

“Who does this?” Last week, Samoa News posted this photo on our Facebook page — a government owned truck, license plate #PD-03 — and asked our readers to write out a caption for it, based solely on what they see. The response was overwhelming — all negative — and pointing to the obvious abuse of power. A local resident, snapped the photo on the date and time indicated on the photo, at the LBJ Medical Center parking lot, near the side entrance leading to the medical ward.

Yellow lines in a parking lot generally mean the spot is not to be used for parking. Apparently in this case, government owned vehicles are exempt from the rule?

Not only is the vehicle parked in a prohibited spot, the front passenger tire is clearly on the curb, halfway on the sidewalk.

The license plate indicates that the vehicle belongs to the Public Defender’s Office but Samoa News was unable to confirm who was driving it.

About the best that can be said — at least it isn’t parked in the handicap parking space.

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Former SHS student pursues dream of becoming a scientist

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

Her name is Clarence Rachel Recto Villanueva but to family and friends, she’s just “Clare.”

The petite 20-year-old, a 2015 graduate of Samoana High School, is the daughter of Filipino immigrants Ariel and Gemma Villanueva who have lived in Fagatogo for more than a decade.

Currently, Clare is attending Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, studying Forensic Science and Technology, and double minoring in Biology and Chemistry. According to her, she is the first person from American Samoa, and the first international student who is a Philippines’ native to attend Point Park University.

According to Clare’s former teacher, Anntionette Fisher-Slade, Clare pursued her love of science at the suggestion of another former Samoana teacher, Veevalu Meauta Mageo, who is the current faipule for Pago Pago village.

Apparently, Clare has always had an interest in science.

“I like watching crime shows and reading crime related stories,” she told Samoa News yesterday via email from Pittsburgh.

When she’s not immersed in textbooks relating to biology and forensic science, Clare is just like any other college student — hanging out with friends and sleeping. During free time, she goofs off with paintballs, and she enjoys biking, zip-lining, paddle boarding, and traveling.

“I like trying out new things,” she shared. “I like to bake and crochet when I have time.” She says she doesn’t play any sports because she’s just “academically focused.”

The eldest of three siblings, Clare is the first member of her family to go to college.

When asked about her future plans, Clare replied, “I’m honestly just focusing on my current goal, which is to graduate; however, I am planning on pursuing a job as a scientist (a forensic scientist, especially) or something in the CSI field.”

So how has it been, going from a small rock in the middle of the Pacific to a big city on the east coast of the US? “It’s challenging. I love it, but at the same time, I don’t. It can be fun and stressful. I keep myself busy and motivated.”

And yes, she is very busy. Clare is a full time student, and also interns under the Neuroscience department at the Rangos Research Center of the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh (UPMC), where the focus is on finding cures for pediatric brain tumors.

In addition, she also works part time at the school.

When asked about her biggest challenge, Clare responded, “I think the biggest challenge is moving across the world to a city, where I don’t know anyone at all. In addition, it was my first time being away from my family for more than two weeks. I had to learn to be independent, and be responsible with my decisions, finances, health, and safety - basically living the adult life while focusing on school and keeping up with my grades.”

She continued, “I’m in the East Coast and my family is in American Samoa. I’m 7 hours ahead and I don’t see them everyday, or have any physical interactions. I do talk to them through Facebook and sometimes on FaceTime whenever we are all not busy.”

Responding to whether she plans to return to American Samoa to work someday, Clare answered, “Maybe. It’s one of my options.”

Her words of advice to the up and coming generation: “Keep striving and do your best. Don’t rush to grow up but enjoy your younger years, because you’ll regret growing up. Being an adult is not as easy as it looks. Also, never take morning classes in college!”

Speaking of her parents, whom she calls her biggest inspiration, Clare said, “They have been through so much and they still manage to remain strong. They give me the courage to battle every obstacle in life and they’ve always believed in me. Through good and bad times, they are still there cheering me on, supporting me in every way and decision, no matter how far they are from me. I can never thank them enough.”

For now, Clare says she is using her internship to advance in her studies.

“I have been learning and gaining so much skills, especially with laboratory protocols and experiments, from my lab mentor and fellow research assistants, skills that will help me reach my goal of being a scientist.”



Clarence Rachel Recto Villanueva, 20, of Fagatogo, is currently studying forensic science and technology, and double minoring in biology and chemistry at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. In addition to being a full time student and working at the school, Clare interns at a research center that focuses on finding cures for pediatric brain tumors. See story for details.

[photo: courtesy]



Congresswoman Aumua Amata with one of the hundreds of youngsters who came out early Wednesday evening, Halloween, to get free candies & treats from the Congresswoman and her local staff members in Fagatogo.

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Newly disclosed Facebook ads show Russia's cyber intrusion



WASHINGTON (AP) — A trove of Facebook ads made public Wednesday by Congress depicts Russia's extraordinary cyber intrusion into American life in 2016 aimed at upending the nation's democratic debate and fomenting discord over such disparate issues as immigration, gun control and politics.

The ads, seen by vast numbers of people, encouraged street demonstrations against Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton and fostered support and opposition to Bernie Sanders, Muslims, gays, blacks and the icons of the Civil Rights movement.

The few dozen ads, a small sampling of the roughly 3,000 Russia-connected ones that Facebook has identified and turned over to Congress, were released amid two consecutive days of tough and sometimes caustic questioning by House and Senate lawmakers about why social media giants hadn't done more to combat Russian interference on their sites.

The ads underscore how foreign agents sought to sow confusion, anger and discord among Americans through messages on hot-button topics. U.S. intelligence services say the Russian use of social media was part of a broad effort to sway the 2016 presidential election in favor of Trump. Special counsel Robert Mueller is investigating whether the Kremlin worked with the Trump campaign to influence voters.

Many of the ads show careful targeting, with messages geared toward particular audiences. One ad, aimed at those with an interest in civil rights and their leaders, highlights a man who claims to be Bill Clinton's

illegitimate son. Another video parodying Trump was targeted at blacks who also are interested in BlackNews.com, HuffPost Politics or HuffPost Black Voices. It was shown 716 times and got 42 clicks.

Though officials at Facebook and other social media giants were initially reluctant to acknowledge Russian success on their sites in swaying popular opinion, company leaders have struck a different tone in recent weeks and disclosed steps to Congress they say are intended to prevent future meddling by foreign agents.

In preparation for hearings this week, Facebook disclosed that content generated by a Russian group, the Internet Research Agency, potentially reached as many as 126 million users. Company executives said that going forward they would verify political ad buyers in federal elections, requiring them to reveal correct names and locations. The site will also create new graphics where users can click on the ads and find out more about who's behind them.

But that did not prevent hours of questioning during two days of hearings, with lawmakers expressing exasperation at the seeming inability to thwart foreign intervention.

