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Close to 60 youngsters are enrolled in the 2017 summer tennis program, currently in full swing at the Lions Park tennis courts in Tafuna.

The program is an annual offering for the territory's aspiring athletes, sanctioned by the American Samoa Tennis Association (ASTA).

Registration closes this week and costs \$10 per child, to be paid at the tennis court.

The six-week program includes kids as young as 3 years old, all the way to high school age.

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AG and Gov call for support on tax measures during cabinet meeting

AND TALK TO TASK FORCE IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH GOV'S AGENDA, SAYS AG

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Cabinet directors and Education Department officials have been called on to talk to their lawmaker to support the administration's proposed revenues measures and other proposed bills submitted to the Fono that will help expand ASG's revenue base providing additional money to finance the government now and into the future.

The call was made by ASG Revenue Task Force chairman, Attorney General Elesasalo Ale, and echoed by Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga during yesterday's nearly three-hour cabinet meeting, at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium, in which public school principals and other senior ASDOE officials attended.

Talauega gave a briefing on the proposals the administration has submitted to the Fono, saying that there are four specific new revenue measures. He asked cabinet members as well as DOE officials to talk to their respective lawmakers about the importance of these proposals that will among other things, provide additional funds for school improvements, teachers' pay, and road repairs.

He said there is a big delay in federal funds being received and that there is a decrease in local revenue collections. Therefore, there is a need for ASG to find new revenues.

Among the new revenue bills is the 7% sales tax, which will also have language repealing the 2% wage tax — a tax paid only by wage earners, while the sales tax would be paid by everyone who purchases goods, according to Talauega.

He said American Samoa is older now and has come of age — and therefore don't be afraid of a sales tax. The Task Force chair pointed out that "we did the bonds," referring to the American Samoa Economic Development Authority bonds, which collected some \$78 million in proceeds, and have helped ASG move forward with infrastructure development such as roads.

Talauega said that if any cabinet director disagrees with the Administration's legislative agenda, through the governor, then to make time to talk with the task force to "make sure that you understand the importance of these measures" for the government and the community.

This prompted some laughter from the audience, but Talauega appeared very serious when it came to talking to directors, who disagree with the governor's agenda.

Lolo supported Talauega's call for cabinet directors as well as ASDOE officials present to talk to their lawmaker, who should know the importance of these revenues measures. The governor said some of the laws that the administration is proposing to amend have been in place for three decades, while the government's financial needs have changed over the years.

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Govt. Auction this week means extra \$\$\$ for ASG

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

It's definitely a win-win situation. If you're in the market for second-hand office equipment, kitchen appliances, heavy machinery, or even a vehicle, the Office of Property Management is conducting a Public Auction tomorrow. Items are being sold on an 'as is' basis and all the money collected will be transferred to the ASG general fund.

Items up for sale have been declared as 'survey items' by various government departments and agencies and will be sold for pennies on the dollar. The inventory includes jet skis, convection ovens, commercial coolers, office equipment, cars, trucks, and vans.

Even two boats — the Tautua II and the Tatoso II — are up for auction. They can be viewed at the main wharf in Fagatogo.

Public viewing started this week and will continue today from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Property Management compound in Tafuna. Bid forms are also available for pick-up there.

All bids must be sealed and must include 10% of the bidding price when it is submitted. "Many times in previous years, people have been disqualified for not including the required 10% of the total bid so it is important that bidders follow this requirement," said PMO deputy director Poleen Asalele yesterday.

"It's unfortunate, but we've seen people miss out on bids because they failed to submit the required 10% by as little as 10-cents," she added.

All bids must be submitted by tomorrow, July 13, at 11:30 a.m. sharp, and bid opening will take place thirty minutes later at 12 noon. Bidders are welcome to be present during the bid opening.

According to Asalele, their office tries to hold public auctions once every quarter, but there are times when their notice for 'survey items' falls on deaf ears and submissions from ASG departments and agencies are not received in time.

She referred to this week's auction and said it had to be postponed from two weeks ago, as several items were referred to them the day before the original planned auction date.

"We try to keep the directors in the loop about giving us a heads up on their survey items but whether they respond to us in time — or even at all — is beyond our control," she said.

Asalele stressed that the money collected from the auctions go directly into the general fund and this is an additional source of revenue for the government.

She shared that when they held the first auction during the Lolo Lemanu Administration's first term in office, they were able to collect about \$33,000 and since then, a total of over \$200K has been deposited into the ASG general fund as a

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A look at the three jet skis that are being auctioned off at the Office of Property Management compound this week, as part of this quarter's ASG Public Auction. Dozens of used items like office equipment, commercial kitchen appliances, and vehicles from various government departments and agencies are being sold on an 'as is' basis during the event. Read story for full details.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

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Airstrikes target Islamic State positions on the edge of the Old City a day after Iraq's prime minister declared "total victory" in Mosul, Iraq, Tuesday, July 11, 2017. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

Tri Marine seeking to remove commercial fishing restriction within Pac monument

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Tri Marine Group has recommended that the federal government begin a rule making process to remove commercial fishing restriction for tuna in certain area of waters around the Pacific Islands Remote Marine National Monument (PIRMNM).

However, there has been strong opposition from conservationists and environmentalist groups as well as others living in the US to any changes to the PIRMNM, which was first established in January 2009 by then President George Bush. With the marine monument designation, commercial fishing is prohibited within boundaries of the monument.

In September 2014, former President Barack Obama expanded the PIRMNM boundaries — to the seaward limit of the US Exclusive Economic Zone (generally 200 nautical miles) off Jarvis and Wake Islands and Johnston Atoll. As reported by Samoa News at the time, Tri Marine, which has a US purse seiner fleet based in American Samoa, along with other fishing fleet owners and local leaders strongly opposed the expansion, arguing that these are traditional fishing grounds for the US fleet.

Earlier this year in May, US President Donald Trump issued an executive order, calling for the review of all land and marine monuments going back to 1996. Thereafter the US Interior Department started accepting public comments, which closed at the end of business, Monday, July 10.

As of 7a.m. Monday morning more than 1.3 million comments were publicly released on federal portal <www.regulations.gov>

Among the comments submitted is a July 3rd letter from Tri Marine chief operations officer, Joe Hamby, with Tri Marine's recommendation for the US Secretary of Commerce to begin a rule making to overturn the ban on commercial fishing in those waters which were added by Obama to the PRIMNM. (US Commerce Department has jurisdiction over federal fishery issues)

Approximately, those would be waters seaward of 50 nautical miles of the mean low water mark around Wake, Baker, Howland, and Jarvis Islands, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, and Palmyra Atoll, the letter says.

"This would allow protection of the sensitive near shore coral reef habitat, while allowing fishing for highly

migratory species like tuna further offshore that are subject to management by WCPFC (Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission) conservation measures," said Hamby in his three-page letter.

Hamby noted that the company buys, sells, catches, and processes highly migratory tuna resources located in the Central, Western, and Eastern Pacific Ocean.

Tri Marine "has been deeply concerned about the expanding use of a land-oriented statute to address issues of resource conservation in wide expanses of the ocean even where international and national governmental bodies address in detail the proper conservation and management of tunas," he said, adding that Tri Marine has "significant operations in to and out of American Samoa as a foundational element of the only private economic activity of significant consequence in that Territory."

