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November 20, 2018 — During the season of thanks and giving, Bluesky is once again showing support for Hope House. Bluesky donated turkeys, televisions and MoanaTV subscriptions for patients of Hope House. This comes just a month after Hope House's 30th Jubilee Anniversary, where Bluesky donated \$2,000 to their annual fundraiser. "The best way to give thanks is to give back", said Bluesky Marketing Manager Marilyn Gabriel. "We are so grateful for our community partners who do so much for our people, and we're here to support our community as well." During this season, with the impending holidays in the coming weeks, Bluesky reminds customers that Bluesky is giving back to customers with an exciting new promotion to celebrate the holiday season. For questions, please contact 699-2759 or as.csc@blueskypacificgroup.com. [courtesy photo]



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Taputimu drug defendant waives right to preliminary examination

MEANWHILE, SUSPECT STEVE TUATOO IS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

A man who was arrested during one of the three raids by detectives of the DPS Vice & Narcotics Unit two weeks ago waived his right to a preliminary examination and his case is now bound over to the High Court.

Cody Wood, who is still in custody unable to post a \$200,000 bond, appeared before Judge Fiti Sunia yesterday morning and that's when Assistant Public Defender, Ryan Nelson informed the court that Wood is no longer being represented by the PD's Office, as he has retained the services private attorney Joshua Rovelli, of RDA Law Firm.

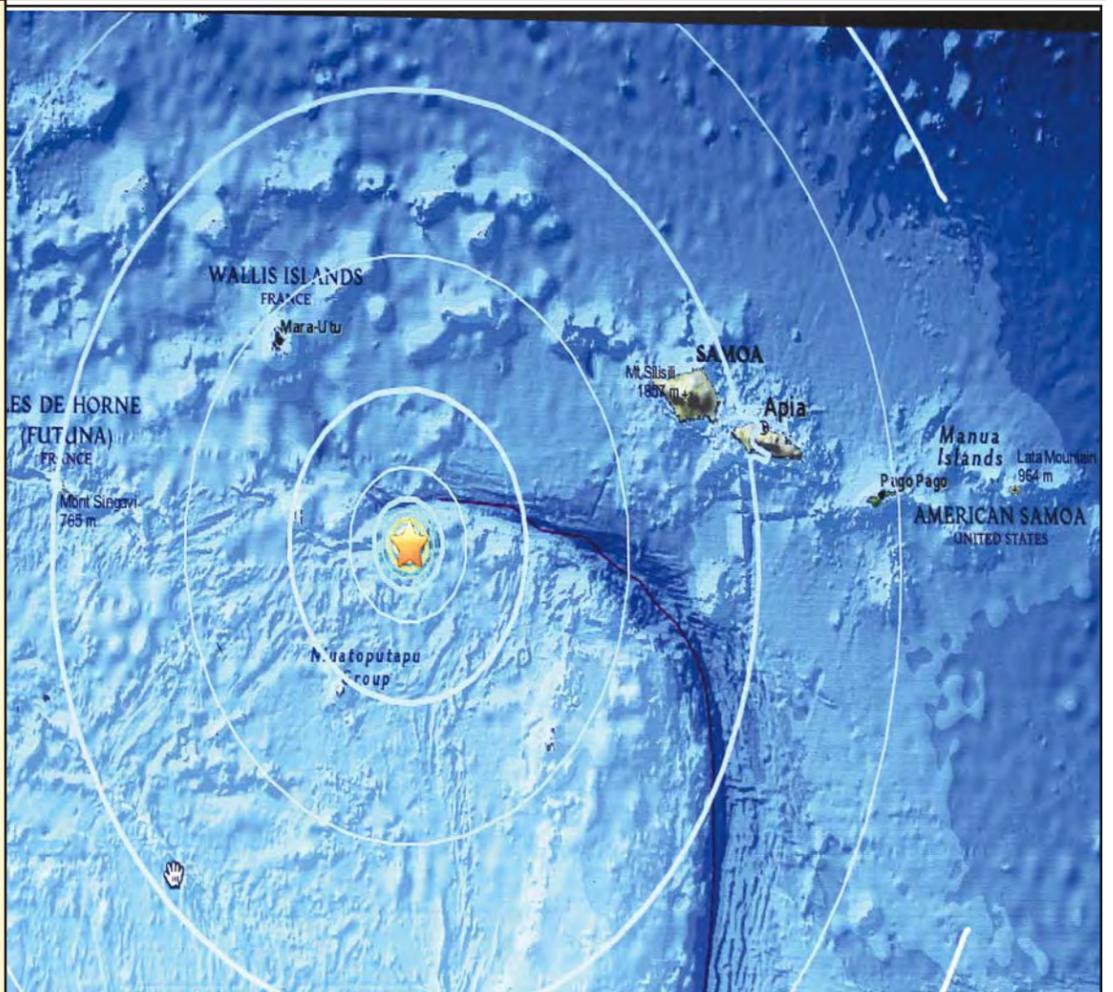
When asked for a comment, Rovelli told Samoa News outside the District Court building that it was in the best interest of his client to waive his preliminary examination hearing yesterday, because there is sensitive information that needs to be protected from being leaked out to the media. When asked to elaborate, Rovelli said he hasn't had a chance to sit down with his client to discuss everything in the court affidavit before it is released to the media.

Wood is scheduled to appear in High Court tomorrow at 9 a.m. for arraignment.

Sources told Samoa News last week that the amount of cash that was confiscated by police during their raids at Wood's house in Taputimu two (2) weeks ago was more than \$100,000, not the \$54,003 as stated by police.

When asked for a comment, Rovelli said it's too early for him to comment on the issue, and he doesn't have an answer to the question, but he will get to the bottom of it when the time is right.

Samoa News asked the same question during last week's press conference with DPS Deputy Commissioner, Falana'ipupu Taase Sagapolutele who said Samoa News only has information from
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The star, on this screen shot from the US Geological Survey (USGS) website, shows the center of yesterday's 6.0 magnitude earthquake which, according to the USGS, occurred just before 8a.m. and was centered 225 miles west-southwest of Apia, Samoa; 289 miles west of Tafuna; and 290 miles west of Pago Pago, American Samoa.

The center of the quake was closer to Wallis and Futuna — 120 miles southeast of the French Pacific territory.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawai'i issued an "information bulletin" saying that the preliminary magnitude was 6.2 and was about 167 miles west of Savai'i island in Samoa and occurred around 7:51 a.m.

Based on all available data, there was no tsunami threat to American Samoa as a result of the quake, although some areas may have experienced strong shaking.

Around 8a.m. the local Department of Homeland Security issued an information bulletin, citing similar information from the tsunami warning center. As of late yesterday morning, there had been no reports of local damage due to the quake.

Some residents of Fofu and Alataua counties — on the western side of Tutuila — reported feeling the earth shaking and guessed quickly that it may be an earthquake.

This is the second quake this month for American Samoa as well as neighboring Samoa. Around 10pm on Nov. 3rd., a 6.8 quake - centered about 88 miles south of Savai'i — prompted a "tsunami advisory" for American Samoa which was later canceled.

[photo: FS]



FAASALALAUGA O LE SUAFA TUIELELEAPAGA O LEONE

Samoa e, e lē tau faamaupu'epu'eina 'auma fati loloa o le vasa i ou paia e afua mai Saua seia paia Analega. Matou te faapoipoi ma le faaete'ete le laau-tu-i-vanu i ou paia fa'aletalalelei, mamalu faaleatunuu aemaise ou sã faalemalo, ina ne'i faitauina tautala o le puagagana i sa matou faamatalaga faatauavaa. Nuunuu atu ia i faleupolu o tofiga ma le 'au fueloloa o le atunuu outou sã ma faigã, auã o le latou gafa tautasi vaatele lea. Tulou!

E matou te faatulou atu ai i le paia o suli ma feoi o le suafa o Tuiteleleapaga i le afioaga o Leone, o loo alaala ma papa'a'ao i itu e fia o Samoa. Paia lava lea aua Laloifi ma Falesau o le Faleomavaega. Afio ai Tuitelele o le Faatuiolemotu, Susu ai Faiivae o le Maluolefale, Susu ai i la'ua Tama Matua ia Olo ma Leoso ma vae o le tootoo Fiu ma Maiava. Susu Tuiteleleapaga ma Avegalio. Afio Maava, ae puipuilu e le fetalaiga tumalele ia i la'ua Matua o Salave'a ma Salave'a. Mamalu na aua Fofu ma le aai taläluma o le Alataua. Tulou!

Ua tasi moemoe le finagalo o aiga i le maota o Leagaoso, e Afio ai le Sa'o ia Tuiteleleapaga ae pola puipui e le fetalaiga ia Tuisee ma Talivaa, mamalu i le nofoatoo ma tautasi faapea le aai o le Aigaotuga ma le Fagaotua. O le a faia sa tatou talatalaga auã se tasi e ta'ita'ia lo tatou aiga i le:

Aso: Novema 23, 2017
Nofoaga: Maota o Leagaoso, Leone
Taimi: 10:00am i le taeao

O lou lē auai mai o le a lē taofia ai le talanoaga. O le tatalo i le Atua ina ia o tatou maua le fealofani ma tatou toeseinuupotopoto aua lea faamoemoe ua tuupoina. Ia mamao ni ao taulia i le soifua o le afaigaluega a le Atua, maua le soifua manuia aua tupu ma ee o le atunuu faapea le tapuaiga ia Samoa, ae matou ola i le alofa o le Atua.

Sainia,

Nofoatoo & Tautasi o le Aiga o Tuiteleleapaga i Leone.

Tautai Lavea'i updates stipend applicant data

by Luana Scanlan
 Project Consultant - Tautai Lavea'i

To improve its financial stipend program and help its patient-recipients, the American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition, through funding received from the Department of the Interior in 2017, in partnership with LBJ Hospital, is establishing a community based 'patient navigation program' — Tautai Lavea'i. The program will enhance the Coalition's existing stipend program by providing assistance to patients preparing for off-island care, follow-up on patient outcomes, collection and analysis of cancer patient data.

Patient navigation is a process developed by Dr. Harold Freeman in 1990 in response to the American Cancer Society's "Report to the Nation on Cancer in the Poor" (1989). The report found that the most critical issues related to cancer and the poor involve barriers to accessing cancer diagnostic and treatment services.

These issues stem from poverty and geographic isolation, as well as language and immigration status, and they are issues the Coalition's cancer stipend recipients experience as well.

Tautai Lavea'i will operate out of the Cancer Coalition office, manned by existing staff who have over 10 years of experience working with the local healthcare system and cancer patients. Their time and expertise are invested voluntarily in helping these patients.

Tautai Lavea'i has begun the task of reviewing, cleaning and analyzing the data from stipend recipients dating back to 2006, when the Coalition distributed its first financial

stipend to a local cancer patient in September of 2006.

Since then, by implementing several successful fundraisers over the years from Vegas Nites to Golf Tournaments, in addition to partnering with and receiving donations from many generous businesses and individuals, the Coalition has distributed 243 stipends through November 5, 2017.

Information about cancer in American Samoa is scarce because once patients leave the Territory for care they rarely return their off-island medical records to LBJ Hospital for record keeping.

Additionally, if they are not diagnosed locally, their cancer status is not included in the local Cancer Registry data. Data driven decisions produce relevant, effective, and sustainable outcomes. For this reason, the data component of Tautai Lavea'i is the first task to be

addressed in the project. By understanding who we have helped in the past, we can make better decisions on how to help them more effectively moving forward.

The following is a descriptive synopsis of the cancer patient stipend recipients helped by the Coalition's community donors and volunteers, since 2006.

Who received stipends? 71 men and 149 women (23 individuals received additional stipends in subsequent years) 143 were married, 188 were Samoan, and 74 were unemployed while 67 were retired

The profile of a typical stipend recipient is a female between the ages of 45 and 50 who is married and unemployed. Almost half of these females (47% or 70) were diagnosed with breast cancer.

The most common cancers amongst men are lung (n=20) and prostate (n=13). Thirty-six different types of cancer were reported by recipients, including rare types of lymphoma.

A major improvement in cancer related health behavior over the last 10 years is that more stipend applicants state they are seeking and receiving cancer treatment, however most patients continue to be diagnosed after the cancer has already spread and the prognosis for treatment and survival is poor.

To date, the average age of our recipients is 52.70 compared to the U.S. national median of 66 years (CDC, 2017). While our stipend recipient group is small, the sample reflects that more of our people are being diagnosed with cancer and at younger ages than the average American.

Over 100 recipients were in Stage III or IV of their disease.

Sixty-three of the 220 patients — 29% of all applicants — were diagnosed and immediately placed in palliative (end of life) care.

Late-stage cancers progress quickly so an immediate response to a diagnosis is critical.

Less than half of our recipients were born in American Samoa; obtaining proper travel documents to access timely, effective cancer care off-island continues to be a significant barrier to survival for the majority of patients who live here using visas. The astronomical cost of airfare is also prohibitive.

These are significant 'health disparities' or inequities.

As the Coalition continues to strive towards achieving its mission, "to help the people of American Samoa fight cancer",

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APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The American Samoa Power Authority announces an excellent opportunity for young technically minded individuals who want a challenging, profitable career in American Samoa.

ASPA is looking for its next generation of technicians and engineers. Over the next few years, ASPA will be developing young technicians and engineers for key positions within the organization. It needs skilled specialists in a number of fields.

ASPA will provide employment and professional training for successful applicants. Apprentices will receive training both on the job and in formal apprenticeship classes. Qualified apprentices will receive an all-expense paid education at a technical school or university in Fiji or equivalent. Applicants must be willing to commit to spending 2 – 3 years off-island in pursuit of a diploma or degree. The focus for this apprentice program will be on mechanical and electrical trades or a related field.

Selected apprentices will be employed by ASPA in preparation for the academic session starting in February 2018.

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

Educational Requirements: High School graduate (minimum); Associate degree or better preferred. Must have a cumulative GPA minimum of 2.5 or maintained at least a B or better grade average in the following courses:

- (1) Physics, Chemistry, General Science
- (2) Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus
- (3) English (TOEFL score of 500 or better)

Skills and Aptitudes: Intermediate level computer skills. Ability to work independently, disciplined, self-starter, technically minded (confirmed by required references). Other desirable skills include hand-eye coordination, motor skills, attention to detail, and work well in a team environment.

Citizenship: US National or Citizen.

Testing: All applicants will be required to complete ASPA's internal testing for science and math ability.

Salary will be based on the technical area and job duties assigned.

