



Nine contestants vied for the crown in the 2017 Miss Pacific Islands Pageant, with Miss American Samoa (center) winning on Saturday, December 09, 2017 in Nadi, Fiji, 'in the place where happiness finds you'.

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American Samoa wins 2017 Miss Pacific Islands Pageant

ENDING A 15-YEAR DROUGHT, SHE IS THE 6TH HOLDER OF THE MPIP TITLE FOR THE TERRITORY

Saturday, December 9, 2017 — American Samoa ended their 15-year drought in the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant by winning the crown in Nadi, Fiji on Saturday night.

Miss American Samoa, Matauaina Gwendolyn To'omalatai won the crown for the territory in a nailing biting competition. In the special awards, Miss Toomalatai claimed the Best Traditional Wear, Miss Photogenic and Miss Tourism Awards.

The 24-year old was officially announced the winner Saturday night, and was crowned by the outgoing Miss Pacific Islands, Anne Dunn in front of a packed stadium at Prince Charles Park in Nadi, Fiji.

American Samoa last won the title 15 years ago, when Lupe Ane Kenape Aumavae was crowned in the Cook Islands in 2002. This is the sixth time the title has travelled to American Samoa.

In receiving the title, the new Miss Pacific Islands was overwhelmed with emotion and could not hold back tears as she acknowledged everyone, including her father who recently passed away.

"To my dad, I wish you were here," said the new Miss Pacific Islands with tears of joy. "To my families and friends, to my team and especially to my country, thank you all so much."

"Thank you American Samoa, I'm truly so blessed to represent such a country. "Faafetai tele lava, vinaka vakalevu."

Miss To'omalatai was born in Onenoa, American Samoa, and was studying nursing at the University of Hawaii at Kapi'olani Community College before she entered the Pageant, with her goal of becoming a registered nurse specializing in treatment and care of diabetes patients and brings to this year's reign an awareness on diabetes.

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Miss American Samoa, Matauaina Gwendolyn To'omalatai won the Miss Pacific Islands crown for the territory last Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 in Nadi, Fiji ending a 15-year drought.

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AG disables time clock at main immigration and airport offices

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale has "disabled until further notice" the time clocks for the main Immigration Office at the EOB in Utulei and the airport, and this is effective immediately, according to the AG's Nov. 7th memo.

"This is an extreme measure to combat the continuous disregard for the ASG overtime policies and the [Department of] Legal Affairs policies on attendance and overtime," Talauega said, adding that except for airport staff, immigration officers "must" clock in and out using the time clock at the AG's Office.

He stressed that work hours are from 7:30am. to 4p.m. and employees "cannot clock in" before start time, and clock out after the end of work time — "without prior written approval."

According to the AG, immigration airport staff supervisors will be responsible for writing

down work times of airport staff and they "must turn the time in on a weekly basis, directly to the AG's Office."

The new time clock policy has prompted criticism within the Immigration Office, especially at the airport. Some Immigration employees have taken their complaints to their lawmakers.

However, Talauega has defended his action and pointed to Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga's Oct. 2, 2017 executive order, which fully enforces the Executive Branch's regulations on overtime and compensatory time.

The governor requires that all directors fully comply with the latest policy.

According to Lolo, it's the "general policy" of the government not to incur overtime.

And if overtime is unavoidable, the director "must seek permission" from the governor or the lieutenant governor, before it happens.

(See Samoa News Oct. 11th edition for details)

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Stowers not a drug dealer, says jury

“Nicole has the right to remain silent, because the gov-
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Court questions existence — and validity — of police procedures on the road

MEANWHILE, POLICE COMMISH AND FORMER NEWS REPORTER ARE ‘NO-SHOWS’ ON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

“ .. there’s rule of substitution for people to appear in Court, and for this hearing, I want to see the Police Commissioner in Court, not his deputy.”

This was the clear message from District Court Judge Fiti Sunia during an Order to Show Cause hearing last Friday, for which DPS Commissioner Le’i Sonny Thompson was subpoenaed to appear, but he did not.

Instead, DPS deputy commissioner Falana’ipupu Taase Sagapolutele appeared on his behalf.

Assistant Attorney General Christy Dunn informed the Court that Le’i was not available, and that’s why his deputy was there.

According to the District Court’s daily calendar for Friday, Dec 08, 2017, the case of “354786 ASG vs Dorah Sua”, was scheduled for review that day.

Le’i and former KHJ Radio news reporter, Tauva Esera were ordered by the Court to appear during the Order to Show Cause hearing. Neither of the them appeared. The hearing has been continued to Jan. 23, 2018, and Sunia has ordered the government’s attorney to inform Le’i that he needs to be in Court on that day.

According to court proceedings, the hearing had to do with a traffic violation against Sua, who is challenging the citation. Le’i was subpoenaed to explain DPS procedures for police officers when engaging with the community on public highways.

Esera, on the other hand, is accused of using her cellphone to allegedly record a hearing inside the courtroom last month. Sources tell Samoa News that Esera’s cellphone was confiscated by

the court marshal and the judge was informed of the situation. Esera has been advised by the Court to seek an attorney to advise her in this matter. She has not been charged.

Sunia said the reason for last week’s hearing was for Le’i to appear in Court, to explain the procedures police officers use while performing their duties on public highways.

The judge acknowledged he received information that Le’i would not be present in Court for the hearing, but he sent a substitute. The District Court judge reminded the government attorney that there are rules of substitution for people to appear, and the Court really wants the police commissioner to appear.

Sunia then called Falana’ipupu to the stand, and asked him numerous questions in regards to his role at DPS, what procedures and policies DPS is using, and what steps he takes when a person in being investigated for a crime he/ she is accused of.

After Falana’ipupu introduced himself to the Court, Sunia asked if DPS has a standard operation policy, and whether it is valid.

Responding politely, Falana’ipupu, who has worked for DPS for over 23 years, said DPS does have a standard operation to guide police officers on how to conduct their daily duty, and as far as he knows, it is still valid.

The judge then instructed the court clerk to hand over to the witness a piece of paper which was identified as exhibit #2, the DPS flow-chart.

Sunia asked the witness if he’s seen that flow chart before, and the witness said yes. He then asked if that flow chart was part of the DPS operations procedure and the witness replied yes.

“What was the process you went through to

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South Korea imposes new sanctions on North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea says it has added several North Korean groups and individuals to its sanctions list as part of efforts to cut off funding for the North weapons programs.

South Korea’s government says the sanctions on 20 North Korean groups and 12 individuals took effect Monday.

Seoul is among the first to respond to North Korea’s Nov. 29 missile launch with fresh sanctions. The government says it hopes its move will prompt the international community to do likewise.

U.S. President Donald Trump’s U.N. ambassador has been urging the world to cut trade and diplomatic ties with Pyongyang. Separately, South Korea, the United States and Japan started their two-day missile tracking drills on Monday.



