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Fifty-five-year old Ioakimo Felise exiting a police van outside the District Court last Friday. Felise waived his right to a preliminary examination, and his case was bound over to High Court for arraignment yesterday — Monday at 9a.m.

District Court Judge Fiti Sunia denied the defendant's request to set bail and therefore, Felise is being held on a "no bail" status.

The defendant was arrested last Wednesday afternoon in Nu'uuli after allegedly raping and molesting a 10-year-old girl several times. According to court documents Felise is alleged to have given the girl money at the time of the alleged sexual encounters.

This is not the first time Felise has appeared in court to face charges of this nature. In November 2011, he was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment as a condition of a five-year probation term, after he was convicted of first-degree sexual abuse.

Samoa News has received a comment on our website asking that we issue a correction concerning where we stated he resides in our story published in last week's Friday, Apr. 27 issue:

"I would like to inform you that he does not live in Leloaloo," the commenter wrote.

"Please make the correction, not only the article is wrong, but it also brought shame to my village...

"If you do not make this correction, I will take you to court because this is slandering... I know my rights!"

Samoa News stands by its story, as derived from court documents that state Felise is from the village of Leloaloo.

[photo: AF]

Former DPS cop who skipped out on local drug charges arrested in WA

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALREADY NOTIFIED OF THE SITUATION

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

The former DPS cop wanted locally in connection with drug related crimes was arrested and charged last month at King County Superior Court in Seattle, WA for domestic assault and battery.

According to information received by Samoa News, Steven Tuato'o is accused of assaulting his wife. He was apprehended and held in custody at the Regional Justice Center Facility on April 12, 2018 after his court appearance.

His bail has been set at \$185,000 and it was unconfirmed at press time yesterday whether he has been able to post bond.

DPS Deputy Commissioner Falana'ipupu Ta'ase Sagapolutele declined to comment when Samoa News inquired about the issue at his office yesterday morning. But sources told Samoa News the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has already been informed by King County Prosecutor's office about the case.

"DPS has been in contact with federal agencies and several police departments in the United States about this case," the source told Samoa News.

It's unclear at this time whether DPS has been in contact with the King County Court and whether they are seeking to extradite Tuato'o to American Samoa to answer the charges against him.

Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson

told Samoa News earlier this year in January that Tuato'o had been seen in Seattle, Washington. He added that federal authorities might need to be brought in to get Tuato'o back to the territory to face the criminal charges against him.

BACKGROUND

Tuato'o was one of the three men arrested during a string of raids in Taputimu, Alofa'u and on the main road, by detectives of the DPS Vice & Narcotics Unit last November. The other two men arrested were Cody Christian Woods and Taisia Lemalie.

During the raids, police confiscated items including a large quantity of methamphetamine, with an estimated street value between \$50,000 and \$55,000; marijuana with a street value between \$20,000 and \$25,000; 3 guns (12-gauge shotgun, 357 magnum, and a pellet gun — all fully loaded); 144 bullets for the 357 magnum; various stolen items; and drug paraphernalia.

A total of \$54,003 in cash was confiscated from the home in Taputimu, in addition to \$459 found on Woods.

All three men were taken into custody and held for 48 hours to await the filing of criminal charges against them.

However, Tuato'o was released from the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) after the 48-hour holding period expired, and according to reliable sources, he immediately left the territory.

During a DPS press conference late last year,

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"EMBRACE YOUR VOICE" — SAAM

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The theme for this year was, "Embrace Your Voice."

As one of the activities, the Alliance for Strengthening Families held an "Embrace Your Voice" Poetry Slam in which they brought in from Apia, Doris Tulifau, an activist with a passion for youth advocacy.

Tulifau is passionate about empowering youth and is the founder of a global organization called, "Brown Girl Woke" which promotes girls to stand up for themselves.

During the week she was here, Tulifau worked with students from Samoana, Tafuna, and Leone High Schools with Poetry Slam workshops. Her hope was to be able to visit all the high schools but due to time restraints, she was not able to.

The Poetry Slam featured 10 contestants who are ASCC students, and one who is not.

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In this April 16, 2018 photo, adult film actress Stormy Daniels outside federal court in New York. Stormy Daniels filed a defamation complaint in federal court in New York on Monday. At issue is a tweet Trump made in which he dismissed a composite sketch that Daniels says depicts a man who threatened her in 2011 to stay quiet about her alleged sexual encounter with Trump.
(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

DPS sexual harasssment claims are now with the EEOC in Honolulu

SOURCES SAY THE MOVE WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF LE'I'S FAILURE TO ACT

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

The recent cases involving the alleged sexual harasssment of two female cops by a pair of senior DPS officers is moving up to the next level, as the matter has now reached the Office of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in Honolulu.

Samoa News understands that a copy of the formal police complaints are now with the Director of the EEOC office in Honolulu and according to sources, the move to direct the case to the next level was based on the fact that Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson failed to take corrective action when the two female cops complained about the harasssment.

"When the employer fails to address work-place harasssment, employees often feel that they must choose between putting up with the abuse, or quitting. No one should have to make that choice," the source said.

"Against all odds, the female officers struggled to file their complaints, and up to now no criminal cases have been filed against the alleged perpetrators," the source continued.

The head of the criminal division of the Attorney General's Office, Christy Dunn continues to remain silent about the details of the case. When Samoa News approached her last Friday to get an update about the two cases, her response was, "Sorry, I have no comment to offer about the case."

Efforts to obtain a comment from EEOC director, Glory Gervacio during the weekend were also unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, several senior cops who have

been on the force for many years and continue to serve the Department of Public Safety with honor and respect, together with some retired cops, are calling for the Police Commissioner to step up and make the right decision against the two senior cops who have been accused of sexually harassing two young female police officers, during working hours.

One senior police officer told Samoa News that there are other cases involving questionable actions by cops on duty.

One has to do with a cop who allegedly divorced his wife after he became involved with a woman who was a victim in a domestic case that he was assigned to investigate.

The cop in this case was a detective with the DPS Criminal Investigation Division (CID), but he has since been transferred to another division within DPS.

According to the source, this particular case ruined the good name of the police department because the matter reached the Commissioner's Office, after the wife of the police officer (who is now the ex-wife) went to the Commissioner to file her complaint. "The Detective was assigned to investigate a domestic case; unfortunately, things changed and turned upside down when the detective allegedly started a relationship with the victim," the source continued, adding that things like this should never happen in the police department because they are sworn to uphold the law and do the right thing.

A retired cop has told Samoa News that Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga needs to do something about this issue because his failure to act is a reflection of his Administration.

JOEITA, JOITA, JOELITA — would the real overstayer please stand up

KRUSE GETS TO THE BOTTOM OF WHY RECORDS SHOW TWO DIFFERENT SPONSORS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Chief Justice Michael Kruse did not rest last week until the issue was resolved regarding two separate reports the court received from the local Immigration Office pertaining to an overstayer who apparently had two different sponsors — and whose name was spelled three different ways, one way by the court and AG’s office, and two different ways by the Immigration Office.

The case of Joeita Fa’aaliga — an overstayer who is serving a 34-year sentence at the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) was called again in High Court last Friday, because Kruse wanted to talk more about the “collateral issues”.

Assistant Attorney General Robert Morris appeared for the government, while Deputy Public Defender Michael White represented the defendant, who was present in court. Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale and Chief Immigration Officer (CIO) Peseta Dennis Fuimaono were also present pursuant to a court subpoena.

When the matter was called, Kruse ordered Chief Probation Officer (CPO) Malcolm Polu to take the stand and recap the case for the court.

At the end of the recap (see bottom of the story), Polu told the court that the Immigration paperwork had discrepancies — including two different sponsors according to information received from the Office of Immigration. In addition, Immigration Investigating Division supervisor, Puni Paelo had testified that after further research, he found that the court had mistyped the name of the defendant and that was the reason there was a discrepancy in the name of the sponsor that was provided to the court by the Office of Immigration.

When asked which name he submitted to Immigration, the CPO told the court he submitted the name the defendant provided during his initial appearance — ‘JOEITA FA’AALIGA’. The CPO added that the two names Immigration provided were, “JOITA FA’AALIGA” and “JOELITA FA’AALIGA”.

“That means Immigration provided two names while the court had a different name,” the CPO told the court.

Kruse thanked the CPO for recapping the matter, saying the reason why the court wanted

to discuss the issue more is because the court was receiving conflicting information about who Fa’aaliga’s real sponsor is.

Kruse then turned to the prosecutor and told him that he had ordered the CIO to bring Fa’aaliga’s file to court.

Morris responded to the court saying that during the meeting for the matter the CIO did bring the file with him but the court did not have an opportunity to review it.

“Did you bring the file containing the original forms for the defendant as the court told you during our last meeting?” Kruse asked Peseta after he was sworn in. Peseta responded that he did bring the file with him.

“Does it explain why there are two different sponsors for this defendant?” Kruse asked Peseta, who replied, no.

“So the other two reports from your office showing two different names for the defendant, is that fake information?” Kruse wanted to know.

Peseta responded, “No, your honor.” Kruse then asked Peseta to explain.

According to Peseta, the name provided by the Chief Probation Officer was just a different spelling.

“When we initially researched that name, we did not find any records or application for an entry permit,” Peseta explained.

“But they were still generating different reports for the court?” Kruse asked. Peseta responded, “Ah, according to our investigator, what they found was not the defendant.”

Kruse asked again, “Did the court provide fake information in the first two reports?”

Peseta’s response was, “I believe it was the misspelling, your honor. This subpoena I received is misspelled as well.” Peseta lifted up the copy of the subpoena in front of him while sitting in the witness chair.

“What is misspelled?” Kruse asked with a higher tone of voice. Peseta said the defendant’s name on the top of the subpoena is spelled “JOEITA”, but at the bottom it is spelled “JOITA”.

“So what do you think?” Kruse asked. Peseta said “It was just a misspelling your honor.”

Kruse told Peseta that the spelling on the defendant’s criminal file was the spelling that was given to them by the Attorney General.

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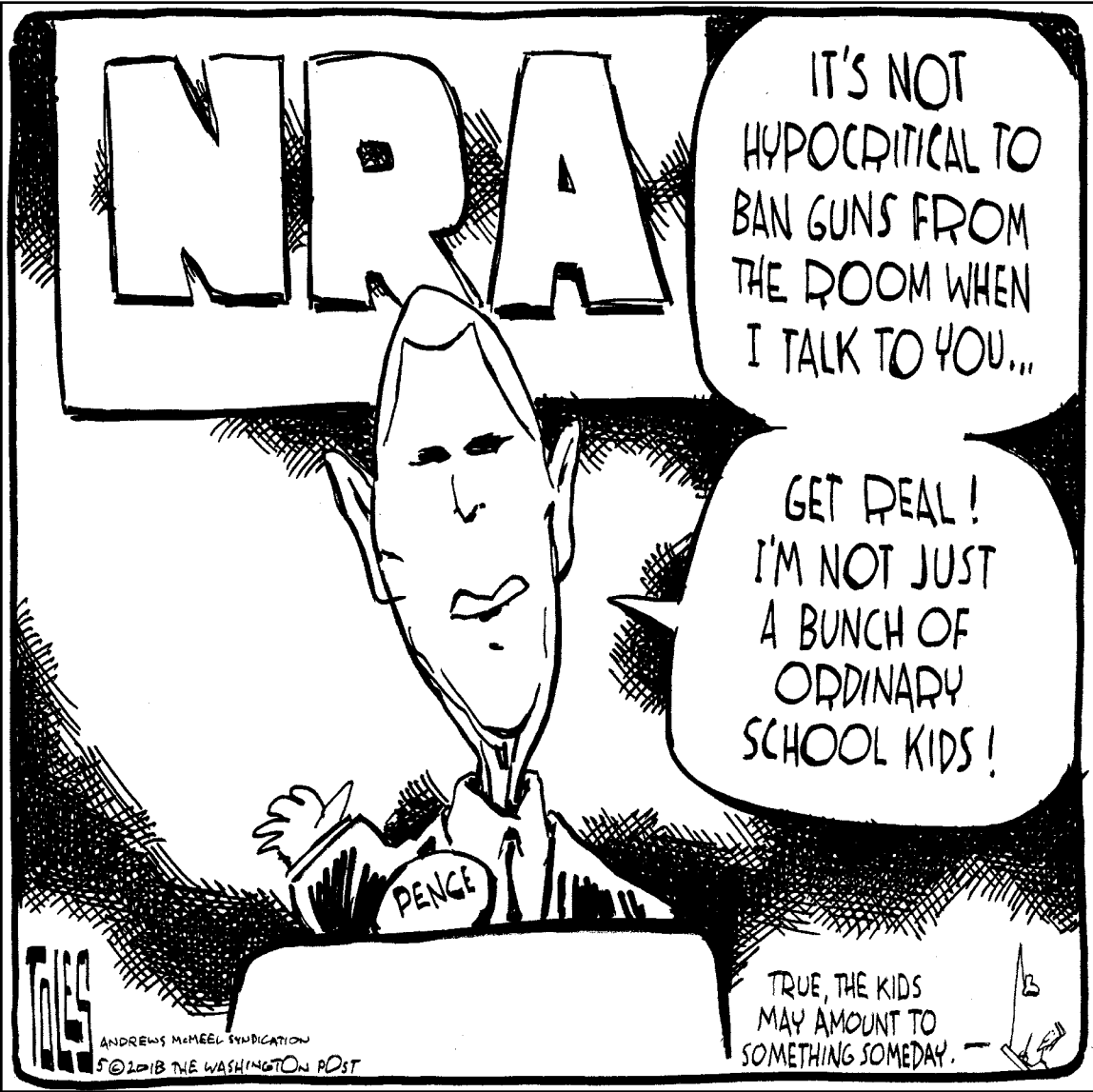
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Esera apologizes to the court for making unauthorized recordings of proceedings

SUSPENDED SENTENCE IMPOSED

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter
Former KHJ Radio news reporter Tauva Esera was sanctioned by District Court Judge Fiti Sunia last week for Contempt of Court.

Esera, who is now employed by the American Samoa Telecommunication Authority (ASTCA) as a media staffer appeared before Judge Sunia last Thursday for a Motion to Dismiss hearing.

But instead of filing a motion to dismiss, Esera, who acted Pro Se (representing herself) filed an apology to the court. She admitted to the court that she used her cell phone to record court proceedings — not once, but twice.

A court marshal who saw Esera use her cell phone to record court proceedings last year immediately confiscated her cell phone and turned it over to the Court IT person to review.

After reviewing the files in the cell phone, the Court IT department discovered that there were two audios containing court proceedings inside Esera's cell phone. It was the audio from the day the phone was confiscated and another audio, which was taken prior to the day of this incident.

Esera appeared in court on April 4 for a status hearing; however Judge Sunia granted her request for a 2-week continuance, to give her more time to file a motion to dismiss.

When the case was called last Thursday, Judge Sunia informed Esera that the court was expecting a motion to dismiss from her. However, the motion she filed was a different motion, it had nothing to do with a motion to dismiss.

Esera told Judge Sunia that after considering all the evidence in her case, she made a determination not to include any motion to dismiss inside the motion she filed with the court.

Judge Sunia then ordered



Tauva Esera

[photo: AF]

the Clerk of the Court to mark Esera's filing as exhibit #1 and immediately admitted it as evidence in the case.

"You may be heard now. What do you want to do?" Judge Sunia asked Esera.

The former news reporter apologized to the court for violating the court's order by using her cell phone to record court proceedings.

Judge Sunia asked Esera, "Are you admitting that you violated the court's orders by not turning off your cell phone during court proceedings?"

Esera's response was, "Yes your honor."

"Are you also admitting that you made another recording prior to the day your cell phone was confiscated by the court?" Judge Sunia asked.

Esera responded, "Yes your honor."

Judge Sunia then asked Esera whether she still wanted to go forward with her matter without an attorney to represent her. Esera told the court that she doesn't see any problem at all with her representing herself.

Judge Sunia then summarized Esera's violation of the Court Rules and Commands, re: "that all cellular telephones or any other electronic devices must be turned off during court proceedings," and found her in Contempt of Court.

Esera apologized to Judge Sunia and the District Court staff for violating court procedures and rules while she was conducting her job.

Judge Sunia told Esera that under "A.S.C.C 3.0203 for Power to punish Contempt of authority," the court is given the authority to punish by fine or imprisonment, at its discretion.

"But this case is different, you have been recording other court proceedings. Not only did you record the court proceeding that day, you've also admitted you made a prior recording inside the court. That tells the court that you may also have other recordings from other court proceedings. It also brings to the court's attention that it's an intentional behavior," the judge told Esera.

