



The village of Aoloau is looking like the North Pole this Holiday Season – as the steep hill going up has beautifully decorated Christmas trees lined up on the side of the road. According to one of the villagers who spoke to Samoa News last Saturday evening, the village community effort was led by Reverend Tapaleau Semo of the CCAS Aoloau Church – and each family in the village was given the opportunity to decorate their own tree with the village council and aumaga helping to set them up. Samoa News was told the lights were first lit just after Thanksgiving Day.

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## Court issues decision in CCCAS vs. Rev. Amaama case

SLANDER AND VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL DIGNITY CLAIMS BY DEFENDANT REMAIN, ALL ELSE DISMISSED

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

The Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa has dismissed both Rev. Amaama Tofaeono's cross claims and counter claims against the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS). But it has also dismissed the plaintiff's motion to dismiss Tofaeono's counter claims of slander and violation of the constitutional dignity of the individuals.

These were noted in a decision issued Monday, Oct. 2nd

The case between the CCCAS and Rev. Amaama Tofaeono, who served as CCCAS General Secretary, made headlines earlier this year because of the events that led to the case landing in court.

The plaintiffs are the CCCAS along with Rev. Elder Eveni Mamoe, Leatulagi Faalevao, and Fiti

Aofia. The defendants are Rev. Tofaeono and his wife Joan Aleluia Tofaeono.

Gwen Tauiliili-Langkilde represented the plaintiffs, while Charles V. Alailima and Toetasi Tuiteleleapaga represented the Tofaeonos.

### DISCUSSION

In its decision, the court noted that in March 2017, marital discord between Rev. Amaama Tofaeono and Joan Aleluia Tofaeono resulted in the CCCAS Elders' Committee suspending Amaama from his position as an ordained minister for a period of three years. The Committee also removed Amaama from his position as General Secretary of the Church, a position that must be held by an ordained minister.

Defendants were also informed that they must vacate the CCCAS house, designated for use by the General Secretary, by March 31, 2017. When the defendants refused to move out, plaintiffs

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 TERRITORIAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

First Lady Cynthia Malala Moliga, on behalf of Gov. Lolo Moliga, attended the Territorial Teacher of the Year (TTOY) 2018 recognition luncheon last Friday at the Tradewinds Hotel, where the honor was presented to Rosalee Tela Shoulders of Nu'uuli VocTech High School.

Shoulders' grandparents, Alailefaleula Penieli & Lotomua Tela (pictured), were also in attendance, along with this year's Elementary Division Teacher of the Year, Avau Va'a Alii of Matafao Elementary School. Shoulders and other 2018 TTOY honorees will be recognized next May during a reception at the White House.

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# Man pleads guilty to promoting prostitution and gets 28 months jail time

HE TOLD THE COURT HE'S NOT A BAD PERSON

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

The 45-year-old man from Samoa who was convicted of promoting prostitution told the High Court last week he believes he's not a bad person.

John Tuupo was ordered to serve 28 months at the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) as a condition of his 7-year probation.

Tuupo was initially charged with aiding and abetting, unlawful possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), promoting prostitution, and sexual abuse in the first degree.

However, under a plea agreement with the government, Tuupo pled guilty to promoting prostitution in the second degree — a class C felony, punishable by not more than 7 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

During sentencing, Tuupo apologized and asked for forgiveness. He also said he's not a bad person, as he has been living in American Samoa for many years as a law abiding citizen.

He said things changed when his father passed away in 2013, that's when he realized there was nobody to look after the family, to fulfill his father's obligations.

Tuupo told the court he turned to drugs and that's how he ended up in prison. "I want to change my life. I'm not perfect, but I will do my best," Tuupo told the Court, adding that he

didn't know the girls involved in the case, they just approached him one day and said they had been kicked out of their homes and needed a place to sleep.

Tuupo said he took the girls to his house and allowed them to sleep there.

"All of a sudden, when the police showed up, the girls turned around and gave police wrong information about me. They are liars, and they are not good girls. They want to make me look bad, even after I showed them love and care," Tuupo continued.

He begged the Court for another chance so he can return home to care for his elderly mother, who is arriving from the US this week. After spending 14 months in jail, Tuupo said he has learned his lesson and wants to move on with his life.

His attorney, Public Defender, Douglas Fiaui said his client has admitted to the Probation Office and also to police that he used drugs. Fiaui said methamphetamine is a powerful drug that makes people give up everything in order to get it.

He asked the Court to allow his client to depart the territory and remain outside of American Samoa, due to his illegal immigration status. Tuupo's ID expired earlier this year in March.

Prosecutor Robert Morris did not oppose the defense request for a probated sentence and said while the government is sticking to terms of the plea agreement, he feels the Court

needs to look at the specifics of the defendant's case, where he promoted prostitution by engaging young girls in sexual activity in exchange for methamphetamine. He asked the Court to order the defendant to depart the territory when he is released from jail, to protect the young people of American Samoa.

Chief Justice Michael Kruse sentenced Tu'upo to 7 years imprisonment; however, the sentence is suspended and he is placed on probation for 7 years on several conditions, which include him serving 28 months at the TCF without any release.

Tuupo is not illegible for "trustee status" at the TCF, and he is to remain drug and alcohol free.

Upon release from jail, Tu'upo is ordered to leave the territory and remain outside of American Samoa for the duration of his probation term.

Kruse ordered the prosecutor to have a copy of the Court's order served to the Chief Immigration Officer, and the name of the defendant must be included on the "Lookout List."

### THE CASE

A woman's complaints about people using her abandoned home in Tafuna to hang out led to the arrest of Tu'upo and two co-defendants, Ioane Sakapo and Wayne Gasolo, last September.

The government's case was based on what police found at the abandoned home after the

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# Arrest made after ACC Championship fight video goes viral

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charlotte police have made an arrest after a fight in the stands of the ACC Championship football game that was seen by thousands on social media.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department spokesman Keith Trietley said stadium officials notified police about the disturbance in a seating section. Trietley says officers determined Reed Fletcher was a primary aggressor and arrested him. Jail records show the

22-year-old Fletcher of Rogersville, Tenn., was charged with assault and battery, then released early Sunday on bond. No phone listing for Fletcher could be found in Rogersville.

Video from a bystander posted on Facebook shows multiple people throwing punches in the crowded stands. One man appears to be thrown from one row into another, emerging with blood on his face.

Clemson beat Miami 38-3 in the game Saturday night.

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# Local longline fleet obtains a lifeline — Marine stewardship fisheries certification

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

American Samoa has requested that neighboring Samoa have its longline vessel fleet deliver fish to the territory, home of the StarKist Samoa cannery, whose workforce is 80% from the independent state.

Meanwhile, the American Samoa-based US flagged longline fleet, which supplies albacore tuna to the cannery, has secured what industry officials say is the “prestigious” Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Certification, a process funded by StarKist Inc.

## SAMOA LONGLINE FLEET

Samoa’s longline fleet delivering their catch to Pago Pago was one of the many issues discussed and agreed upon during last week’s Two Samoa Talks, according to the meeting communique, which notes that the tuna industry represents a significant aspect of American Samoa’s economy.

With the relocation of longliners from the territory to Samoa, the communique says American Samoa requests that measures be considered by Samoa to direct the tuna supply to the StarKist cannery instead of Asian countries.

“This is especially relevant because 80% of the workers at StarKist [Samoa] are Samoa citizens,” it pointed out and noted that the matter needs to be further discussed with the engagement of the private sector.

StarKist Samoa closed for two weeks in August this year due to lack of fish supplies, which company official, Taotasi Archie Soliai told the October meeting of the Western Pacific Council, held in the territory that fish supply is expected to remain a challenge for the cannery towards the end of this year and in to 2018.

The cannery last week Monday resumed production after being closed for five weeks for equipment upgrade and maintenance.

Samoa News learned over the weekend that the cannery had a production operation last Saturday (Dec. 2), with some cannery workers telling Samoa News they were very happy working on Saturday, and they hope there is weekend work at the plant for the rest of December, to make up for the five weeks of production they lost.

## MSC CERTIFICATION

StarKist announced last December it was financing the MSC certification of the US fleet based in American Samoa, as part of the company’s commitment to promote and source from sustainable fisheries - according to science-based standards.

StarKist worked with mem-

bers of the locally based Tautai-O-Samoa Longline & Fishing Association, other independent U.S. vessel owners, the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council, and NOAA’s Pacific Island Regional Office (PIRO) to successfully complete the fishery assessment.

In a statement last Thursday, StarKist confirmed the MSC fishery certification of the locally based longline fleet, saying the certification is a validation of the fleet’s sustainable fishing practices.

“StarKist has always had a strong commitment to sustainability and we were proud to support the American Samoa-based...longline fleet during the rigorous MSC assessment process,” said Cary Gann, the director of seafood procurement for Starkist. “With MSC Fisheries Certification, these vessels and their owners can be recognized and rewarded for sustainable fishing.”

Responding to a request for comments, Tautai o Samoa said in a statement last Friday that members of the association are excited to receive official notification of the fisheries certification. They expressed appreciation to StarKist for its “commitment in recognizing our sustainable fishing practices but mostly for its support of our fleet over the years.”

