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The Filipino Community of American Samoa (FCAS) held championship games for its sports league this past Sunday, Jan. 21st and the defending champs, Primo Builders girls volleyball team, emerged victorious once again, giving them back-to-back championship titles.

For the championship, Primo Builders squared off against the Lady Breakers in a grueling five-set match for bragging rights.

[photo: courtesy]

No. 1 Villanova cruises to 89-69 win against Providence

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eric Paschall scored 17 points to lead No. 1 Villanova to an 89-69 victory against Providence on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats (19-1, 6-1 Big East) placed six players in double figures in their sixth straight win. Omari Spellman scored 16 points and Jalen Brunson finished with 15 on 5-for-15 shooting.

Villanova grabbed control with a 22-2 run on its way to a 39-30 halftime lead.

Rodney Bullock led Providence with 16 points. Jalen Lindsey had 14 points, and Kyron Cartwright had 12 points and six assists.

The Friars (14-7, 5-3) dropped to 1-3 against Top 25 teams this season.

NO. 2 VIRGINIA 61, NO. 18 CLEMSON 36

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Devon Hall scored 14 points, Kyle Guy had 12 and Virginia broke open a close game with a 22-2 run in the second half.

The Cavaliers (19-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) (Continued on page B8)

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Georgia guard Juwan Parker (3) knocks the ball out of the hands of Arkansas guard Jaylen Barford (0) in overtime of an NCAA college basketball game in Athens, Ga., Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018.

(Joshua L. Jones/Athens Banner-Herald via AP)

Macon's late 3s power Arkansas past Georgia, 80-77 in 2 OTs

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Daryl Macon wouldn't be stopped by a scoreless first half.

There would still be plenty of time for Macon to make his impact.

Macon overcame his slow start to sink three 3-pointers in the second overtime and score 25 points, lifting Arkansas to an 80-77 win over Georgia on Tuesday night.

"He was great," said Jaylen Barford of Macon. "He told me at one point 'I'm coming.' I was like 'All right, let's get it.' He started hitting a lot of shots. That's a scorer for you."

Barford added 24 points for Arkansas (14-6, 4-4 Southeastern Conference), which rallied after trailing by 16 points in the first half. It was the first road win of the season for the Razorbacks.

Each of Macon's 3s in the second overtime gave Arkansas the lead. He said he was encouraged by coach Mike Anderson to keep shooting.

"One thing coach kept telling me was 'Don't run from the big moment,'" Macon said. "I couldn't run from it. I just had to keep pushing it so I could be there for my team."

Macon sometimes had to shoot over tight defense.

"He has a really good shot," said Georgia's Yante Maten. "We were playing pretty good defense on him. Tight. I know he hit one on me, too. ... Once he got hot, it was hard to stop

him."

The final 3 gave Arkansas a 78-76 lead. After Maten made one of two free throws, Macon padded the lead with two free throws with 1.2 seconds remaining.

Georgia coach Mark Fox said he told his players "in competition ... you have to risk the agony of defeat and tonight we really feel that."

Maten, who led Georgia (12-7, 3-5) with 26 points, had a shot blocked under the basket by Trey Thompson with 2 seconds remaining in the second overtime.

Macon's second 3-pointer of the second overtime gave the Razorbacks a 75-73 lead. William "Turtle" Jackson answered with a go-ahead 3 for Georgia before Macon sank another 3.

Anton Beard's jumper with 28 seconds remaining in regulation gave the Razorbacks a 63-61 lead before two free throws by Jordan Harris forced the first overtime.

Georgia's Nicolas Claxton blocked a shot by Barford to leave the first overtime tied at 69.

Macon made 5 of 10 3s overall.

BIG PICTURE

Arkansas: They had been 0-4 in true road games, including 0-3 in the SEC. Arkansas took gambles on defense and pressured Georgia's ball-handler in attempts to create turnovers. The strategy sometimes left

shooters open, especially early in the first half. ... Daniel Gafford, the 6-foot-11 freshman, was scoreless in 27 minutes.

Georgia: The Bulldogs have damaged their NCAA Tournament hopes by losing four of five, including two straight home conference games against unranked teams — South Carolina and Arkansas. "This game came down to one play at the end and we have to regroup and get focused on the next one," Fox said. The Bulldogs needed a win over Arkansas, with a No. 32 RPI, to boost their NCAA hopes.

SHOWDOWN OF TOP SCORERS

Maten, the SEC scoring leader, won the scoring showdown with Barford, who is third overall and the SEC's top scorer in league games. Barford, who recorded his third straight game with at least 23 points, opened the second half with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

UGLY START

Arkansas shooters struggled early, making only 3 of their first 17 shots as Georgia used a 9-0 run to lead 24-9. Georgia led 29-13 before being outscored 15-4 and making only one shot from the field in the final six minutes of the half.

UP NEXT

Arkansas: Hosts Oklahoma State on Saturday.

Georgia: at Kansas State on Saturday.



A group photo of the Filipino Community of American Samoa's (FCAS) All Star Boys Volleyball Team and Team D'Originals, together with their coaches, following a friendly volleyball game hosted by the FCAS earlier this month. [photo: courtesy]

Rider finishes on 8-0 run, tips Fairfield 90-88

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — Dimencio Vaughn scored 20 points with 13 rebounds and his extra effort underneath the basket paid off with the game-winner Tuesday night as Rider edged Fairfield 90-88 in a wild finish.

Rider (14-7, 7-2 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference), which had fallen behind by six, finished the game on an 8-0 run, scoring the winning points in an extended scrum underneath the basket. Vaughn missed a jump shot with 13 seconds remaining, Tyere Marshall controlled the rebound and got the ball to Vaughn, who missed a layup. Vaughn grabbed the board and went back up for a tip-in with 8.5 seconds on the clock.

Fairfield's Tyler Nelson went to the line with a chance to tie, but missed both free throws and Vaughn leapt and wrapped up the miss as time expired.

Jordan Allen added 19 points with four 3-pointers for Rider, Stevie Jordan scored 17 and Anthony Durham 13.

Nelson led Fairfield (7-12, 2-6) with 24 points and 11 rebounds and three players — Ferron Flavors, Jr., Jesus Cruz and Wassef Methnani — scored 14 each.

Rider has won seven of its last eight.



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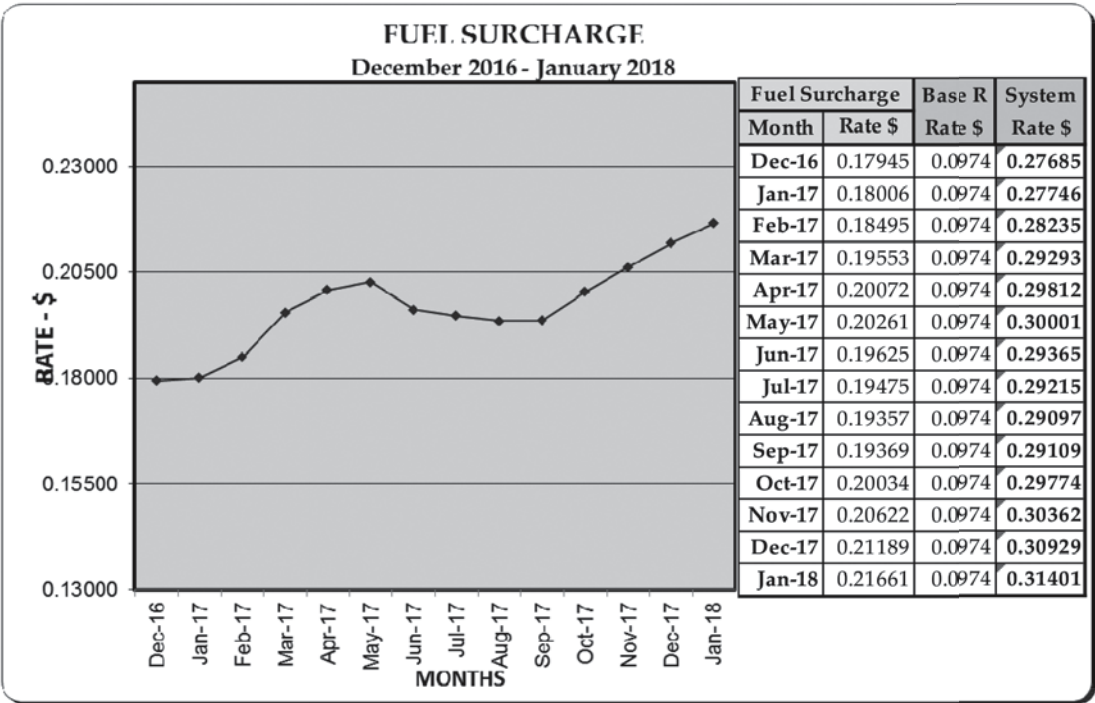
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Germany's Angelique Kerber celebrates after defeating United States' Madison Keys in their quarterfinal at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

2016 champion Kerber advances to Australian Open semifinals

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — For anyone who doubted, this was Angelique Kerber in 2016 vintage form.