Sunia sentenced Esera to a term of imprisonment of 30 days, with execution of the sentence suspended and Esera was placed on probation for a period of 6 months under certain conditions.

She is to pay a fine of \$200 within 30 days, as well as \$25 to the court to retrieve her cell phone that was confiscated by the court.

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Congresswoman Aumua Amata Radewagen visited Fort Stewart, Georgia yesterday (04/29/2018) in her capacity as a member of the Veterans' Affairs subcommittee on Health and the Natural Resources subcommittee on Insular and Indian Affairs. Aumua was on a fact-finding visit to several VA hospitals and Indian reservations, visiting Samoan families and soldiers along the way — starting from Fort Lee, Virginia all the way down to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Congresswoman is traveling with her husband Fred Radewagen and yesterday had a very informative visit with the Marne Soldiers of Fort Stewart.

Amata was greeted and welcomed by 3SB, 87Th CSSB Commander LTC Jeremiah OConnor, 3SB, his wife Mary Britton, 87TH CSSB Chaplain CPT Aotwi, 2LT Murphy along with the Samoan soldiers and their families in and around the 3ID.

Amata spent time in an intimate sit down, where all attendees sat in a circle around the Congresswoman and had a very healthy discussion with questions and concerns voiced from the soldiers and family members.

May God Continue to bless you Congresswoman Amata and your hard work as you continue to serve the people of American Samoa and the American people as a whole.

Special thanks to the planning and welcoming committee for a job well done — 1LT Ted Kostich Jr., 2LT Murphy, 1SG Antoine Smith, SPC Arrianna Auvaa and PV2 Brandon Jimenez of the 87th CSSB, HHC.



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FILE - In this Monday, May 1, 2017, file photo, members of Ce Atl, an Aztec-inspired spiritual and cultural preservation group, dance near the front of a march for worker and immigrant rights at a May Day event in Seattle. The Donald Trump era has been everything that immigrant rights' groups feared, but while they are taking to the streets again for May Day rallies in solidarity with those around the world, their focus this year is less on a huge turnout on a Tuesday in May than the first Tuesday in November.

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- Training Session at 9am to 10am
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Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Conference Room at DBAS Building in Pago Pago:

- Training Session at 9am to 10am
- Training Session at 11am to 12pm
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If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Paopao at DBAS, telephone no. 633-4031 or email her at elizabeth@dbas.as.

Joeita, Joita, Joelita...

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"So why do we have reports with misspelling?" Kruse wanted to know. Peseta told Kruse he could not answer that question.

"But you signed one", Kruse fired back. Peseta's response was, "It was the one with the JOITA — the correct spelling I signed."

Kruse said the court's concern is that the defendant was ordered to go back to Samoa. The question in mind is, how is he supposed to go back? Peseta immediately responded, saying they will look for the sponsor.

"Who is the sponsor?" Kruse asked. Peseta responded, "A person by the name of Pene A. Lauoletolo."

"I think I recall you saying she's gone," Kruse told Peseta, who responded, "We visited her home and we were told that she was off island at the time, but she would be back."

Kruse looked at Peseta for a few seconds before asking, "Did you know that records contained in this file are confidential?" Kruse said, holding up the file containing the defendant's record.

The CIO responded, "Yes, your honor."

"And you know that this file should not be given to the public or for any publicity purposes?" Kruse asked Peseta, who responded, "Yes, your honor".

"But why then was this file given out to the public?" Kruse asked. Peseta had no answer.

Kruse shook his head while looking at Peseta for a few seconds, before he ordered him to step down from the witness stand.

Kruse then thanked Talaueaga who was present during the whole proceeding for taking his time to be in court. Kruse called Talaueaga to meet with him and his associate judges in chambers to discuss an important issue regarding this matter.

Samoa News understands the meeting was about how Samoa News got a copy of the defendant's immigration file, a picture of which was published in the newspaper last month.

Accompanying Kruse on the bench in the matter were Chief Associate Judge Mamea Sala Jr, and Associate Judges Fa'amausili Pomele, Muasau Tasina Tofili and Tunupopo Faleafaga.

CPO'S RECAP FOR THE COURT

The CPO told the court that

on June 21, 2013, Fa'aaliga was convicted of first-degree burglary and second-degree burglary — both felonies, and he was ordered by the court to serve a 40-month detention, as a condition of a 7-year probated sentence.

While serving his detention, the government later discovered evidence of a prior burglary involving the defendant, resulting in the defendant subsequently being charged for it on March 08, 2014.

In the second case, Fa'aaliga was convicted of felony stealing, and was ordered to serve 28 months, as a condition of a 7-year probated sentence. The 28 months was to be served consecutively with his 40-month sentence.

And, then in 2016, Fa'aaliga was charged in two separate incidents while he was serving time in jail.

Court records show that the defendant escaped from jail on June 30, 2016 and made his way over to the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA) main office in Tafuna at night, where he took a woman's purse while she was sitting inside her vehicle. In this case, Fa'aaliga was convicted of escape from confinement and was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, a straight sentence.

The second 2016 case occurred on June 19, when he broke into an Asian Store and stole \$1,500.

In this case, the defendant was convicted of felony stealing and was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment, a straight sentence.

The defendant's 12-year straight sentence from the two crimes he committed in 2016 were to be served consecutively with his 2013 sentence, from his first burglary case.

"During these proceedings, the court discovered during a motion to revoke his probation in his first two cases back in 2013 and 2014, that the Immigration paperwork had discrepancies," the CPO said.

The court then set a hearing date and the supervisor for the Immigration Investigating Division, Puni Paelo took the stand and testified that after further research, he found that the court had mistyped the name for the defendant and that was the reason there was a discrepancy in the name of the sponsor that was provided to the court by the Office of Immigration.

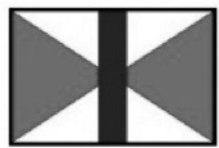
Former DPS Cop...

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Samoa News was told that all three men were charged and had to make their initial appearances in the District Court on the last week of November 2017. However, Tuato'o never showed up. It's believed Tuato'o, who

was a DPS officer for many years, was never served an arrest warrant.

Both Woods and Taisia are still in custody, unable to post bond — \$200,000 for Woods and \$5,000 for Taisia.



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International Baha'i Convention



“ Members of the National Spiritual Assembly of Samoa with Counselor Nadia Fifita attending the 12th International Convention in Haifa, Israel. There 160 countries have arrived in Haifa to participate in the 12 the International Baha'i Convention. The International Convention is a unique gathering held every five years in Haifa, the administrative and spiritual center of Baha'i world community. Delegates hail from virtually every nation. Over the course of the convention, they participated in a series of consultative sessions and elect the Faith's international governing body, the Universal House of Justice. The consultations at International Convention are generally concerned with the development of the Baha'i Faith and the contributions of Baha'i communities to the progress of society. One of the primary areas of discussion is how Baha'u'llah's teachings-such as the oneness of humankind, the equality of women and men, the harmony of science and religion, and the independent investigation of truth-are finding expression in a vast array of social settings, from the remotest of villages to large urban centers, and across diverse cultural realities.”

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

by Samoa News staff

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE IS TODAY

The US Federal Emergency Management Agency and ASG remind members of the public impacted by Tropical Storm Gita, that 4p.m. today, Tuesday, May 1, is the deadline to register for federal disaster assistance.

Anyone with damage due to the storm must register with FEMA at the Disaster Recovery Center, located at the DYWA Pago Pago Youth Center, to be eligible for help from FEMA and the US Small Business Administration. According to officials, a large number of people have registered with ASG but have not registered with FEMA. Those who pre-registered with ASG and have not registered with FEMA may do so either of three ways:

- On-line at www.DisasterAssistance.gov

terAssistance.gov

- Call 699-2018
- Go to the DRC in Pago Pago, which is opened from 8a.m. to 4p.m.

The public is also reminded that FEMA registration has a nine-digit number. If you do not have the nine-digit number, you are not registered for federal assistance. Only heads of household need to apply.

Call the storm Help Line, 699-2018 — if you have already registered with FEMA and have questions about your registration or mail you received.

FEMA public information officer, Victor Inge told Samoa News last week that if a person impacted by the storm didn't get a chance to pre-register they can come directly to the DRC to pre-register and then register at the same time, all under one roof. If you are a homeowner, renter, business, or public non-profit and interested in SBA's low interest loans, you must register with the DRC first.

Applicants are reminded to have the following information on hand for DRC registration: social security number; address of the damaged primary residence; description of the damage; information about insurance coverage if applicable; current contact telephone number; address where they can receive mail; and bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

While the deadline for submission of applications is the close of business on May 1, the DRC will still be open after that, but with scaled back staff.

ANZ BANK GIVEN UNTIL JUNE TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT

The complaint filed by three American Samoa residents against ANZ Guam Inc., the parent company of ANZ Amerika Samoa Bank at the federal court in Guam, has raised a lot of interest.

Based on Samoa News' reporting of the case — derived from federal court records — several residents believe they may be facing a similar situation as the plaintiffs — Ronald Parker, Fa'afetai Parker and Tualagi Gaoteote, on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated. The complaint alleges that ANZ is liable for its systematic violations of the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) of 1968.

Last week the federal court granted ANZ's motion to extend from early next month to June 8, the timeframe to file an appropriate reply to the complaint, after the plaintiffs gave their endorsement.

According to ANZ, the additional time is needed in order for its legal team to travel to American Samoa to meet with ANZ staff there and to review documents relevant to the complaint and conduct an investigation into the allegations.



Buttermilk Crispy Tenders



Pacific Island News in Brief

compiled by Samoa News staff
ROAD WASHED AWAY AT MOAMOA

Residents of Moamoa Fou are calling on Prime Minister Tuilaepa Dr. Sa'ilele Malielegaoi and his administration for assistance.

One of them, Tagaloa Ta'avale Masoe, said they desperately need help after the road there was washed away during Saturday's flooding.

More than 70 families living in the area have been affected.

In the hot sun yesterday afternoon, close to 20 men and women were piling up rocks in an effort to erect a temporary access road to allow residents to cross the river.

"Our family has lived here for a long time and this is the first time we have experienced this unfortunate situation," said Tagaloa.

"The river has even washed away part of the land."

There are about 300 people who use the road on a daily basis.

"I hope the Prime Minister will consider offering some assistance for us," he told the Samoa Observer.

"The unfortunate situation has deprived us from our Sunday church activities and family gatherings as we cannot get to the other side.

"We have had to build a temporary walkway to commute over to other side otherwise, we would be stuck on this end."

Tagaloa said students need to get to school today.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

DATA BREACH REPORTED AT ZIPPY'S RESTAURANTS

A 'security incident' involving credit and debit card processing systems was reported by Zippy's Restaurants on Friday, and the company has issued a warning that personal information – including customer names and card numbers – may have been compromised as a result.

In a statement, the company said it learned earlier this month that customers who made purchases from at least 25 Zippy's Restaurants, Napoleon's Bakery, Kahala Sushi and Pearl City Sushi locations may have been impacted by the breach.

Cards used between November 23, 2017 and March 29, 2018 are reported to have been those affected. A 'small number' of cards used to purchase drinks at events held at the Pomaikai Ballrooms may have also been compromised.

"Zippy's takes the security of its customers' information seriously. We are working closely with data security experts to implement processes and measures that will improve our system security to help prevent this from happening again," said

Paul Yokota, president of FCH Enterprises, the parent company of Zippy's. "We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause."

Company officials say orders that were placed on the Zippy's website and payments for fundraisers and catering orders were not impacted by the breach.

(Source: Hawaii News Now)

VENDORS PRAISE POLICE WORK AFTER DRUG RAID AT MARKET

Efforts by Police to reduce the drug problem in Samoa with the recent raid at the flea market have been applauded by several flea market vendors.

Last week, the Samoa Police Service carried out a drug raid at the Savalalo Flea market where about 100 police officers were seen with their K9 dogs.

All the access roads leading into the Flea Market were closed off by police.

For fear of repercussions from the alleged drug dealers, the street vendors opted not to use their full names.

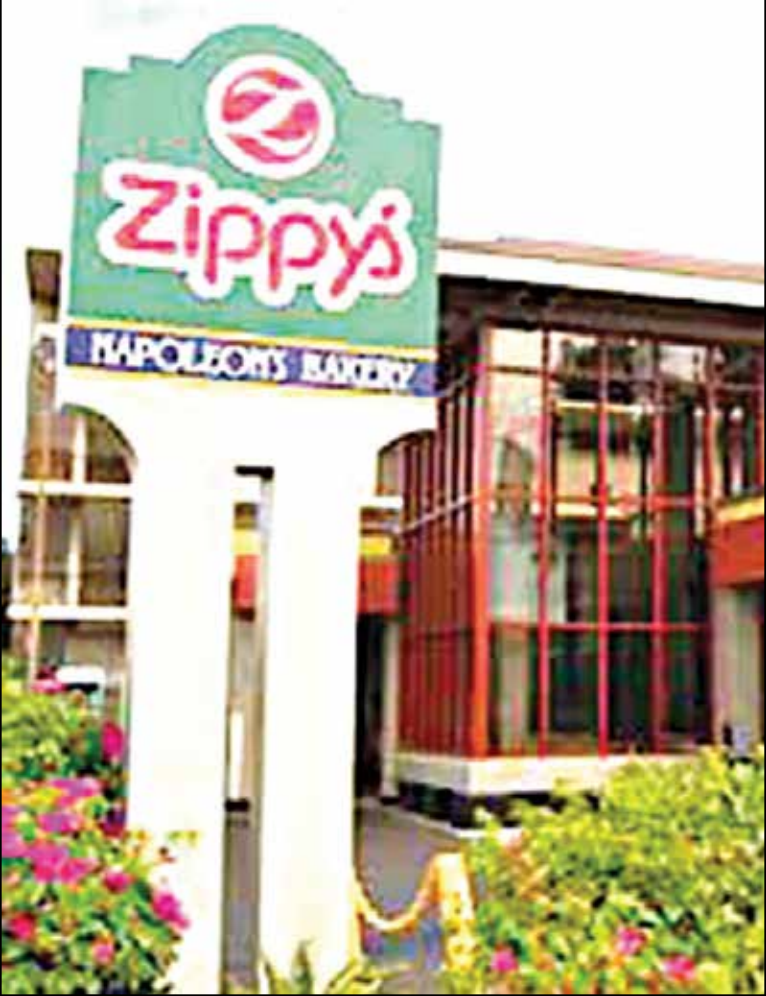
One vendor, who only wants to be identified as Vin, applauds police for heeding their call to clear the drug dealers from the market.

He has been in business for 10 years now.

"We witness them all the time selling their illegal drugs to people of all ages, from high school students to the elderly population."

"We had to do something about it and what other way than to report to the Police to take a hold of the situation," he said.

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GROUND WORK CONTINUES FOR NEW PROPOSED FONO BUILDING

Soil mediation and the installation of a new sewer system are the focus of ongoing work at the site of the proposed multi-million-dollar Fono building. Motorists, who pass by the Fagatogo site at night, report seeing Paramount crewmembers working under bright artificial lights.

When approached for comments yesterday, Robert “Bob” Thomas Jr., who is the geotechnical engineer on site, said that because the area gets flooded when the tide is high, work has to be carried out to coincide with ocean conditions.

Samoa News understands that water is pumped from the project site every time the tide comes in. Local company Paramount Builders won the contract for stabilizing the area and according to Thomas, “They are doing a great job!” He added that if everything goes as planned, the entire building will be completed by next summer.

Construction of the new Fono structure has garnered mixed reactions from the community. From the moment the old building was demolished until now, comments have been aired publicly with regards to funding, the actual design, even the foundation.

Earlier this year, suggestions were made to use micro piles, which are a deep foundation element constructed using high-strength, small diameter steel casing and/or threaded bar. But Paramount officials, when asked for a comment, said at the time, that micro piling the area would cost around \$2 million. “Very expensive,” was the response.

An alternative, more cost-effective solution that uses the same approach, but comes at a lower cost to the government was concocted and the decision was made to conduct a “mass excavation” of the area down to a trench of 10-feet in depth, to be filled with 3/4 gravel.

“Stabilizing the foundation is the most crucial step before construction begins,” the company said in a statement earlier this year. Critics argue that the concept of “you get what you pay for” means the cheaper alternative will result in less quality. But Paramount has pointed to the multi-million-dollar ASPA power plant in Satala, which was built using the same method.

“This approach is much cheaper than micro piling and it’s just as effective,” said a Paramount spokesperson in an earlier interview.

