



Paul Collins (second from left), an American Samoan with Pope Francis at the Vatican. He was included at the last minute, to greet the Pope, due to a last minute withdrawal of a youth delegate, when the pontiff arrived at a pre-synod youth gathering in Rome this week. See story inside for details.

[photo: Catholic News Agency]

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Le'i says DPS and feds have a close relationship

BASHES SAMOA NEWS FOR REPORTING 'BAD NEWS TO SELL THE NEWSPAPER'

by Ausage Fausia

Samoa News Reporter

Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson has accused Samoa News of not reporting anything positive about DPS's daily service to the community, including issues that were discussed during a hearing before the House Budget and Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, where a lot of faipule praised him for the work being carried out by police officers — but they only report “bad news to sell their newspaper.”

This was Le'i's response when he was questioned by committee chairman Rep. Manumaua Wayne Wilson during a hearing yesterday, on allegations that inmates are allegedly being assaulted by prison guards.

Le'i was subpoenaed to appear before the committee, along with the Fire Bureau Division chief, DPS Deputy Commissioners Falana'ipupu Taase Sagapolutele and Vaimaga Maiava, and Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) Warden, Tauese Va'aomala Sunia.

Various issues were discussed during the nearly 2-hour hearing.

It was Manumaua who asked Le'i to elaborate on the allegations of inmate mistreatment at the TCF.

The faipule wanted to know if the news reports about the claims are true or not.

Le'i started his lengthy response by saying that every morning, before he heads to work, the first thing he does is read the newspaper to see if there is anything in there about DPS that he isn't aware of, so he can raise it during his daily briefings with DPS senior staff members.

He personally thanked House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale for statements that were published in the newspaper yesterday morning, in response to Rep. Toeaina Faufano Autele's comment that he will do whatever he can to ensure the issue reaches the federal court.

Savali told faipule on Tuesday, to consider the fact that inmates at the TCF are convicts and under the supervision of DPS, and they should be thankful for the treatment they're receiving in prison, because “half a loaf is better than nothing.”

Savali said it is the responsibility of faipule to find ways to assist Le'i and those in power, especially those looking after the inmates, instead of trying to protect the inmates and pointing fingers at the prison guards. (See yesterday's Samoa News edition for full story).

Le'i referred to the newspaper article and said the comments

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Plaintiffs in ANZ Bank case want the matter to move forward as a class action suit

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

The three American Samoa residents, who are suing ANZ Guam Inc., for alleged violations of federal law, are asking the federal court in Guam to allow the case to “proceed as a class action” suit, in which other bank customers facing alleged similar situations can join.

The complaint filed Mar. 21st, identifies the plaintiffs as Ronald Parker, Fa'afetai Parker and Tualagi Gaoteote, “on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated”. It also says that Ronald Parker and Gaoteote are both US military retirees.

The complaint alleges that ANZ is liable for its systematic violations of the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) of 1968, for failing to provide homeowners with accurate periodic statements regarding the mortgages it services. And it cites specific allegations of violations committed by the ANZ Guam Inc., dba in Pago Pago as ANZ American Samoa Bank.

The Law Office of Peter C. Perez in Hagatna, Guam represent the plaintiffs.

According to court documents, the plaintiffs are asking the court to determine that this action may proceed as a class action, under federal rules, and appoint Plaintiffs' counsel as counsel for the Class action.

If the court approves this portion of plaintiffs' request, others can join in as part of the Class action suit, and the Plaintiffs' attorney will be responsible for the distribution of a notice about it, according to federal court rules and other legal information available online.

In the complaint, the plaintiffs also asked, among other things, for the court to award them damages, as appropriate; and to cease and desist charging late fees in violation of the mortgage documents.

Additionally, they want it declared that the defendant improperly failed to provide appropriate periodic statements; failed to provide appropriate and timely notices of interest rate

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Three ASPA workers on a return boat ride last Friday from Aunu'u to Auasi. See story for details inside.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

The ball is rolling on the development of alia fishery in Aunu'u



A look at the main area, or 'aai' of the island-village of Aunu'u, last Friday. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The island-village of Aunu'u is getting help from the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council to develop its 'alia fishery.

Among the issues raised during a presentation on American Samoa, at last week's Council meeting in Honolulu, was an update on Aunu'u's flake ice machine, which Council staff member, Nate Ilaoa said is a fishery development project the Council is working on, to provide an ice machine and ice storage bin there.

Ilaoa said this was a request from the village, in order to "help develop its 'alia fishery."

"Currently we are looking into solar panel and inverter to exchange for the cost of water with the Department of Public Works (DPW), who will be housing the ice machine in their building that is adjacent to the boat ramp," said Ilaoa, who's hoping the project is completed when the next Council meeting is held in June on Maui island, Hawai'i.

The American Samoa Community Activities and Issues Report, which was submitted

ahead of the Council meeting, shows that the ice machine will have a capacity of 930 lbs/24 hours production; while the storage bin will have a capacity of 300 pounds.

The report also states that the DPW site was selected through consultation with both the chiefs of Aunu'u village and DPW, which "has been extremely helpful in the efforts to complete this project."

According to the report, the Council has obtained cost information on an ice machine, a storage bin, and the associated parts and warranty. Additionally, the Council is investigating costs associated with the installation of a solar power system that would offset any costs incurred by ASG for utilities for the building, while adding additional power savings to the entire facility's operations.

"The people of Aunu'u are very interested in further developing their 'alia fishery. Being isolated from Tutuila, the residents are very dependent on fish caught by village 'alia owners," the report points out. "The catch is both sold to sustain their fishing boats, given to feed family members, and contribute

to community fa'avelave obligations."

The report notes that the village asked the Council for assistance in developing infrastructure for their small 'alia fishery.

This partnership between the Council, the village of Aunu'u, and ASG will assist in the development of the 'alia small vessel fishery on Aunu'u, according to the report; and availability of the ice machine for use by Aunu'u 'alia fishermen will increase their ability to provide higher quality fresh fish for commercial and subsistence purposes.

OTHER INFORMATION

One of the main products from Aunu'u that satisfies the taste buds of many on Tutuila is their taro and there is hope on Tutuila of more taro from there.

Last week Friday, a Samoa News reporter visited Aunu'u and on the boat ride between Auasi on Tutuila and Aunu'u island was an individual who is connected with local businesses.

Samoa News was told by the individual that he wasn't only going to Aunu'u to visit, he was looking at the possibility of setting up a business on the island-village. No further details were disclosed.



A Friday, March 16, 2018 Samoa News photo of the island-village of Aunu'u, taken during a boat ride from the Auasi wharf on Tutuila island. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Letter to the Editor

Hoping the feds get involved in the
TCF case, sooner than later...

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the front page article about the Manu'a faipule's belief that the federal government should be brought in to look into the allegations of prisoner mistreatment of inmates at the TCF.

How interesting that our esteemed Speaker of the Fono does not support this idea. Let's look back on some recent history concerning our Mr. Speaker.

How about the large amount of drugs that were allegedly found in his truck last year? However, he was never charged, and certainly it must have all been a big misunderstanding. He walked away 'scot free'.

I happen to know that the FBI has already been contacted in regards to the prisoner situation, and are taking a very active look into a number of allegations, not just mistreatment, but mismanagement of federal monies intended to be used to maintain the health and care of inmates.

The Speaker made an interesting statement that either tells me he is completely ignorant of facts, or simply just out of touch w/ reality.

And I quote, "those who are doing time at TCF are convicts, that inmates have been convicted and therefore, ordered by the court to serve jail time. They should be thankful they're receiving good treatment at the prison".

Need he be reminded that there is a full cell block known as 'Bravo' that houses those who have yet to be convicted of any crime?

They are what is known as 'pending' cases, those who are awaiting their trial date, who cannot afford the absurd bail amounts imposed by our court system; which as I understand it, is simply because the more drug offenses incarcerated, the more federal money is received by ASG to house and maintain these people.

The average wait for a jury trail is about 7 to 8 months time. I am reminded of a recent case, that of Mr. Brian Loma, who chose to plead not guilty in a possession of marijuana case. He was kept in Bravo block for 8 months before his trial began.