At one point during a hearing Tuesday, Sen. Al Franken shook his head after he couldn't get all the companies to commit to not accepting political ads bought with foreign currency. Several ads touting Facebook pages called "Back the Badge," "Being Patriotic," "Black-tivist," "South United" and "Woke Blacks" were labeled as being paid for in rubles using

Qiwi, a Moscow-based payment provider that aims to serve "the new generation in Russia" and former Soviet republics, according to the company's website.

"Google has all knowledge that man has ever developed," the Minnesota Democrat said. "You can't put together rubles with a political ad and go like, 'Hmmm, those data points spell out something pretty bad?'"

Besides the ads released by lawmakers on the House intelligence committee, Democrats on the panel also released four tweets from RT, a Russian state-sponsored television network, and more than 2,700 Twitter handles active during the final months of the election campaign.

Taken together, they show how actual news events and stories helped shape surreptitious Russian messaging.

One advertisement cited a real October 2016 news story — about a gunman's battle with Boston police officers — then used it to attack Hillary Clinton as "the main hardliner against cops" and to promote Trump as the candidate who can "defend the police from terrorists." It received 761 clicks.

Three of the tweets referenced Clinton, including one that linked to an RT story about the release of a batch of hacked emails from her campaign chairman, John Podesta. Another featured a video of Clinton falling while getting into a van. "What impact will this stumble have on #Hillary's campaign?" it read.

Some 34,000 Trump supporters were shown an ad calling for Clinton's removal

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Acquaintances say NYC suspect was argumentative and angry

NEW YORK (AP) — Some saw him as disagreeable and argumentative, others as quiet and prayerful. He was said to be hard-working but also seemed to simmer with disillusionment over financial and career setbacks.

As Sayfullo Saipov lay in a hospital bed Wednesday, police tried to piece together the life of the 29-year-old immigrant accused of driving a truck onto a New York bike path and killing eight people. A fuller portrait began to emerge of the suspect who was described by the president as an animal and by the mayor as a coward.

Saipov legally emigrated from Uzbekistan, a former Soviet republic and predominantly Sunni Muslim nation north of Afghanistan that is estimated to have produced hundreds if not thousands of supporters for the Islamic State group and other extremist organizations in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Notes found at the crime scene indicate Saipov acted in the name of IS, authorities said.

After arriving in the U.S. in 2010, Saipov made his first home in Ohio, acquaintances said.

Two other Uzbek immigrants, Akhmadjon Kholberdiyev and Mirrakhmat Muminov, came to know Saipov and said they were most struck by how provocative he was.

Sometimes, he would stir quarrels over weighty topics such as politics or the Mideast peace process, they said, but he could also grow angry over something as simple as a picnic.

"He had the habit of disagreeing with everybody," said Muminov, a 38-year-old from Stow, Ohio, who works as a truck driver, just as Saipov once did.

Muminov described Saipov as "aggressive" and suspected he held radical views, though

Muminov never heard him speak of IS.

"He was not happy with his life," Muminov said.

Kholberdiyev, a groundskeeper at a local mosque, called Saipov quiet and said he came to the mosque to pray every two or three weeks.

According to some media reports, Saipov lived for a time in Kyrgyzstan, another former Soviet nation that borders Uzbekistan and has a sizable ethnic Uzbek minority.

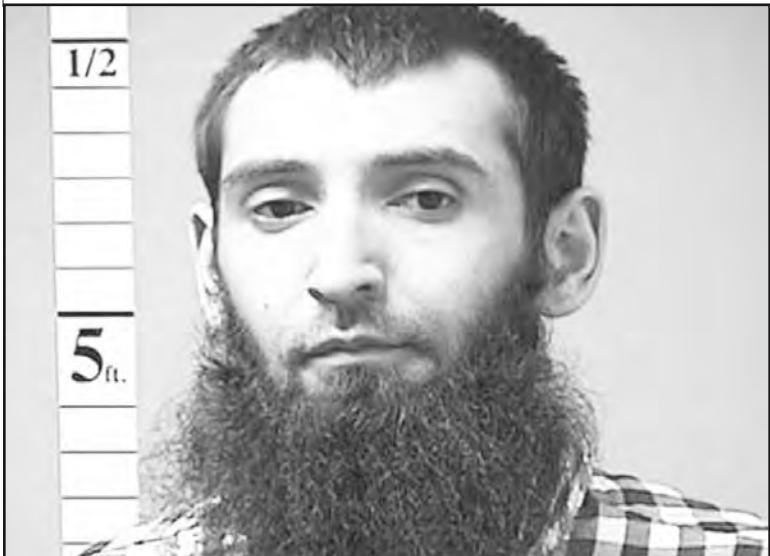
In June of 2010, the same year Saipov came to the U.S., the area near the city of Osh in southern Kyrgyzstan where he reportedly lived saw violence between ethnic Kyrgyz and Uzbeks that left at least 470 people dead. Nearly three-quarters of them were ethnic Uzbeks. The violence prompted an exodus of Uzbeks from Kyrgyzstan.

A marriage license filed in Summit County, Ohio, shows Saipov married a woman named Nozima Odilova on April 12, 2013. But the couple eventually left Ohio for Florida. Saipov had a driver's license from that state, and some records showed an address for him at a Tampa apartment complex.

FBI agents interviewed residents at the complex Tuesday, but some who lived there said they knew nothing of their former neighbor. Records show he worked as a commercial truck driver and formed a pair of trucking businesses that could have kept him on the road for long stretches.

He had a handful of driving violations and was arrested last year in Missouri after failing to appear in court on a citation for brake defects. Jail records indicate he was detained for less than an hour.

Saipov and his family moved from Florida to New Jersey in June, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity.



This undated photo provided by the St. Charles County Department of Corrections in St. Charles, Mo., via KMOV shows Sayfullo Saipov. A man in a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along a busy bike path near the World Trade Center memorial on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, killing several. Officials who were not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on the condition of anonymity identified the attacker as Saipov.

(St. Charles County, Mo. Department of Corrections/KMOV via AP)



CIA releases 470,000 more files from bin Laden raid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Never-before-seen video of Osama bin Laden's son and potential successor was released Wednesday by the CIA in a trove of material recovered during the May 2011 raid that killed the al-Qaida leader at his compound in Pakistan.

The video offers the first public look at Hamza bin Laden as an adult. Until now, the public has only seen childhood pictures of him.

In recent years, al-Qaida has released audio messages from Hamza bin Laden. And to mark a recent anniversary of 9/11, al-Qaida superimposed a childhood photo of him over a photo of the World Trade Center. He is expected to rise to prominence in the jihadist movement and is being closely watched as the rival Islamic State organization suffers setbacks in the Middle East.