Applicants must complete an ASPA Employment Application Form and provide two written references. The form is available at ASPA Human Resource Office in Tafuna or via ASPA's website at www.aspower.com

All application information, including school records and references, will be subject to verification as part of the screening process.

Deadline for submitting applications is 4pm on Wednesday, November 29th, 2017.

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Special session of the Fono called

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has called a special session of the Fono to convene for ten-days to address two pressing issues to be submitted by the administration.

Under the local constitution, the governor can call a special session of the Fono and the call letter should include the agenda of issues for discussions by lawmakers.

Lolo returned to the territory last Friday night following several meetings in the US. And Samoa News understands that the governor met last Saturday with Fono leaders, in which he requested a special session — the first special session of the 35th Legislature — to address an amendment to local existing banking laws and consider a request from the Chief Justice Michael Kruse for confirmation of a new judge of the High Court.

In his call letter yesterday to Fono leaders, Lolo said the special session is to convene next Monday, Nov. 27 and ends on Friday, Dec. 8th. The two items on the governor's agenda are:

- Holding company and board provisions in the Territorial Bank of American Samoa (TBAS) statutes.
- Nomination of Sen. Paepae Iosefa Fai'ai as an Associate Judge of the High Court.

"I am confident that you and your colleagues recognize the urgent need to consider these important matters," Lolo wrote to the Fono leaders.

Special details of the two agenda items is expected to be transmitted to the Fono this week. Some lawmakers have already been informed about the special session and they told Samoa News that they're

hopeful that the two measures will be introduced in both Chambers early next week.

Under local statute, the Territorial Bancorp Holding Company, is the ASG entity which governs operations of the TBAS. The bank first opened its doors on Oct. 3, 2016, but is still working on securing a transit routing number from the Federal Reserve that will help boost its banking service.

For Paepae, being nominated as judge, he is a first term senator for Alataua County. He took office in January this year for a four-year term.

Local law states that there shall be no less than 5 associate judges of the High Court of American Samoa, who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Chief Justice and who shall be confirmed by the Senate only.

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Important Notice

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the raffle and bingo hosted by the Ekalesia Iesu le Malamalama in Tafuna, that was originally scheduled for Thursday, November 23rd, 2017 has been POSTPONED to March 2018 .

Fa'asilasilaga Tauga

- le a taoto ia le fiso ma ona lau, ae ou te fa'amalulu atu i le paia ma le mamalu o i latou uma o lo'o tauaaoina pepa se'i a le Ekalesia Iesu Le Malamalama.
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Atheist group sues shelter over Catholic blessing of animals

TETERBORO, N.J. (AP) — An atheist group is suing to stop an annual blessing of the animals at a New Jersey shelter.

NJ.com reports American Atheists Inc. claims in a federal lawsuit the Bergen County Animal Shelter's blessing of the animals by a Roman Catholic priest violates the First and Fourth amendments.

The event was held last month and is intended to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

The lawsuit seeks an injunction against the county's participation plus legal fees. It names Bergen County, the shelter and its director.

The lawsuit says the Teterboro shelter is using government resources to promote religious ceremonies.



Samoa Airlines CEO Seiuli Alvin Tuala

[courtesy Photo]

FILE - In this Aug. 28, 2017, file photo, former Chicago police Officer Marco Proano leaves the federal building in Chicago. Proano's scheduled sentencing Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 comes three months after he was convicted of using excessive force in violation of the victims' civil rights. Prosecutors want a sentence up to eight years in prison because Proano could have killed six teens when he fired indiscriminately into the car.

(Terrence Antonio James/Chicago Tribune via AP File)

Ex-Chicago officer who shot at teens gets 5-year sentence

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge sentenced a former Chicago police officer who was convicted of civil rights violations after he opened fire on a car full of teenagers to five years in prison on Monday, telling the officer that when he pulled the trigger 16 times he was acting more like a violent criminal than someone sworn to uphold the law. "At that particular moment he was acting not as a police officer... He was bringing chaos and violence," U.S. District Judge Gary Feinerman said of Marco Proano. Proano, who did not show any emotion during the sentencing, told the judge that he fired at the car to "protect human life as it was" and that he continues to "feel strongly" that he acted properly. His lawyer later explained that Proano acted in part to save the life of a teen hanging from the window of the vehicle and prevent the stolen car from speeding away, where it could have crashed into other vehicles or strike pedestrians. The sentence comes three months after a jury convicted 42-year-old Proano of two felony counts of using excessive force in violation of the two people in the car who were injured when the officer shot him in December 2013. On Monday, Herbert again argued that Proano was doing what he was trained to do and what he "witnessed other police officers do and what he was encouraged to do by his superiors." Herbert suggested that Proano was a victim of the anti-police climate toward the Chicago police force since a dashcam video was released in late 2015 showing the fatal shooting of teenager Laquan McDonald.



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MEGHAN TANUVASA ASPIRES TO BE A 'PEACEMAKER'

Meghan Tanuvasa is a student enrolled in Abilene Christian University's Master's of Conflict Management and Resolution online program.

Currently, she is working as a counselor at the Juvenile Detention Center in Tafuna.

"I admire her work and what she's doing as a counselor at the Juvenile Detention Center," said Meghan's sister Ma'ata Tanuvasa. "I've seen some of my friends who have changed a lot since they got out of juvenile."

The sophomore from Samoana High School speaks highly of her older sister, telling Samoa News that Meghan's "inspiring story will move many who are still seeking their vocation."

Meghan was recently featured in an article posted on acu.edu

"I don't just look at them as a juvenile, but also like a daughter or son because they don't have that [at home]," she is quoted as saying, speaking of her job at the lone detention center for minors on island.

Meghan's future plans include finishing school and staying in American Samoa.

She received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from North Park University in Chicago, Ill. and after spending a little time in Washington state looking after her grandmother, she returned home.

Referring to her work with juveniles at the government-run detention center, acu.edu quotes Meghan as saying, "These people who are misguided, these kids, are the future of the island. And one person can

make a difference. I want to be a peacemaker. On this island."

NOTHING TO FEAR, REASSURES SAMOA AIRWAYS CEO

Samoa Airways is fully covered insurance wise. And there is nothing to fear, reassures the Chief Executive Officer Seiuli Alvin Tuala.

The airline has inked a US\$2 billion dollar insurance policy.

The policy includes;

- US\$1 billion for the 737-800 aircraft
- US\$750 million for third party claims
- \$US250 million for passenger liabilities.

While it's a mandated requirement for all airlines, the insurance coverage, says Seiuli reflects the commitment by Samoa Airways to accomplish affordable airfares compared to her giant competitors and increase traffic to Samoa which will translate to more tourism revenues injected into the economy.

A pilot by profession, Seiuli has also reassured Samoans in Sydney that his family; his wife and children are collateral to guarantee that it is safe to fly Samoan Airways.

"As a pilot, I ask myself every time I sit in the cockpit if my family is safe to fly in the aircraft because their safety will never be compromised. To that end, my family will fly Samoa Airways," Seiuli told the Samoan residents in Sydney in launching the Airlines Faleolo-Sydney direct, which has been absent for 12 years.

"Your safety is paramount and it will not be compromised," he reiterated.

"I appreciate the public apprehensions raised because Samoa Airways is the people's airline.

"I also welcome the constructive criticisms voiced virally in the infant days of the airline because it's just the beginning and the more the critics voice their say it serves as a constant reminder for the resurrected national carrier to fly away from mistakes of the past. It also gives me and management strategies on how best to remedy and alleviate the constructive and not so constructive feedback.

"At the end of the day, Samoa Airways is about our identity as Samoans worldwide. "Our commitment will not be defeated by the obsession of a few whose ultimate mission is to criticize for the sake of criticizing for personal recognition and of course making headlines for a financial gain."

Seiuli noted that while the positive encouragements is greatly appreciated, there is always room for improvements.

"Getting Samoa Airways off the ground in six months is a miracle to say the least," he admits. "But there is more to a book than its cover. For a single aircraft airline to be competitive, it needs time to mature, to crawl before it walks."

Then there is the zero no tolerance no credit policy which is also enforced to the letter including all airline staff, says Seiuli.

"The no credit policy without exceptions is endorsed by the Prime Minister. It is real and not a promotional policy. And forget the FOC policy because its cash up front from now on.

"If you are truly a Samoa Airways patriot please don't bother asking for credit," says Seiuli.

He does not want to make promises of where Samoa Air-

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South Pacific World Supermodel regional finals returns to Fiji in 2018

(Based on Press Release) — World Supermodel South Pacific is a regional finals being held in Fiji that allows entrants to compete from around the region i.e. Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Cook Islands, Samoa, PNG, and surrounding South Pacific Region with the winner getting an all-expense paid trip to represent the South Pacific Region in Nov. 2018.

Fiji has won the bid to host the South Pacific Regionals Finals next year to be held from April 26- 29th, 2018 at The Pearl Resort, Spa & Championship Golf Course, who secured the right for a 3rd year as the official host venue and accommodation for the 24 visiting international models and 14 visiting international crew.

“We are very excited to announce the resort will play host for the third year, to the World Supermodel South Pacific finals. I am truly excited to be able to host this amazing event again, which offers a platform for young women to truly employ themselves. Having 24 delegates from all over the South Pacific come to our beautiful islands, also gives a boost to the local tourism industry,” said Natalie Marletta, GM of the Pearl South Pacific Resort.

“Fiji has become the leading destination in the South Pacific to host events of this nature with its friendly hospitality, its untouched beauty, crystal clear

waters, and its postcard backdrop and supported by the Pearl Resort leading as the flagship to help secure the rights for Fiji and present the ideal accommodation and the perfect location for the host venue that’s mixed with glamour and excitement blended into a tropical paradise that has been aired on the FBC TV network for the past two years to hundreds of thousands of potential viewers,” commented Gavin A. Dooley, president of the World Supermodel Production.

This is a fantastic opportunity for businesses to showcase their products, services, and brands as partner with the World Supermodel South Pacific Production.

Recently Gold Coast’s sensation, Emily Perkins won the event back in Jan. 2017 and was flown to compete in Macau in May this year along with out wildcard Fiji adult entry, Zaira Begg who made it into the Top 10 from the 40 international models and was also awarded Miss Congeniality.

Applications are now being accepted via link on their website/social media channels for contestants from Fiji and the South Pacific Region interested in competing next year in April.

Anyone interested in developing their own respective region can email inquiries to <media@worldsupermodel-pageant.com>

Trump promises Americans ‘huge tax cut’ for Christmas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday promised a tax overhaul by Christmas, even as a nonpartisan tax analysis group said the Senate package would leave half of taxpayers facing higher levies by 2027. Speaking before a Cabinet meeting, Trump said, “We’re going to give the American people a huge tax cut for Christmas — hopefully that will be a great, big, beautiful Christmas present.” Trump spoke as the Tax Policy Center said that while all income groups would see tax reductions, on average, under the Senate bill in 2019, 9 percent of taxpayers would pay higher taxes that year than under current law. By 2027, that proportion would grow to 50 percent, largely because the legislation’s personal tax cuts expire in 2026, which Republicans did to curb budget deficits the bill would create.

The policy center, a joint operation of the liberal-leaning Urban Institute and Brookings Institution, found that low-earners would generally get smaller tax breaks than higher-income people. In 2019, those making less than \$25,000 would

get an average \$50 tax reduction, or 0.3 percent of their after-tax income. Middle-income earners would get average cuts of \$850, while people making at least \$746,000 would get average cuts of \$34,000, or 2.2 percent of income. The center also said the Senate proposal would generate enough economic growth to produce additional revenue of \$169 billion over a decade. That’s far short of closing the near \$1.5 trillion in red ink that Congress’ nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation has estimated the bill would produce over that period.

The top Democrat on the Senate Finance panel, Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, said the study showed that “middle-class Americans will ultimately see a tax hike under Republicans’ plan while corporate sponsors line their own pockets with multi-trillion-dollar giveaways.” Antonia Ferrer, spokeswoman for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., cited a separate study by the Tax Foundation. That conservative-leaning group has said the Senate bill would produce higher wages, nearly 1 million new jobs.

FA'AFETAI FAAFETAI TELE LAVA

O le a e'e ia lagitapu Pa'ia ma Mamalu tumau o le Aiga Sa Levi, Tulou. Taoto ia i ulupaaga le Pa'ia o Samoa mai Manu'a, se ia pa'ia Falealupo, ae tainane le Mamalu Le-avea, o lau Faiga- Malo a Tutuila ma Manu'a, Tulou, Tulouga lava.

Magalo ia so matou leo ma ta'ialalo le I'a, a le tama-loa, se'i ota faailoa le fuifui ua ifo nei i le na'a, ma fa'ailo lupe o le foaga, ina ua silimeaseu le seuga a ali'i, e ala i lau fa'atamasoali'i, ua to'ia a'u i le ulia ma le ma'ama'au, ua to'ia ai fo'i a'u i le titilavatoa, e ala i lau fo'ai ma le li-mamafola, le masui ma le ma'ama'au, aua le faamoemoe, ina ia fa'aleleia ni isi mea o le Maota o le Ekalesia, ma le maota Tapua'i o lea Atua, O Le Ana e Sili Ona Pa'ia. O lea, ua tini ma 'iulauniu le faamoemoe sa feagai ai le E.K.F.A.S. i Vailoa, e matou te momoli atu ai lea agaga o le fa'afetai tele ma le fa'amalo, i le atunu'u mo le sapoina o lea faamoemoe. Ua a'e faiva ma le manuia, ma ave ai le faafetai i lea Atua, aua ua le sula o 'Ie'Ie i lou alofa tula'i.

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sources — but he is revealing ‘facts’ about the raids — and this includes the exact dollar amount that was confiscated by police.

Wood is charged with several drug offenses including unlawful possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine and marijuana; and unlawful possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute.

The other two men who were arrested during one of the three raids are Steve Tuatoo, a former cop, and Lemalie Taisia, a taxi driver.

Taisia, who is represented by Deputy Public Defender, Michael White, denied the single charge against him during his arraignment at the High Court last Friday.

He remains in custody, unable to post a \$5,000 surety bond. Taisia is charged with one count of unlawful possession of a control substance (methamphetamine) — a felony, punishable by imprisonment of not more than 5 years, and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

During arraignment, White asked the court to set Taisia’s pretrial conference within 45 days, and prosecutor, Robert Morris was okay with that. Chief Justice Michael Kruse asked Morris if the police report would be ready after a 45-day continuance, and Morris said he has to speak to the investigating officer, to see if the police report will be ready by that time.