Earlier this year, it was revealed that the existing soil level, down to three feet, consists of “unsuitable material” that need to be removed; hence, the mass excavation.

Thomas said yesterday that representatives from the American Samoa Power Authority are on site to monitor the underground electrical lines in case they are affected by the ongoing work. “If something does happen, it’s good to have these ASPA folks here to step in and address it right away,” Thomas said. He added that because the existing sewer line was directly underneath the project site, it was necessary to install a new one and that’s what Paramount workers are doing now. He said solid groundwork is very crucial and once complete, everything will be ready for whoever wins the contract to build the new structure.

Samoa News understands that the actual construction phase of the project went out for bid last week and it’ll be about a month before the winning contractor is notified.

Lively Architects, a Honolulu based company that drew up the design for the project is working closely with Thomas.

Earlier this year in January, the DOI Office of Insular Affairs announced the release of more than \$9.6 million in grant funding to American Samoa through the Office of Insular Affairs’ (OIA) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Program for fiscal year 2017. Of that amount, \$1.8 million is for a new Fono building.

The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing building, construction of a new two-story building adequate for Senate and House offices, respective foyers, conference rooms, and rest-room facilities. Site improvements include landscaping, drainage, ADA accessibility and parking. The raised building will provide parking underneath the structure and mitigate flood hazards.

Samoa News should point out that with the CIP amount, plus the bond proceeds allocated to the new Fono building, the total amount so far identified to build is \$3.3 million, still short of the needed \$5-\$8 million projected to fund it.

[photo: Blue Chen Fruean]



COURT BRIEFS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa New Reporter

ANOTHER OVERSTAYER IN COURT

An over-stayer who is serving a 28-month jail term at the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) was in High Court last week for a probation review hearing. Loimata Mika, 28, entered American Samoa on a 7-day visitor's permit in 2016. He was in the territory illegally for over 6 months before he was arrested on Aug. 1, 2016 after he entered a home and touched a sleeping female in a sexual manner.

During a hearing last week, Chief Probation Officer Malcolm Polu told the court that Mika has already served 20 months of his sentence. Part of the court's sentencing order is that after serving 20 months behind bars, Mika's case can be considered during a review hearing.

After reviewing the Probation Office's report and submissions from both counsels, Chief Justice Michael Kruse ordered that Mika be allowed to depart the territory and remain outside of American Samoa during his probation period. Kruse did tell prosecutor Robert Morris that one of the concerns the court continues to have, is how these immigrants enter the territory on visitor's permits and continue to remain on island until they are caught breaking the law.

Kruse said the problem with over-stayers convicted of felonies continues to rise and the government needs to do something to stop it. Mika was initially charged with one felony count of first-degree burglary and two misdemeanor counts of third degree assault and trespassing. However, under a plea agreement, the government amended the burglary charge to second-degree assault — a lesser felony charge — and the misdemeanor charges were dismissed.

COURT DENIES TITIFALAULA SIAUMAU'S BOND MOTION

The High Court has denied an application by a former customs agent - jailed for five years and fined \$5,000 for importing marijuana - to return his bail.

According to the court's

decision, the District Court ordered the defendant's release from custody on cash bond of \$10,000, which was paid by Smith Siaumau. One condition of release was that the defendant must "make all court appearances." On August 18, 2017, Siaumau failed to present himself at his pre-trial conference. His then-attorney mentioned that she had spoken with Siaumau's father the previous Friday to confirm that the defendant would be present. Siaumau's previous counsel also informed the court that she had tried, but failed, to contact her client the day before the hearing.

The court issued a bench warrant for Siaumau's arrest and declared forfeiture of bail pursuant to Rule 46 of the Trial Court Rules of Criminal Procedure. Siaumau turned himself in and eventually pled guilty to importing marijuana into the territory. Earlier this year in February, Siaumau filed a motion to set aside the forfeiture of bail and return the sum to him. At the hearing on Apr. 5, the government's attorney did not oppose the motion.

According to the written decision by Chief Justice Michael Kruse, assisted by Judges Fa'amausili Pomele and Muasau Tofili, criminal procedures require the High Court to declare forfeiture of bail when there is a breach of a bond condition.

"Defendant has failed to offer any legal or policy argument for why we should set aside forfeiture. Perhaps if there were some good reason for why defendant had failed to present himself at his pretrial conference, we would be more sympathetic to his motion," said the decision. "Given previous counsel's attempts to secure her client's presence at the pretrial conference, it appears to this court that defendant's absence was due either to willfulness or reckless disregard." According to the court, the whole purpose of bail and sureties is to ensure a defendant's presence at the hearings during his/her criminal case. Setting aside a forfeiture of bail where no good reason for doing so is proposed would do harm both to justice and to the proper functioning of a criminal

justice system, said the court.

The defendant's motion to set aside bail forfeiture is denied.

LOGOTAEAO LOGOTAEAO JR

The District Court has sentenced Logotaeao Logotaeao Jr. to 12 months probation after he pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts of trespassing on land belonging to a neighboring family, and third degree assault — under a plea agreement with the government. According to court information, Logotaeao's family got into a dispute with a neighbor, resulting in the accused going to the neighbor's property and assaulting a male.

Prior to being sentenced, Logotaeao apologized to the court for his actions but District Court Judge Fiti A. Sunia responded that Logotaeao's action could have resulted in a more serious outcome, affecting the defendant's life, as well as causing trouble in the neighborhood. Among the conditions of Logotaeao's probation is that he pay a \$125 fine within 90-days of probation, and he must maintain peace with the neighbors, be a law abiding citizen, and attend and complete anger management counseling.

Porn star Stormy Daniels sues President Trump for defamation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The porn actress alleging a sexual encounter with President Donald Trump is escalating her legal fight, suing the president for defamation.

Stormy Daniels filed the complaint in federal court in New York on Monday. At issue is a tweet Trump made in which he dismissed a composite sketch that Daniels says depicted a man who threatened her in 2011 to stay quiet about her alleged relationship with Trump.

In the tweet earlier in April, Trump said: "A sketch years later about a nonexistent man. A total con job, playing the Fake News Media for Fools (but they know it)!"

The filing says the tweet was "false and defamatory," arguing that Trump was speaking about Daniels and that he "knew that his false, disparaging statement would be read by people around the world, as well as widely reported." It also says Daniels has been "exposed to death threats and other threats of physical violence."

Daniels, whose legal name is Stephanie Clifford, is seeking a jury trial and unspecified damages. Her attorney Michael Avenatti said Monday: "We intend on teaching Mr. Trump that you cannot simply make things up about someone and disseminate them without serious consequences." The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. An attorney representing Trump in another legal matter in New York did not respond to an email seeking comment. The lawsuit is the latest legal move from Daniels, who already is suing to be released from a non-disclosure deal she agreed to days before the 2016 election in exchange for \$130,000. The payment was made by the president's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen. That civil lawsuit was delayed in federal court in Los Angeles on Friday, with the judge citing a criminal investigation that Cohen is facing.

Cohen asked for a delay after FBI agents raided his home and office several weeks ago. The FBI was seeking records about the nondisclosure agreement. Cohen's attorney said in court last week that because the criminal investigation overlaps with issues in the lawsuit, his client's right against self-incrimination could be adversely impacted because he won't be able to respond and defend himself.



American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-043-2018

Issuance Date: April 30, 2018

Closing Date: May 15, 2018
No later than 2:00p.m. (local time)

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms to provide the "Construction of the Manulele Elementary School 2-Story Classroom Building" located in the village of Nu'uuli, Territory of American Samoa.

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), **Tuesday, May 15, 2018** at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 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 Conference.

4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- Electronic copies of contract documents, including Plans and Specifications may be examined or obtained at the Office of Procurement free of charge.
- The American Samoa Government reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any bid.
- The American Samoa Government reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

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Detroit released from active state oversight of finances

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit reached a key step in fiscal redemption on Monday by reclaiming control of its own finances roughly three years after exiting the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

A state review commission unanimously agreed to release the city from state financial oversight after Detroit delivered three consecutive years of audited balanced budgets. The city was about \$12 billion in debt and unable to deliver basic services like prompt responses to 911 calls and park maintenance when the state took financial management.

“Detroit is once again finally a city of full self-governance,” Mayor Mike Duggan said following the commission’s vote.

The change means that when contracts are approved by the City Council, Detroit won’t have to wait for the commission to approve them. But the city must still submit monthly financial reports to the commission, which will continue to monitor Detroit’s fiscal health for the next 10 years and could resume oversight if a budget deficit occurs. Gov. Rick Snyder placed the city under state receivership in early 2013, angering local officials and some residents because the move essentially stripped power from the City Council and mayor’s office. The Republican governor also appointed turnaround expert Kevyn Orr as an emergency manager to oversee Detroit’s

finances. The city, under Orr, filed bankruptcy the same year.

After restructuring about \$7 billion in debt and setting aside \$1.7 billion in savings and revenue over a decade to improve city services, Detroit exited bankruptcy in December 2014. Part of the restructuring plan was creating the nine-member financial review commission, which is chaired by state Treasurer Nick Khouri and includes Duggan, state Budget Director John Walsh and former Detroit police Chief Isaiah McKinnon. Members were given oversight of borrowing and large city-issued contracts.

Most city operations were returned to Duggan’s control in September 2014, but Monday’s action helps wipe away the stain of bankruptcy and the anger some in Detroit carried.

“Today is an important day in the history of our city,” City Council President Brenda Jones said. “Now, with the dormancy of the (review commission) and a reduction in state oversight, local control is returning to our city and its elected officials can assume the role that voters expect us to carry out.”

Under the terms of the bankruptcy, creditors received pennies on the dollar for what they were owed and thousands of retirees saw their pensions cut by 4.5 percent. Annual cost-of-living increases also were eliminated.

Detroit’s general fund balance was about \$595 million at

the end of the 2017 fiscal year, compared to a deficit of about \$73 million that the city faced at the end of the 2013 fiscal year following years of a plummeting population and tax base.

A \$36 million operating surplus is expected for the fiscal year 2018.

Another move by the city: Planning ahead by reducing costs and increasing revenue. Property tax collections are up nearly 10 percent and income tax revenues 15 percent over the past four years. The city has been setting aside surpluses ahead of large pension and debt payments due to start in 2024.

The financial review commission’s vote “validates Detroit’s remarkable progress and path toward continued financial stability,” Snyder said in a statement. “Detroit is America’s comeback city and I have every confidence that we will continue to see Detroit reach new heights under the city’s leadership.”

Credit rating agency Moody’s Investors Services, which currently rates Detroit’s credit as B1 with a “positive outlook,” said Monday that Detroit’s emergence from financial oversight “is a testament to the positive momentum the city has made in strengthening its reserves and fiscal operations.” David Levett, Moody’s vice president and senior analyst, said the agency expects “the strong financial management to continue.”



FILE - This Nov. 7, 2014 file photo shows the skyline of the city of Detroit. Detroit reached a key step in fiscal redemption on Monday, April 30, 2018, by reclaiming control of its own finances roughly three years after exiting the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio, File)

FA’ASALALAUGA Talanoaga o le Suafa LEOTA

Ou te mua’i si’i le siliga ma taia mauga o ao, ma le ava ma le fa’aeteete. Aua o Samoa o le ao mamalu i le fa’asouga o ao o le atuvasa. Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna Lava.

Tulouna ia le paia o le atunu’u, paia o le malo, aemaise paia o le galuega a le Atua. Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna Lava.

Ae ou te taia le laau ma ona lau, ona o le suafa “LEOTA” afioaga o Pago Pago. E taalo atu i paia o ona faleao, sul i ma feoi o le aiga “Sa Leota”, Aso To’ona’i, Me 5, 2018 i le 10:00 i le taeao, i le tulaga Maota o Leota i Pago Pago.

Afio mai ma tala mai a’ao, tatou fetufaa’i ma soalaupule sou finagalo, a’o so matou taofi i se tasi e nofo i le Suafa Leota o lo tatou aiga “Sa Leota”.

Fa’amolemole fa’autagia mai lenei fa’asalalauga po o lou le auai mai, o le a le taofia ai lenei fa’amoemoe. Talosia ia i le alofa ma le agalelei o le Atua, tatou feiloa’i i lea aso i le manuia.

Fa’afetai ma le fa’aaloalo lava,

Tigilau (Lemusu) Fagota Leota

Sprint, T-Mobile have to sell \$26.5B deal to antitrust cops

NEW YORK (AP) — To gain approval for their \$26.5 billion merger agreement, T-Mobile and Sprint aim to convince antitrust regulators that there is plenty of competition for wireless service beyond Verizon and AT&T.

The deal announced Sunday would combine the nation’s third- and fourth-largest wireless companies and bulk them up to a similar size to Verizon and AT&T, the industry giants.

But the companies argued that the combination would allow them to better compete not only with those two rivals but also with Comcast and others as the wireless, broadband and video industries converge.

“This isn’t a case of going from 4 to 3 wireless companies — there are now at least 7 or 8 big competitors in this converging market,” T-Mobile chief executive John Legere said in a statement. He would be the CEO of the combined company.

T-Mobile and Sprint have been considering a combination for years.

But a 2014 attempt fell apart amid resistance from the Obama administration. And in 2017 another potential deal fell through as well.

The combined company, to be called T-Mobile, would have about 127 million customers. Consumers worry a less crowded telecom field could result in higher prices, while unions are concerned about potential job losses.

In a conference call with Wall Street analysts, Sprint CEO Marcelo Claure acknowledged that getting regulatory approval is “the elephant in the room.” One of the first things the companies did after sending out the deal’s news release was to call Ajit Pai, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

The companies stressed that they plan to have more employees following the combination, particularly in rural areas, than they do as stand-alone companies now.

They also emphasized that the deal would help accelerate their development of faster 5G wireless networks and ensure that the U.S. doesn’t cede leadership on the technology to China.

And they said the combination would allow them to better compete with a growing number of competitors in a changing market.

Verizon and AT&T have been expanding their video-content businesses, while cable companies have been moving into wireless. That allows a single company to combine home and wireless internet and use content to support the communications businesses.

► Tauva Esera...

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Further, if she violates Court Rules and Commands, re: electronic recordings of court proceedings, again, her probation will be revoked and she will be ordered to serve the period of detention currently suspended by the court.

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Israel says documents prove Iran lied about nuclear program

JERUSALEM (AP) — Isra-el’s prime minister on Monday unveiled what he said was a “half ton” of Iranian nuclear documents collected by Israeli intelligence, claiming it proved that Iranian leaders covered up a nuclear weapons program before signing a deal with world powers in 2015.

In a speech delivered in Eng-lish and relying on his trade-mark use of visual aids, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claimed the material showed that Iran cannot be trusted, and encouraged President Donald Trump to withdraw from the deal next month.

“Iran lied big time,” Netan-yahu declared.

In Washington, Trump said it vindicated his past criticism of the nuclear deal.

Later in the day, White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the “information provides new and compelling details about Iran’s efforts to develop missile-deliverable nuclear weapons.”

But Netanyahu’s presenta-tion, delivered on live TV from Israeli military headquarters in Tel Aviv, did not appear to provide evidence that Iran has vio-lated the 2015 deal, raising ques-tions about whether it would sway international opinion ahead of Trump’s decision.

The U.S.-led agreement offered Iran relief from crip-pling sanctions in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program.

Netanyahu furiously fought the deal while President Barack Obama was negotiating it, and he has been a leading critic

since it was signed. He says it does not provide sufficient safeguards to prevent Iran from reaching nuclear weapons capability.

Netanyahu has found a wel-come partner in Trump, who has called the agreement “the worst deal ever.”

Trump has signaled he will pull out of the agreement by May 12 unless it is revised, but he faces intense pressure from European allies not to do so. Netanyahu said he already has given the information to the U.S., and he plans to share it with Western allies and the international nuclear agency.

Ahead of the announce-ment, Iran’s foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, belit-tled Netanyahu in a tweet, saying: “The boy who can’t stop crying wolf is at it again.”

He later tweeted: “Pres. Trump is jumping on a rehash of old allegations already dealt with by the IAEA to ‘nix’ the deal. How convenient. Coord-inated timing of alleged intel-ligence revelations by the boy who cries wolf just days before May 12. But Trump’s impetu-ousness to celebrate blew the cover.”

Iran’s deputy foreign min-ister and senior nuclear nego-tiator, Abbas Araghchi, called Netanyahu’s presentation “childish and ridiculous” and said the purported evidence was “fake and fabricated.”

Iran has denied ever seeking nuclear weapons.