One hourlong video shows Hamza bin Laden, sporting a trimmed mustache but no beard, at his wedding. He is sitting on a carpet with other men. A man chanting Koranic verses can be heard in the background. Sporting a traditional white headdress, he verbally accepts his marriage to his bride "on the book of God and the example of the prophet. Peace be upon him."

It was the fourth trove of documents, images and computer files recovered during the raid of bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Earlier materials were released in May 2015, March 2016 and in January of this year.

The CIA said the nearly 470,000 additional files offer insights into the inner workings of the terrorist organization responsible for 9/11 and detail its clashes with the Islamic State group, a spin-off of al-Qaida's operation in Iraq. They also shed light on hardships that al-Qaida faced at the time of bin Laden's death.

Included is a 228-page, handwritten personal journal of bin Laden and about 79,000 images and audio files, including practice reels of public speeches. Also released were home videos and more than 10,000 video files, including the one of Hamza bin Laden's wedding.

After shouts of congratu-

lations, the video moves to another location where the groom and others are sitting on a red carpet dotted with bowls of bananas and apples, bottles of cola, sweets and tea. The groom smiles nervously, revealing his dimples. Osama bin Laden is not seen, but a man notes that the "father of the groom, the prince of the mujahedeen" is overjoyed about his son's marriage and his happiness will "spread to all the mujahedeen."

At one point, a man stands up and offers a lengthy quiz on the history of Koranic verse, largely for the benefit of young boys in the group who compete to answer the questions. Red heart-shaped balloons decorate the room and in a second video of the wedding, the boys play a rough game of indoor soccer while the adults cheer.

Also included in the material is information about how al-Qaida planned to mark the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and the network's work to spread its message through Western media; the group's effort to exploit the Arab uprisings in 2011; bin Laden's quest to keep his organization together amid disagreements over beliefs and operational tactics; and the organization's work to burnish its image with fellow Muslims amid negative media.

There are still materials that have not yet been released. The CIA said this includes materials that are sensitive to national security; those protected by copyright; pornography; malware; and blank, corrupted and duplicate files. Not all the material, however, was of a serious nature. There was a video known as "Charlie bit my finger!" depicting a boy and his baby brother who bit his finger. There also were YouTube videos about crochet, including "How to Crochet a Flower."

And bin Laden's video collection included "Antz," a 1990s animated adventure comedy about an ant colony, "Chicken Little" and "The Three Musketeers." Also in the collection were "Where in the World is Osama bin Laden" and several National Geographic programs: "Kung Fu Killers," "Inside the Green Berets" and "World's Worst Venom."



In this undated photo provided Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, by the North Korean government shows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, center, inspects products during a visit to a cosmetics factory in Pyongyang, North Korea. At second from right is Kim's wife Ri Sol Ju. Independent journalists were not given access to cover the event depicted in this image distributed by the North Korean government. The content of this image is as provided and cannot be independently verified.

(Korean Central News Agency/Korea News Service via AP)

Draft UN resolution would condemn NKorea on rights abuses

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The European Union and Japan have circulated a draft U.N. resolution that would condemn North Korea for diverting its resources to pursue nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles instead of helping its people, over half in need of more food and improved medical care.

Following the imprisonment of American college student Otto Warmbier, who returned home in June with brain damage and died days later, the draft also strongly urges North Korea to provide non-citizens who are detained freedom of communication and access to consular officials.

The draft, obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday, "condemns the longstanding and ongoing systematic, widespread and gross violations of human rights" in North Korea.

It notes the findings of the U.N. commission of inquiry on North Korea in 2014 that information it received provided "reasonable grounds that crimes against humanity" have been committed in the Asian nation. The commission concluded that crimes against humanity, including extermination, murder, enslavement, torture, imprisonment, rape, forced abortions, persecution, deliberate starvation and disappearances were committed "pursuant to policies at the highest level of the state."

The U.N. General Assembly's human rights committee is expected to vote on the draft in mid-November. If approved, which is virtually certain, the world body's 193 member states will vote on the final text in December. All previous

resolutions condemning North Korea's human rights record have been adopted.

The draft strongly urges North Korea's government to end human rights violations, including immediately closing political prison camps and releasing all political prisoners, addressing impunity and cooperating with the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

It urges the government to allow all North Koreans freedom of movement and freedom to leave the country, including to seek asylum, and to ensure that those who are expelled or returned to the country are not punished.

North Korea earns foreign currency from workers sent abroad who are poorly paid because the government takes most of their money, though the practice has been curtailed by the U.N. Security Council in its latest sanctions resolution. The draft resolution urges the government to join the International Labor Organization and comply with international labor standards.

Last week, the United Nations' independent expert on human rights in North Korea, Tomas Ojea Quintana, warned the assembly rights committee that tough U.N. sanctions might be affecting the rights of civilians and called for an assessment of their impact.

The draft resolution doesn't address the impact of sanctions, only the impact of diverting resources to advance nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs "on the humanitarian and human rights situation of the citizens" of North Korea.

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ASCC to host 2017 Ethnomusicology Forum this Friday

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Fine Arts Department at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) invites the public to join them for their fourth annual Ethnomusicology Forum this Friday, November 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the College's Lecture Hall.

Held in conjunction with this year's Samoana Jazz & Arts Festival, the Ethnomusicology Forum will focus on Samoan Choral Music, with an emphasis on the contributions to the art form by two highly renowned figures in the field, HC Pulefaasisina Palauni 'Brownie' Tuiasosopo and Ueta Pene Matautia Solomona.

"Ueta Solomona's song arrangements and 'Uncle Brownie' Tuiasosopo's vocal training techniques shaped and redefined the sound of the American Samoa Arts Council Choir in the early 80s," reflected ASCC Music instructor Poe Mageo, "and you can still hear echoes of their work in many choirs today."

Mageo will serve as moderator for the forum, which will feature guest speakers Rosaivitlesaualofoaleola Solomona, Faculty of Music at the National University of Samoa; Sinasinaletotooiesu Solomona Tilo of the Department of Homeland Security who is also Music Director of the CCCAS Leone Choir; Julia Levi Foifua, Social Worker at the Army Reserve and Music Director at CCJS Fagatogo Choir; and Dr. Richard Moyle, Retired Senior Lecturer from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. ASCC Samoan Studies Institute Director Okenaisa Fauolo-Manila will give the keynote address.

Pulefaasisina often traced the beginning of his interest in western choral music to the time he spent attending high school at Punahou School in Hawai'i, where he graduated in the class of 1956. He began working for the American Samoa Government in 1962 as an assistant to Governor Rex Lee, a position he maintained through eight administrations.