This is America, and if memory serves me, the right to a speedy trial is one of the pillars of our judicial system. And let us not forget that these are people too, with basic human rights that have been violated in more ways than I have space to go into.

I also happen to know that the TCF is in violation of a number of federal mandates that require medical personnel in the facility at all times, both for mental and physical conditions. I hope this issue will be addressed too by the Feds when they become more involved.

I understand that there are photos on facebook as well that document the alleged mistreatment of the recent escapees, handcuffed 24-7, sleeping on a bare wet floor. If that's not a violation of basic human rights in the eyes of our Public Safety Dept., then I sincerely hope the FBI gets involved sooner than later.

So naturally, Mr. Speaker does not wish to see the Feds involved, as what they uncover and discover may prove to have serious repercussions. And it's long overdue. The burning question in my mind is whose pockets all the monies intended for inmates that is never seen or used for the care of those in TCF??

John Engle

GONG SHOW 2018



WE REPORT WHAT YOU TELL US —
IT'S WHAT SELLS NEWSPAPERS

His remark about inmates too — brings to mind the truck that arrived in Port last year in his name that Customs allegedly found contained drugs, that to date — the public has not heard of any charges being brought against him or an explanation of why no charges. He's been seen driving the truck around island. Now, it would have been interesting to hear how he fared on "half a loaf" or is that "half a packet of saimini" ... GONG!

So, I'm going to keep it simple in defense of all news media everywhere in the world.

There is always a knee-jerk reaction to shoot the messenger — to shut he/ she or 'us' up. Some countries have passed laws making it a crime to speak out against the powers-that-be, while others have either thrown the news agency out of business and jailed their employees, or in other cases, just killed them and blown up their offices

Unfortunately for Le'i and Savali, and others of like mind, American Samoa is an American territory and as such, Freedom of the Press is guaranteed under the US Constitution. We take this responsibility very seriously and do our best to report to our community what they ask of us and tell us what they care about.

I will give Le'i credit though — he did not say we were reporting "fake" news... we were just reporting 'negative' news ... Actually, Le'i, we report what we're told by our sources, like yourself and Savali... GONG!

Lone Nigerian captive refused to convert for Boko Haram

By SAM OLUKOYA and
BASHIR ADIGUN, Associated
Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — The mother of the only Nigerian schoolgirl still in Boko Haram captivity after the extremists released 104 classmates said Thursday her daughter was blocked from boarding the vehicle to freedom and told to convert to Islam.

Fifteen-year-old Leah refused, Rebecca Sharibu told The Associated Press.

"She was about to board the vehicle that was to bring them back. Then Boko Haram said she should convert," the mother said.

"Her friends said they tried to convince her but she said she will not convert to Islam. Boko Haram said since she will not convert to Islam she should remain behind. That was how they left her. She is alone."

Leah Sharibu, who is Christian, asked her departing Muslim classmates to pray for her.

President Muhammadu Buhari confirmed that Sharibu was the only schoolgirl still held by Boko Haram after the extraordinary release of the girls on Wednesday and vowed that she "will not be abandoned."

Buhari, himself a Muslim, said "true followers of Islam all over the world respect the injunction that there is no compulsion in religion." He added that he looked forward to meeting with the girls who were

freed.

The president's statement had no word on the five girls still unaccounted for.

Also Thursday, the father of one of the five girls said he has been told his daughter and the others are dead.

Inuwa Garba told the AP that friends of his daughter who were freed told him the 16-year-old died from injuries in the frightened stampede that occurred during the mass abduction in Dapchi a month ago.

"They told me five of the girls died and my daughter, who was among them, was the first to die" the day the girls were seized, Garba said. The survivors told him the bodies were buried in the bush.

"I believe what the girls told me because they were all together and saw what happened," he said.

The freed girls have been taken to the capital, Abuja, where they are expected to meet Buhari on Friday.

The Boko Haram extremists brought back the girls they had kidnapped from a boarding school, dropping them off with a warning: "Don't ever put your daughters in school again." Boko Haram means "Western education is forbidden" in the Hausa language.

The abductions in Dapchi have evoked painful memories of the tragedy in Chibok, where 276 girls were kidnapped from their boarding school. Nearly four years later, about 100 of

them have never returned home. Many had been forced to marry their captors and had children fathered by them.

The Nigerian government denies that it paid a ransom or made a prisoner swap in exchange for the Dapchi girls' freedom. Both occurred before the largest release of Chibok schoolgirls last year.

The latest mass abduction is thought to have been carried out by a Boko Haram splinter group aligned with the Islamic State group that has criticized the leader of the main Boko Haram organization for targeting civilians and has focused instead on military and Western targets.

Nigeria's government under Buhari has repeatedly claimed victory over Boko Haram in recent months but the extremists continue to carry out deadly suicide bombings in the north, often using young women who have been abducted and indoctrinated.

The Dapchi mass abduction has caused a fresh round of outrage, especially about the protection of schools in a region where Boko Haram has kidnapped thousands of people over nearly a decade.

The release of the girls came a day after an Amnesty International report accused the Nigerian military of failing to heed several warnings of the imminent attack on Feb. 19 during which the girls were seized. The military has called the report an "outright falsehood."



Maj- Gen. Rogers Nicholas, Theatre Commander, operation Lafiya dole, carries one of the freed school girls from the Government Girls Science and Technical College Dapchi, during a handover to government officials in Maiduguri, Nigeria, Wednesday March. 21, 2018. Witnesses say Boko Haram militants have returned an unknown number of the 110 girls who were abducted from their Nigeria school a month ago.

(AP Photo/Hamza Suleiman)

Money issues to be discussed by Senate

ESPECIALLY THE AUTHORITY OF THE FONO, BY LAW, TO CONTROL THEIR ANNUAL BUDGET

by Samoa News staff

Money issues, especially the authority of the Fono to — among other things — control the request and disbursement of its annual budget, are on the agenda for next Thursday’s Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing, called by committee chairman Sen. Magalei Logovi’i.

ASG Planning Program and Budget Office director Catherine Saelua is the sole witness for the hearing, which will first focus on the Fono’s authority over the spending of its budget, followed by concerns raised in the House last week that the Fono overspent its first quarter budget allocation by 1% - from the 25% quarterly allocation.

This issue of quarterly allocation for the Fono has surfaced in the past, and has been rejected by not only Fono leaders but by other senators citing local law. And it surfaced again last year, prompting a letter from Legislative Financial Officer, Talamotu Mauga to Saelua, who was reminded — again — of Public Law 19-2, which provides the Legislature with “full authority and control” of funds in its annual budget.

In addition, ASCA 10.0603 — local statute — “Expenditure of Legislature Funds” specifically explains that “Except as otherwise limited by law the Legislature shall have full authority, and control the request, approval, and disbursement of funds in its budget,” Mauga pointed out.

“The Legislature shall be

fully responsible for maintaining proper record-keeping and management over the expenditure of funds,” he wrote to Saelua. “In essence, the budget law is crystal clear that the Legislature and ‘not’ your office has the authority and control of Legislative funds.”

The Fono being a separate branch of government “is not subject to the quarterly budget threshold of 25%” — as stated in another provision of the law, “because we are not a territorial agency,” he said.

According to Mauga, the Fono’s quarterly apportionments “are carefully planned to correspond with our current” budgetary needs, including budgetary reserves to provide for contingencies, in case of an emergency or perhaps an unexpected activity arises during the fiscal year.

Samoa News reported this past Wednesday that the Fono’s total expenditure for the first quarter was \$1.82 million or 26%. However, some in the Fono took issue with the part of the story’s headline that read — all ASG entities stayed within budget, “except the Fono”.

Because of Public Law 19-2 and local statute ASCA 10.0603, some in the Fono believe the “except the Fono” part of the headline is incorrect.

Also to be taken up at Thursday’s committee hearing are reports that the ASG Budget Office is holding the payment of expenditures to the Fono, including travel.

School shooting victim ‘brain dead,’ life support ending

By MATTHEW BARAKAT and BRIAN WITTE, Associated Press

A teenage girl who was shot when a classmate opened fire inside their Maryland high school is brain dead and is being removed from life support, her mother said Thursday.