A man walks by a TV screen showing a local news program reporting about North Korea’s missile launch with an images of U.S. President Donald Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. Two days after North Korea test-launched its most powerful missile to date, a clearer picture is emerging of Pyongyang’s impressive technological achievement , and what still remains before it can legitimately threaten the continental United States. South Korean President Moon shared his country’s assessment with President Trump in a telephone conversation Thursday night. The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen pressure and sanctions on Pyongyang to discourage its nuclear ambitions, Seoul’s presidential office said Friday.

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Howard Giske, Curator of Photography, talks about the work of his old friend, Al Smith, during a preview for an exhibition of Smith's work, "Seattle on the Spot: The Photographs of Al Smith" at the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI), Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, in Seattle. The show, opening Nov. 18, shows how the legendary Seattle photographer used photography to document the African-American community in the Pacific Northwest between 1930 and 2005, and includes scenes of night clubs, jazz musicians, and his family and community. The photographs were curated from a collection of more than 40,000 photographs and negatives donated by his family. Smith died in 2008.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

Pioneering black journalist Simeon Booker dies at age 99

WASHINGTON (AP) — Simeon Booker, a trail-blazing African-American journalist and the first full-time black reporter at The Washington Post, died Sunday at the age of 99. Booker died at an assisted-living community in Solomons, Maryland, according to a Post obituary, citing his wife Carol. He had recently been hospitalized for pneumonia.

Booker served for decades as the Washington bureau chief for the iconic African-American publications Jet, a weekly, and Ebony, a monthly. He is credited with bringing to national prominence the 1955 death of Emmett Till, the 14-year old African-American boy whose brutal murder in Mississippi became a galvanizing point for the nascent civil rights movement. Booker's article included an open-casket picture of Till's mangled face that shocked the nation. In a 2013 video tribute upon Booker's induction into the National Association for Black Journalists Hall of Fame, former Jet reporter Roy Betts said that Booker's coverage of the civil rights movement, "catapulted the movement onto the world stage."

His reporting from the Deep South placed him in near-constant danger. Tributes to him mention that he sometimes dressed as a minister (com-

plete with Bible) or a farmer to escape detection and one frequently-told tale had Booker escaping from an angry mob in the back of a hearse.

He rode in one of the buses to cover the 1961 Freedom Rides, when black activists rode from Washington to New Orleans to challenge a ban on segregated interstate transportation facilities.

Booker was born in Baltimore and raised in Youngstown, Ohio.

He started his journalistic career working for a string of African-American publications. He joined the Post in 1952, but moved on two years later to found the Washington bureau for Johnson Publishing, the parent company for Jet and Ebony. He served in that position for more than 50 years, authoring the widely-read Ticker Tape column, chronicling Washington's inner workings for a national black readership before retiring in 2007. He covered 10 different presidents and also traveled abroad to report on the Vietnam War.

Booker authored or co-authored four books, including a 2013 memoir co-written with his wife Carol McCabe Booker and entitled, "Shocking the Conscience: A Reporter's Account of the Civil Rights Movement."

Customary land is not under legal threat by Freehold land laws

PRESS RELEASE — December 8, 2017 — There have been recent suggestions and questions asked of this office as to the supposed alienation of our customary land under freehold land legislation.

In response I respectfully pose this question: what customary land has been legally converted to freehold land and / or 'sold off', since the enactment of the Lands Title Registration Act 2008? (LTRA)

The answer is none. That is because it is a legal impossibility.

That Act deals only with freehold land. It can never be utilised to interfere at all with our customary land rights that are protected in our Constitution.

The LTRA was introduced to help protect and increase clarity for transaction for freehold land only. I emphasise that it actually therefore states in its own body in section 9 as follows:

Section 9(4) and (5) of the LTRA:

"(4) No provision of this Act may be construed or applied to:

i) permit or imply the alienation of customary land in a manner prohibited by Article 102 of the Constitution; or

ii) permit or deem ownership in any customary land to vest in a person otherwise than as determined under any law dealing with the determination of title to customary land.

(5) Nothing in this Act permits the exercise of any power or affects any interest in customary land that could have been applied by law prior to the commencement of this Act."

That provision is pretty clear when read, in its legal intent.

Article 102 of our Constitution mentioned in s 9 states that:

No alienation of customary land

- It shall not be lawful or competent for any person to make any alienation or disposition of customary land or of any interest in customary land, whether by way of sale, mortgage or otherwise howsoever, nor shall customary land or any interest therein be capable of being taken in execution or be assets for the payment of the debts of any person on his decease or insolvency:

Further, the Laws that protect families with interest in any customary land, mean that where any land is leased without proper consultation with all members of a family that have connection or claim to such land, those not consulted can object against the lease or license. The objection is then determined by the Land and Titles Court (see section 8 and 9 of the CLA 1965). The Judiciary have upheld such objections to protect the rights of those disaffected in such a manner and therein protecting rights to customary land.

In the case that customary land is leased by mutual agreement then the beneficiary family that owns the customary land has rights under the lease and like all lessees can seek to enforce them when required including revoking the lease. The

government via Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) must oversee the compliance as a trustee assisting our families, and further assisted by the Attorney Generals office where required.

The balance the law aims to achieve, is to protect the land while allowing for economic developments that create jobs and income both for the owners of the land and the community at large. But in all that the status of the land remains as customary and all legal protection therefore apply. It can never be legally turned into freehold land.

There's been a suggestion also that provisions of the LTRA can give conversion powers for individuals turning customary land to freehold.

Reference has been made to section 32 and 33 of the LTRA 2008 as giving matais the authority to sell off customary land. Respectfully, this is a fundamentally ill advised position. Sections 32 and 33 of the LTRA 2008 are concerned with 'registered proprietor' and sets out their relationship with existing estate and interest; and the rights of persons dealing with a proprietor if he or she is contracting, dealing or taking or proposing to take a transfer from a proprietor of land — that being freehold land.

These provisions cannot magically have the effect of transforming customary land into freehold land. That notion or suggestion is flawed and incorrect.

The LTRA 2008 defines 'proprietor' to mean: "in relation to an interest in land means any person seized or possessed of any freehold or other estate or interest in land at law or in equity in possession in futurity or expectancy."

