



One of the worse hit buildings during Tropical Storm Gita is Paea's in Nuuuli, across from Family Mart. Certain areas in Nuuuli, along the main road, seem to be the hardest hit from the storm, causing businesses without generators to remain closed, awaiting American Samoa Power Authority repair for power and water. For more photos & Samoan Update see inside.

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STORM UPDATE: Gov't schools out again for 2 days

GOV. DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

by Samoa News staff

A state of emergency has been declared by Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga who submitted over the weekend the official request to the US President for an emergency declaration, which — if approved — paves the way for federal assistance to Tutuila, hard hit by Tropical Storm Gita.

After damage to homes and infrastructure caused by the storm, which was followed by more strong winds from an active monsoonal trough, it moved away from the territory early Sunday morning. Thankfully, there are no reports of injuries.

Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga, who is also the Government Authorized Representative (GAR) to federal agencies during disasters, told Samoa News on Saturday afternoon that the declaration was made Friday afternoon following a preliminary assessment, which found that 90 percent of electric and water was out of service for Tutuila.

The assessment also found a lot of damage to homes and infrastructure, with over 700 people seeking emergency shelters, said Lemanu, who noted there were no injuries due to the storm.

The government provided three-meals a day for the shelters that had people, however, not all of shelters were utilized.

A full assessment is planned for today following a briefing at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) late yesterday afternoon.

The biggest challenge faced by the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA) following the storm was restoring electricity, as many power lines were down in many villages with some wires in large pools of water. Power outages also caused water pumps to fail and water to villages to stop. See update inside of ASPA work on water, power and wastewater as of noon yesterday.

ASPA is asking please, call in once —to notify them of a problem, and then be patient. They are trying to bring everyone back on line as safely as they can.

Lemanu confirmed that he had spoken with US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the storm's impact on Tutuila and a two-member assessment team has been dispatched to the territory.

A US Coast Guard C-130 airplane crew from Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, landed Saturday afternoon at Pago Pago International Airport, after conducting an aerial post-storm assessment.

A small contingent of Coast Guard response personnel and a FEMA representative were also onboard the aircraft. These members were originally scheduled to arrive last Friday on Hawaiian Airlines but the flight was delayed due to the storm.

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The business building which housed Brenda's Photoshop, along with a barber shop and laundromat in Nu'uuli is seen in this photo in the aftermath of strong winds from last Friday's Tropical Storm Gita. Strong gusts of wind, pounding sweeping rain laid waste to roofs of homes and businesses, as well as trees — banana, papaya, mango, breadfruit, decorative, etc. In the meantime, no injuries or deaths have been reported.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



The Veterans Memorial Stadium signage and ticket stall were upended from the strong winds during Tropical Storm Gita on that hit American Samoa on Friday — but the stadium itself, at least it's roof(s) seem to be in good shape — they're still standing. This is typical of the damages throughout the island, where some buildings looked untouched, while others were utterly destroyed, or severely damaged. Trees also suffered, with many uprooted and laying in yards or on top of homes or buildings.

[photo: THA]



Pacific nation of Tonga braces for Cyclone Gita

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Some people in Tonga were nailing pieces of wood over their windows while others were evacuating as they braced for a cyclone that was due to hit Monday night.

The Pacific island nation has declared a state of emergency in anticipation of Cyclone Gita. Weather experts said Gita was packing sustained winds of 195 kilometers per hour (121 miles per hour) and was expected to intensify before making landfall.

Publisher Pesi Fonua said there were dark clouds gathering overhead in the capital, Nuku'alofa, on Monday evening but few other signs that the storm was coming. He said people were busy nailing boards and roofing iron to their homes to try to limit the damage from coconuts, trees and other debris the cyclone would likely send flying.

The storm has strengthened since hitting Samoa and American Samoa last week, where it caused damage to buildings, widespread power outages and flooding.

President Donald Trump on Sunday declared an emergency in American Samoa, a U.S. territory. The declaration allows the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide equip-

ment and resources to help the 50,000 residents recover.

Tongan authorities said every family should have an emergency kit and those in flood-prone areas should move into evacuation centers. Authorities were urging others to keep of the roads and stay indoors.

Chris Brandolino, a scientist at New Zealand's National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, said the eye of the cyclone was expected to travel just south of the capital but could directly hit it. He said the cyclone was relatively compact, which means its path of destruction should be narrow.

Brandolino said flooding and coastal inundation would likely cause as many problems as the damage from the winds. He said that after hitting Tonga, the cyclone was forecast to travel west before slowly dissipating.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said her government was on standby and ready to help Tonga, which is home to about 105,000 people.

Aid agency Care Australia said it was also ready to assist. "With a storm this big, we have to prepare for the worst," said emergency response manager Stefan Knollmayer.

Silia 700 na sulufa'i i Faleapitaga ina ua fa'aleaoga maota ma laoa

tusia Ausage Fausia

E silia i le to'a 700 le aofa'i o le mamalu o le atunu'u na sulufa'i atu i nofoaga ua faapitoa mo Faleapitaga, ina ua fa'aleagaina a latou maota ma laoa i le malolosi o matagi na momoli mai e le tama'ita'i o 'TP Gita' i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso na te'a nei.

O le to'atele o le mamalu o le atunu'u na sulufa'i atu i Faleapitaga e pei ona fa'aaoga ai faleaoga a le malo i nofoaga eseese o le atunu'u, lea fo'i na mafai ona tausia lelei ai i latou i taumafa, laei, atoa ai ma soo se mea e mana'omia.

I ripoti na tu'uina mai e le Ofisa Autu mo Faalavelave (EOC), na taua ai le to'atele o aiga na faaleagaina maota ma laoa i le 'afa, ma ua amata nei ona aga'i atu le Ofisa mo le faatinoina o a latou suesuega i le fa'amautuina o meatotino sa fa'aleagaina. O le po o le aso Faraile na te'a nei e pei ona fa'amaonia mai i ripoti mai le Ofisa Vaaitau, le aga'i malie ese atu o le 'afa o Gita mai Amerika Samoa, ae aga'i atu i le itu i saute. E ui ua aga'i ese atu le 'afa o Gita, ae sa i ai pea matagi malolosi na aafia ai le teritori e oo mai i le aso ananafi.

Na taua e le afioga a Lemanu Peleti Mauga, o ia lea o le sui o Amerika Samoa (GAR) e fesoootai ma sui o le feterale mo fesoasoani i taimi o faalavealve faalenatura, pe tusa o le 90% o le sapalai o le eletise ma le suavai na motusia uma mo le motu o Tutuila ina ua afatia i le malolosi o matagi mai le 'afa o Gita i le aso Faraile.

O le mae'a ai ona tuuina atu o le ripoti i tulaga fa'aletonu ua aafia ai le atunu'u, na faalauiloa aloaia ai loa e le afioga i le ali'i Kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga le i ai o Amerika Samoa i se tulaga fa'aletonu, ma ua moomia ai le i ai o ni fesoasoani mai le malo tele mo le toe fa'aleleia o mea ua fa'aleagaina.

Na fa'amaonia mai e Lemanu le mae'a lea ona ia fesooota'i atu i le sui o le Ofisa a le Feterale e gafa ma fesoasoani mo taimi o fa'alavelave (FEMA), e tusa ai o tulaga ua faaleagaina i le motu o Tutuila e mafua mai ona o le 'afa o Gita, ma ua sauni le FEMA e auina mai la latou vaega fesoasoani e tusa ai o lenei manoga.

O se tasi o lu'itau tele i vaega ua faaleagaina, o le taumafai lea e toe fa'aleleia uaea eletise ma pou uila na fa'aleagaina i le 'afa. O le tele o vaega o le atunu'u ua mae'a ona toe fa'aleleia pou ma uaea eletise ma ua mafai ona toe fa'aola, se'i vagana ai nai vaega laiti e le i mafai ona toe faaola ona e tele se galuega e moomia le toe fa'aleleia i uaea eletise ma pou uila. O le aoauli o le aso Toona'i na te'a nei na taunu'u ai i le malae va'alele fa'avaomalo i Tafuna le va'alele a le US Coast Guatd C130 mai Honolulu, lea o lo o malaga mai ai sui o le Feterale e aafia ai le sui o le FEMA mo le fa'atautaia o suesuega i vaega o le atunu'u na fa'aleagaina.