Hamby argued that the designation of PRIMNM and its later expansion "have no discernible science-based conservation and management benefits to the highly migratory tuna resources of the region, yet the closure of these areas has created a negative economic impact on our fishing and processing operations, as well as the viability of the American Samoan economy."

He outlined the company's rationale for its request for a rule making process, and this is consistent with objections to the ban on commercial fishing in the Monument and its Expansion, that have been made from the beginning.

For example, he said, prohibition on commercial fishing for highly migratory species in the Monument is not based on science. "Tunas are highly migratory and move thousands of miles throughout their range," he explained. "Unlike other species that can be managed on smaller spatial scales, they are not 'resident' in any narrow ocean area, such as reef fish."

He argued that tuna fishing in the region is sustainable and prohibition on commercial fishing in the Monument was a top-down directive without an environmental assessment or fishery management justification.

"No case has been made that a ban on commercial tuna fishing in the Monument will have an impact on the current and future sustainability of the resource," he said.

"No evidence has been presented that highly regulated

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Public Notice

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
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The American Samoa Government (ASG) invites public comments on the PY2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP) Draft as mandated in the provisions of 24 CFR & 91.200 and 91.220 (b). Public comments are invited for a 30-day period commencing on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 to Wednesday, July 26, 2017. The draft is available at the Department of Commerce, 2nd floor of the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building.

A public meeting to accept verbal and written comments on the PY2017 AAP Draft will be held at the Department of Commerce Conference Room on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Translation into and out of Native Language (Samoan) that is widely spoken will be provided at the meeting. The Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs of American Samoa complies with 24 CFR & 91.220 (1) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in the public meeting or to comment on the AAP Draft should contact the HUD CPD Coordinator, Petti Matila at the following address.

Written comments on the Public review draft may be sent to:

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Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Petti T. Matila at 633-5155 ext. 226.



COURT REPORT...

Translated by Samoa News staff
DANIEL TAUFUA

A 30-year-old man, whose mother told the court her son changed after serving 3 1/2 years in the US Armed Forces, has been sentenced to jail time in connection with a handful of break-ins between December 2016 and February this year.

Daniel Taufua, was sentenced last Friday in High Court along with his co-defendants Nassan Tupuola and Aki Lee Jungblut, both accused of aiding Taufua's get-away by driving the vehicle from the crime scene.

Taufua was sentenced to 28 months imprisonment after he pled guilty under a plea agreement to three counts of felony stealing.

He admitted to stealing more than \$3,000 in cash from local businesses and said the crime spree occurred between last December and February this year.

The defendant was initially charged in two separate cases — in the first case, he was charged with two counts of first degree burglary and three counts of felony stealing. For the second case, he was charged with several felony counts including stealing, robbery, and first degree burglary.

Under a plea agreement, the defendant pled guilty to three counts of felony stealing and the remaining charges were dismissed.

During sentencing, Taufua sought leniency so he could return home to find a job and take care of his mother. He said the five months and six days that he spent in custody — since his arrest — has been a learning lesson.

He said what he did was wrong and he is remorseful of his crime. He also asked the owners of the businesses that he robbed to forgive him.

Testifying as a character witness, Taufua's mother told the court that her son is not a bad person, but a good individual, who works hard and loves his family. She noted the changes in her son's behavior since returning from serving in the military for 3 1/2 years.

The court asked the witness if Taufua served in Iraq and the mother replied, "no". She suspects that the time that Taufua was away from his family, while serving in the military, has something to do with the change in her son's behavior, as well as his mentality.

The mother also shared with the court her serious concerns, when after five days, she had not seen her son and thereafter contacted police for help. She claimed the police told her that her son is an adult and not a child, and there is no need for her to try to find him.

She testified that as a mother, she wanted to find her son due to her concerns over the possible problems affecting her son's state of mind and she also wanted to make sure that he was okay. She said she was surprised to be informed later by police that her son had been arrested, charged, and in custody.

She asked the court for leniency in its sentence and promised to find a spiritual program off island to enroll her son in, to help with the problems he is facing.

Taufua's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Michael White, asked for a probative sentence without any jail time, but Assistant Attorney General Gerald Murphy argued for the most serious punishment set by law.

Acting Associate Justice Elvis P. Patea asked what that serious punishment is and Murphy replied, that felony stealing is punishable by 7 years imprisonment, which is what the government wants.

Taufua was sentenced to 7 years probation under several conditions, which includes serving 28 months behind bars.

The pre-trial confinement days are counted towards the jail term. He was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 court fine and restitution totaling \$3,310 — \$180 to a laundromat in Iliili; \$130 to a store in Nu'uuli; and \$3,000 to a business in Fagaima.

During his probation, Taufua is prohibited from entering the three businesses he robbed.

CO-DEFENDANTS

Next up for sentencing were Taufua's co-defendants, who were each sentenced to 12 months imprisonment after the pair pled guilty — under separate plea agreements — in assisting Taufua carry out his crimes.

Jungblut admitted to being the driver of the getaway car in the robbery of two business establishments while Tupuola admitted to driving the getaway car in the third robbery.

Assistant Public Defender Michael White argued for a probative sentence for each defendant without any jail time, but Murphy again argued for the highest punishment outlined under the law, which is 5 years in jail for each defendant.

Both defendants asked for leniency during sentencing and each of their wives offered character witness testimonies. Tupuola's wife asked the court to allow her husband to be out, so he can look for a job to provide for the family. She described Tupuola as a hard working person, a good father to their children.

Jungblut's wife offered similar testimony, saying that she was shocked to learn of her husband's arrest, because her husband

is a good man and great father. She added that every time she and their three-year-old child visit Jungblut in jail, she has observed many changes.

She said that it's a very difficult time for their child, who is very close to her father and wants to stay with him. She pleaded with the court to allow her husband to come home to take care of his family, and find a job.

Jail time for each defendant is part of the conditions of their five-year probation.

The court sentenced each defendant to 20 months in jail, but 8 of the months are waived and each is to serve 12 months.

The 8-months is conditioned on the fact that each defendant complies with all conditions of probation, which includes that each pays a \$1,000 court fine, and restitution to the affected businesses. The court will decide the restitution amount.

Upon release from jail each defendant is to perform 200 hours of community service, unless they find employment to pay for the court ordered fine and restitution.

Patea told the defendants to use the chance the court is giving

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MIT PARTNERS WITH MESC

Year 12 and Year 13 students, who may not be academically gifted, but are naturally talented tradesmen and women have been thrown a lifeline. A three-year pilot project between the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, (M.E.S.C.) and the Manukau Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) has been implemented exclusive for them.

The project will develop and introduce a new qualification, Certificate in Technical Skills into secondary schools. The initiative titled, MIT Pacific Islands Secondary Tertiary Development Project, aims to encourage unresponsive students to stay in the school system longer and further their education through vocational pathways.

Seven colleges in Upolu are taking part, says M.E.S.C. Minister Loau Solamalemalo Keneti. "We have requested the MIT to extend the program to include seven schools in Savai'i," he added. "It's a new pathway that is geared to discourage students from dropping out of school in the secondary school level and use this option which is designed for them to realize their full potentials.