Kruse laughed and said to Morris, “I’m not talking to you personally, I’m talking to you as the representative of the Administration.” Kruse said the court has received a number of

motions for a continuance from the defense side, because police reports for several cases are not turned in on time.

The CJ then set Taisia’s pre-trial conference within 60 days, instead of the requested 45 days, so the police report would be ready and the defense would have time to review the file.

Taisia’s next court appearance is Jan. 18, 2018

As for Steve Tuatoo, police are still trying to track him down.

Tuatoo was arrested following the police raids two weeks ago and he was detained for 48 hours at the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF).

Sources tell Samoa News that DPS has reached out to neighboring Samoa for assistance in locating Tuatoo, and according to the former cop’s movement profile, there is substantial evidence that he has left the island. Samoa News understands that all three defendants (Tuatoo, Wood, and Taisia) were taken into custody following the raids in Taputimu, Alofau, and on the main road, and the men were detained for 48-hours. However, only Tuatoo was released when the 48-hour holding period expired, while Wood and Taisia remained in custody at the TCF to await the filing of charges against them.

Efforts to obtain a comment from the Department of Public Safety yesterday were unsuccessful. Samoa News sought a comment via email from Police Commissioner, Le’i Sonny Thompson but there was no response at press time. The Attorney General’s Office continues to be silent on the issue too.

Attorneys filing Vegas shooting lawsuits with 450 plaintiffs

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Attorneys who filed one of the first lawsuits after the Oct. 1 mass shooting that killed 58 concert-goers and left hundreds injured on the Las Vegas Strip filed four new negligence cases Monday on behalf of more than 450 victims.

This time, however, Houston-based lawyers Chad Pinkerton and Mo Aziz filed the cases in Los Angeles against companies including MGM Resorts International, the corporate owner of both the Mandalay Bay resort and the Route 91 Harvest Festival concert venue. Pinkerton said the intent was to get the cases before a jury less likely to be influenced by the size and clout of a casino company that is both an active political contributor in Nevada and the largest employer in the state.

“Los Angeles is a better venue for fairness for our clients,” Pinkerton said in a telephone interview ahead of a news conference announcing the filing of two wrongful death lawsuits, a third case stemming from a woman’s head wound

and a fourth on behalf of 450 people claiming injuries in the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

“There would be certain advantages for MGM to defend its case in Nevada,” Pinkerton said, adding that a jury in MGM Resorts’ hometown might include people with direct or indirect ties to the company and its more than 70,000 employees.

The company has said through representatives it won’t litigate shooting lawsuits in the media. In statements, it has blamed the massacre on the gunman, Stephen Paddock.

Defendants in the new lawsuits also include Live Nation Entertainment, the concert promoter. In a statement, the Beverly Hills, California-based company expressed sorrow for “countless people forever impacted by this senseless act of violence” and said it was cooperating with an active FBI investigation. It declined to comment about the lawsuits.

Documents submitted Monday in Los Angeles also seek compensation from Paddock’s estate.

Justice Dept. sues to stop AT&T's \$85B Time Warner deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The Justice Department is suing AT&T to stop its \$85 billion purchase of Time Warner, setting the stage for an epic legal battle with the telecom giant.

It could also create a new headache for President Donald Trump, whose public statements have raised suspicions that he might have interfered with the department's decision, potentially undermining its legal case. DOJ's antitrust chief, Makan Delrahim, has said the president did not tell him what to do. White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Monday she wasn't aware of any specific action related to the case taken by the White House.

In a press release, Delrahim said that a combined AT&T-Time Warner would "greatly harm American consumers" by hiking television bills and hampering innovation, particularly in online television service. The DOJ said AT&T would be able to charge rival distributors such as cable companies "hundreds of millions of dollars more per year" for Time Warner's programming — payments that would ultimately get passed down to consumers through their cable bills.

In an emailed statement Monday, AT&T general counsel David McAtee said the lawsuit is a "radical and inexplicable departure from decades of antitrust precedent" and that the company is confident that it will prevail in court.

AT&T runs the country's second largest wireless network and is the biggest provider of traditional satellite and cable TV services. Time Warner owns HBO, CNN, TBS and other networks, as well as the Warner Bros. movie studio.

The government's objections to the deal surprised many on Wall Street. AT&T and Time Warner are not direct competitors, and "vertical" mergers between such companies have typically had an easier time winning government approval than deals that combine two rivals. The last time the U.S. government won a court victory in a vertical merger antitrust case was in 1972, when the Supreme Court said Ford's takeover of a spark-plug business violated antitrust law.

Many had expected government approval of the deal because Obama-era antitrust officials approved a similar deal — Comcast's purchase of NBCUniversal — in 2011, after imposing restrictions on Comcast's behavior that were meant to protect consumers.

As a candidate, however, Trump vowed to block the pending AT&T-Time Warner deal because it would concentrate too much "power in the

hands of too few." As president, Trump has often blasted CNN for its coverage of him and his administration, disparaging it and its reporters as "fake news."

At a press conference Monday, AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson addressed speculation over whether the government's lawsuit was "all about CNN," saying, "Frankly, I don't know." But Stephenson said AT&T would not agree to anything that would result in it losing control of CNN.

A person familiar with the matter, who could not go on the record, previously told the Associated Press that DOJ wanted the combined company to sell either Turner — the parent of CNN, TBS and other networks — or DirecTV to satisfy its antitrust concerns.



Bluesky recently donated turkeys, televisions and MoanaTV subscriptions for patients of Hope House. This comes just a month after the Hope House's 30th Jubilee Anniversary, where Bluesky donated \$2,000 to their annual fundraiser.

During this season, with the impending holidays in the coming weeks, Bluesky reminds customers that Bluesky is giving back to customers with an exciting new promotion to celebrate the holiday season. For questions, please contact 699-2759 or as.csc@blueskypacificgroup.com.

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HEALTH SURVEY 2017

The Department of Human and Social Services and the Department of Health are working together to conduct a very important survey in the community.

This entails surveying a selection of adults ages 18 and older from each county. Adults will be selected based upon a random sample of electric meters of households throughout the island.

Representatives in blue will be out to identify electric meters, collect vitals signs and other information that relate to general and mental health.

By taking this survey, you are helping to paint a picture of health for our people.

If you are selected to participate, please help us to address the health needs of American Samoa by consenting to take part in the survey. For more information contact DHSS at 633-1157 or DOH at 633-1602.

Villages to be surveyed: Fagatogo, Utulei, Gataivai, Fagaalu, Malaeimi, Mapusaga, Mesepa, Nu'uuli & Tafuna.



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its diverse outreach and research activities have ignited a momentum of partnerships locally and abroad, thereby strengthening the Territory's capacity to build a healthier community.

While the statistics described above reflect a continuing healthcare access issue, the fact that patients are seeking help rather than hiding or ignoring their disease, demonstrates an improvement in cancer awareness and understanding.

Cancer is no longer spoken of in hushed, fearful tones or considered incurable. With healthy living – physically, mentally and spiritually – that includes early cancer screening and timely treatment, cancer patients today have a better chance of survival than 10 years ago.

During this week of Thanksgiving, the Coalition extends its sincere appreciation to the many businesses and individuals who generously gave of their time and finances to help local cancer patients over the years.

To apply for a financial stipend of \$500, which is available to a patient once per year at reapplication and approval, please visit the Coalition office on the 2nd floor of the Ionia Fr. Building in Nu'uuli (next to Milovale's). You can also complete the application available on our website at www.asccancercoalition.org and email it to us at info@cancercoalition.as.

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Charles Manson used charm to turn youths into mass killers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In summer 1969, a scruffy ex-convict with a magnetic hold on young women sent some of his disciples into the night to carry out a series of gruesome killings in Los Angeles. In so doing, Charles Manson became the leering face of evil on front pages across America and rewrote the history of an era.

Manson, the hippie cult leader who died of natural causes Sunday at age 83 after nearly half a century behind bars, orchestrated the slayings of pregnant actress Sharon Tate and six other people, butchered at two homes on successive August nights by intruders who scrawled "Pigs" and "Healer Skelter" (sic) in the victims' blood.

The slaughter horrified the world. To many, the collateral damage included the era of peace, love and flower power.

The Manson Family killings, along with the bloodshed later that year during a Rolling Stones concert at California's Altamont Speedway, seemed to expose the violent and drug-riddled underside of the counterculture and sent a shiver of fear through America.

"Many people I know in Los Angeles believe that the '60s ended abruptly on August 9, 1969," author Joan Didion wrote in her 1979 book "The White Album."

Manson was every parent's worst nightmare. The short, shaggy-haired man with hypnotic eyes was a charismatic figure with a talent for turning middle-class youngsters into mass murderers.

At a former movie ranch outside Los Angeles, he and his devotees — many of them young runaways who likened him to Jesus Christ — lived commune-style, using drugs and taking part in orgies. Children from privileged backgrounds ate garbage from supermarket trash.

"These children that come at you with knives, they are your children. You taught them; I didn't teach them. I just tried to help them stand up," he said in a courtroom soliloquy.

It was the summer of the first moon landing. War raged in Vietnam. Hippies flooded the streets of San Francisco and gathered in upstate New York for the Woodstock music festival. But many remember the time for Los Angeles' most shocking celebrity murders.

Fear swept the city after a maid reporting for work ran screaming from the elegant home where Tate lived with her husband, "Rosemary's Baby" director Roman Polanski. Scattered around the estate were blood-soaked bodies.

The beautiful 26-year-old actress, who was 8½ months pregnant, was stabbed and hung from a rafter in her living room. Also killed were Abigail Folger, heiress to a coffee fortune; Polish film director Voityck Frykowksi; Steven Parent, a friend of the estate's caretaker; and celebrity hairdresser Jay Sebring, killed by Manson follower Charles "Tex" Watson, who announced his arrival by saying: "I am the devil, and I'm here to do the devil's work."

The next night, wealthy grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, were stabbed to death in their home in another neighborhood.

Manson was arrested three months later.

Why he ordered the killing of strangers remained a mystery. Prosecutors said Manson wanted to foment a race war, an idea he supposedly got from a twisted reading of the hard-rocking Beatles song "Helter Skelter." Others said he was getting even because music producer Terry Melcher, who once lived in the house Tate later occupied, had refused to record Manson's music.

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ways will be in a year from now saying that the airline has set targets to chase which includes more aircraft and new destinations.

“At the end of the day, Samoa Airways’ survival depends on the support of Samoans here and abroad,” Seiuli said. “Like our Manu Samoa, Samoa Airways is about survival against all odds.”

(Source: SAMOA PRESS SECRETARIAT, Sydney Australia)

WORLD VRUGBY DIS-PUTES SAMOA PM’S STATEMENT

World Rugby continues to be fully committed to assisting the Samoa Rugby Union (SRU) with its current financial challenges, according to a press release put out by the World Rugby Union, saying recent statements made by the chairman of the SRU questioning World Rugby’s funding package are inaccurate.

While the SRU’s failure to implement some jointly agreed high-performance initiatives in 2017 is a concern to World Rugby, and it has resulted in a small amount of conditional investment being withheld.

World Rugby’s support of all tier two unions is both financial and administrative and is delivered on a partnership basis with each union. World Rugby continues to support the SRU’s national men’s 15s and sevens high-performance programs with a record £1.5 million in overall investment in 2017, specifically including:

- Directly funding all insurance costs for the national 15s players while on international duty to maintain the highest standards of player welfare

- Funding a training camp in London to provide valuable preparation ahead of

the November tests

- Funding the travel costs of Samoa players and other countries

- Funding any flights between test matches and all on-the ground expenses when playing against another tier two country or participating in World Rugby-organized tournaments.

World Rugby can clarify that the union is not bankrupt and would also like to clarify the inaccurate statements made by the SRU Chairman relating to the selection of the national men’s 15s team coach.

World Rugby did not interfere with the recruitment and selection process. A clear and transparent process was agreed by all parties. However, the union did not wish to accept the recommendation of the independently chaired selection panel, which included SRU representatives. The SRU board decided to make its own appointment.

Therefore, World Rugby

withdrew the funding allocated to this position but continues to honor its funding commitments for 2017 in line with the high-performance funding agreement.

World Rugby’s support extends further than just financial commitments. It is working in partnership with Pacific Rugby Players (the official IRPA-affiliated body representing Pacific Island players) to implement personal development, player welfare and other important initiatives to support Pacific Island players all over the world.

World Rugby remains committed to supporting all Pacific Island unions in achieving their potential on and off the field and applauds the excellent progress made by the Fiji Rugby Union since implementing key governance and administrative reforms which are delivering significant positive results for the union.

(Source: Samoa Observer)



Meghan Tanuvasa is working on her master’s degree through an online program with Abliene Christian University. During the day, she serves as a counselor at the Juvenile Detention Center in Tafuna.

[photo: courtesy]

Lawsuit against Hastert alleging sexual assault dismissed

CHICAGO (AP) — An Illinois lawsuit filed against former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert that alleged a sexual assault has been dismissed.

Kendall County Circuit Judge Robert Pilmer ruled Monday that the statute of limitations required dismissal of lawsuit. Attorneys for the accuser alleged the man was “intimidated into silence” by Hastert’s power.

Hastert’s attorney, John Ellis, argued the legal window to sue expired two years after the accuser turned 18. The man is now in his 50s. The lawsuit alleged Hastert sodomized the accuser when he was in the fourth grade in a bathroom stall in Yorkville, Illinois, in the early 1970s. The suburban Chicago man did not see his attacker’s face.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: courtesy)



FILE - In this Jan. 20, 2015, file photo, State Democratic Sen. Michael Padilla stands at the New Mexico state capitol in Santa Fe, N.M. New Mexico Democratic gubernatorial candidate Michelle Lujan Grisham says Padilla should leave his race for lieutenant governor over claims he harassed women as a city of Albuquerque supervisor. (AP Photo/Eric Draper, File)

Rising New Mexico Democrat fighting harassment allegations

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A rising star in the Democratic Party who gained national attention for tackling poverty in New Mexico that he once faced is fighting for his political future amid new scrutiny on allegations that he sexually harassed women at a previous job a decade ago.

Now a candidate for the state's second-highest office of lieutenant governor, Padilla said Monday in a text message that he was forging ahead with his campaign. Padilla has long denied the claims dating to 2006 that he links to issues of a hostile workplace environment, not sexual harassment.

Padilla "has done some great work, particularly on poverty issues, but he now has to face this issue," state Democratic Party Chairman Richard Ellenberg said. "We would like to have our representatives avoiding these sorts of charges. It is dispiriting to have people who in many ways are thought of being very good and constructive accused of unacceptable behavior."

