai, "E le na'o A'u" le auga o le taumafaiga i lenei tausaga mo le fa'ailo a le Fanau Fa'apitoa ma le SPEd i lea Laumua.

Na amata mai lenei fa'ailo i le aso Gafua ae fa'amae'a i le aso ma ua i ai fo'i le latou polokalama fa'atautaia mo le toe aso. Ua fa'ailoa mai le agaga fiafia o le fanau, ina ua o'o atu le Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika ma Amerika Samoa fo'i, i le latou lotoa ma le potu a'oga, ina ia faitau ia i aua ua oge manu felelei i a latou mea'ai. latou se tusi.

Na auai fa'atasi atu fo'i ma le tama'ita'i Perese- masani ona va'aia ai. tene o le Miss American Samoa Inc (MASI), Fou Imo i lea vala'aulia.

FOA'I AIGA PAGATIA IA GITA - CHARITY & HOPE MINISTRIES

Ua mae'a ona tatala faitoto'a o le sapalai o lavalava o so'o se ituaiga a le Charity & Hope Ministries i le latou nofoaga i Tula i le amataga o lenei masina. Ua maua fo'i le tala fiafia mai le tama'ita'i sui peresetene i lea fa'alapotopotoga fesoasoani, o le a tatalaina fo'i i le tatou itu i ai le mamalu o tatou aiga i sisifo o le tatou motu.

Ua fa'ailoa le agaga fa'afetai tele o le Charity atu e le Kamupani Va'a ale Matsons, lea na mafai sa masani ona latou 'aina," o se tala ata lea a le ona maua ai e i latou nei oloa tau lavalava mea tina e usupo lava e fafaga ana moa a'o le'i alu e mea'ai sa taua'aoina. O le susuga le ali'i Pule o le faigaluega. Matsons Victor Tuilaepa Angogo ma le latou sui, Lanu Pen, na o'o atu e taua'ao le foa'i.

isi fo'i oloa sa fa'ao'o ane e le "Estate mo ao, ae o le masani o pe'a e na'o le afiafi po ma Lefagaoali'i Soliai Beaver" ma ua fuafua ai o le taeao segisegi ona toe fo'i lea i ofaga pogisa e le fa'ai'uga o lenei fo'i masina o le a fa'atuina momoe ai."

ai le fale'ie e o ane fo'i aiga mafatia i le 'afa o Gita, fa'atasi ai ma nisi aiga o lo'o mana'omia le fesoasoani i le tatou atunu'u, e avatu ai ni latou lavalava ma mea'ai tu'u apa.

I le mamalu sa maua latou fa'amanuiaga mai le tufatufaga muamua, ua latou fa'aalia fo'i, "Ua aoga lava le foa'i, fa'afetai i nei Kamupani Va'a a le Matsons ma le Tina matua fo'i ua malolo ona o le agaga alofa i le pagatia sa lutia ai le to'atele o aiga o le atunu'u na matua fa'aleagaina o latou fale nofo i le asiosio na sei mavae atu nei. O le agaga fa'afetai e ao lava ina fa'aleo, aua ua fa'aaogaina nei oloa ma le fa'afetai."

GITA - FA'ALEAGA NOFOAGA MO PE'A MA MANUFELELEI

Ua le na'o tagata ua a'afia i le 'afa o Gita, ae ua matua iloga ona feoa'i mai ai manulele ma pe'a fo'i i lalo i fa'ato'aga a tagata, ma ua atili ai ona vave 'aina fa'i, esi ma fua o la'au fua fuata,

Ona ua luluina ese lau ma fuga o la'au sa avea Ua fa'ailoa i se ata tifaga pu'upu'u lava sa ma mea taumafa a mani felelei, o lea ua aga'i mai pu'eina a'o faia le polokalama i le aso ananafi. uma i lalo nei meaola i fa'ato'aga a tagata, sa le

> O nei meaola uma i le laueleele, ua latou mana'omia se tatou fesoasoani pe afai o le a fa'atumauina le tuai ona toe fuga o la'au ma fuata mai e tusa o taimi e masani ai.

