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"Product of the Rock" to coach Division 1 football



by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

After years of being an athlete, coach, mentor, motivator, and inspiration, Keikiokalani "Keiki" Misipeka is heading to the east coast to continue his football coaching career at Delaware State University, his first Division I coaching job.

"I am motivated," said Keiki via a Facebook post announcing

his new position. "First and foremost, I want to thank the Man above for blessing me. I'm humbled and grateful for my next journey."

It was last month that Keiki received a phone call from Delaware State University's head football coach Rod Milstead, during which the two men spoke about philosophy in coaching, the running back position, and

expectations.

Coach Milstead offered Keiki a job as the running back coach and recruiting coordinator and without hesitation, Keiki accepted.

With his decision, Samoa News understands Keiki is the first person to have graduated from the American Samoa high school system to coach AYFS youth and high school football,

then relocate to the mainland and become a junior college and Division I football coach.

"I want to thank Coach Milstead for giving me the opportunity," Keiki said. It's a long way from home. I hope my journey will inspire the youth of American Samoa."

Keiki is proud to be a "product of the rock." He was born and raised in American

Samoa, to the late Kelemete Misipeka of Fagatogo and Iolani Misipeka of Honolulu, Hawai'i. His mother continues to reside in American Samoa, while his father has passed away.

"I grew up playing on the same lava rocks you are practicing on today," Keiki shared. "I carry my battle scars proudly."

His message to the local youth: "Remember your roots, and continue to work hard. Anything is possible."

Keiki graduated from Samoana High School in 1998 and afterwards, he attended Snow Community College and played football at both the University of Hawai'i and Southeast Missouri State University.

He then played professional football for the Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian Football League and after his football career ended, Keiki returned to the territory in 2005, during which time legendary Manu Samoa head coach Laauli Michael Jones was holding rugby trials for the Manu Samoa team.

Keiki tried out for the Manu Samoa, but unfortunately, he was not selected to be part of the team.

But Laauli offered him opportunity to be part of the new IRB High Performance Training Center in Samoa and Keiki accepted. After a year of training, Keiki was selected to be part of the IRB Savaii Samoa A team, which would go on to win the IRB Pacific Cup in 2006.

His accomplishments didn't stop there though.

Keiki was also selected to be part of the Manu Samoa 7s team, where he played with the likes of Uale Mai, Apelu Faiauga, Mikaele Pesamino, Lolo Lui, Simailka Simaika, and Alafoti Faosiliva. He became the first athlete from American Samoa to be selected to the High Performance Unit and play for Manu Samoa.

After his short career there, Keiki invested all of his time into the youth of American Samoa, volunteering to coach rugby for his village of Fagatogo, the AYFS football league, and his alma mater, Samoana High School. He was also the Player Development Officer for Fieldhouse 100, a non-profit organization that helped local

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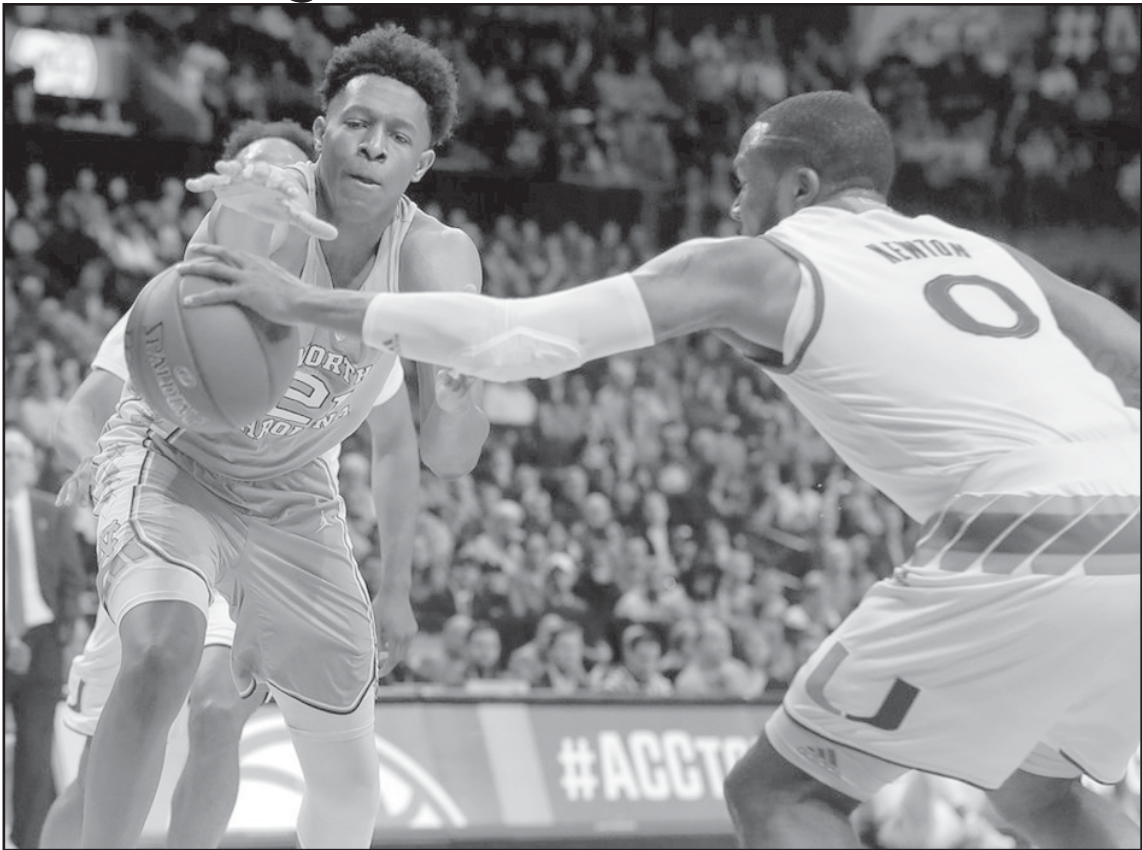
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North Carolina beats Miami 82-65 and gets Duke next at ACC



North Carolina forward Sterling Manley (21) and Miami guard Ja’Quan Newton (0) reach for the ball during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Atlantic Coast Conference men’s tournament Thursday, March 8, 2018, in New York.

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By **RALPH D. RUSSO**, AP College Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Theo Pinson scored a career-high 25 points and had 11 rebounds, lifting No. 12 North Carolina while its other stars were struggling, and the Tar Heels beat Miami 82-65 on Thursday night to set up a second straight Atlantic Coast Conference

semifinal meeting with Duke in Brooklyn.

The fifth-seeded Tar Heels (24-9) face the fifth-ranked and second-seeded Blue Devils for the third time this season on Friday night for a spot in the championship game — just as the rivals did last year in the tournament’s debut at Barclays Center. It will be the 22nd time Duke and North Carolina play in the ACC Tournament. Duke leads 13-8.

Ja’Quan Newton, who beat North Carolina nine days ago in Chapel Hill with a 40-foot buzzer beater, scored 17 points for third-seeded Miami (22-9).

Pinson scored 10 points in 3 1/2 minutes of the second half, including a corner 3 to make it 69-63 with 4:25 left. Forty-two seconds later, Pinson dribbled through the Miami press and threw down a slam that had the UNC fans chanting “Taarr! Heels!”

The defending national champions needed the senior, because the Heels’ top two scorers were off.

Luke Maye, UNC’s leading scorer, went 1 for 15 from the field and point guard Joel Berry II shot 4 for 14, playing through a twisted ankle.

BIG PICTURE

North Carolina: The Tar Heels have been gritty and Pinson has been brilliant in pulling away from Syracuse and Miami here in Brooklyn. But they’ll need to knock down more shots to deal with Duke. Other than Pinson, the Tar Heels were 20 for 59 from the field (34 percent).

Miami: Freshman Chris Lykes and Lonnie Walker IV have stepped up for Miami since Bruce Brown was injured 12 games ago. Against UNC, they shot a combined 7 for 25.

BAD START, FORTUNATE FINISH

North Carolina went almost 7 minutes without scoring to start the game, missing its first

13 shots and falling behind 14-0. Tar Heels coach Roy Williams got so exasperated by his team he made a wholesale lineup change, all five starters out at once. The Duke fans who remained at Barclays after watching their team win the earlier game had a blast watching the Tar Heels struggle.

Backup point guard Seventh Woods snapped the drought for UNC with a three-point play at 12:51.

The Tar Heels then finished with a flourish and grabbed the halftime lead when Cameron Johnson was fouled by Walker while getting off a 60-foot heave to beat the first-half buzzer. Johnson made all three free throws to put the Heels up 32-31 heading to the locker room.

OUCH

Miami’s Anthony Lawrence played only 10 minutes of the first half after he appeared to tweak his ankle. He returned for the second half and hit a couple early 3s. In a span of about 2 minutes of clock time early in the second, Berry and Johnson both left the game after getting banged up. Berry twisted his left ankle getting off a shot, went to the locker room and returned within minutes. He re-entered when Johnson left after 245-pound Ebuka Izundu of Miami made a leap to block a shot and landed on Johnson’s back.

Soon after Berry landed an elbow to Izundu’s face as he was scoring over the Miami big man and was called for a foul.