Padilla helped New Mexico this year become the first state to ban shaming children with unpaid meal accounts in public school lunchrooms. He drew on his own childhood growing up in foster care in one of the nation's poorest states, citing his experience mopping floors in exchange for free midday meals.

The state Democratic Party announced plans to require all candidates to undergo training for sexual harassment prevention or lose access to its voter databases and communications apparatus. The Legislature plans to review its harassment policies and institute new training, Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth said Monday.

It comes as statehouses nationwide are dealing with allegations of sexual misconduct in a wave of claims against powerful people in politics, entertainment, business and elsewhere. A Democratic assemblyman in California who is facing sexual harassment allegations said Monday that he won't seek re-election next year.

In New Mexico, U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a Democrat running for governor, urged Padilla last week to abandon his run for lieutenant governor. Padilla was accused in two federal lawsuits of harassing women while helping the city of Albuquerque overhaul a problem-plagued

emergency call center in 2006. The city ended up settling "sexually hostile work environment" claims stemming from Padilla's six-week tenure as a supervisor.

He has adamantly denied accusations that he asked women on dates despite repeated rejections and made inappropriate comments, including saying that in his home, "women stay home, make tortillas and have babies."

"I was raised at the end of my high school years by my three sisters, so I would never dream of saying something like that," Padilla said. "This is not who I am, this is not a pattern. This was 11 years ago, and there has never been an accusation like this again."

He has had to defend himself from the 2006 allegations during two successful runs for state Senate.

Padilla rose to Senate leadership as majority whip, acting as the party's point person on long-standing efforts to boost spending on early childhood education as a remedy to poverty.

At the same time, the divorced father of two has built a prosperous consulting business for inbound call centers across the U.S. and in Mexico, handling contracts that involve thousands of workers at a time.

The youngest of five children, Padilla had an abusive father and a mother who was unable to care for him. He said he passed through foster care in at least seven cities across the state.

Padilla frequently invokes his longtime ties to a state suffering from heroin addiction and chronic unemployment. The senator regularly holds "matanzas" — a traditional Hispanic gathering centered on the slaughtering of a pig — that attracts many New Mexico Democrats looking to make inroads with Latino voters.

Eleanor Chavez, a former state representative, brought up the allegations of sexual harassment in a 2012 Democratic primary against Padilla for a state Senate seat. He angrily denied the accusations, but Chavez kept bringing up the cases because she said the women were trying to deal with the trauma six years later.

"The pain was real and still there," Chavez said. "But I think Padilla felt he was vindicated because he won."



FILE - In this file photo taken on Aug. 25, 2014, Chinese President Xi Jinping, right, shows Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe the way during a welcome ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. Under Robert Mugabe, Aôs decades-long rule over Zimbabwe, China grew into one of its biggest investors, trading partners and diplomatic allies. Now, as the African nation appears on the verge of its first transition of power since independence, Beijing is poised to be among the biggest winners.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan, File)

China's deep ties to Zimbabwe could grow after Mugabe era

HONG KONG (AP) — Under Robert Mugabe's decades-long rule over Zimbabwe, China grew into one of the African nation's biggest investors, trading partners and diplomatic allies.

Now, as Zimbabwe appears on the verge of its first transition of power since independence, Beijing is poised to be among the biggest winners.

A look at the increasingly close relationship between the two countries:

THE BACK STORY

Mugabe began drawing closer to China's communist leaders under a "Look East" policy when Western countries imposed sanctions on Zimbabwe in 2001 over land seizures and human rights concerns. "We have turned East, where the sun rises, and given our backs to the West, where the sun sets," he famously said. Mugabe has made frequent visits to Beijing, and sent his daughter Bona to university in Hong Kong. China, meanwhile, has vetoed U.N. Security Council sanctions on Zimbabwe.

Both sides portray the relationship as one between "all-weather friends." But "behind the scenes, things are a little bit different," said Derek Matyszak, a Harare-based senior researcher at the Institute for Security Studies.

"Relations between China and Mugabe have been quite fractious over the past year and a half, and the current situation is going to make things worse," he said.

China is unhappy about Mugabe's mismanagement of Zimbabwe's economy and is believed to favor as his successor, Emmerson Mnangagwa, who's seen as more of an "eco-

nomie pragmatist," Matyszak said.

Mnangagwa was elected Sunday as the new leader of Zimbabwe's ruling party and is positioned to take over as the country's leader.

MILITARY LINKS

Zimbabwe's army commander, Gen. Constantino Chiwenga, visited Beijing in early November, around the same time Mnangagwa disappeared. The Chinese Foreign Ministry called it a "normal military exchange," but the timing raised suspicions that it was anything but.

The countries' military links date back to the 1960s, when China helped train and supply guerrilla fighters from the Zanu's military wing in the fight for liberation. Mnangagwa, 75, was part of that effort — he received military training in China in 1963, soon after he joined the fight against white minority rule in then-Rhodesia.

These days, China is a key supplier of military hardware to Zimbabwe. Major sales in recent years include a radar system, jet trainers and fighters, military vehicles and AK-47 assault rifles.

A Chinese company built the National Defense College in Harare, which opened in 2014 and was financed with an interest-free \$98 million loan from China. The college, the biggest of its kind in the country, trains soldiers, intelligence operatives and police from Zimbabwe and other Southern African countries.

"China, of course, wants Zimbabwe to maintain a peaceful and stable political environment," said Wang Xinsong, a longtime observer of China-Zimbabwe relations at Beijing Normal University.

Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title SALAUSA of the village of TA'U (SIUFAGA) by PASI IAFETA of the village of TA'U (SIUFAGA), county of TA'U, MANUA District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title SALAUSA shall be registered in the name of PASI IAFETA in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017 thru JANUARY 12, 2017
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

Fa'aaliga o le Fa'amauina o se Suafa Matai

O le fa'aaliga lenei ua faasalalauina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauina o le suafa matai o SALAUSA o le nu'u o TA'U (SIUFAGA) e PASI IAFETA o TA'U (SIUFAGA) faalupega o TA'U, falelima i MANUA.

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CBS suspends Rose, PBS halts his show following allegations



NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Rose is the latest public figure to be felled by sexual misconduct allegations, with PBS halting distribution of his nightly interview show and CBS News suspending him Monday following a Washington Post report with the accusations of eight women. The women, who all worked for Rose or tried to work for him, accused the veteran newsman of groping them, walking naked in front of them and telling one that he dreamed about her swimming nude.

Rose, 75, said in a statement that he was "deeply embarrassed" and apologized for his behavior. "PBS was shocked to learn today of these deeply disturbing allegations," the public broadcasting service said in a statement. "We are immediately suspending distribution of 'Charlie Rose.'" Three women went on the record in the Post's deeply-reported story. Reah Bravo, a former associate producer for Rose's PBS show who began working for him in 2007, told the newspaper: "He was a sexual predator, and I was his victim." She said Rose groped her on multiple occasions and once, during a business trip to Indiana, called her to his hotel room where he emerged from a shower naked. Kyle Godfrey-Ryan, one of Rose's former assistants, was 21 when she said Rose repeatedly called her to describe his fantasies of her swimming naked at the pool at his Long Island home while he watched from his bedroom. She said she was fired when Rose learned she had spoken to a mutual friend about his behavior. Megan Creydt, who worked as a coordinator on Rose's PBS show in 2005 and 2006, told the newspaper that she was sitting in the passenger seat as Rose drove in Manhattan one day when he put his hand on her thigh. Five women interviewed by the Post described similar grabs to their legs in what many interpreted as an attempt to see their reactions.

Rose said that he has behaved insensitively at times "and I accept responsibility for that, though I do not believe

that all of these allegations are accurate. I always felt that I was pursuing shared feelings, even though I now realize I was mistaken. I have learned a great deal as a result of these events, and I hope others will, too."

Rose's interview show is seen in 94 percent of the country on PBS stations. It is rebroadcast on Bloomberg's cable network, which also announced Monday it was suspending the show. He interviews a wide circle of people in the media, politics and entertainment — this month including Harvard President Drew Faust, rapper Macklemore and the Post's Robert Costa, who talked about that paper's sexual harassment investigation of Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore.

He also hosts "CBS This Morning" with Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell, a critically-acclaimed morning news programs which has been gaining the past few years on its better-known rivals. Rose also conducts interviews for "60 Minutes." Despite his age and heart troubles in the past, Rose had been one of the busiest figures in television. Two hours after the Post story went online, one of its authors, Amy Brittain, tweeted that "sadly, my inbox is already flooded with women who have had similar, disturbing encounters with Charlie Rose." Rose owned his interview show, even though PBS distributed it, and that raised questions of what recourse women who had complaints about his behavior could do. The Post quoted Yvette Vega, his longtime executive producer, as saying she failed and deeply regretted not helping women who complained about his behavior. But it apparently was a poorly-kept secret in the industry. Two former employees interviewed by the Post said young women hired by the show were known as "Charlie's Angels." A Post contributing writer who worked on the story said she was reporting on some of the allegations while working at another news organization in 2010 but could not confirm them.



Tele fa'asea i tulaga fa'aletonu o meaai o lo o fafaga ai pagota



tusia Ausage Fausia

Ua fa'aalia e le to'atele o aiga o ni isi o pagota o lo o tuli a latou fa'asalaga i le toese i Tafuna lagona fa'asea, i le tulaga fa'aletonu o lo o i ai meaai o lo o tausi ma fafaga ai e le malo i latou o lo o fa'alepuipui i le toese i Tafuna.

Na taua e ni isi o aiga o pagota i le Samoa News e fa'apea, ua avea le le lava o mea'ai o lo o fafaga ai pagota ma auala ua talosagaina ai e i latou nei se fesoasoani mai tua i o latou aiga, mo se avanoa e sapalai atu ai taumafa mo i latou i taimi o le vaiaso.

E le gata na fa'amaonia mai e ni isi o Loia mai le Ofisa Loia Fautua mo tagata lautele lenei fa'afitauli, ae na o lava fo'i i Leoleopo o le Falepuipui, sa latou fa'amaonia mai fo'i i le Samoa News tulaga fa'aletonu i le le lava lea o meaai o lo o tausi ma fafaga ai pagota.

E le i manuia taumafaiga a le Samoa News i le tau sailiina mai lea o se finagalo o le afioga i le Komesina o Leoleo, tofa Le'i Sonny Thompson e uiga i lenei mataupu.

O lenei mataupu na tofu mai i le Samoa News i le masina na

te'a nei, ina ua talosagaina e se Tina o lo o taofia sana tama i le falepuipui se fesoasoani mo se suesuega, fa'asaga i le fa'afitauli o lo o tula'i mai i le toese, i le le lava lea o meaai o lo o fafaga ma tausi ai pagota.

Na faamaonia mai e le Tina lea i le Samoa News e fa'apea, ua avea le le lava o meaai e fafaga ai pagota ma auala ua fai ai ma galuega matua a lona aiga, o le ave lea o meaai mo si ana tama o lo o loka i le falepuipui pe fa'alua i le vaiaso.

O le molimau lava fo'i lea na fa'aalia e se isi fo'i Tina talavou i le Samoa News i le vaiaso lenei. O le Tina talavou lea, o lo o loka lona To'alua i le falepuipui, ina ua fa'amaonia e le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga moliaga o le umia fa'asolitulafono o vaega o fualau fa'asaina.

Na taua e lea Tina e fa'apea, e lagona le fa'anoanoa i aso Sa uma e alu ai e asi lona to'alua, i le taimi na te fa'amatalaina atu ai ia te ia le olaga fia'ai i totonu o le falepuipui i le tele o aso.

Na taua e le Tina lea e fa'apea, ua avea le tulaga pagatia na fa'ailoa ane e lona (Faaauau itulau 14)



O se va'aiga i nisi uma sa auai o le US Marines i le sauniga fa'apitoa mo le aso o Vetereni Tuai 2017. Semper Fidelis. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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Foa'i CCJS Pago mo Sui-totino Galulue StarKist & Isi fo'i Taumafaiga!

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

E to'a 12 i latou o totino o le Ekalesia CCJS i Pago Pago na alofaina e le latou Ekalesia, le Komiti Fa'afaoe na fono ma faia le fa'ai'uga, o le a a'apa atu e tapena ni pusa mea'ai ma nisi o mea e fa'aaogaina i totonu o le lotoifale o aiga, e molita'i i o latou sui ua afaina galuega ona o le tapunia o le Kamupani I'a mo le 5 vaiaso.

O le fa'amoemoe na mua'i si'itia ai le fa'afetai ma le tau-laga i le Atua, ina ia fa'aatoa e le Agaga le taua o le foa'i sili mo nai aiga, ua fai si umi talu ona taofia galuega, ma ua iloga fo'i i a latou faitaulaga, ua vaivai a latou tupe maua.

"O le agaga o le Atua e musuia ta'ita'i i mea lelei, e aga i ai le Ekalesia e fesoasoani i aiga ua a'afia le tamaoaga tautasi i o latou lotoifale. O le foa'i fo'i, ia faia ma le loto fiafia," o se tala lea a se tasi o tina matua o le Ekalesia ina ua fesiligia i sona taofi e tusa o le foa'i.

O le CCJS i Pago Pago o lo'o tausia e le susuga le Fai'fa'au Rev. Patolo Mageo ma le Faletua o Mae, ma e ui ina sa fa'atupe mai lenei fesoasoani e le Ekalesia, ae na tu'uina i a'ao o le Mafutaga a Tina e fa'atautaia fa'atuga ma tu'ufa'atasia le fesoasoani mo tagata uma ina ia tofusua ma tutusa lelei le fa'asoa.

"Ua tatou iloa le upu a le Fa'aola e tusa o le foa'i. O sina mea itiiti e talia ma le agaga fa'afetai e i matou nei, ua soloa'i mai ai fa'amanuiaga a le Atua ia te outou o sui uma o le Ekalesia. E moni e lagona le o'otia, ae ona ua tafa le finagalo o le Tama ma le Tina o le galuega ae maise la outou komiti mamalu e foa'i mo i matou, o le fa'afetai ua silafia e le Atua. Fa'afetai tele." O i latou na fa'amanuiaina e aofia ai: Uale Mulipola, Agamalu Muli-

pola, Tepora Peaario, Sunema Peaario, Sosefina Uilelea, Naito Paseko, Siera Valo, Anthony Pulu, Loini Availili, Rodenno Tarviay ma Ameki Perenise.