Na taua mai e le sui sooupu a le US Coast Guatd mai Honolulu ia Lt. Scott Carr e fa'apea, o le vave oo mai o a latou sui o le naunau lea ina ia ofoina mai le fesoasoani mo Amerika Samoa, atoa ai ma le fia fesoasoani mai i ni isi o vaega e moomia ai la latou fesoasoani.

O le aso ananafi sa fa'amoemoe e taunu'u mai ai isi sui o le FEMA i le malaga a le Hawaiian Airline mai Honolulu, mo le fa'amoemoe e fesoasoani i sui ua mae'a ona i ai i le atunu'u, mo le fa'atinoina o le latou galuega fa'atino mo Amerika Samoa ma ona tagata.

O lo o galulue fa'atasi ofisa e ofoina atu le fesoasoani mo i latou ua afaina ma le Ofisa o le Koluse Mumu a le atunu'u, mo le ofoina atu lea o le latou fesoasoani i a i latou uma ua afaina maota ma laoa.

E ui o lea ua faaleaoga aloaia lapataiga mo le 'afa malosi o Gita, ae o lo o i ai pea lapataiga mo tafega malologa, ma ua fautuaina ai fo'i le atunu'u o lo o alala i nofoaga mauualalalo ma tu matafaga, ina ia aga'i i nofoaga mauualuluga mo le saogalemu.



An emergency crew rushed to the scene of a large downed tree at Fagaalu around 7a.m. Friday to clear the road as well as move an aiga bus, affected when the tree fell in the midst of strong gusty winds from Tropical Storm Gati. No one was injured.

[photo: FS]



American Samoa Government
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

Signed,

Ruth Te'o, DOH Part C Coordinator



Tropical Storm Gita caused severe damage to many houses, businesses and greenery in American Samoa with its wind gusts of up to 85 mph on Friday. A monsoonal trough followed on its heels pouring rain and high winds on to an already disastrous situation.

[photo: THA]



COURT BRIEFS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

POLICE ARREST CO-DEFENDANT IN THE POLICE CAR SHOOTING

Police have arrested the second suspect in the alleged incident that happened in Dec. 2017, where a police unit was shot at, while two police officers were outside the vehicle, investigating a possible break-in at the Tony Solaita Baseball Field. They were responding to a call from a security guard at the ASTCA compound in Tafuna.

The second suspect that was arrested by police last week was a minor, and he's being held at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) to await his court proceedings. Responding to Samoa News inquiries last Friday, Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson confirmed that police had arrested a second suspect and he's now in custody at the Juvenile Detention Center to await his trial.

"I cannot reveal any further information about this case because police officers have not completed their findings. All I can confirm is that police have arrested the second suspect in the police unit shooting case, and he is a minor," said Le'i.

Le'i stated that police have been looking for the second suspect since the beginning of this year, after police received a warrant for his arrest, and now he's finally in custody.

"As I stated in my first interview pertaining to this incident when it just happened last year, this action was a 'cowardly and unprovoked act' that is not to be tolerated, and while police are still investigating this matter, I hope that the evidence will prove what actually happened that night, the police commissioner said. When asked if there any more suspect[s] pertaining to the case, he said that "it depends on how the investigation goes. So far, police have only arrested two suspects and they are now in custody awaiting trial."

The juvenile suspect made his initial appearance in front of District Court Judge Fiti Sunia last week, and he's been remanded into custody without bail. (Media is not allowed to sit in any juvenile[s] case proceedings.)

Two weeks after the alleged incident happened last year, police arrested Thomas Siaumau and charged him with six felony counts — including assault and weapon charges — and three misdemeanors.

Siaumau is being held without bail, and is represented by counsel William R. Olson-RDA Law Firm. He is scheduled to appear in High Court on April 6, 2018 for his next pre-trial conference.

During his first pre-trial conference last week, the government's attorney, Woodrow

Pengelly asked the court for another continuance on the case, so that the police would have more time to finalize their investigation, including interviewing more witnesses.

Pengelly told the court that the evidence in the case may be sent off-island for testing, and it will take some time.

FINAUGA LAVEA'I

A man who unlawfully entered a house at night and attempted to rape a 16-year-old girl last year was sentenced to 28 months in prison, as a condition of his 7-year probation sentence. Finauga Lavea'i, 23, was initially charged with burglary in the second-degree and sexual abuse in the first degree — both class C felonies.

However, under a plea agreement with the government, which was accepted by the court last month, the defendant pled guilty to burglary in the second degree and the amended count of attempted sexual abuse in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor. With his guilty plea, Lavea'i admits that last year, he unlawfully entered a home during nighttime hours for the purpose of committing a crime. While he was inside the home, he went straight to the room where the 16-year-old victim was sleeping for the purpose of having sex with her.

The victim screamed when she felt somebody touching her body, and this alerted her family and caused the defendant to flee the scene, as he was being chased by the victim's family members.

During sentencing, Lavea'i apologized to the court for his actions and begged for a second chance to return home to care for his parents and his family.

"I feel I made a mistake and I am truly remorseful for what I did," he said, adding that he wants another chance so he can change his life and be a better person. He promised never to take part in such actions again, and said he will use the remainder of his life to do good things for his family, his church and his village.

Deputy Public Defender Michael White, Lavea'i's attorney, said that after spending more than eleven months behind bars, his client has learned a lesson, he realizes that prison is not a good place for him, and he needs to move on with his life.

White told the court that Lavea'i has an alcohol problem, and he needs to attend and complete a specialized program so he can turn his life around.

Assistant Attorney General Robert Morris supported White's argument, saying the government believes Lavea'i is a suitable candidate for a probation sentence, and the court will manage his probation, which will give him time to change his life and address his alcohol problem.

He however reminded the court that Lavea'i tried to have sex with a 16-year-old girl while she was asleep. He pointed out that there were other children present in the room when the defendant entered. Acting Associate Justice Elvis P. Patea told the defendant that if he wants to change his life he needs to stop consuming alcohol and/or illegal substances.

The court sentenced Lavea'i to an imprisonment term of 7 years for the crime of burglary in the second degree, and 1 year for third degree attempted sexual abuse.

His sentences will run concurrently, meaning at the same time. However, execution of the sentences were suspended and he is placed on probation for 7 years, under the condition that he serves 28 months in jail without release, except for medical reason or by order of the court. He is also ordered to remain a law-abiding citizen, report to the probation office once a month upon release, and not possess or consume alcohol at any time. He is to submit to random alcohol and drug testing and he is not to make any contact with the victim or her family.

In addition, under the law, he must register as a sex offender.

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The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council announces the following public meetings on fisheries management in offshore waters of Hawai'i, American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Pacific Remote Island Areas. For more information and complete agendas, go to www.wpcouncil.org or contact the Council by email at info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov, by fax at (808) 522-8226 or by phone at (808) 522-8220.

Social Science Planning Committee (SSPC)

Council office, 1164 Bishop St., #1400, Honolulu

March 5 (M) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Major agenda items: Emerging issues, Socioeconomic module of the draft 2017 Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) report, NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center response to external review, Update on

SSPC research priorities.

128th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

Council office, 1164 Bishop St., #1400, Honolulu

March 6-8 (T-Th) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Major agenda item: Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 bottomfish fishery, Precious corals essential fish habitat (EFH), Ecosystem components classification, Potential ecosystem indicators for nearshore fisheries, Ecosystem-based fisheries management in the Western Pacific Region, Framework for managing sea turtle interactions in the Hawai'i shallow-set longline fishery, US Territory longline bigeye specification, American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area (LVPA), American Samoa swordfish trip limit.

Standing Committees

Council office, 1164 Bishop St., #1400, Honolulu

March 13 (T) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Major agenda items: Executive, Budget and Legislative Standing Committee (9 a.m.-noon) -

Financial and administrative matters, 2018 Council member appointments. Pelagic and International Standing Committee (2 p.m.-5 p.m.) - American Samoa LVPA; American Samoa longline swordfish trip limit; Framework for managing sea turtle interactions in the Hawai'i shallow-set longline fishery; US Territory longline bigeye specification; Amendment to the framework for the specification of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) catch and effort limits for US pelagic fisheries in the Western Pacific Region to include other measures from any regional fishery management organization that authorizes implementation under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA); Modification to US Participating Territory catch and effort limit Amendment 7 framework.