Johnson came back with what North Carolina called a hip injury.

UP NEXT

North Carolina: The Tar Heels split with Duke this season, each winning at home. The Blue Devils won on Saturday 74-65.

Miami: The Hurricanes’ next stop is the NCAA Tournament



American Samoa Government
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP 035-2018
Issuance Date: February 28, 2018

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No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

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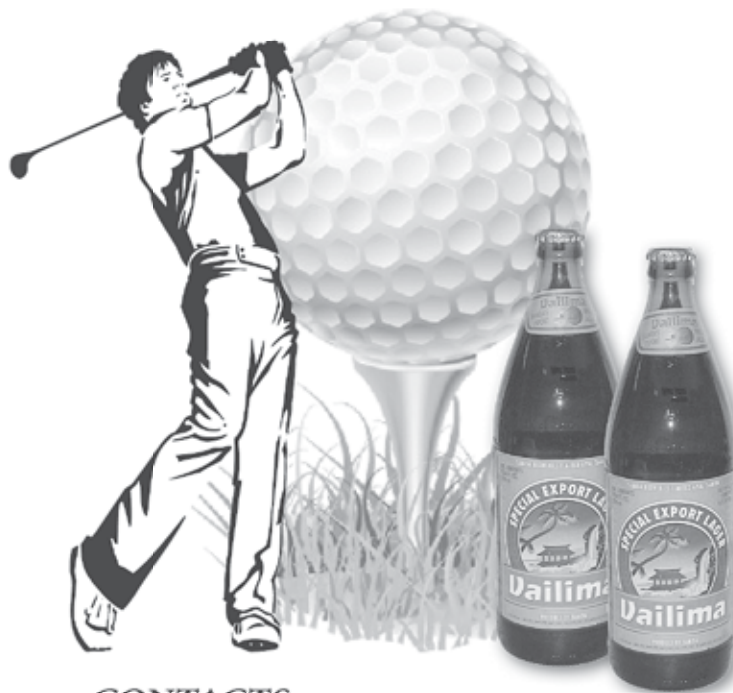
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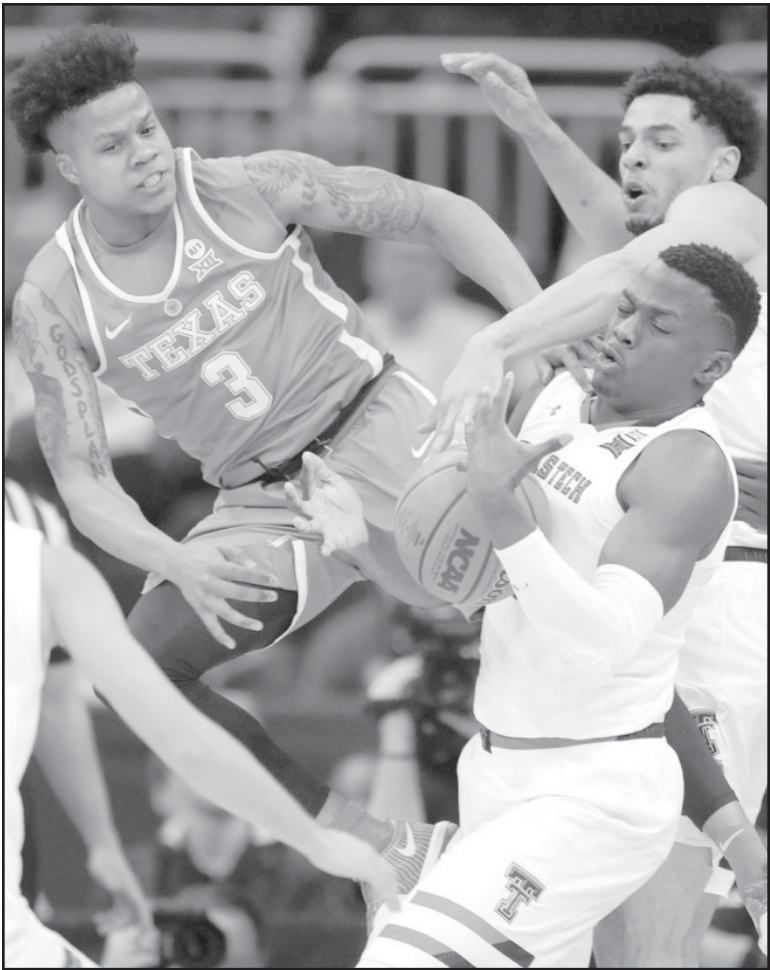
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Texas Tech center Norelse Odiase, center, rebounds against Texas guard Jacob Young, left, and teammate Zach Smith, right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in quarterfinals of the Big 12 men's tournament in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, March 8, 2018.

(AP Photo/Orlin Wagner)

Evans leads Texas Tech to 73-69 win over Texas in Big 12s

BY DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It was after Texas Tech lost to Texas in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament, ending the Red Raiders' season, that Chris Beard defied his team to avoid a similar fate the next year.

They've certainly risen to the challenge.

Keenan Evans scored 25 points, including a pretty fade-away jumper in the closing minutes, and the No. 14 Red Raiders held off hot-shooting Jacob Young and the Longhorns for a 73-69 victory on Thursday night that ushered them into the semifinal round for the first time since 2005.

"We said we were going to do everything we could the next 364 days to put ourselves in a better position," Beard recalled, "and I think we've done that."

Jarrett Culver added 13 points for the deep and talented Red Raiders (24-8), who had

lost four of their last five in the regular season but appeared to recapture their mojo in Kansas City.

They'll play No. 18 West Virginia on Friday night for a spot in the title game.

Young had a career-high 29 points for the Longhorns (19-14), going 11 of 17 from the field and 6 of 7 from beyond the arc. But he missed a wide open layup with 36 seconds left that would have gotten the Longhorns within 70-67, and Evans made a free throw at the other end to help seal it.

Matt Coleman added 20 points for No. 7 seed Texas, which got star freshman Mo Bamba back from a toe sprain that had caused him to miss three games. The 6-foot-11 center was still a step slower than normal, and he wound up with 10 points and four rebounds in 14 minutes.

"We just lost a tight game and you never feel good after a loss," Longhorns coach Shaka Smart said. "Texas Tech played a great game but there's a lot of things, when we look at the tape, if we could have done this a little harder or a little better we could have won."

It was the No. 2 seed Red Raiders' first quarterfinal win since 2005, when they advanced all the way to the Big 12 title game. They have never won the league's postseason tournament.

"There's still a long road but we have another one tomorrow," Evans said. "We just have to not get too high or too low and get ready for the next one."

The Longhorns, who survived a tough game against Iowa State in the opening round, misfired on their first nine shots, went nearly 6 minutes without a point and allowed the Red Raiders to roar to an early double-digit lead that they maintained much of the first half.

Their lead was still 32-19 with 2 minutes left when Young buried a 3-pointer. Bamba fol-

lowed with a nice putback, Coleman added a couple of foul shots, and Bamba hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from the wing to draw the Longhorns within 35-28 at the break.

"We got off to a rough start," Coleman said, "but as the game got going, we got more comfortable and shots started to fall in our favor."

Texas Tech extended its lead to 12 early in the second half before Young heated up.

The sophomore guard, who averaged 5.2 points coming in, buried a pair of 3-pointers a minute apart to start his onslaught. He added two more 3s in succession a few minutes later, getting fouled on the second and making the free throw to pull the Longhorns within 53-39 with 10:58 to go.

By that point Young had shattered his career high of 14 points, set coincidentally against the Red Raiders last year and matched against Kansas just last month.

"My teammates pushing me to be who I am and do what I do," he said. "Being a fighter."

Texas was still fighting down the stretch, getting within 70-65 after Dylan Osetkowski's basket with just under a minute to play. But when they got the ball back off a turnover, Young missed his open layup, and that allowed the Red Raiders to put the game away from the foul line.

BIG PICTURE

Texas felt good about its NCAA Tournament hopes after knocking off the Cyclones, but a win over the Red Raiders would have gone a long way toward making Sunday just a little bit more comfortable.

Texas Tech led the regular-season conference race until the final weeks, when Kansas caught up and passed the Red Raiders. They're one step closer to a potential showdown with the Jayhawks in the title game after Kansas advanced to a semifinal against Kansas State.

Hazzard's jumper lifts UC Irvine over Hawaii 68-67

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Evan Leonard scored 24 points, Max Hazzard added 15, including the game-winning jumper with seven seconds left, and UC Irvine rallied to beat Hawaii in Thursday night's Big West Conference Tournament quarterfinal.

The third-seeded Anteaters advance to a Friday semifinal.

Hawaii extended its 29-26 halftime lead to 45-36 on Leland Green's 3 early in the second half. The Anteaters closed to 47-44 on Leonard's 3-point play, but Gibson Johnson scored four straight points and the Rainbow Warriors led by 10 on Michael Thomas' dunk with

4:08 to go. Eyassu Worku's layup sparked a 14-2 run and the Anteaters led 66-64 on his free throw with 37 seconds left.