Kerber routed U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys 6-1, 6-2 on Wednesday to reach the semifinals of the Australian Open, the tournament where she kicked off her career-best season in 2016 with victory over Serena Williams in the final.

She also won the U.S. Open and finished that year with the No. 1 ranking. But she was upset in the first round at Melbourne Park last year, and her ranking dropped into the 20s.

The 30-year-old Kerber won the Sydney International to prepare for the first major of the year, then won her first three rounds at Melbourne Park in straight sets.

Her third-round victory over Maria Sharapova meant she was the only singles Grand Slam winner remaining in the women's draw. But a struggling fourth-round win over No. 88 Hsieh Su-wei had commentators wondering if Kerber was in 2016, or 2017 form.

Against No. 17-seeded Keys, she responded by winning the first four games to take control of the quarterfinal — her first

at a major since the 2016 U.S. Open. Keys held in the fifth game of the first set, but Kerber went on another roll to lead 3-0 in the second set.

Keys slowed the momentum by holding and then getting her first service break of the match, but Kerber responded quickly to finish it off in 51 minutes. She broke Keys six times in total in the match and now has a 7-1 record again the American.

"I'm just trying to enjoy myself again on court," Kerber said of change of fortunes. "I know that I was working hard in the offseason, and I know that I can play good matches. I know that I can win close matches and also, yeah, going out there and playing good in the bigger tournaments.

"I just try to find the feeling back that I had, like 2016, and just enjoying my time. I mean, on and off court."

For Keys, it was another disappointing loss in a major. She reached the U.S. Open final last September but lost in straight sets to Sloane Stephens.

Kerber's semifinal opponent will be decided later Wednesday in a quarterfinal match between top-ranked Simona Halep and No. 6 Karolina Pliskova.

Dea scores 1st NHL goal, Penguins beat Hurricanes, 3-1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dominik Simon and Jean-Sebastien Dea scored 76 seconds apart in the second period, fellow rookie Casey DeSmith made 34 saves and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Carolina Hurricanes 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Jake Guentzel added a goal midway through the third and Sidney Crosby extended the NHL's longest active point streak to eight games for Pittsburgh, which has won six of eight.

Derek Ryan had the goal for Carolina, which has lost four of five and is 2-6-0 since beating the Penguins twice in a week spanning the New Year.

When Ryan gave the Hurricanes a short-lived lead 7:14 into the second period, there was reason to believe that might hold up because the Penguins had to that point scored just one goal in seven periods this season against Carolina and had been shut out for the prior 143:29 by veteran goalie Cam Ward.

But Simon — playing in his 20th career game — tied it just 49 seconds later when he skated down the right wing and flipped a deceptive wrist shot that per-

haps deflected off defenseman Brett Pesce and beat Ward for his second of the season. Crosby was credited with an assist.

Two shifts later, the Penguins' fourth line gave them the lead when Dea scored his first career goal in his fourth NHL game, finishing a nifty pass from Bryan Rust after skating open down the slot.

Guentzel's goal was similar 11:02 into the third. He slammed home a pretty feed from Phil Kessel to score his 15th of the season.

Starting for the third consecutive game, DeSmith has allowed four goals in that span and the Penguins are 2-1-0. No. 4 on the organizational depth chart when the season began, DeSmith is playing ahead of fellow rookie Tristan Jarry while starter Matt Murray mourns the death of his father this month.

Among DeSmith's better saves was a glove stop on Pesce, his former college teammate, on a wrist shot early in the first period. DeSmith also stopped Jordan Staal with his blocker late in the second and denied Lee Stempniak's chance from just outside the slot six minutes into the third.



American Samoa Government
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP 026-2018
Issuance Date: January 16, 2018

Date & Time Due: January 25, 2018
No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide:

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The RFP Scope of Work, outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

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DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer

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Hall, Guy lead No. 2 Virginia past No. 18 Clemson, 61-36

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Virginia’s players were all smiles after the No. 2 Cavaliers’ 61-36 victory over No. 18 Clemson, but for reasons generally considered uncommon among college basketball players.

It was the Cavaliers’ smothering defense, which fueled a 22-2 second-half run and limited the Tigers to 13 points, that had them grinning.

“I think that was one of the best defensive halves I’ve been a part of,” fifth-year senior Devon Hall said. “That was fun. I’m not going to lie. That was fun.”

Coach Tony Bennett agreed, calling it “some of the best defense we’ve played.”

“I thought they were just so active with their hands,” Bennett said, “and everything was contested.”

The Tigers committed a season-high 19 turnovers and Virginia had 14 steals while limiting the Tigers to 31.9 percent shooting.

As Virginia went on its decisive run, Ty Jerome could see the frustration building in the Tigers.

“A ton of frustration,” he said. “They stopped running their offense.”

Hall scored 14 points, Kyle Guy had 12 and Virginia (19-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won its 11th in a row. The Cavs’ start in conference play is their best since the Ralph Sampson-led 1980-81 team, which began 12-0.

Clemson led 23-16 before going scoreless in the final 6½ minutes of the first half and getting just six points in the first 14 minutes of the second half. Virginia’s decisive burst stretched its lead from 30-27 early in the second to 52-29 with 6:48 remaining.

“When we’re hitting on all cylinders, it’s really fun to play defense like that,” Guy said.

Gabe DeVoe scored 11 points, all in the first 12 minutes, and was the only player to score in double figures for the Tigers (16-4, 5-3).

Coach Brad Brownell saw his team fall victim to the same things a lot of teams encounter against Bennett’s signature pack-line defense.

“We really tried to do too

many 1-on-1 things in the second half and just got away from being who we are,” he said.

Once Virginia started building its lead, the crowd became raucous, celebrating defensive stops as loudly as 3-pointers.

“When they have a lead like that, you’re really in trouble,” Brownell said. “When they can lock into you, it’s hard to execute good offense, especially in this building because this building is a lot like Clemson football. We raise hell on third down.”

BIG PICTURE

Clemson: The Tigers played their first game since losing No. 2 scorer and rebounder Donte Grantham to a torn ACL suffered against Notre Dame, and after getting off to a fast start against Virginia, seemed to be lacking an offensive identity. Top scorer Marquise Reed (16 points per game) managed only six in 33 minutes. He finished 3 for 10 from the field.

Virginia: The Cavaliers played without their best defender, Isaiah Wilkins, for most of the second half after he appeared to hit the floor hard while being fouled late in the first half. Wilkins didn’t participate in warmups before the second half, but started and played only briefly. Bennett had no details on Wilkins’ condition, but he added that Wilkins wanted to go back in the game but it didn’t seem necessary.

SALTED AWAY

Jack Salt didn’t finish with big numbers — 6 points and 5 rebounds — but gave the Cavaliers a big lift in his 20 minutes.

He made one basket while being fouled, and scored on a dunk off a perfect bounce pass from Wilkins, each time riling up the crowd.

After halftime, Bennett said, the Cavaliers were slow to return to the court, in part because Salt was getting a split lip stitched.

NUMBERS

Virginia outscored Clemson 25-8 off turnovers and 28-16 in the paint. The Cavaliers also won the rebounding battle 35-28.