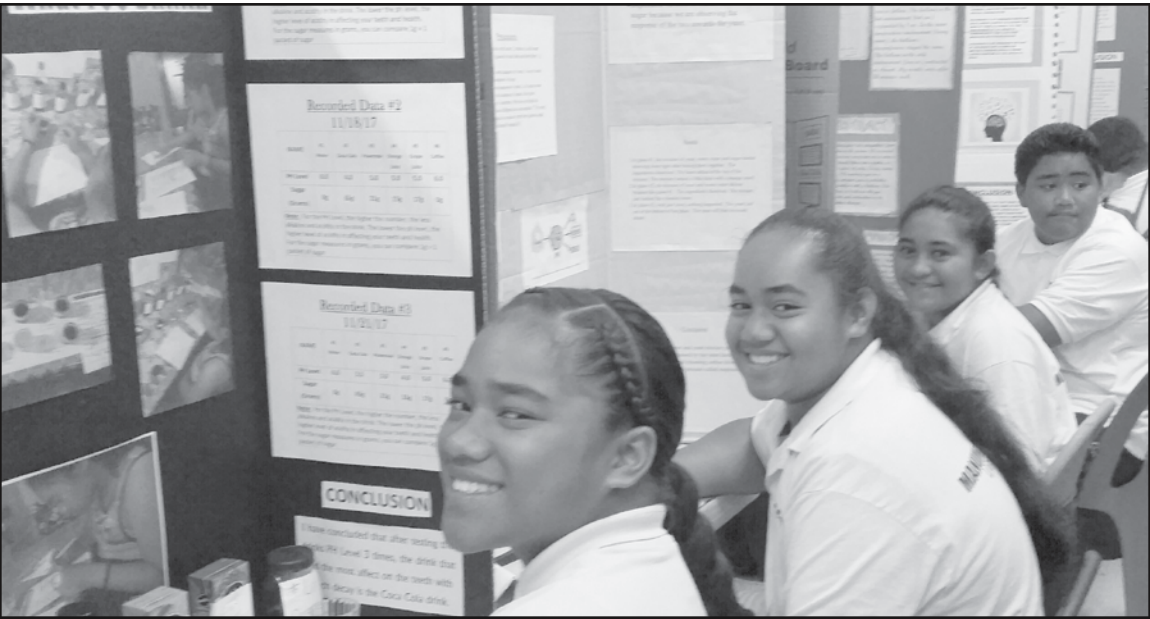
The reference to 'land' is defined in the LTRA 2008 to mean:

"includes all estates and interests, whether freehold or chattel, in real property, of every kind and description or any estate therein, together with all paths, passages, ways, watercourses, liberties, privileges, easements, plantations, gardens, mines, minerals, quarries, and all trees and timber thereon or thereunder lying or being unless any such are specially excepted but DOES NOT include customary land for the purpose of registration of land under this Act (other than registration of licenses or leases of customary land);" Therefore where the words 'proprietor' or 'registered proprietor' appears in section 32 and 33 it is referring to an owner of land, but that reference to land does not include customary land.

The LTRA 2008 does not have the effect of amending, repealing or adding to the provisions of Article 102 of the Constitution which specifically defines our customary land allowing all other legal protective measures to therefore by operation apply to it.

Our Customary Land is not under any legal threat from laws that oversee specifically freehold land.

(Source: Press Statement issued by Attorney General Lemalu Herman Retzlaff)



It's that time of year again, when young aspiring scientists show off their investigations and findings during school science fair competitions, in preparation for the Island Wide Science Fair, hosted by the Dept. of Education. Pictured is Olo Olo Jr. (center) and some of his school mates during Manumalo's science fair competition last week.

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ALOFA FOAI FUA COLLECTS ITEMS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

Last Friday, Dec. 8th, was the last day for donations to the Alofa Foai Fua project, a community service drive that the folks with Pacific Global Citizens Inc. have been coordinating over the past few months.

President /founder of the group, Patrick T. Reid, told Samoa News last week that the goal of the project is to donate “canned food, toys, and gently used items to our children and families in need this holiday season - be they at shelters, the pediatric ward, LBJ Medical Center, the Territorial Correctional Facility, etc.”

There were a handful of drop-off locations for those who wanted to donate (Tutuila Stores - Nu'uuli, Petesa, Tafuna; TJ's Gym- Tafuna; ASTCA- Tafuna, Nu'uuli; Dept. of Youth and Women's Affairs- Pago Pago; and Panama's Tire Shop- Leone).

Reid said they were able to partner with and receive support from various governmental organizations as well as NGOs, to include: the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority; Dept. of Youth and Women's Affairs; Dept. of Human and Social Services; Leone High School Green Club; other high school organizations; Lions Club of American Samoa; the American Samoa Red Cross. and KHJ Radio.

“We are a locally incorporated organization that is currently undergoing 501c3 review from IRS as we speak, and our mission is community service with a focus on youth development,” Reid said. “Our officers and volunteers are employees of the public sector and have an interest and passion for community service.”

In addition to Reid, other officers from the

group include vice president Aioletuna Sunia, and secretary/treasurer Jewel Tuiaosopo.

HAWAI'I RESIDENT CLAIMS HE WAS FIRED BECAUSE HE IS “SAMOAN”

A Samoan man, who claims he was fired by a security guard company because of his Samoan ancestry has filed a civil rights lawsuit in the federal court in Honolulu, seeking an unknown amount of money to be determined by a jury.

Honolulu resident Saute Sapolu alleges in the Aug. 8th lawsuit that his employment with Star Protection Agency LLC, was terminated Sept. 13, 2016 “due to discrimination based on [his] national origin and ancestry — Samoan — and sex, male.”

Sapolu, who was hired by Star Protection in 2012, was sent home on Sept. 10, 2016 during his shift, after one of the company's client “accused plaintiff of verbally threatening him and his wife,” the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit further notes that Sapolu was informed three days later by his supervisor that he was discharged from his job for making threatening comments to a client. Despite completely denying the allegation and an attempt to explain himself, Sapolu's supervisor him to “shut up” and “just by the way plaintiff looks, he believes plaintiff said what the client alleged.”

Sapolu denies any wrongdoing, the lawsuit said and alleges that if not for plaintiff's national origin, ancestry, and sex, Sapolu would not have been terminated by his former employer.

The lawsuit came after the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) dismissed early this year, Sapolu's complaint against his former employer, who has since asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit which, if it were to

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Voting counting begins in Venezuela's mayoral elections

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Vote counting began Sunday night in mayoral elections across Venezuela that pitted candidates backed by socialist President Nicolas Maduro against a fractured opposition still bruised by a poor showing in gubernatorial contests earlier in the year. Voting for mayors in all of Venezuela's 335 municipalities was the last national elections before next year's presidential race, in which Maduro is expected to seek re-election despite his steep unpopularity.

Various polling places appeared to be sparsely filled throughout the day, with only handfuls of people seen casting ballots. “Let's hope they're late sleepers and this isn't a phenomenon of abstention,” said retired librarian Jose Tomas Franco, an early morning voter in the capital of Caracas who called the small turnout “alarming.”

The elections took place against a backdrop of soaring inflation, shortages of food and medicine, and charges that Maduro's government has undermined Venezuela's democracy by imprisoning dissidents and usurping the powers of the opposition-controlled National Assembly.

Economic and political crises have caused the president's approval rating to plunge,

although the opposition has been largely unable to capitalize on Maduro's unpopularity.

Opposition candidates suffered a crushing defeat in October's gubernatorial elections, winning just five of 23 races amid allegations of official vote-buying and other irregularities.

Three of the four biggest opposition parties said they were boycotting Sunday's mayoral races in protest of what they called a rigged electoral system.

Maduro responded on state television after casting his vote by threatening to ban political groups that boycotted the mayoral races from future political contests. “A party that has not participated today cannot participate anymore,” said Maduro, who called Sunday's turnout “extraordinary.” Given the opposition's disarray, political analysts said they doubted Maduro's opponents would be able to rally behind a single candidate in next year's presidential election. “The opposition is condemned to trying to find a solution to its internal problems,” said Edgard Gutierrez, coordinator of local pollster Venobarometro. “Either that or simply not compete in 2018.”