Johnson's 3-point play put Hawaii up 67-66, but Hazzard hit his jumper on the next possession and Brocke Stepteau's jumper at the buzzer missed.

Worku scored 18 points for UC Irvine (17-16), which notched its third straight win against Hawaii in tournament play.

Johnson scored 23 points and Thomas had 14 for the sixth-seeded Rainbow Warriors (17-13).



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Russell Westbrook, Thunder rout Suns 115-87



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George (13) is fouled by Phoenix Suns guard Josh Jackson, left, as he shoots during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Thursday, March 8, 2018.

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A week after Russell Westbrook’s late-game play ended Oklahoma City’s losing streak to Phoenix, the reigning MVP keyed another victory over the Suns.

Westbrook had 27 points, eight rebounds and nine assists in the Thunder’s 115-87 rout Thursday night.

“He set the table for everybody tonight,” Thunder coach Billy Donovan said. “He did a really, really great job of playing downhill, getting guys shots. He was terrific. His leadership, his communication out there in timeouts, in huddles, that’s what we need from him. Because when he does do all that — and it’s a lot on his plate — it just takes our team to a different level.

“I thought tonight he just totally controlled the game.”

Paul George added 21 points, Corey Brewer had 17, Steven Adams 16, and Carmelo Anthony 11. Brewer, who made his Thunder debut two games ago, replaced Josh Huestis in the starting lineup and responded with a 6-for-11 performance from the floor.

“I feel more comfortable,” Brewer said. “I’m learning the system and each day is getting easier. For me I know how to fit. I’ve been in the league so long I know how to fit.”

Brewer’s addition to the lineup added an energy and defensive presence that the Thunder have been searching for in Andre Roberson’s absence.

In the second quarter, Westbrook hit Brewer with a no-look pass as Brewer cut to the basket for a layup, showcasing Brewer’s energy and ability to move on the court.

“I feel comfortable with Corey shooting the ball out of the corner, and he’s also a good cutter. He can tell when his guy maybe falls asleep or is focusing in on some different actions and can back-cut.”

On the other end of the floor, the Thunder limited the Suns to 33.7 percent from the field and 24.3 percent from 3-point range.

“We did a good job of just being aggressive and making them shoot tough shots,” Westbrook said. “Using our size on them and defending at a high rate.”

Devin Booker, wearing a headband for the first time in his three-year NBA career, had 30 points for Phoenix. He had 39 last week in Arizona in a loss to the Thunder.

The Suns built an early first-quarter lead, jumping to a 14-8 lead by the first media timeout behind five quick points from Booker and four from Josh Jackson.

But the Thunder erased the deficit by the end of the first quarter behind a dominant post presence. Led by Adams’ eight first-quarter points, the Thunder outscored the Suns 14-2 in the paint in the frame.

Oklahoma City led 49-38 at halftime, shooting 46.3 percent from the floor and limiting the Suns to just 27.9 percent. Westbrook had a 7-0 run of his own in third to push the lead to 22 points.

TIP-INS

Thunder: Improved to 1-2 with Brewer in the lineup. ... Terrance Ferguson left late in the third quarter after a collision with Adams. Ferguson, who scored two points, is in the concussion protocol.

Suns: Lost their fourth game in a row. They haven’t won in

March. ... T.J. Warren missed the game because of back spasms. Josh Jackson started in his place, scoring six points.

COLLISION TIME

With the Thunder up by double-digits in the fourth quarter, Thunder forward Nick Collison made his 11th appearance of the season. He played four minutes and received a thunderous applause when he dunked the ball.

“It’s still fun to play,” Collison said. “The juices are still flowing a little bit when you get out there. It was a good four and a half minutes or whatever it was.”

STAT LINE

While all of the Thunder starters finished in double figures, the bench only contributed 23 points. At halftime, the only points scored off the bench came from a 3-pointer by Raymond Felton.

UP NEXT

Suns: At Charlotte on Saturday.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

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No. 14 West Virginia beat Baylor 78-65 in Big 12 tourney

By DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Esa Ahmad had 21 points, Daxter Miles Jr. added 19 and No. 18 West Virginia cruised to a 78-65 victory over Baylor on Thursday night to advance to the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament.

Jevon Carter also had 18 points and 11 assists for the third-seeded Mountaineers (23-9), who swept the Bears (18-14) during the regular season and have won six of the last seven in the series.

West Virginia will play No. 14 Texas Tech, the tournament's second seed, on Friday night for a spot in the championship game. The Mountaineers have been to the last two finals, but still have not won a conference tournament since capturing the Big East crown in 2010.

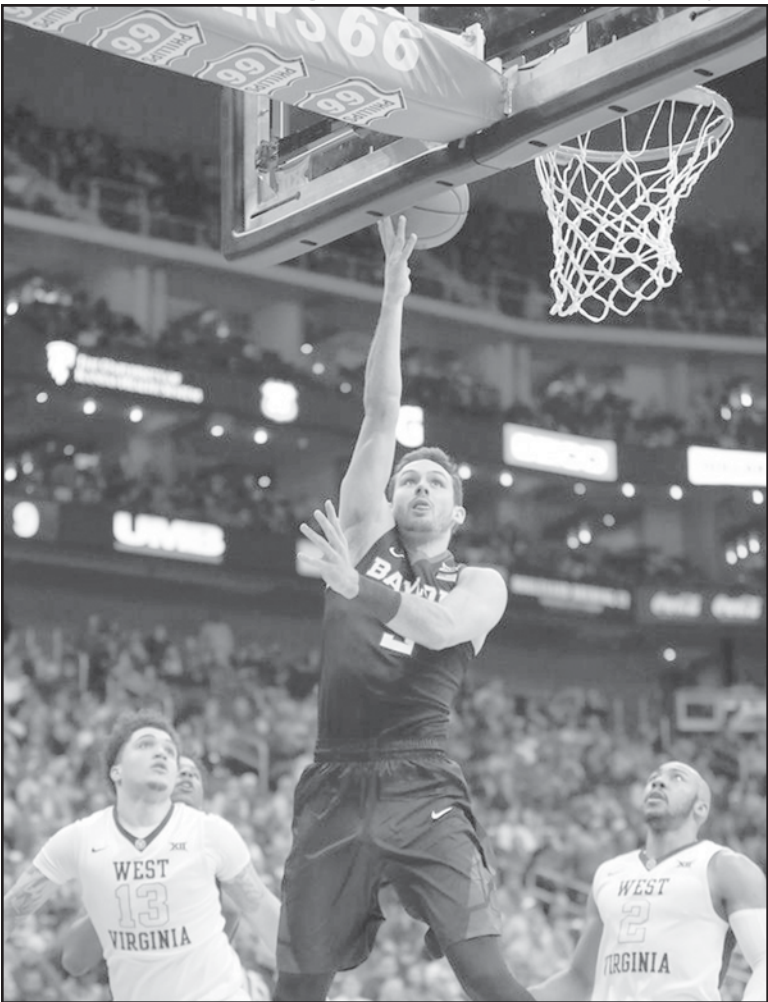
Manu Lecomte led the No. 6 seed Bears with 27 points, but he didn't get much help from a lineup that had a miserable night dealing with West Virginia's stingy defense. Baylor shot 42 percent from the field but just 6 of 20 from beyond the arc, and committed a ghastly 22 turnovers.

Nuni Omot and King McClure combined for 12 of them.

The Bears actually controlled the tempo much of the first half, relying on their zone defense to keep West Virginia from running. They led 18-9 with 8 1/2 minutes left, and still led when Jake Lindsey made a pair of free throws as the 5-minute mark slipped by.

Press Virginia was starting to get cranked up, though.

The Mountaineers began forcing turnovers with their frenetic full-court press, and that keyed a 16-2 run that gave them the lead. And when Tristan Clark scored just before the break, Carter answered with a



Baylor's Jake Lindsey (3) puts up a shot during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against West Virginia in the Big 12 men's tournament Thursday, March 8, 2018, in Kansas City, Mo.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

half-court heave that hit nothing but net for a 29-23 advantage.

Baylor scored the first couple baskets of the second half, but Ahmad scored inside and Miles hit three 3-pointers in the span of a minute to get the Mountaineers back on track.

The rest of the game amounted to a sloppy foul-fest, neither team ever able to get into much of a rhythm. As usual, that played to the advantage of the poised and veteran Mountaineers, who have earned a reputation for an uncanny ability to make the ugliest of games turn out the sweetest of ways.

BIG PICTURE

Baylor was trying to reach

19 wins for the sixth straight season. Instead, a lopsided loss means the Bears' chances of making a fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance appear in jeopardy.

West Virginia and Texas Tech tied for second place in the league race, and the teams split in the regular season. But the Mountaineers should feel confident after getting the better of the Red Raiders the last time they played, an 84-74 victory in Morgantown late last month.

UP NEXT

Baylor sweats until Selection Sunday.

West Virginia gets ready for the Red Raiders.

Whiteside, Wade carry Heat past 76ers, 108-99

By TIM REYNOLDS, AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Hassan Whiteside walked off the court thrilled. Joel Embiid walked off vowing to remember.