UP NEXT

Clemson heads to Georgia Tech for a game Sunday.



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Lupe o le Soaga's striker Michael Fifi'i performing a bicycle kick in front of the goal for his first score of the match against Pago Youth – as Fifi'i helped Lupe o le Soaga in their 13 - 1 victory over Pago Youth. (Read full story in tomorrow's Samoa News plus more photos — with coverage sponsored by Congresswoman Aumua Amata.)

[photo: TG]



Veitongo FC's fullback, trying to gain control of the ball against Tupapa Maraerenga FC's striker Cambell Best – during the opening half of their OFC Champions League Qualifier held yesterday afternoon at the FFAS Pago Soccer Stadium. (Read full story in tomorrow's Samoa News plus more photos — with coverage sponsored by Congresswoman Aumua Amata.)

[photo: TG]

No. 14 Texas Tech has big rally to beat Oklahoma State 75-70

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Keenan Evans scored 22 of his 26 points after halftime, and No. 14 Texas Tech rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat Oklahoma State 75-70 on Tuesday night and avoid a third straight loss.

Evans hit a 3-pointer with 3:52 left that put the Red Raiders ahead to stay. That came only 40 seconds after his rebound and assist to Jarrett Culver, whose breakaway dunk gave Texas Tech (16-4, 5-3 Big 12) its first lead since the first half, and before a jumper by Lindy Waters gave the Cowboys their last lead.

Culver finished with 25 points, including four 3-pointers.

The Red Raiders had spent the previous two weeks in the Top 10 before consecutive losses on the road last week. They were still among the nation's top 15 teams for three straight weeks for the first time since 1995-96.

Oklahoma State (13-7, 3-5) was coming off an overtime win three days earlier over then-No. 4 Oklahoma. And the Cowboys still had a 14-point lead with 15 minutes left.

Jeffrey Carroll had 16 points

for the Cowboys, including a go-ahead bank shot with 5:50 left in the first half that started a half-ending 18-5 run that put them up 37-25. Carroll had a 3-pointer 36 seconds after that as part of eight straight points for Oklahoma State.

BIG PICTURE

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys have lost all four of their true road games, all in Big 12 play. At home, they have won their last three games in overtime or on the final shot in regulation.

Texas Tech: After a tough week on the road, the Red Raiders got a much-needed boost with an impressive comeback after halftime. They made only one of 12 field goals in the final 10 minutes of the first half, but made hit 15 of 28 after halftime, including 6 of 9 3-pointers.

UP NEXT

Oklahoma State plays at Arkansas on Saturday in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

Texas Tech also steps out of conference play for one of the early games Saturday in the Big 12/SEC Challenge, at South Carolina, a Final Four team last season.

No. 22 Tennessee hangs on to beat Vanderbilt 67-62

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jordan Bowden scored 19 points, Lamonte' Turner hit a huge 3-pointer and No. 22 Tennessee nearly blew a 20-point second-half lead before hanging on for a 67-62 victory over Vanderbilt on Tuesday night.

Tennessee (14-5, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) earned its fifth win in six games and withstood a brilliant performance from Vanderbilt's Riley LaChance, who scored all of his 25 points in the second half.

After trailing 41-21 with 14½ minutes left, Vanderbilt (7-13, 2-6) cut Tennessee's lead to 60-58 when Jeff Roberson made one of two free-throw attempts with 1:19 remaining. Turner answered by sinking a 3-pointer with 1:03 left.

LaChance missed a 3-point attempt on Vanderbilt's next possession to set up a layup by Bowden that extended Tennessee's lead to 65-58 with 33 seconds left. Tennessee's lead wouldn't drop below five the rest of the way.

Grant Williams scored 19 points for Tennessee, two weeks after compiling 37 points in a 92-84 triumph at Vanderbilt. Roberson had 21 points for the Commodores.

Vanderbilt announced before the game that senior guard Matthew Fisher-Davis would miss the rest of the season with an injured right shoulder. Fisher-Davis has made 70 career starts and was averaging 11.9 points per game to rank second on the team. The Commodores were seeking to beat Tennessee in

Knoxville for a fourth straight season, but poor shooting nearly knocked Vanderbilt out of contention early. Vanderbilt's Payton Willis made a 3-pointer 40 seconds into the game to open the scoring, but the Commodores missed their next 17 3-point attempts. Tennessee closed the first half on a 14-2 run to grab a 32-15 half-time lead and then scored the first two points of the second half on a basket by Kyle Alexander. Tennessee led 46-28 with 12 minutes remaining before LaChance got Vanderbilt back into the game almost single-handedly. LaChance went 4 of 4 from 3-point range in a span of 2½ minutes and ended up scoring 15 straight Vanderbilt points as the Commodores crept closer. Vanderbilt made eight consecutive shots at one point while Tennessee went over seven minutes without a basket.

BIG PICTURE

Vanderbilt: The Commodores showed plenty of fight to get back into the game on the night that they announced Fisher-Davis wouldn't play again this year. But the first half also showed how hard it is for Vanderbilt to find offense when its 3-point shots aren't falling. Vanderbilt fell to 1-2 since Fisher-Davis' injury.

Tennessee: Bowen scored just two points in a loss at Missouri and went scoreless in a victory at South Carolina last week, but he broke out of his slump. Bowden shot 5 of 7 from 3-point range and 6 of 10 from the floor.

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Goal keeper for Pago Youth, Poyer Samuelu reacting to a shot from the Lupe o le Soaga team during their first meeting yesterday evening at the FFAS Pago Park Stadium. Lupe o le Soaga defeated Pago Youth 13 - 1. (Read full story in tomorrow's Samoa News plus more photos — with coverage sponsored by Congresswoman Aumua Amata.) [photo: TG]

Zabo's hot hand in OT lifts Kent State over Ball State 88-80

KENT, Ohio (AP) — Kevin Zabo scored seven of his 21 points in overtime and Danny Pippen finished with a double-double to power Kent State to an 88-80 victory over Ball State on Tuesday night.

Pippen scored 11 with 16 rebounds for the Golden Flashes (10-10, 4-3 Mid-American Conference), who beat the Cardinals for a 15th straight time. Adonis De La Rosa finished with 15 points and eight rebounds, Jaylin Walker scored 17 with seven boards and Jalen Avery and BJ Duling added 10 points each.

Kent State led 38-31 at half-time, but Ball State (12-8, 3-4) grabbed the lead, 42-41, on a Trey Moses free throw with 3:20 gone in the second half. The Golden Flashes trailed 49-45, but Walker nailed 3-pointers to begin and end a 10-0 run and forge a 55-49 lead. From there, Ball State got seven points from Sean Sellers and five from Tayler Persons, including a 3-pointer with 24 seconds left in regulation, to send the game to overtime tied at 71.

Ishmael El-Amin's layup gave the Cardinals a 75-74 lead with 3:18 remaining, but Pippen hit a jumper to ignite a 10-0 run to seal the win for Kent State.

Persons tallied 19 points and seven assists to pace Ball State. Sellers added 15 points and nine rebounds.



File- This Nov. 21, 2017 file photo shows UCLA's Prince Ali and Wisconsin's Ethan Happ (22) battling for a rebound during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Hall of Fame Classic, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo. Just getting above .500 before league play picks up again would be an achievement for the young Badgers after an injury-plagued start to this season. „ÄúWe haven't become complete yet in terms of putting 40 solid minutes together.,Äú Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said after a closer-than-expected, 82-70 win over Chicago State. The Cougars have just two wins this season. But considering that the Badgers (7-7, 1-1) returned to .500 with a third straight victory, it was an important night for a program that isn't used to struggling so early in the year. Happ (16.3 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists) remains one of the best all-around post players in the country. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel, File)



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The sports committee for the Filipino Community of American Samoa (FCAS) hosted a friendly volleyball game with a Samoan team on Jan. 7, 2018. Pictured is the FCAS All Star Girls Team with their coach, Mr. Benjamin Tadeo. [photo: courtesy]

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Toe tatala le auina mai o le taro mai Samoa

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O le masina o Mati o le tausaga nei lea ua fa'amoemoe le Ofisa o Fa'atoaga a Amerika Samoa, e tatau ona o o atu i ai ua fa'ataga le toe auina mai o le taro mai Samoa. I se iloilogia sa faia i luma o le Komiti o Fa'atoaga a le maota o sui i le vaiaso na te'a nei, na fa'amaonia ai e le Faatonusili o Faatoaga ia Filifaatali Michael Fuiava lea tulaga.