Melissa Willey told news reporters Thursday night that her daughter, 16-year-old Jaelynn Willey has “no life left in her.” She said Jaelynn would be removed from life support during the evening, by the family’s decision.

The mother, holding a young baby, said, “On Tuesday ... our lives changed completely and totally forever. My daughter was hurt by a boy who shot her in the head and took everything from our lives.”

The teen was shot Tuesday by 17-year-old Austin Rollins at Great Mills High School in St. Mary’s County.

Rollins died after shooting Willey. A school resource officer got there within a minute and fired a shot at Rollins, but

it’s not yet clear whether Rollins was killed by the officer’s bullet or took his own life.

The St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office said Wednesday Rollins and the girl had been in a relationship that recently ended.

“All indications suggest the shooting was not a random act of violence,” police said in a statement.

Willey had been in critical condition at the University of Maryland Prince George’s Hospital Center. A fundraising page to help her family has raised more than \$59,000.

Jaelynn was one of nine siblings, her mother said, and a member of the swim team.

The shooting broke out just before classes were to begin Tuesday, according to the sheriff’s office, which said the gun used belonged to Rollins’ father.

A 14-year-old boy who was shot in the thigh during the encounter was released

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

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CATHEDRAL PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR HOLY WEEK MARCH 25TH – APRIL 1ST, 2018

Sunday, March 25th:	8:00 A.M. PALM SUNDAY (One combined Mass) Blessing of palms in front of Sacred Heart Community Malae..... followed by procession to the Cathedral.
Monday, March 26th:	6:00 A.M. Mass (Samoan as usual)
Tuesday, March 27th:	6:00 A.M. Mass (Samoan as usual) 5:00 P.M. CHRISM MASS (Blessing of Oils & Renewal of Priestly Vows)
Wednesday, March 28th:	6:00 A.M. Mass (Samoan) 6:00 P.M. Novena Mass (Hope House Chapel)
Thursday, March 29th:	HOLY THURSDAY (No Morning Mass) 8:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 mid-night.
Friday, March 30th:	GOOD FRIDAY 5:00 A.M.Stations of the Cross prepared by the Parish Youth.(Starting from Pago Pago International Airport) 3:00 P.M. Passion of our Lord – Veneration of the Cross & Communion Service in the Cathedral.
Saturday, March 31st:	HOLY SATURDAY – NO MORNING MASS 8:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL SERVICE
Sunday, April 1st:	EASTER SUNDAY 5:30 A.M. Filipino Salubong Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 A.M. Mass of Resurrection (Samoan) 9:30 A.M. Mass of Resurrection (English)

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Aso Sa, Mati 25:	ASO SA O LE PALEMA 8:30 i le taeao (Tasi le Misasa tu'ufa'atasi a le Matagaluega) Fa'apa'ia Laupama i luma o le Malae Ekalesia Finagalo Paia o Iesu soso'o ai ma le polosesio mamalu aga'i atu i le Malumalu.
Aso Gafua, Mati 26:	6:00 i le taeao Misasa Masani (Samoa)
Aso Lua, Mati 27:	6:00 i le taeao Misasa masani (Samoa) 5:00 i le afiafi MISASA O LE SUAU'U (Fa'apa'ia Suau'u & Fa'afouga o Tautōga Ositaulaga)
Aso Lulu, Mati 28:	6:00 i le taeao Misasa (Samoa) 6:00 p.m. Misasa Novena (Falesa Maota o Fa'amoemoega)
Aso Tofi, Mati 29:	ASO TOFI PAIA (Leai se Misasa i le taeao) 8:00 i le afiafi Misasa o le Tausama'aga Mulimuli a lo tatou Ali'i ma le Fa'atuina o le tulafono o le alofa soso'o ai ma leoleoga i le Eukalisitifa Paia seia o'o i le vaeluaga o le po - 12:00. (Hope House Chapel)
Aso Faraile, Mati 30:	ASO FARAILE PAIA 5:00 i le taeao ALA I LE KOLUSE saunia e Tupulaga Talavou a le Matagaluega. (Amata mai le Malae Va'alele) 12:00 seia o'o atu i le 2:30 i le aoauli – Ekalesia Filipino fa'atinoina o le Fitu Upu mulimuli a Iesu i totonu o le Hall. 3:00 i le aoauli Pasio a lo tatou Ali'i – Fa'amamaluina o le Koluse, feasogiga ma le Sauniga o le Komunio.
Aso To'ana'i, Mati 31:	ASO TO'ANA'I PAIA – LEAI SE MISASA I LE TAEAO 8:30 i le po.... SAUNIGA O LE PO O LE ALAALAFAGA O LE ESETA.
Aso Sa, Aperila 1:	ASO SA O LE ESETA 5:30 i le taeao Misasa Ekalesia Filipino 7:30 i le taeao Misasa o le Toetu (Samoa) 9:30 i le taeoa Misasa o le Toetu (Fa'aperetania)

IA OUTOU MAUA SE VAIASO SA SILI MANUIA





In this, Wednesday, March 14, 2018 photo, Casey Sherman, center, 17, lead student coordinator for the Parkland march, speaks during a planning meeting with Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students, parents and volunteers in a hotel meeting room in Coral Springs, Fla. The students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School have spearheaded what could become one of the largest marches in history. Organizers say they are expecting perhaps 1 million people in the nation, Æs capital Saturday, March 24. More than 800 sister marches are planned from California to Japan.

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weeks old and weigh at least 5 pounds; cats should be at least 8 weeks old and weigh at least 2 pounds.

Animals should be brought in cages or on a leash.

Nursing mothers (dogs and cats) should wait until puppies or kittens are 8 weeks old and eating solid food before a surgery is performed.

Animals should not be fed the morning surgery is scheduled; water should be offered.

A physical examination will be performed to ensure the animal is healthy enough for surgery. If the animal is sick or injured, medical treatment may be necessary before surgery can be performed.

All animals having surgery will also be dewormed.

Additional services such as vaccinations, flea/tick treatments, and mange treatments will be available at a small additional cost.

All animals being sterilized will receive a small identifying tattoo in their right ear.

Licenses are required by law for dogs in American Samoa, and cost \$5 per sterilized dog, or \$50 for unsterilized dogs.

If you're interested in holding a clinic in your village, please have your pulenu'u contact the veterinary clinic at 699-9445. Clinics will be available for scheduling on Wednesdays.

(Source: DoA- Veterinary Clinic)

After Parkland shooting, world-wide 'March for Our Lives'

By **KELLI KENNEDY**, Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. (AP) — They can't buy a beer or rent a car and most aren't even old enough to vote, yet the students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School have spearheaded what could become one of the largest marches in history with nearly 1 million people expected in Washington and more than 800 sister marches from California to Japan.

In the wake of a Valentine's Day shooting that killed 17, the teens have pulled all-nighters, scheduling speakers, petitioning city councils, renting stages and walking march routes with police in a grass-roots movement that has raised more than \$4 million. Students will walk down Pennsylvania Avenue during the March for Our Lives on Saturday alongside pop stars Ariana Grande, Jennifer Hudson, Miley Cyrus and Demi Lovato.

They have requested 14 Jumbotrons, 2,000 chairs and 2,000 public restrooms.

"People don't think about all these little things, but they add up," said Marjory Stoneman Douglas senior Ryan Deitsch, who is 18.

Several student organizers have become mainstays on national TV, promoting the marches, and they landed on the cover of Time magazine. In the first two weeks after the shooting, Deitsch worked 22-hour days, often sleeping in his clothes.

"I'd basically keep going until I shut down, like I'd just collapse, sometimes I'd be on the floor," Deitsch said.

Seasoned activists have marveled at what the students accomplished so far, including a sweeping gun bill in Florida and school walkouts attended by over a million students last week, according to organizers Women's March. Oprah Winfrey and George and Amal Clooney have each donated \$500,000. The cast of "Modern Family" did a public service announcement, and Broadway stars Lin-Manuel Miranda and Ben Platt recorded a song for the march.