The exchange ratcheted up already heightened tensions between Israel and Iran. Israel

considers Iran to be its biggest threat, citing Tehran’s hostile rhetoric, support for militants and growing influence in the region.

Israel has said it will not allow Iran to establish a perma-nent military presence in neigh-boring Syria, where Iran sup-ports President Bashar Assad. Overnight Monday, a missile attack in northern Syria killed more than a dozen pro-govern-ment fighters, many of them Ira-nians, a war monitoring group and an Iranian news agency said.

There was no official confir-mation of the death toll or the target. But Israel was widely suspected of being behind the attack.

In his presentation, Netan-yahu said Israel had obtained some 55,000 pages of docu-ments and 183 CDs of secret information from an Iranian nuclear weapons program called “Project Amad.” He said the material was gathered from a facility in the Tehran neigh-borhood of Shourabad a few weeks ago “in a great intelli-gence achievement.”

He said the uncovered filed included “incriminating” docu-ments, charts, blueprints, photos and videos.

He pointed to one presen-tation that allegedly called for producing and testing five warheads.

The authenticity of the docu-ments could not be verified, and it was not clear whether they shed any new light on what international inspectors already have concluded.

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Another vendor, an elderly mother, was ecstatic the alleged drug dealers were caught.

“Not all of them were taken but at least now they know we will not hesitate to report illegal activities to the police when we see them again hanging out at the market.”

(Source: Samoa Observer)
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
PLANS SERVICE TO 4
HAWAI'I AIRPORTS

Southwest Airlines says it intends to offer flights to four Hawaii'i airports.

West Hawaii Today reports the Dallas-based carrier announced this week that it plans to offer service to Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport on the Big Island, Lihue Airport on Kauai, Kahului Air-port on Maui, and Daniel K. Inouye International Airport on Oahu. In the airline’s quarterly profit report Thursday, CEO Gary C. Kelly said they are still expecting to begin selling tickets for Hawai’i flights later this year.

The airline is still awaiting approval from the Federal Avia-

tion Administration to offer the trips across the Pacific Ocean.

Southwest says it plans to announce flight routes and ser-vice dates after they receive the clearances.

(Source: Associated Press)
TAXI WIPES OUT TAUFUSI
TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The driver of the taxi that crashed into the street lights at the intersection in Taufusi, has been charged with careless driving.

This was confirmed by Police Superintendent, Auapa’au Logoitino Filipo.

A bystander told the Sunday Samoan that the taxi was speeding and just went straight for the street lights during the early hours of yesterday morning. “I heard the brakes screeching and when he finally came to a stop after crashing into the street lights, he exited with what appeared to be a shotgun, but I was not certain.”

“He then took off and I called the Police to report the matter.”

Workers repaired the lights yesterday and they were worked

into the night.

(Source: Samoa Observer)
COMPANY THREATENS
TO CUT MARIANAS
CABLE

A telecommunications com-pany in the Northern Marianas is threatening to cut the fibre optic cable that connects Tinian and Rota to Saipan if the gov-ernment fails to provide \$US1.3 million it promised to pay for the service.

Under a memorandum of agreement signed with the CNMI government in 2016, Docomo Pacific agreed to include Tinian and Rota in con-necting their fiber optic cable ‘ATISA’ at a fee of \$US650,000 per island.

Earlier this week, the House of Representative included the \$US1.3 million commitment to the telco in the \$US15 mil-lion appropriations bill that also gave \$US7 million to the CNMI Judiciary to fix its mold and air-conditioning problems.

The legislation still needs to be passed by the senate and sup-ported by the governor.
(source: RNZI)

Twin bombings in Afghanistan kill 25, including 9 reporters

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two Islamic State suicide bombers struck in Afghanistan’s capital on Monday, killing 25 people, including nine journalists who had rushed to the scene of the first attack, in the deadliest assault on reporters since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

An Agence France-Presse photographer and a cameraman for the local Tolo TV station were among the fatalities, police said. Two reporters for the Afghan branch of Radio Free Europe and a third who was to begin working there soon also were killed, Radio Free Europe said. At least 45 people were wounded in the attacks, according to Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai, who said four police were among those killed.

The attack was the latest in a relentless string of large-scale bombings and assaults in the capital and elsewhere in Afghanistan this year.

A few hours later, in the southern Kandahar province, a suicide car bomb targeting a NATO convoy killed 11 children from a nearby religious school, police said. The children had gathered around the NATO convoy for fun when the bomber struck, said Abdul Rahim Ayubi, a lawmaker from Kandahar. Eight Romanian NATO soldiers were wounded.

The Islamic State group claimed the Kabul bombings in a statement posted online, saying it targeted the Afghan intelligence headquarters. The statement did not say anything about specifically targeting journalists. The blasts took place in the central Shash Darak area, home to NATO headquarters and a number of embassies

and foreign offices — as well as the Afghan intelligence service.

Stanekzai said the first suicide bomber was on a motorbike, while the second targeted those scrambling to the scene to aid victims. He said the second attacker was on foot in a crowd of reporters, pretending to be a member of the press, when he set off his payload.

AFP said the news agency’s chief photographer in Kabul, Shah Marai, was among those killed. Hundreds of people attended his funeral later on Monday.

Media watchdog Reporters Without Borders said it was the deadliest attack targeting reporters since the U.S.-led invasion that overthrew the Taliban in 2001.

The Paris-based group named the nine journalists killed, who worked for media organizations from multiple countries, and said another six reporters were wounded. The group, also known by its French acronym RSF, said 36 media workers have been killed in Afghanistan in attacks by IS or the Taliban since 2016.

In a separate attack in the eastern Khost province, a 29-year-old reporter for the BBC’s Afghan service was shot dead by unknown gunmen. The BBC confirmed the death of Ahmad Shah, saying he had worked for its Afghan service for more than a year. BBC World Service Director Jamie Angus called it a “devastating loss.”

Survivors of the attacks in Kabul recounted scenes of mayhem.

“When the explosion happened, everywhere was covered with dust and fire, it was such

a horrific scene,” said Jawed Ghulam Sakhi, a 28-year-old taxi driver. “I saw journalists covered with blood.”

Masouda, a young woman who was with her husband when he was wounded in the attack, lashed out at the authorities.

“I don’t know who is responsible for all these attacks. Every day we lose our loved ones and no one in this government is taking responsibility for the killing of these innocent people,” she said. Like many Afghans, she has one name.

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O la tatou fonotaga lona fa sa fuafuaina mo le Masina o Me I lona aso lima e faia lea i Malae i le mea e faasino iai le suafa, ua le fa’ataunu’uina ona o ni tuatuagia le ma’alofia o nisi o faletama tau i le suafa a lo tatou aiga. O le a toe logo atu lo outou mamalu i le aso ma le taimi o le a faataunu’uina ai la tatou fonotaga lona fa i Malae lava i Faleasao. O le toe fonotaga fo’i lea i le talanoaina o le suafa. O le a le avea lou le aua’i atu ma mafuaaga e toe tolopoina lena fonotaga. Molimoli lo outou ma le ola i lena aso o le a faataunu’u ai la tatou fonotga.

Fa’afetai,

Sainia:**Ale T. Filoiali’i**
Le’aai M. Filoiali’i
Fuiava B. Fuiava



Security forces run from the site of a suicide attack after the second bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, April 30, 2018. A coordinated double suicide bombing hit central Kabul on Monday morning,

(AP Photo/Massoud Hossaini)



American Samoa ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

In collaboration with the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA), the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) has recently prioritized the **Water Project Priority List (PPL)** in accordance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

A copy of the PPL is available to the public for review at the AS-EPA office in Utulei or online at www.epa.as.gov. Comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the published date of this notice. Submit comments to the AS-EPA office or by mail to the AS-EPA Water Program, P.O. Box PPA, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799. For more information, please contact Christianera Tuitele at 633-2304 or christianera.tuitele@epa.as.gov.

Ameko Pato, AS-EPA Director



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Suesue pea Kruse fa'amaoni o ripoti mai le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga

tusia Ausage Fausia

E le o mapu taumafaiga a le afioga i le Fa'amasino Sili ia Michael Kruse, i lona sailiili malie pea lea o ripoti e 2 na tu'uina atu e le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga i le Fa'amasinoga, pe fa'amaoni nei ripoti poo ni ripoti pepelo fo'i.

I totonu o ia ripoti, o lo o taua ai e le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga tagata e to'alua, o i latou ia o sponsors a le ali'i o Joeita Fa'aaliga, lea na ulufale mai i Amerika Samoa ia Aokuso 2012, ma nofo fa'asolitulafono ai lava i le teritori seia oo ina molia o ia i le tausaga e 2013 i moliaga o le talepe fale ma le gaoi, ma fa'aauau mai ai lava seia oo mai i le taimi nei.

O le masina o Fepuari na lau ai le fa'asalaga a le ali'i o Fa'aaliga, e pei ona poloaina ai e le fa'amasinoga o ia na te tuliina tausaga na fa'amalumalu o ana fa'asalaga ua mae'a ona tuuina atu, ina ua fa'amaonia lona le usitaia o poloaiga a le fa'amasinoga sa tu'uina atu na te tausi ma usita'i i ai.

Ae o le iloiloa sa faia i le aso Faraile na te'a nei a Fa'aaliga, o le talanoaina lea o le mataupu e fa'atatau i ripoti mai le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga, lea o lo o taua ai ana sponsors e to'alua.

O molimau na aami e le fa'amasinoga e aafia ai le Loia Sili ia Talauega Eleasalo Ale atoa ai ma le Pulesili o le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga ia Peseta Dennis Fuimaono.

A o le i valaau e le fa'amasinoga le afioga a Peseta i luga o le nofoa molimau, na fa'atonu e Kruse le Pulesili o le Ofisa o Fa'anofovaavaaia, susuga Malcolm Polu ina ia aga'i i luga o le nofoa molimau ma fa'amatala mai i le fa'amasinoga le ata atoa o le mataupu a Fa'aaliga, e aafia ai le mataupu lea ua faamoemoe le fa'amasinoga e iloilo i le vaiaso na te'a nei.

I le mae'a ai o le molimau a Polu, na valaauina ai loa Peseta e tula'i i luga o le nofoa molimau. Na fesili le afioga a Kruse ia Peseta pe na alu atu ma avatu le faaila a Fa'aaliga sa fa'atonuina ai o ia e le fa'amasinoga, na tali Peseta ioe.

Na toe fesili Kruse poo mafai e faamaumauga o lo o i totonu o le faila ona tali ai le fesili i le mafua'aga e 2 ai sponsors a Fa'aaliga, na tali Peseta e leai.

"Sei e tago e fa'amatala mai pe aisea", o le fesili lea a Kruse ia Peseta. Na taua e Peseta e fa'apea, na mafua ona eseese fa'amatalaga na tuuina mai

i totonu o ripoti a lua a lona Ofisa, ona e sese le sipelaina o le igoa o Fa'aaliga na tuuina atu e le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia.

Na taua e Peseta e fa'apea, o le igoa sa avatu e le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia, o JOEITA, ae o le igoa sa maua i fa'amaumauga a le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga, o JOITA.

E le i talia gofie e le afioga i le ali'i fa'amasino le molimau a Peseta. Na toe fesili Kruse pe

(Faauau itulau 19)



Ua toe lua aso tapunia le lesitala i le FEMA ae toe tumu fa'afuase'i lava le tatou Ofisa o lo'o fa'aulu ai nei talosaga, o le toe ta e mau ai loa le fao.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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O le va'auga lea i le auuso o le tama'ita'i Fai'fau ua malolo nei mai ona tiute ma galuega sa fa'atino i l lalolagi nei e tautua ai le Atua le tama ae maise ia liua lava se agaga mo Iesu. Fa'afetai mo ou faiva Julia McMoore Malaki.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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FA'AILI MATA'U

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na sainia ai e le Fa'amasinoga Maua'uga sana poloaiga e pu'e faapagota mai ai le ali'i o Fa'aili Mata'u, e mafua mai i tu'uiga i lona le usitaia lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia.

O Mata'u, poo 'Whistle' fo'i e pei ona iloa ai o ia e le to'atele na ta'usala e le fa'amasinoga i le masina o Fepuari na te'a nei i le moliaga mamafa o le umia fa'asolitulafono o vaega o fualaau fa'asaina o le aisa. O lea moliaga na afua mai i le fa'alavelave lea na maua ai e Leoleo o ia o lo o moe taliaga i luma o se Fale Faatali pasi i Tafuna, ae ina ua sailia lona tino, sa maua i ai vaega o le pauta oona o le aisa.

O ni isi o tuutuuga o le nofovaavaaia a Mata'u na tuuina atu e le fa'amasinoga i le masina o Fepuari na te'a nei, o lona tuliina lea o masina e 20 i le falepuipui. Na faamalumu e le fa'amasinoga lea poloaiga, ae faia le faaiuga ina ia lava masina e 5 ma ona tupu na taofia ai Mata'u i le falepuipui e fai ma ana fa'asalaga, ma tatala ai lava o ia i tua i le aso na lau ai lana fa'asalaga, ae o isi masina o lo o totoe ai o lana fa'asalaga o le a tofi le tuliina, fuafua lava i lona usita'i i isi poloaiga a le fa'amasinoga.

O isi poloaiga a le fa'amasinoga e aofia ai le tatau lea ia Mata'u ona alu e vaai le ofisa faanofovaavaaia fa'atasi i le masina, aua ne'i ona toe tagofia pe fa'aaoga fualaau fa'asaina, ma ia tuuina atu lona tino e faia i ai ni suiga ina ia faa-maonia ai na te le o toe tagofia fualaau fa'asaina.

Talu mai lava le taimi na tatala ai Mata'u i tua seia oo mai i le vaiaso na te'a nei, e le i alu lava o ia e vaai le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia, e le i alu fo'i

e faia se suega i lona tino po o ona tagofia fualaau faasaina pe leai. O le mafua'aga lea na talosagaina ai loa e le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia le fa'amasinoga, mo sana poloaiga e pu'e fa'apagota mai ai le ua molia.

E o o mai lava i le taimi nei o lo o tau sailia pea e Leoleo ma Masela a le fa'amasinoga ia Mata'u, ina ia pu'e fa'apagota e tusa ai ma le poloaiga a le fa'amasinoga.

IAKIMO FELISE

O le masina o Iuni lea ua fa'atulaga e toe valaau ai le mataupu a Iakimo Felise i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maua'uga, i le mae'a ai lea ona ia teena o moliaga mamafa e 10 ua tu'uia ai o ia e le malo i le taeao ananafi. O Felise, 55 tausaga le matua mai le afioaga o Leloaloa na pu'e fa'apagota mai e Leoleo i Nu'uuli i le aso Lua o le vaiaso na te'a nei, ona o tu'uiga i lona faia o uiga mataga i se teineititi i le taimi o le tuua o aoga.

E 10 moliaga o lo o tu'uia ai o ia e le malo. O ia moliaga mamafa e aofia ai moliaga e 3 o le faia o amioga mataga i fanau e i lalo o le 12 tausaga le matutua; 1 le moliaga o le fai'aiga fa'amalosi; 2 moliaga o le faia o uiga mataga fa'asotoma, ma moliaga e 4 o le tagofia o itutinoso o se teineititi e laititi i lalo o le tulafono.

O ia tuuaiga e mafua mai i le fa'alavelave na tula'i mai i le vaiaso na te'a nei, i lona faia lea o uiga mataga i se teineititi e 10 tausaga le matua.

O le tausaga e 2011 na ta'usala ai fo'i Felise e le fa'amasinoga maua'uga i le moliaga o le tagofia o itutinoso o se teineititi e 10 tausaga le matua, ma fa'asala ai o ia e le fa'amasinoga i le umi e 20 masina, o se tasi lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e 5 tausaga.

Na teena e le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Fiti Sunia

le talosaga ina ia fa'atulaga se tupe e tatala ai Felise i tua mai le toese i Tafuna. Saunoa Sunia e fa'apea, talu ai le matuia o tu'uiga fa'asaga i lenei ali'i, ua manatu ai le fa'amasinoga ina ia taofia pea o ia i le toese e aunoa ma se tupe e taofia ai o ia.