Na taua e Filifaatali e fa'apea, o le mataupu e fa'atatau i le taro mai Samoa, o se tasi lea o mataupu sa talanoaina i le Fono a Samoa e Lua na usua i Samoa i le faaiuga o le tausaga na te'a nei. I lea fonotaga e pei ona saunoa Filifaatali, na mafai ai ona faamaonia le mae'a ona faia o suesuega i le ituaiga fa'ama'i na a'afia ai le taro i Samoa. O faaiuga o ia suega sa auina atu i le Fale Suesue i Hawaii, ua mae'a ona tauaao e le Ofisa o Fa'atoaga a Amerika Samoa, ma ua mae'a fo'i ona latou fa'amaonia le faaiuga o le suega sa tuuina mai. Saunoa Filifaatali e fa'apea, ua mae'a ona faia feutanaiga ma le Ofisa o Fa'atoaga a Samoa e uiga i lenei mataupu, ma ua mae'a fo'i ona faailoa atu i ai le faaiuga ua faia e toe talia ai le auina mai o le taro mai Samoa i Amerika Samoa nei. Na taua e ni isi o afioga i Faipule e fa'apea, na avea le faaiuga e taofia ai le toe auina mai o le taro mai Samoa ma itu ua iloa ai, e matua tele naua le taro o lo o toto e le aufai fa'atoaga a le atunu'u i le taimi nei. Na faafetaia e afioga i Fetaipule le faaiuga ua faia ina ia toe tatala ai le auina mai o le taro mai Samoa. Saunoa le afioga a Toeaina Fauano Autele e fa'apea, e ui e leai ni ona aiga i Samoa, ae taua tele le fesoa-soani atu o Amerika Samoa i nai tagata fai fa'atoaga mai Samoa o lo o tau saili ni avanoa e la'u mai ai a latou fua o fa'atoaga e fa'atau i le teritori. O le taua o lea faiga e pei ona saunoa Toeaina, o le a mafai ai ona maua le avanoa e fa'aauau ai fefaatauaiga i le va o Samoa e lua, e le gata i oloa tau fa'atoaga ae faapena fo'i i tulaga o isi ituaiga oloa o lo o mafai ona gaosia i totonu lava o Samoa e lua. I le talanoaina ai o le mataupu i le atina'e o le taro, na fesiligia ai e Toeaina le tulaga o le taro i Manu'a, ma le fa'amoemoe ina ia fa'aleleia faatoaga taro i Manua ma mafai ai ona la'u mai e fa'atau i Tutuila nei. Saunoa Filifaatali e fa'apea, e le o toe umi se taimi ae tulaga lelei loa le fa'atoaga taro i Manu'a, ona fuafua ai loa lea mo le la'uina mai i le atunu'u. Na faamanino atili e Fuiava e fa'apea, o lo o tulaga lelei pea lava le taro i Amerika Samoa nei, e aofia

ai Tutuila ma Manu'a, ma ua fautuaina e le Ofisa o Fa'atoaga le aufai fa'atoaga i le atunu'u, ina ia fa'amalolosi i le totonu o le taro mo le fofoga taumafa. O atugaluga e pei ona taua e ni isi o Faipule, ia avea faafitauli faapenei e fai ma auala e unaia ai le aufai faatoaga e toto le taro e tua i ai le atunu'u aemaise ai le fofoga taumafa a le fanau aoga, i lalo o le polokalamea le School Lunch. O le siana lea na aafia ai le taro i Samoa i le tausaga na te'a nei, e le tutusa ma le ituaiga fa'ama'i o le Lega lea na aafia ai le taro i Samoa i se taimi o le 1990, lea ua oo mai ai lava i le taimi nei e le o toe vaai le taro Samoa moni sa tua i ai le atunu'u i tulaga o taumafa.



O se va'aiga i le toe sasao mai o le afi i vai apa o le tauluga i luga tonu ane lava o le ali'i tineiafi o lo'o faga le vai aga'i i totonu o le faleoloa Ocean Star. Peita'i, na fa'ato'a vala'au atu tagata ma isi leoleo, ina ia toe fo'i mai i tua, ae faga sa'o le vai apa e pe tonu ai le afi ua toe sasao. Fa'afetai na vave la'u ese mai tane kesi mai le mea na fa'aputu i ai.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost.]



O se va'aiga i sui na malaga mai o le South Pacific Tourism Organization mai Suva, Fiti ina ia latou taua'aoina ma fa'ailo le Lipoti o Fa'amaumauga mai le Suesuega mo le Ofisa o Turisi a Amerika Samoa. O Amerika Samoa Office of Tourism o se sui totino o le SPTO. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Fa'alauiloa fa'ai'uga o le Suesuega Ofisa o Turisi a Amerika Samoa

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

O le aso Gafua na fa'aalia aloa'ia ai le fa'aiuga o le Suesuega i Tagata tafafao na ulufale mai i Amerika Samoa i le tausaga 2016-2017, ma sa tapenaina lea ripoti fa'amaumau e le Sotuh Pacific Tourism Organization (SPTO), mai Suva i Fiti.

“O lenei ripoti na fa'amaumauina lava e le tatou Ofisa o Turisi, peita'i sa fa'atupeina lea e le SPTO lea e avea ai Amerika Samoa ma se tasi o totino. O le susuga fo'i a David Vaiafe, le fa'atonu o le tatou Ofisa o Turisi, o se tasi o totino o le Komiti Fa'afaoe a le SPTO ma o le latou failautusi fo'i,” o se tala mai lea a le susuga Christopher Cocker, le CEO o le SPTO i Suva.

Na fa'ailoa e David Vaeafe, “E \$US 18,000 na toina mai e le SPTO ina ia fa'atautaia ai lenei suesuega fa'apitoa, ina ia mafai ona va'ai patino Amerika Samoa i se aotelega o le tupe ua maua mai e le latou Ofisa o Turisi mo le atunu'u, o ala o maua ai ma fa'amaumau ai, ma le aotelega o tagata na ulufale mai fa'aalu a latou tupe i le tatou malo nei, atoa ai ma umi o nonofo ma alaala iinei, ae pe toe manana'o fo'i e toe fo'i mai i se isi taimi ona ua fiafia e maimoa ia Amerika Samoa.”

O le tausaga 2017 le tausaga ua avea nei ma tausaga ua amata fa'amaumau, e fa'atusa i fa'amaumauga i le tausaga 2016. O se tala fiafia, ua va'aia ni si'itaga lelei o le aotelega o le tupe ua maua mai i turisi asiasi mai, e fa'ateleina fo'i le

aotelega o i latou na asia le tatou atunu'u, ma ala fo'i sa malaga mai ai, po'o ai fo'i le malo e tele ai tagata e ulufale mai i Amerika Samoa.”

“O lo ua avea fa'amaumauga nei, ma ala e fa'aosofia ai le fiafia o nisi e fa'aauau latou pisinisi e feso'ota'i ma le vasega o turisi e asia le tatou malo, fa'aosofia ni lagona o nisi e fa'atula'ia pisinisi fou i le atunu'u ae tautuaina turisi, ae silisili ia fiafia i tatou uma e tautua le vasega o turisi e asiasi mai i taimi uma,” o se tala lea a Vaeafe.

O mea taua nei sa fa'amauina i lea lipoti:

O le aofa'i o tagata malaga mai i totonu o Amerika Samoa e toatele ai lava i latou e asiasi mai Amerika ona soso'o lea ma i latou e asiasi mai isi malo uma o le Pasefika lea e aofia ai Samoa, Tonga, Fiti, Niu Sila ma Ausetalia.