The Women's March, Everytown for Gun Safety and the gun violence prevention group founded by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords provided heavy support for the march, opening the youths up to criticism that they are just

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Toeaina made — about referring the case to the feds — were too harsh and there was nothing positive from the hearing reported in the story, only negative things “to sell the paper.”

Toeaina is Lei’s brother-in-law, according to what Le’i told the faipule.

Le’i said the relationship between DPS and the feds is a close one, not like before. As proof of this, he told lawmakers that not long ago, 22 federal agents traveled to the territory to work with the DPS on ways to heighten the services of the local police force.

According to Le’i, he has already ordered an enquiry into the matter, and there was an investigation conducted when the inmates escaped from the TCF.

(The inmate who claims to have been beaten by TCF guards is one of the four who escaped from prison earlier this year).

He said he ordered the enquiry right after Samoa News published the article about an inmate telling the judge he was assaulted in prison.

“Every morning during a briefing with my senior staff, I always remind them to abide by the law and be an example to the public. As we all understand, there are rules that guide police officers while on duty, and there are also laws that apply when prisoners escape from confinement. The safety of the community is our priority and I want to make sure police officers are doing their job according to the

Former
Playboy model
says Trump
tried to pay her
after sex

By MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former Playboy model apologized to first lady Melania Trump for a 10-month affair she claims she had with President Donald Trump that started with him offering her money after the first time they had sex.

During an interview with CNN’s Anderson Cooper that aired Thursday night, Karen McDougal said Trump tried to pay her after their first sexual tryst at a bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel in 2006.

“Well, after we had been intimate, he, he tried to pay me. And I actually didn’t know how to take that,” she said. “But I looked at him and I said, ‘That’s not me. I’m not that kind of girl.’”

She cried on the way home and didn’t think she would see him again, but agreed to go on other dates with him after he called her back, she said. McDougal repeatedly described

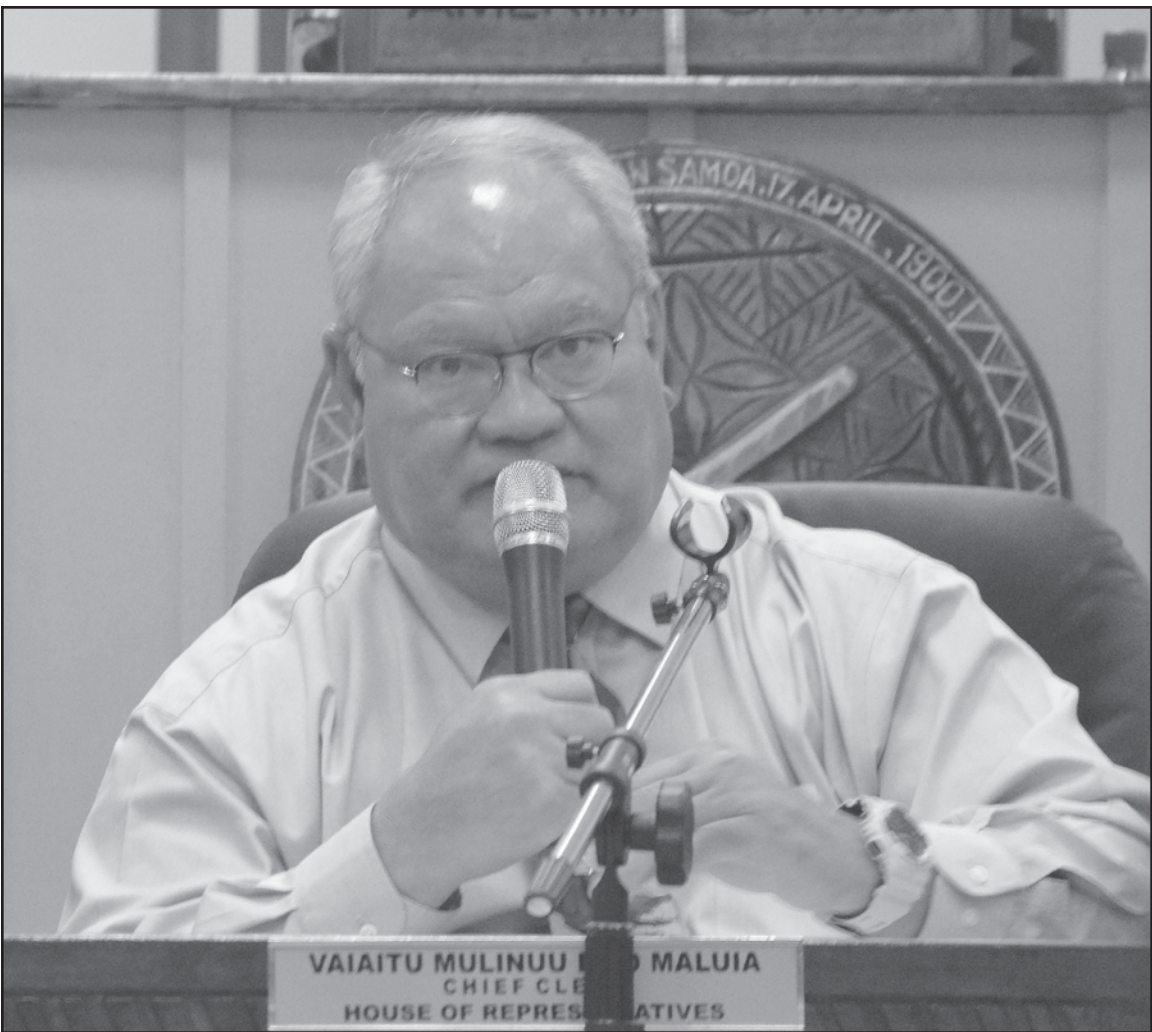
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law,” Le’i said.

Samoa News should point out that ever since reports of alleged mistreatment of prisoners at the TCF surfaced, emails and telephone calls to Le’i for comments have been unanswered.

This is after Le’i assured Samoa News that he would never hide any information or ignore any questions the community wants answered regarding his department, and that he’d be available any time to provide an explanation.

It seems this isn’t the case. (Samoa News would also like to point out that the former TCF warden, the late Amituana’i Mika Kelemete, who served time in federal jail for beating an inmate on TCF grounds, pled guilty to conspiring to violate the civil rights of an inmate. It would seem despite certain of our leaders believing inmates are convicted criminals and a danger to our community, they do have civil rights.)



Police Commissioner Le’i Sonny Thompson appeared before the House Public Safety Committee yesterday to discuss various DPS issues, including the alleged mistreatment of inmates at the TCF. [photo: AF]

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10 : am	The Beauty A Week	Hello Counselor (E,R)	One Night Sleepover Trip (E,R)	Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank	Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)	00'
11 : am	Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama Blade Man					00' The Beauty Season2	Encore Drama	10'
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1 : pm	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)							
2 : pm		Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	The Miracle We Met (E,R)	My Golden Life Special (E,R)	Queen of Myystery 2 Wed-Thu Drama (E)			K-RUSH Season 3	30'
3 : pm	Happy Together (E,R)	Hello Counselor (E,R)	One Night Sleepover Trip (E,R)	Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	40'	Battle Trip (E,R)	Music Bank	30'
4 : pm	Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Radio Romance (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R) Final	Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	50'	Marry Me Now? Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
5 : pm	Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Radio Romance (E,R)	Weekend Drama Marry Me Now? (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	KBS Sprcial Asia is 20 Years Old (E,R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama The Miracle We Met (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama	00'
6 : pm	Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Radio Romance (E,R)	Weekend Drama Marry Me Now? (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)		My Golden Life Special (E,R)	Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	10'
7 : pm	# 14, 15, 16.	# 14, 15, 16 Final.	# 1, 21.	# 6, 7, 8.	Daily Drama "Mysterious Personal Shopper"(E,R)				20'
8 : pm	Gag Concert	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)						Hello Counselor (E,R)	20'
9 : pm	KBS World News Today					40'	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E)	Battle Trip (E,R)	40'
10 : pm	The Beauty Season 2	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	The Miracle We Met (E,R)	My Golden Life Special (E,R)	Music Bank (Live)				
11 : pm	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hello Counselor (E,R)	One Night Sleepover Trip (E,R)	Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	K-RUSH Season 3 Danding Beauty(E,R) Office Watch Season The Beauty A Week	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
12 : 00	Daily Drama "Mysterious Personal Shopper"(E,R)					20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Day and One Night (E)	40'
Next Day	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)								
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2 : am	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	The Miracle We Met	My Golden Life Special	Queen of Myystery 2 Wed-Thu Drama (E)		20'	Marry Me Now? Weekend Drama (E)		20'
3 : am		One Night Sleepover Trip (E)	Hyena on The Keyboard (E)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'	The Miracle We Met (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	30'
4 : am	Hello Counselor (E)						My Golden Life Special (E,R)		
5 : am	Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)						K-RUSH Season 3	The Return of Superman (E,R)	50'
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11 : am							Blade Man (E,R)	My Neighbor Charles	00'
12 : pm	Hello Counselor	One Night Sleepover	Hyena on Keyboard	Happy Together	Music Bank	50'	Guerilla Date (E)		50'