172nd Council Meeting

YWCA, Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu

March 14-16 (W-F) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Major agenda items: American Samoa LVPA*; American Samoa longline swordfish trip limit*; Framework for managing sea turtle interactions in the Hawai'i shallow-set longline fishery*; US Territory longline bigeye specification*; Amendment to the framework for the specification of WCPFC catch and effort limits for US pelagic fisheries in the Western Pacific Region to include other measures from any regional fishery management organization that authorizes implementation under the MSA*; Modification to US Participating Territory catch and effort limit Amendment 7 framework*; Ecosystem component species classification*; Omnibus amendment to establish an Aquaculture Management Program*; Refining precious coral EFH*; and American Samoa Marine Conservation Plan*. [*=final action; **initial action]

Written comments on agenda items for the 172nd Council meeting received by March 9, 2018, will be copied and distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. Direct comments to Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, WPRFMC, and mail to 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; fax to 808 522-8226; or email to info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov. Special Accommodations: Host sites are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid requests should be directed to Kitty Simonds, ph. (808) 522-8220 or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting.



Trump to unveil \$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan



File- In this May 19, 2017, file photo, a man works on the Southern Nevada portion of U.S. Interstate 11 near Boulder City, Nev. President Donald Trump on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, will unveil his long-awaited infrastructure plan, a \$1.5 billion proposal that fulfills a number of campaign goals, but relies heavily on state and local governments to produce much of the funding. The administration,Äôs plan is centered on using \$200 billion in federal money to leverage local and state tax dollars to fix America’s infrastructure, such as roads, highways, ports and airports.

(AP Photo/John Locher, File)

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The administration’s plan is centered on using \$200 billion in federal money to leverage local and state tax dollars to fix America’s infrastructure, such as roads, highways, ports and airports.

“Every federal dollar should be leveraged by partnering with state and local governments and — where appropriate — tapping into private sector investment to permanently fix the infrastructure deficit,” Trump said at last month’s State of the Union address.

Trump has repeatedly blamed the “crumbling” state of the nation’s roads and highways for preventing the American economy from reaching its full potential. Many in Washington believe that Trump should have begun his term a year ago with an infrastructure push, one that could have garnered bipartisan support or, at minimum, placed Democrats in a bind for opposing a popular political measure.

But the administration chose to begin with health care and relations with Democrats have only grown more strained during a turbulent, contentious year. The White House, now grappling with the fallout from the departure of a senior aide after spousal abuse allegations, may not have an easy time navigating a massive infrastructure plan through a polarized Congress. It just grappled with two federal government shutdowns and will soon turns its attention to immigration.

Administration officials previewing the plan said it would feature two key components: an injection of funding for new investments and help speed up repairs of crumbling roads and airports, as well as a streamlined permitting process that would truncate the wait time to get projects underway. Officials said the \$200 billion in federal support would come from cuts to existing programs.

Half the money would go to grants for transportation, water, flood control, cleanup at some of the country’s most polluted sites and other projects.

States, local governments and other project sponsors could use the grants — which administration officials view as incentives — for no more than 20 percent of the cost. Transit agencies generally count on the federal government for half the cost of major construction projects, and federal dollars can make up as much as 80 percent of some highway projects.

About \$50 billion, would go toward rural projects — transportation, broadband, water, waste, power, flood management and ports. That is intended to address criticism from some Republican senators that the administration’s initial emphasis on public-private partnerships would do little to help rural, GOP-leaning states

Early reaction to the proposal was divided.

Jay Timmons, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, saluted Trump “for providing the leadership we have desperately needed to reclaim our rightful place as global leader on true 21st-century infrastructure.”

“When ports are clogged, trucks are delayed, power is down, water is shut off, or the internet has a lapse, modern manufacturers’ ability to compete is threatened and jobs are put at risk,” said Timmons. “There is no excuse for inaction, and manufacturers are committed to ensuring that America seizes this opportunity.”

AMERICAN SAMOA POWER AUTHORITY UPDATE:

HERE IS THE 12PM — SUNDAY, FEB. 11TH, 2018 — UPDATE FOR EACH AREA AS PER THE ASPA WEBSITE:

SUMMARY:

60% of Power Customers now have power
; 80% of Water Customers now have water (some with low pressure)

POWER:

SATALA FEEDERS:

F-4 - Satala plant to shipyard;

F-8 - Satala power plant to LBJ hospital;
SK - StarKist, STP - Samoa Tuna Processing;

F-1 - Satala plant to Amouli;

F-3 - Satala plant to Fagatogo

TAFUNA FEEDERS:

F-6 - Tafuna plant to Tafeta (mainline) and select customers that were safe to energize;

F-9 - Tafuna plant to Fogagogo (mainline) and select customers that were safe to energize (ODAPM, Pacific Mini Mart, Cost U Less, KS Mart, others);

F-10 - Up to Auma (mainline) and select customers that were safe to energize

F-7 - Tafuna plant to Ottoville (mainline) and select customers that were safe to energize (Assembly Bible School, Tradewinds, Homeland Security, LDS Chapel, others)

F-5 - Tafuna plant to Mama’s Kitchen (mainline) and select customers that were safe to energize (gas station, CBT, Laufou, Hong Kong/ Mama’s Kitchen, others)

FEEDERS THAT ARE STILL OFF:

F-5 – Mama’s Kitchen to Fagaalu
Facilities operating on Standby Generators:
Fagaalu Booster Station Water,
Fagaalu Lift Station, WW
Masefau Water Wells,
Fogagogo WW Plant

RESTORATION PLAN:

ASPA is working to repair and energize Feeder primary lines first and energize customers that are safe to energize.

Lateral, tap lines and service drops will follow.

Priority facilities include: Water pump and booster stations, hospital and heath centers, airport Seaport business areas, supermarkets and shops, and gas-stations.

Caution: Treat all telephone and power lines as live at all times.

WATER:

AREAS WITH WATER NOW:

Tafuna to Canneries has water with low pressure

; Iliili to Tafuna has water with good pressure;

Pavaiai to Futiga has water with low pressure; Futiga to Leone has water with low pressure; Leone to Amanave has water with low pressure

; Vailoa to Taputimu has water with low pressure

; parts of Vaitogi are online with low pressure

; Masefau Village with good pressure

; Pavaiai to Mapusaga Fou low pressure

; Afono Village good pressure

; Pago to Aua low pressure

; Aunuu Village low pressure

; All Manu’a areas with good pressure

Areas to come online later today:

Laulii to Alofau; Mapusaga Fou to Aoloau

- Fagasa Village.

Other areas will follow and more details will be available once crews are able to do an assessment of these areas.

WASTEWATER:

Utulei return to the grid power at around 5p.m. yesterday.

Coconut Pt to Papa Lift Stations is without power. Working on generator to power Coconut pt.

Fogagogo plant generator has been running since power went off. Crews are working on powering this from ASPA grid today.

Honey wagon services available to the public if needed. Call ASPA Customer Service.

MANUA:

Power is on to all areas except for parts of Olosega due to a down transformer.



Strong winds from Tropical Storm Gita last Friday stripped off branches of a huge tree in front of the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

Solofua moliaga mamafa na tu'uaia ai e le malo Salend Singh

tusia Ausage Fausia

E le i lava mau na tu'uina atu e le itu a le malo e lagolago ai la latou tagi fa'asaga i le ali'i Faipisinisi mai Fagaima i le vaiaso na te'a nei, ina ua tu'uina mai le fa'aiuga a le Vaega Iloilo Iuga, e le ta'usala Salend Singh i moliaga e 4 na tu'uaia ai o ia e le malo.

O loimata o le fiasia na molimauina i totonu o le potu Fa'amasino i le aso Tofi na te'a nei, ina ua mae'a ona faitau e le Failautusi a le Fa'amasinoga le fa'aiuga a ali'i ma tama'ita'i iloilo iuga.

Ina ua mae'a ona faitau le fa'aiuga, na vaai a le aapa atu o le aao o le ali'i Loia a Singh ia Marcellus T. Uiagalelei ma opo mai o ia ma fa'alototele atu i ai, ao tu Singh ma ona loimata i luma o ali'i ma tama'ita'i iloilo iuga.