E to'a 69.5% e malaga mai e asiasi i aiga ma uo, ae o le 54.9% lea o le aotelega o tagata malaga mai i totonu o Amerika Samoa i le tausaga atoa. O mea e fia asia lava e i latou a'o tafafao ai i Amerika Samoa e numera tasi ai le a'ai i fale'aiga tetele, lea e tula'i mai i le 60.4% ae o le faiga o fa'atauga e aotelega i le 46.5% i latou e fiafia tele i ai.

O le lisi mai o mea e 10 e ao ina faia e i latou ma ave i ai le latou fa'amuumua e faia a'o i ai i Amerika Samoa nei, ua tula'i mai ai e lalamua lava le maimoa i le talafatai o Amerika Samoa i (Fa'aaauau itulau 11)



O le itula e 5:30 i le taeao na fa'ato'a mautinoa ai e i latou e momoe ai i totonu o le faleoloa, ua mu moni lava le latou faleoloa, ma latou vala'au fa'atopetope atu ai i le vasega o leoleo ma tineiafi. Toa'i taunu'u mai leoleo e to'alu ma fa'atalia ai le vasega o tinei afi. O le tusa lea o le afa o le fitu i le taeao na pu'e ai le ata lea, ma ua va'aia fo'i ua mae'a la'u ese mai tane kesi sa fa'aputu i le pito i luma o le faleoloa lea e fa'ailo mai ai le saina a le “Le Afi” se gaoioiga lelei na faia e le aufaigaluega a le faleoloa ma latou aiga tuaoi. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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ONOSA'I FILIPO

O le aso Tofi o le vaiaso fou lea ua toe tolopo i ai le mataupu a le ali'i o Onosa'i Filipino, mo le fa'ataunu'uina o lana iloiloga faapitoa ma iloa tonu ai le tulaga o le a oo i ai lana mataupu, pe toe auina atu o ia i Samoa, pe fa'aauau pea ona aumau o ia i le teritori mo le fa'amae'aina o aso o lana pemitā e 30 aso o lo o totoe na malaga mai.

E le i atoa se vaiaso talu ona taunu'u Filipino i Amerika Samoa, ae a'afia loa o ia i le tulafono, ina ua faia sa latou fusuaga ma ni isi o ali'i i le mae'a ai lea o se latou inugapia sa faia i Nuuuli.

Na fa'ai'u puta le inugapia ina ua togi e Filipino le ali'i na a'afia i le fagupia ma manu'a ai lona ulu. O Filipino na taunu'u mai i le aso Lua o le vaiaso na te'a nei, ae o le faaiuga o le vaiaso lava na te'a nei na a'afia ai o ia i le tulafono.

O ni isi o fautuaga ua tuuina atu e le Fa'amasinoga ia Filipino e usita'i ai, o le aua lea ne'i ona toe soli se tulafono, a ia

usita'i uma i tulafono a le malo e aofia ai tulafono a le Ofisa o Femalagaiga.

Afai ae musu le sponsor a Filipino e fa'aauau pea ona toe nofo o ia i le teritori mo aso o lo o totoe o lana pemitā, lona uiga o le a fa'amalosia loa le toe fa'afo'i o ia i Samoa i le vaiaso fou.

TU'UAIA NI ALI'I SE TO'ALUA I LE SAUAINA O LA TA'ITO'ALUA

E to'alua ni ali'i na taofia e Leoleo i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso na te'a nei, ona o tu'uiga i lo la fa'ao'olima lea i o la ta'ito'alua a o la tagofia le 'ava malosī. O le isi ali'i e 36 tausaga le matua mai Leone, lea o lo o tu'uia i le faaoolima i le tulaga tolu ma le faia o sauaga fa'asaga i fafine, ae o le isi ali'i e 43 tausaga le Pago Pago, lea o lo o tu'uia i le faaoolima i le tulaga tolu atoa ai ma le faaleaga meatotino i le tulaga tolu.

O le po o le aso Faraile na vili ai e le fafine mai Leone le Ofisa o Leoleo mo se fes-oasoani, i le mae'a ai lea ona faaoolima lona to'alua ia te ia. (Fa'aaauau itulau 11)



O le susuga le Fa'afeagaiga Iasepi Ulu o le EFKAS i Fagatogo, na si'itia le fa'afetai i le sauniga na tatala aloa'ia ai le Pala Lagoon Swimming Pool i le Paka Liona i le taeao o le aso Faraile ua tuana'i. Ua tutu fa'atasi mai i la'ua ma le susuga le Faipisinisi Peter Reid III ma Sala McMoore.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





O le toe tauasuasua lea ina ua toe sasao le afi i totonu o le taualuga o le Ocean Star e faigata ona o’o i ai le suavai e tineia ai. O le poloka o le alatele e tusa o le itula o tutu ta’avale mai ona itu e lua o le auala. Na fa’ailoa mai e se tasi ali’i ave pasi, na amata ona poloka mai lana ta’avale i Leone i lumafale o le Alamai tuai.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Tala...

Mai itulau 10

Na taua e le fafine i Leoleo e fa’apea, o le la vevesi ma lona to’alua na amata mai ina ua manava atu le ua molia e le o i ai se mea’ai i le fale, ma amata ai loa ona faamisamisa atu lona to’alua ia te ia.

Na faia se la tugaupu pe tusa ma le 10 minute le umi, ma i’u ai loa i le tago atu o lona to’alua ma futi mai lona ulu ae ta tu’i ona foliga, a o matamata i ai lana fanau e to’alua. Na fa’aauau gaioiga a le ua molia i lona ta tu’i o foliga o lona to’alua, atoa ai ma le kiki o lona papatua ao ta’atia o ia i lalo.

E le o se taimi muamua lenei ua faia ai e le ua molia uiga nei i lona to’alua, e pei ona fa’amatala e le fafine i Leoleo.

Mo le ali’i na taofia mai e Leoleo i Pago Pago, o le vevesi na tula’i mai ina ua alia’e se misa a le ulugali’i i le vaega e paka ai ta’avale i luma o se fale-oloa i le po o le aso Toona’i. Na fai tetele le misa a le ulugali’i, ma i’u ina tu’i ai loa e le ua molia lona to’alua i totonu o le ta’avale, a o paka ai i tafatafa o le la ta’avale le ta’avale a se Leoleo o lo o ofu savili.

Na fa’afesootai e le Leoleo ofu savili le ofisa o Leoleo i Fagatogo mo se fesoasoani, ma

aga’i atu ai loa Leoleo e tali i le valaau, peita’i e taunu’u atu ua alu ese le ta’avale a le ua molia ma lona to’alua.

E le i atoa se 20 minute talu ona toe fo’i ane Leoleo i le Ofisa i Fagatogo, ae taunuu loa se telefoni mai se molimau i Pago Pago, ma talosagaina ai se fesoasoani i se ali’i o lo o ia fasi lona to’alua i luma o le latou fale. Na taunu’u Leoleo ma iloa ai, o le ulugali’i tonu lava lea na ripotia le vevesi i luma o se Faleoloa i se taimi e lei mamao atu.

Na taua e le fafine na a’afia i Leoleo e fa’apea, o le vevesi na mafua mai ina ua ita loa to’alua i lona le tuuina atu o se tupe e fa’atau ai ni a latou fagupia ma ana uo. Ae na fa’ailoa i ai e le fafine i lona to’alua, e le o lava se latou tupe e fa’atau ai ni ana pia, toe lava o le tupe e fa’atau ai le meaai a le la fanau mo le faaiuga o le vaiaso.

Na teena e i laua e to’alua tu’uaiga a le malo fa’asaga ia tei laua, ma ua poloaina i laua ina ia saili ni fale e nonofo ai, e fa’atali ai taualumaga o a laua mataupu, ua fa’asa ona la toe nonofo i le fale o lo o nonofo ai a la ta’ito’alua ma fanau.

Faalauiiloa...

Mai itulau 10

ona itu uma lava, savalivali ma matamata i nu’u ma afio’aga, asiasi i aiga ma uo ma e masani ua leva ona le toe feiloa’i, tafao fa’asamasamanoa i le faletalimalo o alaala ai ma fiafia i le to’afilemu, asiasi i se fale fa’afiafia e fetauti ai ma uo ma e masani, o nisi na o mea sa fa’aילו mai lea suesuega.