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Pacific Island News in Brief

Compiled by Samoa News staff AMERICAN SAMOAN SPEECHLESS AT CHANCE TO MEET POPE

A young man from American Samoa was chosen to greet Pope Francis when the pontiff arrived at a pre-synod youth gathering in Rome this week.

Paul Collins was not the original delegate from the Oceania region picked to travel to Rome. A last minute withdrawal by the Cook Islands youth delegate meant the American Samoan had the opportunity to meet the Pope.

He was the last of the delegates to arrive and said he couldn't believe it when he was selected to take part in the welcome.

"I was just speechless when the security escorted me outside where the Pope arrived," Paul Collins said.

Dressed in a red and white elei shirt and cream ie faitaga he was close to Pope Francis while cameras were clicking.

Pope Francis greeted the hundreds of young people gathered and asked them "to speak bravely" and inject a dose of creativity to a Church "in need of young prophets."

Paul Collins has been an altar boy, choir conductor, and youth leader in his parish at Tafuna.

The Faasao Marist graduate is also an American Samoa national soccer player.

(Source: RNZI)

SEE YOU IN COURT, P.M. TUILAEPA TOLD

Member of Parliament, Olo Fiti Vaai, has challenged Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Dr. Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, to take him to Court to prove if he is indeed Samoa's most wanted blogger, known as O.L.P.

Olo issued the challenge in Parliament yesterday.

In doing so, Olo again denied that he is the man behind Ole Palemia (O.L.P.), the anonymous online blogger who has developed a reputation for attacking Prime Minister Tuilaepa's administration.

The issue surfaced during the debate of the Tobacco Control Amendment Bill 2018, when Prime Minister Tuilaepa was speaking about mankind's free will to choose between good and evil when he suddenly ventured into the issue of O.L.P.

He then accused "Levaopolo," which is Olo's other matai title, of being "O.L.P."

"All of you, including Levaopolo, stop it right now," Tuilaepa said. "I am telling all of you now, we all know who you are, who are denigrating the Government."

He said, "I have already directed the Attorney General's Office and the Police Commissioner (to act)."

Olo Fiti interjected.

He appealed to the Speaker for an opportunity to counter the Prime Minister. But Speaker of

Parliament, Leaupepe Toleafoa Fa'afisi, tried to downplay the Prime Minister's allegation.

He told the M.P. that the Prime Minister was addressing the issue to "Levaopolo" not Olo Fiti.

That's when Olo said he is grateful that the truth about the allegation will be revealed in Court.

"I am thankful that I will be taken to Court so we can clear the air on this matter once and for all," he said. "This is not the first time I have been accused of being the anonymous blogger."

He said, "The allegations may sound comical, but it is not funny. It is not something my constituency and I will take lightly because these are hefty allegations."

"So I will wait for the Government to take me to Court, given the substantial allegations."

Outside of Parliament, the M.P. expressed disappointment about the Prime Minister's comments.

"I resent his comments. I may be a voice against more of the Government's proposed measures, projects and developments, but that does not necessarily mean I am O.L.P."

"If I have anything to say, I will say it in Parliament and I don't need to hide behind a secret identity."

"Also anyone can message the O.L.P. on messenger. So I am waiting for the Government to take me to Court to determine the truth to the unfounded allegations."

"If no one has told you Mr. Prime Minister, this thing called social media can be accessed by anyone from anywhere else in the world, how certain are you that O.L.P. is in Samoa," said Olo Fiti.

He further told the Samoa Observer the actions of the Prime Minister will have an impact on him, given many people have been attacked by O.L.P. online.

"My life is on the line and so I challenge the Prime Minister, if they have any evidence that it's me then take me to Court so I can clear my name. This is nothing to joke about."

(Source: Samoa Observer)

PACIFIC CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN NZ MARKS 26 YEARS

The annual event where visitors can taste traditional Tongan cuisine, see flax weaving in action and watch dance items from Tuvalu has reached its 26th anniversary.

Organizers of Pasifika Festival, held in Auckland, want to focus the two-day event on reconnecting with grassroots this year.

The event is one of the biggest Pacific cultural festivals of its kind in the world and nurturing all those involved such as the village coordinators and

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Students of Masefau Elementary School are grateful to Tutuila and Ben Solomona Vaomu Sauvao of Tutuila Print Shop for their assistance in raising disability awareness “one printed t-shirt at a time.” March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month and special education (SPED) students from across the island - including Masefau Elementary - were treated to various activities and field trips, led by their teachers and SPED facilitators.

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with faipule and witnesses. As a result, he added, faipule were asked to act on their behalf. The worst thing, according to Fetu, when he went outside to look for the House Sergeant, he was shocked to find him sleeping inside one of the rooms during working hours.

Savali did not mince words after hearing Fetu’s complaint, and told the House Sergeant,

who was standing inside the chamber that if he needs more time to sleep, home is the right place for him.

“If today (Wednesday) will be your last day, so be it. You were selected by faipule to be the House Sergeant at Arms, and to make sure you’re there whenever they need you — not sleeping inside a room. If you need a good place to sleep,

home is the only place, not here at work,” Savali continued.

Despite his promise that he will never bring his phone to the chamber during committee hearings or House sessions, Lavea’s phone again rang during the House Public Safety Committee hearing, proving Fetu’s statement that Lavea continues to ignore House Rules and takes them very lightly.

Plaintiffs...

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changes; and charged excessive late fees in violation of the mortgage documents.

Plaintiffs are demanding a jury trial in the case, according to the complaint, which points out that American Samoa, with 55,000 residents, has the highest rate of military enlistment of any U.S. state or territory, as well as the highest poverty rate of any state or territory — with over fifty-seven percent (57%) of the households living below the poverty line.

“Residents of American Samoa are a captive market with very limited banking options, and ANZ and its predecessors have acted as the sole residential mortgage lender in American Samoa for years,” it says, adding that the plaintiffs “live in a small community that has traditionally been underserved by financial institutions such as ANZ.”

“As a member of that community, ANZ has an obligation to treat its customers fairly and adequately; however, Defendant has taken advantage of their position and continued to prevent homeowners from properly understanding their own obligations,” the lawsuit alleges.

While the defendant has served the plaintiffs’ mortgages for many years, the complaint alleges that ANZ has never sent the Parkers or Gaoteote a periodic loan statement or interest rate adjustment notice that complied with TILA requirements.

Although the bank provides documents with some information about consumers’ mortgages, ANZ does not include the information required in a periodic statement.

When the interest rates on Plaintiffs’ mortgages change and result in a changed payment, ANZ does not send them notices that comply with federal law, the complaint alleges, and noted that ANZ routinely mails its correspondence to American Samoa customers from a mailing center in Hawaii weeks after the date of the correspondence itself.

By waiting so long, Defendant knowingly sends its notices fewer than 60 days before the changed payment is due.

According to the complaint, the interest rate on each of the Plaintiffs’ mortgages is calculated based on the Amerika Samoa Bank Base Rate (ASBBR). However, the interest rate adjustment notices sent by ANZ do not discuss any source of information about the ASBBR, how it is determined, or how it is adjusted; nor does the Bank inform homeowners of the remaining term of the loan.