"They will not be required to sit School Certificate or PSCC exams," he continued.

"At the end of the project the target is for the schools involved to initiate and offer a trade's program that leads either to further education and training or to employment."

(Source: M.P.M.C. PRESS SECRETARY MEDIA RELEASE)

WAIKATO UNIVERSITY HONORS NUS VICE CHANCELLOR

The University of Waikato has awarded the Distinguished Alumni Awards to the Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Samoa for his outstanding contribution towards education in Samoa

Professor Fui Le'apai Tu'ua 'Ilaoa Asofou So'o is Vice-Chancellor and President of the National University of Samoa.

He graduated from the University of Waikato in 1982 with a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Arts and returned to Waikato in the late 1980s to study for a Master of Arts, graduating in 1989. He completed his PhD at the Australian National University in 1996.

Professor So'o hails from the village of Savaia Lefaga. From 2001 to 2008 he was Director of the Institute of Samoan Studies, which later became the Centre for Samoan Studies.

Following the merger of the Samoan Polytechnic and National University of Samoa in 2006, he was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor until 2009 when he became the university's fourth Vice-Chancellor and President. In 2015 he was appointed for a third term. Professor So'o is also a member of the Board of the Samoa Qualifications Authority.

The leadership of Professor So'o has been instrumental in guiding the National University of Samoa to national and international recognition as a vibrant and innovative centre of excellence for research in Samoan studies and quality teaching and training across all disciplines. Part of that involves augmenting the university's

collaborative networks with industry, business, government and building on alliances and partnerships with other local and international institutions.

Within the National University he has instituted a series of policies designed to raise standards and adopt international best practice, including promoting the completion of research Masters and PhD degrees by the academic staff.

The National University of Samoa Graduation Ceremony on 7 April 2017 will see its first students awarded with NUS' Doctor of Philosophy; where two students will graduate with this qualification. It will mark a monumental milestone for the University as a tertiary institution. Professor So'o has also been a strong and vocal advocate for gender equality.

For more than 25 years Professor So'o has published widely on matters of democracy and governance in Samoa and the Pacific Islands, including public sector reform, the impact of globalisation, sustainable development, and conflict in the Pacific. His influence in the region has been, and continues to be, substantial.

For his outstanding contribution towards the advancement of education in Samoa, Professor Asofou Fui Le'apai Tu'ua 'Ilaoa So'o is a worthy recipient of a Distinguished Alumni Award.

The University of Waikato's Distinguished Alumni Awards was held on earlier this year at the Hamilton campus.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards celebrate and honor University of Waikato alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their careers and communities, taking into account excellence in the professional, cultural, creative and voluntary sectors.

(Source: UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO)
DECOLONIZATION COULD BE TAUGHT IN GUAM SCHOOLS

Guam's Department of Education is formulating a plan to incorporate teaching about the self-determination vote and decolonization in the local school curriculum.

The department is currently working with the Commission on Decolonization on the framework.

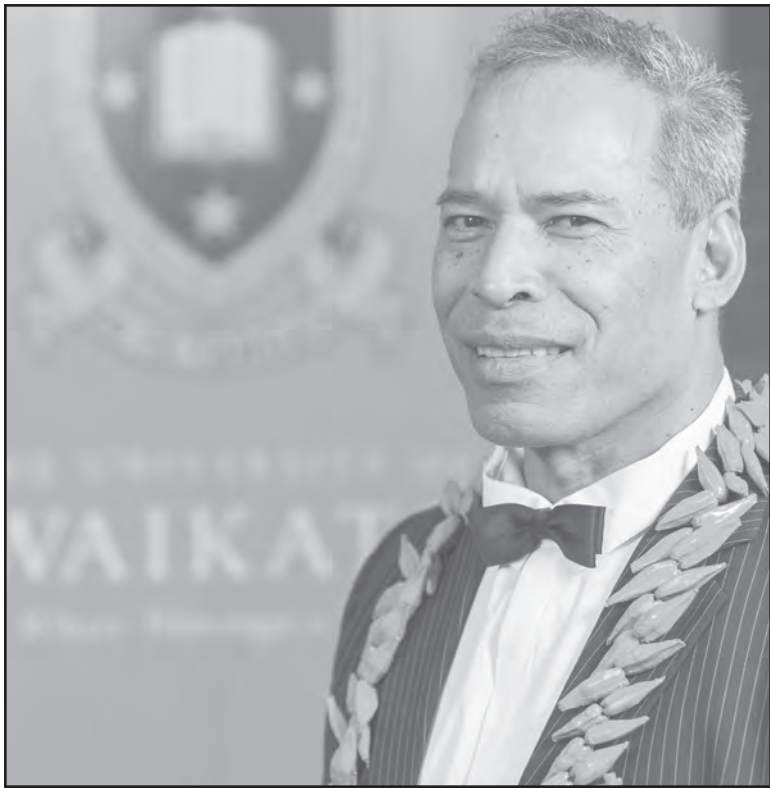
The executive director of the commission Amanda Blas said the aim was for the amended curriculum to start in kindergarten and be taught right through to high school.

Ms Blas said the new material would be added to existing subjects such as history and social studies, but she said the plan was still a work in progress.

"In the next couple of days the working session will happen, where we can discuss the curriculum framework more. Right now the commission is also looking at the possibility of strictly targeting high school students who will be able to vote for the plebiscite when the self-determination vote does happen," she said.

"Nothing has been finalized, but we have some great ideas and a bunch of the commission members and of course Guam's Department of Education are working together to really help see this through."

(Source: RNZ)



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[Courtesy photo]



FILE- In this Jan. 24, 2017, file photo, a child watches a Hawaiian monk seal called Hoailona at the Waikiki Aquarium in Honolulu. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee has been bitten by a monk seal while swimming at Midway Atoll in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Megan Nagel said Tuesday, July 11, 2017, that the incident happened on July 6 on Midway's North Beach in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The employee was bit several times and is now recovering on Midway.

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American Samoa Government OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1900, and July 16, 1904, the Chiefs of Tutuila and Manu'a respectively, by virtue of their offices as the hereditary representatives of the people of those islands, for and on behalf of the people, entered into agreements of cession whereby the islands of Tutuila, Aunu'u and Manu'a were ceded to the Government of the United States of America, with all sovereign rights thereunto belonging, to be annexed to said Government, and designated as Tutuila and Manu'a; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Tutuila and Manu'a, for and on behalf of the people of their islands agreed for themselves, and their heirs and representatives by Samoan custom, to owe allegiance to the Government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States agreed to establish a good and sound government, protect traditional rights and property of the Samoan people, and promote the peace and welfare of the people; and,

WHEREAS, the agreements of cession were confirmed by the raising of the Flag of the United States, at the United States Naval Station, Tutuila, and at Fale'ula, Ta'u; and

WHEREAS, our people have always believed that through the success of our children, the future of our people and our culture will be assured; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years many investments have been made in the future of our youth, including the creation of the Department of Youth and Women's Affairs, the building of the Pago Pago Community Youth Center, the Summer Youth Employment Program, the Adopt a School Program, the Boys and Girls Club of American Samoa, the Governor's College Apprenticeship Program, and more; and

WHEREAS, while we can provide them the tools to succeed, our future remains in the hands of our youth to determine; and

WHEREAS, this Flag, Day we celebrate and honor "Our Youth, Our Investment in the Future".