The last time the opposition refused to compete, in congressional elections in 2005, it strengthened the government's hand for years.



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The ASCC Samoan Studies Institute held a ceremony in late November to recognize this year's winners for its writing competition in the Samoan language. (l-r) Moe Iefata, third place winner; Jaradine Ah Sam, second place winner; and 2017 first place winner Oneata Rosie Soi. See story for details.

[photo: J. Kneubuhl]

ASCC-SSI awards winners of Samoan language writing competition

by James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Samoan Studies Institute (SSI) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) held an awards ceremony on Tuesday, November 28th, to recognize the top three finalists in its Samoan language writing competition: Lau Gagana Samoa Tavaga Tusiga Tala.

ASCC student Ms. Oneata Rosie Soi authored the piece that took top honors, with fellow students at the College Ms. Jaradine Ah Sam and Mr. Moe Iefata taking second and third place respectively.

Now in its third year, and open to all ASCC students, the writing competition attracted 33 submissions this time. Ms. Soi, who won third place in the 2016 competition, this time took top honors with her story “O le

‘Olomatua,” which looks at the iron fist rule of a feisty Samoan matriarch and how her grandchild inspires forgiveness and unity.

Ms. Ah Sam won second place with “E ui ina ave’a ma i’a ae la ‘uma le alofa”, in which she successfully weaves a fisherman’s story around a legend, and Mr. Iefata came in third with “E fai i le loto”, a powerful testimony about Samoan identity and getting a tatau for a person raised off island.

“Through the writing competition, we try to create more awareness of Samoan way of life by offering a platform for local voices to share their stories and their creativity,” said SSI Director Okenaisa Fauolo-Manila. “Writers must keep developing their craft so they can share their stories in a more powerful way. We’ve noticed some general improvements in the writing submitted for the competition compared to last year, but we still have a lot of fine-tuning to help with. We also take it to heart that a great concern was noted in a past UNESCO survey about what they term a famine in writing and fiction ‘in the vernacular,’ referring to Pacific languages, including Samoan. The SSI hopes to fill this niche and create more awareness by encouraging students to write as well as providing opportunities for them to read their stories on our Faasamoa Pea radio program, if they feel comfortable doing so.”

The writing competition aligns with the ASCC mission to promote awareness of Samoa and the Pacific, a goal also perpetuated by the SSI. To this effect, the SSI also researches local narratives and legends, and then offers these stories in both English and Samoan to meet the growing interest and needs of a non-Samoan speaking audience or those who need translations.

The same literature is utilized by classes such as SAM 151 (Freshman Samoan & Lab), SAM 154 (Intro to Samoan Literature) and Sam 271 (Samoan Creative Writing). Students in these classes are regularly assigned with writing critiques of competition stories and others aired on the radio program, and this work is included as part of each student’s class achievement assessment.

Judges for this year’s competition included Department Chairperson To’oto’olevavau Evile F. Feleti, instructors Alofa Nuusila and Ti’a Tasia Talamoni, Researcher and Language Interpreter Tupa’isiva Tamari Mulitalo-Cheung as well as Community Outreach Coordinator Falefata Moli Lemana .

At the ceremony to recognize the competition winners, ASCC’s Director of Physical

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RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved to issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Fa’atili; DBAS President
Date of issuance: Dec 1, 2017
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DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

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DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

Document: Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday Dec 1, 2017 or emailing charmaine@dbas.as for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: www.dbas.as (click public notice).

The Request for Proposals (RFP) describes the specifications for the services to be provided in sufficient details to permit competition and allow the interested party to properly respond to the RFP.

This RFP is issued under Title 28, Chapter 1, of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

DBAS invites the submission of proposals to include pricing and other details as indicated in the specifications. Attachments will be provided as an aid in presenting a comprehensive proposal consistent with the requirements of DBAS.

DBAS will select a contractor who best meets the needs of DBAS. The factors for selection will include, but not be limited to the following: understanding of the requirements of the financial and single auditors; verifiable ability to perform well; good reputation; flexibility, including ability to respond quickly to needs of a small client in a remote location and throughout the year; and reasonability of costs.

The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from DBAS management and board. The committee may request interviews with potential contractors after reviewing the proposals before the final selection is made.

Submission: Proposals must be received by DBAS no later than 2:00pm local time on December 30, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

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Attention: Charmaine Faleaana
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

They may also be emailed to charmaine@dbas.as, as an attachment in Word Format with a confirming email required to confirm receipt; or faxed to DBAS at (684) 633-1163 with a confirming fax to confirm receipt. The original is to follow by airmail first class.

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She recently worked for the American Samoa Visitors Bureau, and will now focus on fulfilling her role as the Pacific Queen. It was a feeling of warmth witnessed on stage amongst the nine beautiful contestants, in what is a fitting finale to what has been a hectic and fun-filled week of activities for the contestants from around the region, in the place where happiness finds you, Fiji.

On the theme of Climate Change to Sustain our Islands, the judged categories of the Pageant were divided into three nights, with the crowning on the fourth and final night as witnessed also by the Pacific region and around the world, through live stream coverage broadcasted through Fiji TV.

Miss Samoa, Alexandra Iakopo was the 1st runner up and she claimed special prizes which included Miss Internet, Miss Personality, Best Talent and Best Interview.

Miss Fiji followed as 2nd runner up; 3rd runner up is Miss Cook islands; and 4th runner up is Miss Rapanui.

While not placing, Miss Papua New Guinea — Niawali Anastacia Twai won Best sarong.

The nine Pacific Island participants were:

Miss American Samoa

— Matauaina Gwendolyn To’omalatai

Miss Cook Islands — Enerstina Pokuia Bonsu-Marō

Miss Fiji — Hally Qaqa

Miss Nauru — Tansy Angelique Itsimaera.

Miss Papua New Guinea — Niawali Anastacia Twai

Miss Miss Samoa — Alexandra Iakopo

Miss Solomon Islands — Emily Chan.

Miss Tonga — Ophelia Kitiliti Kava

The major sponsor for the 2017 Miss Pacific Islands Pageant was the Fijian Government and it was supported by Vodafone Fiji Limited, Nadi Town Council, Miss Fiji Pageant Association, Go Advertising, Pure Fiji, Fiji Marriott Resort Momi Bay, Garden of the Sleeping Giant, Official Sports Activity Wear partner – Qaqa, Opening Night Gown Designer - Mausio Designs.

The Host for the next Miss Pacific Islands Pageant is the Kingdom of Tonga.

View photos and take a look at the events of the Pageant week on Website: <http://www.miss-pacificislands.org/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MissPacificIslands/>.

(Sources: Samoa Events Incorporated, NADI, FIJI and Miss Pacific Island Pageant)

► Stowers not a drug...

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ernment has the duty to prove their burden, not us.”