PLAINTIFFS’ EXPERIENCES

For the Parkers, the complaint alleges that the couple has never received a single document that satisfied the requirements for a periodic statement.

“The lack of information provided by the Bank has caused concrete and individualized harm to the Parkers,” it alleges, adding that the couple was informed in early 2015 of being overcharged in interest for years, resulting in the overpayment

of \$6,375. The bank notice shows the loan balance at about \$52,243.

A bank document dated Aug. 15, 2016, informed the couple of the interest rate hike, with a loan balance of \$53,665, the complaint notes, and the Parkers tried unsuccessfully to get more information about their bank loan, including periodic statements as required by federal law.

In the fall of 2017, the Parkers received another interest rate adjustment notice. “Amazingly, the notice showed a projected balance of \$51,952.55 on the first page and \$41,564.40 on the second page, with no explanation of how these amounts were calculated or why they were different,” the lawsuit states.

For plaintiff Gaoteote, the lawsuit says Gaoteote made a payment within the grace period that met or exceeded the amount due for principal and interest. But, unbeknownst to Gaoteote, the Bank first applied the payments to a different escrow account to pay for property insurance, then to the outstanding interest on his mortgage, and finally the remainder was applied to the principal.

As a result, the bank determined that he had not made a sufficient payment to his principal and assessed a late charge, the suit says, noting that while Gaoteote received notices in the mail, he had not made a timely payment, and it did not clearly and conspicuously explain that the Bank did not receive enough funds to pay the entire principal amount.

Last August, the bank’s lawyers sent Gaoteote a proposed “Loan Reinstatement Agreement and Release,” which purported that Gaoteote owed more than \$4,665 to the Bank. However, even this document does not provide an explanation of the payments that were received in recent months or the past year.

“Gaoteote became very upset when he received this threat, and has been trying to find out what has happened to his account even though he made timely payments,” the suit says. Gaoteote also received an interest rate adjustment notice last year, but the notice didn’t explain how the index rate was calculated, and when the new payment amount would be due.

However, the notice states on the first page that the outstanding loan balance \$48,175 while the second page noted a “Projected Loan Balance” of \$45,952.17. There is no explanation on how these amounts were calculated or why they were different.

According to the suit, Gaoteote’s promissory note, from May 2010, sets forth the fees the Defendant will charge if the monthly payments are late. For example, 15 days or more late, the charge is 5.000% of the regularly scheduled payment or \$25.00, whichever is greater.

However, the complaint alleges that the bank “repeatedly charged Gaoteote excessive late charges”. In fact, the Bank imposed a late charge every month from April 2016 through November 2017, and in each occasion the fee exceeded 5.000%.

School...

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Wednesday from a hospital.

In an email Thursday to The Associated Press, his mother, Kimberly Dennis, said her family is “eternally grateful” that her son, Desmond Barnes, is “alive, doing well and in good spirits.”She expressed sym-

pathy for Willey and her family and added, “We are also praying for the entire Great Mills High School family and young people around this country. As a community and nation, we must continue to work and fight for a world that is safe for our children.Great Mills High School has about 1,600 students and is near the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, about 65

miles (104 kilometers) southeast of Washington.St. Mary’s County Sheriff Tim Cameron credited Deputy First Class Blaine Gaskill with preventing any more loss of life.Cameron said Gaskill, a six-year veteran with SWAT team training, responded within a minute and fired his weapon simultaneously with a final shot fired by Rollins.

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In this March 19, 2018, photo, President Donald Trump, accompanied by first lady Melania Trump, walks on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, on his return from a trip to New Hampshire. Former Playboy model Karen McDougal apologized to Melania Trump for a 10-month affair she claims she had with President Trump that started with him offering her money after the first time they had sex.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

Trump as “very charming” and “sweet.”

McDougal said she continued the relationship with Trump for about 10 months and broke it off in April 2007 because she felt guilty. She recalled traveling to meet Trump at his properties in New York, New Jersey and California and said she had sex with him “many dozens of times.”

McDougal had feelings for Trump, but the affair was “just tearing me apart,” she said.

“There was a real relationship there. There were real feelings,” she said. “He would call me baby or he would call me beautiful Karen.”

Trump married his current wife, Melania Trump, in 2005, and their son, Barron, was born in 2006.

Speaking to CNN — which her attorney has said would be her only interview about the relationship — McDougal apologized when she was asked what she would say to Melania Trump.

“What can you say except, I’m sorry?” McDougal said. “I’m sorry. I wouldn’t want it done to me.”

McDougal said she never wanted to discuss her relationship and repeatedly rebuffed inquiries from reporters about the alleged affair. But after the story became public, she wanted to get out and tell her side of what happened, she said.

The White House has said Trump denies having an affair with McDougal and did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the

interview Thursday night.

On Tuesday, she filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles against the company that owns the supermarket tabloid National Enquirer, which she said paid her \$150,000 during the presidential campaign for the rights to her story of an affair, but never ran the story.

McDougal’s lawsuit, which asks a judge to invalidate the contract, alleges that Trump’s attorney, Michael Cohen, was secretly involved in her discussions with the tabloid’s parent company, American Media, Inc.

The company has said that McDougal has been allowed to speak about her relationship since 2016 and the contract gave them discretion over whether to publish the story.

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pawns of left-wing organizations that have been fighting guns for years.

The students said, however, they are calling the shots, and have refused money and turned down support that doesn’t align with their vision.

“They like to believe we’re puppets, they like to believe that we’re being controlled by someone else because ... they don’t want to believe that human beings have this power because if they have this power then they might not need a gun,” Deutsch said.

In Arizona, well over 20,000 people on social media promised to attend the student-led march, said leader Jordan Harb, a 17-year-old junior at Mountain View High School in Mesa. He coordinated vendors and met with police to talk about barricades and security as they expect counter-protesters to bring assault weapons.

They’ve raised roughly \$34,000 through T-Shirt sales

and donations. The group Arizonans For Gun Safety is handling the money since the teens are underage.

“All of my waking hours are pretty much spent on the march right now,” Harb said. “I’m in class and all I do in class in march stuff. I was in Spanish yesterday depositing \$10,000 in our bank account.”

Marjory Stoneman Douglas student Casey Sherman spends most of her time in class working on a sister march in Parkland, where they’re expecting more than 20,000 people. She and fellow students successfully petitioned city commissioners to get permits and she’s learned about sponsorships and tax exemptions for charitable groups.

“Every day it’s kind of cool because I’m learning things I don’t learn in school,” the 17-year-old said.

Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar helped the students navigate local gov-

ernment but credited the rest to them, saying “I’ve never seen anybody be able to bring so many stakeholders together in such a short period of time.”

Riley Helberg, a 14-year-old freshman at Crescenta Valley High School, said the Los Angeles march could eclipse the Women’s March there with more than 100,000 expected, along with a performance from singer Charlie Puth.

In New York, 17-year-old Winter Minisee, who spearheaded the student walkouts, dismissed criticisms that the teens don’t have the credentials to change laws.

“Historically youth have led all the major movements in America, whether it was the civil rights movements, whether it was the movement against the Vietnam war,” Minisee said.

The ultimate goal, the students said, is to harness the support into actual voters, with their sights set on November’s midterms.

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 I’AULUALO of the village of AFONO by FAIMEASOO TUIAFONO of the village of AFONO, county of SUA, EASTERN 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 I’AULUALO shall be registered in the name of FAIMEASOO TUIAFONO in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

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All-female Pacific dance group, Ura Tabu will be performing at this week's Pasifika Festival in Auckland, representing Samoa.

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Pacific communities is vital.

Event producer Torise Flay said that is her goal for 2018 as well as paying close attention to what festival-goers love about Pasifika Festival and what works well. "In the past, the village concept was introduced to show the diversity within the Pacific and ensure the cultural integrity and community connections of the festival, reflects the islands' diversity in terms of food, culture and lifestyle.