O le lua aso To'onai ua te'a sa faia ai se fa'atasiga tele a i latou uma na mafai ona o'o ane i le Malae o Suigaula a le Atuvasa i Utulei, lea sa taua'aoina atu ai le anoanoa'i o oloa si'iatoga na maua mai le sailiga a le susuga Tapumanaia Galu Satele.

O le agaga lava o le foa'i ma le loto fesoasoani, lea ua fua mai ai lenei galuega lelei ma e fa'afetaia ai fo'i lea atali'i talavou o le atunu'u.

Mai le afio'aga o Faleniu o lo'o fa'aaui ai pea fale'aiga matagofie mo le mamalu lautele o i latou o saili ni tupe mai a latou umu fa'atau atu, po'o mea'ai Samoa moni lava o gaosia ma fa'atau i le mamalu fegasoloa'i po'o le afio'aga lava.

Ua le gata i le Ekalesia a Iesu Keriso o le Au Pa'ia o Aso e Gata Ai, ae ua fa'atautaia fo'i le fale'aiga o le Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa i Faleniu lava, ma ua fa'aaogaina ai le Maota o Malufau i Faleniu.

O se va'aiga matagofie i taeao o aso To'ona'i ta'itasi e faia ai lea fale'aiga ma ua sili atu ona pisi na'ua lea faletalimalo, aua e matua tumu lelei i fale'aiga ona vaipou.

Ua va'aia le aoga o lenei taumafaiga, ina ua tali le tina, "E ta ane 12:00 po'o le 1:00 ua le toe i ai se mea'ai, ua uma lelei umu a nai aiga, o ulu po'o talo ma fa'i ona fa'atau.

Uma ma palusami o fa'alifu ufi ma fa'i ma talo, ua le toe taofia lava se mea latou. O sua moa samoa ua le toe fa'atafa. Ua aoga i nai aiga o sailia se seleni mo mea masani i totonu o aiga."



O se tasi o tina talavou o le Ekalesia CCJS na maua fo'i lana pusa mea'ai mai lana Ekalesia i Pago Pago i le aso Sa lava ina ua mae'a le sauniga taeao a lea ekalesia.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O i latou na auai i le aso Fa'aitoa mo Vetereni i le Malae i Tafuna sa auai atu ai Tusi Sui'aunoo, Vailu'u Ma'anaima Lang ma le sui o le Ofisa Autu e fa'aulu atu ai fanau i le US Marines iinei SSGT Leapaga, Penitila.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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to'alua ma auala ua fai ai loa ma ana galuega matua, le ave o meaai mo si ona to'alua i ni isi o vaiaso, ae ese ai meaai e alu ma ia i le aso Sa pe a oo i taimi o asiga a aiga.

"E ui lava ua faamaonia le solitulafono a lo'u to'alua atoa ai ma isi pagota o lo'o taofia i le falepuipui, ae le tatau lava i le malo ona fa'atamala i le tausaina o i latou, ae tatau lava ona tausai ma fafaga fa'alelei i latou, o i latou fo'i o pele a aiga," o le saunoaga lea a lea Tina mafatia.

O ni isi o ripoti na maua e le Samoa News, sa taua ai le tele o mea e manaomia e pagota i totonu o le toese e tausai ai lo latou soifua maloloina. O ni isi o ia vaega e le gata i meaai, ae faapea fo'i i fala, aluga ma ieafu e momoe ai, ona e leai ni fala poo ni fa'amalu i totonu o le falepuipui. Na taua e se

ali'i pagota i le Samoa News e fa'apea, e na o le ipu ti lava e tufa atu i le taeao ma le afiafi, ae o le aoauli e na o le 2 sipuni alaisa ma se fasi i'a e fa'a kaleve. Na faua e se loia mai le Ofisa Loia Fautua mo tagata lautele, tulaga faaletonu sa ia molimauina i le tele o taimi na te asia ai pagota o lo'o tauave e le latou ofisa, e le gata i le faaletonu o potu o lo'o nonofo ma tausai ai i latou nei, ae o o lava fo'i i meaai e le o lava. O le fa'afitauli i le lava o meaai mo pagota, e le o se fa'afitauli e fou lea i totonu o le toese, e pei ona faamaonia mai e se Leoleo o le falepuipui e le i finagalo e fa'a'ailoa lona suafa. Na taua e lea Leoleo e fa'apea, i le taimi o le Pule o le Falepuipui lea na fa'atoa alu ese atu i ni nai masina e le i mamao atu, e fa'aalu ai e le Pule lea o le Falepuipui ana tupe e fa'atau ai pusa moa, pusa siusiu pipi ma taga alaisa e fafaga ai pagota, pe a oo i le taimi e tuai atu ai le sapolai o meaai mo le toese.



Valaau Kovana le Fono Faapitoa mo le Fono Faitulafono

tusia Ausage Fausia

E 10 aso le umi o le ulua'i Fono Faapitoa o le Nofoaiga lona 35 a le Fono Faitulafono lea ua valaauina e le afoaga i le ali'i Kovana o le atunu'u, le tofa Lolo Matalasi Moliga, mo le talanoaina o ni isi o mataupu taua e fa'atatau i le faigamalo a Amerika Samoa.

I sana tusi sa tuuina atu i Ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono e fa'atatau i le fono faapitoa, o lo o taua ai mataupu e 2 ua finagalo le Kovana e talanoaina i lea fonotaga.

O ia mataupu e aofia ai le talanoaina o le teuteuga i le tulafono na fa'avae ai le Faletupe Faateritori a Amerika Samoa, atoa ai ma le mataupu i le filifilia lea o le afoaga i le ali'i Senatoa ia Paepae Iosefa Fai'ai e avea ma Fa'amasino Lagolago o le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga a Amerika Samoa.

Na taua e Lolo i ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono lona talitounuina atoatoa o le tofa ma le fa'autaga i le Fono Faitula-

fono, mo le iloiloaina atoa fo'i ma le pasiaina o mataupu e pei ona fuafuaina mo leni fono faapitoa.

O le aso Gafua o le vaiaso fou, Novema 27 e o o atu i le aso 8 Tesema, o le umi lea ua fa'atulaga e le Kovana e nofoia ai le Fono Faapitoa.

Na taua e ni isi o afoaga i Faipule le mae'a lea ona fa'aailoa atu ia te i latou o le fono faapitoa a le kovana, ma ua latou sauni fo'i mo lea fa'amoemoe. O ni isi o afoaga i Faipule o lo o malaga i fafo mo a latou talavai, ma ua fa'amoemoe e toe taliu mai i le atunu'u i le po o le aso Faraile nei, e sauni ai mo le Fono Faapitoa.

O se tasi o mataupu sa aofia i mataupu na talanoaina i le malaga a le ali'i kovana lea na fa'atoa mae'a atu nei, o le talanoaina lea o le tulaga e fa'atatau i le auunaga a le Faletupe Fa'ateritori a le malo, ina ia mafai ai ona fa'aleleia atili lana auunaga mo le atunu'u.



O le agiagia a le US Marine Corps e sisi a'e pea ma le agaga mitamita o so'o se fitafita maligi lava, ma e fa'amanatuina fo'i e i latou le latou aso fanau, 10 Novema i so'o se mea o alaala ai. E tatau fo'i na fa'salalauina aloaia mai se fe'au taua mai le latou Ta'ita'i Tofia i tausaga ta'itasi mo lea fa'amanatuga.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Fa'amanatu le 242 Tuasaga Maligi Koa i Amerika Samoa

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

Na sisi le fu'a a le US Marine i le aso fa'apitoa mo Fitafita Tuai 2017 i Tafuna, e o latou sui tofia: MSGT [Ret] Alex Suafo'a ma SSGT Penitila Leapaga. O le aso o le toe tepa ma le agaga fa'afetai o tagata uma, ia i latou o soifua pea, i latou ua maliliu, ae maise o fitafita o taua uma o lo'o tautua pea i so'o vaipanoa o le lalolagi e fa'afetaia le tautua matavela.

O Novema 10 i leni tausaga sa fa'amanatu ai fo'i le atoaga o le 242 tausaga o le US Marine Corp. "I tausaga ta'itasi, e fa'amanatu fa'alauaitete lava e le US Marines i so'o se mea o le lalolagi o alaala ai ni fitafita sa tautua i le Maligi Koa, e auai e na te fa'amanatuina leaga o le agaifanua tamau lea a le Maligi. Afai o oe o se Maligi, e fa'avavau lava lou lea tofi! E leai fo'i se maligi e litaea, e na'o Maligi Tuai," o se fa'amatalaga lea a Tusipasi Suiuaunua, o se tasi o Maligi Tuai.

"I le tautua a le Maligi lava ia, o le latou 'au'au 'Ia fa'amaoni! Semper Fidelis'. A'o le fa'alagiga e fa'alauiloa ai le latou auunaga, 'Na'o se Toaitiiti Agava'a' po'o le 'A few Good Men' i le fa'aperetania. E iloga i le tautua lea, e le fa'atemeteme pe fa'atagafai ae ia fa'amaoni e o'o i le i'uga, e le to'atele ae na'o se to'aitiiti ae uma le tautua o fa'atino ma le loto," o se tala lea a Suiuaunua.

I se fe'au fa'amalosi'au a le ali'i Commandant a le US Marines, Robert B. Neller, mo Maligi i leni itu o le auunaga, sa ia toe faatepa ai Vetereni Maligi i Amerrika Samoa i le sao o Maligi i le taua i Guadalcanal i le Pasefika i le 1942. "O le fuafuaga na fa'atulaga e le vaega a le Maligi e osofa'ia ai le itu a le fili i le aso 10 Novema 1942, o le fuafuaga lena na mulumulita'ia e autau uma na tutu faatasi ma Amerika ma sa manumalo a'ia'i ai Amerika ma ana pa'aga i leni taua. Aua ne'i galo ia i tatou, ia fa'amaoni i le fuafauga fa'ataoto!" e maua ai malo."

"A'o tatou fa'ailogaina la leni aso fanau e patino i le US Marine Corps, ia mua'i lagona e o tatou fatu taito'atasi le taua o lou vala'auina fa'apitoa o le Maligi. Ia mua'i manatua o oe o le

Maligi, o le a lou vala'auina ma le fa'amoemoe o lo'o e aga'i atu i ai! O le Maligi e le mafai ona tautua, ae le'i mua'i tu'uina i ai ma lona fatu i lana auunaga. Ia tumau ma fa'amaoni i lau tautua!"

Mo le fa'amanatuga o le 242 tausaga o le Maligi Koa, sa auai ai i latou i le aso Vetereni 2017 i le Malae i Tafuna. Soso'o lea i le afiafi na fa'atasa ai i le Toa Restaurant Bar & Grill ma latou aiga i le latou Aiga Fiafia.

Ona sa i ai fo'i nisi o tama fanau a Amerika Samoa sa tautua i le Maligi ua asiasi mai i aiga mo le ulua'i taimi talu ona tu'uva'a ese atu i le tautua, le susuga Fofomaitulagi Tuitele, o lea sa auai fa'atasa mai i latou na tu'uva'a ese atu, Vailuu Ma'anaima Lang mai Leone fo'i ma Ketesemae Meaole mai Auto.

"O i latou nei na toe fa'atepa ai Maligi Samoa uma i le taimi tonu o le taua i Vietnam. O i latou sa tofu sao i osofaiga a Amerika i Vietnam, ae soso'o ai loa ma le vaega e 68 na fa'ato'a ulufale ma auina atu mai iinei i le tausaga 1973, o i matou na sa o atu i Viet Nam e la'u mai tagata sulufa'i ma nisi fo'i lava o fitafita na fa'ato'a maua atu ae ua mae'a le taua," o se tala lea a Suiuaunua.

"Ua le taofiofi lava i latou ua fa'amatala lea mea ma lea mea sa latou va'aia ma lavevea ai. E ui ina faigata i na taimi, ae o lea e soifua mai ma toe talanoa i ai, ona ua fa'atasa i latou ma ua iloga atu ai e i matou uma le tigaina o Amerika ma ana vaega au i lena taua, na manatu Amerika e vave ma faigofie."

O nisi o sui sa malaga i le 1973 na aofia ai Tusipasi Suiuaunua, Patolo Mageo, Meauta Mageo, Joe Yandall, Iakopo Faleafine, Iakopo Maiaa, Fa'avae Mageo, Sitivi Fai'ai ma isi. I le tatou ofisa o lo'o fa'aulu atu ai fanau i le US Marines iinei, ua fa'auluulu lea i le susuga SSGT Leapaga, Penitila. "O leni tausaga i le matou 'aiga, sa matou toe manatua ai nisi o tama iloga o le atunu'u sa avea fo'i ma matou ta'ita'i i le vaega a le Maligi Koa iinei i Samoa, le susuga Tuitele-leapaga Peseta Ioane Fue, le tama matua fo'i o Tusipasi Aumavae, ae maise o le susuga le Tama Matua Tuilefano Vaela'a Maloata. Fa'afetai mo le latou tautua," o sana toe upu lea.

Disruptive Hawaii flight passenger sentenced to time served

HONOLULU (AP) — A Turkish man who said a hallucination about a butterfly caused him to disrupt a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu won't receive additional jail time under terms of his sentence handed down Monday.

Anil Uskanli was sentenced to the six months that he has spent locked up since the incident that triggered bomb-threat procedures and officials to scramble fighter jets to escort the plane to Honolulu. He was also ordered to pay American Airlines more than \$8,500.

Uskanli's behavior on the May flight was concerning, including when he walked to the front of the plane with a blanket wrapped around his head and carrying a laptop crew members feared contained explosives, prosecutors have said.

After Uskanli returned to his seat and with an off-duty officer sitting with him, the laptop remained on a drink cart, which prompted the captain to initiate bomb-threat procedures.

The Hawaii National Guard scrambled two fighter jets to escort the plane to Honolulu. The secretary of Homeland Security was briefed. Last month when he pleaded guilty to interfering with a flight crew, he blamed his behavior on the hallucination.

A butterfly suddenly came out of the pocket of the seat in front of him, Uskanli said at his guilty plea hearing. He said the butterfly was going crazy and he tried to kill it.

He said he now realizes that he was ill and hallucinating.

Uskanli raised other red flags while still at Los Angeles International Airport, but experts said a lack of communication and an airline's hesitancy to be caught on video booting a passenger played a role in allowing him to fly. In April, a United Airlines incident in which a passenger was dragged off an overcrowded plane drew widespread attention. Uskanli had purchased a ticket at an airline counter in the middle of the night with no luggage and was arrested ahead of the flight to Hawaii after opening a door to a restricted airfield. Airport police said he smelled of alcohol but was not intoxicated enough to be charged with public drunkenness, so he was given a citation and released.