He said to jurors, “You have the power here. You have the power to say no to what the government is trying to do in this case. We don’t want people in our community to be treated like this. Your vote is your power. Use that power to say

no and find Nicole not guilty on both counts.”

(*Samoa News should point out that the defense throughout the trial referred to Stowers by his transgender name, ‘Nicole’, while the government identified the defendant only by his birth or male name.*)

Plane crash on Molokai kills 2 people

HONOLULU (AP) — Maui fire officials say two people have died in a plane crash on Molokai, a Hawaiian island located between Oahu and Maui.Hawaii News Now reports that the plane crashed Sunday afternoon.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer says the plane crashed due to “unknown circumstances” while on its way to the Molokai Airport.

Kentizer says at least two people were aboard the plane when it crashed about 4 miles (6 kilometers) west of the airport.

Officials were notified by the Molokai air traffic control tower that communication with the plane was lost.

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On Saturday, the Rotary Club Of Pago Pago hosted Leone High School's Interact Club for a community service work day at the Pala Lagoon Swimming Center at Lion's Park.

Interact is supervised by Rotarian and LHS English teacher Alice Raynar. Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of 'Service Above Self'. Meanwhile, the swimming pool is slated to open within the next month. [courtesy photo]



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proceed further, the defendant “would be prepared to demonstrate how devoid of merit the claims are,” court documents note. Among the “defects” cited by the defendant is that a “very significant portion” of the company’s workforce “shares both a gender and a national origin with Plaintiff, and are clearly not discriminated against on that basis.” Additionally, the plaintiff “voluntarily resigned”, but was not terminated. Furthermore, the defendant’s actions with respect to the incident referenced in the lawsuit would have been more than sufficient to justify termination.

Late last month, Sapolu asked the court to deny the defendant’s motion to dismiss the case, arguing — among other things — that he should be permitted a jury trial on all claims asserted. According to court records, a settlement conference hearing is set for July 2018 and if nothing is resolved, trial will proceed in October 2018.

Queens of the Stone Age singer apologizes for concert kick

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Queens of the Stone Age frontman Joshua Homme has apologized after a photographer claimed the singer kicked her camera while she photographed the band’s concert in Southern California. Photographer Chelsea Lauren said on Instagram that she sought medical treatment after the camera smashed into her face from the kick Saturday night at a radio station’s annual Christmas event. Video posted to social media shows Homme swinging his leg and connecting with the camera while playing guitar.



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Boys & Girls Clubs of American Samoa offers Computer Science Education Program

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PAGO PAGO, December 8, 2017— Boys & Girls Clubs of American Samoa (BGCAS) is helping community youth learn critical thinking, problem-solving, and coding through the new Computer Science (CS) Pathway program, thanks to a \$3 million partnership between Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) and Microsoft.

BGCA and Microsoft developed the CS Pathway to prepare the next generation of students with science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) skills.

The program puts a special emphasis on helping a larger number of underserved youth learn and apply computer science skills throughout their education so that they will be prepared to succeed in an increasingly technology driven economy. The pathway structure empowers young people to find programs that best meet their needs.

For Club members who already have some coding proficiency through Hour of Code or other programs, the CS Pathway provides additional options to them further and build on that interest.

BGCAS and thirty-one Boys & Girls Clubs across the country took part in the CS Pathway program offering four levels of fun and engaging CS curriculum. Pathway delivery and acquired skills build on one another to encourage members to develop passion and proficiencies in coding, over time and at any level.


“The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects there will be one million unfilled jobs for computer scientists and programmers by 2020, yet many children today still lack access to the tools and resources they need to learn and love computer science” said Mrs. Mary A.T. Tulafono, BGCAS Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Volunteer Officer.

“Thanks to CS Pathway, we will be able to help our Club members interact with code and other computer science skills by channeling their personal interests and providing a long-term path to develop program capabilities over time,” she said.


“Jobs increasingly require critical and computational thinking skills, yet only 25% of high schools in the United

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FILE - In this Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005 file photo Dr. Nathan O. Hatch speaks during his installation ceremony as the 13th president of Wake Forest University on the university's campus in Winston Salem, NC. Hatch, Wake Forest's 13th president, tops the list of the nation's highest paid private college presidents with total compensation of \$4 million, including nearly \$3 million paid as a perk for leading the North Carolina school 10 years. (AP Photo/Rusty Burroughs)

More private university chiefs top \$2M as pay keeps climbing

BOSTON (AP) — Presidents at America's private universities saw their pay increase by 9 percent in 2015, according to a new report, with several of them topping \$2 million in total earnings.

The average chief received total compensation of nearly \$570,000, including salary, bonuses and benefits, according to a survey of 500 schools released Sunday by The Chronicle of Higher Education. Among the highest earners were 10 who made more than \$2 million, up from eight who crossed that mark the year before, while another 48 made at least \$1 million.

Topping the list was Wake Forest University's Nathan Hatch, whose total pay of \$4 million included a payment of nearly \$3 million as a perk for leading the North Carolina school for 10 years.

Hatch's achievements in fundraising and other areas have been worth the investment, said Donna Boswell, head of the university's governing board.

"President Hatch's compensation over the course of his tenure reflects his exceptional leadership," Boswell said in a statement, adding that Hatch has helped raise \$795 million as part of an ongoing campaign.

Hatch was followed by Emory University's James Wagner, who received \$3.5 million, and the University of Southern California's C.L. Max Nikias, with \$3.2 million.

Emory, in Georgia, said its president's pay is "consistent with that of other top university presidents in the nation, particularly those who lead major research universities."

The Chronicle's study is based on university tax filings for 2015, the latest year avail-

able. The publication's last study on private university presidents found that their pay grew by 8.6 percent in 2014.

Figures for overall compensation include yearly salaries, medical insurance, retirement benefits and a variety of other perks from housing to cars provided by the schools.

Nine of the top 10 earners made most of their pay through bonuses and deferred-compensation plans, which provide one-time payments for reaching milestones. Boston University's Robert Brown, for example, was paid a base salary of \$883,000 but made another \$1 million for reaching 10 years at the helm.

The University of Dayton, in Ohio, similarly paid Daniel Curran nearly \$1.7 million after he reached age 65, on top of his \$611,000 salary. Curran retired from the university the following year.

▶ Court questions existence...

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adopt that procedure?" Sunia asked Falana'ipupu, who said DPS distributes copies of said procedure to each police station so cops are aware of it and follow through with it.

Sunia then shifted his questions from DPS procedures to the DPS academy.

"How many academies have you been involved with throughout the 23 years of your career?" Sunia asked.

Falana'ipupu replied, "More than 2, your honor."

"Have you taught at any of those academies?" Sunia asked.

Falana'ipupu replied yes.

When he was done, Sunia asked the government attorney whether she had any questions for the witness. Prosecutor Dunn asked Falana'ipupu if the piece of paper he was holding explains DPS's new policy and Falana'ipupu said, "Yes, it's a new way to explain the new policy."

Judge Sunia immediately interjected and asked the witness, "What's the policy?" Falana'ipupu said every time a police officer makes a stop on the road for a traffic violation, that officer has to make sure he/ she complies with the law.