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor of these historical events, and in celebration of this year's theme, "Our Youth, Our Investment in the Future", I, LOLO M. MOLIGA, Governor of American Samoa, proclaim that Manu'a Islands Cession Day will be celebrated on Monday, July 17, 2017, for the observance of appropriate ceremonies, commemorating the raising of the Flag of the United States of America over Fale'ula, Ta'u, American Samoa. I further call upon the government and the people of American Samoa to join in a better future for the territory by vigorously supporting the efforts of our youth to achieve their goals and ideals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature and seal of my Office on this 11th day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

POLOA'IGA FA'ALAUUA'ITELE

TALUAI, o Aperila 17, 1900, ma Iulai 14, 1904, o Matai o Tutuila ma Manu'a fa'aaloaloina, i lo latou tulaga o suli o tagata o ia Motu, ua fai ma sui o tagata e faia se malilie e tu'uina atu ai Motu o Tutuila, Aunu'u ma Manu'a i le Malo o le Iunaite Sitete o Amerika fa'atasi ma aia e pulea ai mea totino i lea lava Malo, ma fa'ailoa ai o Tutuila ma Manu'a; ma,

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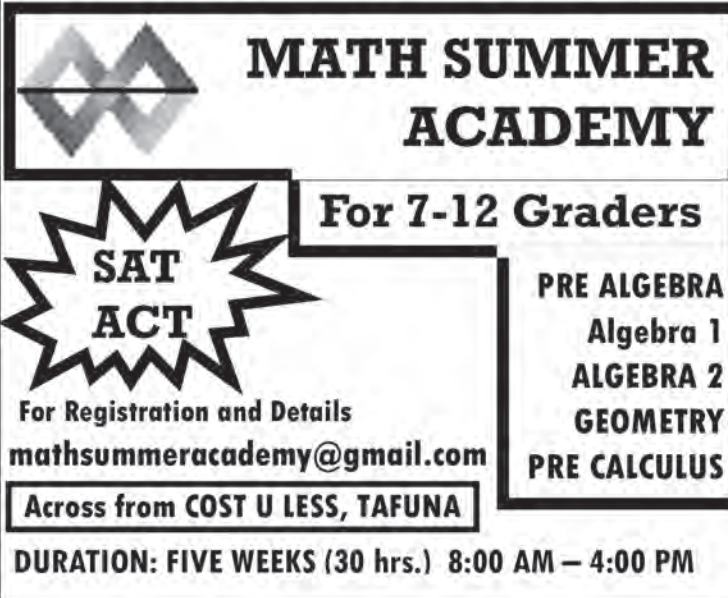
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Emails show Trump Jr. embraced help said to be from Kremlin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's eldest son revealed Tuesday that he was eager to hear damaging information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, disclosing a series of emails that marked the clearest sign to date that Trump's campaign was willing to consider election help from a longtime U.S. adversary. The email exchange posted to Twitter by Donald Trump Jr. showed him conversing with a music publicist who wanted him to meet with a "Russian government attorney" who supposedly had dirt on Clinton as "part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump." The messages reveal that Trump Jr. was told the Russian government had information that could "incriminate" Clinton and her dealings with Russia.

"I love it," Trump Jr. said in one email response.

As the emails reverberated across the political world, Trump Jr. defended his actions in an interview with Fox News, blaming the decision to take the meeting on the "million miles per hour" pace of a presidential campaign and his suspicion that the lawyer might have information about "underreported" scandals involving Clinton. Trump Jr. said the meeting "really went nowhere" and that he never told his father about it because there was "nothing to tell."

"In retrospect I probably would have done things a little differently," Trump Jr. said.

Democrats in Congress voiced outrage and insisted the messages showed clear collusion, with California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, declaring that "all of the campaign's previous denials obviously now have to be viewed in a different context."

Yet Republicans — who stand the most to lose politically from Trump's Russia ordeal — did not join in the condemnation. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he was confident Senate investigators would "get to the bottom of whatever happened."

And Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican on the intelligence committee, cautioned that the emails were "only part of the picture."

Trump Jr., who was deeply involved in his father's presidential campaign, portrayed his decision to release the emails as an effort "to be totally transparent." In fact, they had already been obtained by The New York Times.

Hours after the son posted the emails, the father rose to his defense.

"My son is a high quality person and I applaud his transparency," the president said in a statement read to reporters by White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders. Although Sanders declined to answer questions about the emails, she stood by the White House's longstanding insistence that no one in Trump's campaign colluded to influence the election.

The messages were the latest disclosure to roil the ongoing investigation into Russia's interference in the election and potential collusion with Trump's campaign. U.S. intelligence agencies have said the Russian government meddled in the election through hacking to aid Trump.

As congressional committees and Special Counsel Robert Mueller investigate, the emails will almost certainly be reviewed for any signs of coordination with the Kremlin, which the White House and Trump Jr. have repeatedly said did not take place.

A spokesman for Mueller, the former FBI director, declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation.

In the emails — dated early June 2016, soon after Trump secured the GOP nomination — music publicist Rob Goldstone wrote to Trump Jr. to connect him to Russian attorney Natalia Veselnitskaya. Goldstone wrote that the information "would be very useful to your father."

"If it's what you say I love it especially later in the summer," Trump Jr. replied in one of the emails. Days later, Veselnitskaya met with Trump Jr. on June 9 at Trump Tower in New York. Veselnitskaya has denied ever working for the Russian government.

The emails show Goldstone telling Trump that singer Emin Agalarov and his father, Moscow-based developer Aras Agalarov, had "helped along" the Russian government's support for Trump.

The elder Agalarov was involved with Trump in hosting the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow. The two men once also had preliminary discussions about building a Trump Tower in Moscow, but they fell through. Trump also appeared in a music video with the younger Agalarov.

In his email, Goldstone said that the "Crown prosecutor of Russia" offered to provide the information on Clinton to the

Trump campaign in a meeting with Aras Agalarov. There is no such royal title in the Russian Federation, but Goldstone — who is British — may have been referring to the title given to state prosecutors in the United Kingdom.

In Russia, the top justice official is Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika, the equivalent of the attorney general in the United States. Chaika is longtime confidant of Russian President Vladimir Putin and was directly appointed by him.

Representatives for the Agalarovs didn't respond to requests for comment on Tuesday. Attempts to reach Chaika at his office were unsuccessful.

In one email, Goldstone said he could send the information about Clinton to Trump's father first directly "via Rhona" — an apparent reference to Rhona Graff, the elder Trump's longtime assistant from his days at the helm of the Trump Organization.

Though the emails weren't posted in full until Tuesday, word of their existence had emerged on Monday.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Goldstone described the information as purported evidence of illegal campaign contributions to the Democratic National Committee. It's unclear what proof, if any, Veselnitskaya provided during the meeting.

Trump Jr.'s account of the meeting, its nature and purpose has evolved over the past several days, giving further fuel to critics who say the president and those around him have not been forthcoming as the Russia saga has unfolded.