Na faafetaia e le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Elvis P. Patea le sao a ali'i ma tama'ita'i iloilo iuga, i le sailia lea o le mea moni fa'asaga i le mataupu sa tu'uaia ai Singh.

"Alu ia oe ua e sa'oloto", o le saunoaga lea a Patea na tu'uina atu ia Singh. O le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino Lagolago ia Mamea Sala Jr ma le afioga a Paepae I. Fai'ai na lagolago ia Patea i le fa'atautaia o lenei mataupu.

Ina ua fesiligia le Loia a le malo i sona finagalo, na taua ai e le susuga a Robert Morris lona fa'aaloalogia o le fa'aiuga a ali'i ma tama'ita'i iloilo iuga. Na toe fesiligia o ia e le Samoa News, pe talitonu ua faatamala le malo i le tuuina atu o mau e lagolago ai la latou tagi fa'asaga ia Singh, ae na saunoa Morris, "E leai sa'u tala i lena tulaga, pau la'u fa'amatalaga, ou te fa'aaloalo i le fa'aiuga a ali'i ma tama'ita'i iloilo iuga".

FA'AFINAUGA FA'AI'U A LOIA

O le ali'i loia lagolago ia Woodrow Pengelly na fai ma sui o le malo i le tuuina atu o fa'afinauga fa'ai'u fa'asaga i lenei mataupu. Na taua e Pengelly i ali'i ma tama'ita'i iloilo iuga e fa'apea,

na mafua ona piki e Singh ia le tamaititi e 13 tausaga le matua i le taeao o le aso 18 Tesema 2015 i Vaitogi, ina ia mafai ai ona fa'atino iuga mataga fa'asaga ia te ia.

Na finau Pengelly e fa'apea, ua lava molimau na tuuina atu e le malo e lagolago ai gaioiga mataga sa faia e le ua molia i le tamaititi aoga, e ala i lona ave o ia i luga o le mauga o Logotala i Vaitogi, ma ia faamallosia ai o ia e tago atu i ona itutinosia.

Sa ia taua fo'i e fa'apea, o le pulou Santa Claus na fai a le tamaititi aoga i le taeao na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave, na maua e Leoleo i luga o le mauga o Logotala, le nofoaga na fa'ataunu'u ai e Singh uiga mataga fa'asaga ia te ia.

O le \$2 lea na ave e Singh i le tamaititi i le taimi na momoli ai o ia i le aoga, na faia ina ia taofia ai le tamaititi mai lona fa'ailoa i se isi o mea leaga uma sa tutupu ia te ia i le taeao o le aso lea.

Na finau malosia Pengelly i ali'i ma tama'ita'i iloilo iuga e fa'apea, e le tataua ona latou masalosalo i mau ua tuuina atu e le malo, ona ua lava ma totoe ia mau e lagolago ai le tagi fa'asaga i lenei ali'i le alofa.

Ae na taua e le loia a Singh ia Uiagalelei e fa'apea, o le tagi a le malo fa'asaga ia Singh, o lo o fa'avae i molimau eseese na tuuina atu e le tamaititi na a'afia. I le taeao na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave e pei ona tuuaia ai e le malo ia Singh, na fa'amatala e le tamaititi i lana faiaoga fai mai, na alu atu le ta'avale a Singh na tu atu ia te ia, ma lana faaupuga la te o e momoli o ia i le aoga.

Ae ina ua musu e oso i totonu o le ta'avale, na oso i fafo Singh ma le ta'avale ae ta'amilo atu ua toso fa'amalosia o ia i totonu o le ta'avale ma la aga'i atu loa i luga o le mauga o Logotala. Ae o le fa'amatalaga na tuu atu e le tamaititi i le vaiaso na (Faaauau itulau 10)



Tropical Storm Gita caused severe damage to many houses, businesses and greenery in American Samoa with its wind gusts of up to 85 mph on Friday. A monsoonal trough followed on its heels pouring rain and high winds on to an already disastrous situation.

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by Samoa News staff

The US Coast Guard (USCG) has resumed its response operation for the 88-foot fishing vessel, Chui Zai Fa No. 1, currently is aground off Leone Bay since early week.

Operations were suspended last Friday due to Tropical Storm Gita, and a photo provided by USGC shows the vessel in a surf zone, split in half with the bow and stern portions sitting side by side.

While the USGC hasn’t yet identified the vessel’s owner, a Samoa News search of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission registration online records shows the owner’s name as Chen Ai Chun, with an address in Taiwan. Additionally, the vessel — which is a tuna longliner built in 1988 — has a crew of 10. And the vessel’s previous name was Neptune No. 23.

According to a Coast Guard news release last Saturday afternoon, response crews were able to access the fishing vessel and assess three-quarters of the multiple fish holds and fuel tanks on board. All assessed holds and tanks were either empty or contained only seawater.

The maximum amount that could be present in the holds and tanks that were not reached is 1,850 gallons, down substantially from the original possible maximum of 30,000 gallons. “No sheen was seen by responders,” the statement says.

Oil spill response equipment deployed to mitigate impacts from any potential spill remain

in place and has been adjusted to provide maximum benefit to the environment in the event of a release of the product.

The Coast Guard notes that the owner of the vessel is the responsible party and is actively working with Coast Guard officials and local authorities to develop a salvage plan for the grounded fishing vessel.

USGC reminds the public that the site immediately around the vessel and the vessel itself are dangerous. It is in a heavy surf zone and the structure of the vessel is compromised. Non-response personnel should remain clear of the vessel and surrounding area.

There have been concerns from Leone residents over the vessel, for possible oil spill and damage to the reef, which was affected following the 2009 tsunami. There was also a reported ‘smell’ attributed to the vessel, however this has not been confirmed.

USCG had said that the Taiwanese-flagged vessel reportedly caught fire Nov. 4, 2017, in international waters prompting the crew to abandon ship to a life raft and were rescued by the crew of a Korean-flagged vessel, transferred to a sister fishing vessel and eventually disembarked in Fiji. The master of the Chu Zai Fa No. 1 and one crewmember reportedly remain missing. The Chu Zai Fa No. 1 remained adrift until its grounding Monday off Leone Bay.

[photo: USCG]

Police had previously gone to home where officers killed

CLEVELAND (AP) — Police in Ohio had previously gone to the home where a man fatally shot two police officers for three domestic disputes but no arrests were ever made, incident reports from the Columbus suburb of Westerville show.

Westerville officers Eric Joering, 39, and Anthony Morelli, 54, were killed shortly after noon Saturday in this normally quiet suburb while responding to a 911 hang-up call. The suspect, 30-year-old Quentin Smith, was shot and wounded by the officers and taken to Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in critical condition Saturday, a Westerville city spokeswoman said. The hospital would not provide updates on his condition Sunday.

A series of 911 calls released by the city of Westerville provide some details about what happened Saturday at a complex of townhomes. Smith lived there with his wife, Candace, and a young daughter.

Westerville police have provided few details about what happened inside the townhome. Westerville Police Chief Joe Morbitzer said at a news conference Saturday that Joering, a 16-year veteran, and Morelli, a 30-year-veteran, were shot immediately upon entering the residence. Columbus police are investigating the shootings.

After the initial hang-up call at noon, a dispatcher called the number back and reached a woman who was crying and can be heard saying, “won’t let me in.” Officers are then sent to the home. At 12:12 p.m., an officer tells a dispatcher that it’s “all quiet right now,” followed by a door knock. At 12:13 p.m., after a dispatcher confirms contact has been made, a man’s voice can be yelling, “We have shots fired.” Four minutes later, someone, presumably a police officer, tells a dispatcher: “We have two officers down. Child on couch, one at gunpoint.” It’s unclear at what point Smith was shot. Other 911 calls show that Candace Smith was hiding in bushes in front of the home, pleading for help because her daughter is still inside the home while a dispatcher calmly tells her to stay there.

“Please help,” Candace Smith repeats several times in a call at 12:14 p.m. “He shot the police officers.” Westerville police had gone to the couple’s townhome for domestic disputes three times since September of last year. Joering and Morelli’s names aren’t listed on those calls. On Sept. 14, police responded to a call from Candace Smith that her husband was drunk and doing something to her car. A brief narrative from the officers says, “No dis-

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TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: **Leua Aiono Frost**
RIPOTIA COAST GUARD
VA'A TAFEA & PA'ULIA I LEONE

Na va'aia e nisi o le afio'aga o Leone i le taeao o le aso Lua ua te'a le pa'ulia o se va'a fagota i o latou gataifale ma ua manatu ai i latou o le a afaina le fa'asao o lo'o fa'atautaia i lo latou gataifale. Sa lipotia lea va'a i le Ofisa o Leoleo ma le US Coast Guard.