Sunia wanted to know how DPS operated before they adopted this new policy, and Falana'ipupu said cops needed to comply with the law.

Judge Sunia shifted his questions again, this time from the policy issue to the witness' career.

He asked Falana'ipupu what position he held before he was appointed as deputy commissioner. Falana'ipupu said he was commander for the Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

"So you're an investigation police officer?" Sunia asked, to which Falana'ipupu responded affirmatively.

Sunia asked the witness what method he used — as an investigating police officer — to find people in unknown matters, like incidents with no suspects, no witnesses, etc.

Falana'ipupu said he first asks for the person's I.D., and if there's no I.D. on the person, he has to look for someone who might know that person, and he has to ask if this person has a family.

"And that's not part of the flow chart, right?" Sunia asked.

Falana'ipupu replied no. The case is continued to Jan. 23rd, 2018.

A look at what didn't happen in the Alabama Senate race

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — As Alabama's high-profile Senate race heads toward a Tuesday vote, supporters and opponents of GOP candidate Roy Moore are bending the truth — or shattering it to pieces — in the campaign's final stretch.

One website falsely proclaimed that one of the women who accused Moore of sexual misconduct had recanted. Another erroneously reported that a Moore accuser "forged" his yearbook inscription to her. On the other side, Moore's detractors took to social media to assert, erroneously, that Moore had written in a 2011 textbook that women shouldn't hold elected office.

The Associated Press checked these out; here are the real facts:

NOT REAL: BREAKING: Roy Moore's Lying Accuser Admits He Didn't Ever Touch Her

THE FACTS: None of the women who accused the Alabama Republican Senate candidate of sexual misconduct, including two women who said Moore molested them, have backed off their initial claims. This fake headline is from a website, Reagan Was Right, which promotes hoaxes and satire. The woman featured in a photograph accompanying the story shows a British reality TV star, not any of the eight women who have accused Moore of sexual misconduct.

NOT REAL: Claims that Roy Moore authored a textbook in 2011 that says women shouldn't run for office

THE FACTS: Moore is in fact a co-author of a "textbook" which serves as a study guide for a series of Bible-based video

and audio lectures on U.S. law and public policy. The course packaging also identifies him as a "featured speaker." Despite claims spread on the web this week, however, Moore did not author the specific section or deliver the lecture that argues that women should not hold elected office. That talk was given by William Einwechter, an elder at Immanuel Free Reformed Church in Pennsylvania. Moore's office says he does not believe that women are unqualified for public office.

NOT REAL: BREAKING: ROY MOORE ACCUSER ADMITS SHE FORGED PART OF YEARBOOK INSCRIPTION!!!

THE FACTS: Moore supporters celebrated misleading news that Beverly Nelson, one of his accusers, "forged" a 1977 yearbook inscription that was considered key evidence against the Alabama Republican. The inscription reads, "To a sweeter more beautiful girl I could not say, 'Merry Christmas.'" It is followed by the signature "Roy Moore D.A." and the notation "12-22-77 Olde Hickory House." Nelson's attorney, Gloria Allred, said Friday that Nelson had added the date and restaurant name to the inscription. However, Allred also said that a handwriting expert found Moore's signature in the yearbook to be authentic.


Associated Press writer Michael Rubinkam contributed to this report.

This is part of The Associated Press' ongoing effort to fact-check misinformation that is shared widely online, including work with Facebook to identify and reduce the circulation of false stories on the platform.



Miss Rapa Nui — Tiare Pakarati — was 4th runner-up in the 2017 Miss Pacific Islands Pageant held in Nadi, Fiji last week. Rapa Nui (Easter Island) is a newcomer to the MPIP, participating for the first time in the event.

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Facilities Maintenance Fata Lokeni Lokeni, who is also a family member of Ms. Ah Sam, spoke on behalf of the parents and guests to commend the SSI for their continuous efforts to promote the second pillar of Samoan identity –the Samoan language, not only through the work of students, but also through their many additional activities.

Reflecting on winning first place this year, Oneata Rosie Soi looks forward to doing more writing in the future. "Although I have a passion for writing, winning the first prize was unexpected," she said. "I give God the glory for it. It makes me want to encourage other students to keep writing. Ultimately, I want to see my name on a book, so I'm going

to learn and get as much help possible to achieve this."

The SSI's weekly program Faasamoa Pea is broadcast every Saturday morning from 9:00 to 9:15 a.m. on local radio station KSBS-FM 92.1. Stories that the SSI consider as appropriate and relevant for the general public, especially children, are shared on-air under the guidance of SSI faculty and Faasamoa Pea host Alofa Nuusila.

For more information on the Samoan Studies Institute, see the ASCC Catalog, available online at www.amsamoa.edu, or call the SSI at 699-9156, extension 347. The SSI expresses their gratitude to KSBS-FM 92.1 for their support of the program Faasamoa Pea.





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After allegations, Moore avoids spotlight, questions

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore has been a rare sight on the traditional campaign trail in the days ahead of a critical U.S. Senate race. He's appeared at only a handful of rallies in front of friendly audiences and steadfastly has shunned reporters from the mainstream media. Moore's past campaigns have never been heavy on the conventional, but his relative absence from the spotlight this time around is nearly unheard of for a major party candidate. Moore has focused on meeting with small groups of supporters and an aggressive social media campaign out of camera range as he tries to win Tuesday's election against Democrat Doug Jones — a contest that was supposed to be an easy GOP victory — until November, when a number of women stepped forward to

accuse Moore of engaging in sexual misconduct when he was in his 30s and they were teenagers. Moore has denied the allegations and refuses to back down. Moore's stealth effort has left Jones resorting to mockery as the Democrat crisscrosses the state trying to pull an upset in Tuesday's special election, buoyed by the possibility that enough Republicans will abandon the 70-year-old Moore in the wake of the allegations. "Roy Moore is in hiding. He's kind of like the groundhog. He comes out every so often to see if he can see his shadow," Jones said Saturday in Selma during one of several stops for the Democrat this weekend. Ben DuPre, a campaign spokesman, said Moore is not holding back. "He's talking to voters. We are getting the message out any way that we can. I know you are the old media

and you get offended when we don't talk to you, but we've got Twitter. We've got Facebook. He's doing interviews. He's doing radio." Moore campaign chairman Bill Armistead said Moore has spent the week doing smaller unannounced event with supporters and has been on the phone with pastors and others urging supporters to get to the polls on Tuesday. He said the campaign feels confident going into Tuesday. Moore's campaign is actively pushing his narrative on social media and in press releases. He's also drawing headlines with the help of President Donald Trump, who came to the Florida Panhandle on Friday night and has lined up a recorded telephone call from the president that will start being delivered to Alabama voters on Monday. Moore has never been conventional. He has built a large following among some evangelical voters from two failed gambits: upholding a display of the Ten Commandments in a state building and trying to block same-sex marriage in Alabama.