Whiteside scored 26 points, Dwyane Wade added 16 and the Miami Heat moved a step closer to the playoffs by beating the Philadelphia 76ers 108-99 on Thursday night. The Heat stayed No. 7 in the Eastern Conference, moving within a game of No. 6 Philadelphia.

"We weren't about to lose this one," Whiteside said.

The Heat and 76ers split four games this season, Miami outscoring Philadelphia 409-407. Josh Richardson scored 13 points, Tyler Johnson had

12 and Kelly Olynyk added 10 for Miami, which moved 5 1/2 games clear of ninth-place Detroit in the East race.

The Heat outplayed the 76ers when it mattered most, outscoring them 35-25 in the fourth quarter and shooting 13 for 18 to Philadelphia's 7 for 22.

"This team understands," Wade said. "I haven't been here for all of them, but this team has been in 40-something close games. This team knows what needs to be done. It's great when you have multiple guys late in games that you can go to."

While the finish wasn't to Philadelphia's liking, it was a third-quarter moment — a play where Whiteside and Embiid

tangled briefly, with the Heat center appearing to give the All-Star a shove in the back — that had the 76ers' attention after the game.

"He tried to hit me in the back, which is kind of dirty because of the fact that I've had back problems," Embiid said of Whiteside, who he's battled both on the court and on Twitter after past meetings. "We're going to see about that. I won't forget about that. ... He hits pretty soft, so I didn't feel anything. But just the action of him trying to like do that, I think it's pretty messed up."

Dario Saric had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the 76ers, who got 19 points from JJ Redick, 17

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Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid (21) drives as Miami Heat's Bam Adebayo, left, defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, March 8, 2018, in Miami.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Toledo survives scare, advances past Miami into MAC semis

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jaelan Sanford scored 21 points, Luke Knapke added 16 and Toledo advanced to the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference Tournament by edging Miami (Ohio) 71-69 on Thursday night.

The Rockets (22-10) moved on only after Miami freshman guard Nike Sibande missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer in the final second.

The win could have been costly for No. 2 seed Toledo as Tre'Shaun Fletcher, the MAC's player of the year, limped off the floor favoring his left leg. Fletcher finished with 16 points and nine rebounds.

He'll have little time to get ready for Friday's semifinals, where Toledo will play No. 3 seed Eastern Michigan (21-11) in the second game. Top-seeded Buffalo plays defending champion Kent State in the other semifinal.

Toledo appeared on its way to an easy win, opening a 63-51 lead. However, Miami wouldn't go away and Sibande made a pair of 3s in 10 seconds to pull the RedHawks (16-17) within 70-69.

Sanford, who shot a league-best 89 percent from the line during the regular season, then split a pair of free throws to give Miami one last chance.

Sibande had a decent look from the top of the key, but his shot was just long, allowing the Rockets to escape.

The smooth Sibande led Miami with 20 points and Darrian Ringo had 19.

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student athletes with scholarship opportunities to attend college through sports and receive a free education.

But although he loved what he was doing in American Samoa, Keiki and his wife Tufi Malauuli wanted to give their kids access to opportunities they never had. And that's why they decided to move to Hawai'i, where Keiki coached at Farrington High School for two years while his kids participated in youth sports.

Not long after that, the Misi-peka family relocated again — this time, to Las Vegas, where Keiki coached at Silverado High School under NFL legend Randall Cunningham.

Although he was gone from the Rock, Keiki continued to help the local youth, who were always on his mind.

As part of the non-profit Pasefika International Sports Alliance, he coordinated with PISA academic advisor Rachel Jennings — who was based in American Samoa — the Faa Amerika tour, through which student athletes from American Samoa, Hawai'i, and Las Vegas were able to take part in summer camps and visit universities across the country.

"This was a great experience and opportunity for the kids," Keiki told Samoa News earlier this week. "We shared with the athletes that being on the Faa Amerika tour was something bigger than themselves. They represented all of the athletes from back home who couldn't make the trip, in how they carried themselves, and how they competed and showcased their talent."

He continued, "If they did well during the camps, college coaches would fly home to visit them and also evaluate their brothers and sisters who didn't make the trip."

In 2016, Keiki received his first college coaching opportunity from head coach Jeff Sims at Garden City Community College in Garden City, Kansas. There, Keiki served as the running back coach and international recruiter. And in just two years, he made his presence known, winning a NJCAA 2016 championship, two conference championships, and two bowl game appearances.

Additionally, he recruited over 20 Polynesian athletes from American Samoa, Hawai'i, Australia and parts of the US, including others from Canada, Great Britain, and the Netherlands.

Keiki knows he is blessed and he's truly grateful for the opportunities he's been given.

"Good luck to all the coaches back on the Rock," Keiki said. "Not too long ago, we were standing side by side, coaching and preaching to the youth. We were selfless warriors investing and pouring our hearts out for tomorrow's future. A big fa'amalo and thank you for your service."

No matter how far away he is from home, American Samoa is always on Keiki's mind. He knows he wouldn't be the person he is today without his parents, aiga, the Fa'aSamoa, and growing up on the Rock.

His hope is to return home someday to share the knowledge he has gained with the next generation of youth in the territory.

"I want to thank everyone who shaped the person I am today. I want to thank my former boss, head coach Jeff Sims at Garden City Community College for giving me my first opportunity, and I want to thank head coach Rod Milstead of Delaware State University for giving me my first Division I coaching opportunity.

"Lastly, I want to thank my wife, kids, and mom for always supporting me. I wouldn't be in the position I am today without your support. Fa'afetai tele lava everyone, alofa atu, and as always, Samoa Muamua Le Atua," Keiki told Samoa News.



American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-031-2018

Issuance Date: March 7, 2018

Closing Date: April 4, 2018
No later than 2:00p.m. (local time)

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms to provide "Route 104 Hospital Road Reconstruction (Rebid)" for the Department of Public Works.

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), **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

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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.

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Duke forward Marvin Bagley III (35) and guard Grayson Allen (3) react after Allen scored against Notre Dame during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Atlantic Coast Conference men's tournament Thursday, March 8, 2018, in New York. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

Bagley, No. 5 Duke rout Notre Dame 88-70 in ACC tourney

By MIKE FITZPATRICK, AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Marvin Bagley III and No. 5 Duke jumped right over Notre Dame into the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals.

The freshman phenom had 33 points and 17 rebounds, Grayson Allen made his first five 3-pointers and Duke rolled to an 88-70 victory in the tournament quarterfinals Thursday night.

“Bagley was just ... the first pick in the draft,” Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. “He’s a can’t-miss star.”

Allen finished with 23 points and the second-seeded Blue Devils (26-6) advanced to play archrival North Carolina in the second semifinal Friday night. The 12th-ranked and sixth-seeded Tar Heels eliminated No. 3 seed Miami, 82-65.

Duke, the defending champion after beating Notre Dame in the title game last year, earned its 100th ACC Tournament victory.

“We’re on a roll,” Bagley said. “I definitely think we’re getting better.”

Bonzie Colson had 18 points and nine rebounds for the 10th-seeded Fighting Irish (20-14), unable to score the marquee victory over a top team that would have been a huge boost to their NCAA Tournament resume.

Injuries to Colson and senior guard Matt Farrell derailed Notre Dame in the middle of the season, and now the Irish have to hope the selection committee focuses on how good they can be when healthy.

“I’m definitely going to go to church on Sunday morning,” Farrell said.

The undersized Fighting Irish had no answer for Bagley’s athleticism and rare leaping ability in the lane at 6-foot-11. The ACC Player of the Year shot 15 for 23 and came within one point of his career high set against Texas in late November. It was his fourth game with at least 30 points and 15 rebounds.

“He’s one of the toughest players I’ve ever gone against. He’s really explosive,” Colson said. “He deserved all the honors he got this year.”

Trevon Duval dished out 11 assists for the Blue Devils, who overcame foul trouble for big man Wendell Carter Jr. that limited him to four points in 17 minutes. When the Irish lost 88-66 at Duke in late January during a seven-game skid, Colson and Farrell were both out. So they had good reason to believe this matchup could be much different.

The game began at a blistering pace, with both teams zooming up and down the court. They combined to go 8 for 13 on 3-pointers and Duke already had a 25-17 lead before the first timeout 7:18 in. Allen was 4 for

4 from outside the arc at that point, hitting three straight 3s before Brey called a timeout.

With the Irish playing their third game in three days, this one against a rested Duke squad that had been off since beating rival North Carolina on Saturday night, the fast start seemed to favor the Blue Devils as they built a 13-point advantage midway through the first half.

“We started pushing the ball early and got some good looks,” Allen said.

But the Irish trimmed it to 41-37 at halftime — despite Allen’s 17 points — and quickly got within two 40 seconds into the second.

That’s when Duke took control as Bagley and Duval combined for 10 points in a 12-2 spurt that gave the Blue Devils a 53-41 cushion.

Duke extended it to 80-62 with 4:30 remaining, and there would be no big rally for the Fighting Irish this time. Notre Dame won its first two games in the tournament, erasing a 21-point deficit in the second half Wednesday night against Virginia Tech for the biggest comeback in school history.

BATTLE FOR BROOKLYN

Duke is 7-0 at Barclays Center, including last year’s unprecedented four-game run to win the first ACC Tournament held in Brooklyn. Notre Dame dropped to 9-3 at Barclays.

