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**TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018** 



Good Friday is the day on which Catholics throughout the world commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. As seen in this photo in the early hours of last Friday, members of the Fagatogo St. Joseph Catholic church peforming the Stations of the Cross, a 14-step devotion, which re-traces the steps of Jesus Christ as he carried his cross to his Crucifixion. A performance repeated throughout the world by Catholics. Holy Week culminates with Easter Sunday, celebrated yesterday by Catholics, which commemorates His resurrection — a cornerstone of the Catholic faith.

[photo by AF]

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# Faipule continue to question commissioner about armed police officers

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS HEARD - ABOUT COPS WITH **GUNS DURING RECENT TRAFFIC STOP** 

by Ausage Fausia Samoa News Reporter

olice Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson told members of the House Public Safety committee during a hearing last month, the reason why police officers show force on public highways is not because they want to, but because when people see police officers with guns, that's when they start to change their actions and comply with the law.

"Every morning during our briefing with my senior staff, I always remind them that their weapon is our last resort. When dealing with vehicles with drugs and weapons inside, they have to use necessary force by way of a baton, pepper spray, and other tactics and physical maneuvers such as taking down a person,"

Committee chairman, Rep. Manumaua Wayne Wilson told Le'i during the hearing that almost every week lawmakers receive a lot of concerns and complaints from members of the community, in regards to the issue of police officers carrying guns during their traffic stops.

Manumaua reminded Le'i of a case that was reported in Samoa News in February, where a mother was complaining when several police units with several police officers inside pulled over their vehicle in the middle of the road, pointing their guns at their ehicle while she inside with her husband and their 4-year-old son

"If a weapon is the last resort, why did police officers draw their weapons and point it at the vehicle instead of treating this traffic stop as a normal stop like they do to other vehicles on the road?" Manumaua asked.

He was referring to the case of Hapakuki Fotuaika, a man accused of firing a gun into the air outside a nightclub on the night of Super Bowl LII and police officers arrested him with a warrant from the court during the traffic stop, with guns drawn.

Le'i told lawmakers when police officers pulled over the family's vehicle that was in question during the traffic stop, they had the feeling the gun that was allegedly discharged was inside the vehicle.

"The reason why we show force on public highways, it's not because we want to, but maybe people will change their behavior and mindset when they see police officers with guns on the road," Le'i said.

The Police Commissions said that it's his responsibility to make sure all police officers comply with what they are trained for, and if a police officer fails to comply with all the training they have had, that police officer will face consequences for his/her actions. and the weapon will be remove from him/ her immediately.

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# First Samoan female soldierathlete — SGT Latoya N. Marshall

BETTER KNOWN TO HER PEERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY AS SALAIA SALAVE'A

By Arrianna Princess Auva'a

Special to Samoa News

The All-Army Sports Office received numerous nominations for the 2017 Army Male and Female Soldier-Athlete and Coach of the Year contest. After a vigorous selection process, SGT Latoya N. Marshall better known by her peers, friends, and family as Salaia Salava'a, of the Raleigh Recruiting BN, Raleigh, NC, was named the Female Athlete of the Year.

SGT Marshall is not only the first Samoan female athlete to receive such an award, she is the first Samoan to be nominated and selected for such a prestigious honor and recognition.

Salaia was born in Great Lakes, Illinois on a Naval Base. As she has stated, she is the child of many parents, because it took a village to raise her, mold her, and build her up to be the person she

She graduated from the home of the mighty Lions, Leone High School in 2001; then proceeded to play volleyball and basketball, and graduated from the University of Nevada on a full ride athletic scholarship.

Salaia is a born athlete. She has always had a love for sports when she could first walk, a coding to the Soldier.



SGT Latoya N. Marshall, better known by her peers, friends, and family as Salaia Salava'a, who is an Army recruiter with Wilmington Recruiting Company in Raleigh, NC, was named the Female Athlete of the Year 2017. SGT Marshall is not only the first Samoan female athlete to receive such an award, she is the first Samoan to be nominated and selected for such a prestigious honor and recognition. She is a graduate of Leone High School, At the time SGT Marshall was home of the Lions. [Courtesy FB photo]

She officially started playing volleyball in the 6th grade while attending St. Theresa elementary school. It was then she was able to tryout and play for Leone Midkiff Elementary and then starting making her mark as a fierce player on the courts during the ASDOE/ ASHAA tournaments.

"As I was growing up I played a lot of sports that required running because not a lot of Samoans wanted to run. I love to play basketball, volleyball, and softball. I used to do track and field but I'm not fast anymore (LOL), and my favorite is cricket during the Catholic youth games every summer," SGT Marshal said.

Salaia's journey into the Army started from an article she read about a Female soldier (SSG Panama) that was on the All Army Volleyball team. It was then she realized she wanted to be one of the best volleyball players from American Samoa, and was inspired by the story in making her decision to enlist.

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# **Gita Update: Registration schedule** posted for Monday-Wednesday

by Samoa News staff

Registration continues today, numbers 0001 - 0104 Monday, through Wednesday, for residents impacted by Trop- numbers 0201 - 0268 ical Storm Gita at the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) at Malaeloa all numbers the DYWA Pago Pago Youth Center.

In a joint statement last Friday, the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and ASG say residents who were affected by Gita may use the following schedule to register at the DRC:

- Monday, Apr. 2, Fagatogo all numbers
- Monday, Apr. 2, Aoloau all
- Tuesday, Apr. 3, Puapua all

- Tuesday, Apr. 3, Pago Pago
- Tuesday, Apr. 3, Pago Pago
- Wednesday, Apr.
- Wednesday, Apr. 4, Pago Pago numbers 0501 - 0571

Applicants should have the following information on hand for registration: Social Security number; Address of the damaged primary residence; Description of the damage; Information about insurance coverage, if applicable; current contact telephone number; a PO Box where they can receive mail; and Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

For future village dates and times to register at the DRC, the Territory and FEMA will provide an updated schedule. Additionally, only head of household may come to the DRC.

Furthermore, individuals with access and functional needs who are heads of household and still need to register should call the Crisis Hotline at (684) 633-9017. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) Teams will come to your home to register you – you do not need to come to the DRC. Those in Ottoville already visited by DSA, with slips that have DSA written on them, do not have to come to the DRC, as they are already registered with FEMA.

# Blacks largely left out among high-paying jobs

By BOB SALSBERG and ANGE- or giving lectures. LIKI KASTANIS, Associated

BOSTON (AP) — Jonathan Garland's fascination with architecture started early: He spent much of his childhood designing Lego houses and gazing at Boston buildings on rides with his father away from their largely minority neighborhood.

But when Garland looked around at his architectural college, he didn't see many who looked like him — there were few black faces in classroom seats, and fewer teaching skills

the look of an architect."

And that's not uncommon in tions nationwide. other lucrative fields, 50 years equal-employment opportunities — was assassinated.

and engineering, among other income fields. areas. Instead, many black

created a "fatigue of despair" ican flag. for African-Americans. Despite remain part of this "Other Regional Policy. America" — with little hope of

of Labor Statistics. The ratio of iarity to diversity. Discriminawhite-to-black workers is about

10-to-1 in management, 8-to-1 "If you do something simple in computers and mathematics, like Google 'architects' and you 12-to-1 in law, and 7-to-1 in edugo to the images tab, you're cation — compared with a ratio primarily going to see white of 5.5 white workers for every males," said Garland, 35, who's black one in all jobs nationally. worked at Boston and New York The top five high-paying fields architectural firms. "That's the have a median income range of image, that's the brand, that's \$65,000 to \$100,000, compared with \$36,000 for all occupa-