On Saturday, in his initial description of the encounter, Trump Jr. said it was a "short introductory meeting" focused on the disbanded program that had allowed American adoptions of Russian children. Moscow ended the adoptions in response to Magnitsky Act sanctions created in response to alleged human rights violations in Russia.

A day later, Trump Jr. changed his account, acknowledging that he was told beforehand that Veselnitskaya might have information "helpful" to the Trump campaign, and was told by her during the meeting that she had something about Clinton.

In his most recent description of what occurred, on Tuesday, Trump Jr. said he had believed the information he would hear about Clinton would be political opposition research.

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them wisely, because the government had argued for 5 years for each defendant. Patea reminded the defendants that this is the opportunity for them to change their lives and find employment.

Pre-trial confinement for each defendant is counted towards their jail term.

(Original Samoan stories were published in the Samoa News Lali section Monday and yesterday.)

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Soldier supported Islamic State but remained in military

HONOLULU (AP) — A U.S. soldier who was recently arrested on terrorism charges expressed support for the Islamic State group as early as 2011, but remained in the Army for years while the military and the FBI investigated to determine whether he posed a threat, authorities said.

Sgt. 1st Class Ikaika Kang was taken into custody over the weekend after the 34-year-old veteran of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan declared his loyalty to the terrorist group and exclaimed that he wanted to “kill a bunch of people,” according to authorities.

The case highlights the challenges investigators face with protecting the public from a potentially dangerous actor on one hand and gathering sufficient evidence to enable prosecution on the other.

Kang is on record making pro-Islamic State comments and threatening to hurt or kill other service members back in 2011, according to an FBI affidavit filed Monday in federal court.

The Army revoked his security clearance in 2012, but gave it back to him the following year.

Last year, the Army called the FBI when it “appeared that Kang was becoming radicalized,” the affidavit said.

Retired Army judge and prosecutor Col. Gregory A. Gross said he was perplexed that the Army allowed Kang to remain a soldier even after his favorable comments toward the Islamic State group.

But Gross said the Army may have decided Kang was just mouthing off and was not a threat.

Gross served as the initial judge in the court martial of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, an Army psychiatrist who killed 13 people and wounded more than 30 in a 2009 shooting at Fort Hood, Texas.

He said Tuesday he was concerned by the similarities between Kang and Hasan’s case.

“He was making all these statements, and giving these presentations,” said Gross, who is currently a civilian defense attorney for military service members.

Lt. Col. Curtis J. Kellogg, a spokesman for the 25th Infantry Division, declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation.

Kang’s court-appointed lawyer, Birney Bervar, said his client may suffer from service-related mental health issues of which the government was aware but neglected to treat.

He declined to elaborate.

Noel Tipon, an attorney in military and civilian courts, said there’s nothing in the Army manual on

removing soldiers from the service that would address allegations like speaking favorably about a group like Islamic State.

He suspects the FBI wanted Kang to stay in the Army while they investigated whether he had collaborators.

“They probably said ‘let’s monitor it and see if we can get a real terrorist cell,’” said Tipon, who served in the Marine Corps.

The FBI said its investigation showed Kang was acting on his own.

Spokesman Arnold Laanui said the probe took nearly a year given the evidence that needed to be collected and the constitutional rights that needed to be protected.

“These tend to be very meticulous and time-consuming matters,” Laanui said. Public safety, he said, was at the forefront of the case, he said.

The FBI outlined its evidence against Kang in a 26-page affidavit filed Monday.

It includes allegations Kang filmed a combat training video for Islamic State and bought a drone he believed would be sent to the Middle East to help the group’s fighters.

Agents said none of the military documents — classified and unclassified — Kang gave to people he believed were affiliated with Islamic State ever got to the group.

Kang’s father told Honolulu television station KHON and the Star-Advertiser newspaper his son may have had post-traumatic stress disorder.

Kang told the newspaper he became concerned after his son’s return from Afghanistan.

He said his son was withdrawn.

Kang enlisted in the Army in December 2001, just months after the Sept. 11 attacks. He served in South Korea from 2002 to 2003.

He deployed to Iraq from March 2010 to February 2011 and Afghanistan from July 2013 to April 2014.

Kang was scheduled to appear in court Thursday for a detention hearing.



In this Monday, July 10, 2017 photo, Clifford Kang, father of soldier Ikaika E. Kang, poses with photo of his son in Kailua, Hawaii. Ikaika E. Kang, an active-duty U.S. soldier, was arrested over the weekend on terrorism charges that accuse him of pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group and saying he wanted to “kill a bunch of people.”

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Tributes flow for Samoan pioneer of the arts

by Sara Vui-Talitu, Senior Journalist- RNZ

July 6, 2017 — The passing away of Seiuli Tuilagi Allan Alo Vaai is bringing together many people from different walks of life to pay tribute to a life lived to the fullest.

Known as one of the most creative and flamboyant choreographers in the Pacific, he was also a multi-talented dancer, director and pioneer of the arts.

Seiuli had worked hard to set up the Samoa Arts Council when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer last year.

His last projects included work on a Samoa Fashion Week last year, and he opened Samoa's first official dance space.

In his youth he studied in New Zealand before heading back to the region to start a Bachelor degree in Expressive Arts with the University of the South Pacific (USP) and founded the Oceania Dance Theatre.

Seiuli produced many shows for the likes of the Teuila Festival, Hip Hop Challenges, the Small Islands Developing Nations conference to name a few.

He was also the Director for the USP Outreach Programme in Samoa and launched the Samoa Arts Council.

Samoa Arts Council vice president, Saumaiafe Dr Vanya Taule'alo said as well as working together, they were great friends.

Samoa is the poorer for his untimely passing, though he lived longer than what doctors had anticipated, he said.

"He had a huge shock and so did everybody else that his time on earth might be quite limited but he was incredibly positive and he had a strong belief in God and he just thought he'd be cured, and so it's very sad."

Saumaiafe said and he was such an advocate for showcasing Samoan culture, traditional and contemporary performance art forms and he engaged the youth.

"He was very loving and caring to youth that he mentored to students in both Fiji and Samoa. If anything, I think his legacy will be watching them grow develop and some of the Fijian dancers have developed arts schools of their own for dance, and this will be his legacy."

The director of Pacific Dance New Zealand, Sefa Enari said in a recent interview together, that he wanted to give more opportunities for local Samoans to collaborate and travel.

"I think that the Pacific culture and modern arts, is really in focus with his passing and

I think we take it for granted that people are going to be here forever to support the growth of the arts within the Pacific as well as New Zealand.

"I think he's done a tremendous job for the Samoan people and it is gonna be a real huge loss for the Pacific region as well as the Samoan community."

Family member Sam Sefuiva said there were two key things that his cousin was passionate about.

"One was to do with faafafine in terms of their plight, and their lifestyle, and putting it out there about contemporary faafafine in Samoa society", he said.

"The second is one that
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One of Seiuli Tuilagi Allan Alo Vaai's pieces being performed

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[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

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result of the public auctions.

Referring to the vehicles, Asalele said the highest they've seen a vehicle sell for is \$8,000 and the lowest was about \$700. She said some of the vehicles sold are still running. "We see some of those cars on the road today."