BIG PICTURE

Notre Dame: Hard to know how the committee will evaluate a team that went 14-5 with Colson and 6-9 without him. Farrell also missed several games during Colson’s absence with an injured ankle. Brey said Wednesday he has a top-20 team with his stars healthy and it deserves a spot in the field of 68.

“I hope they get in. I think they can beat anybody,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “Mike has that team together all year, forget it.”

Notre Dame opened 13-3 and was ranked No. 5 in the country in late November after beating then-No. 6 Wichita State to win the Maui Invitational. Now, the Irish must hope they did enough with Colson and Farrell in the lineup to impress the committee. If not, Notre Dame could be a favorite to win the NIT.

“Our guys emptied the tank,” Brey said. “No matter what happens, we’ll be accepting and proud.”

Duke: With a chance to earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAAs, the Blue Devils are looking for their second consecutive ACC Tournament championship. They already have a record 20. ... Duke improved to 100-44 in the ACC Tournament, including 62-22 with 14 championships in 38 appearances under Coach K.



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Aloaia le faia Tuuga Fautasi mo le fu'a o lenei tausaga

tusia Ausage Fausia

Ua aloaia nei le fa'aiuga a le Komiti o le Fu'a o lenei tausaga, o le a fa'ataunu'uina o le Tuuga Fautasi i le fa'amanatuina o le 118 tausaga o le fu'a a le atunu'u i le aso 17 Aperila, 2018.

E ui i le tau nenefu laititi o le tulaga na taoto ai lenei mataupu i finagalo o ni isi o Kapeteni o Fautasi i le atunu'u, ae o le fonotaga sa faia i le vaiaso nei i le va o le Komiti o le Fu'a ma ali'i vaa i le potu fono a le Ofisa o Mataupu Tau Samoa, na aloaia ai loa le fa'aiuga i le fa'ataunu'uina lea o le tuuga fautasi mo lenei tausaga.

E ui fo'i sa i ai ni isi o afioaga sa fa'aalia e o latou sui sa auai i le ulua'i fonotaga, le le mauntonu lea pe tausinio a latou Sa i lenei tausaga, peita'i o le fonotaga i le vaiaso nei na manino ai loa, o le a tausinio uma Sa i totonu o le atunu'u i le tuuga o lenei tausaga, se'i vagana ai Sa e lua mai le afioaga o Nuuuli, le Manulele Tausala 1 & 2, e le o mautu mai pea se faaiuga i le taimi nei e pei ona saunoa le afioaga i le Maopu ia Soliai T. Fuimaono.

Ae mo isi afioaga uma e aofia ai ma le afioaga i Fagasa, ua mae'a ona fono afioaga ma ua tasi le faafitiga o aleaga, o le a tausinio uma a latou Sa i le tuugao lenei tausaga.

O le mafua'aga e pei ona faia ai le fautuaga ina ia taofi tuuga fautasi mo le fu'a o lenei tausaga, o le agaga lea o le Komiti o le Fu'a e galulue fa'atasi ma le malo e ala i le tau-mafai e fa'asao tupe a le malo, ae ave le fa'amuamua e fesoasoani ai i aiga na pagatia i le 'afa o Gita e pei ona aafia ai le atunuu i le masina na te'a nei.

O le afioaga i le Maoputasi ia Mauga Tasi Asuega, o ia lea o le isi taitai o le Komiti o le Fu'a na taitaia uma fonotaga e lua sa faia ma ali'i vaa.

I le ulua'i fonotaga i le vaiaso na te'a nei, na saunoa ai Mauga e fa'apea, e le o se tulaga lelei le pagatia o aiga o le atunuu ona o le afatia o maota ma laoa, ae silasila mai o loo tau-mafai pea Ta'ita'i o le atunuu e fa'aalu tupe i isi fuafuaga ae fa'atuatuaana'i le ofo muamua atu o le fesoasoani mo i latou.

I le talitonuga o le afioaga i le Maoputasi, e tatau ona ave le fa'amuamua a le malo i le fesoasoani lea i tagata pagatia, e aofia ai ma le fa'asao o tupe mai le soona fa'aalu, ina ia silasila mai fo'i le malo Feterale ma latou molimauina ai, o loo naunau le malo e ave le fa'amuamua i ona tagatanu'u.

Saunoa atili Mauga i le ulua'i fonotaga e fa'apea, ua mae'a fo'i ona faia le faaiuga a le Komiti ina ia taofia le taami-

losaga o Kirikiti Faasamoa.

I le tulaga o fa'afiafiaga o le fu'a e aofia ai pese ma siva faaleaganu'u, o loo fa'auau pea tulaga ia i le polokalame o le fu'a o lenei tausaga.

E 4 au fa'afiafia ua lautogia e fa'afiafia i le fu'a o lenei tausaga, e 3 mai Amerika Samoa nei ma le valaaulia e tasi mai Samoa. O valaaulia mai Amerika Samoa nei e aofia ai aoga e 3 e pei o Fagaitua, Faasao Malisi, ma le Kolisi Tuufaataasi.

I se tusi sa tuuina atu e le Taitai o le ofisa a le Kovana i Faatonusili ma Faauluuluga uma o Ofisa ma Matagaluega (Faauau itulau 11)



O se va'aiga fo'i i totonu o le Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium ua mae'a nofoia le fanau a'oga tulaga muamua ua mae'a filifilia mai latou a'oga mo le tauvaga Essay - Tusiga Tala i le Gagana Peretania. E le'i maua mai i'uga o nei tauvaga uma.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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IOE AFA FUIMAONO I LE MOLIAGA O LE FAAOOLIMA

O le aso 4 Me lea ua faatulaga e tuu atu ai le faasalaga a le fa’amasinoga maualuga fa’asaga i le susuga a Afa Fuimaono, i le mae’a ai lea ona ta’usala o ia i le moliaga mamafa o le faaoolima i le tulaga lua.

Na ulua’i tuuaia e le malo ia Fuimaono i le moliaga pito mamafa o le faaoolima i le tulaga muamua, le moliaga e mafai ona faasala ai o ia i le toese mo le olaga atoa, poo le faasalaga faa falepuipui e oo atu i le 30 tausaga le umi.

Ae i lalo o se malilie na sainia e Fuimaono ma le malo ma talia e le fa’amasinoga maualuga, na malie ai le ua molia e tali ioe i le moliaga ua toe teuteu e le malo, le solitulafono o le faaoolima i le tulaga lua, lea e mafai ona fa’asala ai o ia i le toese mo le umi e le silia i le 5 tausaga, pe faasala i le salatupe e le silia i le \$5,000.

I le tali ioe ai o Fuimaono i le moliaga e pei ona ta’usala ai o ia e le fa’amasinoga na ia ta’utino ai e fa’apea, i se taimi o le aso 22 Tesema 2017 i lona ma’umaga i Mapusaga Fou, sa ia faaoo ai manu’a tuga i le tino o le alii o Elisara Paselio, e ala i lona fa’aaoga o se agaese e faaoo ai manu’a ia te ia.

O se feeseeseaiga i le fanua i le va o le ua molia ma le ali’i na a’afia, na mafua ai ona tula’i mai lenei fa’alavelave, e pei ona fa’aalia e Fuimaono i luma o le fa’amasinoga.

O lo o taofia pea Fuimaono i le toese e fa’atali ai le aso lea ua fa’atulaga e lau ai lana fa’asalaga.

Ua malilie itu e lua e talosaga i le fa’amasinoga mo se fa’asalaga mama mo Fuimaono, peita’i ua malamalama le ua molia, tusa lava pe finau loa

i le fa’amasinoga mo se fa’asalaga mama mo ia, e le mafai ona toe suia lana tali ioe ua tuuina atu i le fa’amasinoga, pe afai e tuuina mai se faaiuga a le fa’amasinoga ae le tusa ai ma lona mana’o.

METHODIST KUKA MIKA

O le aso 20 Aperila o le tausaga nei lea ua fa’atulaga e lau ai le fa’asalaga a le ali’i o Methodist Kuka Mika i luma o le Fa’amasinoga Maualuga, i le mae’a ai lea ona ta’usala o ia i le moliaga mamafa o lona umia fa’asolitulafono o vaega o le laau fa’asaina o le mariuana.

I le tali ioe ai o Mika i le moliaga e pei ona ta’usala ai o ia e le Fa’amasinoga, i lalo o se malilie na latou sainia ma le malo, sa ia ta’utino ai e fa’apea, i se taimi o le aso 31 Tesema 2017 i Amerika Samoa, sa ia umia fa’asolitulafono ai se vaega o le laau fa’asaina o le mariuana.

Na ta’utino atili Mika sa maua e Leoleo ia te ia se paipa o loo i ai vaega o le mariuana, ina ua sailia e Leoleo o ia i le po na tula’i mai ai le fa’alavelave.

E le o le taimi muamua lenei ua molia ai e le malo ia Mika i le moliaga o le umia faasolitulafono o mariuana.