O le mea e sili ona fiafia ai tagata maimoa mai sa fa’atutumu a latou pepa mo lenei suesuega, sa matua tusia e i latou, “Tausa’afia o tagatanu’u o Amerika Samoa, talimalo lelei ma le fa’amasani ma le fiafia tagata uma.” O le mea tonu lea na sili ai ona fiafia ai i latou na asia i tatou i le 2017.

Mai le to’a 20,969 tagata na ulufale mai i Amerika Samoa, e \$3,432,117. miliona le aofaiga o le tupe ua mae’a fa’amauina sa latou fa’aalu i Amerika Samoa.

O le aotelega o lea tinoitupe e tusa ma le 57% o le aofaiga o le tupe na fa’aaluina lea i le totogi ai o nofoaga e nonofo ai i le vaitaimi a’o tafafao i Amerika Samoa nei. O isi ala na fa’aalu ai e i latou le tele o lea seleni o fa’alavelave o aiga, fa’atauga, feoa’iga i le atunu’u, ma le fa’atauga o oloa taulima a le atunu’u e fai ma latou fa’amanatu po’o fa’amomoli i aiga pe a toe taliu le malaga.

O se isi tala fiafia ua fa’amauina, e tusa ma le 70% ua latou ta’utino, e latou te fa’alauiiloa atu i nisi e fia tafafao mai, tala fa’amama’i ina ia tumau ai le latou naunau e asiasi mai.

Mai nei faamaumauga aoga tele, e mafai ona fa’aaoga e le malo ina ia talosaga ai nisi fesoasoani tau tupe mo le fa’amoemoe o le fa’aleleia atili o le Turisi i totonu o Amerika Samoa, ae maise e mafai ona fa’aaogaina e i latou e fai

pisinisi e fa’aleleia atili ai le auunaga mo Turisi po’o tagata asiasi mai i le atunu’u.

O se fa’aiuga o le saunoga a Cocker sa ia fa’ailoa mai ai, “O lo’o aga’i i luga le taumafaga a le Ofisa o Turisi a le tatou malo nei. I le gasologa o polokalama fa’alauiiloaina o Amerika Samoa o lo ua matua’i lelei lava aua e tele tautua e feso’ota’i ma le Malo o Amerika, o le malo tele i le lalolagi. O le atina’e sili lea e ao ina fa’ataua e Amerika Samoa ma fesoasoani atu ai fo’i i le tatou vasega o malo fa’aatumotu laiti, e sili ona mana’omia le tatou galulue fa’atasi ai, ia tau fai aga’i uma i luga fa’atasi.”

Ua iloga mai i lenei suesuega, o le “Aganu’u fa’apasefika o le Aiga, e tetele lona aoga i le una’ia o tatou fa’alauiiloaga o tatou malo ina ia asiasi mai nisi. O le ola fiafia ma le fa’amasani gofie fa’atasi ai ma le laufofoga fiafia ua tumati’a i le mafuaga e toe fia asiasi mai ai nisi, atoa ai ma le ‘fiafiaga sili’o le sui na asiasi mai.”

O lo’o fa’aauau ona faia isi fonotaga fa’aleaoaoga a le aufaipisinisi e feso’ota’i ma le tautuaina o tatou Turisi i le Lupelele Room a le Faletalimalo Tradewinds i le aso, pe afai e fia maua se feso’ota’iga ma fesiligia nisi ala e fesoasoani mai ai le tatou Ofisa autu South Pacific Tourism Office mo lau pisinisi.

Ia mautinoa, “Fa’aali mai ou lagona po’o se fa’aletonu o feagai ma oe, ona taumafai atu lea i se auala e fa’afo’ia ni fa’afitauli ae folau saogalemu lau pisinisi mo se tamaoaga tausi o ana tagata faigaluega ma sou sao i le tatou malo, ae maise le aiga.”



Le vasega o tama o le atunu’u sa auai i le tatalaga o le Vai Ta’ele mo le Atunu’u i le Paka Liona.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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CORRECTS SPELLING OF FIRST NAME TO MATTIE, NOT MADDIE - Former U.S. National Gymnastics team member and world championship silver medalist Mattie Larson addresses Larry Nassar, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, in Ingham County Circuit Court in Lansing, Mich. Nassar, 54, has admitted sexually assaulting athletes under the guise of medical treatment when he was employed by Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics, which as the sport's national governing organization trains Olympians. He already has been sentenced to 60 years in prison for child pornography. Under a plea bargain, he faces a minimum of 25 to 40 years behind bars in the molestation case.

(Matthew Dae Smith/Lansing State Journal via AP)



**American Samoa Government
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB-021-2018**

Issuance Date: January 11, 2018

Closing Date: January 26, 2018
No later than 2:00p.m. (local time)

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are being solicited from qualified firms to provide **“Lawn and Groundskeeping Services for Eight (8) Public School Locations”** 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 2:00p.m. (local time), Friday, January 26, 2018 at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting for all contractors will be held on January 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Procurement Conference Room. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who are not present at the pre-bid meeting.

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 any 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.

DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer

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‘Enjoy hell:’ Doctor’s sentence next for assaulting gymnasts

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — After listening to the riveting pleas of more than 150 victims, a judge is set to sentence a Michigan doctor who parlayed his reputation and personal charm into years of sexual abuse by molesting Olympic gymnasts and other young female athletes instead of solving their sports injuries.

Judge Rosemarie Aquilina will hear from a few more victims and then send Larry Nassar to prison Wednesday, the seventh day of a remarkable hearing that has given the girls, young women and their parents a chance to confront him in court. He faces a minimum prison term of 25 to 40 years but it could go higher.

Among those expected to speak on the last day: Rachael Denhollander, a Kentucky woman who contacted Michigan State University police in 2016 after reading reports about how USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians, mishandled complaints of sexual misconduct. Nassar worked at Michigan State and also was the national gymnastics squad’s doctor.

Nassar, 54, eventually pleaded guilty to assaulting seven people in the Lansing area, including Denhollander, but the sentencing hearing has been open to anyone who said they were a victim. His accusers said he would use his ungloved hands to penetrate them, often without explanation, while they were on a table seeking help for various injuries.

The accusers, many of whom were children, said they trusted Nassar to care for them properly, were in denial about what was happening or were afraid to speak up. He sometimes used a sheet or his body to block the view of any parent in the room.

“I’d been told during my entire gymnastics career to not

question authority,” a former elite gymnast, Isabell Hutchins, said Tuesday.

The judge is likely to be unsparing in her treatment of Nassar. Aquilina has praised the victims who have appeared in her court since Jan. 16, calling them “sister survivors,” while also assuring them that their perpetrator will pay. The women have included Olympians Aly Raisman, Jordyn Wieber and McKayla Maroney.

“Your words are vital. They are as strong as your martial arts,” Aquilina told Christina Barba, who has known Nassar for decades and practices karate. “They will take him down quicker and cleaner than any kick you’ve got.”

Hutchins and Mattie Larson, a former national gymnast, talked about how Nassar won their allegiance with candy, Olympic trinkets and encouraging words while they were under constant scrutiny from their demanding coaches.

Brooke Hylek, a gymnast who plans to compete in college, heaped scorn on Nassar.

“I cannot believe I ever trusted you and I will never forgive you,” she said Tuesday. “I’m happy you will be spending the rest of your life in prison. Enjoy hell by the way.”

Emily Morales had a softer message.

“I want you to apologize to me right here,” the 18-year-old told Nassar. “I want to forgive you, but I also want to hear you tell me that you regret all the hurting you caused.”

He did. She replied with, “Thank you.”

Nassar has already been sentenced to 60 years in federal prison for child pornography crimes. He is scheduled to be sentenced next week on more assault convictions in Eaton County, Michigan.

Oral Roberts has 3 players with double-doubles in win

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Albert Owens was one of three Oral Roberts players to notch a double-double with 22 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, and the Golden Eagles beat Division III East Texas Baptist 93-66 on Tuesday night.