“Starkist has been providing the lifeline support for the dying local US-flagged longline fleet for the last few years,” the association noted. “This last U.S. albacore longline fleet would not exist today had it not been for the support provided by StarKist Inc., over the last two decades.”

Starkist continues to be the strongest supporter of the longline fleet operating in American Samoa, and “funding this costly MSC assessment reconfirms StarKist’s commitment not only to suppliers with sustainable fishing practices but also to the local US-flagged longline fleet which are mostly owned and operated by native American Samoans.”

Both StarKist and Tautai o Samoa expressed appreciation to the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Council — which supported and pushed the MSC certification process.

According to StarKist, the company has already introduced new tuna products with the MSC eco-label into the U.S. market under the Blue Harbor Fish Co. brand, but there is limited fish supply. StarKist hopes its investment in the local fleet will help StarKist gain an advantage in a growing market.

Gann said StarKist hopes this certification can ultimately help revitalize and perhaps even grow the local longline fleet,

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FILE - In this June 14, 2017 file photo, Liberal Member for Leichhardt Warren Entsch speaks at The Equality Campaign morning tea for marriage equality at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia. As a self-described straight crocodile hunter from the country’s rugged and socially conservative far north, Australian lawmaker Warren Entsch doesn’t fit many people’s mold of a gay-rights activist. But if a nationwide postal survey this/next week reveals that most Australians want gay marriage legalized, it is Entsch who plans to introduce legislation that could make it a reality as soon as December.

(Mick Tsikas/AAP Image via AP, File)

# Australian Parliament resumes gay marriage reform debate

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia’s Parliament on Monday started debating a bill that could soon legalize gay marriage across the country, with one lawmaker taking the opportunity to propose to his gay partner.

The House of Representatives resumed on Monday for its final two-week session of the year, which is giving priority to achieving same-sex marriage reform. The major parties want the legislation passed this week after a majority of Australian’s endorsed reform in a postal ballot last month.

The Senate last week approved the bill and rejected all proposed amendments that

would have increased legal protections for those who would discriminate against gay couples on religious grounds.

But several lawmakers including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull intend to persist with amendments rejected by the Senate. Turnbull, a gay marriage supporter, says he wants wedding celebrants, not just those affiliated with churches, to have the right to refuse to officiate at same-sex marriages.

If the House of Representatives supported such an amendment, then the altered bill would have to return to the Senate for ratification, delaying the reform.

Tim Wilson, a lawmaker in the conservative coalition,

was among the first lawmakers to join the debate and used his speech to propose to his partner Ryan Bolger, who was watching from the public gallery.

“In my first speech I defined our bond by the ring that sits on both of our left hands,” Wilson said. “There’s only one thing left to do: Ryan Patrick Bolger, will you marry me?”

The 33-year-old primary school teacher responded: “yes,” which was recorded in the official parliamentary record. Warren Entsch, a long-term advocate of marriage equality within the conservative government, helped draft the bill and was the first to speak for it in the House on Monday.

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# Fight over Trump travel restrictions back to appeals courts

SEATTLE (AP) — For most of the time Syrian refugee Mohammad Al Zayed has been in the United States, judges have been wrestling with the Trump administration's efforts to impose travel restrictions that he says would keep him from seeing relatives who remain overseas.

It's taken an emotional toll — one that continues this week as two U.S. appeals courts take up the issue yet again.

"It's been 10 months, and we're stuck," Al Zayed, a janitor at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, said through an Arabic interpreter. "We can't go back. We can't bring our loved ones here."

Citing national security concerns, President Donald Trump announced his initial travel ban on citizens of certain Muslim-majority nations in late January, bringing havoc and protests to airports around the country. A federal judge in Seattle soon halted that ban as discriminatory, and since then, the restrictions have been up to the U.S. Supreme Court and back down to the federal district courts as the administration has rewritten them. The third and latest version targets about 150 million potential travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria and Yemen, along with some Venezuelan government officials and their families. The administration said the latest ban is based on assessments of each country's security situation and their willingness to share information about travelers. But judges in Hawaii and Maryland blocked it to varying degrees just before it was due to take effect in October. The judges found that the ban appears impermissibly discriminatory, has no legitimate national security purpose and violates U.S. immigration law.

On Wednesday, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in Seattle on the government's appeal of the Hawaii judge's ruling. The panel has already narrowed that decision to allow the administration to bar travelers who do not have a "bona fide" relationship with people or organizations already in the U.S. — an approach that echoed the Maryland judge's ruling as well as an earlier travel ban decision from the U.S. Supreme Court.

A full complement of 13 judges on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is due to hear the government's appeal in the Maryland case on Friday in Richmond, Virginia.

Critics of Trump's travel restrictions insist that they make up the Muslim ban he promised during his campaign, and judges have seized on the

president's public statements on Twitter and elsewhere in finding them unconstitutionally discriminatory.

This week's arguments arrive as Trump continues to stoke those anti-Islam sentiments: Just last week, he drew a sharp condemnation from British Prime Minister Theresa May's office when he retweeted a string of inflammatory videos from a fringe British political group purporting to show violence being committed by Muslims.

Government lawyers argue in briefs filed for the Maryland case that Trump's comments "primarily reflect an intent to protect the United States from the threat of terrorism by nationals from countries that pose heightened risks." The Trump administration says the travel policy will be reviewed periodically and the named countries are encouraged to work with the U.S. to address "inadequacies and risks" so that the restrictions "may be relaxed or removed as soon as possible."

"The fact that serious national-security risks are posed by some Muslim-majority nations cannot prevent the government from addressing those problems, especially after the kind of extensive, multi-agency review process that occurred here," the administration argues.

The lower court rulings "threaten the ability of this and future Presidents to address national-security threats and advance foreign policy interests," the Justice Department wrote in its 9th Circuit appeal. Further, the government says, courts don't have the authority to review the president's decision to exclude foreigners abroad unless Congress authorizes them to, and Congress has provided no such authorization.

Al Zayed, 50, arrived in the U.S. via Jordan in September 2016 with his wife, two sons and daughter after fleeing horrific fighting in Syria, which destroyed the textile factory where he worked and prevented his children from attending school. Al Zayed's case is among several laid out in friend-of-the-court briefs filed by labor organizations opposed to the travel ban.

Al Zayed says he's afraid he wouldn't be able to return if he visited family overseas. His two brothers and parents remain in Syria, and he's afraid he'll never see his 85-year-old father again if the travel ban is upheld. Nevertheless, he says he's happy to be here.

"Syria was very difficult — an impossible life for us," he said. "So despite that they have the Muslim ban, I think, 'Thank God that we are here.'"



ASCC alumnus Will Spitzenberg will give the keynote address during the 67th ASCC commencement ceremony, set for Friday, December 15th, at 10 a.m. in the College gymnasium. The co-valedictorian of his 1996 ASCC graduating class, Spitzenberg went on to earn a degree in civil engineering and now serves as Chief Water Engineer for ASPA.

[courtesy photo]

## Spitzenberg slated for keynote speech at ASCC Fall 2017 commencement

by James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) will hold its 67th commencement ceremony on Friday, December 15th, at 10 a.m. in the College's gymnasium. Governor Lolo M. Moliga and other dignitaries have been invited to join this semester's celebration of the young men and women who have completed their degrees and certificates, including three students who have earned their Bachelor in Education (BED) diplomas. A preliminary count of 103 ASCC graduates will celebrate an important milestone in their lives, though the actual number may change depending on examination results or other factors.

As always, the College has sought out a distinguished member of the community to offer words of congratulations and encouragement to the graduates. ASCC alumnus William Ena Spitzenberg may not be as well-known as some of the previous speakers, but he has traveled far, made advancements within his chosen career, and has now returned home to contribute to the betterment of his home, just as many young American Samoans dream of doing.

Spitzenberg (aka 'Will') spent his formative years in the villages of Laulii and Auto. He attended Laulii Elementary and Fagaitua High School prior to ASCC, where he graduated as Co-Valedictorian of the Class of 1996. He received academic scholarships from the American Samoa Government and Brigham Young University to further his education in Provo, Utah.

Will graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Brigham Young; followed by a Masters Degree in Envi-

ronmental Engineering from Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee. He went on to gain over 15 years of experience in the engineering field in both the private and public sector. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in Utah and Arizona.

He moved back home with his family in 2013 to serve his community as the Chief Water Engineer for the American Samoa Power Authority. Will is also the founder and coach of the popular Slimmer Stronger You local weight loss program that is reversing the obesity trend in the community one person at a time. He and his wife Leleagaatutuilai Sisi Loi-On Spitzenberg are the proud parents of four boys and two girls.

"Will pursued his dreams for himself, and now continues to pursue them for others," reflected ASCC Dean of Student Services Dr. Emilia Le'i. "He's returned home relatively recently but is already making fine contributions to his community. We're honored that he's going to share from his experiences with this semester's ASCC graduates."