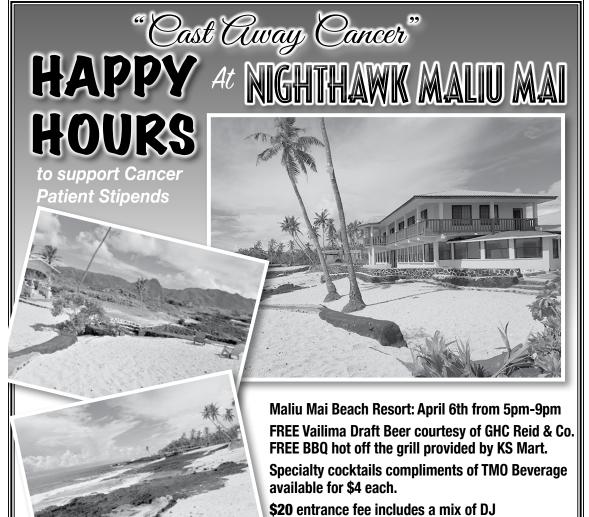
In Boston — a hub for techafter the Rev. Martin Luther nology and innovation, and King — a leader in the fight for home to prestigious universities - white workers outnumber black ones by about 27-to-1 in An Associated Press analysis computer- and mathematicsof government data has found related professions, compared that black workers are chroni- with the overall ratio of 9.5-to-1 cally underrepresented com- for workers in the city. Overall, pared with whites in high-salary Boston's ratio of white-to-black jobs in technology, business, workers is wider than that of the life sciences, and architecture nation in six of the top 10 high-

Boston - where King had workers find jobs in low-wage, deep ties, earning his doctorate less-prestigious fields where and meeting his wife — has a they're overrepresented, such history of racial discord. Eight as food service or preparation, years after King's assassinabuilding maintenance and office tion, at the height of turbulent work, the AP analysis found. school desegregation, a Pulitzer In one of his final speeches, Prize-winning photograph from King described the "Other an anti-busing rally at City Hall America," where unemploy- showed a white man attacking a ment and underemployment black bystander with an Amer-

The young victim was Theoeconomic progress for blacks dore Landsmark. He's now 71, a in areas such as incomes and lawyer, an architect and director graduation rates, some experts of Northeastern University's say many African-Americans Dukakis Center for Urban and

He said "structural disattaining top professional jobs, crimination" is the overarching thanks to systemic yet subtle cause of disproportionate race representation in high-paying The AP analysis found that fields. Landsmark and others a white worker had a far better say gains are elusive for myriad chance than a black one of reasons: Substandard schools holding a job in the 11 categories in low-income neighborhoods. with the highest median annual White-dominated office cliques. salaries, as listed by the Bureau Boardrooms that prefer famil-

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# **Breadfruit Initiative fuels economic** development between U.S. territories

LATEST IS "MUTINY" VODKA DISTILLED FROM BREADFRUIT FLOUR FROM AM SAMOA



Mutiny Vodka distilled in the State of Virginia from breadfruit flour from American Samoa in the South Pacific, initiated as a product from the US Virgin Islands in the Caribbean.

Honolulu, HAWAI'I — Chef Todd Manley, a former Virginia expanding the awareness of chef and now restaurateur in St. breadfruit not only as being Croix in the US Virgin Islands, gluten-free, but also having recently visited Hawai'i and a low glycemic index. This was hosted by the Pacific Busi- makes it a compelling natural ness Center Program (PBCP) on his way to and from American Samoa. Chef Manley, who cause of death in the Pacific and imports breadfruit flour from regions of the world dependent various international locations, on imported processed foods. has declared ulu flour produced by Rep. Su'a Alex Jennings of rave has already generated an Swains Island the best he has ever worked with and wants more.

A whole lot more -250,000 and sold. lbs by the end of the year.

Carlos Robles, Commis- breadfruit vodka will enable sioner of Agriculture for the US Virgin Islands, initiated the congain market access to the US tact with the PBCP Breadfruit consumer through the restaurant Initiative team through the US network Chef Todd is actively Department of Interior, Office engaged with along the eastern of Insular Affairs in 2015. The seaboard and U.S. Gulf States. team visited and conducted workshops in the Virgin Islands health, diet, sustainability, food that summer creating the bridge security, disaster preparedness between the Caribbean and and its by products include an Pacific utilized by Chef Todd.

Rep. Jennings' dehydrator then Deet, latex products and was a key component of the termite resistant wood, among PBCP research and development funded by the US Department of the Interior, Office of food distributors and logis-Insular Affairs.

#### **BREADFRUIT PRODUCTS & US MARKET ACCESS**

Chef Manley gifted the PBCP's Director, Papalii Dr. Tusi, a breadfruit product (a vodka named Mutiny) distilled in Virginia Beach by Chesapeake Bay Distillery.

According to the owner of the distillery, Chris Richeson, the vodka received rave reviews an industrial scale for export has during sample testing. Both understood the potential of the high quality and exotic appeal of the spirit to penetrate the US tunities to build upon between market, which knows little or the U.S. Virgin Islands and nothing about breadfruit.

expand to the greater Caribbean and Pacific, regional to global industries could be only a matter of time and investment.

Essential to any industry development and commercialization process in the islands is a holistic waste management system.

A system that can be retrofitted into a freight container for deployment by sea, land and air to remote islands, isolated coastal communities and rural areas. Such a system is especially effective for disaster recovery situations where centralized systems have been destroyed. Towards that end, PBCP is also promoting the use of an award-winning system of waste management invented by UH graduate Michael Lurvey, as part of an integrated system with Rep. Jennings breadfruit dehydrator (also in a retrofitted freight container).

Rep. Jennings took up the challenge of producing marketable, quality breadfruit flour in 2015. Bank of Hawaii recognized the potential of his work and initiated support with its local community development program that supplemented his personal efforts in his progress towards the drying challenge and solution.

[Courtesy photo]

A priority of PBCP is

food solution to fight diabetes

and obesity, the number one

The Breadfruit Vodka test

astonishing demand for 70,000

bottles and only awaits approval

for labeling before being bottled

other breadfruit products to

The spiraling interest in

Breadfruit products affect

organic pesticide more potent

Discussions with national

tics companies have already

been initiated with interested

supporters over the years that

included officials from CH

Robinson and C & E, Farms

Inc., both multi-national food

distribution and logistics com-

**BREADFRUIT INDUSTRY** 

**TECHNOLOGIES** 

not occurred anywhere in the

American Samoa, which can

world, yet.

Commercialization of ulu on

With collaborative oppor-

panies located in California.

others.

The UH Breadfruit Initiaduces quality breadfruit flour.

"What Representative Jenhow investing in local capacity has enabled a US Territory to utilize a local agricultural tional wisdom, knowledge and expertise with modern science Avegalio.

"Even more compelling is engaging in collaborative efforts with Chef Todd in the Caribbean who, likewise, is of the same mindset. It's those types of synergies and boldness to move forward in spite of nay-

#### **KEY TECHNICAL MEM-BERS OF THE BREAD-FRUIT INITIATIVE**

Dr. Diane Ragone — Distin-(Continued on page 11)

#### **BACKGROUND**

tive engaged both the food engineering and the milling and flour making expertise of Kansas State University (KSU) with product development from both KSU and the UH College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources. Such institutional based research and development expertise provided technical assistance and support for Jennings, whose creative genius and persistence has successfully produced a dehydration technology that consistently pro-

nings has done is demonstrate resource, weave local tradiand technology, and produce products through processes from ground to table that create local employment opportunities for a sustainable communitybased economy where everyone benefits," commented Dr. Tusi

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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor.

It is a travesty (but perhaps no surprise) that our Senators are more concerned about upholding patriarchal values than they are with the wellbeing of a child. Rather than question the logic behind the number "14", they should be questioning whether at 14 years of age, if the child is mentally, physically and emotionally prepared for marriage.

More than 100 countries, including the United States, have laws allowing girls younger than 18 to marry. However, the international human rights standards sets the minimum age of marriage at 18 years old. There are strong arguments in support of raising the age to 18.

Child marriages create a myriad of problems linked to poor physical and health development, and a negative impact on educational opportunities. According to the Pew Research Center, child marriages in the United States are rare, but disproportionately affect girls more than boys. This is also true in many other countries as well.

The perceived notion is that girls are of less value than boys, thereby perpetuating gender discrimination.

Studies have shown that child marriage greatly reduces the likelihood of girls completing secondary education. Loss of education also corresponds with lower earning opportunities."When girls are educated, their countries become stronger and more prosperous."

Child brides also have a greater exposure to violence such as marital rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence. And at such a young age where they are still developing a sense of agency, they are less likely to report their abuse to authorities or family members.