Na tau fai auai uma i ai le vaega o le ASEPA, le DOH, Pulega o le Taulaga, Coast Guard ma le vasega o Leoleo ina ia sailia lea va'a fagota i le mafuaga ua pa'ulia ai i gataifale o Leone.

Taua i le lipoti a le Coast Guard, o lea va'a fagota Chui Zai Fa No.1, e tusa o le 300 iata mai le faga i Leone, e 88futu lona umi, ua pa'ulia ae leai sona auva'a o i ai.

O le aso Lulu na taunu'u ai i Amerika Samoa le va'alele a le Coast Guard mai Hawaii, ma nisi o sui o lea vaega o le fetarale, mo suesuega i lenei va'a fagota. Ua fa'amaonia mai e le'o i ai se suau'u masaa i le sami i lea taimi.

E tusa ai ma se fa'amatalaga a se tasi o tama'ita'i mai Leone lea sa tele sona sao i le latou taumafaiga e toe fa'atutupu a latou 'amu i lo latou gataifale, sa ia fa'ailoa ai, "E faigata tele ona matou nofonofo ma tu'u nei ituaiga o mea e tutupu mai i lo matou gataifale, ae tele se galuega sa faia fa'atasi e i matou le autalavou a le afio'aga ma nisi fo'i o matagaluega i matou poloketi fa'asao lea e tauau fo'i ina ia toe fa'aleagaina ona o va'a fa'apenei e tia'ia i le sami ma tatafe mai ai i le matou gataifale."

"O ituaiga mea nei, lea e mafua ai ona le toe fiafia le fanau talavou e faia ni galuega fa'asao, aua e fiu fo'i e tau-mafai ina ia lelei se mea, ae toe

fa'aleaga i nisi o mea fa'apenei e tutupu mai, talosia lava ae moni e leai se suau'u ua masaa i le ogasami, ae o le uta fo'i a le va'a po'o fea o i ai atoa?," se toe fa'aopoopo mai lea o se taofi o lea lava tama'ita'i.

Na fa'amaonia mai fo'i e se tasi o sui o le ASEPA, e moni lava e leai nisi i luga o le va'a, ma e le o i ai fo'i se mea e tasi lava e manogi kesi pe lalaoa fo'i i luga o le sami e iloga ai na masaa se suau'u i lea taimi i gataifale o Leone.

O lea va'a o se va'a fagota mai Taiwan, na lipotia mai na mu ia Novema 4, 2017 i le ogasami fa'avaomalo, ma o le mafuaga lea o le tu'ua e le auva'a o le latou va'a, ma sa o ese mai ai i se latou va'a fa'aola.

Na fa'aolatia i latou uma e se tasi o va'a fagota mai Korea, lea sa latou fa'ae'eina i latou uma i se asi o latou va'a fagota lea ua mae'a taula ma o ese ai le auva'a lea i Fiti. E to'atasi se tasi o le auva'a fa'atasi ai ma le Master o lea va'a, o lo'o misia e le ma'ua se fa'amaumaga po'o fea o i ai.

E tusa ma le 30,000kalone o le diesel e tumu ai le tane kesi o lea va'a, e toe 13,000 kalone o totoe i le va'a i le taimi lea ua pa'ulia ai, masalo o se tele o lea kesi na mu ina ua mu le va'a i le sami.

Ua galulue fa'atasi uma fo'i vaega e tataua ona faia o latou sao i le galuega e mautinoa ai ua le masaa lea kesi i le ogasami o pa'ulia ai le va'a, ma ua mautinoa e faia mea uma ina ia le afaina le gataifale ma le sio-maga atoa.

O le aso Faraile ua te'a sa taofia ai su'esuega i lea va'a, ona o matagi malolosi mai le afa o Gita, sa aafia ai Tutuila. O le vaiaso nei e toe amata ai galuega suesue.

MOOMIA TAGATA VOLE-NITIA E LE KOLUSE MUMU AMERIKA SAMOA

O se toe tala mai a le susuga Val Tuilefano o le Koluse Mumu i Amerika Samoa i le aso Tofi a'o le'i a'afia i tatou i le 'afa o Gita, "O lo'o mana'omia lava nisi e volenitia mai mo le tatou nei tautua. O le faigata o galuega fesoasoani o i ai nei, ua leai nisi e fa'atinoa galuega tau le tatou Ofisa nei."

Saunoa ia Tuilefano, ua to'atele aiga ua vala'au atu mo se fesaosoani ona o matagi malolosi ma lologa i Tututula lea na afua mai le aso Lulu, soso'o ai ma le aso Tofi, ae le'i agi le afa o Gita.

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A US Coast Guard C-130 airplane crew from Air Station Barbers Point, Hawai'i, landed Saturday afternoon at Pago Pago International Airport, after conducting an aerial post-storm assessment.

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➤ Storm...

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The Hawaiian Air flight was scheduled to arrive early yesterday afternoon at 2:40 pm and return to Honolulu two hours later, after it was delayed from Friday night into Saturday but then was canceled because of strong winds still lingering over Tutuila.

The storm had also caused interruption for inter Samoa air service as well as flights to and from Manu'a. However, it was reported that Talofa Air landed a flight on Saturday, and then both Talofa Air and Samoa Air resumed service to and from Samoa yesterday.

In the meantime, government schools — ECE, Elementary and Secondary — are confirmed by at least two principals as off for two more days — Monday and Tuesday, with only teachers and DOE staff reporting to work.

mittent problems.

Both service providers are now delivering consistently, except in areas mentioned.

RED CROSS

The American Red Cross will be conducting damage assessment following the storm, says Emily Cox, the Regional Communications Director of American Red Cross of San Diego/Imperial Counties — which includes American Samoa.

“American Red Cross disaster workers will conduct damage assessments as soon as feasible and will open a Service Center [this week] for families with major damage or destroyed homes,” Cox said Saturday afternoon from San Diego.

Red Cross will provide additional information on when the center will be open as well as the location.

Cox points out that the Red Cross supports relief efforts through distributing emergency supplies and providing casework to families whose homes are majority damaged or destroyed.

According to Cox, the Red Cross also offers the Safe and Well website a secure option that allows people to list their own status and allows friends and family to search for messages from their loved ones. To register yourself or search for a loved one on the Safe and Well website, visit redcross.org/safeandwell.

(Rhonda Annesley, Theresa Auva'a and Leua Frost contributed to this report)

The Latest: White House extends condolences for Russia crash

The Trump administration has expressed sympathy for the families of the 71 people killed in a plane crash outside Moscow.

In Washington, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the U.S. “is deeply saddened by the tragic deaths of those on board Saratov Airlines Flight 703.”

Emergency workers are combing the snowy field where the An-148 regional jet went down shortly after takeoff from Domodedovo Airport for clues.

The aircraft pilots didn't report any problems before the aircraft plunged into the ground.

Huckabee Sanders said in a statement: “We send our condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and to the people of Russia.”

Russian investigators say the crew of the airliner that crashed Sunday near Moscow did not report any technical problems before the disaster.

The Saratov Airlines regional jet was carrying 65 passengers and six crew members when it went down a few minutes after takeoff from Domodedovo Airport on Sunday.

Investigative Committee spokeswoman Svetlana Petrenko said: “It has been found out that no reports about technical malfunctions were received from the plane's crew.”

State news agency Tass reports that one of the An-148 plane's recorders has been recovered from the snowy field where the plane crashed, but did not specify if it was the voice or data recorder.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has postponed a planned trip to Sochi to closely monitor the investigation of the passenger plane crash outside Moscow that had no survivors.

Russia's transportation minister Maxim Sokolov said Sunday that “judging by everything, no one has survived this crash” of the An-148 regional jet that went down a few minutes after takeoff Sunday.

Sokolov did not specify the number of people on board when the Saratov Airlines flight took off from Moscow's Domodedovo Airport for Orsk, a city about 1500 kilometers (1000 miles) to the southeast. Russian news reports said there were 65 passengers and six crew members.