Dr. Le'i also noted that with the College's new Multi-Purpose Center very near completion, this coming commencement ceremony will most likely be the last one to be held in the ASCC Gymnasium. "We came very close to having the Multi-Purpose Center ready for this semester's ceremony," she said, "but to get something absolutely right means to not rush it, so for now we will still hold commencement in our Gym but we anticipate that by spring 2018 we will hold our first graduation in the new facility."

For more information on the 67th ASCC commencement, contact the College's Division of Student Services at 699-9155.

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**Artist**

When I grow up, I want to be a professional artist. I love to draw people and many designs. I want to know more about sketching pictures. I am excited when I draw pictures. I will go to an Art school so I can learn how to draw and design things. In the future, I want to teach young people how to draw, paint, and design. I believe being an artist is the best choice of all.

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Samoa Baptist Academy

**Be Healthy!**

We should be healthy and stay healthy. Eating right and exercise daily is very important. Our wise choices, determination, and self-discipline will take us a long way. We will live longer and enjoy many joyous time with our loved ones. We only live once. Make the most of it by being healthy and stay healthy.

**Level 5**

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Masefau Elementary School

**What Do You Know About Thanksgiving?**

Thanksgiving is a day given to us to give God all the thanks that we can get. First, we thank Him for the air that He gives to us everyday. Second, we thank Him for the food and water He gives to us in order to survive. Lastly, we thank God for everything that He has done for us. Thanksgiving started when the Pilgrims settled in the United States and they felt free. Not only that, but they had freedom to religion. That is why Thanksgiving is so important to us.

**Level 6**

Angelica Saau  
A.P. Lutali Elementary School

**A Good Leader**

The most important quality a leader should have is to be encouraging to others. By doing this, a leader will help everyone around them. A leader gives examples to those who need help. A leader is supposed to lead others to the goal they want to achieve. The person I look up to is Ashlee Fouvale.

Mrs. Fouvale is my volleyball coach. In volleyball she always encourages me to try my best in everything I do. Mrs. Fouvale is the most honest and kind person I know. These are also qualities for a leader to have. She is always checking on the whole team, and giving the whole team confidence to do better. She wants us all to be our best.

My leader Mrs. Fouvale is someone who is intelligent and healthy. She is always giving me advice to help in my everyday life. When I step on the court, she gives me the encouragement I need to feel confidence and be successful. That is what I call a good leader.

**Level 7**

Tamatoa Langkilde  
Pava'ia'i Elementary School

**What am I thankful for?**

I am thankful for my family, teachers and for my life. I'm thankful for my family because they always protect me and feed me. Also, my family does a lot for me. Even though I am always cheeky, but they still love me and care for me. When they see kids do bad things, they would always warn me not to do those things, and for that, I am thankful.

The second thing I am thankful for are my teachers. My teachers always do good things for me. In addition, I am thankful for all the teachers because they protect me and the other students from harm. Teachers help us to learn new things and participate in fun things. In one video I watched there was a gun shooting. The shooter was shooting the students and teaches. The teachers were protecting the students from the shooter. That is why I'm thankful for the teachers.

The last but not the least is God my Savior. I am thankful for my life. It is God who gives me life and power. Without Him I do not exist. Furthermore, God gave me a good life. The life I have now is a good life and a better life.

**Level 8**

Iutita Leifi  
Aua Elementary School

**My Wish**

My wish is that I'll have a lot of money to take good care of my parents. My parents mean the world to me and nothing is more important than them. They have never given up on me so I am not going to give up on them. If I get all my wishes, it will be awesome. I want to prove to my parents that I can take care of them in the future. Taking good care of my parents is a blessing and God will shower me with many more blessings.

Ever since I was young, I have seen how my parents suffered. I did not grow up from rich parents. Even though my parents are poor, they always try their best to do what we want. This is why I really want to have a lot of money to take care of my parents. I will try my best to work hard in school and find a better job in the future.

In conclusion, in order for me to take good care of my parents, I need to stay focus in school. I have to fight for this and work harder. My parents have always wanted me to have good grades in school. I promised my parents that I will not let them down. That is my one and only wish.

**Level 9**

Elinah Liaina  
Leone High School

**Prejudice-Dealing with racism, bigotry and discrimination (gender, race, religion)**

Discrimination. Racism. Bigotry. It's always been there, it always will be. We had it in Jesus' time, we had it in Abraham Lincoln's time, and we have it now. I wonder why we are so eager to scorn others. Why we think that our race should be number one. Why we belittle those who are not like us, who stand out, who are outcasts. We will never know, but we can try

to understand.

The first thing that comes to mind when thinking of prejudice is racism. Racism is a malicious practice in which people think that races different from their own are the inferior species; therefore feeling the need to tease them. Personally, I feel that racism is a worldwide disease that people inherit only because they choose to. They live in an illusive world thinking of different race should bow down to their feet and worship them. They live in this world for so long that they begin to lose their grasp on clarity and end up turning into serial killers out for blood. Why can't we just accept people for who they are? They are not your opponents; your opponent is within yourself. When you scorn others, you scorn yourself. I know that for a fact, because God made us from the same dirt, and breathed into us the same air.

When I see people discriminate others I think to myself, "What kind of misery did you go through to question someone else's worth?" I feel sorry for those who discriminate other because I think that they are intimidated. They frown upon those who are different because they are angry at the world and angry with those who dare to try. When some people hear what religion believe in you get scorned. Why? It is because you are different and people envy that, because you stick to what you believe in, because you are undaunted by your fear to reach for the stars; to accomplish your endeavors; to stand firm without wavering in what you believe in.

A lot of people in American Samoa, especially the elders, are bigot. They are headstrong and refuse to change their ways. There is no bargaining with them, you can't change their ways with a charming smile or pretty eyes. It is the same with others around the world. They often put people down because of their refusal to change. They think a certain style is inappropriate and shabby or they judge whether a person is worthy of their presence. There are many ways to deal with this, you can either put a smile on your face and bear with it or be stoic.

The reason why I have a lot to say is because I know what it is like to judge and be judged, also because I am writing this in my perspective. I used to trudge around on the paved sidewalks and openly discriminate people because I saw how happy and carefree they were. They were happy to be themselves, and there I was walking around feeling insecure, to scared to come out of my shell and be who I was. Then I realized something, every time I decided to discriminate others, I actually wanted what they had. Never discriminate, or be racist, or bigot towards others. They could always be a blessing in disguise.

**Level 11**

Car Daniel Balauro  
Fa'asao Marist High School

**A Nation's Barrier**

Dozens of black men shot for an assumption, thousands protesting to keep a hate symbol, and a young girl suspended for having dreadlocks... What do all of these circumstances have in common? It is racism. Racism is made of stereotypical thoughts combined with social ignorance. Simply as, the prejudice committed towards someone due

to their race. For years, we have tried to combat this issue, but nothing is changing. Today, bigots disguise their racism as freedom of speech, and fail to accept that this causing oppression within a certain community. How can we obliterate our nation's barriers?

Racism is a term that can be defined in various ways. To some, it represents a character of narrow-minded people, or simply the lousy treatment developed against someone of color. It is based on different aspects, whether it be on skin color or a different cultural background. The conflict towards racism occurs when a race is discriminated and feels as though their discrimination is being justified by the freedom of speech. This only brings discordance and promoted the notion of racial inequality to our society.

Just decades ago, we abided by what was entitled the "Jim Crow Laws." It was a set of laws dedicated to segregating people in America. Notoriously noted for its slogan, "Separate but Equal," in reality, it actually privileged the whites and enforced the mistreatment of other ethnicities. This cruel misdemeanor was not against the law; it became the law. It created tensions within the maltreated race and caused riots. Till this day, the same effect is happening. When a person is victimized for their mere ethnic background, it imposes a serious question towards our society.

The problem of racism has undeniably evolved from what it once was. Through implementing laws regarding this specific type of hatred, our society is increasingly becoming aware of this issue. In a place nicknamed the "Melting Pot," it is baffling that this remains a problem. Being racist cannot be biologically inherited; it is developed by the culture and ideas around a person. It forms within a society of people who create a certain perspective, which everyone follows. No one is born with hate, it is taught.

So, how do put an end to this injustice? The sad fact is that, during this age, it is impossible. People were born differently, and it is only normal for humans to retaliate negatively to ideas or people they are not used to. This age is full of opinions and judgments. We area so quick to label another person that we oversee the ignorance we express. We cannot stop racism, but by being enlightened that this is a consequential matter, we can help. "You can't delete racism, it's like a cigarette. You can't stop smoking if you don't want to, and like racism, you can't stop it if people don't want to. But I'll do everything to help."