According to her, those who come by to inspect vehicles usually drive off the lot once they win the bid. "These people come in with everything from tires to steering wheels, and once they find out they've won, they fix the problem right then and there, and end up driving away." She pointed out that contrary to popular belief, it isn't just the mechanics who come by to purchase the used vehicles for parts. "It's much bigger than that. Everyone from the community comes out and that's what makes this even better. It's open to everyone and anyone."

She said commercial coolers, stoves, and other equipment — mostly from the School Lunch Program — are usually picked up by business owners who find that buying the items second-hand saves them a lot of money. Samoa News witnessed a local business owner yesterday browsing through the convection oven section and inquiring about the stand-up coolers.

Asalele reminds everyone that all the items on display and up for auction are sold on an 'as is' basis, meaning even her and

her staff do not know if the office equipment and electronics, like copy machines, computers, and flat screen television sets, are in operable condition.

All items come with their own individual 'lot number' and there is a minimum bid requirement. For example, one of the vehicles up for auction is a 2004 Ford Van that comes with a minimum bid of \$300.

Rules and regulations are in place to ensure that everything goes smoothly. For example, bidders must be 18 years old or older, and bidders who bid below the minimum will be warned. Falling below the minimum bid twice will result in the bidder being asked to leave the premises immediately and they will be suspended from bidding for five years.

Any bids provided by the bidder for the remaining lots will be disqualified and all of the bidders 10% will not be awarded but instead, used for OPM auction expenses.

Winning bidders may make full payment on auction day, otherwise, they have five days to pay up. Payments must be made in form of cash or check, which will be verified by the Treasury Department's Revenue Division.

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Some of the copy machines being auctioned off this week at the Office of Property Management. Items like used office equipment, kitchen appliances, jet skis and vehicles are being sold for pennies on the dollar during the auction.

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“The biggest challenge for this administration is to expand our revenue base,” he said, adding that this can be achieved through the revenue measures submitted to the Fono. The governor again reiterated what he told the Fono on Monday that American Samoa must now depend on itself and less on the federal government.

He told directors, “don’t be afraid to make decisions that will be beneficial to the community”.

Other issues on the cabinet meeting agenda were the 2018 fiscal year budget update and the Manu’a Cession Day, or Manu’a Flag Day.

FY 2018 BUDGET UPDATE

ASG Office of Planning and Budget deputy director Aokuso Satia gave an update on the status of the final FY 2018 budget, which he says is being finalized and 90% of the budget submissions from ASG agencies and departments are already received.

If any department or agency wants additional money, over the ceiling already set by the governor, Satia said there isn’t any money left.

(The budget ceiling is 90% of the approved FY 2017 budget — for local revenues.)

Lolo pointed out that the budget book should go to the ASG Print Shop later next week and for all agencies to ensure that all their submissions are done by this Friday.

At the same time, they can submit a supplemental proposal for other needs of the department or office, and this will be provided to the Fono as well, Lolo said.

MANU’A FLAY DAY

Regarding the Manu’a Cession Day, which is July 16th and falls on a Sunday this year, Manu’a District Governor Laolagi F.S. Vaeao said it will be a one-day event set for next week Monday, July 17th on Ta’u island.

With the government’s current financial condition, Laolagi said the program is scaled back, with only the flag raising ceremony and other small events on the agenda. While certain VIPs as well as the governor, will fly to Ta’u on Monday morning for the ceremony, the rest will be sailing on the MV Sili, over the weekend, according to information announced at the cabinet meeting.

The governor is expected to release soon an official general memorandum declaring Monday, an ASG holiday. The governor’s proclamation for Manu’a Cession Day is published in today, tomorrow and Friday’s editions of Samoa News.

Samoa News will report later this week on other issues from the cabinet meeting including the Governor’s Adopt-A-School Program presentation and the reason ASDOE officials were present yesterday.v

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past tuna fishing activities in the areas now designated as a Monument have led to any decline in stocks, or caused any negative impact at all.” Tri Marine requests that a process begin to remove the restrictions on commercial fishing for tuna in the Monument outside 50 nautical miles from shore and to affirm that tuna shall be managed either pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act bottom-up process or through conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and implemented by the United States.

Tri Marine last December

shut down its Samoa Tuna Processors cannery operations in American Samoa, saying it was temporary. And, late last month, Tri Marine said in a statement that the company was continuing to explore options for the cannery, including an arrangement with another operator to reopen the facility.

Meanwhile, the US Commerce Department on June 26th issued a notice that it was seeking public comments pursuant to the President’s executive order, “Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy,” signed on April 28th.

The federal agency has been

conducting a review of all designations and expansions of National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments since April 28, 2007. The notice identifies eleven National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments subject to the review. Among the eleven identified in the notice is the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa and the PRIMNM.

Details of the notice can be found online at www.regulations.gov and comments may be submitted no later than July 26, 2017.



[l-r] Manu’a District Governor, Laolagi F.S. Vaeao; Paramount Builders Inc., president Papali’i Lauli’i Alofa and Public Works director Faleosina Voigt last Friday morning inside the newly dedicated \$4.6 million ASPA Operations Center building in Tafuna.

[photo: FS]



Voter fraud panel tells states to hold off on sending data

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Donald Trump’s commission on election fraud is telling states to hold off on providing detailed voter information in the face of increasing legal challenges.

The commission had given states until July 14 to provide data including names, birth dates and partial Social Security numbers, but in an email Monday, the panel’s designated officer told states to hold off until a judge rules on a lawsuit filed by the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington.

In its initial filings in that case, the commission said it planned to collect the data via a Department of Defense file exchange program. After the privacy group said that system was neither secure nor approved to collect such information, the commission said the director of White House information technology would repurpose an existing system instead, and information already sent by Arkansas through the defense department program would be deleted.

“The Commission may not play ‘hide the ball’ with the nation’s voter records,” the group wrote. “With such vast demands for personal information come commensurate responsibilities to provide security and privacy, and to comply with all legal obligations. Surely that is fundamental for an organization charged with promoting ‘election integrity.’”

The commission, which has until July 17 to respond to the amended complaint, has argued that there is nothing wrong with one government entity sharing

public information with another and that the privacy group has not made a case that any of its members would be harmed by it.

Trump, a Republican, created the commission in May to investigate his allegations — offered without evidence — that millions of people voted illegally in 2016. The White House on Monday announced that Trump plans to add two more members: J. Christian Adams, a columnist for the conservative site PJ Media and author of a book about the “racial agenda” of President Barack Obama’s administration’s Justice Department; and Alan Lamar King, a probate judge in Alabama.

Democrats blast the commission as a biased panel bent on voter suppression, and 17 states and the District of Columbia are refusing to comply with the commission’s request. Many others plan to provide only limited publicly available information.

At a news conference in Washington on Tuesday, Democratic lawmakers argued that the commission’s aim is to suppress voting rather than to root out fraud.

They said they worry the data will become a clearinghouse for hackers.

“The private information of millions and millions of American citizens would be put out there for all to see,” said Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., who joined other members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in sending a letter to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions questioning whether the administration has the legal authority to request voter information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FINANCE MANAGER American Samoa

Overview

We are a multi-national group involved in manufacturing, sourcing and distributing consumer goods across the Pacific Region. We distribute our own products as well as 3rd party branded products in American Samoa.