In 1985, supported by Governor Lutali, Pulefaasisina accepted an offer to become Secretary General of the South Pacific Commission, whereupon he and his family relocated to the location of the Commission's headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia. Returning home in 1989, he joined ASCC as an institutional planner, with an additional mandate of developing an academic program focused on Samoa and the Pacific.

That mandate became reality in 1992, with Pulefaasisina

appointed as the first director of the ASCC Samoan and Pacific Studies (SAMPAC) program. His last project before leaving ASCC in 2005 was to plan the transition of SAMPAC into its current form as the Samoan Studies Institute. That same year, his county of Alataua selected Pulefaasisina as their senator for an incumbency that lasted until his full retirement in 2008.

Along with this government and education careers, Pulefaasisina established the American Samoa Arts Council Choir in 1972. Thanks to his previous training at the University of Oregon with Edwardo Zambara for voice and Max Risinger for choral music, Pulefaasi-

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In this photo from the ASCC Archives, HC Pulefaasisina Palauni "Brownie" Tuiasosopo is seen conducting the College's choir during a graduation ceremony.

The legacies of Pulefaasisina and Ueta Pene Matautia Solomona, two renowned figures in Samoan choral music, will be celebrated during the Ethnomusicology Forum this Friday, October 3rd, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the ASCC Lecture Hall.

[Photo: J. Kneubuhl]



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PROCLAMATION

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH IN AMERICAN SAMOA

For generations, brave Soldiers from American Samoa have stepped forward and answered our country's call to serve in our Armed Forces. With honor and distinction, our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen fight to defend the principles upon which our Republic was founded so that we might live in a freer and more prosperous world. Behind these courages Soldiers stand spouses, children and parents who give up precious time with their loved ones, bearing the burden of long deployments and difficult moves, and oftentimes putting their careers on hold. During Military Family Month, we salute the families of those who proudly are a part of our Nation's unbroken chain of patriots for their unwavering devotion, and we renew our sacred vow to uphold our promise to our troops, our veterans and their families.

Our military would not be the greatest in the world without the strength and support of the loved ones who stand alongside our men and women in uniform. While our service members are fighting to secure the values we cherish and defend our homeland, their spouses keep their households running, sometimes through multiple deployments. Spouses of the in the military are often forced to relocate across the country leaving behind and being separated from loved ones. They are our sons, daughters, fellow citizens and neighbors; in their service to their families and the United States of America.

American Samoa has a solemn obligation to support and care for the members of our military and their families - from their first day of training until they conclude their service. Through First Lady Cynthia Malala-Molina and the late Mrs. Pohakalani Mauga's support of Family Programs in American Samoa, we have worked with both the public and private sectors to ensure service members, veterans, Survivors of Fallen Soldiers and their families have the tools they need to succeed throughout their lives.

We must always be there for our service members and their families - just as they are there for us. Through the thickest of fights and the darkest of nights, our extraordinary military American Samoa families - our heroes on the home front - stand alongside our patriots in uniform, and in their example we see the very best of our country's spirit. This month, let us thank them for their tremendous devotion to duty and for their unyielding sacrifice. Let us honor also the families of our Fallen To a o Samoa for their loss, sacrifice, resolve, resiliency and patriotism. Let us uphold our solemn responsibility to honor and appreciate our military families in American Samoa.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lolo Matalasi Moliga, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim **November 2017** as **Military Family Month**. I encourage all of American Samoa to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in support of our service members and our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

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[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





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O lo ua mae'a fa'a'iloa aloaia mai e le Pule Sili o le Ofisa o Palota a le tatou Malo Uiagalelei Dr. Lealofi Uiagalelei, ua mae'a le taimi atofaina mo se fa'alavelave i le sui na sili ana palota i le sailiga o se sui e tula'i e fa'aauau le tofi Faipule o le Itumalo o Sua #1, lea na tu'ua e le latou Faipule sa tula'i mai ai, Puleleite Tufele Li'amatua, ua



aloa'ia ai nei le faletua o Fialupe Felila Fiuai Lutu.

O Itumalo o Sua #1 e aofia ai le afio'aga o Fagaitua, Amaua, Auto, Avaio, Alega, Aumi ma Lau'i. O le tamau ai o le filifiliga o se tasi e avea ma Faipule o se itumalo e ao ina taoto le i'uga na maua i le Palotaga se'ia mae'a le 7 aso talu ona faia le palota. O lea fitu aso, e mafai ona fa'alavelave se tasi e tusa o se mea na fa'aletonu i le faiga o le Palota, pe manatu fo'i e ao ina toe faitauina le aofai o palota ma isi lava vala e mafai ai ona fa'auia le fa'ai'uga o le faitauga o le palota i le fa'amasinoga ina ia fa'afinaua le i'uga o i ai.

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MASINI FA'AMAMA TOTO
- AFUAGA O LE MOTUSIA
ONA FA'AAOGA:

O le fa'aletonu na taofia uma ai le toe fa'aogaina o masini fa'amama toto i le potu o talavai "Fa'amama Toto" a le tatou falema'i tele i Faga'alua ua fa'ailoa mai nei, ona ua ofi le kololini i le suavai, ma e le tataua lava ona i ai le kololini i le vaila'au a'o fa'aogaina mo le fa'amama o Toto o e gasegase ma e mo'omia le auunaga.

Ina ua fa'ailoa aloa'ia mai ua le mafai ona fa'aoga masini uma lava o lea talavai, e le o mea faigofie pe nofogofie i fa'alagona o aiga ae maise o e o lo'o gasegase e ao ina fa'aogaina masini nei. O le le faigofie o lea tulaga, aua e moomia lava ona fa'amama toto o i latou i le ta'itolu o aso, afai e leai, e le mailoa le umi e toe soifua ai i latou.

Peita'i e le'i nofonofo ai aiga, na fevesia'i lagona ma ua o'o ina taumafai i latou i Samoa ma Niu Sila ina ia fa'ao'o i ai o latou pelega ina ia fa'amama o latou toto, tafafao teisi se'ia mae'a fa'afo'ia le fa'afitauli iinei toe malaga mai.

Peita'i ia i latou na o'o mai so latou fa'anoanoa ma le agaga tigi, a'o nisi i le popole ma le atuatuvaale ona o le misialofa i o latou aiga o lo'o fa'amama toto, ua fai mai, "E leai ma se avanoa i talavai i Samoa, ua saili i Niu Sila ma Ausetalia, e maua avanoa peita'i, e matua faigata lava ona toe feoa'i i le pisi ma le tumutumu o avanoa o femalaga'iga i va'alele i le va o Samoa ma Ausetalia, Samoa fo'i ma Aukilani." O se tala lea a se tasi o tama'ita'i e alaala i Amerika a'o o lo'o fa'amama le toto o si ona tama iinei.