—Mario Balotelli

# Young Writers' Essay Contest - NOVEMBER 2017

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Raymond Malai, COLEMAN  
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Revelation Maiava, FITIUTA  
Aurelia Lefti, KANANA FOU  
Charly Samaota, LE'ATELE  
Fetauainavasa Ioane, MIDKIFF  
Simalupe Lausen, LUPELELE  
Frankie Lopesi, MATAFAO  
Oh-Ray Sapati, MT. ALAVA  
Alexandria Amoa, P. HORIZONS  
Taylor Ta'alafa'aluiaga, P. HORIZON  
Matavai Moi, PAVA'IA'I  
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Taisia Ale, FAGALI'I  
Adi-varanisesse Tauanu'u, FITIUTA  
Hopelizabeth Malala, KANANA FOU  
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Raymond Logologo, COLEMAN  
D'Vaughnic Oloa, FAGALI'I  
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Casuallen Lauti, KANANA FOU  
Shinaya Tua, LE'ATELE  
Jarvis Telefonu, MIDKIFF  
Mareko Sua, LUPELELE  
Michael Sipili, MANUMALO  
Faustina Time, MARIST ST. FRANCIS  
Penina Z. Sanchez, MATAFAO  
Crystal Lavasi'i, MT. ALAVA  
Evan Zou, PACIFIC HORIZONS  
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Rachael To'i, AUA  
Natasha Lau'lu, FAGALI'I  
Arbexzivin Segal, FITIUTA  
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Vaelani Vailua, LE'ATELE  
Vaimaila Ioane, LEONE MIDKIFF  
June Leulua'iali'i, LUPELELE  
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Elizabeth Seuava, MATATULA  
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Yuchen Bai, PACIFIC HORIZONS  
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Talaee Toelupe, AUA  
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Lilien Ve'e, FITIUTA  
Lalon Fuiava, KANANA FOU  
Josefa Tafu, LE'ATELE  
Grace Calligacion, LUPELELE  
Amily Seko, MANUMALO  
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Ane Tagaloa, FITIUTA  
Ashleigh Uelese, KANANA FOU  
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Joanne Mose, FAGALI'I  
Kapiolani Te'i, FITIUTA  
Adelyn Baqui, KANANA FOU  
Tiperia Fa'afetai, LE'ATELE  
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Charles Lau'lu, PAVA'IA'I  
Kahanalei Moliga, PETELI  
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Havilla Sefo, FITIUTA  
Betty Fa'atoafe, KANANA FOU  
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Tamatoa Langkilde, PAVA'IA'I  
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Iutita Leifi, AUA  
Patsy Meleisea, COLEMAN  
Iuliano Mapu, FAGALI'I  
So'oupu S. Tu'ailu'ulu'u, FITIUTA

LaNary Fuiava, KANANA FOU  
Mydear Sopoaga, LE'ATELE  
Grace Nai, LEONE MIDKIFF  
Liku Aporsaa, LUPELELE  
Christine Fa'auvelo, MASEFAU  
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Iokapeta J. Vala, MT. ALAVA  
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To'oto'oali'i Anoa'i, OLOMOANA  
Pearl Munoz, PETELI  
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Tamara S. Pese, LAULI'I  
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**FILE** - In this May 15, 2017, file photo, Hawaii Attorney General Doug Chin, center, talks to reporters outside a federal courthouse in Seattle. The fight over the latest version of President Donald Trump,Äs travel ban that targets about 150 million potential travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria and Yemen returns to Washington state and Virginia. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals hears arguments in Seattle on Wednesday, Dec. 6, followed by a full complement of 13 judges at the 4th Circuit in Richmond, Va., on Friday, Dec. 8.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File)

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Compiled by Samoa News staff

## SAMOA AGAIN PROPOSES AMERICAN SAMOA TO SET UP SHOP IN APIA

Samoa has again proposed for American Samoa to consider opening an office in Apia to facilitate travel of nationals of the two Samoas, according to the meeting communique from last week’s Two Samoa Talks held in Apia.

It also says Samoa has confirmed land offered for this purpose and suggested consideration of signing a Memorandum of Understanding as soon as possible.

In a land trade agreement between the two Samoas a few years ago, Samoa offered land at Vailima for American Samoa, and in return, Samoa was offered government land in Tafuna.

Samoa has already opted to lease its land to a local taxi association for use until such time Samoa decides how best to use it.

American Samoa has been exploring options for use of the land in Samoa. There was a proposal in the past to set up an office there, but there are concerns because American Samoa is part of the US, and therefore cannot set up its own office in a foreign country.

Responding to questions during a recent news conference, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga said he doesn’t believe there are federal regulations that prevent American Samoa from developing mutual issues of interest with Samoa.

He said an American Samoa office in Apia would assist travelers between the two Samoas as well as any other minor

issues. He stressed that setting up an office in Apia doesn’t mean American Samoa will change its political relationship with the US.

## GOVERNOR ON MANDATE FOR ASG SEMI AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has suggested to ASG semi autonomous agencies to work with his office if their given mandate requires changes, instead of going beyond services cited in the mandate.

This was the governor’s statement during a recent cabinet meeting, in response to remarks by Shipyard Services chief executive officer, Moefa’auo William Emmsley’s update on shipyard activities.

According to Moefa’auo, there are hardly any vessels coming in for repairs.

He said staff is working to “implement the diversification plan”, which looks at non-ship repair jobs where the shipyard can apply its crew’s “skill-sets” such as welding, while waiting for new vessels for repairs. He noted that about 60% to 70% of shipyard workers have tradesmen licenses while the rest are undergoing testing.

The goal of this initiative, he explained, is for all to get tradesmen licenses, which are issued by the government. Once licensed, these employees will seek “certification at the national and international level,” he added.

In response, the governor said, “I think this holds true with other authorities”, like American Samoa Power Authority and American Samoa Telecommunications Authority, that “whenever there’s a shortage of funding, you tend to look into expanding your services outside of your operation.”

“We strongly suggest, that if you feel like you’re given a bigger mandate than what you can generate [in revenue] to provide the service... talk to us and the Fono,” he said.

“One simple way to do that is to reduce the mandate that was given to you, instead of you going out to the community to solicit a revenue source or a revenue stream to off-set costs, as it might create confusion in our economic development process,” he continued.

According to the governor, some of the services provided by employees of the authorities can be shared and are useful to other ASG agencies.

“So it’s something to think about,” Lolo said to Moefa’auo. “Instead of going out searching for jobs, come to us and let us know what we can do to properly move and serve the needs of your agency.” He reiterated the same message to other authorities.

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**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  
**Date & Time Due:** December 30, 2017  
**No later than 2:00 pm local time**

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

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](mailto:charmaine@dbas.as) for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: [www.dbas.as](http://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:

Development Bank of American Samoa  
PO BOX 9  
Attention: Charmaine Faleaana  
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They may also be emailed to [charmaine@dbas.as](mailto: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.



## ▶ Court issues decision...

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brought the action for summary repossession of the property.

On May 30, 2017, defendants filed their answer and asserted counter-claims against plaintiffs Mamoe, Aofia and Fa’alevao in their personal capacities and as officers and elders of CCCAS, and cross-claims against Rev. Fa’aeteete Saifoloi in his personal capacity and as a counseling minister and elder of CCCAS.

On July 11, 2017 the plaintiffs filed the instant motion to dismiss the counter and cross-claims for lack of jurisdiction.

### MOTION TO DISMISS CROSS-CLAIMS AGAINST REV. SAIFOLOI

According to the court, the plaintiffs assert that the cross-claims against Saifoloi should be dismissed because Saifoloi was not properly joined as a party to this lawsuit and the court agreed.

Consequently, the defendants’ cross-claims are dismissed.

### MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTER-CLAIMS FOR TORTIOUS REMOVAL OF ORDINATIONS

According to the decision, “The Revised Constitution of American Samoa prohibits the enactment of any law that provides for the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. This protection mirrors the Religious Clauses of the First Amendment of the U.S Constitution. Our courts have not previously had the opportunity to consider this constitutional protection in the context of employment of ministers by a church. The court therefore looked to the federal courts for guide on this issue.

“In lawsuits concerning the employment relationship between a religious institution and its ministers, the court must determine whether the Religious Clauses of the First Amendment bar such an action. When a claim involves an internal church decision that affects the faith and mission of the church itself, the state must not interfere.

“Therefore, it is impermissible for the government to contradict a church’s determination of who can act as its ministers. This is known as the ministerial exception.”

## Resident questions woman’s claim of poisoning neighbors

SHELBURNE, Vt. (AP) — A Vermont senior living facility resident says she doesn’t believe a woman tested a deadly toxin on neighbors.

First responders were called to Wake Robin facility in Shelburne last week for possible ricin exposure. Seventy-year-old Betty Miller was placed in federal custody after telling investigators she made the ricin because she wanted to “injure herself” and had tested the poison’s effectiveness on other

The judges agree that ministerial exception applies to the defendants’ counter-claim of tortious removal of ordination because it is being brought by a minister and concerns the internal decision of a church’s selection and control of its ministers.

Amaama argued that his suspension as an ordained minister and his removal from the General Secretary position by the Elders’ Committee was improper because the authority over ordinations and the General Secretary position lies with the CCCAS General Assembly, not with the Elders’ Committee.

Amaama requested the Court to inquire about how church authority is structured based on its organizing documents.

The Court concluded that “the exception operates as an affirmative defense to an otherwise cognizable claim, not a jurisdictional bar, because the issue presented by the exception is whether the allegation the plaintiff makes entitle him to relief, not whether the court has power to hear the case. For that reason, defendants’ counter-claim for tortious removal of ordinations is dismissed.”