"Our office is happy with the sentence and we think it was fair in this case," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Morgan Early.

A deportation hearing is scheduled for next week, said Gary Singh, his immigration attorney. "He just wants to go home," Singh said.





PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PIHOA)

JOB TITLE: Project Assistant – American Samoa Lymphatic Filariasis Prevention and Elimination
JOB STATUS: 100% Full-Time, Temporary Consultant
JOB PERIOD: Job commencement date to 30 June 2018, with possible extension contingent on funding agency approval
DUTY STATION: American Samoa Department of Health – Office of the Director

SUMMARY OF DUTIES: Experienced and qualified Project Assistant sought by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) to provide office administrative and project implementation logistical assistance to the Project Coordinator for the planning, coordination and implementation of the American Samoa lymphatic filariasis (LF) prevention and elimination project. The project will be conducted in coordination and consultation with the American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH), US Centers for Disease Control - Center for Global Health (CDC CGH), the World Health Organization (WHO), and PIHOA. The project component in American Samoa is funded by CDC CGH and is subject to US federal guidelines and regulations. WHO will be leading similar work in Western Samoa in consultation with the Western Samoa Ministry of Health (WSMOH). American Samoa and Western Samoa LF prevention and elimination work will be conducted concurrently. As such, the Project Assistant will provide necessary assistance to support the Project Coordinator to liaise and communicate with both WHO and WSMOH officials, as needed, to ensure proper joint coordination and information-sharing between the two project sites for effective LF prevention and elimination.

The primary objective of the project will be to significantly reduce and/or eliminate new and recurring LF infections across American Samoa through mass (whole population) health promotion, LF screening (testing), and administration of WHO-recommended triple-drug regimen, with primary focus on the main island of Tutuila. In the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating the project, the secondary objective will be to strengthen ASDOH systems and capacities for on-going LF prevention, surveillance/monitoring, and control. Consultancy tasks are to be planned and conducted in consultation with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors. Additional technical advisory support will be provided by CDC's Regional Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO), co-located at the PIHOA Guam Office. Position will be housed at the ASDOH Office of the Director (or, other location as assigned by ASDOH).

SCOPE OF POSITION:

- Reports to: Project Coordinator, PIHOA Temporary Consultant
- Geographic Areas of Responsibility: American Samoa, Tutuila
- Supervises: None
- Fiscal Responsibilities: Minimal, and limited to the administration of local project expenses in consultation with Project Coordinator and PIHOA finance and administration team in Honolulu
- Signature Authorities: No; all vendor and other contracts will require prior approval and be signed off by the PIHOA Executive Director
- Level of Interaction: Must be able to work independently and under the supervision of the Project Coordinator. Shall provide communication, administrative, and other logistical assistance to support the Project Coordinator in the planning and implementation of the project in coordination with other project team members and community stakeholders across ASDOH, CDC, WHO, and PIHOA, including American Samoa community and traditional leaders and church leadership.
- Special Requirements: May be exposed to vector-borne diseases and local infectious diseases, rough terrain, inclement weather conditions, high humidity, intense heat and sun, vicious animals, poisonous plants/sea creatures, and travel in small prop planes and/or small boats over rough seas. Must be willing to travel from duty station for long periods of time, if required. Must be able to work in resource-limited, rural environments with limited public infrastructure and communications/IT capabilities.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist Project Coordinator to set up and maintain LF project office at ASDOH, including on-going procurement and inventory of all required office equipment, materials and supplies;
- Assist in the sourcing and procurement of project supplies and equipment, which may include pharmaceuticals and laboratory equipment;
- Provide administrative support and daily monitoring of local vendor and other project consultancy contracts. Project Assistant will be required to set up and maintain various project management ledgers to inventory and monitor all project assets and vendor/consultant contracts;
- Assist the Project Coordinator in the daily administration and monitoring of project spending in accordance with the budget and ensuring compliance of all fiscal transactions in accordance with US federal/CDC project guidelines and regulations and PIHOA's Fiscal Policies and Procedures, including collection, processing, and archiving of vendor and consultant pro forma invoices/quotes, as well as associated payment acquittal documentation (i.e. vendor payment receipts, consultant payment receipt forms, etc.);
- Assist PIHOA finance and administrative staff to enter project payment requisition requests and acquittal documentation into PIHOA's payment requisition management system called Microix (PIHOA will train, as needed);
- Provide logistical support and assist Project Coordinator to plan and convene regular stakeholder planning meetings, including minute-taking and maintaining a log of meeting decisions/urgent actions for further follow-up by the Project Coordinator;
- Provide logistical support and assist Project Coordinator and AS DOH leadership and program staff to conduct health promotion and informational/media mass and community-based campaigns with American Samoa community members and traditional/church leadership to improve community member and leadership knowledge and awareness of LF transmission and prevention, and encourage community member and leadership buy-in, engagement, and support for LF mass screening (testing) and drug therapy administration; and
- Assist in any other duties as assigned by the Project Coordinator and PIHOA in accordance with project objectives.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Submission of monthly invoices for consultancy payment that provides full detail and status of times and activities/outputs completed/achieved/in progress at the end of each calendar month.
- If position travels, invoices to also include Travel/Trip Reports and other supporting documentation.
- Submission of allowable travel reimbursable receipts (calling/internet cards, airport tax, excess luggage, car rental fuel, etc.).
- When completed, submission of all final and approved deliverables and reports to be uploaded to PIHOA's Shared Archives.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES):

- Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
- Equipment and Supply Inventory and Procurement Ledger
- Vendor and Consultant Ledger

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education: Minimum of Associate's degree in Public Administration or other relevant degree area in the social and health sciences, including but not limited to Accounting, Finance and Business Administration. May also consider equivalent professional experience in lieu of degree attainment.
- Job Experience: Minimum of two years of administrative assistance professional experience, preferably with US federally-funded, health-related projects/programs implemented in American Samoa.
- Job Knowledge: Intermediate to advanced office management and administrative competencies, including demonstrated high degree of computer literacy and utilization of MS Office Pro Suite applications (especially MS Word and Excel), knowledge of basic accounting and procurement principles, and ability to take detailed and accurate meeting minutes in English; understanding of US federal guidelines and regulations is a plus
- Abilities and Skills: Must have excellent English and Samoan-speaking and written communication skills. Must possess current driver's license valid in American Samoa. Must understand vague and implicit instructions, and react favorably and in an open and diplomatic manner in all work situations. Must be able to communicate in a positive and professional manner. Must be mentally adaptable and flexible in dealing with a variety of people from a variety of different circumstances, languages, cultural beliefs and practices, and health knowledge. Must be proactive, and able to work in an intense work environment with multiple competing tasks and deadlines, and possess excellent time management skills.
- Travel: Must be willing and able to travel in the US and internationally, when required, with possible long durations away from home duty station.
- Citizenship Requirements: Must be a US citizen, or have valid US Green Card, US Permanent Residency Card, or other relevant US visa type that allows for residency and employment in the US and its territories. Must be a current resident in American Samoa, or willing to relocate to American Samoa for the entire duration of the project.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL DEMANDS: Requires prolonged sitting and some standing, walking, kneeling, and bending, requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity sufficient to operate computer keyboard and office equipment, and to travel in infrastructure and resource-limited and/or rural and jungle/atoll/mountainous environments. Requires normal range of hearing and vision to perform job duties. Requires occasional lifting up to 45 pounds. Must be able drive a vehicle. Duties require extensive traveling, so a valid passport is required.

COMPENSATION: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Fringe and other benefits are not covered under PIHOA consultancy contracts.

TERM OF POSITION: Temporary Consultancy from time of hire to June 30, 2018, with possibility of renewal/extension pending funding agency approval.

APPLICATION: Submit the following electronically with attention to Emi Chutaro (emic@pihoa.org), Executive Director, and cc to Andrea Whitt (andreaw@pihoa.org), Office and Program Support Officer, and Regie Tolentino, Office Administrator (regiet@pihoa.org), no later than 5pm, November 24, 2017, Hawaii Standard Time:

- Letter of Interest that outlines your overall qualifications and professional experience in response to the Primary Qualifications;
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume; and
- Minimum of two (2) work references current to the last 5 years.

For any enquiries related to this vacancy, please direct them to Emi Chutaro at emic@pihoa.org.

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Trump charity stepped up 2016 giving amid campaign scrutiny

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump sharply increased the amount of money he gave away through his foundation last year as the charity drew scrutiny during the campaign.

A 2016 tax return posted on the nonprofit monitoring website GuideStar shows that the Donald J. Trump Foundation gave away \$3.1 million, more than it did in the prior three years combined. Most of that money came from a fundraiser for veterans held by Trump early last year. Trump drew criticism during the campaign after news organizations raised questions about his foundation's use of funds and reported that he often did not follow through on promised donations.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman launched an investigation into the foundation last year after reports that Trump used the charity to settle lawsuits, made an illegal \$25,000 political contribution to a group supporting Florida's attorney general, and purchased items such as a painting of himself that was displayed at one of his properties. A tax return made public after the election showed the foundation itself admitted to violating IRS regulations.

Trump promised in December to dissolve the charity to avoid conflicts of interest, but Schneiderman has said the charity cannot close while the investigation is going on. A spokeswoman for the Trump Foundation said Monday that the charity is working with

the attorney general's office to close down and will distribute the rest of its money at the "earliest possible time."

The money raised last year went to several veterans' groups including the Green Beret Foundation and Veterans in Command, which provides shelter for homeless veterans. The foundation also gave to Partners for Patriots, which provides service dogs for disabled veterans, and Racing for Heroes, which uses motorsports as recreational therapy for veterans.

Trump has pledged to donate his annual \$400,000 salary as president to charity.

Major donors to the foundation include Phil Ruffin, the casino billionaire who partnered with Trump on a Las Vegas residential tower that bears the president's name. He gave \$1 million to the charity last year.

Another donor is the Daryl and Steven Roth Foundation, which gave \$50,000. Steven Roth is CEO of Vornado Realty Trust, which owns two office buildings with Trump.

Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter, donated \$100,000 to the foundation.

The Washington Post last year reported that records showed Trump made \$8.5 million in pledges to charitable groups in the 15 years before his campaign but paid out only about \$2.8 million.

Aside from his foundation, Trump donated \$1 million to the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation, a charity run by a friend.

US probing additional runway incidents in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — U.S. officials are investigating two more incidents at San Francisco International Airport where planes could have wound up on the same runway, the National Transportation Safety Board said Monday.

The incidents include an event in December 2016 when a SkyWest plane crossed a painted runway line it was supposed to stay behind while another plane was taking off, according to a safety board preliminary report.

The safety board report also revealed that a Compass Airlines plane in February was forced to abort a landing because a Virgin America jet was lined up and waiting to take off on the same runway.

Air traffic controllers received a warning about the potential conflict from an auto-

mated system and were able to redirect the Compass plane in time.

Both incidents happened at night, and there were no injuries in either case.

News of the investigations emerged a month after an Air Canada jet ignored or did not receive instructions to abort a landing.

In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, there were 1,704 so-called runway incursions nationwide, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Two-thirds were blamed on pilots, such as a pilot taking a plane across a runway without approval from the control tower. Most of the rest were blamed either on errors by air traffic controllers or pedestrians or vehicles being on a runway without permission.



Firefighters work at the scene of a factory fire in New Windsor, N.Y., Monday, Nov. 20, 2017. Authorities say two explosions and a fire at the Verla International cosmetics factory in the Hudson Valley about an hour north of New York City have left multiple people injured, including firefighters caught in the second blast.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

Up to 35 hurt in blasts, fire at New York cosmetics factory

NEW WINDSOR, N.Y. (AP) — Two explosions and a fire at a New York cosmetics factory recently cited for safety violations left 30 to 35 people injured, including seven firefighters caught in the second blast, authorities said Monday.

Police said the first explosion occurred around 10:15 a.m. Monday at the Verla International cosmetics factory in New Windsor, about an hour's drive from New York City. Firefighters who responded were inside when the second explosion occurred around 10:40 a.m.

Up to 35 people were being treated for injuries, including seven firefighters, most of them from the nearby city of Newburgh, Town Supervisor George Green said. Two of the firefighters were taken to the burn unit at Westchester Medical Center, he said. None of the injuries appear to be life threatening. One employee remains unaccounted for.

There was no word on a cause of the blaze, which fire crews and hazardous materials teams were battling into late Monday afternoon.

Verla was cited for nine occupational safety violations earlier this year, according to records on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's website. One was related to problems with the handling of flammable and combustible liquids.

The federal agency also cited inadequacies relating to respirator protection for workers and the maintenance of exit routes.

The company agreed to pay \$41,000 in penalties.

Television video from Monday's explosions showed thick, black smoke spewing from a section of the roof of the sprawling facility, which includes manufacturing and warehouse buildings. Workers milled about a parking lot while fire crews looked on.

"It's still an active fire scene," Green said, adding that the flames were "knocked down pretty well at this point."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said state emergency response teams have been sent to the factory. State personnel dispatched included homeland security staffers, state police, environmental conservation enforcement officers and health department technicians, the Democratic governor said. The state also will investigate working conditions and regulatory compliance at the plant.

"Following today's chemical explosion, I am directing a multi-agency investigation to get to the bottom of what happened and review compliance with state labor and environmental laws," he said in a statement.

The factory is about a half-mile from the town hall and police station in New Windsor, on the Hudson River's west bank, 55 miles (88 kilometers) north of New York City. The 37-year-old New Windsor-based company's website says the products it makes include nail polish, perfumes, lotions and other products.



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"Professional Services to Provide Specifications for ARFF Vehicles for Fitiuta & Ofu Airport"

Submission

Original and five copies of the Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFQ: Professional Services to Provide Specifications for ARFF Vehicles for Fitiuta & Ofu Airport." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), December 13, 2017:

Office of Procurement
American Samoa Government
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO

Any qualifications 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 RFQ Scope of Work outlining the qualification requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

Review

Request for Qualification data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement, Office of Procurement, ASG.

Right of Rejection

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Nursing home tells Congress Irma deaths not staff's fault

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida nursing home under investigation for the deaths of 13 patients after Hurricane Irma says in a letter to Congress that staff members did everything possible but couldn't overcome a lack of power to the central air conditioner.

In a letter released Monday, Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills attorney Geoffrey D. Smith told the House Energy and Commerce Committee that employees followed proper procedures between the air conditioner losing power on Sept. 10 and when the deaths began Sept. 13. The committee is investigating the deaths as are local police detectives and the state.