When a young girl gets pregnant, our first instincts shouldn't be to marry her off to protect the family honor, instead we should be questioning how can we protect this young mother and her unborn child. What resources can we provide her with to ensure she has access to health services, and continues her education?

I also find it extremely disheartening that in this debate on child marriages, there is a glaring absence from advocates and organizations targeted at empowering youth and women. Laws such as these, which have the ability to stifle the potential of our youth, should be called into question and challenged. There is no excuse for your silence.

Respectfully,

R. Leotele Togafau Mata'utia

# Russia asks chemical weapons agency for answers in spy case

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian Foreign Ministry asked the international agency that monitors chemical weapons for information Sunday about the investigation of the poisoning of a former Russian spy and his daughter in England.

A list of questions submitted to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons includes what sort of assistance Britain requested from the watchdog agency and which sampling procedures were used to collect the substance that sickened Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia.

OPCW representatives were among a group of experts Britain asked to analyze the chemical agent involved in the poisonings. Britain claims it was the Soviet-manufactured nerve agent Novichok and has said Russia is likely responsible, which Moscow adamantly denies. The Foreign Ministry's request came on the same day that Russian diplomats and their families returned to Moscow on two planes after being expelled from the United States, part of the international fallout from the March 4 attack on the Skripals. Following a wave of similar expulsions ordered by Britain and numerous allies, the United States ordered 60 Russian diplomats out of the country.

Russian news agencies said the diplomats kicked out of the United States returned on two flights that landed Sunday at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport.

One carried diplomats from the Russian Embassy in Washington; aboard the other were diplomats from the Russian Consulate in New York and Russia's United Nations mission.

More than two dozen countries and NATO have expelled Russian diplomats in support of Britain. Russia has ordered an equal number of most of those countries' diplomats to leave and for Britain to reduce the staff at its Moscow embassy to the same number that Russia maintains in London.

Russia consistently has complained that Britain has not provided evidence to back up its claim of Russian involvement or that the poison that afflicted the Skripals was a Russia-developed nerve agent.

# Feds seeking 24-months jail time for Corina Ifopo for filing false tax returns with IRS

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

Federal prosecutors are seeking a 24-month jail term for Corina Ifopo, the American Samoa woman, accused of filing false tax returns with the US Internal Revenue Service for local residents, arguing that this is deterrent to others.

Ifopo, who resides in Hawai'i, is scheduled for sentencing this week at the federal court in Anchorage, Alaska, where she pled guilty last year to 28 counts of filing false tax returns for residents of American Samoa who don't quality to receive the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

Through her attorney, Ifopo last week requested a mitigated sentence of one year and one day in custody, followed by three years supervised release — conditioned on payment of restitution of \$167,574. (See last Thursday's Samoa News edition for details.)

In the federal government's sentence memorandum filed with the court, Assistant US Attorney in Anchorage, Andrea T. Steward, noted that there's no plea agreement in this case.

Steward explained that the investigation of this case started with the IRS fraud detection center identifying over 200 tax returns claiming over \$1 million in refunds that were fraudulently claimed by residents of American Samoa.

"These claims were linked with commonalities including a fictional post office box used by the defendant or some or all of related refunds being funneled through accounts linked to the defendant," Steward points out.

"Of these claims, \$795,000 was paid out prior to the fraud being detected. Of this amount, approximately \$350,000 was traced as being disbursed to bank accounts associated with the defendant. Of this amount, \$167,574 was associated with the 28 counts in this case related to claims filed with venue in Alaska," the government argued.

Steward also explained that the case is heard in Anchorage based the defendant filing the returns from Alaska to make them appear to be filed "off-island" or other than from residents of American Samoa.

Maximum sentence that may be imposed on the defendant is 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, three years of supervised release, and a \$100 mandatory special assessment for 28 counts of False Claims, for a total of \$2,800, according to federal prosecutor, who notes restitution totals \$165,575 in which the defendant owes the IRS.

SENTENCING FACTORS

Prosecutors argued that the "most relevant factors to this defendant are the nature of the offense, promoting respect for the law, and deterring Ifopo and others from committing such crimes."

Steward explained that Ifopo's tax scheme was far reaching with over 200 fraudulent tax returns filed in two years. For example, Ifopo was interviewed during a search warrant executed at her home in August 2015 and she admitted that she knew what she was doing was illegal.

"Ifopo was directed to stop filing the fraudulent 'off-island' tax returns," Steward said and revealed that Ifopo filed another fraudulent tax return on February 20, 2016 and this is the basis for Count 28, one of 28 counts to which the defendant has pled guilty.

"Ifopo was undeterred by law enforcement contact," Steward alleges. She further alleges that Ifopo had different deals for different individuals.

"If Ifopo knew the filer well she would take a percentage of the fraudulent return that she obtained for them," Steward claimed. "If Ifopo was not close to the filer she would falsely tell them no return was obtained and keep the entire amount herself."

Steward points out that another very similar case prosecuted in Anchorage federal court, referring to the Pepe Anetipa case, whom pled guilty to 28 counts and owed \$202,859 in restitution.

In the Anetipa case, the defendant had double the total amount involved in the scheme - \$2 million, said Steward, noting that Anetipa was sentenced to 30 months' incarceration.

"Sentencing Ifopo to 24 month's incarceration would not create a disparity with another similarly situated defendant," the government argued, adding that Ifopo's fraudulent tax crimes are difficult to detect and investigate.

"A case like this, when it is prosecuted, has significant deterrent value for others who might consider committing a similar crime," Steward argued. "A significant sentence of 24 months' incarceration would promote respect for the law, account for the seriousness of the offense, and deter others from similar types of crimes."

Aside from the 24 months in jail, prosecutor is asking for \$167,574 in restitution, and a special assessment of a \$2,800. "This is a fair and just sentence," Steward said.



Deacon Lesā Lafaele with Laulii Catholic Church pianist Otila Paselio and her husband Kory following Easter mass yesterday morning. [photo: Blue Chen Fruean]







by Ausage Fausia Samoa News Reporter

#### **HOUSE APPROVES BILL** TO HIKE RETIREMENT **CONTRIBUTIONS**

increasing members' contribu- and expressing appreciation tions to the American Samoa from the Fono and people of from each fee would be depos-Employees Retirement Fund American Samoa's to Mataufrom 3% to 5%. The bill, which aina Toomalatai for winning the was only introduced on Tuesday Miss American Samoa pageant was approved in second reading and bringing home the Miss on Thursday and cleared final Pacific Islands crown. reading in the house on Friday unanimously for approval.

An amendment was made to increase October 1, 2018 and this was passed during the bill's of the employee contribution in Fiji."

in order to increase the money to him. in the Fund, one option is to hike contributions from both again on the forefront of Pacific employees and employers; but issues due to the success of the the Fono would need to approve MASI team and Miss Toomathe Board's proposal.

Fund has to draw down \$1.5 million each month to make we commend her achievement," up the difference between what the resolution says. employees and employer ASG pay into the Fund, which comes to \$800,000 and the \$2 million that is paid out in retirement benefits.

Leasiolagi, Gafatasi Afalava, Wilson. Fialupe Fiaui Lutu, Sataua Dr. Wayne Wilson.

ends next week.