According to the decision, Amaama was an at-will employee whom CCCAS could terminate at any time.

Amaama claims the plaintiffs intentionally presented false and/or confidential information to the Elders’ Committee as a pretext to create a post election disqualification of him as General Secretary, based on his suspension as an ordained minister.

The Court believes the defendants did not show facts to support a plausible claim and even if they had, Mamoe, Aofia, and Fa’alevao are agents of CCCAS and therefore cannot be considered third-party actors separate from CCCAS. Consequently, defendants’ counter-claim for tortious interference with employment contract is dismissed.

### SLANDER CLAIMS BY DEFENDANT NOT DISMISSED

For the issue of slander, Amaama claims the plaintiffs publicly made and/or repeated false allegations of infidelity and/or family abuse against him in order to justify his removal

residents.

Fellow resident Claire Anderson says she hasn’t heard of anyone else falling ill. She says she doesn’t know Miller but says she may have concocted the story about poisoning others.

Health officials say no one is currently ill from the ricin.

Miller is in custody and said in court that she is working on getting a lawyer. A judge noted she had a “lengthy mental health history” but did not elaborate.

as an ordained minister and consequential removal as General Secretary. The Court said Amaama’s assertions meet the pleading standard for slander and that’s why the plaintiffs’ motion to dismiss the counter claim for slander is denied.


Amaama alleges the plaintiffs made factual statements, not opinions, and such statements directly injured him professionally. The court notes that the dignity of the individual shall be respected and every person is entitled to protection of the law against malicious and unjustifiable public attacks on the name, reputation, or honor of himself or of his family.

Amaama claimed that the same slanderous statements made by the plaintiffs — that he was unfaithful and/or abusive to his family — also violate the dignity of the individual clause of the Constitution.

The Court agreed and for that reason, they denied the plaintiffs’ motion to dismiss the defendants’ counter-claim.



This Dec. 2, 2017 booking photo provided by the Riverside, Calif., Police Department shows Joseph Hayden Boston, 18. Authorities say Boston, who turned himself in to Riverside police, has confessed to molesting some 50 children over the past years across Southern California. Police say Boston was brought to a police station by his mother after he told her he had assaulted two boys, ages 8 and 4, at a motel. (Riverside Police Department via AP)



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### PUBLIC JOB POSTING

Position Title	Staff Accountant	Posting Date	December 4, 2017
Department	Accounting	Deadline	December 15, 2017 - 4:00pm
Division	Support Services	Starting Rate	\$13.08/hr - \$15.04/hr
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation		
Reports To	Accounting Supervisor	Job Grade/Status	G/6/C-G/10/A, Non-Exempt

Major Duties & Responsibilities

The Staff Accountant will provide management with financial information by researching and analyzing accounts and preparing financial statements. This position will prepare consolidated internal and external financial statements by gathering and analyzing information from the general ledger system and from departments. This position will maintain and balance an automated consolidation system by inputting data, scheduling required jobs, and verifying data. He/she will analyze information and options by developing spreadsheet reports and verifying information. This position will also prepare general ledger entries by maintaining records and files. Other duties of this position are as follows: prepare payments by accruing expenses; assign account numbers; request disbursements; reconcile accounts; develop and implement accounting procedures by analyzing current procedures; recommend changes; answer accounting and financial questions by researching and interpreting data; provide accounting support for mergers and acquisitions by reviewing financial information; convert data to general ledger system; obtain supplementary information for preparing financial statements; protect organization’s value by keeping information confidential; update job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities, reading professional publications, maintaining personal networks, and participating in professional organizations; accomplish accounting and organization’s mission by completing related results as needed. The Staff Accountant will also perform other duties and projects as assigned by the Accounting Supervisor and/or Controller.

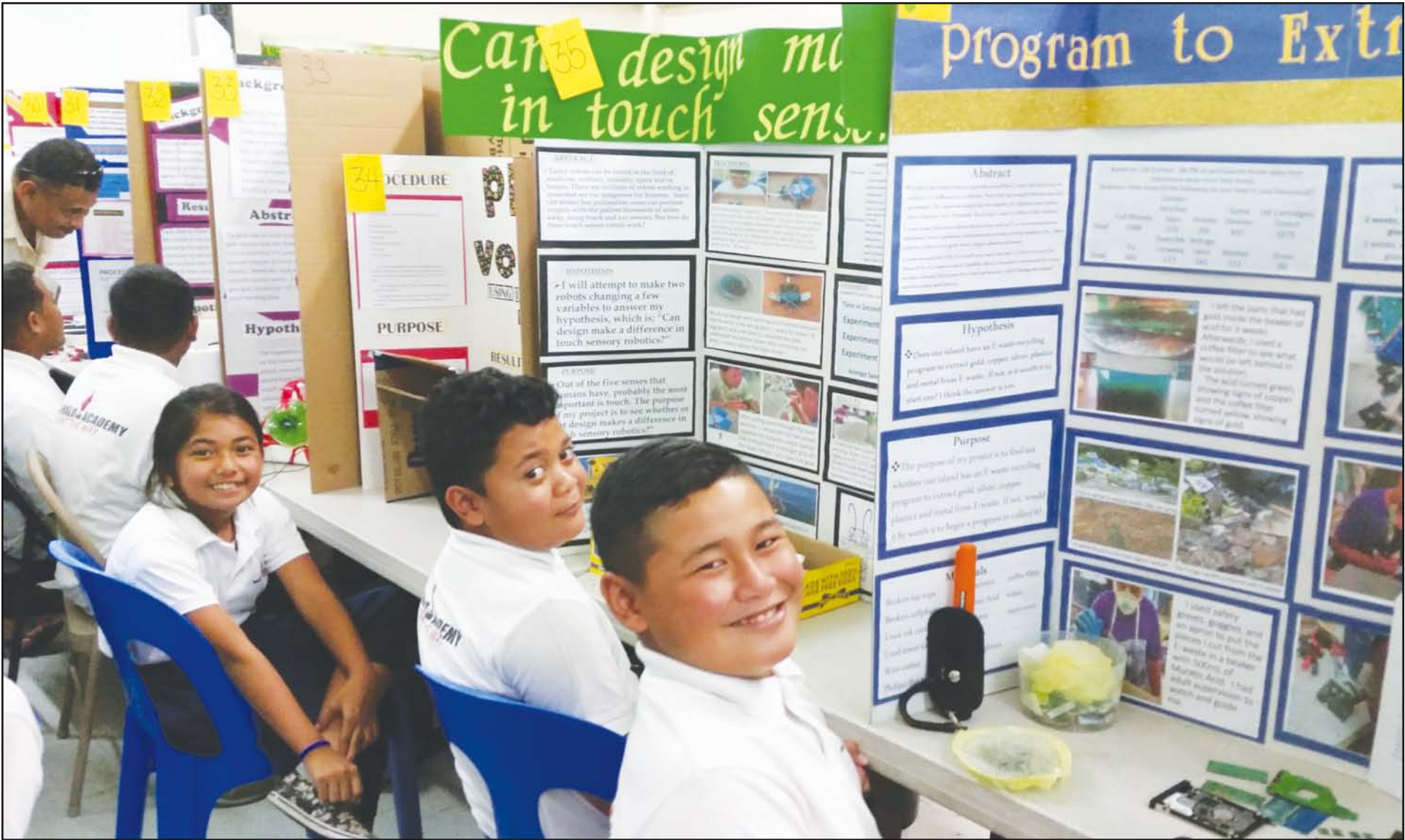
Minimum Requirements

Education	BA/BS degree or equivalent experience from an accredited college or university with the necessary skills in accounting, information technology, and ethics. Must possess basic math skills, ability to analyze figures, knowledge of accounting principles, and excellent verbal and written skills. Extensive experience with accounting software used at similar sized companies and expertise in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint is also essential.
Experience	Minimum of five (5) years related work experience in the accounting field is required in addition to the minimum educational requirement having been obtained.
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must possess skills in accounting, reporting, time management, attention to detail, confidentiality, PC proficiency, productivity, verbal communication, general math skills</li><li>• Must be knowledgeable of US GAAP and GASB as well as automated accounting and financial information systems.</li><li>• Must be detail-oriented.</li><li>• Must have knowledge of SFA rules.</li><li>• Must have the ability to prepare payments by utilizing the accounts payable system, accrue expenses and maintain a prepayment schedule, assign account numbers and process disbursements.</li><li>• Must have the ability to analyze, develop, and implement accounting procedures, recommend changes, and be able to write standard operating procedures.</li><li>• Must have skills to answer accounting and financial questions by researching and interpreting data.</li><li>• Must have ability to interact with auditors as required, providing analysis, reports and data as requested during audits.</li></ul>

Qualified applicants: Please submit a completed ASPA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASPA Tafuna (address listed above) by the deadline. Please attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examinations (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on pre-employment drug test. ASPA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary. No phone inquiries accepted.

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Last Friday, public and private elementary and high schools across the territory hosted their respective school science fair competitions, to weed out the projects that will represent each school during the highly anticipated Territorial Science Fair competition, hosted by the local Department of Education.