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4 : pm	00' K-RUSH (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
5 : pm	00' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	60'	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight	00'
6 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	Josok's Table for O'				
7 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						The Beauty	20'
8 : pm	40' KBS World News Today	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)						K-RUSH (E,R)	30'
9 : pm	00' Food Odyssey (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Music Bank (Live)	Happy Together (E,R)	40'	Battle Trip (E,R)		40'
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	The Beauty (E,R)	The Swan Club	The Unit	K-RUSH (E,R) Please Find Her (E,R) Guerrilla Date (E,R)	00'	Gag Concert (E)	*The Return of Superman* (E)	00'
11 : pm	40' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	K-RUSH (E,R)	Week Food Odyssey	20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
12 : 00	20' Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)								
Next Day	00' KBS 9 News (Live)	KBS 9 News (Live)				20'	KBS 9 News (Live)	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)	20'
1 : am	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E)			30'	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	30'
2 : am	00' The Beauty	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit K-RUSH (E,R)	The Beauty	Music Bank (E)				
3 : am	50' 20' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E)						The Swan Club		
4 : am	30' Heritage Tomorrow						Entertainment Weekly (E,R)		
5 : am	40' Food Odyssey (E,R)	The Beauty	Josok's Table for O' K-pop World Festival	The Beauty		10'	Gag Concert (E,R)	*The Return of Superman* (E,R)	50'
6 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	*The Return of Superman* (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)		Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
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*Note: If you need this Schedule, e-mail <chunhwi1ee@gmail.com>, and I will send it to you every week!

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States offer computer science," said Mary Snapp, Corporate Vice President and head of Microsoft Philanthropies. "The Computer Science Pathway is an after-school program that will empower young people from all backgrounds to pursue a broad range of career opportunities, both in technology and otherwise."

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Bitcoin futures rise as virtual currency hits major exchange

CHICAGO (AP) — The first-even bitcoin future began trading Sunday as the increasingly popular virtual currency made its debut on a major U.S. exchange.

The futures contract that expires in January rose \$340 to \$15,800 in the first hour and 15 minutes of trading on the Chicago Board Options Exchange. The contract opened at \$15,460, according to data from the CBOE.

The CBOE futures don't involve actual bitcoin. They're securities that will track the price of bitcoin on Gemini, one of the larger bitcoin exchanges.

The start of trading at 5 p.m. CST overwhelmed the CBOE website. "Due to heavy traffic on our website, visitors to www.cboe.com may find that it is performing slower than usual and may at times be temporarily unavailable," the exchange said in a statement. But it said the trading in the futures had not been disrupted.

Another large futures exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, will start trading its own futures on Dec. 18 but will use a composite of several bitcoin prices across a handful of exchanges.

The price of a bitcoin has soared since beginning the year below \$1,000, hitting a peak of more than \$16,858 Dec. 7 on the bitcoin exchange Coindesk. As of 6:25 p.m. CST, it was at \$15,244 on Coindesk.

Futures are a type of contract in which a buyer and a seller agree on a price for a particular item to be delivered on a certain date in the future, hence the name. Futures are available for nearly every type of security but are most famously used in commodities such as wheat, soy, gold, oil, cocoa and, as dramatized in the Eddie Murphy and Dan Aykroyd movie "Trading Places," concentrated frozen orange juice.

The futures signal greater mainstream acceptance of bitcoin but also open up bitcoin to additional market forces. The futures will allow investors to bet that bitcoin's price will go down — a practice known as shorting — which currently is very difficult to do.

There have been other attempts to bring bitcoin investing into the mainstream. Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss, twin brothers who own large amounts of bitcoin, tried to create an exchange-traded fund based on bitcoin, but federal regulators denied their application.

How much actual investor interest there will be in these bitcoin futures is still up in the air. Many larger Wall Street brokerages and clearinghouses, including Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase, are either not allowing customers to trade bitcoin futures or only allowing select clients to do so. Other brokerages are putting restric-

tions on the amount of margin a trader can use in bitcoin futures, or putting limits on the amount that can be purchased.

The digital currency has had more than its fair share of critics on Wall Street. JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon has called bitcoin "a fraud." Thomas Peterffy, chairman of the broker-dealer Interactive Brokers Group, expressed deep concerns about the trading of bitcoin futures last month, saying "there is no fundamental basis for valuation of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, and they may assume any price from one day to the next."

Peterffy noted that if bitcoin futures were trading at that time, under the CBOE's rules those futures likely would experience repeated trading halts because 10 percent or 20 percent moves in bitcoin prices have not been unusual in recent months.

Bitcoin is the world's most popular virtual currency. Such currencies are not tied to a bank or government and allow users to spend money anonymously. They are basically lines of computer code that are digitally signed each time they are traded.

A debate is raging on the merits of such currencies.



FILE - In this Monday, April 7, 2014 file photo, Bitcoin logos are displayed at the Inside Bitcoins conference and trade show, in New York. The price of bitcoin, the most widely used virtual currency, rose above \$10,000 on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 for the first time, breaking a symbolic threshold in what has been a vertiginous ascent this year.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File)

Comedian Hannibal Buress arrested on intoxication charge

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida newspaper reports that comedian Hannibal Buress was arrested on a disorderly intoxication charge after an encounter with a police officer.

The Miami Herald first reported that 34-year-old Buress was booked into Miami-Dade jail at 1:57 a.m. Sunday and posted bail just before 6 a.m.

A video circulated on social media showed Buress handcuffed against a Miami patrol car. According to the paper, Buress asked officers why he

was being arrested. One officer said, "trespassing," but he wasn't charged with that.

A police report obtained by the Herald said Buress asked an officer to call him an Uber, and when the officer refused, Buress became loud and belligerent.


Miami Police did not respond to calls and an email requesting to release the report on Sunday.

A call to his agent and an email to his attorney weren't immediately returned Sunday.



FILE - In this May 16, 2016 file photo, Hannibal Buress arrives at the Los Angeles premiere The Miami Herald first reported that 34-year-old Buress was booked into Miami-Dade jail at 1:57 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017.

(Photo by Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP, File)



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Jacqueline Belcher rejoices during a 16th Street Baptist church service, Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, in Birmingham, Ala. At the church pastor Arthur Price told the mostly black congregation that Alabama's U.S. Senate election is too important to skip. "There's too much at stake for us to stay home," Price said of Tuesday's election.

(AP Photo/Brynn Anderson)

Firm convictions, uneasiness at churches before Senate race

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama's race for U.S. Senate settled into church for worship on Sunday, with the minister at a historic black congregation calling the race a life-or-death matter for equal rights, conservatives standing by Republican Roy Moore and others feeling unsettled in the middle.

Speaking at Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church, where four black girls died in a Ku Klux Klan bombing in 1963, the Rev. Arthur Price evoked the civil rights era between hymns. Democratic nominee Doug Jones prosecuted the last two Klansmen convicted in the attack and has attended events at the church, a downtown landmark with twin domed towers.

"There's too much at stake for us to stay home," Price said of Tuesday's election. He didn't endorse Jones from the pulpit but in a later interview called the candidate "a hero" to the congregation and Birmingham.