#### **HOUSE MEASURE COM-MENDS AND THANKS MATAUAINA**

The House approved and The House of Represen- sent to the Senate a concurtatives has approved a bill rent resolution commending

The measure, sponsored by with representatives voting Rep. Lavea Fatulegaee Palepoi Mauga, says it's been 15 years since American Samoa won make the effective date of the the title of Miss Pacific Islands. "But with great support and guidance from our leaders and would also be increased. third reading, after the House Miss American Samoa incor-Counsel Nathaniel Savali was porated team, Matauaina was tration fee which is now \$32 called to address members' con- bestowed the title Miss Pacific would cost \$40 and the per cerns about the effective date Islands of December 8 last year

During the House Retirement Onenoa has as her platform \$35, ownership certificates, Committee hearing with mem- Diabetes Awareness and aspires transfer, shipments, converbers of the ASG Employees' to becoming a registered nurse sion, duplicate and late penal-Retirement Fund (ASGERF) to assist all those who have ties would cost \$15. Eight dollast week to discuss the Cost diabetes. She is the daughter lars from these fees would go of Living Adjustment (COLA) of the late Alosina Toomalatai for retirees, Retirement Fund and Mrs. Gwen Toomalatai of Board Chairman Va'anatiu Onenoa. Her father passed away Iafeta Tofala and ASGERF a week after she was crowned executive director, I'aulualo Miss American Samoa and she Talia Fa'afetai told members dedicated her participation in of the House committee that the Miss Pacific Islands pageant

"American Samoa is once latai. Her exceptional service I'aulualo testified that the is deeply appreciated by the people of American Samoa and

#### **BILL WOULD HIKE LICENSES & VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES**

Vehicle licenses and registration fees would go up under The house bill was intro- a bill introduced in the House duced by the chairman of the last week. The main sponsor of House Retirement Committee, the bill was Vice Speaker Fetu Rep. Vailoata, along with 11 Fetui Jr. and the co sponsors are members as co sponsors; Fetu Vesi Talalelei Fautanu Jr, Gafa-Fetui, Timusa Tini Lam Yuen, tasi Afalava, Lavea Fatulegae'e Fagaoatua Dorian Salave'a Mauga, Fagaoatua Dorian Veevalu Meauta Mageo, Matagi Salavea, Sataua Dr. Mataese David Mauga, Vailiuama Steve Samuelu and Manumaua W.

According to the bill, a pri-Mataese Samuelu, Vesi Tala- vate driver's license which now lelei Fautanu and Manumaua costs \$12 would jump to \$20, a commercial driver's license The bill is now ready to now \$8 goes up to \$13 and a transmit to the Senate where 6-month learner's permit would senators are expected to act on it be doubled from \$5 to \$10. before the current Fono session Renewal of a non-commercial

license - now \$12 goes up to \$17, while a commercial renewal would be hiked to \$20 from \$8. A visitor's driving permit now \$9 would cost \$12 while a provisional driver's license, now \$9 jumps to \$15.

According to the bill, \$5 ited in a revenue fund for the Department of Public Safety for law enforcement costs and maintenance and supplies for production of driver's licenses. Three dollars from each of these fees would go to the Territorial Administration of Aging Office for programs that directly benefits the elderly.

Registration fees for vehicles

The basic vehicle registon weight charges would go up by \$3 to \$15. Renewal of Matauaina, who is from vehicle registration would cost to the law enforcement cost and supplies for producing the drivers licenses and vehicle registration.

### **FA'AALIGA** Suafa MATA'UTIA i Falesoa Ta'u Manu'a

E muamua ona fa'atulou ma taia le vai afei i le paia na sausau o'o Samoa. Mamalu ma le paia o Lupesina o le Talalelei mo taulaga si'i ma tapua'iga i ao ma po lea ua to'a ai nei peau taulaga.

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Dated: March 26, 2018

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# New citizenship case goes before federal district court in Utah

#### BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP IN U.S. TERRITORIES REMAINS **UNRESOLVED, SAYS ATTORNEY**

by Fili Sagapolutele Samoa News Correspondent

There are many American Samoans living in several states and territories, who want to be recognized as US citizens without being required to go through the naturalization process, says Neil Weare of the Washington D.C. based "Equally American" group.

Weaner, who is an attorney, legal team representing the new federal court in Salt Lake City, ernment — and the US State Department.

and the Southern Utah

Pacific Islander Coalition. All of the plaintiffs are currently residents of Utah. Fitisemanu along with Pale and Rosavita Tuli were born in American Samoa and are asking the court to declare that they are US citizens by birth, under the Citizenship Clause — the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution.

"I was born on U.S. soil, along with local attorney have a U.S. passport, work Charles Alailima is part of the hard, and pay my taxes. But based on a discriminatory fedlawsuit filed last week at the eral law I'm denied citizenship and the right to vote. I cannot Utah against the federal gov- understand how I can be a American, passport-holding but not be recognized as a U.S. Lead plaintiff in this new citizen," said Fitisemanu in a case is John Fitisemanu, who national news release provided is joined by Pale Tuli, Rosavita by Weare. "This isn't just unfair, it's unconstitutional."

were also part of the legal team said last Thursday responding for a similar previous suit filed more than two years ago at the Leneuoti Tuaua was the lead plaintiff. However, both the anger," Weare explained. "Only sided with the federal defendants, saying that only Congress can grant the citizens of outlying territories — such as American Samoa — US citizenship.

That case went all the way to the US Supreme Court, which declined to review the case.

Since the Supreme Court declined to review the Tuaua case, "we have heard from more than 500 American Samoans living in 40 states and territories who want to be recognized as U.S. citizens without being

Both Weare and Alailima required to naturalize," Weare to Samoa News inquiries.

"They have expressed a range federal court in Washington of reactions to being denied D.C. in which local resident recognition as citizens, from sadness, to disappointment, to D.C. court and the appeals court a few of the people we've heard from have said they don't want to be citizens."

> Because the Supreme Court decided not to review the lower court's decision in the Tuaua case, "the question of birthright citizenship in current U.S. territories remains unresolved in the remaining federal circuits," said Weare.

"Thus, while the D.C. Circuit [court] ruled against the Tuaua plaintiffs, the federal district court in Utah is not bound by that decision, and we are optimistic for a different result in the Fitisemanu case," said

According to the plaintiffs and their legal team, the Fitisemanu v. United States makes the case that Congress cannot redefine the Citizenship Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to deny citizenship to persons born on U.S. soil, whether born in a state, a territory, or the District of Columbia.

"American Samoa's leaders believed in 1900 when the American flag was raised over their islands that with U.S. sovereignty came a right to U.S. citizenship," said Alailima. "We plan to show they were right, and in so doing ensure that American Samoans living in Utah and other states are able to enjoy the same rights as other Americans."

In providing background on civil right litigation when efforts are made to undo court interpretations that have existed for many years, Alailima noted that in 1896, Justice Billings Brown wrote the Supreme Court decision in the case of Plessy v. Ferguson that allowed the laws to separates colored people from white people as long as they were treated equally.

Alailima said it took 59 years of court cases brought up from many different court jurisdictions around the US to get the Supreme Court in its famous 1955 case of Brown v. Board of Education to finally admit that the decision Justice Brown wrote in Plessy v. Ferguson was wrong and laws that separate people of the United States according to their race can never be considered equal under the 14th amendment.

Then in 1901, Justice Brown was part of the Supreme Court majority in the Insular cases, which has "been used by the US government to separate and deny citizenship to native American Samoan born (indi-

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"Did police officers accomplish their mission?" Manumaua asked Le'i, referring to the Fotuaika case. Le'i responded, "Yes, the suspect was arrested and he's now being charged."

Fotuaika, who is released from custody on a \$10,000 surety bond, is being charged with weapons possession. His case is now in High Court and is represented by William R. Olson of the RDA Law Firm.

TCF warden, Tauese Va'aomala Tauese, who is the former head of DPS Criminal Investigating Division (CID) told lawmakers that one of the things they need to remember is the circumstances surrounding the case.

"I want faipule to know that this is a case involving a weapon vehicle, and these are unfortuthat was allegedly discharged that can kill somebody and cause serious physical injuries," warrant during a traffic stop.

According to Tauese, based required that this type of incistop.

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Armed police officers

nate things that can happen," Tauese said.

"But remember. Tauese said, who echoed Le'is' doesn't take away by any means those police who are selected to testimony that police officers the value of a police officer's be armed are qualified to do the went out to execute an arrest lives, their safety has to come job? first — and this incident needs to be addressed because if from the community about the on police officers' training, it's people question the action by police officers on that day, we of this, people are now saying dent must be treated as a felony have to look at the totality of all they too have rights under the the circumstances surrounding Constitution to be armed," he "When it's a felony stop, this particular incident."

Vice Speaker, Rep. Fetu for police officers' safety, and Fetui Jr told Le'i that there's no ment during last year's hearing that is the primary thing for a question about how dangerous with the police commissioner police officer. Unfortunately their job is. Moreover, they're when lawmakers asked ques-

something he did not think necessary training. was going to happen.

"There are a lot of concerns arming of police, and because

Fetu made the same com-

At the time, Le'i said that weapons.