Smith said managers made repeated calls to Florida Power & Light, the state health care administration and Gov. Rick Scott in an effort to get the air

conditioning power restored but got nowhere. Meanwhile, he says the facility's main power never went out and employees used portable air conditioners and fans to cool the patients and kept them hydrated. There was no state law requiring nursing homes to have backup generators for their central air conditioners.

He said staff had been closely monitoring patients for two days when the deaths began without warning. He said the temperature inside the facility never exceeded 81 degrees, which would be within standards.

"We believe that there were multiple system failures that need to be considered and investigated before casting blame on persons who risked their own well-being to care for others during this natural disaster," Smith wrote.

Scott's office issued a statement Monday saying, "This facility had a responsibility to its patients to protect life during emergencies. We must learn why this facility chose not to evacuate their patients to the hospital across the street or call 911."

Florida Power & Light says it followed the priority list for restoration as agreed to by Broward County.

Smith wrote in his letter that from Sept. 10 to 12, the staff monitored the facility's 150 patients and none exhibited any sign of heat exhaustion.

He said about 3 a.m. on Sept. 13, several patients began showing signs of respiratory and cardiac distress. He said the staff summoned paramedics for each patient and followed proper protocols.

"The onset of heat stroke is impossible to predict and can occur in 10 to 15 minutes," he said. He said the elderly are susceptible at 81 degrees (27 degrees Celsius).

He said about 6 a.m., Hollywood police officers and staff from Memorial Regional Hospital, the trauma center across the street, declared a mass casualty situation. Officers and hospital staff members have said the facility seemed excessively hot. Detectives took a temperature reading but that has not been released.

All patients were evacuated to Memorial over the next three hours. Three patients died at the nursing home, five later that day at Memorial and five in subsequent days at the hospital. A 14th death was later determined not to be related. The dead ranged in age from 57 to 99, with most from their 70s to 90s.

Smith rejected criticism that the center should have evacuated its patients to Memorial earlier, saying that would violate established emergency procedures.

"Hospitals are critical facilities that are supposed to be used for individual cases," not as mass evacuation centers, he wrote. Shortly after the evacuation, an FPL crew arrived and restored the air conditioning's power in 20 minutes, he wrote.

He said 242 other Florida nursing homes lost power. He said he is seeking information on deaths at other facilities to see if they spiked during the blackout.



Three members of the Special Education Division at Alofa Elementary School showing off their new green elei uniform, and standing in front of the Mission Statement for the Special Education Division of the American Samoa Department of Education.

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Warming to make thunderstorms larger and more frequent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Summer thunderstorms in North America will likely be larger, wetter and more frequent in a warmer world, dumping 80 percent more rain in some areas and worsening flooding, a new study says.

Future storms will also be wilder, soaking entire cities and huge portions of states, according to a federally-funded study released Monday in the journal Nature Climate Change.

The U.S. in recent years has experienced prolonged drenchings that have doused Nashville in 2010, West Virginia and Louisiana in 2016 and Houston this year. The disasters cost about \$20 billion a year in damage.

By the end of century if emissions aren't curbed, these gully washers will be much worse because they will get bigger, said Andreas Prein, a climate scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, who led the study.

Prein and colleagues used high-resolution computer simulations to see how global warming will likely change the large thunderstorms that are already daily summer events in North America. Previous studies projected more frequent and wetter storms, but this is the first research to show they likely will be more widespread, covering an entire city instead of just half of it, Prein said.

"We see increases that are beyond our expectations ... far beyond our expectations," Prein said. "It looks everything that can go wrong does go wrong concerning flooding."

With the size of the storm factored in, the total amount of rain in the U.S. South is projected to jump 80 percent between now and the end of the

century, Prein said. For Mexico, the increase in rainfall would be 70 percent and 60 percent in the U.S. Southwest. Canada and the rest of the U.S. should expect a 40 percent rain increase from current levels.

About half of those increases are from the storms being larger, Prein said. These types of storms include tropical storms, but most of the storms studied are average thunderstorms.

"You can really think about these storms as rivers that come from the skies," Prein said. "The largest ones are several times the Mississippi River discharge."

Victor Gensini, a meteorology professor at the Northern Illinois University who wasn't part of the team, praised the study as new and exciting.



FILE - In this Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 file photo, a neighborhood near Houston's Addicks Reservoir is flooded after heavy rains from Tropical Storm Harvey. A study released Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 predicts that summer thunderstorms in North America will likely be larger, wetter and more frequent in a warmer world, dumping 80 percent more rain in some areas and worsening flooding. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)



More than \$98 million in community policing grants awarded

CHICAGO (AP) — Several cities, including Chicago, have been awarded more than \$3.1 million each in federal grants to hire extra police officers.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions Monday announced COPS Hiring Program grants, saying 80 percent of the 179 agencies sharing \$98 million in grants agreed to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in their detention facilities.

It's not clear which cities agreed to cooperate.

Metropolitan Dade County Florida, Houston and San Antonio police departments and the Orange County sheriff's office in California also received grants.

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People gather outside the Naval base in Mar del Plata, Argentina, Monday, Nov. 20, 2017. The Argentine submarine ARA San Juan has been lost at sea for five days with 44 crew members on board as it was on a voyage from the extreme southern port of Ushuaia to the city of Mar del Plata. (AP Photo/Paul Byrne)

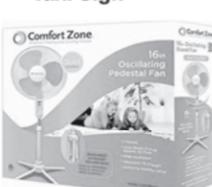
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Argentina's navy says sounds didn't come from missing sub

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — Sounds detected by probes deep in the South Atlantic on Monday did not come from an Argentine submarine that has been lost for five days, the country's navy

said Monday, dashing new-found hope among relatives of the 44 sailors aboard.

Navy spokesman Enrique Balbi told reporters that the "noise" was analyzed and experts determined it was likely "biological." He said the sounds did not come from tools being banged against the hull of a submarine as was previously reported by some media.

"We all had hope, but unfortunately this comes from believing sources that are not trustworthy," Balbi said. "Some sources were saying that this was banging on the hull in Morse code signals."

The noise was heard by two Argentine navy ships about 220 miles (360 kilometers) from the Argentine coast and at a depth of about 650 feet (200 meters). A U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon aircraft was sent to help in the effort to isolate the source of the sounds. The ARA San Juan went missing Wednesday as it sailed from the extreme southern port of Ushuaia to the coastal city of Mar del Plata. More than a dozen international vessels and aircraft have joined the search, which has been hindered by stormy weather that has caused waves up to 20 feet (6 meters).

In the first confirmation of a malfunction, an Argentine navy official said earlier Monday that the submarine reported a battery failure Wednesday and was returning to base when it went missing.

Brief satellite calls over the weekend had originally been thought to indicate the crew was trying to re-establish contact, prompting emotional celebrations by family members and officials. But Balbi said earlier Monday that officials analyzed the seven low-frequency satellite signals and determined

they were not received from the submarine.

Although the German-built diesel-electric vessel carried enough food, oxygen and fuel for the crew to survive about 90 days on the sea's surface, the sub had only enough oxygen to last seven days submerged, Balbi said. At the Vatican, Pope Francis, a native of Argentina, said he was sending "fervent prayers" for the crew.

The U.S. Navy ordered its Undersea Rescue Command based in San Diego, California, to deploy to Argentina to support the search for the submarine. The command includes a remotely operated vehicle and vessels capable of rescuing people from bottomed submarines.

Pledges of help also came from Chile, Uruguay, Peru, Brazil and Britain, the latter sending a polar exploration vessel, HMS Protector.

Some relatives of the missing crew members took to social media Monday to ask for support during the search.

"Pray so that my husband, Fernando Santilli can return home," Jessica Gopar wrote. "He's in the San Juan submarine." The submarine was originally scheduled to arrive Monday at the navy's base in Mar del Plata, which is about 250 miles (400 kilometers) southeast of Buenos Aires. Argentine President Mauricio Macri met with family members at the base as they waited anxiously for news about their loved ones. "We can make up a thousand movies with happy and sad endings, but the reality is that the days pass by and not knowing anything kills you," Carlos Mendoza, the brother of submarine officer Fernando Ariel Mendoza, told the AP.



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"Ofu Airport Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation - Design Services"

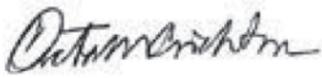
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Review
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Members of India's Rajput community shout slogans as they protest against the release of Bollywood film "Padmavati" in Mumbai, India, Monday, Nov. 20, 2017. The film has been in trouble since the beginning of the year, with fringe groups in the western state of Rajasthan attacking the film's set, threatening to burn down theaters that show it and even physically attacking the director in January. A member of India's Hindu nationalist ruling party has offered a 100 million rupee (\$1.5 million) reward to anyone who beheads the lead actress and the director of the yet-to-be released film over its alleged handling of the relationship between a Hindu queen and a Muslim ruler.

(AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: courtesy)



Bounty offered for beheadings of Bollywood director, actress

NEW DELHI (AP) — A member of India's Hindu nationalist ruling party offered 100 million rupees (\$1.5 million) to anyone who beheads the lead actress and the director of an unreleased Bollywood film "Padmavati" rumored to depict a relationship between a Hindu queen and a Muslim ruler.

Suraj Pal Amu, a Bharatiya Janata Party leader from the northern state of Haryana, offered the bounty against actress Deepika Padukone and filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali on Sunday. The film's producers postponed the release of the film, which was set to be in theaters Dec. 1, and Amu was reported by local media to have said at a public rally that the film would not be allowed to be released at all.

"Padmavati" is based on a 16th century Sufi epic poem, "Padmavat," in which a brave and beautiful Rajput queen chose to kill herself rather than be captured by the Muslim sultan of Delhi, Allaudin Khilji. Over centuries of its retelling, the epic has come to be seen as history, despite little evidence.

Padukone plays Padmini, the legendary queen who committed "jauhar," the medieval Rajput practice in which female royals walked into funeral fires to embrace death over the dishonor of being taken captive.

"Padmavati" has been in trouble since the beginning of the year, with fringe groups in the western state of Rajasthan attacking the film's

set, threatening to burn down theaters that show it and even physically attacking Bhansali in January.

Most of the anger appears to stem from allegations that Bhansali filmed a romantic dream sequence between the protagonists, which Bhansali has denied.

Earlier this month, the head of the Rajput Karni Sena in Rajasthan said Padukone should have her nose cut — a symbol of public humiliation — for being part of a film that allegedly insulted the famed queen.

India's 1.3 billion-strong democracy is the largest in the world and has made great economic strides, but its politics are held hostage by a complex mix of religion and caste. Books and movies have been banned or received threats of violence because they either offend one religious or caste group, or are deemed offensive to Indian culture in general.

Hollywood movies are routinely scrubbed of sex scenes, and India's film censor board rejected "Fifty Shades of Grey." "The Da Vinci Code" was banned in Goa state, which has a large Christian population.

In 2014, the publishing house Penguin India pulled from shelves and destroyed all copies of American historian Wendy Doniger's "The Hindus: An Alternative History" after a Hindu right-wing group protested, mainly because they said the book described Hindu.

Manson's death leaves questions over autopsy, property

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Manson's death came with a string of unanswered questions, from whether the notorious cult leader left a will to what, if any, possessions he left behind. The convicted killer, 83, who once aspired to musical fame and dabbled in art, died Sunday after spending nearly half a century in prison.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH MANSON'S BODY?

According to the state penal code, if no claim is made for an inmate's body by a family member or appointed representative, the remains will be cremated or buried "no sooner than 10 calendar days" after the

death. The state may waive the 10-day period if confirmation is received that the inmate's family or appointed representative refuse to take possession of the body. Vicky Waters, a spokeswoman for the state Corrections Department, said she could not confirm if the agency was aware of a family member. Manson was born in Cincinnati on Nov. 12, 1934, to a teenager, possibly a prostitute. "My father is the jailhouse," Manson once said in court. **WILL THERE BE AN AUTOPSY?**

That was unclear Monday.

Authorities attributed Manson's death Sunday to natural causes. The state Corrections

Department referred questions about a possible autopsy to the Kern County coroner, a branch of the county sheriff's department. The state Corrections Department "does not have jurisdiction over autopsies," Waters, the spokeswoman, said in an email. But the sheriff's department said the inquiry should be directed to the state.

WHAT WILL BECOME OF MANSON'S PERSONAL POSSESSIONS?

The state did not disclose what, if anything, the convicted killer left behind in his cell, citing rules that limit information that can be released about inmates.

Waters said she could not say if Manson left a will. If one is located, state officials must, within 30 days after the death, deliver the will to the court having jurisdiction.





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Detailed position descriptions available for more information.



FILE - In this May 22, 2017, file photo, Pierrot Mervilier, center rear, hugs a girl that did not wish to be identified, living in the U.S. with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) after she and her family spoke to members of the media in Miami. The Trump administration said Nov. 20 it is ending a temporary residency permit program that has allowed almost 60,000 citizens from Haiti to live and work in the United States since a 2010 powerful earthquake shook the Caribbean nation. The Homeland Security Department said conditions in Haiti have improved significantly, so the benefit will be extended one last time, until July 2019, to give Haitians time to prepare to return home. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

US ending temporary permits for almost 60,000 Haitians

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration said Monday it is ending a temporary residency permit program that has allowed almost 60,000 citizens from Haiti to live and work in the United States since a 2010 powerful earthquake shook the Caribbean nation.

The Homeland Security Department said conditions in Haiti have improved significantly, so the benefit will be extended one last time — until July 2019 — to give Haitians time to prepare to return home. “Since the 2010 earthquake, the number of displaced people in Haiti has decreased by 97 percent,” the department said in a press release. “Haiti is able to safely receive traditional levels of returned citizens.”

Advocates and members of Congress from both parties had asked the Trump administration for an 18-month extension of the program, known as Temporary Protected Status. Haitian President Jovenel Moise’s government also requested the extension.

Rony Ponthieux, a 49-year-old Haitian nurse with temporary residency who has lived in Miami since 1999, told The Associated Press, “This isn’t over, this is time we get to fight for renewal, not to pack our bags.” She has a daughter and a son born in the United States and another son in Port-au-Prince.

“We need to push Washington to provide a legal status for us with TPS,” Ponthieux said. “This is anti-immigrant policy.”

Advocates for Haitians quickly criticized the decision, arguing the conditions in the island nation haven’t improved nearly enough for Haitians to be deported.