CAROLINE PURCELL

Ua talia e le fa'amasinoga maua'uga le talosaga a se tama'ita'i talavou e 19 tausaga le matua, mo se avanoa e tatala ai o ia i tua e fa'aauau le mafutaga ma lona aiga.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na lau ai le fa'asalaga a Caroline Purcell i luma o le fa'amasinoga maua'uga, i le mae'a ai lea ona ta'usala o ia i le moliaga mamafa o le gaioi. O le moliaga o le gaioi, o se solitulafono C i le fa'atulagaina o solitulafono mamafa, lea e mafai ona fa'asala ai se tasi i le toese mo le umi e le silia i le 7 tausaga, poo le fa'asala fo'i i le salatupe e le silia i le \$5,000, poo fa'asalaga uma fo'i ia e lua.

Na fa'atoese Purcell i le fa'amasinoga e tusa ai o lana solitulafono, ma ia talosagaina ai se isi avanoa o ia. Na ta'utino Purcell e fa'apea, o ia o se tama'ita'i talavou e 19 tausaga, e le o toe umi se taimi ona avea lea o ia ma Tina. Sa ia taua i le fa'amasinoga, ua 5 masina o lona ma'itaga. Sa ia augani i le fa'amasinoga mo se avanoa e toe fo'i ai i lona aiga e toe fa'asa'o ni isi o tulaga ua fa'aletonu i lona olaga.

Na talosaga lana loia ia Michael White i le fa'amasinoga ina ia talia le talosaga a Purcell ae tatala o ia i tua e toe fo'i i lona aiga. Sa i ai le Tama o Purcell i totonu o le potu fa'amasino atoa ai ma lona grandmother.

Na lagolagoina e le loia a le malo ia Woodrow Pengelly le talosaga a le itu tete'e, ina ia fa'anofovaavaaia le ua molia e aofia ai le tatala o ia i tua. Saunoa

(Faauau itulau 19)



O se va'auga lava i le tumutumu o nofoaga o lo ua fa'atalanoa ai talosaga ua maea lesitalaina mo fesoasoani mai le FEMA.

[ata: Leua Aiono FRost]



tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

TOE ASO O LE LESITALA A LE FEMA/SBA I AMERIKA SAMOA:

I le aso ananafi ma le toe aso lenei e tatala mai ai le fa'a'ulu atu o sau talosaga i le FEMA mo se fesoasoani e toe fa'aleleia ai lou fale pe toe fa'atau ai sau meatotino na fa'aleagaina i le afa o Gita, ua toe va'aia ai le toe tutumu o laina e gasolo atu e lesitala.

O nisi sa i ai pepa sa fa'atuai ai ona fa'amae'a latou talosaga, ae o nisi o fa'amaumauga o fale sa fa'aletonu, ma ua toe fa'aleleia. Peita'i, ua i ai fo'i ma le vaega a le Public Works i le fale o lo'o talosagaina ai suiga e mafai ona faia i pemitia, ma fa'afou ai fo'i pemitia o fale, ina ia mafai lava ona fa'afaigofie le galueaina o pepa talosaga uma.

I le fa'amatalaga a le sui sa feagai ma talosaga a le vasega o Nogatupe mai le FEMA mo pisinisi ma aiga e tele le tupe maua, SBA, sa fa'a'iloa mai ai e Yolanda Stokes, "E 212 talosaga mo ni nogatupe ua fa'amauina ma ua tali atu fo'i i ai le SBA i a latou talosaga talu ai fo'i a'afiaga mai le Gita ia Fepuari 7-9, 2018. O le vaega tupe foi ua nono mai e le SBA mo i latou ia e mafai ona fa'aaoga e toe fa'aleleia atili ai lau pisinisi i lona fale e fa'atautaia mai ai, po'o le tulaga fo'i e si'itia teisi ai i luga lana auunaga.

O le aotelega o le tupe ua fa'aalu e le SBA i totonu o Amerika Samoa e tali atu ai i talosaga e 212 na fa'auia mai ona o a'afiaga o le Gita, e aotelega lea i le \$3.1miliona. O le a fa'aauau pea lava ona tali mai le SBA i talosaga uma ua mae'a ona lesitala, ae tatau ona fa'amautu uma atu pepa po'o a lava mea o mana'omia ina ia tali mai ai loa le SBA i lau talsoaga e toe fa'aleleia ai lau pisinisi po'o au meatotino e ala i lau nogatupe.

TUSIGA SOLO A LE KOLISI FA'AAUTU I SAUAGA FA'ALEITUAIGA I TOTONU O AIGA

O le aso Lulu na te'a sa fa'ataunu'u lava le tauvaga solo na tusia e le fanau a'oga i le Kolisi Tu'ufa'atasi o Amerika Samoa, ma sa faia lea i le Leture Hall #2 i le ASCC lava i le itula e 2:30 i le afiati.

E le gata ia i latou e a'o'oga i le Kolisi Tu'ufa'atasi sa tauva i tusiga o latou solo, ae sa pa'au atu le vasega o fanau a'oga i a'oga maua'uga i le atunu'u e fa'aalia a latou fa'atinoga sa faia, ae maise o latou solo ma tala sa tusia e fa'atauta i lenei fo'i fa'afitauli e a'afia ai tina ma fanau i totonu o le li'o o latou aiga, po'o nisi lava o fa'apotopotoga e aofia ai i latou o sui totino.

O solo na manumalo ua taua'aina le fa'a'ailoga i le tama'oita'i o Monalisa. O le tulaga lua ua mauaina lea e Roma ma le tulaga tolu ua maua e le tama'ita'i o Sitina Scanlan.

I le fa'atinoga fa'a-aitema a le vasega o fanau a'oga maua'uga na auai, sa matua fa'afiafiaina atili ai i latou na maimoa i ai, ua matua fa'aalia le sapaia o le autu o le tusiga solo, tusiga tala ma fa'atinoga.

"Ona o le matua iloga ona matagofie o le fa'atinoga a le fanau a'oga maua'uga o le autu o lenei fa'amoemoe atoa o tamafai nei, o le a toe sau ai le isi a'u malaga i le masina fou, ia toe fa'amalosia

(Faauau itulau 19)

Ashley Judd sues Weinstein saying he wrecked her career

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ashley Judd sued Harvey Weinstein on Monday, saying the former movie mogul hurt her acting career in retaliation for her rejecting his sexual advances.

In the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judd accuses Weinstein of defamation, sexual harassment and violating California's unfair competition law. Judd was in the first group of women who came forward last fall about Weinstein's sexual misconduct, putting her at the forefront of

the #MeToo movement.

Central to the suit is director Peter Jackson saying in December that Weinstein had warned him 20 years ago that Judd was a "nightmare" to work with, and should be avoided "at all costs." Jackson was considering Judd for a major role in his "Lord of the Rings" movies, and had met with her about the role. About a year earlier at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills, Weinstein — in what was supposed to be a business breakfast meeting — appeared in a bathrobe, asked Judd to watch

him shower and to let him massage her, the suit alleges. The allegations echo those Judd made in The New York Times in October.

"Cornered, and desperate to escape without angering a man who had the ability to end her budding career, Ms. Judd engaged in a mock bargain with Weinstein, suggesting that she would consider letting him touch her only if she won an Academy Award in one of his films," the lawsuits says. "Weinstein responded: 'When you get nominated.'



Ashley Judd during the 2017 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on July 25, 2017, left, and Harvey Weinstein at The Weinstein Company and Netflix Golden Globes afterparty in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Jan. 8, 2017. Judd has sued Harvey Weinstein, saying he hurt her acting career in retaliation for her rejecting his sexual advances. In the lawsuit filed Monday, April 30, 2018, in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judd accuses Weinstein of defamation, sexual harassment and violation of California's unfair competition law.

(Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP)

► Suesue pea Kruse...

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aisea na ia sainia ai ripoti e lua na tuuina atu i le fa'amasinoga pe afai na ia iloa o lo o sese le sipelaina o le igoa, ae na saunoa Peseta, e na o le tasi le ripoti sa ia sainia, e na o le ripoti o lo o sa'o ai le sipelaina o le igoa, o le isi ripoti na saina e le sui o lona Ofisa.

Na toe fesili Kruse ia Peseta pe na te silafia e le tatau ona fa'alauiloaina fa'amaumauga o lo o i totonu o le faila a Fa'aaliga, na tali Peseta ioe.

"Ae aisea la na e fa'alauiloa fa'alaua'iteleina ai le faila", o le fesili lea a Kruse. E leai se tali a le afioga a Peseta i lea fesili.

AMATAGA O LE MATAUPU A FA'AALIGA:

O le aso 21 Iuni 2013 na ta'usala ai e le fa'amasinoga maua luga ia Fa'aaliga i le moliaga o le talepe fale i le tulaga muamua atoa ai ma le talepe fale i le tulaga lua, ma poloaina ai loa o ia na te tuliina masina e 40 i le toese, o se tasi lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e 7 tausaga.

A o tuli ai lana fa'asalaga i le toese, na faila e le malo isi moliaga faaopoopo faasaga ia

Fa'aaliga i le aso 8 Mati 2014, e mafua mai i se solitulafono sa ia fa'atinoina a o lei tupu le solitulafono lea ua fa'a falepuipui ai o ia.

Na ta'usala e le fa'amasinoga maua luga ia Fa'aaliga i le moliaga o le gaioi, ma poloaina ai loa o ia na te tuliina masina e 28 i le toese i Tafuna, o se tasi lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e 7 tausaga, ma o le fa'asalaga fa'atoa tuli pe a mae'a ona tuli lana fa'asalaga e 40 masina i le toese.

I le 2016, na faila ai e le malo mataupu tau solitulafono e 2 fa'asaga ia Fa'aaliga, e mafua mai i taimi na ia sola ese ai mai le toese a o tuli ai lana fa'asalaga.

O le mataupu muamua na molia ai o ia i le sola i tua mai le toese atoa ai ma le gaioi, e mafua mai i le fa'alavelave lea na ia fao fa'amalosai ai le ato tupe a se Tina sa nofonofo i totonu o lana ta'avale i luma o le Ofisa o le Pulega o le Eletise ma le Suavai i Tafuna. Na fa'amaonia e le fa'amasinoga moliaga o le gaioi ma le sola ese mai le falepuipui, ma fa'asala ai Fa'aaliga i le

toese mo le umi e 12 tausaga.

O le mataupu lona lua na molia ai Fa'aaliga i le moliaga o le gaioi, e mafua mai i le fa'alavelave lea na ia sola ai i tua ma gaioi se tupe mai totonu o se faleoloa e tusa ma le \$1,500. Na ta'usala o ia e le fa'amasinoga i le gaioi ma poloaina ai loa lona tuliina o le umi e 7 tausaga i le toese.

O le fa'asalaga a Fa'aaliga e 7 tausaga e fa'atoa tuli pe a uma ona tuli lana fa'asalaga e 12 tausaga.

Ina ua talosagaina e le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia ripoti mai le Ofisa o Femalagaiga e fa'atatau i le faila a Fa'aaliga i le 2013 ma le 2014, sa maitauina ai le eseese o fa'amaumauga sa tuuina atu e le Ofisa o Femalagaiga i le fa'amasinoga i ripoti e lua sa tuuina atu. E le gata e eseese aso o lo o taua na ulufale mai ai Fa'aaliga i le atunu'u, ae eseese fo'i igoa o sponsor.

O le mafua'aga lena na fa'atulaga ai loa e le fa'amasinoga le iloiloiga e pei ona valaauina i le aso Faraile na te'a nei, se'i fesiligia ai le moni o ripoti a le Ofisa o Femalagaiga.

► Tala o le Vaifanua...

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atili le manulauti o le tineia a'ia'i le tele o sauaga o a'afia ai fanauiti, fanau talavou ma tina i totonu o le li'o o latou aiga po'o fa'alapotopotoga o lo'o aofia ai." O se tala lea a le tama'ita'i o Doris Tulifua mai Kalefonia USA, peita'i o lana polokalama "Brown Girl Wake."

O le Brown Girl Wake o lo'o fa'atautaia fo'i i Samoa, peita'i o le tinoitupe o fa'atino ai lea fa'amoemoe sa talosagaina e ia i Kalefonia, USA lea fo'i ua fa'ao'o mai se isi ona galuega fa'atino i le tatou nei teritori.

O lea tauvaga Tusiga Solo ma Tala na fa'atautaia lea lua e le Alliance to Strengthen Families ma le Brown Girl Wake.

TUUMALO LE TAMAITA'I FAIFE'AU - JULIA TALIPATI MC MOORE MALAKI:

O le aso Faraile talu ai Aperila 27, 2018 na falelauasi ai lana susuga le Tama'ita'i Faife'au, le tina o le Aiga, ae o se uo mamae fo'i i le to'atele ole au uso galulue i le galuega a le Atua i so'o se galuega fesoasoani a le "Light of Life Petecostal Church Inc. i Koolina Street Waianae, Hawaii ma i tatou fo'i i le Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga a le Atua i Malaeimi.

I le tala fo'i a le ali'i Perese-

tene & Faife'au Taitai o le Light of Life Pentecostal Church Inc. i Waianae Hawaii, Satui Tuaniga, sa ia fa'ailoa ai,

"O Julia Tali e matua galue ma le fiafia e atina'e so'o se ekalesia e va'aia e ia o lo'o mana'omia ona fausia ia mautu lelei. E ola fesoasoani i le galuega atina'e o le tino o Keriso, fa'apea fo'i ma le itu tau le agaga o le galuega.

O le tina o Julia Tali e to'a fa lava si ana fanau. O Tanya McMoore, Toese McMoore, Talishabeth McMoore ma Penisimani Fiuangaihetau, lea e to'alua ai si ana fanau a lana fanau o Tevita ma Meleamira.

E to'aono ona tuagane, e toaono fo'i ona uso ua lisia i lana polokalama, ae to'a sefulu ma le to'alua i latou uma na soifua mai o latou matua o Fesilafa'i Pati ma Talitiga Pati Taufagu o Aua, Amerika Samoa.

E lua ana fa'aipoipoga i lona olaga atoa. Na mua'i fa'aipoipo i le ali'i Fitafta a le Malo tele Sipunu McMoore ia Mati 22, 1975, ona tatalaina lea o le mafutaga mamae i le maliu ia Tesema 28. 2006.

Na toe fa'aipoipo lea o ia ia Tesema 25, 2013 ia Ionatana Malaki mai Papa Sataua Savaii, e o'o mai i le aso ua maliu ai.

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le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Elvis P. Patea e fa'apea, e foliga mai i fa'amaumauga ua i luma o ali'i fa'amasinoga e le o se taimi muamua lena ua a'afia ai Purcell i le tulafono.

"E foliga mai sa i ai isi au solitulafono i le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, a o lea ua amata ona e oo mai i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maua luga, lona uiga o le a maua luga fo'i le fa'asalaga e tuuina atu

ia te oe. Ui o lea, ua talia e le fa'amasinoga lau talosaga ma ua sauni fo'i le fa'amasinoga e tuuina atu se isi avanoa o oe", o le saunoaga lea a Patea.

O masina e 4 lea na taofia ai Purcell i le toese, ua fa'aaoga e fai ma ana faasalaga, ae ua faamalumalu lona tuliina o le fa'asalaga fa'a falepuipui e 20 masina, fuafua lava i lona usitaia o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e 5 tausaga.

O isi tuutuuga e aofia ai le usita'i i tulafono a le malo, ma ia avea o ia o se tagatanu'u e tausi i le tulafono.



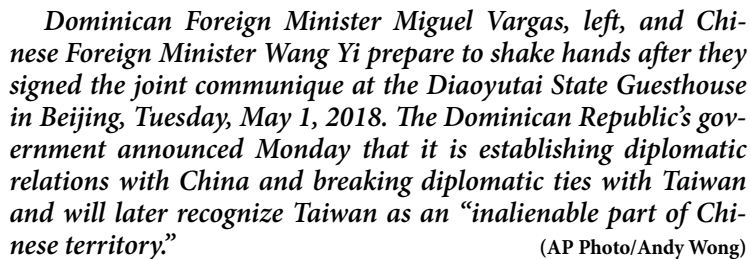
O le vasega o fa'afeagaiga sa auai i le sauniga mamalu mo lea tama'ita'i faife'au i le latou ekalesia, Julia McMoore Malaki, fa'afetai mo lou tau'au ae maise lava i galuega tau fa'atula'ia a lau ekalesia.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

“History and socioeconomics reality now force us to change course,” he said.

After Panama cut its ties

In a joint statement, the countries said the move was “in keeping with the interests and desire of the two peoples” and that the Dominican Republic will sever ties with rival Taiwan as a result.