(Le'i is one of those 24 police officers.)

armed were part of a two-week believes that with more training, weapons training conducted the officers will be more comby retired LAPD officer Ernie fortable and confident in utiin this case, a mother and her heading to the most critical part tions on whether local police Haleck last month, where 14 lizing his/her weapon. young son were inside the of their job due to the fact that who have been certified to carry participants received certifi-

police are now officially armed weapons have received all the cates of completion, bringing the number to 47.

[photo by AF]

According to Le'i, the 14 "Do you have confidence that out of 47 police officers that participants come from Departreceived training and were cerment of Public Safety, the Court tified, including three court House and Port Administration. marshals, only 24 of them carry The next training will be held in the next 4 months.

Manumaua congratulated officers, along with police com- Le'i for doing his best to make manders, captains, lieutenants, sure armed police officers will sergeants and several police continue to receive training to upgrade their ability, knowl-The three court marshals edge, and skills to make good who are now certified to be decisions. He told Le'i he







#### ▶ Blacks...

fied candidates but have no propaying jobs" by 2022. grams to train minority talent.

startups. When Rica Elysee neighborhoods was shunned, she said.

identify with it because they builder, I'm an architect." weren't black," said Elysee, 32, pretty harshly. They couldn't income neighborhoods. relate to what I was doing."

had a booming innovation myself focused on the issues." economy but was "not encouraging minorities in the tech space," she said. Three years Jeff Martin contributed from later, Elysee said BeautyLynk is Atlanta. slowly growing but still needs capital.Most American metro areas are like Boston, with AP's analysis showing that racial disparities in employment are indifferent to geography and politics. California's Silicon Valley struggles to achieve diversity in computer fields. In Seattle, home to Amazon, whites outnumber blacks nearly 28-to-1 in computer- and mathrelated fields. Financial powerhouse New York has a 3-to-1 ratio of white-to-black workers in all occupations, but nearly 6-to-1 in business and finance. Hollywood shows inequality in entertainment, with almost nine whites for every black worker.

In Atlanta, King's hometown, the proportional representation of black-to-white workers.

is close to even in many fields. Many reasons are cited. Atlanta has historically black colleges and universities such as King's alma mater, Morehouse; the first black mayor, Maynard Jackson, pressed for policies helping black professionals after his 1973 election; and events like the 1996 Olympics opened doors for entrepreneurs of all races.

Atlanta is an exception. For nearly all of the past halfcentury, black unemployment nationally has hovered at about twice that of whites.

President Donald Trump touted on Twitter that December's 6.8 percent unemployment rate for blacks was the lowest in 45 years — a number critics say ignores a greater reality. For example, in an economy that increasingly demands advanced degrees, Department of Education data shows that black representation among graduates in science, tech, engineering and mathematics peaked at 9.9 percent in 2010 and has been slowly declining.

In Boston, Democratic Mayor Marty Walsh said in a recent speech that the city is addressing the issue and is

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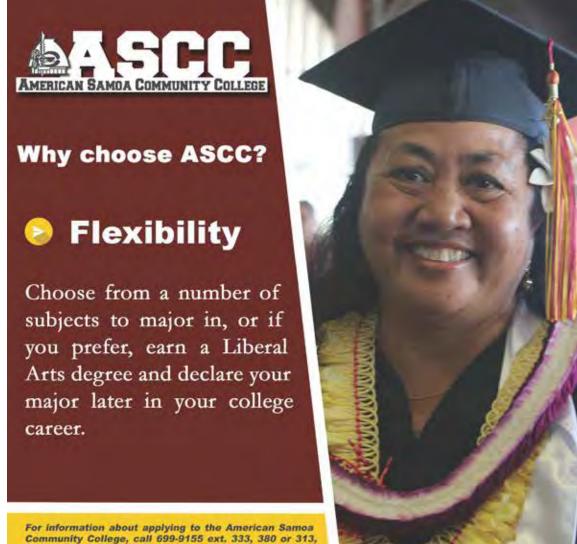
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Landsmark said stronger Some also say investors are role models may be a solution. more likely to support white As Boston Architectural College's president, he mentored a lifelong Boston resident who Garland. They discussed race grew up in predominantly black issues in the professional world — brought — as when Garland, trying to her idea of an online platform land jobs in his neighborhood, linking beauty professionals realized many people who with customers for in-home looked like him were unfamiliar appointments to investors, she with the very concept of architecture. He once had to explain "They said I didn't belong in to a homeowner who wanted the program, that they couldn't his roof reframed: "I'm not a

Today, Garland speaks at who initially marketed Beau- high schools and works at the tyLynk to black women like DREAM Collaborative, which herself. "I remember crying focuses on projects in low-

"I know the barriers exist in Some even advised her to other folks' minds, and I have to move out of Boston, which disprove that," he said. "I keep

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Pago Pago American Samoa 96799

Bids could be dropped off as well at either ANZ branches.

Bidding closes at 4:00pm on Friday, April 13th, 2018.

For more information contact 622-9311 or 622-9314.







# **Defunct Chinese space lab hur**tles toward Earth on wide path



FILE - In this Nov. 16, 2010 file photo, visitors sit beside a model of China's Tiangong-1 space station at the 8th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai in southern China's Guangdong Province. China's defunct Tiangong 1 space station is expected to re-enter Earth's atmosphere within the next day. The European Space Agency forecast Sunday April 1, 2018 the station will re-enter sometime between Sunday night and early Monday morning GMT.

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung, File)

BERLIN (AP) — China's tion hurtled toward Earth on

Most of the craft should burn falling debris poses only a slight risk to people on the ground.

The European Space Agency name translates as "Heavenly Monday GMT. The Chinese Europe. space agency said it should Monday Beijing time.

craft will likely survive being tact with it was cut in 2016.

The Aerospace Corp. pre- burned up on re-entry, mainly defunct Tiangong 1 space sta- dicted Tiangong 1's re-entry its heavier components such as would take place within 2 hours its engines. The chances of any Sunday and was expected to of either side of 0018 GMT one person being hit by debris re-enter the atmosphere within Monday (8:18 p.m. Sunday are considered less than one in a trillion.Launched in 2011, Tian-Based on the space station's gong 1 was China's first space up on re-entry, so scientists said orbit, it will come back to Earth station, serving as an experisomewhere 43 degrees north mental platform for bigger and 43 degrees south, a range projects, such as the Tiangong covering most of the United 2 launched in September 2016 forecast that the station, whose States, China, Africa, southern and a future permanent Chinese Europe, Australia and South space station. The station played Palace," will re-enter sometime America. Out of range are host to two crewed missions between Sunday night and early Russia, Canada and northern and served as a test platform for perfecting docking procedures Only about 10 percent of and other operations. Its last happen during the course of the bus-sized, 8.5-ton space- crew departed in 2013 and con-

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#### ▶ First Samoan female...

working for AS SPED as an Assessment Officer, and still aspired to be a professional volleyball player as well as obtain her masters degree in Sports Psychology.

She enlisted, became a United States Army Soldier, worked on her Masters Degree, and has ago to do. "And 6 years later, here I am!" the Ath-

talents, she replied, "It wasn't about showcasing my talent, it was more about what else can my talent help me achieve. I was able to get a degree me the confidence to enlist. That confidence and courage has now afforded me what I proudly can share to hopefully inspire many others who have award but in my heart this is a TEAM award. the talent in sports to use their talent to do big

SGT Marshall said, "My advice to the young to Pray, stay committed, have a positive attitude. Do not give up on your goals. Do not give up a winner's mentality. Give back to our community and most importantly you must EARN what you want in this life. Don't expect anyone to give you anything for free other than advice, good life lessons, and ways to improve your skills/ techniques.

"As for the young women out there, especially the female athletes from my island of American Samoa, let's get back to improving our athletics. amount of training it takes to be the best athlete. We have to understand that the sports we want to play are constantly evolving each day so we would have to do the same if we want to excel in those sports. If you ever doubt yourself or feel discouraged, just know I believe in all of you that you will succeed if you out your heart, mind, and soul into your efforts to succeed"

Salaia wishes to acknowledge the following, whom have helped shape her life:

"First and foremost I want to thank God for the good health, the knowledge, strength, and blessings He continuously gives me.

"To my Family and friends, thank you for the now achieved her goals she set out many years endless prayers, support, lessons and love. I will forever be in debt to you all.