> Ua fautuaina mai ai le mamalu lautele o le atunu'u, ia alofagia fa'apalepale i nai meaola. O i latou fo'i e le so'ona fiafia e fa'amasani ma tagata, peita'i ua le toe segisegi i latou, ae va'aia ua lalata mai ona o le sailiga o mea'ai.

"O le taimi nei ua fafaga fa'apitoa lava a'u sisifo se latou fale'ie e mafai fo'i ona gasolo ane i moa i le taeao ma le afiafi fa'atasi ma le anoanoa'i o Manulele ituaiga o le Mina. Ua lalata ua le toe segisegi ma ua pei lava ua to'atele ai le lafu moa. & Hope Ministries, ona o le foa'i tele na fa'ao'o Ua iloga mai ua leai ni fuga o la'au i le vaomatua

"O pe'a fo'i latou ua 'aina fua moto o esi ma fa'i, ua le toe fefefe ma sosola pe a faalogoina E le gata i lea o le tele o foa'i o mea'ai ma ta'avale ma tagata feoa'i, ua tautau ai lava i le



Mai itulau 10



Houston guard Rob Gray, right, is pressured by San Diego State guard Jeremy Hemsley, left, during the first half of an NCAA men's college basketball tournament first-round game Thursday, March 15, 2018, in Wichita, Kan. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)



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Houston holds off San Diego **State 67-65 in West Region**

By DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — So many thoughts were running through Rob Gray's head as he dribbled near midcourt, time winding down in a tied NCAA Tournament game, that Houston's star guard nearly ran out of time.

"I was thinking to myself, I'm a senior, I've never been in March Madness. This is what I live for," Gray said later. "A small thought ran through my head: I thought about Cincinnati, how I had a chance to win hitting an array of floaters and that game for us and I didn't, and I just wanted to come through for us."

Finally deciding it was time to go, Gray drove for a windmilling layup that trickled over the rim with 1.1 seconds left. Trey Kell missed a tough 3-pointer at the buzzer, the No. 6 seed Cougars had a heart-Thursday night.

Gray had come through Athletic Conference title game.

"There's a lot of ways you have to win games, a lot of times you just have to do it from the seat of your pants," said Cougars coach Kelvin Sampson, in the tournament with his fourth different team. "The difference in the game tonight is that we had Rob Gray and they didn't."

Devin Watson had just tied the game for the Aztecs with a turnaround 3-pointer, his second in a matter of seconds, when Gray dribbled up floor with 29 ticks left. He allowed the clock to melt down to six seconds before crossing over, scooting beneath two defenders and scooping up his shot.

The layup gave him 39 points and the Cougars (27-7) Neither wanted to lose," their first NCAA Tournament Sampson said. "Rob had it win since 1984, when coach going. He had it going. So we Guy Lewis took Hakeem Ola- were going to ride that horse juwon and several members until they stopped it." of Phi Slamma Jamma to their third consecutive Final Four.

"It means a lot to our program, especially sitting next to Coach Sampson. He's a big part of why I'm here. Rob's a big part, too," the Cougars' Devin Davis said. "We survived to play another day."

Jalen McDaniels had 18 points to lead No. 11 seed San Diego State (22-11). Kell finished with 12 points and eight rebounds, though it's the three points he missed at the end that will stand out.

Houston will play thirdseeded Michigan in the West Region on Saturday.

"It's always bitterly disappointing when the season ends, especially when you feel like

you have good basketball left," Aztecs coach Brian Dutcher said. "It's March. We had a March-type shot to win the game and it didn't go home. We're disappointed over that."

The Cougars struggled much of the first half to deal with the Aztecs' length, especially McDaniels and Malik Pope, the 6-foot-11 forwards who effectively clogged up the paint.

Houston finally started to open things up when it began drawing fouls late in the half.

Gray did most of the damage, lay-ins before a 3 from about 30 feet gave the Cougars a 39-29 halftime lead. Gray finished the half with 16 points, even though he went to the bench for a short stretch with two fouls.

For long periods in the And when San Diego State's second half, the best offense for either team came at the foul

McDaniels went to the stopping 67-65 first-round win stripe four times in five trips for San Diego State, and Gray answered with three straight where he failed in the American trips for Houston. That was part of a stretch in which the Cougars mustered a single field goal over more than 10 minutes, allowing the Aztecs to slowly whittle away at their deficit.