"Ma'imau e, e o'o mai lava i Amerika nei, e matua le maua lava se avanoa fo'i i le fa'asologa o gasegase e fa'amama le toto, ua le mafai. O se mea e tagi ma popole ai, e leai se isi auala e mautinoa ai le fa'aumiumi o le mafutaga ma le matua, e sili ia a'u le taofia o le fa'atau o mea'ai ae totogi le pasese o la'u tama e aumai ai, peita'i e matua leai lava se

avanoa o talavai i lenei setete." O se tagi tautala mai lea a lenei tama'ita'i e alaala i Uosigitone.

O le tigi ai o tagata, aua ua motusia uma le so'otaga ma masini uma lava, se'i ola fo'i se tasi. Peita'i, i le aso na soso'o ai na toe ola ai le isi vaega itiiti o masini, ma ua fa'aoga mo le tautuaina o tatou gasegase.

O le fa'aletonu na fa'atoa maua Olita Ta'afiti lea o lo'o va'aia lea itu o le Talavai mo se fa'apupulaga aloa'ia i le aso Gafua na te'a nei. O le vala'au na o'o atu ia te ia ae le'i usu mai e faigaluega i le aso Faraile ma na fa'atunuina loa e taofia atoa le talavai se'i oo mai i totonu e faia se su'ega pe moni o lo'o ua sao le Kololini i le vaila'au mo togafitiga.

Na fa'ailoa, ona muamua lava faia suega o lea suavai pe moni o i ai le Kololini, o se mea lelei lena aua o le ala maua lea, ua aofia le Kololini i le vaila'au ma ua le tataua ai ona fa'aoga masini mo e gasegase.

O i latou na aofia i le talavai i lea taeao sa fa'apupula ia i latou le mea ua tupu, peitai e ala ona vevesi tele o latou aiga, aua o le atugaluga, ua malamalama fo'i i latou e ao ina fa'amama toto o nai o latou pelega a'o le'i silia ma le tolu o aso.

Peita'i e leai se tasi na fa'ailoa mai e Tafti sa talo-saga e fa'auia o latou faila mo le tapenaga o latou talavai e fia fa'auia i Samoa po'o se isi lava atunu'u. Ua ia fa'ailoa mai fo'i, "O le amataga ona tapena o se tasi e gasegase i le Dialysis e malaga i fafo e ao ina amata atu ia te a'u, e kilia atu ai lana talavai ma siakia fo'i pe maua sa'o lava se avanoa i le setete ma le a'ai o le a aga'i atu i ai."

O le totogi fo'i o lea talavai i Samoa e \$1,000 Amerika i le aso e tasi, o le isi lea afaina tele, pe afai e fia malaga i Samoa e faia ai talavai. O le isi mea o lo'o ua mae'a fa'ailoa mai e Samoa i sui sa taumafai e saili muamua ni avanoa o latou tagata e talavai ai, o lo'o tumu fo'i latou talavai e leai se avanoa.

O le mea ua tupu e toe tupu fo'i, o le a se fuafuaga ua fa'ataoto a lea tautua a le atunu'u ina ia toe tupu mai mea

fa'apenei ae ua mafai ona faia se vaifofo i le fa'afitauli? Ona o lea ua tula'i mai e mafai ona tape masini ma toe fa'aleleia atoatoa lona tapenaga mo talavai, ia to'atele nisi o le aufaigaluega e iloa oso tataua i mea e fai, pe a toe ulu le Kololini i masini, aisea fo'i ua le sao mai ai se masini e tasi lava mai le ulu atoa i nei masini uma?

Afai e talia nei fesili, atonu ua lava tapena i tatou mo se fa'aleleiga o lea tautua e fetiaiai ma ni fa'aletonu e alia'i mai i le lumana'i.

TUMUTUMU HALLOWEEN
A LE FAIPULE I LE
KONEKERESI:

O le agaga fiala tele sa fa'ailoa mai e le afioga le Faipule i le Konekeresi a le Malo Tele Aumua Amata ina ua mae'a lona tula'i ai mo le lua ma le afa itula e tufatufa atu Lole ma nai maeaalofa taua mo le fanau a'oga matutua teisi o le atunu'u.

"O lenei tausaga ua fuafua e faia se mea e fa'afiafia ai fanau, e le ona o se manatu ina ia tausamsami fanau i mea'ai suamalie, ae o le tasi pe lua i le tausaga ma atina'e ai fo'i le agaga auai o l fanau ma iloa nisi mea e ese mai mea e masani ai ona a'oa'o ma va'aia e i latou i le lotoifale o latou aiga."

O le isi mea na matauina ma fiala i ai le afioga le Faipule, ona sa va'aia aiga ua o atu fa'atasi matua ma fanau e avatu tamaiti e fai le tauloto ma maua mai ai se taimi i sina sukalati.

O mea uma sa taua'aoina e Aumua Amata mo le fanau, o oloa po'o lole ma sukalati ua fa'atauina mai faleoloa i Amerika, ma ua fa'apea fo'i ona foa'i mai e nisi o Kamupani Tumaoti sa ofo mai le latou fesoasoani ia te ia mo le taumafai i lenei tausaga.

O Kamupani nei e aofia ai: Pacific Princess; Jeanette, KS Mart, Trdition Mariner, Manu'a Store, Tutuila Store ma Olivia C. Reid. Ua fa'ao'o atu le fa'afetai tele a le Faipule i Uosigitone Aumua Amata i nei kamupani ma le tama'ita'i faipisinisi o Olivia Reid ona o le lima foa'i ma le loto fesoasoani ia aluga

(Faaauau itulau 9)

► Malo Fialupe Felila Fiaui Lutu...

Mai itulau 7

fa'amauiina e 357 i latou. Na maua e Fialupe F. Lutu le aofaiga e 94 palota, Ketesemane Meaole 20 Palota; Laloni P Maloa 57; Tuialofi Fa'alae Lauatua'a Tunupopo 64 Palota; Tufagalilo P. Vele 72 palota ma Fale S. Uele 50 palota. Maua ai loa le aofaiga o i latou na palota mo le latou itumalo atoa.

O le tula'i ai lenei Faipule mo lona itumalo e fa'ato'a faamuta lea ia Ianuari 3, 2019. Peita'i mai le amataga o tauaofiaga o le Fono Faitulafono ia Ianuari 2018, ua aofia ai ma Fialupe Felila Fiaui Lutu o le sui mamalu o le itumalo numera #5 Sua #1.

O le taimi nei ua malolo tauaofiaga o le fono

faitulafono a Amerika Samoa se'ia toe amatalia ia Ianuari 2018.