This year, up and coming scientists wowed the judges with projects that were not only well thought out, but also investigated thoroughly.

At Manumalo Academy, representatives from various government and federal agencies came out to judge projects in different categories including biochemistry, environmental science, engineering, technology, and microbiology.

Pictured are Ashe Fruean, Fitzgerald Alofa, and Micah Fuiava, sitting in front of their presentation boards, waiting their turn to be questioned by the judges.

For her project, Ashe built a solar house to prove that sunlight can be used as a source of energy for the home. Fitz delved into the world of robotics while Micah investigated the gold mine found in e-waste. Youngsters as young as 5 years old also participated in the science fair competition which has drawn an increased interest over the years.

DOE and its local partners continue to stress the promotion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and the younger generation appears to be receptive, as evident with all the science projects Samoa News saw last Friday.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

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ASG Office of Political Status, Constitution and Federal Relations executive director Tapaau Dr. Daniel Aga (middle), with Pavaiai Elementary School teachers after an outreach program by Tapaau's office, that covered topics including American Samoa's unincorporated and unorganized political status, and "Ua Vaelua Samoa" The presentation, last week Thursday, was part of Pavaiai school's Professional Development Day for all teachers. [courtesy photo]

# Man plead...

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homeowner filed a complaint about loud music, cars driving in and out at night, and young girls hanging around the area.

The homeowner told police that her relative, John Tu'upo, was using the house but he had no right to be there. Court filings say a white pick up truck was leaving the site as police arrived, and the driver was one of the co-defendants, Iakopo, also known as Inky.

Police searched the abandoned house and found drugs, guns, and paraphernalia including two plastic baggies and two glass pipes — both with crystalline residue.

Both Iakopo and Gasolo have been convicted and are serving time for charges from the same case.

# Suspect who opened fire at California hospital is identified

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — California authorities have identified a gunman who fired through a glass door at a hospital emergency room before being shot and wounded by police.

No one inside Bakersfield Heart Hospital was struck by the gunfire Friday.

The Bakersfield Californian newspaper reports police have identified the suspect as Brandon Clark, a 44-year-old resident of Big Sur.

Investigators say that after opening fire, Clark went inside the hospital before walking back outside, where police shot him. He's in critical condition.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)  
RFQ-009-2018

Issuance Date: November 13, 2017      Date & Time Due: December 13, 2017  
No later than 2:00p.m (local time)

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Qualification (RFQ) from qualified firms to provide:

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

Submission

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

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

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

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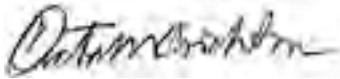
The RFQ Scope of Work outlining the qualification requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

Review

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

Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Government reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Government or the public as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government or the Public.



DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON  
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RFQ-018-2018

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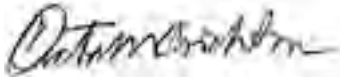
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U.S. House passes anti-harassment legislation

AMATA CO-SPONSORS AND APPLAUDS PASSAGE

Washington, D.C. – Amata. “I appreciate my good friend Congresswoman Comstock’s leadership on this effective, bipartisan effort to preserve trust in this great institution. I welcome this bipartisan effort to help protect employees, along with Speaker Ryan’s decisive action to improve training. We want the highest professional standards of decency practiced in the U.S. Capitol.”

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata welcomed legislative efforts to combat harassment in Congress, improve training and protect employees, and applauded House passage on Wednesday of a bipartisan effort, H.R. 630, introduced by Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-Virginia), which Congresswoman Amata co-sponsored and the House passed with broad support.

Congresswoman Comstock’s legislation requires all staff and Members of Congress to take yearly anti-harassment training, and she worked across party lines on the legislation.

Congresswoman Amata also supports the action by Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) who directed the entire House of Representatives and its employees to participate in sexual harassment training. Congresswoman Amata’s office already had anti-harassment policies, and she has already directed her staff to complete the training.

“There’s simply no place for harassment in the halls of Congress, or anywhere else,” said Congresswoman Aumua

Congresswoman Amata also is a cosponsor of H.R. 4396, The Member and Employee Training and Oversight On Congress Act, which would require more transparency, overhaul the complaint process, and provide support for victims and whistleblowers. She signed on to this bill in conjunction with numerous colleagues, including Congressman Luke Messer (R-Indiana), Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee; Congresswoman Jennifer González-Colón (R-PR); Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI); Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-CNMI); along with some two dozen other Members on a bipartisan basis.

Community brief...

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With federal fishing restrictions on US flagged purse seiner fleets fishing in US exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and high seas, many US vessels have relocated to other fishing grounds, further away from American Samoa. This has affected the shipyard, with fishing vessels opting to go to foreign countries that are closer to their fishing areas for repairs.

Meanwhile, utilization of the shipyard was discussed at last week’s 2 Samoa Talks held in Apia. According to the summary of the meeting, American Samoa informed Samoa about the availability of its shipyard facility to maintain large vessels while Samoa offered its slipway for small vessels.

15 CRUISE SHIPS CONFIRMED FOR 2018

So far, fifteen cruise ships have been confirmed to call in to the Port of Pago Pago in 2018, bringing over 34,000 passengers and crew, according to the American Samoa Visitors Bureau’s cruise ship schedule, which notes that the first ship

of year, and the only one for January, is the ‘Seven Seas Mariner’, arriving on Jan. 29th. February, so far, has the highest number of ships calling into port with four, while November has three. April and December each has two ships arriving, with one each for March, May, and October.

ASG officials are hopeful that more cruise ships will be confirmed for 2018.

Meanwhile, 9 ships are already confirmed for 2019 and 3 for 2020.

The ASVB will continue to update the information schedule on <www.americansamoa.travel>

For the rest of 2017, there are two more ships scheduled to call into port.

The Amsterdam arrives from Suva, Fiji on Dec. 7th and will depart at 5p.m. for Honolulu while the Maasdam is set to dock on Dec. 10th from Bora Bora, French Polynesia before it departs for Savusavu, Fiji in the evening.

Local longline...

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which is “an important source of supply” for the StarKist Samoa cannery.

The company is encouraging other tuna fisheries to work towards MSC certification so there is adequate supply to support the small but growing market for MSC-certified seafood products in the U.S.





# Mattis seeks more cooperation with Pakistan on terror fight

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis will meet with Pakistan leaders Monday to seek common ground on the counterterrorism fight, amid Trump administration calls for Islamabad to more aggressively go after the insurgents moving back and forth across the border with Afghanistan.

Mattis said he wants to work with Pakistan to address the problems, adding that the U.S. is committed to a pragmatic relationship that expands cooperation while also “reinforcing President Trump’s call for action against terrorist safe havens.”

“We have heard from Pakistan leaders that they do not support terrorism. So I expect to see that sort of action reflected in their policies,” Mattis told reporters traveling with him in the Middle East before his trip to Islamabad.

Asked if he was going to press the Pakistani leaders to take more action against the insurgents, Mattis said: “That’s not the way I deal with issues. I believe that we work hard on finding the common ground and then we work together.”

Mattis’ optimism, however, comes despite persistent U.S. assertions that Islamabad is still not doing enough to battle the Taliban and allied Haqqani network insurgents within its borders.

Since the start of the war in Afghanistan, militants in Pakistan have crossed the mountainous and ill-defined border to wage attacks against U.S., Afghan and allied forces. They then would return to their safe havens in Pakistan, where they have had a long-standing relationship with the ISI, Islamabad’s intelligence agency.

In a blunt assessment early last week, Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, said there have been no changes in Pakistan’s support for militant networks.

He said Pakistani leaders went to Kabul and met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. “They identified certain steps that they were going to take. We’ve not yet seen those steps play out,” Nicholson told reporters in a recent briefing.

The U.S., he said, has been very direct about what it expects Pakistan to do in the fight against the Taliban.

“We’re hoping to see those changes,” he said. “We’re hoping to work together with the Pakistanis going forward to eliminate terrorists who are crossing” between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The White House, meanwhile, condemned Pakistan’s release late last month of a U.S.-wanted militant as a “step in the wrong direction” and warned that it could harm Islamabad’s relations with America and its reputation around the world.

In August, the U.S. said it would hold up \$255 million in military assistance for Pakistan until it cracks down on extremists threatening Afghanistan.

President Donald Trump’s tough words about Pakistan as he unveiled the updated U.S. strategy for the war in Afghanistan, infuriated Islamabad and triggered anti-U.S. protests there that Pakistani police had to use tear gas to disperse.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif said during a visit to Washington in October that Pakistan was willing to cooperate fully with the Trump administration. He said Pakistan had wiped out militant hideouts with little help from the U.S.

Mattis’ trip to Pakistan comes at the end of a short trip to the region, including stops in Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait.