Additional questions center on Michael Flynn, Trump's former national security adviser, who has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his discussions on sanctions against Russia with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak during the presidential transition. Flynn is now cooperating with Mueller's investigators. "What did you know about phone calls that Mr. Flynn made with the Russian ambassador, Sergey I. Kislyak, in late December 2016?" reads one question.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump distorts claims on VA nominee, vet care

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is distorting some of the reasons why his pick to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs, White House physician Ronny Jackson, abruptly withdrew his nomination.

Trump casts late-surfacing allegations against Jackson as entirely partisan.

He cites an investigation led by Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., even though the review involved interviews with military personnel and was conducted with the knowledge and support of Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., chairman of the committee considering Jackson's nomination.

Trump also ignores misgivings expressed by several Republicans over Jackson's lack of management experience after Trump suddenly selected the doctor last month to head the government's second-largest agency.

Meanwhile, Trump falsely claims he was the one who pulled a plan to expand the Veterans Choice private health care program because "it wasn't good enough."

In fact, the White House fully supported the plan but couldn't push it through Congress last month.

A look at the misleading rhetoric:

TRUMP: "Allegations made by Senator Jon Tester against Admiral/Doctor Ron Jackson are proving false.

tThe Secret Service is unable to confirm (in fact they deny) any of the phony Democrat charges which have absolutely devastated the wonderful Jackson family." — tweet Saturday afternoon.

TRUMP: "What Jon Tester did to this man is a disgrace. ... He's a great, great guy... and he started studying and then he started getting hit with vicious rumors — vicious. And the Secret Service told me just

coming in, 'Sir, we checked out all of those things. Sir, they're not true.'" — rally Saturday night in Washington Township, Michigan.

THE FACTS: It's inaccurate for Trump to characterize the allegations against Jackson as "Democrat" or to suggest that Jackson's nomination failed entirely because of them.

The allegations, which centered on a "pattern" of loosely prescribing drugs, drunken behavior on the job and a "toxic" work environment, were based on interviews with more than 20 military personnel, according to Tester.

The time period covered Jackson's tenure as a White House physician dating to 2006 and involved colleagues who served in both Republican and Democratic administrations.

After pledging to address the allegations, Jackson abruptly withdrew his nomination Thursday, saying he "did not expect to have to dignify baseless and anonymous attacks on my character and integrity."

Tester's staff compiled a summary of the allegations and released it last Wednesday with the support of Isakson, the chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

Isakson earlier had called the allegations "serious" in his decision to postpone Jackson's Wednesday hearing.

Jackson had already faced tough questions from several committee Republicans about whether he had the experience to manage the massive VA.

Jackson has broadly denied the allegations of misbehavior. They included crashing a government vehicle while intoxicated at a Secret Service going-away party and doling out such a large supply of a prescription opioid that staffers panicked because they thought the drugs were missing.

As to Trump's claim that the

Secret Service "checked out all of those things" and said they were untrue, it's not clear if he was referring to the full allegations or just the purported car crash.

On Friday, The Associated Press reviewed internal records from the White House, including police reports, that show Jackson had three minor incidents in government vehicles during the past five years, but none involved the use of alcohol, and he was not found to be at fault.

In addition, the White House medical unit that Jackson ran successfully passed regular controlled-substance audits, according to the records for the last three years.

The reviews did recommend improvements to the medical unit's handling of controlled substances but did not find misconduct.

TRUMP: "We've done a great job with our vets. We have accountability approved, we're getting Choice approved. And I pulled it because I didn't like the Choice. The Choice wasn't good enough ... I could've had it already. We could've had it in the last budget. But it wasn't good enough. We're getting Choice, which is a big

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Kelly calls 'BS' on report he called Trump an 'idiot'

WASHINGTON (AP) — New details emerged on the rift between White House chief of staff John Kelly and President Donald Trump, with one former administration official saying Kelly privately called Trump "an idiot" last year.

Kelly's insult to the president's intelligence, confirmed to The Associated Press by the former official, came as his clashes with Trump over policy and personnel grew louder and more frequent. Kelly, who has cast himself as safeguarding the public from the president, has also threatened to quit the White House on several occasions.


Kelly's disparaging remark was first reported Monday by NBC News. In a statement Monday, Kelly called the report "total BS," and characterized his relationship with Trump as "incredibly candid and strong." He added of the president, "He always knows where I stand and he and I both know this story is total BS."

Kelly's top aide, Zachary Fuentes, also disputed the characterization, saying he had never heard Kelly describe the president that way.


"Remember, he is a Marine. Once a Marine, always a Marine," said Fuentes. "The office of the commander in chief is held to the highest regard." Trump appeared to react to the NBC report on Twitter on Monday evening. He tweeted, "The Fake News is going crazy making up false stories and using only unnamed sources (who don't exist)." He added, "The White House is running very smoothly."

In recent months, Trump has chafed at Kelly's management style, and has occasionally talked with friends about replacing him. Indeed, Trump has floated the idea of appointing Kelly to run the Department of Veterans Affairs in calls with outside allies, said two people familiar with the conversations, though there are other possibilities in the mix and the president often floats ideas without taking action. Kelly has made clear he wouldn't accept such an offer.

In his early days in the White House, Kelly imposed strict controls on access and the flow of information to Trump, though his direct influence has waned somewhat since then, aides said. Kelly allies insist he has merely trained the staff to follow his management protocols, but officials note that Trump has grown more willing to act unilaterally, ignoring or simply not seeking out the advice of his top aide.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: ASPA18.041.ESD-WTR **Closing Date & Time: Monday, May 28, 2018**
Issuance Date: April 26, 2018 **No later than 2:00 p.m. local time**

The American Samoa Power Authority issues this Request For Proposals (RFP) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written proposals for the:

Upper Faga'alu Reservoir Rehabilitation Project

Submission An Original, four hard copies and PDF of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFP No. ASPA18.041.ESD-WTR Upper Faga'alu Reservoir Rehabilitation Project." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), Monday, May 28, 2018:

Materials Management Office
American Samoa Power Authority
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Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Document
The RFP package outlining the proposal requirements is available at The Procurement office at ASPA's Tafuna Compound, New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

Pre-Proposal Meeting/Site Visit
A one-time pre-proposal meeting and site visit will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015, 9:00am, at the Materials Management Office conference room located at ASPA's Tafuna Compound.

Right of Rejection
The American Samoa Power Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted quotes that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

Approved for Issuance: Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director

Time's Up takes aim at R. Kelly over sex misconduct claims

NEW YORK (AP) — The Time's Up campaign is taking aim at R. Kelly over allegations he has sexually abused women.

The organization devoted to helping women in the aftermath of sexual abuse issued a statement Monday urging further investigation into Kelly's behavior, which has come under closer scrutiny over the last year as women have come forward to accuse him of everything from sexual coercion to physical abuse. Kelly has denied such charges. "We demand appropriate investigations and inquiries into the allegations of R. Kelly's abuse made by women and their families for more than two decades now. And we declare with great vigilance and a united voice to anyone who wants to silence us — their time is up," the statement said.

The statement was issued by the Women of Color committee within Time's Up, which includes Oscar-nominated director Ava DuVernay, TV mogul Shonda Rhimes and actress Jurnee Smollett-Bell. The social media campaign #MuteRKelly has sought to stop his music from being played and to cancel his concerts, and Time's Up said it is joining that call.

Specifically, Time's Up is seeking action from RCA Records, Kelly's label; Spotify and Apple Music, which stream Kelly's catalog; and Ticketmaster, which has sold tickets to his concerts. And it is calling for the cancellation of a May 11 concert in Greensboro, North Carolina.



A migrant father and child, who traveled with the annual caravan of Central American migrants, rest where they set up camp to wait for access to request asylum in the US, outside the El Chaparral port of entry building at the US-Mexico border in Tijuana, Mexico, Monday, April 30, 2018. About 200 people in a caravan of Central American asylum seekers waited on the Mexican border with San Diego for a second straight day on Monday to turn themselves in to U.S. border inspectors, who said the nation's busiest crossing facility did not have enough space to accommodate them.

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- Articulate ASLA's mission in the government, nonprofit organizations and the community at large.

Requirements:

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- Possess the highest ethical standards.
- Familiarity with U.S. Department of Justice Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking program grant guidelines and Legal Services Corporation regulations is preferable.
- Possess excellent communication skills. Ability to speak and write both in English and Samoan will be favorably considered.
- Excellent computer skills.
- Familiarity with the PIKA case management system is preferable.
- Value diversity and be culturally competent.
- Ability to work well together with the Executive Director and staff to fulfill the ASLA mission and Strategic Plan action goals.
- Demonstrate a commitment to serve low-income residents.

Starting Salary:

- Depends on experience, salary is \$14, 000 per year for part-time paralegal plus generous leave benefits.

Applicants: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Deadline for applications is Friday 5/11/17 at 4pm. Interested candidates should provide a current resume with the names and contact information of three references. Application letter and resume should be submitted electronically via email in PDF format to ASLA Executive Director Fainu'ulelei L.P.F. Ala'ilima-Utu at the following email address: Fautu@aslegalaid.org.

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Migrants in caravan criticized by Trump start seeking asylum

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Central Americans who traveled in a caravan through Mexico to the border with San Diego began turning themselves to U.S. authorities to seek asylum Monday in a direct challenge to the Trump administration.

Nearly 200 migrants, many traveling with children, decided to apply for protection at the nation's busiest border crossing after many fled violence in their home countries, organizers said.

Wendi Yaneri Garcia says she's confident she will be released while her asylum case winds its way through the courts because she's traveling alone with her 2-year-old son, who has been sick. "All I want is a place where I can work and raise my son," the 36-year-old said.

She said police in her hometown of Atlantida, Honduras, jailed her for protesting construction of a hydroelectric plant and that she received death threats after being released.

President Donald Trump and members of his Cabinet have been tracking the caravan of migrants, calling it a threat to the U.S. since it started March 25 in the Mexican city of Tapachula, near the Guatemala border. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has called the caravan "a deliberate attempt to undermine our laws and overwhelm our system," pledging to send more immigration judges to the border to resolve cases if necessary.

Trump administration officials have railed against what they call America's "catch and release" policies that allow people requesting asylum to be released from custody into the U.S. while their claims make their way through the courts, a process that can last a year.

The caravan's arrival at San Diego's San Ysidro border crossing marked the end of a

monthlong journey by foot, freight train and bus for the migrants, many of whom said they feared for their lives in their home countries. Nefi Hernandez, 24, said a gang in his hometown of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, threatened to kill him and his family if he did not sell drugs. He intended to seek asylum with his wife and baby daughter, who was born on the journey through Mexico. Jose Cazares, 31, said he faced death threats in the Honduran city of Yoro because a gang member suspected of killing the mother of his children learned one of his sons reported the crime to police.

But the travelers faced an uncertain future as they asked for asylum. U.S. immigration lawyers warned them that they face possible separation from their children and detention for many months.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said asylum claims will be resolved "efficiently and expeditiously." But she warned that any asylum seekers making false claims could be prosecuted, as could anyone who assists the migrants in doing so. Administration officials and their allies claim that asylum fraud is growing and that many who seek it are coached on how to do so.

If border inspectors say they don't have staff and space to accommodate nearly 200 people at once, organizers will put women with children and children traveling alone at the front of the line, said Bliss Requa-Trautz of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network. The rest will stay in Mexico and try another day.

The San Ysidro crossing can hold about 300 people temporarily, Pete Flores, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's San Diego field office director, said earlier this month.

Trump tweets that journalism dinner is dead, total disaster

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is again railing against the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner amid criticism of the comedian who roasted his spokeswoman.

Trump says on Twitter Monday: "The White House Correspondents' Dinner is DEAD as we know it. This was a total disaster and an embarrassment to our great Country and all that it stands for. FAKE NEWS is alive and well and beautifully represented on Saturday night!"

For the second year in a row, Trump skipped the dinner, instead holding a rally in Michigan.

The annual event made headlines after a routine by comedian Michelle Wolf. Some of her jokes about Sarah Huckabee Sanders in particular drew heavy criticism.

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deal. That’s going to be game changing.” — rally Saturday night.

THE FACTS: Trump says he pulled the Choice proposal from a spending bill because “it wasn’t good enough.”

In fact, the White House supported the plan backed by key Republicans and Democrats to outsource more routine veterans’ care to private providers, but House Democrats balked at moving too quickly.

In a statement this month, White House spokesman Hogan Gidley emphasized that Trump had nothing to do with Choice

not being approved.

“Time and again, Democrats have attempted to blame President Trump for their own inaction, but it’s their own leadership — Nancy Pelosi — who failed to include the VA Choice legislation in the 2000+ page omnibus bill,” Gidley said.

“The Trump administration looks forward to continuing to work with Congress to reform and strengthen the VA Choice program.”

White House officials have indicated they still support that plan spearheaded in part by Tester, whom Trump is now

attacking for releasing allegations against Jackson.

Some conservatives such as Pete Hegseth, a “Fox & Friends” contributor, who has been previously considered for the VA secretary job, have suggested the plan may not go far enough to provide access to private doctors outside the government-run VA health system.

Lawmakers have said they will try again next month, but proposals have been stalled because of disagreements over cost and how much access veterans should have to private doctors.

Cardinal Pell to face trial on criminal charges in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Australian Cardinal George Pell, the most senior Vatican official to be charged in the Catholic Church sex abuse crisis, must stand trial on charges that he sexually abused multiple victims decades ago, a magistrate ruled Tuesday.

Magistrate Belinda Wallington dismissed some of the charges that had been heard in the four-week preliminary hearing in Melbourne but decided the prosecution’s case against was strong enough to warrant a trial by jury.

When she asked Pell how he pleaded, the cardinal stood and said in a firm voice: “Not guilty.”

Lawyers for Australia’s highest-ranking Catholic had argued the accusations were untrue and should be dismissed.

Pell, Pope Francis’ former finance minister, was charged last June with sexually abusing multiple people in his Australian home state of Victoria. The details of the allegations against the 76-year-old have yet to be released to the public, though police have described the charges as “historical” sexual assault offenses — meaning the crimes allegedly occurred decades ago.

His alleged victims testified in the first two weeks of the preliminary hearing via a video link from a remote location to a room closed to the media and public. His lawyer Robert Richter told Wallington in his final submissions two weeks ago that the complainants might have testified against one of the church’s most powerful men to punish him for failing to act against abuse by clerics.

But prosecutor Mark Gibson told the magistrate there was no evidence to back Richter’s theory that Pell had been targeted over the church’s failings.

Since Pell returned to Australia from the Vatican in July, he has lived in Sydney and flown to Melbourne for his court hearings. His circumstances are far removed from the years he spent as the high-profile and

polarizing archbishop of Melbourne and later Sydney before his promotion to Rome in 2014.

The case places both the cardinal and the pope in potentially perilous territory. For Pell, the charges are a threat to his freedom, his reputation and his career. For Francis, they are a threat to his credibility, given he famously promised a “zero tolerance” policy for sex abuse in the church.

Advocates for abuse victims have long railed against Francis’ decision to appoint Pell to the high-ranking position in the first place. At the time of his promotion, Pell was already facing allegations that he had mishandled cases of clergy abuse during his time leading the church in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia’s largest cities. So far, Francis has withheld judgment of Pell, saying he wants to wait for justice to run its course. And he did not force the cardinal to resign, though Pell took an immediate leave of absence so he could return to Australia to fight the charges. Pell said he intends to continue his work as a prefect of the church’s economy ministry once the case is resolved.

In recent years, Pell’s actions as archbishop came under particular scrutiny by a government-authorized investigation into how the Catholic Church and other institutions have responded to the sexual abuse of children. Australia’s Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse — the nation’s highest form of inquiry — revealed last year that 7 percent of Catholic priests were accused of sexually abusing children in Australia over the past several decades.

In testimony to the commission in 2016, Pell conceded that he had made mistakes by often believing priests over people who said they had been abused. And he vowed to help end a rash of suicides that has plagued abuse victims in his hometown of Ballarat.

Pell testified to the inquiry in a video link from the Vat-

ican about his time as a priest and bishop in Australia. He did not attend in person because of a heart condition and other medical problems. Police said at the preliminary hearing that they had planned to arrest Pell for questioning had he returned to Australia in early 2016 to testify. His lawyers argued in court that Pell was targeted for “special treatment” by detectives from a police task force that investigated historical sex abuse. Police witnesses denied that accusation.

‘Infinity War’ record opening revised to \$257.7M

NEW YORK (AP) — “Avengers: Infinity War” was even bigger than previously estimated.

The Walt Disney Co. on Monday reported final weekend numbers for the superhero smash at \$257.7 million in U.S. and Canadian theaters, further boosting the film’s record-breaking opening weekend.