Despite allegations of sexual misconduct involving teen girls decades ago, Moore isn't being abandoned by worshippers at Montgomery's Perry Hill Road Baptist Church, where Moore spoke at a "God and Country" rally in September before the accusations arose.

Leaving the red-brick building after a service that ended with a hymn and an altar call, Kevin Mims said he didn't believe the claims against Moore. But even if true, he said, they occurred long ago, and Moore is a conservative who stands "on the word of God."

"Everyone has to vote their convictions," said Mims, holding a Bible. "My conviction is he's the right man for the job."

Lines aren't so clearly defined elsewhere.

Interviews with a dozen parishioners at Mobile's Ashland Place United Methodist Church, the home church of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, turned up neither any Moore defenders nor confirmed votes for Jones. The prevailing mood seemed to be one of frustration over having to choose between a Republican with Moore's baggage and any Democrat.

"I will vote for Judge Moore," said Bill Prine, of Mobile. "I'm not a fan of his, but I'll have to stick with the Republicans."

The candidates also spent time in church. Accompanied by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), Rep. Terri Sewell (D-Ala), and others, Jones tweeted a photo from More Than Conquerors Faith Church, a large black congregation in Birmingham. Aides to Moore, who has been almost invisible on the campaign trail during the closing days of the race, didn't disclose his whereabouts Sunday.

After church, Jones told supporters in a cramped campaign office that the results of Tuesday's vote would send a message far beyond Alabama's borders.

"This is an election to tell the whole world what we stand for," he said, adding: "This campaign, ladies and gentlemen, is on the right side of history."

President Donald Trump weighed in on the race with a phone message that state voters will receive beginning Monday urging them to vote for Moore.

"I'm going to make America safer and stronger and better than ever before. But we need that seat; we need Roy voting for us," Trump said in audio of the call provided by the Moore campaign.

Polls show the race too close to call. While Moore had a clear path to victory in a state where no Democrat holds statewide office, the 70-year-old has been fighting for his political life since reports surfaced a month ago that he made sexual advances on teen girls when he was a deputy district attorney in his 30s.

Speaking on CNN on Sunday, GOP Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby said allegations that Moore molested a 14-year-old were the "tipping point" in his decision to cast a write-in ballot for a "distinguished Republican" rather than to vote for Moore or Jones.

"There's a lot of smoke," Shelby said. "Got to be some fire somewhere."

Roy Moore's chief strategist, Dean Young, tried to tie Moore to the star of President Donald Trump, who remains popular among state Republicans despite low national approval ratings.

"If the people of Alabama vote for this liberal Democrat Doug Jones, they're voting against the president, who they put in office at the highest level," Young said on ABC News' "This Week with George Stephanopoulos."

In a state considered part of the Bible Belt, the allegations transformed a race into an unexpected referendum on which is better: a man accused of child molestation claims he vehemently denies or a Democrat?

For many conservative Republicans, there's really no choice.

"To me, there's only one person in the race, and that's Judge Moore," said David Smith, leaving Perry Hill Baptist with his wife, Cecilia. The two have a recording of Moore's speech earlier this year at their church and sometimes listen to it in the car for inspiration.

At 16th Street Baptist, Merion Turner recalled participating in civil rights marches and was in high school at the time of the bombing.



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Israeli, French leaders tangle over US Jerusalem decision

JERUSALEM (AP) — The French and Israeli leaders sparred verbally Sunday over the U.S. decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, while new violence rippled across the region following the move by U.S. President Donald Trump.

In Jerusalem, a Palestinian stabbed an Israeli security guard, seriously wounding him in the first attack in the volatile city since Trump’s pronouncement Wednesday. In Beirut, scores of Lebanese and Palestinian demonstrators clashed with security forces outside the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy, and Arab foreign ministers meeting in Cairo demanded that the United States rescind the decision.

The move upended decades of U.S. policy, and a long-standing international consensus, that the fate of Jerusalem be decided in negotiations. Israeli and Palestinian claims to the city’s eastern sector form the emotional core of their conflict, and Trump’s announcement was seen as siding with the Israelis and has drawn wide international criticism.

At a meeting in Paris with Israel’s visiting prime minister, French President Emmanuel Macron condemned recent violence against Israelis. But he also expressed “disapproval” of Trump’s decision, calling it “dangerous for peace.”

“It doesn’t seem to serve, in the short term, the cause of Israel’s security and the Israelis themselves,” Macron said.

He urged Israel to freeze its construction of settlements on occupied lands and called for other confidence-building measures toward the Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has called Trump’s decision “historic,” said Israel has maintained its capital in the city for 70 years and the Jewish connection to Jerusalem goes back 3,000 years.

“Paris is the capital of France, Jerusalem is the capital of Israel,” he said. “We respect your history and your choices. And we know that as friends, you respect ours.”

“I think the sooner the Palestinians come to grips with this reality, the sooner we move toward peace,” he added.

The exchange between the two allies set the stage for what could be a tense meeting Monday for Netanyahu with European Union foreign ministers in Brussels. The Jerusalem issue and the moribund peace process are expected to be high on the agenda.

Last week, EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini warned that Trump’s decision “has the potential to send us backward to even darker times than the one we are already living in.”

She also warned that Trump’s “move could diminish the potential role that the United

States could play in the region and create more confusion around this.”

The meeting could be a precursor for what seems to be an emerging rift between Israel and the U.S. on one side, and Europe and the Palestinians on the other.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has said Trump’s decision has in effect disqualified the U.S. from continuing in its role as the traditional mediator of peace talks. The Palestinians have spent recent days trying to rally Arab and broader international opposition to the decision.

After Abbas political adviser Majdi Khaldi said Saturday that the Palestinian leader won’t meet with Vice President Mike Pence when he visits the region this month, a spokeswoman for Pence said Sunday it was “unfortunate that the Palestinian Authority is walking away again from an opportunity to discuss the future of the region.”

EU leaders, including Macron, have reiterated support for establishing an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. Trump has said he would support the idea if both sides endorse it — effectively giving Israel a veto over any peace proposal. Netanyahu’s government is dominated by opponents to Palestinian independence. Trump’s Middle East team, headed by his son-in-law Jared Kushner, has been working for months on a peace plan but has not yet released it.

Israel captured east Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war and annexed the area to its capital in a move that was not internationally recognized. The Palestinians claim east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state, along with the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

East Jerusalem is home to Judaism’s most sacred site, as well as key holy places for Christians and Muslims. These conflicting claims have erupted into deadly bloodshed in the past.

A senior U.S. official appealed to world leaders, especially in the Middle East, to calm regional tensions.

Acting Assistant Secretary of State David Satterfield told Arab journalists that Trump’s pronouncement was merely a “recognition of simple reality” that Israel’s government already is in Jerusalem.

He said the U.S. was not prejudging final-status negotiations about the city’s final borders and expressed hope that world leaders understand the U.S. is committed to moving forward with a peace plan he expects to be unveiled in the new year.

“This is a question of choice: Do leaders choose to speak to their peoples, to their regions in terms that reflect reality or in terms that incite or inflame?” he said. “We hope it’s the former.”

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