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- Controlling costs, ensuring costs within budget and monthly reconciliations of various balance sheet items.
- Year-End audit coordination & group financial statements preparation.
- Assist CFO/ Business Unit head in data/information and adhoc projects as may be required.

Requirements

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- 3 to 5 years related experience, commercial experience given higher weightage.
- Strong analytical skills and technical knowledge.
- Attention to detail and the ability to meet timelines, strict adherence to processes.
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**American Samoa Government
OFFICE OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Office of Property Management announces its Public Auction of various items. Items that are declared as survey items by different Government Department/Agencies at **AS IS BASIS**. Items such as: vehicles, stake trucks, boats, jet skies, convention ovens, office equipments, and many more. The public is invited for viewing starting **July 10 to July 12, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:30 p.m.**

WHERE: Tafuna, Office of Property Management

WHEN: Thursday, July 13, 2017

TIME: 8:30 AM

Bid forms are available at the Office of Property Management, Tafuna during normal working hours starting **July 10 to July 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** All bids shall be sealed and include 10% of the bidding price when you submit your bid. All **BIDS** are to be turned in to Poleen Natia Asalele – Asst. Chief on **July 13, 2017 no later than 11:30 am**

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people saw him as a dancer but he was also a choreographer, a producer, and a champion of the arts and in particular dance, and he really pushed all elements and spheres of dance in the Pacific.”

Seiuli was a strong advocate for HIV work in the Pacific and he was also very proud to be a faafafine, with many giving testament to his hard work.

Sam Sefuiva said he’d light up any room.

“He filled a room when he walked into it, but he also made sure that people who didn’t have a voice were given a voice. He was just a natural personality who was able to inject a confidence and participation for all of those people he met and a really nice guy.”

Seiuli was from the villages of Falealupo, Vaisala, Asau, Safotu, Fogapoa, Fatausi and

Samatau. He is the youngest child of seven for Alapati Alo Va’ai and Sofaea Tanielu Alo Vaa’i.

He died the day before his 43rd birthday, surrounded by loved ones in New Zealand, and flown to Samoa for burial.

Samoa News attended Seiuli’s opening of Samoa’s first official dance space, last year, which was also a fundraiser for the studio, that was a joint effort between the private sector and the government.

He and his group also performed during the 2016- 17 Miss Samoa Pageant allowing a glimpse of Seiuli’s strong commitment to championing the arts, via dance in the Pacific.

Samoa News offer its deepest condolences to Seiuli’s family for the loss of a loved one, and to Samoa for the loss of one of its greatest pioneers.



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DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE Project Notification & Review System

Legal Notice PNRS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING July 19, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Commerce/American Samoa Coastal Management Program has received a Land Use Permit Application from the following individuals.

- Shalom & Helen Tavita** 17-4731-L
Proposal for new construction with utilities and septic tank - Malae'imi
- J.V Fuamatu Fuamatu** 17-4759-L
Proposal for land filling - Afao
- MHJ Development Comp c/o Gerhard Haleck** 17-4766-LVB
Proposal for repair to commercial structure - Pago Pago
- DOE/ECE c/o DPW** 17-4785-L(Aoa)
Federal Consistency Certification, extension and new construction with utilities
17-4786-L(Nua)
17-4787-L(Lauli'i)
17-4788-L(Vatia)
17-4789-L(Aunuu)
- Mathew Failauga** 17-4765-L
Proposal to renew Lupa\$14-2577-L) Dry Litter Piggery - Pava'ia'i

Persons interested in or affected by a proposed project, are invited to review the project file and provide comments based on environmental issues, by contacting Aokusotino Mao at 633-5155, at the Department of Commerce in Utulei during regular ASG working hours. Public comments must be received no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2017**. Interested individuals are also invited to attend a Public Hearing at **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at DOC Conference Room, on the 2nd Floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.**

O lo'o iai i le Ofisa o Fa'afetauaina ni talosaga mo Pemitā e Fa'atagaina ai le Fa'aaogaina o Fanua ma Laualeele e tusa ma ala o le Tulafono. A iai se tasi e fa'asea pe fia tusa se molimau i ni afaina o le si'osi'omaga pe a galueaina nei galuega, telefoni mai ia Aokusotino Mao i le **633-5155**. E mafai fo'i ona e auai i le fono a le Komiti Fa'afaoe ia **lulai 19, 2017, ile itula e 9 ile taeao.**

Abort! Airliner nearly lands on other San Francisco planes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The pilot of an Air Canada plane carrying 140 passengers made a last-minute maneuver to avoid landing on a taxiway at San Francisco International Airport where four passenger jets were lined up to take off.

Federal officials said Tuesday they are investigating why the pilot mistakenly made his approach toward the taxiway instead of the runway just to the left.

An air traffic controller ordered the Airbus 320 to abort and circle for another landing, which it did without incident Friday night.

Aviation-safety consultant Todd Curtis said it was "definitely a serious event since a landing on an active taxiway could lead to a catastrophic accident."

In audio posted on liveatc.net, which records flight communications, the pilot on the plane from Toronto and the air traffic controller sounded calm as the close call unfolded.

At first, the pilot said he sees "some lights on the runway," apparently alluding to planes on the taxiway, the aviation equivalent of feeder roads that planes use to roll between runways and terminals.

The controller assures the pilot there is no one on the runway.

Seconds later, another voice — apparently one of the pilots on the taxiway — interjects, "Where's this guy going? He's on the taxiway."

The controller orders the Air Canada jet to "go around," and the pilot acknowledges the command.

Roughly 30 seconds later, a United Airlines pilot on the taxiway says the jet "flew directly over us."

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor would not comment on how close Air Canada Flight 759 came to disaster, citing his agency's ongoing investigation.

The National Transportation Safety Board also will review what happened.

"Any time you have an incident where there's a potential for a catastrophic event, we take an interest," spokesman Keith Holloway said.

It is rare for pilots to mistake a taxiway for a runway, and when it happens, it usually involves small planes at smaller airports.

Taxiways do not have the same distinctive markings and lighting as runways.

Earlier this year, actor Harrison Ford flew over an airliner and landed his small plane on a taxiway at John Wayne Airport in Southern California. The

FAA did not sanction Ford.

Collisions on the ground are particularly dangerous because planes waiting to take off are loaded with fuel.

The worst crash in aviation history occurred in 1977 when a KLM Boeing 747 taking off in the Canary Islands plowed into a Pan Am 747 that was waiting to take off; 583 people died in the crash and fires.

In December 2015, an Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 landed on a central taxiway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

No one was injured. The San Francisco incident, which Air Canada says it too is examining, was first reported Monday by the Bay Area News Group.

It happened in clear weather and with the pilot — not the plane's autopilot — in control. Under these "visual flight rules," pilots must distinguish between runways and taxiways using their eyes, experience and available data from onboard computers.

Curtis, the safety consultant, said it was impossible to know how often commercial pilots line up their landing for a taxiway instead of a runway because government databases only capture that if there is an accident or serious incident.