Emmanuel Nzekwesi added 12 points and 11 rebounds with three steals for Oral Roberts (8-15). Javan White and R.J. Fuqua each scored 11 and Jontray Harris had 10 points, a career-high 12 rebounds and five assists. Owens was 10 of 17

from the field and reached his second career double-double after just 25 minutes of playing time.

Oral Roberts only led ETBU 59-56 with 12:42 remaining before going on a 31-4 run over the next 11 minutes. ETBU was 9 of 19 from distance in the first half and 1 of 11 after halftime.

Darrice Whitley led East Texas Baptist with 15 points and six rebounds. Westin Rid-dick added 12 points.

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20 Grump's causes of friction
23 "The Lady"
24 Bolt or streak
25 Most mean-spirited
28 Plant over
30 Swell kin
32 Black or green beverage
33 Staggered
35 River critter
37 Grump's inconsistency
40 Earring sites
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38 Thing to overcome
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40 Be permissive
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Happy Birthday: Helping others will in turn help you. Moving forward with other people in mind will boost your reputation and give you the power to incorporate what you would like to see transpire. Offering hope and a helping hand will lead to an opportunity to use your experience, physical attributes and open-mindedness to help others overcome obstacles and emotional setbacks. Your numbers are 4, 12, 19, 26, 32, 35, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Talking about what you want to do and actually getting things done are not the same thing. Bypass the promises and dive right into the doing. Your accomplishments will be recognized and rewarded. Tame your emotions and protect your health. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be torn between what you want to do and what's expected of you. Take care of business first and you'll find a way to pursue your dreams as well. Organization and hard work will thwart disappointment. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional matters will escalate if you hold back or keep secrets from someone close to you. Clear the air and make your position known. No one can help you if you don't disclose what's bothering you. A healthy lifestyle is encouraged. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll have a good plan that will help others. Lay down the ground rules and take a position of leadership. A partnership may crumble if you don't agree on how to move forward. Follow your heart and don't fold under pressure. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional problems will set in if you let your personal life interfere with your job. Don't make physical changes based on a whim or an emotional downturn. Keep your money and possessions tucked away in a safe place. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make positive adjustments at home. A stable environment will give you the courage and home base to build new beginnings and go after your dreams. Trust in your instincts and follow your heart. Don't give in to emotional blackmail. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do whatever it takes to secure your finances, legal issues or any domestic matters that have been causing concern. How you handle situations that can disrupt your environment will have lasting implications. Use your intelligence to make wise choices. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Walk away from emotional situations that are ridden with inconsistency and empty promises. Focus on the present and how you can secure your position. Put your energy into building a solid base that can withstand any uncertainty that unfolds. Practice moderation. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let your heart lead the way. Try to consider what will make you happy and head in that direction. You can't always please everyone, so do whatever it takes to please you instead. Personal change is encouraged. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An emotional incident will leave you in a quandary if you can't stabilize the situation quickly. Use your intelligence and experience to outmaneuver anyone who tries to disrupt the stability of what you are trying to accomplish. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of personal business. Avoid altercations with authority figures or those in a position to influence your future. Use charm, not force, to win acceptance and support. Explore your options and abide by the rules. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Settle in to whatever jobs are assigned to you. Do your best and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you have achieved. Go above the call of duty and the rewards you receive will be worthwhile. *****



Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

ONLINE GUIDE HELPS PARENTS RECOGNIZE CHILD DEPRESSION

DEAR ABBY: Seeing a child you love struggle with depression is such a helpless feeling. Parents wonder how to talk to them as they withdraw from the people and activities that used to bring them joy. You just want them to feel better again.

Many times, parents tell themselves it's just a phase their child will grow out of, but one in five teens is affected by depression. It's important for parents to know that children even younger can become depressed, and that girls are twice as likely as boys to experience it. Depressed kids are more likely to abuse alcohol and other drugs and are at greater risk for attempting suicide.

To help concerned parents reach out to their hurting children, USA.gov has created the free online-only Kids and Depression guide at www.USA.gov/features/kids-and-depression. The guide's sound, compassionate advice helps parents, grandparents and teachers recognize symptoms and risk factors in young people. It explains treatment options, including counseling and medication. And it also includes age-appropriate information about depression that parents can share with their children, elementary age through college.

Abby, thank you for the love you show your readers, and for sharing this potentially lifesaving guide with them. -- NANCY TYLER, SENIOR EDITOR, USA.GOV

DEAR NANCY: You're welcome. I'm glad you wrote because I receive many letters from worried parents and depressed young people. I know the online guide will provide important information they will find useful.

Risk factors for depression in young people include stressful life events, such as a family member's divorce or death, bullying, trouble with school or friends, low self-esteem, or a disability or chronic illness. Symptoms of depression that last two weeks or more are significant. They may include sensitivity to criticism and outbursts of anger, sadness, headaches or stomachaches, changes in sleep or eating habits, lower grades and withdrawal from people and activities.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, in 2015, 3 million kids aged 12 to 17 experienced a major depressive episode in the past year. Because, as you stated, depression can be a significant factor in suicide attempts, the guide provides information to help parents recognize the warning signs of suicidal thoughts in their children.

If you think your child might be suicidal, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling (800) 273-8255. It offers confidential help 24 hours a day.

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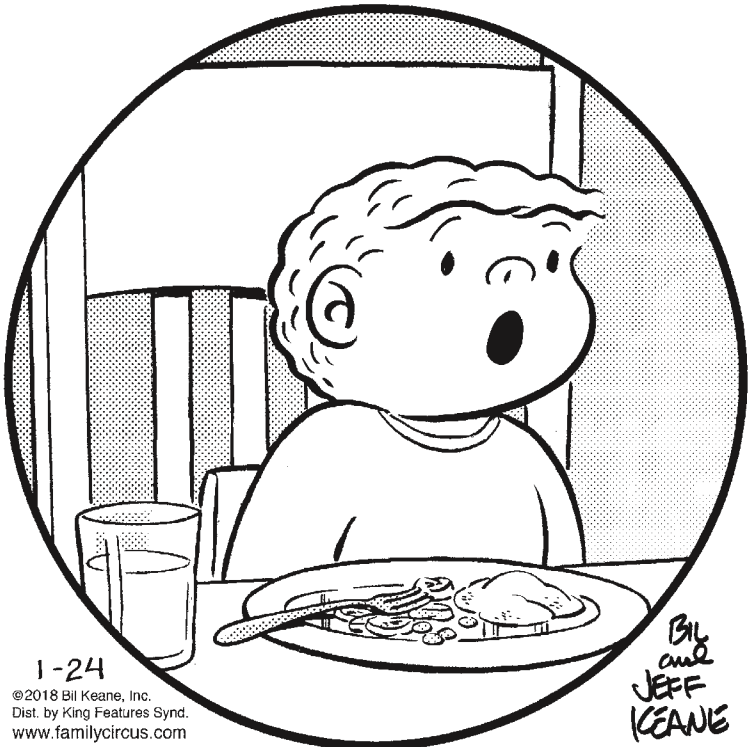
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FEELING GRUMPY By Timothy E. Parker

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SO WHAT HAVE WE FOUND OUT?

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YOU'D PROBABLY GOOF IT ALL UP IF YOU DID. LET'S GET STARTED.