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Late Metallica bassist honored in California community

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A heavy metal hero is being celebrated in the San Francisco Bay Area community where he grew up.

Supervisors in Alameda County named Feb. 10 Cliff Burton Day, in honor of the late bassist of Metallica who was born in Castro Valley south of Oakland.

Burton was 24 when he was killed in a bus accident in 1986. He would’ve turned 56 on Saturday.

The designation came after Metallica fan Robert Souza started an online petition to get officials to recognize Burton. It got 5,600 signatures.

Burton’s 93-year-old father, Ray, told supervisors that his son would’ve had a huge smile on his face about receiving the proclamation.

Burton played on Metallica’s first three albums. He was posthumously inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with Metallica in 2009.

Tala i Vaifanua...

Mai itulau 7

o le mana’omia e lea lava Ofisa. I le va’aiga lautele i le tulaga o le afa o Gita, sa o’o lava i le Ofisa o Emmergency Response, sa motusia le latou eletise, ma le mafai ai ona faia ni feso’ota’iga ma fafo poo iinei fo’i ma le vasega o Leitio fa’asalalau. E o’o fo’i i lea tautua, na motusia fo’i aua sa leai se eletise, ae fa’afetai mo le malosi’aga o ma’a sa mafai ona fa’atautaia ai pea le tautua i le aso Faraile i le taimi na agi malosi ai le afa.

O le motusia o fa’asalalauga ona ua motusia fa’afuase’i fo’i ma le sapalai o le Eletise ma aafia ai vaega atoa o Tafuna ma Nuuuli ona o La’au, Pouila ma Fale ua fa’aleagaina, e i ai nai vaega o le atunu’u o lo’o fa’asaoina pea fale.

Sa va’aia sologa i atumauga ma sa afaina tele fo’i atufalega nofo o aiga o lo’o tutu ai.

Na fa’ate’ite’i le toatele i le o’o mai o le afa i le taeao segisegi o le aso Faraile ma e le’i toe mautonu ai se tasi i se tapenaga fa’atopetope o latou maota ma laoa ia puipuia fa’amalama ma mea e masani ona latou taumafai e sefe mai afa.

E tele fo’i la’au tetele ua pa’u’u ma ua suati i luga pogati, e pei o le pulu tele i autafa o le BOH i Tafuna.

E tusa o le tulaga o le suavai, ona o pamu vai ma isi galuega uma e fa’amoemoe i ai le una’ia o le suavai, na matua leai atoa ina ua motusia le eletise, atoa ai ma le fa’aleagaina o le suavai ua amata ona le mama mo le fa’aogaina e aiga.

Fa’ato’a toe maua le suavai i le afiafi o le aso Sa e le to’atele o aiga e le o uia le suavai mai fa’atanoa a le afio’aga o Nuuuli. Peita’i o le suavai a Nuuuli mai fa’atanoa a le nu’u na toe maua lava i le taeao o le aso To’ona’i mo aiga o i ai lea sapalai.

O alatele sa to’atele lava aiga na galulue fa’atasi i le toe kilia ese o la’au i luga o alatele, ia sao atu taavale a le ASPA fa’apea ma aiga e fia o ese mai latou fale mo fa’atauga ma sailiga o le suavai mama mo latou gaoioiga i o latou lotoifale.

O se tasi lea o mea e iloga i o tatou aiga, e tutu fa’atasi ina ia mafai ona toe fa’aleleia tautua lautele. O le to’atele sa fa’aogaina vaitafe ina ua mama mai le suavai e ta’e’ele ai ma fa’amama ai latou mea uma i o latou lotoifale a’o tatalia le toe ola mai o paipa vai.

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I le faaiuga o lenei mataupu, ua tula’i mai ai le le mafai e le malo ona faamaonia le latou tagi fa’asaga ia Singh.

New York attorney general files lawsuit against Weinstein



NEW YORK (AP) — New York’s attorney general on Sunday filed a lawsuit against disgraced Hollywood movie producer Harvey Weinstein and the Weinstein Co. following an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct.

“As alleged in our complaint, The Weinstein Company repeatedly broke New York law by failing to protect its employees from pervasive sexual harassment, intimidation, and discrimination,” state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said in court papers.

Schneiderman launched a civil rights probe into the New York City-based company in October after The New York Times and The New Yorker exposed allegations of sexual assault and harassment spanning decades. The company later fired Weinstein.

“To work for Harvey Weinstein was to work under a per-

sistent barrage of gender-based obscenities, vulgar name-calling, sexualized interactions, threats of violence, and a workplace general hostile to women,” according to court papers.

Schneiderman’s probe found that employees were subjected to various verbal threats from Weinstein such as “I will kill you, I will kill your family, and “you don’t know what I can do.”

In one case, the probe found that “in a fit of rage against one female employee, he yelled that she should leave the company and make babies since that was all she was good for.”

Telephone and email messages seeking comment from Weinstein and the company were not immediately returned.

Representatives for Weinstein have previously denied all accusations of non-consensual sex.

Reports: Inmate arraigned in West Virginia hospital escape

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A West Virginia inmate accused of shooting at a police officer during a hospital escape is facing multiple felony counts.

Media outlets report 31-year-old Bryan Lee Ogle II of Sevierville, Tennessee, was arraigned Sunday in Kanawha County. Among the charges are attempted murder and unlawful assault of a law enforcement officer.

A criminal complaint says Ogle escaped from Charleston Area Medical Center’s General

Hospital, where he was taken for injuries following a recent arrest.

The complaint says Ogle was found outside Saturday and fought with officers from Montgomery and Charleston. It says one officer fell down steps and Ogle seized the officer’s gun and fired two shots, one striking the other officer’s belt.

Ogle was being held Sunday on \$500,000 bond. It wasn’t immediately known if he had a lawyer.



Dancers from the Vila Maria samba school perform on a float during a carnival parade in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018. (AP Photo/Andre Penner)

Rio kicks off Carnival parade with anti-establishment tone

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — There are some Brazilians who aren’t likely finding much to enjoy in Rio de Janeiro’s colorful Carnival parades — the mayor, the governor and the president.

An anti-establishment tone is echoing through this year’s celebrations in Brazil. And Sunday night’s parade at Rio’s Sambadrome featured entries that blast the country’s political leadership at a moment of economic slump and political scandal.

President Michel Temer, Rio de Janeiro state Gov. Luiz Fernando Pezao and Rio Mayor Marcelo Crivella were expected to skip the two-day bash at the Sambadrome. The samba parades used to be a magnet for politicians before a sprawling corruption investigation around state-run oil giant Petrobras began in 2014. Now officeholders fear being booed and even attacked by critics during the party.

Temer, whose popularity is in single digits, spent his last Carnival as president with a group of 40 people on a military-guarded beach south of Rio. Earlier a few hundred revelers in the capital of Brasilia organized a street party to make fun of his recent poor health and his unpopular pension overhaul.

In the Sambadrome or at street parties, Carnival revelers usually take the five-day extravaganza to forget everyday problems, and most of them will do just that. But the political message is clearly more present this time than in recent years.

“This has been the most political bash since the middle of the ‘80s when Brazil’s military dictatorship was about to end,” Carnival historian Luiz Antonio Simas said. “Brazil has been mired in political chaos and corruption scandals and people want to vent their frustrations at the same time they want to be in the party. That is a great mix for Carnival.”

Brazil is holding a presidential election in October and the results are hard to predict in a

polarized society. The front-runner in opinion polls is former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, but he faces a growing risk of being arrested within weeks following a corruption conviction.

Da Silva has also been a polarizing figure at Carnival, with supporters using costumes and banners criticizing Brazil’s judiciary in his defense and adversaries bringing dolls that feature the former president in prison clothing.

In Rio, though, the most criticized politician by far is the mayor.

Manguiera, one of Rio’s most popular samba schools, prepared a float that features a plastic butt with Crivella’s name on it. Since taking office last year, the evangelical bishop-turned-politician has cut city funding for samba schools and avoided the bash.

A shirt popular among revelers says “Carnival will kick the Crivella out of you.” Earrings, tiaras and banners have also been used against the mayor, who has said he has nothing against Carnival but considers it to be “only a party.”