My commanders for approving me every When asked about showcasing her athletic year since I joined the Army to play volleyball. Without your approval I wouldn't have the opportunity to achieve this award.

"I would like to thank my coaches and teamwithout having student loans and my talents gave mates. Without you all I would have not gotten this award. Because of your hard work WE were able to win this award. Yes, I may have won this

"To my battle buddies thank you all for always having my back when I'm gone for All Army Volleyball. Your competence and hard work has adults, who are pursuing a career in athletics is made me worry free whenever I had to leave to compete.

"To All Army Sports and the Army thank you on your dreams, always be coachable, and have all for allowing me to represent the Army through sports. I am grateful for the opportunity I am offered yearly to play for the Army!

"I am grateful and ecstatic about this award I achieved. However, I've been more amazed and appreciative about the experiences and relationships I've established with other athletes, soldiers, and people of different military branches and countries. Fa'afetai tele lava ma ia manuia!"

Congratulations SGT Marshall on such an As a Samoan female athlete I understand the achievement and honor. You have done your family and friends proud. The village that raised you now applauds your efforts and triumphs. Your people and country of American Samoa salute you for your accomplishments. Hooah!

Kindest regards,

\*Sese Auva'a\*

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### ▶ Breadfruit...

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guished Professor and Titular dynamics, racial/ethnic dis-Breadfruit Initiative and the survey research on Pacific Peotute (BI) of the National Trop- island of Rotuma, Fiji, ical Botanical Garden in Kauai. Her vision to promote and share fessor of Chemistry and Earth the gifts of the breadfruit to & Environmental Sciences at feed the hungry and raise the the Irving K. Barber School of common good for humanity is Arts and Sciences, University the driving force behind global of British Columbia Okanagan, initiatives that are inspired by Canada. Dr. Murch at the Unithat purpose.

State University. He special- breadfruit. izes in Food science, tech-

Pacific Island agroforestry, Grain Science and Industry. particularly systems including the breadfruit tree. Director the Interior-Office of Insular Elevitch and Kalani Souza are Affairs (OIA), U.S. Department the breadfruit agroforestry and of Commerce Economic Develtraining experts for the Pacific opment Administration (EDA) Regional Breadfruit Initiative.

Dr. Sela Panapasa — Research Scientist at the Uni- development program support versity of Michigan's Insti- the Breadfruit Initiative. tute for Social Research. Her work includes research on ness Center Program) family support and intergenerational exchanges, population

Head of the Pacific Regional parities and population-based Director of the Breadfruit Instiples and Health. She is from the

Dr. Susan Murch - Proversity of British Columbia Dr. Fadi Aramouni — Pro- Okanagan has developed a fessor of Food Science, Animal novel, commercially viable Science and Industry, Kansas method of mass propagation for

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> The U.S. Department of University Center Program and the Bank of Hawaii community

(Source: UH Pacific Busi-



#### 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



Human Resource Department, Tafuna PO Box PPB, Pago Pago American Samoa 96799 Phone No: (684) 248-1234 humanresource@aspower.com

# PUBLIC IOB POSTING

Position Title	Electrical Engineer (P.E.)	Posting Date	April 3, 2018
Department	Electric	Deadline	Until Fiulled
Division	Power Generation	Starting Rate	TBD
Position Type	Two Year Contract		
Reports To	Power Chief	Job Grade/Status	TBD/Exempt

#### Major Duties & Responsibilities

The Electrical Engineer shall be responsible for the following main activities but not limited to - providing technical leadership in a day-to-day operations, project assignments including the design, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical plant and equipment. Work with a team of engineers and technicians to improve supply reliability, efficiency and to reduce production costs. Safely deliver projects on time and within budget. Work with management, engineers, specialists, and government and/or federal officials on power utility projects. Develop electrical distribution system for commercial and industrial applications and plans using latest industry standards and specifications. Perform system calculations and studies for electrical power systems -load flow, voltage drop, motor starting, short circuit studies, and relay coordination studies. Review and check electrical designs and drawings for accuracy and compliance with code; these include single line diagrams, schematics, wiring diagrams, including contractor submittals. Assist in the development of project schedules, estimates and budgets. Work with the division manager on manpower planning, forecasting and progress monitoring. Assist with the management of electrical contractors assigned to design and build power projects for ASPA. Other responsibilities will be assigned from time

	Minimum Requirements
Education	BS degree in Electrical Engineering or related field. PE would be a major advantage.
Experience	At least ten (10) years of proven experience in utility and/or power plant O&M, power system design or SCADA experience preferred. Experience with Federal projects a plus. Other experiences in power system operations, system protection, project management, substations, distribution systems, renewable energy systems and SCADA systems would be beneficial. Must have knowledge of fundamental concepts, practice, procedures, general terms, nomenclature, etc. in assigned area of engineering specialty. Able to lead a team of technicians in the installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of Power Generation and T&D plant and equipment.
	Required knowledge. Must have knowledge of fundamental concepts practice procedures general

#### Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

terms, conditions, nomenclature, etc. in assigned area of engineering specialty. Must be familiar with tools & equipment in diesel electric power plant; generators and related mathematics; safety principles, methods & practices. Must be able to use Word, Power Point, and Excel, ET AP or equivalent power software. Good analytical and problem solving skills.

Working knowledge of Electrical Standards, NEC or IEC Codes. Effective communication skills both verbally and in writing with superiors, colleagues, and individuals inside and outside the Company. Effective analytical and problem solving skills. Ability to motivate team efforts to accomplish goals.

Ability to: Communicate detailed information accurately to management and coworkers and to professionally represent ASP A when dealing with local government and off-island officials and external organizations. Demonstrate continuous commitment to safe operations. Be an active role model and constant resource to ASPA. Work independently and as part of team. Able to define electrical and instrumentation problems and present cost effective solutions.

Physical demands: Able to work indoor, outdoor environment, inside cable vaults and switchgear. Must be able to climb a ladder or work at an elevated position when required.

Qualified applicants: Please submit a completed ASPA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASPA Tafuna (address listed above) by the deadline. Please attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examinations (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on pre-employment drug test. ASPA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary. No phone inquiries accepted.

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## Trump on deal for 'Dreamer' immigrants: 'NO MORE'



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump arrive for Easter services at Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, in Palm Beach, Fla., Sunday, April 1, 2018.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

VILLE, Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) Sunday declared "NO MORE" or I will stop their cash cow, to a deal to help "Dreamer" NAFTA. NEED WALL!" The immigrants and threatened to U.S., Canada and Mexico are pull out of a free trade agree- participating in tense negoment with Mexico unless tiations over the North Amerit does more to stop people ican Free Trade Agreement at from crossing into the U.S. Trump's insistence. Trump says He claimed they're coming to NAFTA is bad for the U.S. take advantage of protections granted certain immigrants.

"NO **MORE** hour after he began the day

By DARLENE SUPER- by wishing his followers a "HAPPY EASTER!"

He said Mexico must "stop President Donald Trump on the big drug and people flows,

"Mexico has got to help us at the border," Trump, holding DACA his wife's hand, told reporters DEAL!" Trump tweeted one before the couple attended

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- Application available at DDW or Island Lubricants office in Tafuna Industrial Park. Call 699-1417 or 633-5297.
- Resume for Chef/Cook and Supervisor positions may also be emailed to: ddwbeachcafe@gmail.com or leiluastevenson@gmail.com





This cover image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows characters Aech, left, and Parzival in a scene from "Ready Player One," a film by Steven Spielberg. (Warner Bros. Pictures via AP)

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Steven Spielberg has found his way back to the top of the box it's Spielberg's best opening office with the action-adventure "Ready Player One," while Tyler Perry has scored again with "Acrimony."

Studio estimates on Sunday say Spielberg's virtual realityfocused film earned a solid \$53.2 million in its first four days in theaters from 4,234 locations since opening Wednesday

night, with \$41.2 million of that coming from the three-day weekend.

Not adjusted for inflation, in a decade following "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," which launched with \$100.1 million in 2008. Aside from "The BFG," Spielhistorical dramas instead of the heyday.