O isi gaoioiga uma e ao ina fa'auia i le Sui Faipule e fa'atalia le taimi e fa'atauto ai mo ona tiute fa'atino o le Faipule o Sua #1 ona fa'ato'a fa'auia lea ia te ia, e tusa ai o vala o le tulafono o le fa'avae o le tatou Malo fa'ateritori o le Iunaite Setete o Amerika.

Pe afai fo'i o le a tula'i lea sui i lona tofiga ua i ai nei, o le a vaava'alua ai i la'ua ma le faipule tama'ita'i o Vui Florence Saulo i le Maota o Sui. O i la'ua o Faipule Tama'ita'i o le Maota. Peita'i, i le Maota Mauaoluga ua to'atasi pea le sui tama'ita'i o tutula'i ai, Fonoto Tafaifa Aufata.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump blames Schumer for bipartisan visa law

EDITOR'S NOTE _ A look at the veracity of claims by political figures

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday blamed one Democrat for an immigration program that was backed by both parties and signed by a Republican president in 1990. The “Chuck Schumer beauty,” as Trump called the program, was also George H.W. Bush’s beauty.

A look at Trump’s statements Wednesday as he cast political blame on Sen. Chuck Schumer specifically and Democrats generally in the aftermath of the deadly truck attack in New York City, allegedly by a citizen of Uzbekistan.

TRUMP TWEETS:

— “The terrorist came into our country through what is called the ‘Diversity Visa Lottery Program,’ a Chuck Schumer beauty. I want merit based.”

— “Senator Chuck Schumer helping to import Europe’s problems” said Col. Tony Shaffer. We will stop this craziness! @foxandfriends”

THE FACTS:

Schumer, then in the House, now a senator, did back the lottery program. It had bipartisan support in an era when legal immigration was less contentious. He also proposed eliminating it four years ago, colleagues say.

The Homeland Security Department confirmed after the tweets that the accused assailant immigrated under the diversity lottery program. He came to the United States in 2010.

The program is for people from countries with low rates of immigration to the U.S. It provides up to 50,000 visas annually by lottery. Applicants must have a high school diploma or meet work experience requirements. The program was created as part of a bipartisan immigration bill signed into law by Bush in 1990.

Schumer indeed proposed a program for “diversity immigrants” that year.

But Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said on Twitter that Schumer was among a group of eight Republican and Democratic senators who proposed eliminating the program in June 2013 ago as part of a broader bipartisan bill to overhaul U.S. immigration laws.

Flake, one of the eight, said: “I know. I was there.”

Another of the eight, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, similarly defended Schumer, saying he “supported legislation to do away with the lottery system.” Like Flake, Graham said “I was there. I know.” He said the bill died in the House in face of opposition from Republicans. Hours after the president’s tweets about Schumer’s supposed culpability, the White House backed down in a fashion. Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters the president “has not blamed Senator Schumer and doesn’t feel that the senator is responsible for the attack.”

As for Trump’s reference to Europe’s problems belies the fact that Uzbekistan is in Asia, not Europe. However, the State Department categorizes Uzbekistan and other former Soviet republics under Europe in its lottery program.

TRUMP at Cabinet meeting: “Diversity lottery. Sounds nice. It’s not nice. It’s not good. It hasn’t been good. We’ve been against it. So we want to immediately work with Congress on the Diversity Lottery Program, on terminating it, getting rid of it.”

THE FACTS: He’s been against it, but Republicans weren’t at the start.

Back in 1990, after a broader immigration bill containing the visa program passed the House, the legislation sailed through the Senate on an 89-8 vote.

Several Republicans who are still in the Senate backed the measure. Among them: Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Chuck Grassley of Iowa, and Orrin Hatch of Utah.

The lottery is extended to citizens of most countries, except about 20. Among the excluded countries are many that already have high rates of emigration to the U.S., such as Mexico, Canada and India.

In the most recent figures, the State Department selected more than 125,000 people in 2015 for the lottery program, accepting the first 50,000 who applied for visas. Among them, citizens of Cameroon, Liberia, Congo, Iran and Nepal led the list, with about 5,000 visa slots each. Citizens of Uzbekistan also figured prominently in the

lottery, with 4,368 selected.

Those numbers don’t necessarily reflect who actually came because the number was capped at the first 50,000 who applied for visas after winning the lottery.

Chances of winning one of the 50,000 visas are slim. In 2012, for example, nearly 15 million people applied for themselves and family members.

TRUMP tweet on merit-based immigration:

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Police in Colorado want murder charge against Utah suspect



SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police in Colorado said Wednesday they will seek murder charges against an ex-convict suspected of killing a man, stealing guns from his trailer, then heading to Utah with his wife and fatally shooting a student during an attempted carjacking.

Austin Boutain and his wife, Kathleen Boutain, were both named as suspects in the death of 63-year-old Mitchell Ingle, whose body was found in his trailer Tuesday, in Golden, Colorado, police spokeswoman Karlyn Tilley said in a statement.

Investigators believe the Boutains met Ingle only a few days before his death, describing their encounters as “chance meetings” at a creek near Ingle’s trailer home.

Authorities also plan to recommend a murder charge against Kathleen Boutain.

Police in Utah describe the couple as drifters who drove Ingle’s pickup truck from Colorado to Utah, then gave it to another transient couple after they arrived on Saturday.

They’re also suspected of taking three guns from Ingle’s trailer. Austin Boutain used one of those handguns to kill Chinese computer-science student ChenWei Guo in a canyon near the University of Utah campus, police said.

Austin Boutain, 24, told investigators he killed Guo

and then fired two rounds at Guo’s friend so there would be no witnesses, according to jail booking documents.

The friend, a female University of Utah student, told police she escaped after the gunman tried to drag her up a canyon. He narrowly missed her and she called police to report the killing, University of Utah police said.

The killing sparked a massive manhunt. Police say Boutain evaded it by crawling over hillsides north of campus, making his way through neighborhoods and into Salt Lake City, where he was spotted by an alert librarian about 15 hours later and arrested.

Boutain was booked Tuesday into the Salt Lake County jail on suspicion of aggravated murder, robbery and other charges. He will likely face charges in Utah first, and then be extradited to Colorado, Golden Police Capt. Joe Harvey said.

No attorney has been listed for him or his wife.

Colorado authorities said they also plan to recommend robbery and motor vehicle theft charges against the couple.

Boutain admitted to Utah police that he stole guns from Ingle. He said he hid a .44-caliber Ruger handgun used to shoot the 23-year-old Guo in a crevice of a brick wall near the Salt Lake City homeless shelter, but when he returned it was gone.

He traded a second gun, a .38-caliber Smith and Wesson, for an ounce of marijuana, the jail documents state. The third, a rifle, was found by police at a makeshift camp in the canyon where he’d been living near the university.

Investigators from Colorado have also interviewed the husband and wife and say they are the only suspects in Ingle’s death.