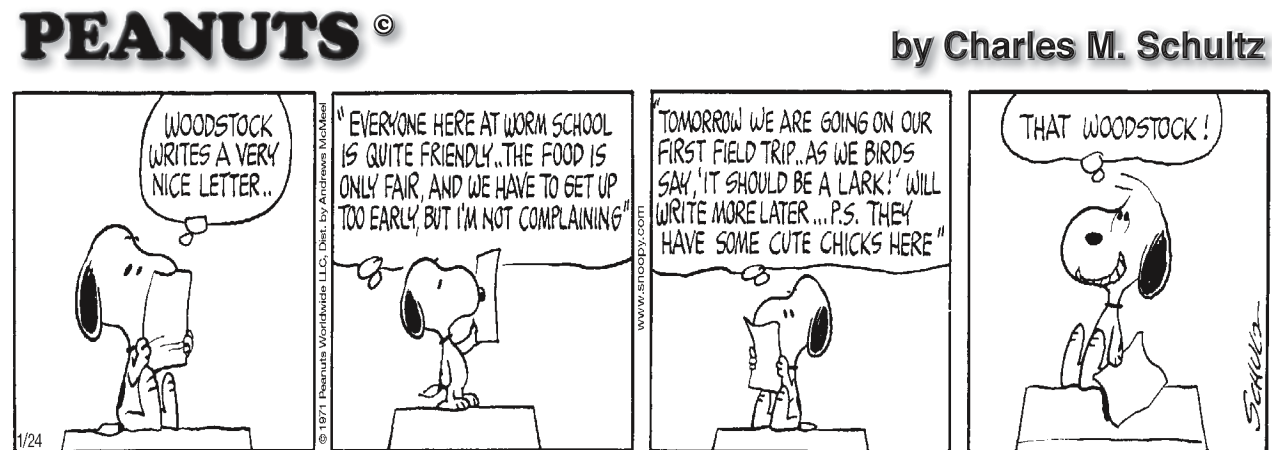
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THAT WOODSTOCK!

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TALES



WE'RE HERE TO HONOR OUR GOOD-FAITH COMMITMENTS ON IMMIGRATION...

Dreamer

AS DREAMERS ARE ALWAYS TOLD, "JUST WAIT." —

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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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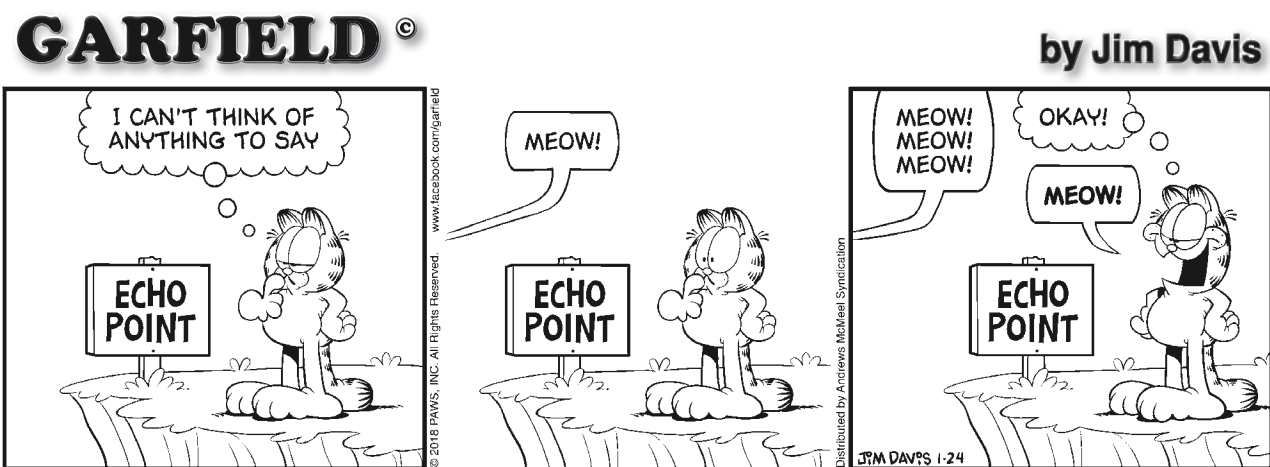
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IT'S RELENTLESS! WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH...

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I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY

MEOW!

MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!

OKAY!

MEOW!

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Tuesday's Puzzle Answer

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Meet A Spelling Champ!

The student at the right will represent Marist St. Francis School in the American Samoa Spelling Bee to be held March 07, 2018. The winner of that Bee will represent American Samoa in the 90th annual Scripps Howard Spelling Bee to be held in Washington, D.C.



BIOGRAPHY OF A 2018 SPELLING BEE FINALIST

What is your name?
Josephine Elena Pereira
What is your school name?
Marist St. Francis Elem. School
What grade are you in?
Grade 7
Who is your English Teacher?
Maria Funa'i
Who are your parents?
John & Lusie Pereira
What village are you from?
Leloaloe
What was your winning word?
CORBIESTEP

Spelling Bee Winners, if you've not filled out your biography and had your picture taken, please come in to Samoa News.



North Korean defector Park Sang-hak tears a portrait of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a press conference against the North Korea's participation in the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics at the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018. A team of South Korean officials travelled to North Korea on Tuesday to check logistics for joint events ahead of next month's Winter Olympics in the South, as the rivals exchanged rare visits to each other amid signs of warming ties.
(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)



Activists rip Kim Jong Un's photo in Olympic protest

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Anti-Pyongyang activists on Wednesday ripped photos of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in the latest protests in Seoul against South Korea's outreach to North Korea over next month's Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

Despite drawing verbal outbursts from North Korea, the protests have yet to meaningfully affect preparations for the games, which South Korean President Moon Jae-in views as an opportunity to improve relations after tensions over the North's nuclear program.

A 15-member North Korean women's ice hockey team consisting of 12 players, a coach and support staff was scheduled to arrive in South Korea on Thursday to begin training with South Korean athletes for a unified team that will compete at the Olympics.

South Korea has sent a group of officials to North Korea to inspect preparations for a joint cultural event at the North's scenic Diamond Mountain and a practice session for the countries' non-Olympic skiers at the North's Masik ski resort the Koreans plan to hold before the start of the Olympics. The rivals have also agreed to jointly march under a "unification" flag during the Feb. 9 opening ceremony and for a North Korean art troupe to perform in Seoul and Gangneung, which will host the skating, hockey and curling events.

Still, Wednesday's protest at Seoul's National Assembly, led by North Korea-born activist Park Sang-hak, may trigger an angry response from the North, which is extremely sensitive to what it sees as insults to its supreme leadership.

"This is the uniform will of the 32,000 North Korean defectors who have put their lives on the line in their journey to South Korea," Park shouted as he and other activists ripped

three photos of Kim and threw the pieces into the air in protest of what they called the "Pyongyang Olympics."

Park, who is hated in the North over his yearslong campaign of flying balloons carrying anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets across the border, was joined by eight other activists.

North Korea's state media lashed out after a different group of South Korean conservatives burned Kim's photo and a North Korean flag in downtown Seoul on Monday while a North Korean delegation visited to prepare for performances by the art troupe. The North called the protesters "human scum" and demanded Seoul apologize, "sternly punish" those involved and prevent such acts from happening.

Asked about the protests and the North Korean response, Baik Tae-hyun, spokesman of Seoul's Unification Ministry, called for national unity to ensure the successful hosting of the Olympics.

"North Korea is an Olympic participant so there's a need to properly treat them as such," he said. "The South and North must sincerely fulfill the agreements between them and their agreements with the International Olympic Committee."

North Korea agreed earlier this month to send a delegation to the Olympics, in the first formal talks between the rivals in about two years. Its delegation at the Feb. 9-25 games is to include officials, athletes, a cheering group, journalists, an art troupe and the taekwondo demonstration team.

The reconciliation mood between the Koreans began after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said in a New Year's speech that he was willing to send a delegation to the Olympics. While many other South Koreans have welcomed the North's participation.



Territorial Spelling Bee

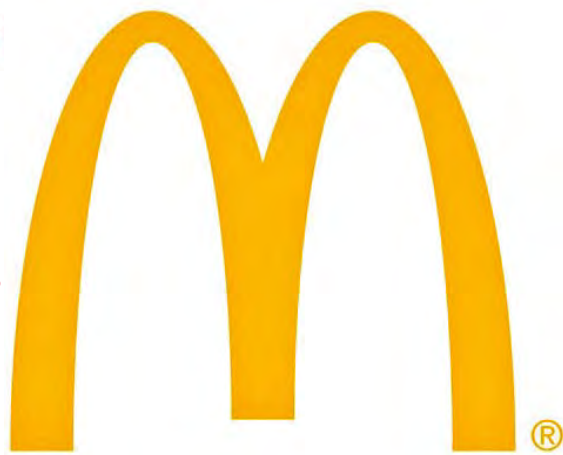
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