Other aviation safety experts noted that while safety systems did work in the end, the incident was serious and could have been calamitous.

Investigators will focus on "how did this series of errors occur, and why didn't safeguards kick in earlier than they did?" said John Cox, a safety consultant and retired airline pilot.

Cox said it was likely that even if the air traffic controllers didn't order the Air Canada plane to pull up and make another approach, the crew would have seen planes on the taxiway in time to avoid landing on them.

He said pilots practice low-altitude go-arounds and can perform them even 20 or 30 feet above the ground.

Investigators will be able to determine the Air Canada plane's altitude and exact location using the flight-data recorder.

Chris Manno, an American Airlines pilot for 32 years who regularly lands in San Francisco, agreed that a crash was unlikely even without a command to go around.

The pilot "is not just blindly going to say, 'I'm going to land on these aircraft,'" Manno said.

A spokesman for San Francisco's airport declined to comment.

Cadaver dogs used, dirt sifted in search for 4 missing men

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police used cadaver dogs, a backhoe and other construction equipment Tuesday to help search a sprawling farm for four missing men believed to be victims of foul play. A prosecutor, meanwhile, described a man who was held on an unrelated gun charge, but has since been released on bail, as a person of interest in the investigation.

District Attorney Matthew Weintraub said bail was set at \$1 million Monday for Cosmo DiNardo, whose family owns the farmland and another property that was searched, because he was considered a flight risk. But Weintraub did not call him a suspect and cautioned there is often a “chasm” between being called a “person of interest” in an investigation and being charged with a crime.

DiNardo, 20, is accused of illegally possessing a shotgun and ammunition in February. A court affidavit said he had suffered from mental illness and had been involuntarily committed to an institution for inpatient care. It did not say when the commitment had occurred. The charge had been dismissed by a judge but was refiled.

Late Tuesday, DiNardo was released after he posted 10 percent of his bail amount in cash, according to the Bucks County District Attorney’s Twitter account. A busload of police cadets also took part in the third day of the search of farmland in Solebury Township, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of Philadelphia.

Aerial TV footage on Tuesday showed law enforcement officers crowded around a deep trench — a backhoe parked next to it — as officers used shovels to dig deeper and passed up buckets of dirt that were then screened with sifters.

“We want to be careful not to miss the tiniest piece of evidence,” Weintraub said at an earlier briefing.

The missing are 22-year-old Mark Sturgis, 21-year-old Tom Meo, 19-year-old Dean Finocchiaro and 19-year-old Jimi Tar Patrick, a student at Loyola University in Baltimore. Patrick disappeared on Wednesday, the other three on Friday.

Sturgis and Meo are long-time friends who work at the Sturgis family’s construction business, and Finocchiaro is a mutual friend, Sturgis’ father has said.

Police have received “a ton of leads” and are making progress, but the entire 90-acre (0.14-square-mile) property is of interest to investigators, Weintraub said. He said investigators were also working across the county. The farm property is owned by DiNardo’s parents, Antonio and Sandra DiNardo. Neither the DiNardos nor their son’s lawyer could be reached for comment.

Peter Dragani, a Bensalem real estate agent who said he coached Cosmo DiNardo in a youth football league and has stayed in touch with the family over the years, described the jailed young man as a “model citizen.”



Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney for Bucks County, Pa., speaks to a member of the media after a news conference, Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in Solebury, Pa. The search for four missing young Pennsylvania men feared to be the victims of foul play resumed Tuesday, a day after authorities arrested a man linked to a property that has become the focus of the investigation.

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Ghoulish online game urges young people to end their lives

DALLAS (AP) — The family of a Texas teen who hanged himself says their son was involved in a ghoulish online game that calls on participants to complete a series of tasks before taking their own lives, and some schools are warning parents about the so-called Blue Whale Challenge.

Jorge Gonzalez told San Antonio television station WOAI (<http://bit.ly/2ufDDhG>) that he wanted to caution others after his son, Isaiah, was found hanging in his bedroom closet Saturday in the family’s home with his cellphone propped up on a shoe to record his death.

A report on the boy’s death from the San Antonio Police Department does not mention the challenge.

But Gonzalez’ family said in the days after the teen died, they pieced together from his social media and communication with friends that he had participated in the game.

His sister, Alexis, told the TV station that a person behind the challenge had gathered personal information from Isaiah and had threatened to harm the family.

The police department did not return a message left by The Associated Press asking whether authorities were investigating the game as a factor in the case.

Many parents and other authorities are skeptical that the game actually exists, citing a lack of suicides directly attributed to it.

Agent Michelle Lee of the FBI’s San Antonio office said the agency is not assisting in the investigation, but urged par-

ents to monitor their children’s online activities.

“It’s a reminder of one of the many dangers and vulnerabilities that children face using various social media and apps online every day,” Lee said.

“Parents must remain vigilant and monitor their child’s usage of the internet.”

Gonzalez is the second parent this week to tell news outlets about a child who died by suicide allegedly as a result of the game.

A Georgia woman spoke Monday to CNN about her 16-year-old daughter killing herself as part of the challenge but asked that their names not be used.

Educators, law enforcement officers and parents across the country have reported rumors about the challenge for months. But until this week, there had been no allegations in the United States about a death directly linked to the game.

Suicides in Russia, Brazil and a half dozen other countries were reportedly linked to the challenge in cases that usually involved teenagers or young adults.

Notes have been posted on school district social media pages and sent home to parents in school districts across the country, including Vacaville, California; Baldwin County, Alabama; Warwick, Rhode Island; and Denver.

In Connecticut, Danbury Public Schools Superintendent Sal Pascarella sent a short note to parents around May after administrators from the district’s 19 schools started hearing about the challenge from kids as

young as elementary schoolers.

“The elementary school principals started hearing their kids talk about this thing. Then the secondary principals started mentioning the same thing,” he said.

“We discovered on our school network content about the challenge had been looked at on YouTube. ... I decided I would rather err on the side of information with parents.”

Parents allege that teens reach out to game administrators called curators through various social media platforms.

Those curators lead the players through 50 days of challenges including watching scary movie clips, cutting symbols into their arms and legs and taking pictures of themselves in dangerous positions such as on the edge of a roof or on train tracks.

The participants are allegedly required to take pictures of their challenges being completed and share them before being directed to end their lives on the 50th day.

A search of related hashtags on Instagram shows users posting pictures of scars and cuts or memes that depict suicide, and a similar Twitter search shows users reaching out for curators to lead them through the game.

Instagram warns that some images tagged under some of the related phrases could be harmful and directs users to mental health resources.

Twitter assesses reports of self-harm or suicide and also directs users to mental health or suicide-prevention resources.



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Mother, Grandmother, & Great-Grandmother

Sunrise: March 31, 1932 - Sunset: June 30, 2017



“Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.”

Proverbs 31:30-31

Family service: July 14th, 2017

will be held at 11:00a.m.

at the Malaeimi Stake Center,

of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Final Services to immediately follow at 1:30p.m. at the Malaeimi Stake Center.

Final Resting Place will be at her daughter Carolyn Ho Ching-Tuia’s residence in Malaeimi.

In honor of our beloved mother’s humble request, there will be no Fa’a-Samoa. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us honor our mother’s wishes.