Florida Rep. Mario Diaz-

Balart, a Republican, expressed “strong opposition” to the measure and urged the administration to reconsider.

“Forcing them to leave the United States would be detrimental,” he said in a press release. “Almost eight years later, Haiti remains in total disarray and still requires much rebuilding.”

Amanda Baran, policy consultant at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, called the termination of the status a “heartless decision” and said the Trump administration has no plan in place for the U.S.-born children who may now lose their Haitian parents and caregivers to deportation.

While Haiti has made advances spurred by international aid since the quake, the Caribbean nation remains one of the poorest in the world. More than 2.5 million people, roughly a quarter of the population, live on less than \$1.23 a day, which authorities there consider extreme poverty.

The United Nations last month ended a peacekeeping mission in Haiti that, at its peak, included more than 10,000 troops. Its new mission is comprised of about 1,300 international civilian police officers and 350 civilians who will help the country try to reform a deeply troubled justice system.

The Homeland Security Department made its announcement 60 days before temporary status for the Haitians is set to expire. In May, the agency extended the program for only six months instead of the customary 18, and urged Haitians under the program to get their affairs in order and prepare to go home.

The temporary status covers some 435,000 people from nine

countries ravaged by natural disasters or war, who came to the U.S. legally or otherwise. Days after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti in January 2010, President Barack Obama granted the 18-month protection status for Haitians in America who would otherwise have to go home. Obama renewed it every time it ran out.

Monday’s decision doesn’t affect thousands of Haitians who were taken in by Brazil and other South American countries after the earthquake and began making their way to the United States last year. U.S. Customs and Border Protection says 6,424 Haitians showed up at border crossings with Mexico during the 12-month period ended Sept. 30, up from only 334 a year earlier. They were generally paroled to live in the United States on humanitarian grounds.

Since taking office, Trump has ended temporary permit programs for Sudan and Nicaragua. He postponed until next July a decision on how to deal with a similar program for 86,000 residents from Honduras. U.S. officials have said conditions in Haiti have significantly improved since the disaster. But advocates for Haitians say a persistent cholera epidemic and damages caused by three hurricanes since 2016 exacerbate the difficulty for returning Haitians.

Maryland Sens. Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, along with fellow Democrat Dianne Feinstein of California, last week unveiled new legislation to protect undocumented immigrants living under temporary protected status. It would make immigrants under the program eligible to apply for legal permanent residency after three years.



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Prosecutor seeks probe of US personnel in Afghanistan

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The International Criminal Court prosecutor asked for authorization Monday to investigate reported human rights abuses in Afghanistan, including allegations of rape and torture by U.S. military and the CIA, crimes against humanity by the Taliban and war crimes by Afghan security forces.

The request marks the first time that ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda has targeted Americans for alleged war crimes. Bensouda said an investigation under the auspices of the international tribunal could break through what she called “near total impunity” in Afghanistan.

The prosecutor’s formal application to judges at the court also sets up a possible showdown with Washington. The United States is not a member state of the court, but its citizens can be charged with crimes committed in countries that are members.

The U.S. State Department said it was reviewing Bensouda’s authorization request but opposes the International Criminal Court’s involvement in Afghanistan.

“Our view is clear: an ICC investigation with respect to U.S. personnel would be wholly unwarranted and unjustified,” the State Department’s statement said. “More broadly, our overall assessment is that commencement of an ICC investigation will not serve the interests of either peace or justice in Afghanistan.”

As well as alleged crimes by American troops in Afghanistan, Bensouda wants to investigate the activities of CIA operatives in secret detention facilities in Afghanistan and in Poland, Romania and Lithuania, which also are members of the court.

Established in 2002, the International Criminal Court is the world’s first permanent court set up to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

Bensouda said in a summary of her request that “information available provides a reasonable basis to believe” that U.S. military personnel and CIA operatives “committed acts of torture, cruel treatment, outrages upon personal dignity, rape and sexual violence against conflict-related detainees in Afghanistan and other locations, principally in the 2003-2004 period.”

The prosecutor’s office said there was reason to believe that at least 54 detainees were abused by U.S. military personnel and at least 24 by CIA operatives.

The alleged abuse included waterboarding, which simulates drowning, and was allowed by the Bush administration after

the Sept. 11 attacks. President Barack Obama banned such practices after taking office in 2009.

The 16-page summary said the people likely to be targeted in any future investigations “include persons who devised, authorized or bore oversight responsibility for the implementation by members of the U.S. armed forces and members of the CIA of the interrogation techniques that resulted in the alleged commission of crimes.”

A Pentagon spokesman, Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Andrews, said the Defense Department does not accept that an ICC investigation of U.S. personnel is warranted.

“The United States is deeply committed to complying with the law of war, and we have a robust national system of investigation and accountability that more than meets international standards,” Andrews said. “We do not believe that an ICC examination or investigation with respect to the actions of U.S. personnel in Afghanistan is warranted or appropriate.”

Bensouda’s application for investigation authority states that Afghan security forces also are suspected of involvement in “systematic patterns of torture and cruel treatment of conflict-related detainees in Afghan detention facilities, including acts of sexual violence,” Bensouda said

The Taliban and its allies are suspected of crimes against humanity and war crimes “as part of a widespread and systematic campaign of intimidation, targeted killings and abductions of civilians,” the detailed document stated. The victims — an estimated 17,700 during 2009-2016 — usually were perceived as supporting the government or opposing the Taliban rebels, according to the request.

In a statement, Richard Dicker, the international justice director at Human Rights Watch, welcomed the appeal for investigative authority.

“The request to pursue abuses by all sides, including those implicating U.S. personnel, reinforces the message that no one, no matter how powerful the government they serve, is beyond the law,” Dicker said.

The ICC is a court of last resort, intended to mete out justice to high-ranking suspects considered most responsible for grave crimes and only when national authorities cannot or will not take legal action.

The request for an investigation in Afghanistan said that while the U.S. maintains that thousands of investigations have been conducted for alleged detainee abuse, those probes appeared only to cover low-level suspects.



PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PIHOA)

JOB TITLE: Project Coordinator – American Samoa Lymphatic Filariasis Prevention and Elimination
JOB STATUS: 100% Full-Time, Temporary Consultant
JOB PERIOD: Job commencement date to 30 June 2018, with possible extension contingent on funding agency approval
DUTY STATION: American Samoa Department of Health – Office of the Director

SUMMARY OF DUTIES: Experienced and qualified Project Coordinator sought by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) to manage and coordinate lymphatic filariasis (LF) prevention and elimination work in American Samoa in coordination and consultation with the American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH), US Centers for Disease Control - Center for Global Health (CDC CGH), the World Health Organization (WHO), and PIHOA. The project component in American Samoa is funded by CDC CGH and is subject to US federal guidelines and regulations. WHO will be leading similar work in Western Samoa in consultation with the Western Samoa Ministry of Health (WSMOH). American Samoa and Western Samoa LF prevention and elimination work will be conducted concurrently. As such, the Project Coordinator, will also need to liaise and communicate with both WHO and WSMOH officials, as needed, to ensure proper joint coordination and information-sharing between the two project sites for effective LF prevention and elimination.

The primary objective of the project will be to significantly reduce and/or eliminate new and recurring LF infections across American Samoa through mass (whole population) health promotion, LF screening (testing), and administration of WHO-recommended triple-drug regimen, with primary focus on the main island of Tutuila. In the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating the project, the secondary objective will be to strengthen ASDOH systems and capacities for on-going LF prevention, surveillance/monitoring, and control. Consultancy tasks are to be planned and conducted in consultation with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors. Additional technical advisory support will be provided by CDC’s Regional Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO), co-located at the PIHOA Guam Office. Position will be housed at the ASDOH Office of the Director (or, other location as assigned by ASDOH).

SCOPE OF POSITION:

1. Reports to: PIHOA Executive Director and/or assigned PIHOA Technical Staff
2. Geographic Areas of Responsibility: American Samoa, Tutuila
3. Supervises: LF Project Assistant
4. Fiscal Responsibilities: Yes, but no approval authority; any and all fiscal transactions must have prior approval from the PIHOA ED
5. Signature Authorities: No; all vendor and other contracts will require prior approval and be signed off by the PIHOA Executive Director
6. Level of Interaction: Must be able to work independently and in collaboration with other team members and diverse project stakeholders across ASDOH, CDC, WHO, and PIHOA, including American Samoa community and traditional leaders and church leadership.
7. Special Requirements: May be exposed to vector-borne diseases and local infectious diseases, rough terrain, inclement weather conditions, high humidity, intense heat and sun, vicious animals, poisonous plants/sea creatures, and travel in small prop planes and/or small boats over rough seas. Must be willing to travel from duty station for long periods of time, as required. Must be able to work in resource-limited, rural environments with limited public infrastructure and communications/IT capabilities.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Set up of LF project office at ASDOH, including local procurement of all required office furniture and materials and supplies, as required/needed;
2. Manage project budget as approved by CDC CGH, including management and monitoring of project spending in accordance with the budget, ensuring compliance of all fiscal transactions/budgetary actions in accordance with US federal/CDC project guidelines and regulations and PIHOA’s Fiscal Policies and Procedures, procurement of project supplies and equipment, and sourcing and management of local vendor and other project consultancy contracts;
3. Assist in the local recruitment, selection, and supervision of a Project Assistant for the LF project. The Project Assistant will assist in all project tasks as directed by the Project Coordinator, including, but not limited to: the daily administration of office and project administrative functions, assistance with coordination/implementation of project activities and stakeholder planning meetings, administrative monitoring and support for local vendor contracts/consultancies, procurement of project supplies/equipment, and community outreach;
4. Work closely with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors to plan, implement, monitor and report on all project tasks to ensure project objectives, activity timelines, and LF prevention/elimination milestones are met in a timely and quality manner. This includes the development of a project implementation plan and performance monitoring framework and coordination of regular stakeholder planning meetings;
5. Work closely with assigned AS DOH leadership and program staff to plan and conduct mass health promotion and informational/media campaigns with American Samoa community members and traditional/church leadership to improve community member and leadership knowledge and awareness of LF transmission and prevention, and encourage community member and leadership buy-in, engagement, and support for LF mass screening (testing) and drug therapy administration;
6. Gather and disseminate current/best-practice LF research and other relevant resources and information that enhance local knowledge of LF transmission and prevention;
7. Collate and submit periodic reports to ASDOH leadership, PIHOA and CDC to provide qualitative and quantitative summary progress against agreed project tasks, timelines, and milestones;
8. As needed, may be required to travel to the Honolulu PIHOA office to work with PIHOA management, finance and technical staff in support of the project, including presenting LF project to PIHOA’s Governing Board at PIHOA Executive Board Meetings (next meeting will be in American Samoa in March 2018);
9. Plan and coordinate mid- and end-of-project evaluation/after-action review efforts in consultation with AS DOH, CDC and PIHOA; and
10. Any other duties as assigned in accordance with project objectives.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Submission of monthly invoices for consultancy payment that provides full detail and status of times and activities/outputs completed/achieved/in progress at the end of each calendar month.
2. If position travels, invoices to also include Travel/Trip Reports and other supporting documentation.
3. Submission of allowable travel reimbursable receipts (calling/internet cards, airport tax, excess luggage, car rental fuel, etc.).
4. When completed, submission of all final and approved deliverables and reports to be uploaded to PIHOA’s Shared Archives.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES):

1. Periodic LF Project Progress Reports
2. LF Project Implementation Plan and Performance Monitoring Framework
3. Final LF Project Report
4. Final LF Project Evaluation Report
5. Standard PIHOA trip reports

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Education: Minimum of Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration or other relevant degree area in the social and health sciences, preferably in health services administration (equivalent professional experience will also be assessed). A Master’s in Public Health is a plus.
2. Job Experience: Minimum of one year of project management experience, preferably with US federally-funded, health-related projects/programs implemented in American Samoa.
3. Job Knowledge: Knowledge of project management and administration, including project-based planning and coordination, implementation, budgeting and finance, and monitoring and evaluation; understanding of US federal guidelines and regulations is a plus
4. Abilities and Skills: Must have excellent English and Samoan-speaking and written communication skills. Must possess current driver’s license valid in American Samoa. Must have intermediate to advanced computer literacy, and be proficient in Microsoft Office applications, especially MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Knowledge of database applications a plus, but will train as required (PIHOA uses Microix for transaction approvals which the Project Coordinator and Project Assistant will need to be familiar with). Must understand vague and implicit instructions, and react favorably and in an open and diplomatic manner in all work situations. Must be able to communicate in a positive and professional manner. Must be mentally adaptable and flexible in dealing with a variety of people from a variety of different circumstances, languages, cultural beliefs and practices, and health knowledge. Must be proactive, and able to work in an intense work environment with multiple competing tasks and deadlines, and possess excellent time management skills.
5. Travel: Must be willing and able to travel in the US and internationally, when required, with possible long durations away from home duty station.
6. Citizenship Requirements: Must be a US citizen, or have valid US Green Card, US Permanent Residency Card, or other relevant US visa type that allows for residency and employment in the US and its territories. Must be a current resident in American Samoa, or willing to relocate to American Samoa for the entire duration of the project.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL DEMANDS: Requires prolonged sitting and some standing, walking, kneeling, and bending, requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity sufficient to operate computer keyboard and office equipment, and to travel in infrastructure and resource-limited and/or rural and jungle/atoll/mountainous environments. Requires normal range of hearing and vision to perform job duties. Requires occasional lifting up to 45 pounds. Must be able drive a vehicle. Duties require extensive traveling, so a valid passport is required.

COMPENSATION: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Relocation travel airfare, per diem, and associated transit travel lodging from home base to duty station may be covered by PIHOA, if candidate not currently in American Samoa at commencement of consultancy period. Fringe and other benefits are not covered under PIHOA consultancy contracts.

TERM OF POSITION: Temporary Consultancy from time of hire to June 30, 2018, with possibility of renewal/extension pending funding agency approval.

APPLICATION: Submit the following electronically with attention to Emi Chutaro (emic@pihoa.org), Executive Director, and cc to Andrea Whitt (andreaaw@pihoa.org), Office and Program Support Officer, and Regie Tolentino, Office Administrator (regiet@pihoa.org), no later than 5pm, November 22, 2017, Hawaii Standard Time:

- 1) Letter of Interest that outlines your overall qualifications and professional experience in response to the Primary Qualifications;
- 2) Curriculum Vitae or Resume; and
- 3) Minimum of two (2) work references current to the last 5 years.

For any enquiries related to this vacancy, please direct them to Emi Chutaro at emic@pihoa.org.

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