"Pasifika now hosts 11 distinctly different villages, each with a performance stage, food and craft market, to show the diversity of the Pacific cultures represented.

"The villages represented are Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Aotearoa, Hawai'i, Kiribati, Samoa, Tahiti, Tuvalu, Tonga and Tokelau and we want to make sure we are looking after each village to the best of our ability," she said.

The Hawai'i village is one of the youngest villages, joining the festival in 2013.

It will be welcoming its largest performance group called Na Maka O Pu'uwai Aloha Foundation showcasing their culture through the hula dance. Hawaiian village coordinator Keonilei Leali'ifano has confirmed 75 performers and around 75 supporters such as family and friends to be present at the festival.

"This is definitely the biggest group of performers to be part of the Hawai'i village because prior to this was 50 performers," she said.

For the Samoan Village, Ura Tabu will be showcasing their item and dance member Kolopa Sime Barton said the piece hopes to be entertaining for all age groups.

"To be able to perform and to gift something that is so sacred to us to the audiences and to the variations of people that come through Pasifika is really cool for us to do," she said.

This year is the third time Ura Tabu will be showcasing their talents on stage.

Ms Barton said preparation for the festival has been hectic as each member performs for the group outside of their full time commitments.

"Our director Charlene Tedrow is a mother of 4 children and I'm currently doing my BA Honors in drama as well as working in hospitality. It's a full on schedule. "Ura Tabu puts a real big focus on taking care of ourselves because as Pasifika women, our whole way of life is service, is to constantly serve and give our time, love and energy.

"We have been meeting every Sunday for 4 hours for the last 3 months and it is all physical.

"It is only in the beginning and the end where we sit down and relax to talk through things that are on our minds as well as pray," she said.

Minister for Pacific Peoples Aupito William Sio said he has been attending the festival since its inception and the event acts as a symbol that Aotearoa New Zealand is embracing its 'Pasifikaness'.

"The festival provides for us that New Zealand and the Pacific are a family. It's a gentle reminder to us all that Pacific people call New Zealand home. "As a country, it is our responsibility to actively celebrate diversity, so the festival emphasizes what Pacific communities offer to the nation," he said. Pasifika Festival 2018 will host 220 local and international performance groups and more than 200 food and craft stalls across 11 Pacific villages.

(Source: RNZI)



American Samoa Government DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education.

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3 - 21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who have a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievements. As a condition for granting the funds, each State or Territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 14, 2018. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference Room in Utulei at 2:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education Office located in Faga'alu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faauifono Vaitautolu at faauitolu@yahoo.com or Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi at atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, Assistant Director Special Education Division, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

Talosagaina Finagalo Lautele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa

Ua tu'uina mai e le Matagaluega o A'oga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avanoa e fa'alua ai finagalo fa'alau'itele a le mamalu o le atunu'u mo le alagatupe talosaga i lalo o le Maga B Tulafono mo Tagata o iai Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o A'oga a le Malo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

O ia alagatupe ua fuafuaina e fa'atino ai a'oa'oga fa'apitoa tu'uina atu mo tamaiti a'oga uma, e amata mai i le 3 - 21 tausaga, i totonu o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa o lo'o iai manaoga fa'apitoa ua fa'afaigata ai taumafaiga taua'oa'oga i totonu o potu a'oga. O se tasi aiaiga mo le taliaina o le talosaga, e tatau i Setete ma Teritori uma o lo'o talosagaina ia alagatupe ona fa'asalalau a latou tusi talosaga mo se finagalo fa'aalia o tagata lautele. E tatau ona lava se avanoa e silasila lelei ai le atunu'u mo le silafia ma tu'uina mai so latou finagalo fa'aalia e tusa e 30 aso ae le'i tu'uina atu le tusi talosaga ia Me 14, 2018. O le a faia se fonu fa'alau'itele ia Aperila 12, 2018 i le potu fonotaga i le Ofisa ASDOE Early Childhood Education i Utulei i le itula e 2:00pm. O le a iloiloina e le Matagaluega a A'oga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fa'aalia a le lautele ma tu'uina atu ni fautuaga ae le'i o'o i le aso fa'atapula'aina o tusi talosaga.

O lo'o maua kopi o lenei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa i Faga'alu. Mo i latou e mana'omia se kopi o le tusi talosaga, e avanoa le ofisa mai le itula 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu fa'aalia e tauala mai i tusitusiga e mafai ona tu'uina mai i taimi ua fa'atulagaina. A iai nisi manatu ma fautuaga, e mafai ona imeli mai ia Fa'auifono Vaitautolu faauitolu@yahoo.com po'o Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com pe tusi mai ia Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago

China may hike tariffs on US pork, aluminum, other goods

By **JOE McDONALD**, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China announced a \$3 billion list of U.S. goods including pork, apples and steel pipe on Friday that it said may be hit with higher tariffs in a spiraling trade dispute with President Donald Trump that companies and investors worry could depress global commerce.

The Commerce Ministry urged Washington to negotiate a prompt settlement to the conflict over Trump's tariff hike on steel and aluminum but set no deadline.

Separately, the ministry also criticized Trump's decision to approve a possible tariff hike on billions of dollars of Chinese goods in a dispute over Beijing's technology policy. The ministry slammed that as "trade protectionism" but gave no indication how Beijing might respond.

The ratcheting up of tensions sent a shiver through world financial markets. Shares tumbled on Wall Street and slumped in Asia, where Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 3.5 percent while the Shanghai Composite index slipped 3.1 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 2.8 percent.

The dollar dipped to 104.85 yen as investors shifted into the Japanese currency, which is viewed as a "safe haven" from risk.

China's proposed tariff hikes in response to the steel and aluminum duties appeared to be aimed at increasing domestic U.S. pressure on Trump by making clear which exporters, including farm areas that voted for the president in 2016, might be hurt.

"Beijing is extending an olive branch and urging the U.S. to resolve trade disputes through dialogue rather than tariffs," said economist Vishnu Varathan of Mizuho Bank in a report. "Nevertheless, the first volley of shots and retaliatory response has been set off."

The ministry said Beijing was considering a tariff increase of 25 percent on pork and aluminum scrap, mirroring Trump's 25 percent charge on steel. A second list of goods including wine, apples, ethanol and stainless steel pipe would be charged 15 percent, mirroring Trump's tariff hike on

aluminum.

The ministry said Chinese purchases of those goods last year totaled \$3 billion. That would be less than 1 percent of Chinese imports of U.S. goods and far smaller than the range of imports targeted by Trump's order Thursday in the technology dispute.

American business groups have warned Trump his aluminum and steel tariffs could hurt the U.S. economy and disrupt exports.

Abroad, companies worry the dispute could spiral into tit-for-tat import controls by governments worldwide that could dampen global trade.

China's top economic official, Premier Li Keqiang, appealed to Washington on Tuesday to "act rationally" and said, "we don't want to see a trade war."

The higher American duties on aluminum and steel have little impact on China, which exports only a small amount of those products to the United States. But private sector analysts have said Beijing would feel obligated to take action to avoid looking weak in a high-profile dispute.

The Commerce Ministry said the higher U.S. tariffs "seriously undermine" the global trading system. It rejected Trump's contention they are needed to protect U.S. national security.

"The Chinese side urges the U.S. side to resolve the concerns of the Chinese side as soon as possible," the ministry said. It appealed for dialogue "to avoid damage to overall Chinese-U.S. cooperation."

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

The technology dispute stems from complaints Beijing unfairly compels foreign companies to hand over technology in exchange for market access. Companies in many industries including auto manufacturing that want to operate in China are required to work through local partners, which requires them to give technology to potential Chinese competitors.

The U.S. Trade Representative's office said Trump's action

was in response to "unfair and harmful acquisition of U.S. technology." The USTR said Trump had ordered it to pursue a World Trade Organization case against Beijing's "discriminatory technology licensing."

The U.S.-China Business Council, which represents American that do business in China, said it agreed Chinese "technology transfer" policies need to be improved but it appealed to both governments to reach a negotiated settlement.

"American business wants to see solutions to these problems, not just sanctions such as unilateral tariffs that may do more harm than good," said USCBC president John Frisbie in a statement.