O le tausaga na te’a nei na molia ai fo’i o ia e le malo, e mafua mai i le fa’alavelave lea na maua ai ni mariuana ia te ia, ina ua taofi e Leoleo se ta’avale sa tietie ai i le aso 12 Setema 2017 ona o le leotele o le mafa.

E ui sa maua i le tino o Mika vaega o fualaa fa’asaina, peita’i na solofua e le afioga i le ali’i fa’amasino ia Fiti Sunia le tagi a le malo fa’asaga ia te ia i le taimi o lana ulua’i iloilogia, ina ua talitonu le Fa’amasinoga, e le tusa ma le tulafono le auala na fa’aaoga e Leoleo e saili ai le tino o Mika i le aso na fesiligia ai o ia.



O nisi o tina lalelei ma le tausā’afia o le afio’aga o Fagatogo, ua o mai uma e molimau i le aso ua tata aloa’ia ai le malumalu CCJS i Fagatogo, Tinousi ma Leala Elisara.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O le taimi ua to’ai taunu’u le savaliga a le fanau fa’apitoa a le Special Education ma ua amata fo’i ona tu’ufa’atasia ‘au ta’ālo.

[ata: foa’i Etenauga]





tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

ASO FA'APITOA MO
TAMA'ITA'I - TOE FAFAGU
TIUTE FAI

I Amerika Samoa e le o fa'aailoga fa'alaua'itele ai le Aso Fa'apitoa mo Tama'ita'i o i le atunu'u, peita'i o le fa'asalalauga faalaua'itele a le sui o Amerika Samoa i le Konekersi, Aumua Amata, o tu'uina mai ai se fa'amalo, o le fa'afetai ae maise o le tima'i mo le lumana'i i le vasega o tama'ita'i uma o le atunu'u, afua mai tina matutua, se'ia o'o i tama'ita'i Samoa o le tupu-laga talavou o lo'o fa'amoemoe i matua i lo latou tausiga, va'ava'aiga ma le a'oa'iga, "Ina ia tula'i mai, fai lau vaega, fa'amoemoe i le Atua e alofagia ou faiva e fa'asaga i ai i lea aso ma lea aso, ma ia finau mo so tatou 'ai manuia mai le Atua i le lumana'i o tatou galuega uma o fa'atino."

Fa'afetai lea i le sao o le tatou tina i le foemua o Upufaiomalo, aua e moni o le fa'atina o le atunu'u o lo'o faia le faiva o le Fautua i le fa'auluuluga o le tatou Malo, Cynthia Malala Moliga, fa'afetai mo lou sao ma ou tiute e faia pea, aua o iina e mafai ona fetu'una'i ai e le fa'aao o le tatou faigamalo, ana fa'ai'uga. Ioe o lau fautua lava!

Tina uma fo'i o fai le faiva o le itu fa'aleagaga o le atunu'u, Faletua o Fa'afeagaiga uma i le atunu'u i so'o se fata faitau-laga, fa'afetai i latou fautua i Tama o le atunu'u, lo outou faiva o le nono manu i le Atua i se manuia mo le tatou Malo ma ona tagata lautele, ae maise o la outou a'oa'o o le fanau ia malolosi i le amiotonu a le Atua ma o latou ola fa'aleagaga, fa'afetai i o outou faiva. E tauia e le Atua galuega uma e faia i lona suafa.

Tina faigaluega ma tausaili manuia o le tino mo latou aiga, tina nofo ma tausia ia mautu le fatuaiga tausi i o tatou aiga uma, tina faia'oga ma foma'i o outou e gase atu i ai malolo i tulaga o le soifua maloloina lelei o tatou tagata, fa'afetai le fai o galuega e tau i le fatu o lo tatou olaola lelei i aso ta'itasi. Fa'afetai mo la outou pito la'au tausi ma fa'afailele i le soifua ma'ale'ale o le atunu'u.

Tina o lo'o o i ai ni mana'oga fa'apitoa i o outou aiga, e le galo outou i talotaloga e masi'i i le Atua mo se manuia fa'asoa mo outou, aua ne'i galo o lo'o silasila le Atua ia i tatou uma, ae aua lava ne'i outou si'ilima

i fa'afitauli, tatalo e le vale lou tau, a e tumau i le talitonu ma le fa'atuatua, e maua ma sili atu ou manuia.

"O oe o se ma'ataua i fofoga o lou Atua, e i ai lou sao i le tatou nei soifuaga fa'atasi ma oe, e tele mea lelei e maua i lo tatou taumafai fa'atasi e ola i le amiotonu, ma taumafai le mea sili ua gafatia ona faia i lea aso ma lea aso. O oe o le pele a ou matua!"

Outou tina o tausi fanau, ia outou iloa, o la tatou manulauti ma le tofi moni lea mai le Atua. E fa'afo'i atu e le fanau ia te oe manuia uma e te le o sailia, o ala na o manuia o natia mai o tatou fofoga i le taimi nei.

TUSI FA'ATATAU I FANUA I
AMERIKA SAMOA

O se tusi ua fa'atauina nei i luga o laina o feso'ota'iga a le amazon.com ma ua fa'aailoa mai e nisi, ua talafeagai lava lenei tusi "The Pacific Insular Case of American Samoa" ma ituaiga mataupu o lo'o ua lavelave nei i mafaufau o le to'atele o aiga, ona o fanua e pulea e matai, ae ua fa'asolo ina mafai ona fa'atauina ma ave ma elelele tumaoti mo nisi tagata taito'atasi ma isi fo'i o tagata fai mai i totonu o le atunu'u.

O le tama'ita'i na tusia lenei tusi o Dr Line-Noue Memea Kruse, o se tasi sa ave ma Teritorial Planner a le Matagaluega o Fefa'ataua'iga a le malo, ona toe ave lea ma Faia'oga o le National University of Samoa i Apia, Samoa.

I lea tusi o lo'o fa'amatala ai e le tusitala, le matua ese lava o le feagaiga a Amerika lea sa aiaia mo Ameika Samoa lava ia. O lea le teritori e ese mai lona lava fa'atulagaga nai lo isi ona teritori uma. O le igoa ua tu'uina aloa'ia mai e "Unincorporated" e le o fa'avasegaina fa'apitoa. E afua lea ituaiga fa'atulagaga ona o elelele mo latou aiaiga o i ai.

O lo'o ua aofia ai fo'i ma se tala'aga o mea uma na tutupu i le vaitau o le senituri 19 ma le senituri 20 ma pulega na suia i ai le soifua o tatou tagata.

O lenei tusi sa lomia lea i Hawaii o lo'o ua faia'oga ai nei le Tusitala ma ua ave ma se sosia lelei e mafai ona ia fa'atautaia ai ana sailiga mautu i ala o tulafono aiaia ai elelele mai na vaitau e o'o mai i le vaitaimi nei.

Ua fa'aailoa mai ai omiga o lagona o aiga ma iuga o nisi o fa'amasinoga tau fanua e

a'afia tele ai fanua o lo'o pulea i pulega fa'amatai mo aiga lautele, ma le taumafaiga fo'i e fa'atau motu ina ua lava le tupe i a'ao o nisi o tagata o aiga, po'o tagata fai mai e manana'o i ni fanua e fa'atunau ai i Amerika Samoa.

Ua fa'aailoa e se tasi fo'i o tina iloga o Samoa, Maria Kerslake, o lenei tusi ua mafai ona fa'aילו ai nisi o mea o lo'o lavelave i fa'aiuga o fanua i totonu o Samoa na lua. Ae maise i fanua sa ave ma fanua o aiga e pulea fa'amatai, ae toe emo ane le ata ua mae'a fa'atau motu e nisi, ae maise o aia tatau a aiga i o latou fanua nei ua fa'atau ese atu fa'apea.

Na mafai fo'i ona fa'aailoa se manatu tusitusia o le afiga le Faipule o Amerika Samoa i le Konekeresi, Aumua Amata, e tusa o lenei tusi, ma "E tatau ona matua fa'afetaia le tama'ita'i tusitala o lenei galuega mae'ae'a sa ia faia mo lana tusi. O lona va'ai toto'a i le tulaga o le fa'amatai i le aga'i atu ina fetai'a'i ma lu'iga i nei vaitau ma lona sousou."

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Tu a'e loa i luga le tama tino lelei, matua fai'ava lava, ma tatala le ofu tino, ae fa'asausau, ma amata ona fai lana fa'aluma. Na i'u ina to'atele na'ua tagata uma na maimoa na auai i taga a le fa'aluma lea na faia.

Pepese ma fa'alue i le fatuga sa usuina to'atele ma ua matagofie ai lagona. O se tala na fa'amatala mai e fa'apea, "E le o le 'au ta'a'alo ma le taumafaiga, a'o le 'au maimoa ma le agaga fa'asoa atu i le au ta'a'alo ina ia fa'amalos i ma tausinio pea se'ia mae'a le tausinioaga."

O le tala mai o le alo o Amerika Samoa lea sa tutula'i, "Shaun Nua", mai Manu'a. Ma, o le segaula o lo'o alaala fo'i i fafo ma tausinio ai, lea ua fa'asoa atu le malos i ona uso i le Manu Samoa e ala i lana siva fa'aluma.