Watson finally tied the game with a deep 3-pointer with just over a minute left, only to watch Gray answer with a 3 of his own to give Houston a 65-62 lead with 39.4 seconds remaining.

Watson got the ball in his hands again, this time spinning around on the wing for a canyou-top-this 3-pointer that electrified a vocal section of fans opposite the San Diego State bench.

Turned out that Gray would top it one more time.

"Two really good teams.

BIG PICTURE

San Diego State had won nine straight games, including its run to the Mountain West Conference Tournament championship, before running into the Cougars. The nail-biting loss dropped the Aztecs to 1-5 in games decided by four points or fewer this season.

Houston made the most of its first NCAA Tournament trip since 2010, becoming the sixth team in school history to reach 27 wins. Now, the Cougars can aim for their 28th.

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An urgency has overcome me now because I have been diagnosed with cancer and I'm not sure what my future holds. I don't want to rekindle something I can't finish, but I would like to say goodbye one last time before I'm laid to my eternal rest. Should I continue searching for her or should I stop, hoping she hears my prayers after all these years and knowing I tried to do the right thing by her when I smiled and waved as she drove away so long ago? -- UNSURE OF MY FUTURE

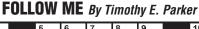
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Remember, that decision was made many years ago. What if you find her and she's married with children? Would it make you feel better or worse? These days, many cancers are treatable/curable. If you should find her and you are not terminal, will it give you closure or more heartache? Only you can answer that.

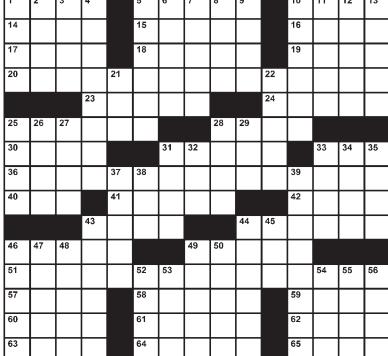
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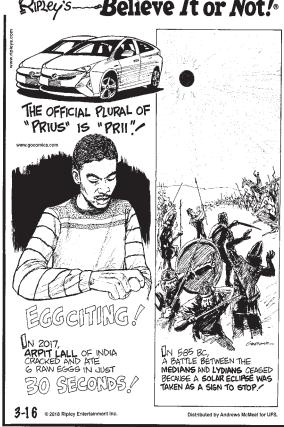


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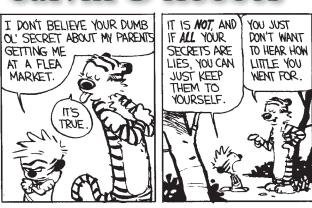
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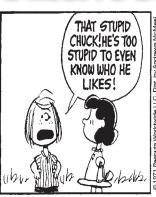
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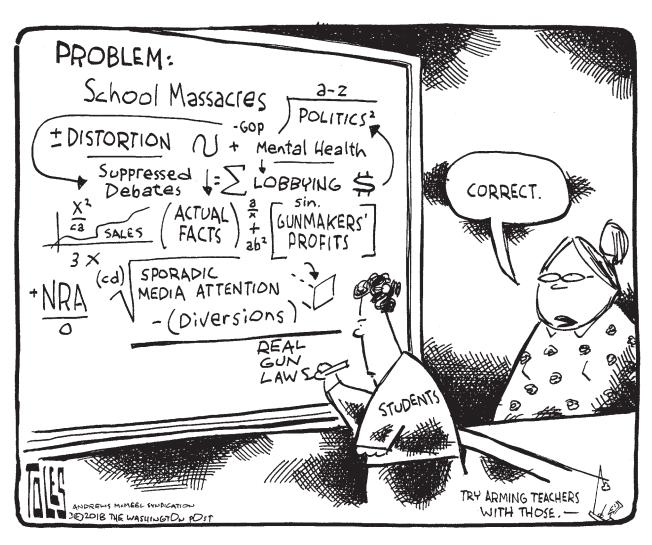


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