Boutain has a rap sheet that includes drug, car theft and weapons charges in Minnesota and Alabama dating back to his days as a juvenile.

He was paroled in May after serving a year and a half in an Alabama prison for being a convicted sex offender and failing to report his whereabouts to police.

His parole was transferred this spring to Wisconsin, where he has family, but he skipped and a warrant for his arrest was issued Aug. 31, about a week after he last checked in with his parole agent, according to authorities.

Police say Guo, a devout Mormon from Beijing, was in the area popular with hikers with his friend when they encountered Boutain, who’d been staying in the makeshift camp with his wife in the canyon.

Kathleen Boutain went to campus Monday to report an assault by her husband, touching off the chain of events that led to Guo’s death, police said.

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sina changed the sound of choral music in all of Samoa. Under his baton, the Arts Council Choir traveled extensively throughout the Pacific, representing the Territory in the South Pacific Festivals, Hawai’i and the mainland west coast, and the choir remains to this day the only choral group from American Samoa to ever sing with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra.

Ueta Mata’utia Pene Solomona, who also enjoyed a long career as a music educator, composer, conductor, arranger and performer, received music tutelage at a very young age on the piano. His early musical experiences included working with brass bands and conducting choir rehearsals in the company of his father, the late Mata’utia Pene Solomona. In his youth, Ueta witnessed the formation of the EFIS church and the creation of its Hymnbook. Ueta is the first Samoan ever awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study music at the Fredonia Campus, New York State University. Upon completing his studies, he returned to Samoa and worked extensively to establish a choral culture of great uniqueness. As the music educator based at the Samoa Teachers Training College, he also worked with schools such as Avele College, Lei’ifi’ifi College and Samoa College. During this period, he sometimes collaborated with Tuiaosopo and the American

Samoa Arts Choir. Choirs in both Samoas sung and recorded Ueta’s arrangements of Samoan traditional songs, and still perform them the same way today. As the senior lecturer of Music and Expressive Arts at the University of the South Pacific (USP) for thirty years, Ueta served the region through countless university and community programs. Based in Fiji, his job gave him the opportunity to travel the Pacific. Retiring from USP in 2005, he returned to Samoa to fulfill a life-long dream of establishing the National Orchestra of Samoa, which he subsequently led for a few years. He then worked for the National University of Samoa before his full retirement. Ueta is the first recipient of the Officer of the Order of Samoa for achievements in music.

“Both my Dad and Ueta are now in their early 80s,” said Kuki Tuiaosopo of ASCC. “My Dad lives in Oregon, and Ueta currently lives in Samoa. They both enjoy life and time with their spouses, children, and grandchildren. They cannot join us themselves for this tribute, but we hope the public will come to learn about their huge influence on Samoan choral music as we know it today.” For more information on this Friday’s Ethnomusicology Forum, call ASCC at 699-9155 and ask for the Fine Arts Department at extension 329.

Runaway 7-year-old girl sneaks onto plane at Geneva airport

GENEVA (AP) — A runaway 7-year-old girl slipped through security checks at Geneva’s airport and onto a plane without a ticket before being spotted by a crew member and handed over to police, officials said Wednesday.

Acknowledging an “eminently regrettable” incident that could have ended badly, Geneva Airport spokesman Bertrand Stampfli said authorities were enhancing measures to make sure children are accompanied by adults when passing through security checks.

In the incident on Sunday, the girl, who was not identified, initially slipped away from her parents at Geneva’s main railway station and traveled by train to the small airport on the French border.

The child repeatedly “took advantage of her small size” and employed a “ruse” to make it look like she was traveling with adults ahead or behind her, Stampfli said.

After a first attempt failed, she tried again and succeeded — getting aboard an easyJet flight to Corsica. An alert Air France crew member who had spotted the girl trying to board one of the carrier’s flights flagged her to the crew of easyJet, which in turn alerted police.

Using video surveillance footage, airport authorities said she was turned away after trying to follow crew members onto a flight. She then quickly blended into the nearby crowd, pretending to join up with her parents, Stampfli said. The second time, she succeeded by slipping through a gap only large enough for a small child.

EasyJet, a low-cost carrier, said in a statement that “an unaccompanied child incorrectly boarded flight EZS1305 from Geneva to Ajaccio,” and said an investigation has

been launched.

“The crew correctly identified the child should not be onboard and immediately reported it to the police,” the statement said.

Silvain Guillaume-Gentil, a spokesman for Geneva police, said the girl’s father had repeatedly notified police after losing track of her near the train station — and even ended up riding briefly in a patrol car to try to find her.

He said the family, which was not identified, resided in Geneva. The reason she ran away was not immediately clear. Geneva airport’s Stampfli said representatives of all airport personnel were immediately summoned for a meeting.

“What this shows is that while controls for adults and accompanied children are effective, there are holes to fill when it comes to unaccompanied children,” he said. New measures include confirming that children are accompanied by at least one adult at security checks, he said.

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— “We are fighting hard for Merit Based immigration, no more Democrat Lottery Systems. We must get MUCH tougher (and smarter).”

THE FACTS: The president has taken steps to push for a merit-based immigration system but many of those efforts are still under development.

In August, Trump embraced legislation that would dramatically reduce legal immigration and shift the nation toward a system that prioritizes merit and skills over family ties.

The president promoted the bill, which would eliminate the Diversity Visa Program, at a White House event with Republican Sens. Tom Cotton of Arkansas and David Perdue of Georgia. But the legislation has yet to gain any significant traction and is pending in the

Senate Judiciary Committee.

The White House has signaled that it may seek some of these changes in coming negotiations with Democrats over a legislative solution that would extend protections first granted under former President Barack Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. Trump is phasing out DACA, but has given Congress time to act before recipients’ work permits begin to expire.

A set of immigration principles laid out by the administration last month included calls for a “merit-based” immigration system that would end so-called “chain migration” by limiting family-based green cards to include spouses and minor children. But it remains unclear if Trump will insist on these changes in the DACA talks.

▶ Russia...

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from the ballot, citing “dynastic succession of the Clinton family” as a breach of core principles laid out by the Founding Fathers. Clicking on it took Facebook users to a petition at WhiteHouse.gov. Another, seen by more than 15,000 people and getting some 1,300 clicks, equated Clinton with President Barack Obama’s “anti-police and anti-constitutional propaganda.”

Though U.S. intelligence officials believe the social media effort was aimed at aiding Trump, there are other indications it was intended to sow general divisions.

One ad promoted a Nov. 12 anti-Trump rally in New York City, titled “Not My President.” Large anti-Trump rallies actually did take place around the country that day in major American cities. That doesn’t mean the Russian accounts planned the events, but rather that they were piggybacking on existing protests and promoting them to like-minded people.