Democrats' Texas rift shows difficulty in retaking Congress

By WILL WEISSERT and LISA MASCARO, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democrats are salivating at the prospect of flipping a wealthy Houston enclave that has been solidly Republican since sending George H.W. Bush to Congress in 1967 — the kind of race they'll have to win for any hope of retaking the House in the November midterms.

But their new opportunities, here and in other states, sometimes have them going after each other instead of the Republicans, and that could spoil their chances. Aside from the normal conflicts of ambition and personality, there's a more significant Democratic rift lingering from the 2016 presidential primary between the party's Bernie Sanders progressive wing and its Hillary Clinton establishment.

The tensions clouding the upcoming runoff between the party's top two candidates in the Houston district — corporate attorney Lizzie Pannill Fletcher and activist Laura Moser — could shadow other House races nationwide. Party leaders believe frustration with President Donald Trump, coupled with a surge of energized female candidates, could spell a banner midterm election season. But with so many Democratic candidates in so many districts, party power brokers may try and tip the scales, sometimes with clumsy results.

In Houston, Moser advanced to the May 22 runoff despite opposition from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. The national campaign group published an opposition research memo calling her "a Washington insider who begrudgingly moved to Texas to run for Congress" and targeted her for once joking that she'd rather have "my teeth pulled out without anesthesia" than live in small-town Texas.

Sanders, whose Our Revolution group endorsed Moser, called the party's attack "appalling."

Such tactics go beyond the 2016 fallout to the kind of negative campaigning that is why "so many people are disgusted with politics," Sanders said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"The party is becoming more progressive," said Sanders, the progressive, and "part of the old establishment who are not enthusiastic about that kind of change" will resist it. He said he understands that, "but I hope that resistance does not come in the form of ugly, negative advertising. It should come in the form of debating the issues."

National Democrats say the problem in Houston isn't that Moser is too liberal. It's that she doesn't match the congressional district where the party has set its sights on picking up the seat that Republican John Culberson has held since 2001. Every seat is important as the Democrats try to win majority control in Washington. Even though Moser is a Houston native, they worry her time in Washington and flip comment about Texas will become ready-made ads against her in a general election, and could make her unelectable. They don't want to miss their chance in a district that re-elected a Republican to Congress yet voted for Clinton over Trump in 2016 — one of 23 nationwide to do so.

Meredith Kelly, a spokeswoman for the DCCC, said the organization "has long recognized and appreciated the unprecedented influence that the grassroots have in these races. As we've indicated all cycle, the DCCC is keeping all options on the table to work with our allies and ensure that there's a competitive Democrat on the ballot for voters to elect in November."

But the move drew the ire of another wing of the same national party. Democratic National Chairman Tom Perez criticized the DCCC, pointing to lingering resentments against party leaders from Sanders' supporters still angry over the 2016 nominating process.

"When voters, whether it's Texas or elsewhere, perceive that someone from Washington, from the outside is trying to put their thumb on the scale, they don't take kindly to that," Perez said.

Still, he said he has no problem with House or Senate Democrats' campaign committees choosing favorites, adding that they should involve only "the high road" of boosting a preferred candidate. Progressive groups point to more intraparty showdowns to come, including in Illinois, where moderate Democratic Rep. Daniel Lipinski, who is backed by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, faces a primary challenge from Our Revolution-endorsed Marie Newman in a safely Democratic district.

Other daunting races will be in California, particularly for two seats now held by Republicans that are coming open in Southern California districts where Clinton won. There are so many Democratic hopefuls that the party might have to choose front-runners to make sure one of them makes the general election.

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USC knocks off Oregon State 61-48 in Pac-12 quarterfinals



Oregon State's Drew Eubanks, left, defends against Southern California's Jordan Usher during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 men's tournament Thursday, March 8, 2018, in Las Vegas.

(AP Photo/Isaac Brekken)

By JOHN MARSHALL, AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Chimezie Metu had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Southern California smothered Oregon State defensively to beat the Beavers 61-48 in the Pac-12 Tournament quarterfinals on Thursday night. Second-seeded USC (22-10)

jumped on Oregon State early and hounded the Beavers all night, holding them to 31-percent shooting. Jordan McLaughlin had 13 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Trojans, who move on to face the Oregon-Utah winner in Friday's semifinals.

Oregon State (16-16) played a tough game in the opening round and was no match for USC's early energy. Stephen Thompson Jr. scored 12 points for the Beavers, who shot 5 of 20 from the 3-point arc. USC played its way to the edge of the NCAA Tournament bubble with four straight wins, but a season-ending loss to rival UCLA made its margin for error slimmer. A loss to Oregon State, the Pac-12's No. 10 seed, would make it narrower still. The Trojans swept the regular-season series, winning by seven in Corvallis and 13 at home. The Beavers reached the quarterfinals by spoiling Washington's NCAA Tournament hopes and were hoping to do the same against USC. USC got off to a fast start, hitting six of its first eight shots to go up 16-5. The Beavers chipped the lead down to four, but struggled to find room for good looks against the Trojans' physical defense. USC held Oregon State to 8-of-28 shooting to lead 29-19 at halftime. Oregon State cut the lead to 41-35 midway through the second half, but USC scored the next nine points to go up 50-35.

BIG PICTURE

Oregon State had trouble establishing anything or anyone against USC's defense to drop out of the bracket. USC had a rough night from the perimeter — 4 for 16 from 3 — but made up for it with a 34-14 scoring advantage in the paint to reach the semifinals.

UP NEXT

Oregon State is holding out hope of playing in a smaller postseason tournament. USC faces the Oregon-Utah winner in the semifinals Friday.

Wideman put back late leads Butler over Seton Hall, 75-74



Seton Hall's Khadeen Carrington (0) celebrates with guard Myles Powell (13) after Powell scored during the first half of the team's NCAA college basketball game against Butler in the Big East men's tournament quarterfinals in New York, Thursday, March 8, 2018.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

By TOM CANAVAN, AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tyler Wideman scored on a putback with :04 to play and sixth-seeded Butler stunned third-seeded Seton Hall 75-74 in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament on Thursday night. Kamar Baldwin scored a career-high 32 points to lead the Bulldogs (20-12) to their first victory over Seton Hall (21-11) in three games this season and into a semifinal game against second-seeded Villanova on Friday night at Madison Square Garden. The Wildcats thrashed Marquette 94-70 in a blowout earlier in the evening.

This was Big East basketball at its best, and the end was as exciting as an NCAA Tournament game. Khadeen Carrington had seemingly given the Pirates the game by converting a three-point play with 11 seconds to play for a 74-73 lead. Baldwin, who was spectacular all night making 12 of 20 shots, drove the right side of the lane and seemingly had a layup. The ball rolled off the rim and Wideman, who battled second-half foul problems, put it back home. Seton Hall, which had no time outs, rushed the ball upcourt and Miles Powell missed a 3-pointer with :02 to play. Kelan Martin added 17 points for Butler and Wideman and Sean McDermott finished with 10 apiece. Carrington led Seton Hall with 17 points. Angel Delgado had 13 points and nine rebounds and Ismael Sanogo had all 12 of his points in the first half. The last three minutes were

wild. Butler, which fell behind by 14 early and spent the rest of the game clawing back, getting close and then losing a little ground, didn't tie the game until Baldwin hit a 3-pointer with 3:35 to play to make it 66-all. Delgado and Carrington each hit a free throw to give Seton Hall a 68-66 lead with 2:09 to play, but Baldwin made two free throws of his own to knot the score with 1:39 to go. Henry Baddley gave Butler its first lead since the first half with a fastbreak layup with 1:10 to go, his only basket of the game. However, Powell hit a 3-pointer that seemed to climb the rim and go into the basket for a 71-70 Hall lead with 55 seconds to play. A jumper from the baseline by Baldwin with 35 seconds left gave the Bulldogs a 72-71 edge and Baldwin went back to the foul line with 22 seconds remaining after being fouled following a missed layup by Carrington. He missed the second free throw and Carrington converted a three-point play leaving one Butler assistant coach standing in front of his bench holding his head. A few seconds later the Butler bench erupted when Wideman scored and the team then ran out on the floor after the final buzzer celebrating the school's first win in a Big East tournament game.

Butler: Will face second-seeded Villanova in the second semifinal Friday night. Seton Hall: Will wait for the NCAA selection show on Sunday.

► Whiteside...

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from Embiid and 14 from Marco Belinelli. "We were in the game on the road against a team that's in a similar position as us — fighting for their lives," Redick said. "They're a physical team. They're going to be a tough out in the playoffs." Miami controlled the fourth and led by 11 with 2:01 left, before the 76ers had one last gasp. Redick and Belinelli combined for six points in 37 seconds, getting Philly within 101-96. The drama essentially ended there. Whiteside made two foul shots, and Wade slammed home a lob from Richardson with 50.6 seconds left for a nine-point edge. "He's filling his cup from the fountain of youth," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said about Wade.

TIP-INS

76ers: Robert Covington missed all 10 of his shots. In the last 50 years, only two 76ers have gone 0 for 11 in a game — one of them being Covington, on Dec. 29, 2016. The other was Evan Turner, in 2013. ... Embiid's 5-for-17 night was his second-worst shooting effort of the season. His previous low was a 4-for-16 game against Boston on Oct. 20.