“The mayor has no idea what Carnival is and doesn’t separate his religion from our city’s most important party,” said Lucia Araujo, who was wearing a “Fora Crivella” (Crivella out) tiara at a street party. “This tiara doesn’t mean I don’t want all the others out, too. These politicians are destroying our hope for a better Brazil, they all need to go.”

Sao Paulo Mayor Joao Doria, who was until recently seen as a presidential hopeful, heard insults as he visited that city’s sambadrome. A picture of him being snubbed by a top samba singer went viral on Brazilian social media channels Sunday.

Early Tuesday, the Beija-Flor samba school will close the two-day Sambadrome parade in Rio by comparing Brazil’s political environment to Frankenstein, alluding to the country’s sharp divisions and intolerance to differences.



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Courtesy Photos)



Kim's sister ends Olympic visit, leaving South to mull offer

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's sister headed home Sunday night after a whirlwind three days in South Korea, where she sat among world dignitaries at the Olympics and tossed a diplomatic offer to the South aimed at ending seven decades of hostility.

Kim Yo Jong and the rest of the North Korean delegation departed for Pyongyang on her brother's private jet, a day after they delivered his hopes for a summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in during a lunch at Seoul's presidential palace. It was a sharp, but possibly fleeting, contrast with many months of rising tensions connected to the North's continued development of nuclear weapons and long-range missiles.

They capped their final day in South Korea by joining Moon at a Seoul concert given by a visiting North Korean art troupe led by the head of the immensely popular Moranbong band, whose young female members are hand-picked by Kim Jong Un.

Accepting North Korea's demand to transport more than 100 members of the art troupe by sea, South Korea treated the

Mangyongbong-92 ferry as an exemption to the maritime sanctions it imposed on the North, a controversial move amid concerns that the North is trying to use the Olympics to poke holes in international sanctions.

South Korean Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon hosted the North Koreans for lunch Sunday before Moon's chief of staff, Im Jong-seok, hosted them for dinner ahead of the concert.

Kim Yo Jong, 30, is an increasingly prominent figure in her brother's government and the first member of the North's ruling family to visit the South since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. The North Korean delegation also included the country's 90-year-old head of state, Kim Yong Nam.

In dispatching the highest level of government officials the North has ever sent to the South, Kim Jong Un revealed a sense of urgency to break out of deep diplomatic isolation in the face of toughening sanctions over his nuclear program, analysts say.

"Honestly, I didn't know I would come here so suddenly. I thought things would be strange and very different, but I found a lot of things being similar," Kim said while proposing a toast at Sunday's dinner, according

to Moon's office. "Here's to hoping that we could see the pleasant people (of the South) again in Pyeongchang and bring closer the future where we are one again."

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Sunday rejected any suggestion that even a temporary warming of relations between the North and South could drive a wedge between Seoul and Washington.

It's too early to say, Mattis said, "if using the Olympics in a way to reduce tension - if that's going to have any traction once the Olympics are over. We can't say right now."

South Korea accommodated both the North Korean government officials and members of the art troupe at the Walker-hill hotel in Seoul. The riverside facility is named after late U.S. Army commander Walton Walker, who's considered a war hero in the South for his battles against the North during the Korean War. It was built in the 1960s under the government of late anti-communist dictator Park Chung-hee as a luxury facility for U.S. troops stationed in South Korea.

The North Koreans went through a busy schedule in South Korea as the world

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Police...

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This photo provided by Andy Golub shows a nude model getting ready to take part in the Polar Bear Paint body-painting event in the rain and cold of New York City's Times Square ponders what color to apply next on Saturday Feb. 10, 2018.

(Andy Golub via AP)

pute or argument."

Candace Smith told officers they were separating, and that he left when she told him she was calling police.

"Female has his key so she is not concerned about him coming back," the report said.

A Nov. 29 report said Can-

dace Smith went to the Westerville police station asking about a protection order. She told officers that Quentin Smith had come home drunk earlier in the week and had "forced himself on her," the report said. Candace Smith said she had found out that day she had been infected

with a sexually transmitted disease, according to the report.

Candace Smith also told officers that her husband had threatened to kill her, their daughter and himself if she left him. She said Smith always carried a gun despite being a convicted felon. Smith was convicted in Cuyahoga County, which includes Cleveland, of felony burglary and misdemeanor domestic violence charges in 2009 and was sentenced to four years in prison.

Shortly after Candace Smith spoke with police at the Westerville station that day, police went to the home when Quentin Smith called to complain that his wife had locked him out of the house. They were told to stay in separate areas of the home.

On Jan. 20, officers went to the home after Quentin Smith's mother called police to say the couple was arguing. They told police there weren't fighting.

On Sunday, President Donald Trump wrote on Twitter that he had reached out to Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Republican and frequent political rival, to express his condolences over the officers' deaths.

Trump tweeted: "This is a true tragedy!"

Trump has long cast himself as a friend of law enforcement and has vowed to toughen punishments for those who wound or kill police officers.

Royal wedding guess list: Who gets a nod from Harry, Meghan?

LONDON (AP) — Forget the World Cup kicking off in Russia in June. The real competition right now is who's going to be invited to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding in May.

Everyone who is anyone in Britain is angling for an embossed royal ticket.

British heavyweight boxer Anthony Joshua, who is seeking to add two more world championships to the three he already owns, says he would be happy to interrupt his high-level training for a trip to Windsor Castle on May 19. The ebullient Joshua has not been shy, tweeting a picture of himself and Harry with the question "Need a best man?"

"I'm single," the 28-year-old told the BBC, expressing an interest in seeing if the elegant, raven-haired Markle's "got any sisters."

(For the record Anthony, she has a half sister, 53-year-old Samantha Grant, a divorced mother of three who has called Markle "a social climber.")

The actual guest list is a closely guarded secret — and details about it may not be released until the event is underway. But that hasn't stopped speculation about who's in or who's out from becoming a national parlor game and the subject of wagers in Britain's legal betting shops.

Any bride and groom run into parental interference in their guest list, whether it's adding random cousins or forgotten neighbors. Yet Harry and Markle are enduring this phenomenon at a cosmic level due to the royal expectations that come along with being a grandson of Queen Elizabeth II.

At least Harry and Markle won't face the 3,500 guests that his parents, Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, welcomed to their 1981 "wedding of the century" in St. Paul's Cathedral in London. They also avoided the warehouse-sized Westminster Abbey, where Harry's brother Prince William and Kate Middleton packed in 1,900 guests for a 2011 royal wedding extravaganza televised around the world.

Their wedding venue, St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, holds a mere 800 guests. Even so, it's going to be tough to cut that list.

The British royals' close relatives alone number over 50 — and this time Princess Eugenie gets to bring a plus-one, fiancé Jack Brooksbank. Harry also won't forget non-royals like Kate's sister, Pippa Middleton, her husband James Mathews, and brother James Middleton.

At William's wedding, 45 foreign royals from 20 countries were invited from nations as diverse as Spain, Norway, Malaysia, Thailand and Saudi Arabia. William also invited governor generals from Com-

monwealth countries (23 seats); foreign dignitaries (27); U.K. politicians (42); religious figures (31); senior military officers (14) and 80 workers from charities that he backs. Oh — and don't forget the ambassadors from countries with ties to Britain.

William barely could squeeze in A-listers like David Beckham and TV adventure host Ben Fogle — who may return for Harry's nuptials.

Britain's governing elite — Prime Minister Theresa May, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond — would normally expect a Windsor invite. But with turmoil over Brexit roiling the ruling Conservative Party, perhaps the bride and groom should just wait until a week before the wedding, then invite whoever is still left standing.

The juiciest debate has

been over invites for rival U.S. presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump. Harry and Obama have obvious chemistry and have worked together promoting Harry's Invictus Games competition for wounded soldiers. Some British officials, however, fear that an invite to Obama would anger Trump.

The royals could note that Obama, the U.S. president in 2011, was not invited to William's wedding. And they have a bit more leeway because Harry's wedding is not considered a state event. Markle, meanwhile, is a Hillary Clinton fan.

"We've changed our minds on this. We think Harry is in a position that he does not have to worry about the political implications of an invite," said Rupert Adams, a spokesman for the betting agency William Hill PLC. "We feel strongly that the Obamas will get an invite."