Lawmakers said some Russia-linked ads, including one from an account purporting to be linked to the Tennessee Republican Party, were shared not only by ordinary Americans, but by members of the Trump campaign and administration, including Trump’s son Donald Jr. and White House counselor Kellyanne Conway.

Not all of Russia’s activity was intended to intervene in the election, said Salve Regina University professor James Ludes, who has written on Russia’s influence on the United States.

The ads on divisive issues such as race and gun ownership — or even organizing opposing rallies across the street from each other — are meant to “attack political cohesion” and make Americans turn against one another, he said.

“It’s not intended to benefit once candidate or another per se, but raise political temperature,” Ludes said. “Make us feel like we are coming apart at the seams.”



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[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Don’t “tweet every thought,” Michelle Obama tells youths

CHICAGO (AP) — Former first lady Michelle Obama says words matter, particularly in an age where Twitter and other social media can be used like a weapon.

She addressed a summit of young leaders Wednesday hosted by the Obama Foundation. She says people shouldn’t “tweet every thought” because “first initial thoughts are not worthy of the light of day.”

The comments drew laughter from the crowd as Obama added she wasn’t “talking about anybody in particular.”

She says when people tweet, especially young people, they need to think it over, spell correctly and use good grammar.

Former President Barack Obama gave the closing

remarks later, saying he was inspired by what he heard from young leaders during the two-day event.

Other major speakers included Prince Harry, Chicago rapper Common and “Hamilton” creator Lin-Manuel Miranda.

US moves to end ban on new uranium mining near Grand Canyon

PHOENIX (AP) — U.S. officials said Wednesday that they have proposed ending the Obama administration’s ban on new uranium mining leases on public land outside Grand Canyon National Park.

The Forest Service proposed the change in response to President Donald Trump’s executive order for federal agencies to eliminate restrictions on energy production. The Trump administration has moved to unravel former President Barack Obama’s environmental regulations aimed at curbing climate change.

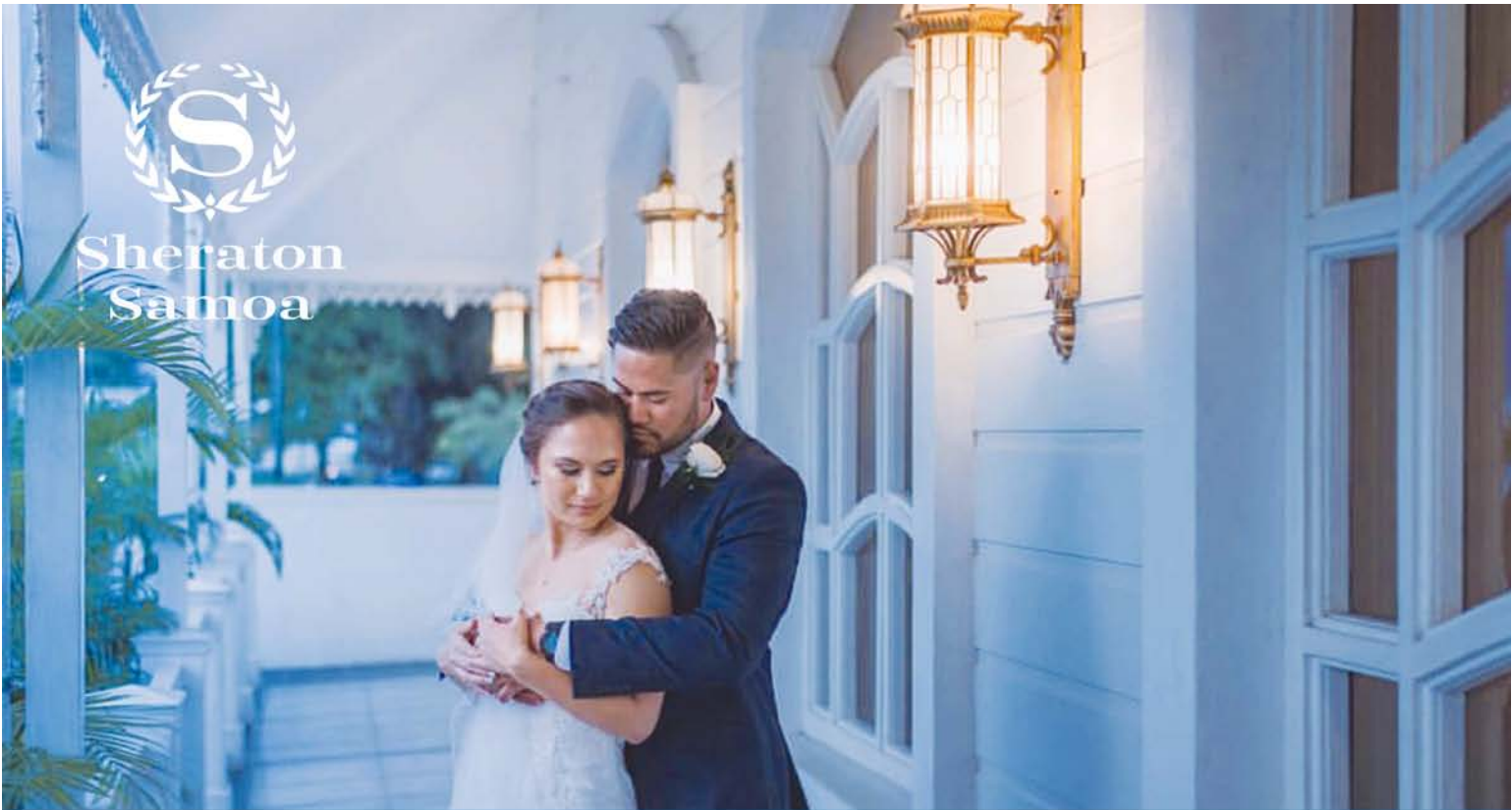
“Adoption of this recommendation could reopen lands to mineral entry pursuant to the United States mining laws facilitating exploration for, and possibly development of, uranium resources,” according to a report last week by the Forest Service’s parent agency, the Department of Agriculture.

The Oct. 25 report also said it’s in the national interest “to promote the clean and safe development of America’s vast energy resources.” Nuclear power plants use uranium as fuel.

Conservationists are decrying the Forest Service’s move, saying that past uranium mining in the region has polluted soils, washes, aquifers and drinking water.

“The Forest Service should be advocating for a permanent mining ban, not for advancing private mining interests that threaten one of the natural wonders of the world,” said Amber Reimondo, energy program director of the Grand Canyon Trust based in Flagstaff.

In 2012, then-Interior Department Secretary Ken Salazar banned new hard rock mining for 20 years on more than 1 million acres of national forest and Bureau of Land Management land near the Grand Canyon.



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