In this Nov. 30, 2017, photo, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis responds to a reporter’s question during a meeting with Libyan Prime Minister Fayez Serraj at the Pentagon. Mattis will meet with Pakistan leaders Monday to seek common ground on the counterterrorism fight, amid the Trump administration calls for Islamabad to more aggressively go after the insurgents moving back and forth across the border with Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

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

**Applicants must have the following qualifications:**

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- (1) Physics, Chemistry, General Science
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- (3) English (TOEFL score of 600 or better)

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

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

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

Applicants must complete an ASPA Employment Application Form and provide two written references. The form is available at ASPA Human Resource Office in Tafuna or via ASPA’s website at [www.aspower.com](http://www.aspower.com)

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

**Deadline for submitting applications is 4pm on Friday, December 8, 2017.**

***This ad has been revised as of 11/30/2017.***

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FILE - This May 15, 2017, file photo, shows a CVS pharmacy sign at a store in Hialeah, Fla. CVS will buy insurance giant Aetna in a roughly \$69 billion deal that will help the drugstore chain provide more health care and keep a key client, according to a person with knowledge of the matter. (AP Photo/Alan Diaz, File)

CVS bids \$69 billion for Aetna  
amid health care changes

Drugstore operator CVS is making a \$69 billion offer for insurer Aetna as it tries to position itself as a one-stop shop for Americans' health care needs with prescription drugs, clinics and insurance plans to cover those goods and services. The companies announced Sunday that CVS Health Corp. will pay about \$207 in cash and stock for each share of Aetna Inc., a 29 percent premium over Aetna's stock price before the first report about a possible deal in October.

The mammoth acquisition pairs a company that runs more than 9,700 drugstores and 1,100 walk-in clinics with an insurer covering around 22 million people. CVS Health Corp. is also one of the nation's biggest pharmacy benefit managers, processing more than a billion prescriptions a year for insurance companies, including Aetna.

The companies planned a Monday morning conference call to discuss the deal.

The deal's impact on prescription drug prices is uncertain. Aetna customers could first see some changes in how their plans are managed. Over time, a bulked-up CVS may gain more negotiating leverage over prices, but it is difficult to say how much would trickle down to customers.

The deal could generate a new stream of customers to CVS stores, many of which now offer a growing menu of medical services in addition to the usual fare of prescriptions and cold-and-cough supplies.

That could help fuel a push by CVS to become more of a one-stop shop for health care, a place where patients can get blood drawn, then see a nurse practitioner and pick up prescriptions.

By acquiring Aetna, CVS can enter new businesses including health savings accounts, home care and telemedicine and go after more of the consumer's health-care dollars, said RBC analyst George Hill.

With traditional lines blurring in health care, CVS must worry about competition from the likes of UnitedHealth Group Inc. The nation's biggest health insurer also manages a large pharmacy benefits business, and it runs doctor practices and clinics.

CVS and Aetna together "have the chance to close the competitive gap quickly," Hill said. "You can see the path where CVS is going."

CVS Health started adding clinics to its drugstores years ago and has been expanding the services they offer. Customers can get physicals, flu shots or treatments for sinus infections at the clinics. They also can receive cholesterol screenings or find help monitoring chronic conditions

such as diabetes.

Analysts say clinics aren't especially profitable, but they are important because they draw people into the stores and help build deeper customer relationships.

The clinics also provide services that can't be purchased online. Like other retailers, drugstores are struggling to hold onto customers who are buying more goods through outlets such as Amazon.

By expanding its medical services, CVS would essentially be "replacing aisles and products with services," Jefferies analyst Brian Tanquilut said. He and others on Wall Street expect the Aetna deal to fuel a health care services expansion for CVS. The company might open more clinics or add services such as eye care or hearing aid centers.

The deal also will help CVS keep Aetna's business managing the insurer's pharmacy benefits. That could keep millions of customers away from Amazon if the retail giant decides to expand into prescription drugs. Investors have been worried about that prospect since reports about the possibility first appeared earlier this year. Amazon has not commented.

Aetna stockholders will get \$145 cash and 0.8378 CVS shares for each Aetna share. They would own 22 percent of the company, with 78 percent remaining with current CVS shareholders.

Antitrust regulators still need to approve the deal, and that is not guaranteed.

Last month, the Justice Department sued to block AT&T's \$85 billion purchase of Time Warner. Regulators also sued to stop Aetna's proposed \$34 billion purchase of Humana Inc. — a deal that fell apart earlier this year. Opposition from antitrust regulators also helped kill Anthem Inc.'s \$48 billion bid to buy Cigna Corp.

The latter two were deals in which one major health insurer sought to buy another.

"This is a different kind of alignment," Carl Tobias, a law professor at the University of Richmond, said of the CVS move. "If it works well for consumers, then maybe it will be OK (to regulators). The companies can make that pitch."

Leerink analyst David Larsen said in a recent note that the CVS-Aetna deal has a decent chance of approval because regulators may believe it will put pressure on manufacturers to hold down drug prices. Hartford, Connecticut-based Aetna and Woonsocket, Rhode Island-based CVS both manage Medicare prescription drug coverage. Some of that business may have to be sold to address antitrust concerns.



# Atlanta mayoral runoff a test of race, gender and grudges

The process of choosing Atlanta’s next mayor has come down to two candidates, one black, one white, after a campaign that laid plain the city’s sore spots of race, gender and political grudges.

Keisha Lance Bottoms and Mary Norwood square off Tuesday in a runoff that may give Atlanta its first white woman mayor ever if Norwood is elected. She would also be its first white mayor in 44 years. Aside from that, the ballot comes just after elections that gave New Orleans and Charlotte their first black women mayors ever, and amid infighting that severely tested Atlanta’s long-dominant black political machine.

Bottoms, 47, was endorsed by former mayor Andrew Young and current, term-limited Mayor Kasim Reed, who beat Norwood in a 2009 runoff by only 714 votes — a large share of them from the black, middle-class southwest quadrant where Bottoms lives.

Norwood, 65, is backed by the city’s last white mayor, Sam Massell, and two prominent black officials: the city’s first female mayor, Shirley Franklin, and former City Council President Ceasar Mitchell — endorsements that many perceived as a public rebuke of Reed, who hotly denigrated Mitchell and Norwood as “losers.”

Democrats have held the mayor’s office in Atlanta since 1879. As always, the race will come down to turnout, which has been historically low.

What black voters do on Tuesday is key. Some blacks, turned off by a city contracting corruption probe under Reed’s watch, are struggling with getting past race to back Norwood. Others look askance at Norwood’s status as an independent, branding her a stealth Republican who seeks to serve City Hall up to Georgia’s otherwise deep-red political apparatus.

It is the type of dilemma that black voters don’t take lightly, said Andre Perry, a Brookings Institution research fellow.

“Being black in America brings a level of awareness around inequity that many other groups are just blind to,” Perry said. “If you’re not of the community, it’s easier to dismiss it. That’s the fear of having white leaders, the idea that they’re disconnected.”

In the past, Atlanta black leaders had a succession plan, according to Kelley Bass Jackson, whose former father-in-law, the late Maynard Jackson, was elected Atlanta’s first black mayor in 1973. This time, she said, there was no clear, hand-picked heir, touching off hard sparring

between black candidates that caused “so much anxiety and division among the citizens.”

“Atlanta’s identity has been defined by having a black mayor — and not just any black mayor, but having excellent black mayors who were well-educated, civic-minded and who cared about lifting the race and building collaborations,” Jackson said.

Partisan infighting could also be a factor. Some speculate the race could become a referendum on the popular but prickly Reed, whose public feuds with Mitchell and other black candidates threatened to overshadow Bottoms’ efforts to woo voters.

“People are trying to penalize (Bottoms) because they believe that she is a puppet of the mayor or that she will do everything he tells her to do,” said Kwanza Hall, a former city councilman who ran in the general mayoral election and now backs Bottoms.

Bottoms, a former city councilwoman, was the top vote getter in November and the only black woman on the ballot. She is backed by several state Democrats, including Jason Carter, grandson of former president Jimmy Carter. This weekend, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris of California, a rising Democratic star, is expected to stump for Bottoms in Atlanta.

Harris continuously pumped her fist in admiration of Bottoms in front of around 300 supporters who had just watched a live debate between Bottoms and Norwood during a rally Sunday evening. The senator told attendees she flew into town to tell them the importance of voting for Bottoms on Tuesday. Harris said the election is important not just for Atlanta, but for the entire country.

“This is moment when so-called leaders are selling division and hate,” Harris said. “So we must fight to be the best at who we are. We must fight that we should be treated as equals. ... And we must fight to ensure that Keisha Lance Bottoms is the next mayor of Atlanta.”

Mayor Reed also spoke during the rally.

Norwood lives in Atlanta’s wealthy, heavily white Buckhead enclave but established a reputation as responsive to residents across the city in her role as an at-large councilwoman.

Atlanta, Newark and Washington, D.C. are the only U.S. cities with four decades of unbroken black leadership. Atlanta’s streak could end because of changing demographics — the next mayor inherits a city that is younger and more diverse, with some voters putting less emphasis on the importance of black leadership.



In this Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 photo, Mary Norwood, candidate for mayor, gives supporters a double thumbs up making a final appearance at her election night party in Atlanta. Norwood is in a runoff with Keisha Lance Bottoms.

(Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP)



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Opposition candidate Salvador Nasralla, who is calling for a re-do of the election, greets supporters during a march near the institute where election ballots are stored in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017. Residents of Honduras' capital are bracing for more demonstrations after a night of pot-banging protests over the long-delayed vote count in last week's presidential elections.