The revised figure was due to unexpectedly strong Sunday ticket sales, Disney said. The Marvel blockbuster grossed \$69.2 million on Sunday, besting the record held by “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” by more than \$8 million.

Disney had forecast a \$250 million debut, which topped the \$248 million record set by “The Force Awakens” in 2015. Accounting for inflation, “The Force Awakens” would still narrowly edge “Infinity War” by a few million.

Marvel now holds six of the top 10 opening weekends of all time, with Disney accounting for nine of the 10. “Infinity War” also set a new global opening weekend record with ticket sales exceeding \$630 million worldwide.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by comScore:

1. “Avengers: Infinity War,” Disney, \$257,698,183, 4,474 locations, \$57,599 average, \$257,698,183, 1 Week.
2. “A Quiet Place,” Paramount, \$11,004,977, 3,565 locations, \$3,087 average, \$148,528,278, 4 Weeks.
3. “I Feel Pretty,” STX Entertainment, \$8,176,757, 3,440 locations, \$2,377 average, \$29,620,318, 2 Weeks.
4. “Rampage,” Warner Bros., \$7,205,315, 3,508 locations, \$2,054 average, \$78,030,872, 3 Weeks.
5. “Black Panther,” Disney, \$4,736,428, 1,650 locations, \$2,871 average, \$688,364,917, 11 Weeks.
6. “Super Troopers 2,” 20th Century Fox, \$3,729,287, 2,125 locations, \$1,755 average, \$22,214,216, 2 Weeks.
7. “Truth or Dare,” Universal, \$3,268,145, 2,420 locations, \$1,350 average, \$35,374,140, 3 Weeks.
8. “Blockers,” Universal, \$2,975,260, 2,324 locations, \$1,280 average, \$53,246,750, 4 Weeks.
9. “Ready Player One,” Warner Bros., \$2,563,325, 2,365 locations, \$1,084 average, \$130,811,543, 5 Weeks.
10. “Traffik,” Lionsgate, \$1,654,694, 1,046 locations, \$1,582



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Position Title	Heavy Equipment Operator	Posting Date	April 30, 2018
Department	Wastewater Operations	Deadline	May 11, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Division	Environmental Services Division (ESD)	Starting Rate	7.28 per hour
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation		
Reports To	Wastewater Manager	Job Grade/Status	D/1/A, Non-Exempt

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Education	High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have completed training and possess a certificate in operating heavy equipment.
Experience	Minimum three (3) years in operating heavy equipment.

Skills, Abilities, Job Requirements	Skilled in: Heavy Equipment Operations Ability to: Write reports and converse fluently in both English and Samoan languages. Requirements: Be available to work after hours and on weekends, holidays, whenever necessary. Be a thorough worker with a good attendance record and be resourceful in completing assignments. Must have good customer relations skills. Must pass a health or physical examination.
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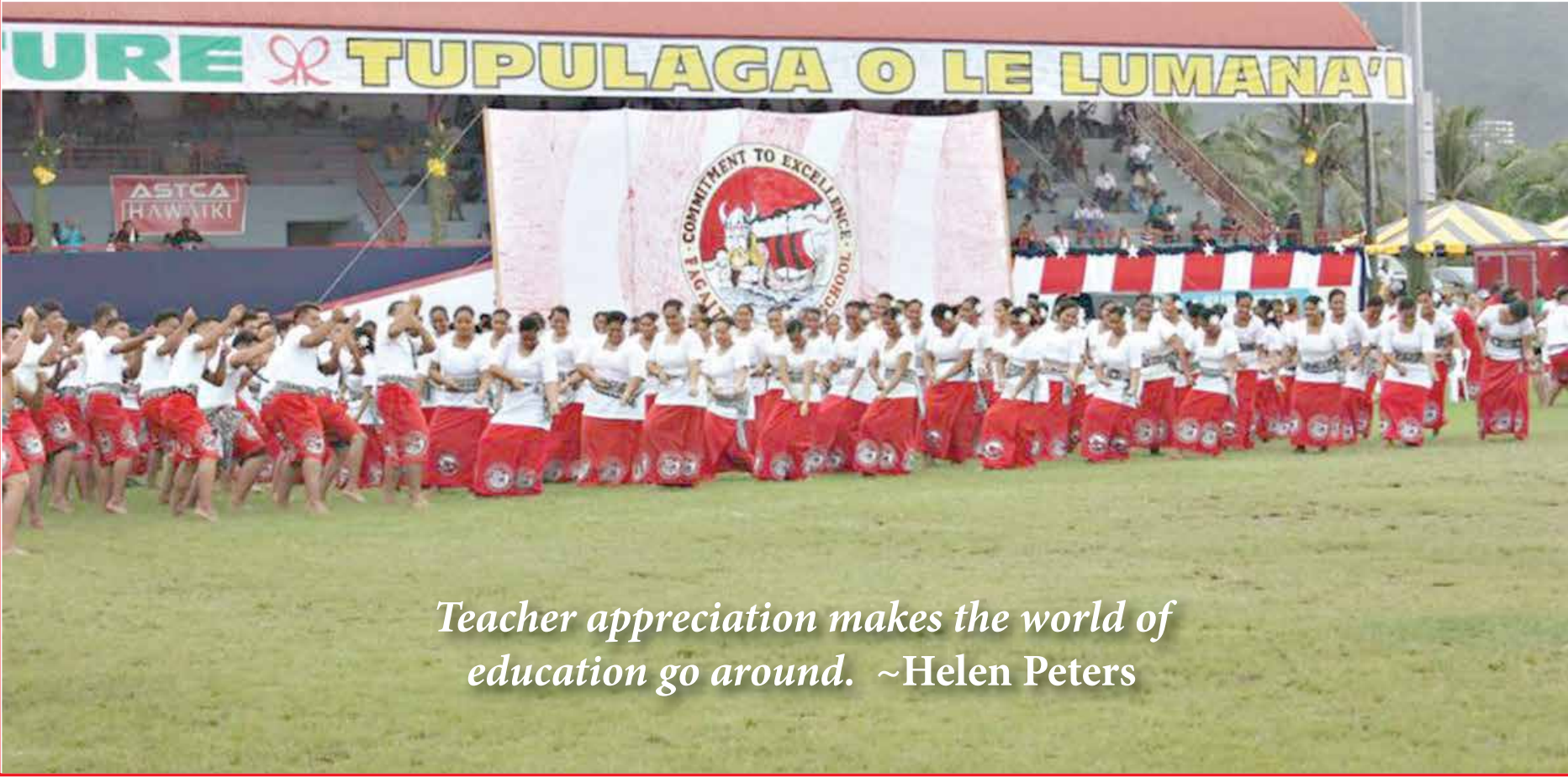
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This image released by Marvel Studios shows, from left, Benedict Cumberbatch, Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo and Benedict Wong in a scene from “Avengers: Infinity War.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The American Samoa Department of Health Early Intervention Program “Helping Hands” would like to inform the public that the Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 is available for public comment for a period of 60 days.

A copy of the document is available to review at the DOH Helping Hands Office located in the Lumana’i building in Fagatogo.

Please call the DOH Helping Hands office at 633-8553 if you have any questions regarding this public notice.

Signed,

Ruth Te’o, DOH Part C Coordinator

White House not addressing reports on Jack- son’s future

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says Dr. Ronny Jackson remains assigned to the White House — but it’s not addressing reports the Navy rear admiral won’t be returning to the job of President Donald Trump’s personal physician.

Jackson abandoned his nomination to be secretary of Veterans Affairs last week.

White House spokesman Raj Shah said in a statement that Jackson is still assigned to the

White House, adding that there were “no personnel announcements at this time.”

Politico first reported Sunday that Jackson would not return to the role of personal physician to the president. Dr. Sean Conley, a Navy veteran, took the role of Trump’s personal physician after Jackson was nominated.

Jackson withdrew his nomination amid allegations that he drank on the job and overprescribed medication. Jackson has denied those allegations.

US mainland politicians wooing Puerto Ricans who fled storm

MIAMI (AP) — A small street festival outside Miami features booths adorned with Puerto Rican flags. A band plays salsa music as vendors offer specialties from the Caribbean island such as rice with pork and chickpeas.

There's also a woman working her way through the crowd with a clipboard, her white T-shirt emblazoned with the words "Your vote, your voice, your future."

She's searching for people like Shaimir Berrios, a 28-year-old who recently relocated to South Florida from Puerto Rico but has not yet registered for the upcoming U.S. elections.

That makes her a prized commodity in what is expected to be a midterm election season with many close races.

Berrios, selling natural soaps from one of the booths, moved to Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria and she's eager to vote for the first time in a mainland election to show her anger over what she views as a tepid response by the U.S. federal government to the Sept. 20 storm that devastated the island.

"People have to look for change because it affects us. We have to get involved," she said, filling out the paperwork to register on a recent Sunday.

The intensity of political attention is new for Puerto Ricans, who are accustomed to not having much political clout. While they are U.S. citizens, they cannot vote in the presidential election while on the island, which is a territory not a state.

Their single representative in the House of Representatives has only limited voting power and they have no senators. But their votes have the same weight as other Americans when they move to the mainland, as hundreds of thousands

have done over the past decade, first because of a deep economic recession and then because of Hurricane Maria.

Political operatives, pollsters and politicians in at least four states are working hard to find people like Berrios, Puerto Ricans who are eligible to vote and whose party affiliation may be up for grabs. The efforts are particularly aggressive in Florida, where tens of thousands of people from the island relocated after the hurricane, but political types are also busy in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut.

In Florida, where Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton by only about 1 percentage point and Hispanic turnout was lower than expected, the votes of Puerto Ricans are potentially valuable in upcoming congressional and statewide races, said Susan McManus, a political science professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

"The bottom line is that mobilizing and getting out the vote of the Puerto Ricans is going to be critical," she said.

At least 450,000 Puerto Ricans moved to the U.S. mainland over the past decade, causing the island's population to drop for the first time in modern history. It now has about 3.4 million people. How many have permanently relocated because of Hurricane Maria is not yet known, but estimates range from 115,000 to 200,000. There are now about 5.3 million Puerto Ricans on the U.S. mainland and they are concentrated in the Northeast and Florida.

The recent street festival in the Miami suburb of Kendall is just one of many get-out-the-vote efforts aimed at Puerto Ricans. Organizers of the event said they are not affiliated with any party and voter registration was conducted by volunteers

with the non-partisan League of Women Voters.

"We are just working so the Puerto Rican community can have its voice heard," the volunteer, Marisol Zenteno, said as she took a break from working a line of people waiting to buy pork and rice. "They have the right when they come here to vote." But others are overtly partisan efforts.

The Republican Party has hired three people to take charge of reaching out to displaced Puerto Ricans and to defend the Trump administration's response to the disaster and remind voters of the more than \$20 billion in aid.

"It's an important vote for us," said Yali Nunez, a Republican National Committee spokeswoman.

The Democratic Party is registering Puerto Ricans, especially in Florida, and has a "voter education program" aimed at helping people who fled Maria and at winning their vote, spokesman Francisco Pelayo said.

The Latino Victory Fund, a nationwide Hispanic outreach effort co-founded by actress Eva Longoria, is also working to mobilize people who fled the island.

A conservative effort is combining education and politics. The LIBRE Institute, which is funded by the billionaire activist Koch brothers, offers "Welcome to Florida" classes aimed at newly arrived Puerto Ricans. They teach English and job-hunting skills, concluding with a pitch for what Cesar Grajales describes as "free-market" principles.

"We don't talk about candidates, but we do talk about public policies," said Grajales, who is director of coalitions at the LIBRE Initiative, a parent organization.



In this April 14, 2018 photo, a voter registration booth stands during an event to help Puerto Rico hurricane victims in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The intensity of political attention ahead of midterm election is new for Puerto Ricans, who are accustomed to not having much political clout.

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South Korean leader says Trump 'can take the Nobel'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President Moon Jae-in has shaken off a suggestion that he receive the Nobel Peace Prize, saying that U.S. President Donald Trump "can take the Nobel prize" as long as the Koreans receive peace in return.

Moon made the comment Monday in response to a suggestion that he receive the award by the widow of late South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000 after a summit with then North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

Moon held a summit with current leader Kim Jong Un last week in which Moon and Kim, the son of Kim Jong Il, walked together across the tense border and agreed to a raft of initiatives meant to ease animosity. Moon responded to the suggestion of Nobel glory by saying, "President Trump can take the Nobel prize. The only thing we need is peace," according to the South's presidential office.

South Korea also said Monday that it will remove propaganda-broadcasting loudspeakers from the border with North Korea this week as the rivals move to follow through with their leaders' summit declaration that produced reconciliation steps without a breakthrough in the nuclear standoff.

During their historic meeting Friday at a Korean border village, Kim and Moon agreed to end hostile acts against each other along their tense border, establish a liaison office and resume reunions of separated families. They also agreed to achieve a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, but failed to produce specific time frames and disarmament steps.

Seoul's Defense Ministry said it would pull back dozens of its front-line loudspeakers on Tuesday before media cameras. Ministry spokeswoman Choi Hyunsoo said Seoul expected North Korea to do the same.

South Korea had already turned off its loudspeakers ahead of Friday's summit talks, and North Korea responded by halting its own broadcasts.

The two Koreas had been engaged in Cold War-era psychological warfare since the North's fourth nuclear test in early 2016. Seoul began blaring anti-North Korean broadcasts and K-Pop songs via border loudspeakers, and North Korea quickly matched the action with its own border broadcasts and launches of balloons carrying anti-South leaflets.

Seoul's announcement came a day after it said Kim told Moon during the summit that he would shut down his country's only known nuclear testing site and allow outside experts and journalists to watch the process.

South Korean officials also cited Kim as saying he would be willing to give up his nuclear programs if the United States commits to a formal end to the Korean War and a pledge not to attack the North. Kim had already suspended his nuclear and missile tests while offering to put his nuclear weapons up for negotiations.

The closing of the Punggy-ri test site, where all six of North Korea's atomic bomb tests occurred, could be an eye-catching disarmament step by North Korea. But there is still deep skepticism over whether Kim is truly willing to negotiate away the nuclear weapons that his country has built after decades of struggle.



FILE- In this April 4, 2018, file photo, shoppers walk past the Victoria's Secret store on Broadway in the Soho neighborhood of New York. On Monday, April 30, the Commerce Department issues its March report on consumer spending.
(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer, File)

March consumer spending rebounds 0.4 percent as wages rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans boosted their spending by 0.4 percent in March, the best showing in three months. Meanwhile, a key gauge of inflation closely watched by the Federal Reserve rose at the fastest pace in more than a year.

The March increase in consumer spending followed two months of very weak readings with no gain in February and only a 0.2 percent increase in January, the Commerce Department reported Monday. The result is an encouraging sign that economic growth, which slowed in the first quarter, will accelerate in the current quarter.

Personal incomes advanced a moderate 0.3 percent in March, matching the February gain, but they have been growing strongly.

Consumer spending is considered key to economic growth since it accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. The economy slowed to growth of 2.3 percent in the first quarter, reflecting a slowing in consumer spending. Many analysts believe stronger consumer spending this quarter will lift overall growth back to rates above 3 percent.

An inflation gauge tied to consumer spending advanced 1.9 percent in March compared to 12 months ago. That was the fastest pace since a similar 12-month gain of 1.9 percent in February 2017 and prompted some analysts to predict that the central bank will ultimately decide to raise rates four times this year to make sure inflation does not get out of hand. That would be up from three rate hikes last year.

“As the weaker dollar feeds through to stronger imported goods prices and wage pressures continue to build, we think inflation will

rise above the Fed’s 2 percent target later this year and trend gradually higher from there,” said Michael Pearce, senior U.S. economist for Capital Economics.

The Fed seeks to achieve moderate annual increases in inflation of around 2 percent but has fallen below that target for the past six years. Now with unemployment at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent, economists expect that tight labor markets will finally start to lift wage gains and overall inflation.

But there is already a debate inside the Fed about what to do once it has hit the 2 percent inflation target. Some officials say the central bank let inflation rise for a time above that target. Other Fed officials argue that such a move would run the risk of allowing inflation pressures to get out of hand and force the central bank to slam on the brakes by raising interest rates so quickly that it could push the country into a recession.

Fed officials will hold a regular meeting this week. They are expected to keep rates unchanged after raising them in March. But many analysts believe the Fed will raise rates again in June.

The 0.3 percent rise in incomes reflected a slowdown in the key category of wages and salaries, which rose only 0.2 percent in March, just half the 0.4 percent February gain.