Based on Ernest Cline's Not Dead 3" with \$2.8 million. popular novel and chock-full of including some nods to Spielberg's own films, "Ready Player One" is a return to the popcorn filmmaking that he became a reportedly hefty \$175 million price tag, which does not account for marketing costs.

Audiences gave the film an A- CinemaScore, and reviews have been warm, too (it's sitting at a 76 percent on Rotten Tomatoes). Those who turned out this weekend were mostly male (59 percent) and over the age of 25 (56 percent).

Spielberg business," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution. "We always believed that this international). movie itself would carry the day and that's really what happened. We've seen all around the globe that the word of mouth is really lion (\$7.7 million international). propelling it."

Goldstein said while advance \$10.8 ticket sales were solid, the walkup business was particularly robust on Friday and Saturday.

Internationally, the film exceeded the studio's expectations with \$128 million from 62 territories, including \$61.7 million from China (the biggestever opening in the country lion (\$1.6 million international). for Warner Bros.). Globally it grossed \$181.3 million.

ComScore senior media anaperformance of "Ready Player One" should be judged in the context of the marketplace, \$3.5 million. which is down significantly (24.1 percent) from last March

and has seen nearly every film since "Black Panther" open in the "middling to good range."

"None of them have set the world on fire," Dergarabedian said. "We're living in a world where a \$52.3 million gross for the first four days is a really good number."

"Tyler Perry's Acrimony" took second place. Driven by an overwhelmingly female audience, the film starring Taraji P. Henson grossed \$17.1 million over the 3-day weekend, followed by "Black Panther" in third place with \$11.3 million.

With \$650.7 million in domestic grosses, "Black Panther" is poised to pass "Jurassic World's" \$652 million to become the fourth highest grossing domestic release of all time.

A batch of faith-based films also competed for attention leading up to the Easter holiday, including "I Can Only Imagine," which scored again with \$10.8 million to take fourth place. It outshined "Paul, Apostle of Christ," which earned \$3.5 million in weekend two and the new opener, "God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkberg has lately favored smaller ness," which stumbled with \$2.6 million. Even Wes Anderbig-scale blockbusters of his son's "Isle of Dogs," playing in only 165 locations, beat "God's

"Pacific Rim Uprising" references to 1980s pop culture, rounded out the top five with \$9.2 million, down 67 percent from last weekend's No. 1

The year is still down nearly known for. With that includes 4 percent, too, but there are some superheroes on the horizon.

> "The cavalry is on the way in 'Avengers: Infinity War," Dergarabedian said.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. "It's great to be in the Steven Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1."Ready Player One," \$41.2 million (\$128 million

2."Tyler Perry's Acrimony," \$17.1 million.

3."Black Panther," \$11.3 mil-

4."I Can Only Imagine," (\$200,000 million international).

5."Pacific Rim Uprising," \$9.2 million (\$31.4 million international).

Gnomes," 6."Sherlock million (\$2.5 million international).

7."Love, Simon," \$4.8 mil-

8."Tomb Raider," \$4.7 million (\$12 million international). 9."A Wrinkle in Time,"

lyst Paul Dergarabedian said the \$4.7 million (\$4.8 million international).

10."Paul, Apostle of Christ,"



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#### **PUBLIC JOB POSTING**

Position Title	ICT Technician I	Posting Date	March 21, 2018
Department	ICT	Deadline	April 3, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Division	Support Services	Pay Rate	\$7.28/hour - \$7.58/hour
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation	Job Grade/Status	D/1/A - D/2/A, Non-Exempt
Reports To	Information Systems Manager		

#### Major Duties & Responsibilities

Provide PC, Windows Server and Network help desk support to Senior Network Technicians. WAN/ LAN experience. Install setup and configure PC systems to meet or exceed client requirements. Install setup and configure Microsoft based server and network based environments to meet requirements. Provide remote and/or onsite diagnosis, repair and troubleshooting as required. Install, configure and maintain client software as required. Perform product research, development and testing to determine feasibility of deployment of technology. Provide user training/assistance as required. Other duties as

	Minimum Requirements				
Education	High School diploma; Associate's degree in related field preferred.				
Experience	One to three years of experience in a technical capacity in Information Systems.				
Skills, Abilities, Job	Skilled in: Microsoft Technologies; LAN/WAN; Hardware installation; Software and Help Desk Systems.				
Requirements	Ability to: Use Information Technology to solve pc/network issues; identify and evaluate new technological developments; gauge their appropriateness; and troubleshoot.				
	Must be a team player that contributes proactively to the team. Varying work hours may be required from time to time.				

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# **Trump says Second Amend**ment won't be repealed



FILE - In this April 30, 2014, file photo, retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens testifies on the ever-increasing amount of money spent on elections as he appears before the Senate Rules Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. Stevens is calling for the repeal of the Second Amendment to allow for significant gun control legislation. The 97-year-old Stevens says in an essay on The New York Times website that repeal would weaken the National Rifle Association's ability to "block constructive gun control legislation." (AP Photo)

#### By ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON tweeted Wednesday that the across the country. Second Amendment "WILL NEVER BE REPEALED" and MENT WILL NEVER BE called on voters to elect more REPEALED!" Trump tweeted Republicans in this fall's con- early Wednesday. "As much gressional elections because the as Democrats would like to GOP "must ALWAYS hold the see this happen, and despite Supreme Court."

Times that repealing the amend- Court!" ment would make it easier for legislation.

push to curb firearms. That has included demonstrations (AP) that have drawn hundreds of President Donald Trump thousands of marchers in cities

"THE SECOND AMENDthe words yesterday of former Trump's statements came a Supreme Court Justice Steday after retired Supreme Court vens, NO WAY. We need more Justice John Paul Stevens wrote Republicans in 2018 and must in an essay in The New York ALWAYS hold the Supreme

As with many issues, Congress to enact gun control Trump's stated position on guns has been inconsistent. In a tele-Last month's shootings that vised meeting after the Parkland killed 17 people at a high school massacre with shooting surin Parkland, Florida, have gal-vivors, lawmakers and others, vanized young people, liberals he suggested letting authorities and Democrats for a renewed confiscate guns from people

# 6 police, another person die during prison riot in Mexico

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) prison in the town of Amatlan fire while resisting an effort to prison. transfer dangerous inmates out of a prison in Mexico's Gulf criminal gang involved, but the coast state of Veracruz, authori- area was long dominated by ties said.

Veracruz Gov. Miguel Angel an inmate or prison guard.

in the area around the La Toma officers, the governor said.

Six police officers died de los Reyes, so officials had Sunday from smoke inhala- decided to transfer them to tion after prisoners started a a maximum-security federal

Yunes did not name the Zetas cartel.

When local police, in sup-Yunes said a seventh person port of state police, went died but it was unclear if he was into the prison to get the four inmates for transfer, they were Yunes said four "highly apparently ambushed by prisdangerous" inmates had been oners, who blocked their escape helping run criminal networks and lit a fire that suffocated six

#### considered dangerous even without court permission and expanding required background checks to also cover private gun

sales. He's since abandoned

those views. There is no current, major push to repeal the Second Amendment. Any effort to do so would be unlikely to succeed in today's divisive political climate. Under the most common way to amend the Constitution, the House and Senate would both need to approve the pro-

posal by two-thirds majorities. It would then need to be ratified

by three-fourths of the states.

Political parties do not technically "hold" the Supreme Court like they control Congress.Justices are nominated by presidents and must be confirmed by the Senate. It is true justices often reflect the political views of presidents who select them, but that is not always the case. Of the current nine justices, the four considered to comprise the court's conservative wing were appointed by GOP presidents and the four more liberal judges were selected by Democratic presidents. The ninth, often considered the crucial swing vote, is Anthony Kennedy, who was nominated by Republican President Ronald Reagan.



#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

We are currently looking for employees to fill the following positions for the East Side Villages Sewer Package 5 Phase 1 Project for ASPA. This is a 2 year project.

- EXCAVATOR OPERATORS
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- LABORERS

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### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

RFP No: ASPA18.038.ESD-WTR Issuance Date: April 3, 2018

Closing Date & Time: Friday, April 20, 2018 No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

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

"SCADA Phase II Upgrade"

#### **Submission**

An original and one PDF copy of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFP No. ASPA 18.038.ESD-WTR SCADA Phse II Upgrade".

Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), Friday, April 20, 2018:

**Procurement Office** 

American Samoa Power Authority

P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any quote 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 Compund, New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: http://www.aspower.com.

#### **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 proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

Approved for Issuance: Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director





# Hearts ache, anger surges after Siberian mall fire kills 64

MANAU, Associated Press

KEMEROVO, Russia (AP) theater at a burning shopping center, 11-year-old Vika Pochankina made a panicked her," the girl said.

smoke.

connected," the aunt told The Associated Press.

including 41 children — in a hurt and angry over what they answers about the fire.

March 25 have tormented their the fire. The regional governor loved ones, bringing not only didn't visit the scene, President Trapped inside a movie grief over those they lost but Vladimir Putin didn't declare a deep dismay about the state of national day of mourning until life in Russia.

phone call to her aunt. "I'm suf- many others in Russia — ask focating. Tell Mama that I loved why the shopping center's opportunism. emergency exits were locked, Yevgenia Pochankina told why the mall's fire alarms her niece to cover her nose didn't sound, whether the center with her clothes to fend off the ever met building standards or if inspectors were bribed to turn "After a moment, she dis- a blind eye to deficiencies.

Living in Kemerovo, a Siberian city 3,000 kilometers (1,900 The deaths of 64 people — miles) east of Moscow, they are citizen's group pressing for

KAR- Siberian shopping center fire on see as official callousness after two days after the fire, and offi-Relatives of the dead — and cials have dismissed their protests over the blaze as political

> "This tragedy reflects all of Russia's problems — the corruption of officials who closed their eyes to problems with fire safety, uncoordinated work of the special services, the imperviousness of authorities," said Rasim Yaraliyev, head of a

### Trump...

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Easter services at an Episcopal church near his Palm Beach, Florida, home. "If they're not going to help us at the border, it's a very sad thing between our two countries."

"A lot of people are coming in because they want to take advantage of DACA," he added.

Former President Barack Obama created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to provide temporary protection and work permits to hundreds of thousands of immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally after being brought here as children. Trump ended the program last year, but gave Congress six months to pass legislation enshrining it. A deal has so far proved elusive and Trump has blamed Democrats.

It was not immediately clear what Trump was referring to when he said people are coming to take advantage of the program.

The Department of Homeland Security is not issuing new permits, though existing ones can be renewed. The Obama administration allowed sign-ups during a set period of time, and the program is closed to new entrants.

Proposed DACA deals crafted by lawmakers and rejected by Trump also were not open to new participants.

Trump did not explain what

he meant when questioned by reporters as he entered the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea with the first lady and his daughter Tiffany. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for clarification.Trump, when addressing reporters briefly before entering the church, again blamed Democrats for failing to protect the "Dreamers." They had a great chance. The Democrats blew it. They had a great, great chance, but we'll have to take a look because Mexico has got to help us at the border. They flow right through Mexico. They send them into the United States. It can't happen that way promised anymore."Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign to build a southern border wall to stop illegal immigration and drugs from Mexico, but Congress has frustrated him by not moving as quickly as he wants to provide money for

construction. The president also complained on Twitter that border patrol agents can't do their jobs properly because of "ridiculous liberal (Democrat) laws" that allow people caught for being in the country illegally to be released while they await a the tweets."A true leader prehearing before a federal immigration judge.

Trump tweeted that the

situation is "Getting more dangerous" and "Caravans" are coming. He did not offer details to back his comment.

The president's tweets came after Fox News' "Fox & Friends" reported early Sunday on what it said is a group of 1,200 immigrants, mostly from Honduras, headed to the U.S. The segment was a follow-up to a report by Buzzfeed News on hundreds of Central Americans making their way through Mexico in hopes that American authorities will grant them asylum or be absent when they attempt to cross the border.

The Fox headline was "Caravan of illegal immigrants headed to U.S." The president is known to watch the cable TV program in the morning.

Brandon Judd, leader of the union representing border patrol agents, predicted on "Fox & Friends" that those in the caravan would create havoc and chaos in the U.S. as they wait for what he described as immigration reform. Judd also said Congress needs to pass tougher laws, an idea Trump appeared to echo, and create more bed space for immigration authorities to house people.

Some fellow Republicans chided Trump over the tone of serves & offers hope, doesn't take hope from innocent children who call America home.

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viduals) even while regarding the land they were deeded by our forefathers to be American soil."

have many American Samoans in the US and here who are directly affected by this interpretation of the Insular cases," Alailima told Samoa News. "While it may also take a number of rounds of information as well as copy of the Fitisemanu court cases we are not going to be deterred from lawsuit.

efforts on behalf of affected American Samoans to get this colonialist stain of disrespect for native "This is a classic definition of colonialism. We island populations removed from the American laws." More information on Equally American is on: www.EquallyAmerican.org - including the group's official statement and other background

# **China raises tariffs on US** pork, fruit in trade dispute



Imported nuts from the United States are displayed for sale at a supermarket in Beijing, Tuesday, April 3, 2018. China raised import duties on U.S. pork, fruit and other products Monday in an escalating tariff dispute with President Donald Trump that companies worry might depress global commerce. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China raised import duties on a \$3 billion list of U.S. pork, fruit and other products Monday in an escalating tariff dispute with President Donald Trump that companies worry might depress global commerce.

The Finance Ministry said it was responding to a U.S. tariff hike on steel and aluminum that took effect March 23. But a bigger clash looms over Trump's approval of possible higher duties on nearly \$50 billion of Chinese goods in a separate argument over technology policy.

The tariff spat is one aspect of wide-ranging tensions between Washington and Beijing over China's multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the United States and its policies on technology, industry development and access to its statedominated economy.

Forecasters say the immediate impact should be limited, but investors worry the global recovery might be set back if it prompts other governments to raise import barriers. Those fears some other exporters, but not ally Japan, exemptemporarily depressed financial markets, though tions to the steel and aluminum tariffs on March stocks have recovered some of their losses.

and Shanghai were up 0.5 percent at midmorning.

Beijing faces complaints by Washington, the European Union and other trading partners that it hampers market access despite its free-trading pledges and is flooding global markets with improperly low-priced steel and aluminum. But the EU, Japan and other governments criticized Trump's unilateral move as disruptive.

The United States buys little Chinese steel and aluminum following earlier tariff hikes to offset what Washington says is improper subsidies. Still, economists expected Beijing to respond to avoid looking weak in a high-profile dispute.

Effective Monday, Beijing raised tariffs on pork, aluminum scrap and some other products by 25 percent, the Finance Ministry said. A 15 percent tariff was imposed on apples, almonds and some other goods.

The tariff hike has "has seriously damaged our interests," said a Finance Ministry statement.

"Our country advocates and supports the multilateral trading system," said the statement. Chi-

na's tariff increase "is a proper measure adopted by our country using World Trade Organization rules to protect our interests."

The White House didn't respond to a message from The Associated Press on Sunday seeking comment.

China's government said earlier its imports of those goods last year totaled \$3 billion.

The latest Chinese move targets farm areas, many of which voted for Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

U.S. farmers sent nearly \$20 billion of goods to China in 2017. The American pork industry sent \$1.1 billion in products, making China the No. 3 market for U.S. pork.

"American politicians better realize sooner rather than later that China would never submit if the U.S. launched a trade war," said the Global Times, a newspaper published by the ruling Communist Party.

Washington granted EU, South Korea and 22. European governments had threatened to On Monday, stock market indexes in Tokyo retaliate by raising duties on American bourbon, peanut butter and other goods.

> Beijing has yet to say how it might respond to Trump's March 22 order approving possible tariff hikes in response to complaints China steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

> Trump ordered U.S. trade officials to bring a WTO case challenging Chinese technology licensing. It proposed 25 percent tariffs on Chinese products including aerospace, communications technology and machinery and said Washington will step up restrictions on Chinese investment in key U.S. technology sectors.

> Trump administration officials have identified as potential targets 1,300 product lines worth about \$48 billion. That list will then be open to a 30-day comment period for businesses.

> Beijing reported a trade surplus of \$275.8 billion with the United States last year, or two-thirds of its global total. Washington reports different figures that put the gap at a record \$375.2 billion.

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