(AP Photo/Fernando Antonio)

# Government restarts vote count in Honduras despite protests

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Honduran electoral authorities on Sunday restarted the long-delayed count of ballots from last weekend's presidential election amid protests by supporters of opposition candidate Salvador Nasralla, who is calling for a re-do of the vote.

The electoral tribunal said it was reopening the tallying of votes from 1,031 ballot boxes in which inaccuracies were detected. Nasralla and supporters of his leftist Alliance of Opposition Against Dictatorship have called for a far broader recount.

Nasralla's representatives did not show up for the examination of the tally sheets, suggesting they might no longer recognize the count.

Nasralla told a rally in the

capital, Tegucigalpa, that the magistrates of the electoral tribunal "are employees of President (Juan Orlando) Hernandez," who ran for re-election despite a constitutional ban on doing so.

"The tribunal is not an independent organism and as such is neither credible nor trustworthy for the people," said Nasralla, a well-known TV personality.

Electoral tribunal president David Matamoros said, "We have been patient and prudent in waiting for the Alliance's decision, and they have not showed up for this vote count."

Officials finished counting nearly 95 percent of the ballot boxes from the Nov. 26 election by late Friday and Hernandez held a lead of more than 46,000 votes over Nasralla. It was not immediately clear how many votes could be at play in the so-far untallied boxes.

Hernandez's government is enforcing a 10-day curfew of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. seeking to quell demonstrations, although on Saturday it was dropped for the country's two main tourist areas, the Bay Islands and the Mayan ruins of Copan.

Late Saturday, the capital had a night of pot-banging protests over the delays in the vote count, and the sound of bottle-rockets and chants echoed across the city.

Clashes between protesters and troops have killed at least one person, and perhaps as many as a half dozen.

Both Hernandez and Nasralla have claimed victory. Nasralla had been leading in the count until a lengthy delay interrupted reports from electoral officials, feeding opposition complaints of irregularities. Officials blamed the pause on technical problems and denied any manipulation.

"I have asked them to repeat the elections, but only those for the presidency, with the aim of resolving the crisis that Honduras is suffering," Nasralla said Saturday.

He said a new election "would be under the supervision of an international electoral tribunal, not the local one, because there aren't sufficient conditions to guarantee" the vote would be fair. Asked what response he got from the government to the proposal, Nasralla said, "They haven't responded and I don't think they will."

Honduras' national police force said a 19-year-old woman was shot to death at a pro-Nasralla protest Friday by gunmen who witnesses said were police. The national police force said it was investigating the attack. Witnesses and opposition activists claim at least five other people have been killed at protests nationwide.

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (12/3)	Monday (12/4)	Tuesday (12/5)	Wednesday (12/6)	Thursday (12/7)	min	Friday (12/8)	Saturday (12/9)	min
10 : am	00' K-pop World Festival 10' The Beauty	Drama Special 2017 (E,R) K-pop World Festival	The Return of Superman Jisook's Table for O	Drama Special 2017 (E,R) K-pop World Festival	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama (E,R)	00'
11 : am	00' K-RUSH (E,R) 30'	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)				00' The Beauty (E,R) 50' K-pop World Festival	"Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)		
12 NOON	Music Bank (E,R)	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						(E,R)	
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)							
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R) Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	The Beauty	K-RUSH (E,R) K-RUSH (E,R)	30' 30'
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	K-pop World Festival Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Jisook's Table for O Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	K-pop World Festival Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	20'	K-RUSH (E,R)	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	50'
4 : 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) *	00'	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	00'
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R) # 6, 7, 8.	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)					
6 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						Drama Special 2017	20'
8 : pm	40' KBS World News Today	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)						K-pop World Festival	30'
9 : pm	00' Food Odyssey (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Music Bank (Live)		40'	Happy Together (E,R)	The Beauty (E,R) K-RUSH (E,R)	40' 30'
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	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-pop World Festival	Jisook's Table for O	Jisook's Table for O	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)			00'
2 : am	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E)		My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)		Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)		30'
3 : am	00' Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	Music Bank (E)		Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)		30'
4 : am	50' K-pop World Festival	Jisook's Table for O	K-pop World Festival	The Beauty	"The Return of Superman" Special (E)		Gag Concert (E,R)		50'
5 : am	30' Heritage Tomorrow	K-RUSH (E,R)				60'	The Return of Superman" (E,R)		
6 : am	40' Food Odyssey (E,R)	The Beauty	Jisook's Table for O	The Beauty		10'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
7 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R) K-pop World Festival		My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
8 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		"Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)		The Beauty Guerrilla Date (E)		00'
9 : am	30' Drama Special 2017	Return of Superman	Drama Special 2017	Happy Together	Music Bank (E,R)	50'			

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# Police: Man angry about parking stabbed 2, mowed down others

NEW YORK (AP) — A man angry about a parking dispute stabbed two people and then drove into a group of pedestrians on a sidewalk Sunday, leaving one person dead and several others injured, one critically, police said.

The violent altercation started around 4:30 a.m. outside a hookah lounge in Queens, when the driver of a white Hyundai sedan got out of his car and stabbed two other people, New York Police Department Assistant Chief David Barrere said. They were both stabbed in the chest, authorities said.

A dispute ensued with others outside the club, and the man drove his car up onto the sidewalk and into a crowd of people before leaving the scene, Barrere said. It was unclear if the pedestrians were involved in the dispute.

One person was killed and five others injured, one of them critically, from getting hit by the car. The other people struck and the two people stabbed were in stable condition. Police identified the man who was killed as 23-year-old Richardo Chattergoon, of Queens. Authorities said the driver was in custody. Charges had not been filed as of Sunday afternoon. The sedan has been located.



A man who identified himself as the father of a man who was killed, watches the crime scene, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, in the Queens borough of New York. Authorities are searching for a driver who struck a group of people, leaving at least one dead. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

# Met opera suspends ties to conductor following sex charges

NEW YORK (AP) — New York’s Metropolitan Opera on Sunday said it was suspending its relationship with longtime conductor James Levine pending an investigation into multiple allegations of sexual misconduct against him.

“Mr. Levine will not be involved in any Met activities, including conducting scheduled performances at the Met this season,” the Met said in a statement.

The Met also said it has appointed Robert J. Cleary, a former U.S. attorney and the current head of the investigations practice at the Proskauer Rose law firm, to lead the investigation.

The action to suspend Levine came a day after the New York Post first reported that one of Levine’s accusers claimed he had sexual contact with Levine as a teenager. Met officials said they learned of the police report last year and announced they were launching an investigation.

Then on Sunday, the New York Times reported similar accounts from two other men accusing Levine of sexual misconduct.

“Based on these new reports, the Met has made the decision to act now, while we await the results of the investigation,” said Peter Gelb, Met General Manager. “This is a tragedy for anyone whose life has been affected.”


An email to Levine’s manager seeking comment on the accusations was not immediately returned.

The accusations against Levine, among the most prominent classical music conductors in the world, are the latest in a stream of sexual misconduct charges involving high-profile men in entertainment and the media that have rocked the nation since accusations against film mogul Harvey Weinstein were reported in October.

Levine served as music director of the Met from 1976 to 2016, when he assumed

the position of music director emeritus.

Levine has struggled with health problems including Parkinson’s disease in recent years but was scheduled to conduct several productions this season.



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The Chief Engineer is responsible for managing the Operations sub-divisions and subordinate engineering staff of the American Samoa Power Authorities Water and Wastewater Division. This position requires advanced professional engineering, project management and functional operations knowledge with respect to civil works, waterworks and wastewater works. The Chief Engineer will coordinate and oversee the performance of complex engineering tasks by subordinate Engineering staff and the performance of the operational systems and staff. The Chief Engineer will ensure quality and timely completion of both federally-funded and in-house operations projects. The Chief Engineer is also responsible for the budgeting of monies for each operations division, this includes local and grant funding sources. The Chief Engineer is responsible for maintaining federally sourced grants and meeting the standards of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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- The Chief Engineer reports directly to the Division Manager.

Education

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Minimum Requirements

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FILE - In this July 7, 2006 file photo, Boston Symphony Orchestra music director James Levine conducts the symphony on its opening night performance at Tanglewood in Lenox., Mass. New York’s Metropolitan Opera says it will investigate allegations that its longtime conductor, Levine, sexually abused a teenager in the mid-1980s. Details of the police report were first reported Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, on the New York Post website. Levine, 74, stepped down as music director of the Met in April 2016. (AP Photo/Michael Dwyer, File)





Members of the Task Force to combat AIDS in American Samoa, along with DOH officials and members of the community, attended a special World AIDS Day church service last week. Others in attendance included church leaders, Leone residents, and Miss SOFIA 2018. [photo: courtesy]



Officials from the Department of Education, family members, and friends were at the Tradewinds Hotel last Friday for the Territorial Teacher of the Year recognition luncheon. This year the honor went to Rosalee Tela Shoulders of NVTHS (2nd from right), while the Elementary Division Teacher of the Year award was presented to Avau Va'a Alii of Matafao Elementary School. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

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