FILE - In this file photo dated Monday Nov. 27, 2017, Britain's Prince Harry and his fiancée Meghan Markle pose for photographers in the grounds of Kensington Palace in London, following the announcement of their engagement. Speculation is mounting over who will be invited to the May 19, 2018, royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, with some high profile people openly saying they would like to attend, though the actual guest list is a closely guarded secret.

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The private plane went down late Sunday morning in a remote canyon about 40 miles (73 km) north of downtown Los Angeles, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The aircraft broke apart and debris was strewn

The single-engine plane was a Cirrus VK-30 classified as an experimental aircraft, according to FAA records. It's registered to Thomas G. Hastings, who built the plane in 1999, the

FAA spokesman Allen Kenitzer confirmed the aircraft was a Cirrus, but he did not immediately have additional details about the crash about 40 miles (73 km) north of downtown Los Angeles. The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board will investigate, he said.

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US pushes for home countries to take back detainees in Syria

“There are numerous questions about what’s next,” said Mattis. He said that will include ensuring that explosive devices are found and eliminated, getting schools re-opened and making sure clean water is available.

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This family home in Nu'uuli had its roof ripped off by strong winds from Tropical Storm Gita last Friday.
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O le aoauli o le aso To'ona'i, ae ua tatala ai faitoto'a o le Tutuila Store i Nuuuli mo fa'atauga, peita'i e leai se eletise i le faleoloa atoa, ona ua motusia talu ai le afa o Gita.
[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O le taimi nei, ua mae'a soloia fale, ae o lo ua avea o latou taualuga ma fa'aletonu, pe afai ae toe alia'i mai se isi matagi malolosi, e toe sau tama ia e toe faia nisi fa'alavelave matuia atu i tagata feoai fa'apea ma nisi o aiga tulata ane i lea fa'ato'aga fa'i ua fola i apa.
[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

► Kim's...

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Kim Yo Jong, left, sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and Kim Yong Nam, North Korea's nominal head of state, arrive to attend a luncheon with South Korean Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018. A rare invitation to Pyongyang for South Korea's president marked Day Two of the North Korean Kim dynasty's southern road tour, part of an accelerating diplomatic thaw that included some Korean liquor over lunch and the shared joy of watching a "unified" Korea team play hockey at the Olympics.
(Kim Sung-doo/Yonhap via AP)

watched their every move. They were whisked back and forth between Seoul and the Olympic towns of Pyeongchang and Gangneung. They shared the VIP box with world leaders at the opening ceremony and joined Moon in cheering for the first-ever inter-Korean Olympic team as it debuted in the women's ice hockey tournament. Saturday's game ended in a crushing 8-0 loss to Switzerland. The most important part of the visit, however, came during one of the quieter moments. Invited by Moon for lunch at Seoul's presidential palace, Kim Yo Jong verbally delivered her brother's hope for a summit with Moon in Pyongyang, a meeting that she said would help significantly improve ties after an extended period of animosity. "We hope that President (Moon) could leave a legacy that would last over generations by leading the way in opening a new era of unification," she said, according to Moon's office.

Though Moon has used the Olympics to resurrect meaningful communication with North Korea after a diplomatic stalemate over its nuclear program, he didn't immediately jump on the North Korean offer for a summit. He said the Koreans should create an environment so that a summit could take place. He also called for the need of a quick resumption of dialogue between North Korea and the United States. After arriving in Seoul on Friday, the North Koreans attended a chilly opening ceremony at Pyeongchang's Olympic Stadium, taking their place among world dignitaries, including U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who seemed to go out of their way to not acknowledge the North Koreans despite sitting just few feet (meters) away. Analysts say Kim Jong Un's decision to send his sister to the South reflected an eagerness to break out of diplomatic isolation by improving ties with the

South, which the country could eventually use as a bridge to approach the United States. The U.S.-led international community has been tightening the screws on North Korea with sanctions designed to punish its economy and rein in its efforts to expand its nuclear weapons and missile program, which now includes developmental long-range missiles targeting the U.S. mainland. By also sending a youthful, photogenic individual who would surely draw international attention at the Olympics, Kim might have also been trying to construct a fresher image of the country, particularly in face of U.S. efforts to use the Olympics as an occasion to highlight the North's brutal human rights record. Always flanked by thick groups of bodyguards, Kim Yo Jong commanded attention wherever she went, walking among throngs of journalists with a quiet poise and occasionally shooting an enigmatic smile at cameras. The Koreans previously held summits in 2000 and 2007, both hosted in Pyongyang by Kim Jong Il, Kim Jong Un's late father. The previous meetings came after rounds of international talks aimed at eliminating the North's nuclear program, which eventually failed. Moon has always expressed a desire to reach out to North Korea. Reviving inter-Korean dialogue is critical for the policies of Moon, who insists that Seoul should be in control in international efforts to deal with the North Korean nuclear issue. "The fate of our nation must be determined by our own selves — we must not allow the repeat of unfortunate past history where our fate was determined with no regard to our opinions," Moon said in a speech to South Korean lawmakers in November.

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E fautuaina le mamalu o le atunu'u o lo'o fa'aogaina ia ogasami mo ta'elega ma fagotaga: talu ai ona o su'esu'ega o ia vaega o ogasami sa faia i le vaiaso ua mavae, sa molimauina ai le maualuga o le faitau aofa'i o siana (Enterococci) mai numera ua fa'atapula'aina i le tulafono i ia vaega o ogasami. O nei siana e afua mai otaota po'o suavai lafoa'i o tagata ma meaola. Afai ae o'o atu le faitau aofa'i o siana mai numera ua fa'atapula'aina, o lona uiga, e i ai le avanoa e ono afaina ai lou soifua maloloina ini fa'ama'i e pei o le manava-tata'i, o fofoga fa'apea fa'i ma manu'a o le tino pe a sao i ai le siana. Mo lou saogalemu: 'aua le inuina le suasami, ia fa'alanu lelei, ma fa'amalu pe a mae'a ta'elega. O le fautuaga mai le Ofisa o le AS-EPA, fa'afeso'ota'i muamua se foma'i, a'o le'i fa'aogaina ia ogasami, auā le puipuiga o lou soifua maloloina.

Fa'amolemole, fa'autagia mai nei fautuaga. O le a toe maua atu se isi ripoti, pe a mae'a nisi o su'esu'ega mai le Potu Su'esu'e a le AS-EPA i le vaiaso fou. O lo'o i lalo o le va'ava'aiga a le AS-EPA matafaga mo tafaoga e 44 i le motu o Tutuila, e 5 i Manua ma le uafu i Aunu'u. O fa'asalalauga mo fautuaga mo le motu o Tutuila o lo'o auina atu i vaiaso ta'itasi, ae o Manu'a ma Aunu'u e fa'asalalau atu i masina ta'itasi. Mo ni fesili pe fia malamalama atili, fa'amolemole, vala'au mai i le telefoni (684) 633-2304.



O nisi o uaea eletise ma telefoni ta'atitia i luga o ala e feoa'i ai ta'avale ma tagata. O nisi o nei aiga e feoa'i e le manatu ina ia fa'aletonu i latou pe a o'o ina ki mai le eletise a le Malo. O i latou ia ua taumafai e soloia na ituaiga o fa'aletonu.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Alafai tagata o Tauese i Nu'uuli e kilia le la'au pa'u'u i luga o le alatele faatasi ai ma lala o la'au ua gau'i i le aso Faraile ua te'a ona o le afa o Gita.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

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Trump aide confident Democratic memo will be released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee are prepared to black out parts of their memo about the FBI's Russia investigation to ensure there's no harmful spilling of secrets, then try again to get President Donald Trump to let it come out. A White House aide said he's confident it will be released once Democrats "clean it up."

That possible nudge toward progress came as both sides traded steamy recriminations over the matter.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said Trump is putting his personal interest above the country's in blocking a memo that "completely undermines his claim of vindication" in special counsel Robert Mueller's continuing investigation of the 2016 Trump campaign's relationship with Russian interests and Russia's meddling in the election. "The president doesn't want the public to see the underlying facts," Schiff said Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation." The White House legislative director, Marc Short, countered that Democrats padded their memo with sensitive information, knowing Trump would stop its release, in an effort to make him look obstructionist.

"We're not afraid of transparency," Short said on NBC's "Meet the Press."