The 0.4 percent rise in spending reflected a 0.8 percent surge in spending on durable goods after two months of declines in this category which includes big-ticket items such as autos.

The faster rise in spending compared to income growth meant that the saving rate slipped to 3.1 percent of after-tax income in March, down from 3.3 percent in February.

4 climbers die in Swiss Alps after unexpected storm



GENEVA (AP) — An unexpected snowstorm coupled with high winds killed four climbers in the Swiss Alps and left five others in critical condition early Monday after they became trapped overnight and couldn’t reach shelter, officials said.

A total of 14 hikers from France, Germany and Italy were left stranded in the Pigne d’Arolla region, police in southwestern Valais canton said. Authorities deployed seven helicopters as part of rescue efforts.

The climbers were caught off-guard by high winds, snow and bitter cold, and were forced to spend the night outdoors, Valais police spokesman Markus Rieder said.

Several of those rescued were suffering from

hypothermia, and were rushed to area hospitals. Police said three people died in hospital, and another apparently was killed in a fall. Five others were hospitalized in critical condition. Details on the other five hikers that were part of the group weren’t immediately provided.

Police said the climbers were trying to reach the Vignettes hikers’ hut at 3,157 meters (10,357 feet) in the Alps.

Europe has experienced turbulent weather over the past several weeks, with unseasonable spells of hot and cold.

In Germany, firefighters pumped rainwater from basements and clearing flooded road tunnels after a storm swept through parts of western Germany overnight.

LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that SALAVE'A PALE SALAVE'A of LEONE, American Samoa, has executed a LEASE AGREEMENT to a certain parcel of land commonly known as MALAETTA which is situated in the village of LEONE, in the County of FOFO, WEST-ERN District, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa. Said LEASE AGREEMENT is now on file with the Territorial Registrar to be forwarded to the Governor respecting his approval or disapproval thereof according to the laws of American Samoa. Said instrument names MALAETTA OFAGALILO & FAUSTINE OFAGALILO as LESSEES.

Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 9TH day of JUNE 2018. It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

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SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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O LE FAASALALAUGA lenēi ua faia ona o SALAVE'A PALE SALAVE'A ole nu'u o LEONE, Amerika Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA LISI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o MALAETTA, e i le nu'u o LEONE i le itumalo o FOFO, Falelima i SISIFO ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O lea FEAGAIGA LISI ua i ai nei i teuga pepa ale Resitara o Amerika Samoa e fia auina atu ile Kovana Sili mo sana fa'amaoniga e tusa ai ma le Tulafono a Amerika Samoa. O lea mata'upu o lo'o ta'ua ai MALAETTA OFAGALILO & FAUSTINE OFAGALILO.

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FILE - In this June 16, 2004 file photo, South Korean army soldiers remove loudspeakers used for propaganda near the demilitarized zone between South and North Korea, in Paju, South Korea. South Korea says it will remove propaganda-broadcasting loudspeakers from the tense border with North Korea. The announcement came three days after the leaders of the two Koreas agreed to work together to achieve a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula and end hostile acts against each other along their border during their rare summit talks. Seoul's Defense Ministry said Monday, April 30, 2018, it will pull back dozens of its frontline loudspeakers on Tuesday.

(AP Photo/ Lee Jin-man, File)

FA'ASALALAUGA Suafa Matai SAVUSA i le Afioaga o Nu'uuli

Ou te mua'i faatulou atu i le aufaigaluega paia a le Atua o lo'o latou fa'afalelmalu i afioaga o le atunu'u e tatalo i le po ma le ao aua se manuia o le atunu'u ma ona tagata. Ou te fa'atulou atu fo'i i le paia o le Falesefulu ma le Manu'atele. O ou paia ma ou mamalu e le tau fa'amapu'epu'eina i sa matou fa'amatalaga aua o paia ua popo a'o se alao'o.

O Samoa fo'i o le atunu'u ua uma ona tofi. Matou te fa'apea atu ai, fata laia i mauga o ao ou sa ma ou faiga auā e le gafataulimaina i se faamatalaga.

A'o lenei fa'asalalauga o le a faapitoaugafa i le mamalu ma le paia o le aiga SAVUSA i le afioaga o Nu'uuli.

O le paia lava lea i le afio o Maopu, susū o Usoali'i ma Taumafalofi faapea le fetalaiga i le latou To'afa. Ua i ai se finagalo i le tatou aiga e faapea, o le a faia se talanoaga a le tatou aiga i le maota i Utuali'i i le aso 26 o le masina o Me 2018, i le 9 i le taeao se'i sasa'a le tofa i aiga e saili ai se gafa o le fale auā se e tausia le tatou aiga.

O lou lē auai o le a lē taofia ai se finagalo autasi o le tatou aiga. Talosia i le alofa o le Atua ia molio'o i ai lo outou soifua ma lo matou ola ma tatou feiloa'i ai i Utuali'i i le aso ua atofaina.

Ma le fa'aalalo,

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Missile strikes in Syria kill over a dozen, mostly Iranians

BEIRUT (AP) — A missile attack on government outposts in northern Syria killed more than a dozen pro-government fighters, many of them Iranians, a war monitoring group and an Iranian news agency said Monday. The strikes came amid soaring tensions between regional archenemies Israel and Iran.

There was no official confirmation of the death toll or what was the target.

The Sunday night strikes sparked speculation on who carried it out, with most reports suspecting Israel was behind it.

Syrian state TV called it a “new aggression on military positions” in Hama and Aleppo provinces but was not specific. Activists said there was a spectacular explosion at an arms depot and military compounds where Iranian fighters are based. The explosion was large enough to be picked up by monitors as a magnitude 2.6 earthquake.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 26 pro-government fighters were killed, most of them Iranians, with only four Syrians among the dead. It said the arms depot contained surface-to-surface missiles belonging to Iranian militias in Hama province.

Another attack hit near a military air base in Aleppo province, the Observatory said.

It added that the death toll could rise, since 60 fighters were wounded and several others remained missing.

A member of an Iranian-backed Iraqi militia operating in Syria confirmed the attack on the Hama facility and put the death toll at 36, including 10 Iranian advisers.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Iranian media gave conflicting reports: One semiofficial news agency said there were no Iranians killed, while a

second one said 18 were killed.

The arms depot in Hama, known as Brigade 47, is one of the largest bases housing Iranian-affiliated forces and equipment, according to Jamil al-Saleh, commander in the opposition Tajammu al-Ezzat rebel group.

He said the province has at least five other bases where Iranians are deployed alongside Syrian-allied militias.

The two airstrikes were near rebel areas, he added.

“It was like an earthquake hit Hama,” al-Saleh said by telephone from Hama province. He and the Observatory said they suspect Israel was behind the attack.

Lebanon’s Al-Akhbar daily, considered close to the militant Iranian-backed Hezbollah group and the Syrian government, said the attack targeted “important arms depots used by the (Syrian) army and Iran’s Revolutionary Guards.” It said the missiles used appear to have been bunker busters.

Syria-based opposition media activist Mohamad Rasheed said that base that came under attack is about 10 kilometers (7 miles) outside the city of Hama, adding that the airstrike led to several explosions in the arms depot. He added that the area is known as the Maarin Mountain or Mountain 47.

Some of the exploding missiles in the arms depot struck parts of Hama, Rasheed said, adding that residents near the base fled their homes.

He said the base has been run by Iranian and Iran-backed fighters from Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Tehran has sent thousands of fighters to Syria to support President Bashar Assad’s forces in the seven-year civil war.

Following the attacks, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the time when Tehran’s enemies can “hit and run” is over, although he did

not specifically refer to Sunday night’s strikes.

“They know if they enter military conflict with Iran, they will be hit multiple times,” he said in comments at a meeting with workers, according to his website.

There was no immediate comment from Israel, which rarely confirms or denies its attacks.

The attack came hours after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu talked by phone with President Donald Trump. The White House said they discussed the threats and challenges facing the Middle East, “especially the problems posed by the Iranian regime’s destabilizing activities.”

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo ratcheted up the Trump administration’s rhetoric against Iran and offered support to Israel and Saudi Arabia in their standoff with Tehran.

“We remain deeply concerned about Iran’s dangerous escalation of threats to Israel and the region and Iran’s ambition to dominate the Middle East remains,” Pompeo said after meeting Sunday with Netanyahu during his first trip abroad as the top U.S. diplomat. “The United States is with Israel in this fight.”

Israel has cited Iran’s hostile rhetoric, support for anti-Israel militant groups and development of long-range missiles.

Iranian state TV reported the attack, citing Syrian media.

The semiofficial Iranian news agency Tasnim, believed to be close to the Revolutionary Guard, denied any Iranian fighters were killed or that Iranian-run bases were hit. It quoted an unidentified Iranian informed official in its report but did not elaborate.

Another semiofficial news agency, ISNA, said the strike killed 18 Iranians, including a commander, in a suburb of the central city of Hama.



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian President Bashar Assad, right, meets with Alaeddin Boroujerdi, left, the head of Iran’s parliamentary committee on national security and foreign policy, in Damascus, Syria, Monday, April 30, 2018. The meeting came as a missile attack targeting government outposts in Syria’s northern region killed at least 26 pro-government fighters, mostly Iranians, amid soaring Mideast tensions.

(SANA via AP)

UK interior minister vows to resolve immigration scandal

LONDON (AP) — Britain’s new interior minister vowed Monday to sort out an immigration scandal shaking the government, saying that as the child of immigrants he was angered by the mistreatment of long-term residents from the Caribbean.

Home Secretary Sajid Javid said he would do “whatever it takes” to resolve the status of all those who have become innocent casualties of the Conservative government’s tough immigration policies.

“We will do right by the Windrush generation,” Javid told lawmakers in the House of Commons.

Prime Minister Theresa May appointed Javid to the key job Monday, hours after predecessor Amber Rudd resigned over her role in what has become known as the Windrush scandal.

The furor began weeks ago when the Guardian newspaper reported that some people from the Caribbean who have lived in Britain for decades had been refused medical care or threatened with deportation because they couldn’t produce paperwork proving their right to reside in the country.

Those affected are known as the “Windrush generation” after the ship Empire Windrush, which in 1948 brought hundreds of Caribbean immigrants to a Britain seeking nurses, railway workers and others to help it rebuild after the devastation of World War II.

They and many subsequent Commonwealth immigrants had an automatic right to settle in the U.K.

But some have now been denied housing, jobs or medical treatment because of requirements that employers and doctors check people’s immigration status.

Others have been told by the government that they are in Britain illegally and must leave.

Outrage at their treatment has piled pressure on May, who was home secretary between 2010 and 2016 and introduced tough immigration policies intended to make Britain a “hostile environment” for unauthorized migrants.

“It is the prime minister who has created the fundamental reasons for the Windrush scandal,” said Joanna Cherry, home affairs spokeswoman for the opposition Scottish National Party.

Javid, the son of Pakistani immigrants, is the first politician from an ethnic minority to hold one of the four top jobs in Britain’s government — prime minister, finance minister, foreign secretary and home secretary.

“Like the Caribbean Windrush generation, my parents came to this country from the Commonwealth in the 1960s,” Javid said.

“They too came to help rebuild this country and offer all that they had.”

Javid said that when he saw the plight of the Windrush migrants, “I thought that it could be my mum, my brother, my uncle or even me.”



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, meets with Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi in Amman, Jordan, April 30, 2018. Pompeo spoke in the Jordanian capital of Amman on Monday, urging Palestinians to return to peace talks with Israel.

(Muhammad Hamed/Pool via AP)

Pompeo says Israel, Palestinian peace still a US priority

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday that a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains a priority for the Trump administration, despite its recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and its planned move of the U.S. Embassy to the holy city over Palestinian protests.

Pompeo also said the U.S. is “fully supportive” of Israel’s right to defend itself and declined to criticize the Israeli military for its use of live fire against Palestinian protesters along the Gaza border.

He spoke in the Jordanian capital of Amman as he wrapped up the Middle East leg of his first overseas trip as America’s top diplomat.

Pompeo called on the Palestinians to return to long-stalled peace talks with Israel. He said the United States is open to a two-state solution to the conflict if both parties agree, calling it a “likely outcome.”

But he would not agree with Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi’s characterization of the conflict as “the main cause of instability” in the region.

“The parties will ultimately make the decision as to what the correct resolution is,” Pompeo told reporters at a joint news conference with Safadi. “We are certainly open to a two-party solution as a likely outcome.”

But, he said, the Palestinians had to return to a political dialogue to get there.

“An important piece of achieving Middle East stability is to resolve this conflict,” he added. “Precisely how to rank it among all the various challenges, I’ll defer on that. Know that it is an incredible priority for the United States to provide whatever assistance we can to allow the two parties to come to a resolution.”

Safadi had opened the news conference with an apparent appeal for the U.S. to boost efforts to end the conflict.

“This is the main cause of instability in the region and its resolution is the key to achieving the peace and stability we want,” he said. “Yes, the two-state solution is being challenged. Yes, there are many obstacles. But what is the alternative? We cannot give up in our efforts and there is no viable alternative.”

Pompeo’s comments came at the end of a two-day visit to Israel and Jordan during which he did not meet Palestinian representatives.

The Palestinians have essentially boycotted contacts with the U.S. since Trump announced in December that the United States was recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. The Palestinians claim east Jerusalem — captured by Israel in 1967 and then annexed — as the capital of a future state.

Pompeo’s visit is also taking place just two weeks before the planned May 14 opening of the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem and expected massive Palestinian protests the following day.

Over the past month, 39 Palestinians have been killed and more than 1,600 wounded in weekly border protests along the Gaza border, prompting human rights groups to ask Israel’s Supreme Court on Monday to restrict or ban the use of live ammunition. They say the military’s use of lethal force against unarmed protesters is unlawful. Israel’s military argues that the border protests are part of a long-running conflict with Gaza’s ruling Hamas, which it considers a terror group, and that the rules of armed conflict apply.

Asked about the situation, Pompeo demurred, referring to “activities in Gaza over the past days and weeks.”

“We do believe the Israelis have the right to defend themselves and we are fully supportive of that,” he said.

In addition to the Jerusalem decisions, the Trump administration has also angered the Palestinians in recent months by ordering their office in Washington closed, although it remains open for business related to negotiations, slashing funding for the U.N. agency that supports Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza and elsewhere in the region, and putting on hold all bilateral assistance to the Palestinians.

Although the White House sponsored a conference on aid to Gaza last month, the Palestinians did not attend. And, a peace plan devised by Trump’s son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner and his special envoy for international negotiations Jason Greenblatt appears to be on hold.

NOTICE FOR SEPARATION AGREEMENT

TO Members of the SAVEA Family and to all whom these present may come!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PENITISA TUFUGA of FAGAALU has offered for recording in this office an instrument in writing which seeks to separate a certain structure which is or to be erected, on land ALEIPATA allegedly belonging to SAVEA FAMILY of the village of FAGAALU. Said land ALEIPATA is situated in or near the village of FAGAALU in the County of MAOPUTASI, Island of TUTUILA, American Samoa.

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In Trump era, the death of the White House press conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential news conference, a time-honored tradition going back generations, appears to be no longer.

More than a year has passed since President Donald Trump held the only solo news conference of his administration — a rollicking, hastily arranged, 77-minute free-for-all during which he railed against the media, defended his fired national security adviser and insisted nobody who advised his campaign had had contacts with Russia.

But there are no signs the White House press shop is interested in a second go-round. Instead, the president engages the press in more informal settings that aides say offer reporters far more access, more often, than past administrations.

“President Trump is more accessible than most modern presidents and frequently takes questions from the press,” says White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

The president often answers shouted questions at so-called pool sprays, in which a small group of rotating reporters is given access to events such as bill signings and Cabinet lunches. Trump has also taken to answering shouted questions on the White House lawn as he arrives at and departs the White House.

The frenzied exchanges — frequently taking place over the roar of Marine One’s rotor — often produce news.

But the format also gives the president far more control than he would have during a traditional question-and-answer session. Trump can easily ignore questions he doesn’t like and dodge follow-ups in a way that would be glaring in a traditional news conference.

On Friday, for instance, Trump answered several questions in the Oval Office about North Korea and Iran. But when a reporter asked about his threats regarding intervening in the Justice Department, Trump responded with a curt “thank you” that signaled to reporters that he was done with the Q&A session.

The president also holds frequent joint news conferences with visiting world leaders, a format reporters call “two and two” because each leader selects two of its country’s reporters to ask questions.

While the format looks similar to a solo news conference, the Q&A sessions are shorter and the president more often than not calls on friendly reporters from conservative outlets and limits the opportunity for follow-up questions.



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