On Tuesday, the Chinese premier promised at a news conference Beijing will "open even wider" to imports and investment as part of efforts to make its economy more productive.

Li said that included eliminating tariffs on drug imports. But he gave no other details and it was unclear whether the planned changes might mollify Washington, the European Union and other trading partners that complain China improperly blocks access to its markets and subsidizes exports.

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Note: AS-EPA monitors the water quality of 44 recreational beaches on Tutuila, the wharf in Aunu'u, and five beaches on Manu'a. Tutuila advisories are issued weekly on Wednesdays. Aunu'u and Manu'a advisories are issued monthly. Advisories are issued when bacteria concentrations exceed levels determined safe for human exposure. Should you have any questions, please contact the AS-EPA Water Program at 633-2304.



American Samoa Government
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: **RFP 030-2018**
Issuance Date: **March 16, 2018**
Date & Time Due: **April 2, 2018**
No later than **2:00 p.m. local time**

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

"Department of Education - School Lunch Program: Consultant and Project Management Services for the Water Heater & Repiping Project"

SUBMISSION

Original and five copies of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: **"RFP: Department of Education - School Lunch Program: Consultant and Project Management Services for the Water Heater & Repiping Project."** Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until **2:00 p.m. (local time), April 2, 2018:**

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

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

DOCUMENT

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

REVIEW

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

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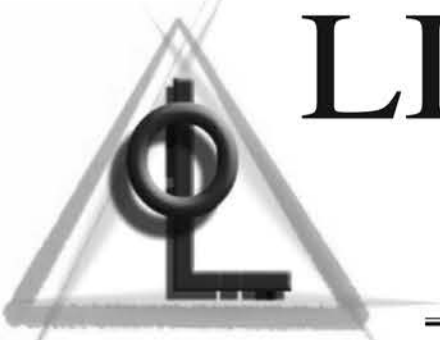
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Mom: Austin bomber's black roommate held until suspect found

By *EMILY SCHMALL, Associated Press*

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas (AP) — The mother of a man who lived with the suspected Austin bomber said Thursday that her son was handcuffed, taken into custody by SWAT officers and held overnight before police found the suspect who blew himself up.

Jennifer Withers told The Associated Press that her 26-year-old son, Collin Thomas, who is black, was walking from work Wednesday in Pflugerville, just north of Austin, to the house he and another man shared with serial bombing suspect Mark Conditt when a group of officers “flew at him.” She said he was questioned about the bombings but none of his family was notified about where he was.

After Conditt died, Thomas was eventually released, she said.

Earlier Thursday, police said they’d released Conditt’s other roommate. They refused to name him, saying he wasn’t currently under arrest.

Austin police spokeswoman Anna Sabana said neither roommate has been charged. She said she did not know why Thomas was detained forcibly in the way his mother described.

Withers said Thomas lived with Conditt for more than three months in a home Conditt was renovating with his father. She said her son was close to a family at the Christian church he attended, and that they introduced him to Conditt’s family who were also Christian.

She said her son “seemed to get along fine” with Conditt.

“Collin said they all would sit around and chat and talk,” she said.

But Withers said she never got to meet Conditt, and that her son didn’t know anything about the bombs police say he made.

Conditt’s first two bombs killed and injured black victims, leading to speculation that they were hate crimes — though investigators backed off those theories somewhat when subsequent victims were Hispanic and white.

They now say they don’t know what motivated Conditt.

The accused bomber made a 25-minute cellphone recording before his death. It was recovered after he detonated one of his own bombs along the side of Interstate 35 just outside of Austin as a SWAT team moved in.

But investigators say the recording provides few clues as to Conditt’s motives — and they’ve refused to release it publicly, citing the ongoing investigation.

Conditt built bombs planted in different parts of the city that killed two people and severely wounded four others over three weeks starting on March 2. He began by placing explosives in packages left overnight on doorsteps, then rigged an explosive to a tripwire along a public trail. Finally, he sent two parcels with bombs via FedEx.

As fear grew, Conditt eventually was tracked down through store surveillance video, cellphone signals and witness accounts of a customer shipping FedEx packages in a disguise that included a blond wig and gloves.

Police found him early Wednesday at a hotel. And when his car moved, they followed and forced him off the road, setting up the confrontation that ended in an explosion.

Austin Mayor Steve Adler praised police officers for stopping Conditt’s sport utility vehicle before he could get onto the highway, even though they were aware he likely had explosive devices inside and they did not have as much backup as planned.

“We hear about folks who run into danger to keep us safe and we had one of those moments in very graphic and specific detail,” Adler said at a news conference Thursday.

NAACP Austin President Nelson Linder said the man-hunt’s end was a relief but that the public needs answers on what motivated Conditt, including whether the first two victims were targeted because they are from prominent black families.

“I don’t think it’s random at this point,” Linder said. “We’re going to withhold our judgment and keep searching for infor-

mation and why he killed those people.”

Investigators have released few details about Conditt, who was unemployed, home-schooled and attended Austin Community College until 2012 but didn’t graduate.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Thursday that a bomb Conditt made and shipped via FedEx had been addressed to an employee at a downtown Austin spa. It was intercepted at a processing center without exploding.

Anita Ward works at Austin Med Spa and says that police and federal agents told her that her daughter, who also works there, was meant to be the recipient of the unexploded package.

Ward declined to name her daughter, who she said doesn’t know Conditt. Police haven’t commented.

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Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 16TH day of APRIL, 2018. It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

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Toys R Us founder dies days after chain's announced shutdown

By ALEXANDRA OLSON, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles P. Lazarus, the World War II veteran who founded Toys R Us six decades ago and transformed it into an iconic piece of Americana, died Thursday at age 94, a week after the chain announced it was going out of business.

Toys R Us confirmed Lazarus' death in a statement.

"There have been many sad moments for Toys R Us in recent weeks, and none more heartbreaking than today's news about the passing of our beloved founder, Charles Lazarus," the company said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles' family and loved ones." Lazarus, who stepped down as CEO of Toys R Us in 1994, transformed the toy industry with a business model

that became one of the first retail category killers — big stores that are so devoted to one thing, and have such an impressive selection, that they drive smaller competitors out of business. More recently, Toys R Us found itself unable to survive the trends of the digital age, namely competition from the likes of Amazon, discounters like Walmart and mobile games. No longer able to bear the weight of its heavy debt load, the company announced last week that it would close or sell its 735 stores across the country, including its Babies R Us stores. But for decades, it was Toys R Us that drove trends in child's play, becoming a launchpad for what became some of the industry's hottest toys. Lazarus, the son of a bicycle store owner, modeled his business after the self-service supermarkets that were becoming popular in the 1950s, stacking merchandise high to give shoppers the feeling it had an infinite number of toys. The stores created a magical feeling for children roaming aisles filled with Barbies, bikes and other toys laid out in front of them. The chain has its roots in Children's Bargain Town, the baby furniture store that Lazarus opened 1948 in his hometown of Washington, D.C. He began selling toys after a couple of years when customers began asking for them, and he quickly concluded that, in the baby-boom years, toys were a more lucrative business than furniture. He opened his first store dedicated to selling only toys in 1957, calling it Toys R Us with the "R" spelled backward to give the impression that a child wrote it. Shopping carts stood ready for customers to grab and fill up themselves, supermarket-style.

In 1965, Geoffrey the giraffe became the company's mascot, appearing in his first TV commercial in 1973. By the 1980s and early 90s, Toys R Us dominated the toy-store business and its jingle, "I'm a Toys R Us kid" became an anthem for children across the country.

In 1992, Lazarus traveled with President George H.W. Bush for the opening of the first Toys R Us in Japan.

He himself loomed large over his industry at the heyday of his company, personally traveling to the annual Toy Fair in Manhattan. Thousands of buyers from around the world attend but back then, it was Lazarus whom manufacturers were most anxious to impress, said Marc Rosenberg, a veteran toy marketer and founder of SkyBluePink Concepts.

The opportunity to give "Mr. Lazarus" a tour of your showroom was right of passage for marketers, said Rosenberg, who first met Lazarus.

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