Heat: Miami's one player from Philadelphia — Dion Waiters — missed all four Heat-76ers games this season because of his ankle surgery. Waiters got his cast removed earlier this week. ... Wade is 23-4 in home games against Philadelphia. ... Whiteside made 9 of his 12 shots. ... Wayne Ellington (bruised leg) returned and was 3 for 3 in the fourth quarter from 3-point range.

SWING GAMES

Double-digit leads have meant almost nothing in this Heat-76ers season series. Miami let an early 12-point lead get away Thursday — no big deal compared to the first three matchups. Philadelphia won a game where Miami led by 24, the Heat won a game where they trailed by 13, and the 76ers had to scramble to win a game by six — after wasting most of a 28-point lead.

EASY FINISH

The 76ers have 18 games left, and at least 13 will be against opponents who aren't in the playoff picture. They still face Brooklyn three times, New York and Atlanta twice. And they have only seven road games remaining — zero against teams with winning records.

UP NEXT

76ers: At Brooklyn on Sunday.



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Republican Party OF AMERICAN SAMOA will hold its monthly General meeting on March 20, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Famous Restaurant on March 20th @ 5:30pm. For more info, contact John Raynar @ 258-0693 or Sailitafa Samoa @ 252-8129. [03/20]
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49 Time in office
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- 51 Iceberg kin
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65 Salt Lake City state
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EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Friday, March 9, 2018



Happy Birthday: Before you commit to something that will take up a lot of your time, make sure it's something you truly want to do. You owe it to yourself to go after your dreams and to put a stop to others taking advantage of your generosity and helpful attitude. Put your needs first and don't look back. Your numbers are 3, 8, 14, 20, 28, 36, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make future plans that will give you something to look forward to. A trip, attending a retreat or making personal changes to how you live will drum up greater enthusiasm and the desire to work hard and get ahead. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work on your financial documents. Make sure you have everything up-to-date before you submit your tax return or deal with a financial institution. Put your money where it counts, not in someone else's pocket. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A surprise will help you win someone's favor. Consider making changes to a partnership that you feel has greater potential. Someone from a different background will give you greater insight into how you are perceived by others. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems will mount if you are too open about the way you feel or what you are doing. Someone will take advantage of you or take credit for what you have done. Protect against loss, setbacks and damage to your reputation. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Socialize with friends, colleagues and people you find mentally stimulating. Participating in energetic activities or events will bring about positive changes that will promote better health. Your enthusiasm will add to your popularity. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional matters will be difficult to control. Try to be understanding and look for a solution without arguing. If you are reluctant to compromise, you may end up being left out. Look at all sides of a situation before you disagree. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A pleasure trip, shopping spree or time spent with someone who appreciates you will improve your day. An interesting opportunity will develop if you attend a reunion or get together with an old friend. Romance is highlighted. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work hard and accomplish what's expected of you. You'll feel good about your achievements and enjoy the downtime you've earned. A little pampering will go a long way. Don't let anyone get you riled up when you should be relaxing. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't trust anyone with sensitive information. You'll be disappointed by what someone says about you. Try not to respond negatively. Stay focused on the people and plans that will bring positive results. Romance will improve your personal life. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Problems will mount if you or someone else isn't honest about your feelings or future plans. Question what's going on and make sure that everyone involved is on board before you spend money or make a commitment. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use all the skills you have when looking for new ways to bring in money. Don't disregard what you are capable of doing. A service you can offer will turn into a prosperous enterprise. Explore the possibilities and start small. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to let emotional issues get in the way of your progress. Set your goals and don't stop until you feel satisfied with what you've accomplished. Plan to celebrate with someone who has helped you out. **



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

GRANDDAUGHTER IS BLIND TO SIGNS OF FIANCE'S ABUSIVE POTENTIAL

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter is getting married in seven months and I'm worried for her. I see many red flags she's ignoring. Because I'm old, I don't think she will believe me.

You have printed a list of warning signs of an abusive mate. Can you print it again so I can give it to her? -- PERCEPTIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA

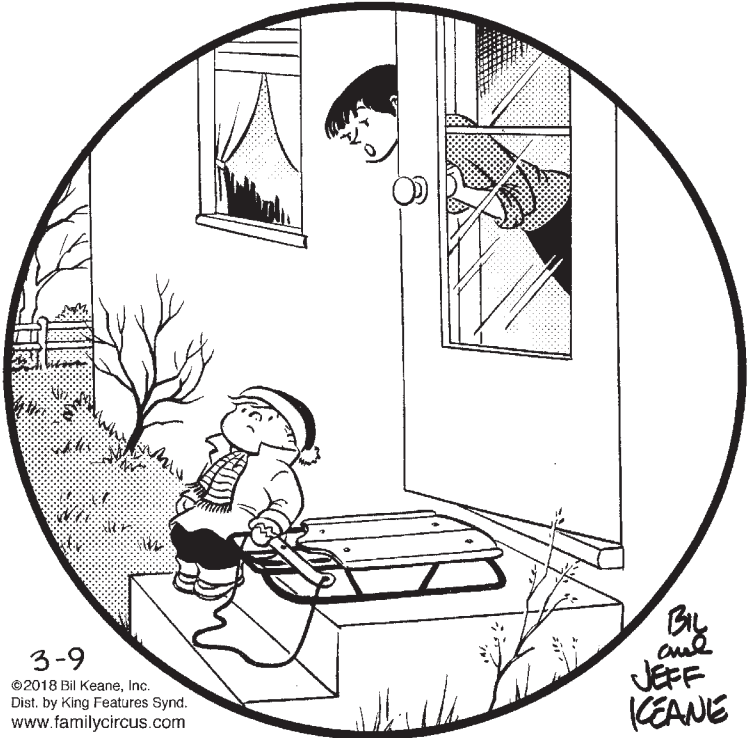
DEAR PERCEPTIVE: GLADLY, BECAUSE IT COULD BE A LIFESAVER.

- (1) **PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT:** Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.
- (2) **JEALOUS:** Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.
- (3) **CONTROLLING:** If you are late, interrogates you intensively about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.
- (4) **UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS:** Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.
- (5) **ISOLATION:** Tries to isolate you from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.
- (6) **BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES:** It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.
- (7) **MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS:** The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."
- (8) **HYPERSENSITIVITY:** Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.
- (9) **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN:** Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partners will also abuse children.
- (10) **"PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX:** Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.
- (11) **VERBAL ABUSE:** Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.
- (12) **RIGID GENDER ROLES:** Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.
- (13) **SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS:** Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.
- (14) **PAST BATTERING:** Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him or her do it.
- (15) **THREATS OF VIOLENCE:** Says things like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

GROWING UP By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"No, sorry, your new sled didn't come with any snow."

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

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RUDU DEER ARE THE TINIEST DEER IN THE WORLD, WEIGHING NO MORE THAN 30 POUNDS!

Submitted By Nate Westbury, Minneapolis, MN.

"CAR MAN!"

ON FEBRUARY 6, 2018, **SPACEX** LAUNCHED ELON MUSK'S PERSONAL **TESLA** INTO ORBIT!

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Calvin & Hobbes ©

by Bill Watterson

THAT'S GREAT, HOBBS! I'M A TIGER!

WELL, BEING A TIGER IS MORE THAN JUST STRIPES, YOU REALIZE.

KIND OF A ZEN THING, HUH?

YOU HAVE TO *THINK* LIKE A TIGER.

"YOWWOW, I'M HUNGRY! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?"

HAR HAR. DO YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU ANYTHING, OR NOT?

... HOW'S THAT?

3-9 WATTERSON

PEANUTS ©

by Charles M. Schultz

POOR CHUCK.. HOW WAS I TO KNOW HE WAS GOING TO FALL FOR ME?

I DON'T KNOW HOW THESE THINGS HAPPEN... MAYBE HE'S ALWAYS LIKED ME AND JUST NEVER REALLY SAID ANYTHING.. I HATE TO MAKE HIM UNHAPPY...

I KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN YOU FALL FOR SOMEONE.. YOU THINK ABOUT THEM ALL THE TIME... POOR CHUCK... I'LL BET HE CAN'T EVEN SLEEP.....

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GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE. SEND THESE, THE TEMPEST-TOSSED, TO ME. I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR.

ICE EXPULSION VAN

SESSIONS

WHAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF - 'THE NEW COLOSSUS' ?

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...i'M ALL FOR LEARNING FROM MY MISTAKES...

...i JUST WISH i DIDN'T KEEP GIVING MYSELF SO MUCH HOMEWORK!

Wilson

Hagar the Horrible ©

by Chris Brown

I GUESS YOUR FRIENDS WILL STILL BE HERE AT DAWN!

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT WILL HAPPEN?

I HEARD YOU BRAGGING ABOUT MY BREAKFAST WAFFLES!

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GARFIELD ©

by Jim Davis

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD PAWS?

IS THERE FOOD IN YOUR PAW?

NO

WELL?

I'M TRYING TO FOLLOW YOUR LOGIC

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Sudoku Pacific

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

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3/9 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Thursday's Puzzle Answer 3/8

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