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Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai with Sen. Nuanuaolefeagaiga Saoluaga Nua yesterday in the Senate chambers where earlier in the day, Paepae appeared before the Senate Government Operations Committee for his confirmation hearing that'll make him an associate judge. The full Senate confirmation vote is expected soon. See story inside for details.

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Manu'a faipule says ASG doesn't need a bank

MEANWHILE, TWO OTHER FAIPULE ENGAGE IN A HEATED EXCHANGE OVER GRAMMAR ERRORS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Manu'a Rep. Toeaina Faufano Autele did not mince words when he spoke during a House Commerce & Economic Development Committee hearing this week, to discuss the bill to amend the law that set up the Territorial Bank of American Samoa (TBAS).

Toeaina told committee members he wants to set up a hearing with the governor of Utah and the Deputy Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, to explain to the House of Representatives what exactly in the law they want to change.

Fono attorney, Nathaniel Savali was the only witness called to testify on the bill, during a hearing, chaired by Rep. Samuel Ioka A. Meleisea that lasted about 30 minutes.

Toeaina said this was something the governor of American Samoa and his representatives should have looked at, before passing legislation to set up the bank.

"We already passed this legislation, and now they want the Fono to review it and pass their amendment, saying it's a simple amendment? There's no such thing as a simple amendment when it comes to passing laws for our government," Toeaina said.

He told the committee the bank is still operating without insurance, and people are curious as to what will happen to their money if something happens to TBAS. He said this type of bank is good for North Dakota because they have the resources and the government can support their bank, but for American Samoa, he believes our government doesn't need this type of bank.

Meleisea reminded the committee that their work is not hard, because there are only two words in the TBAS statute that need to be amended, paving the way for the Federal Reserve to issue a transiting routing number for the government-owned bank.

Reps. Vui Florance Saulo and Vesi Talalelei Fautanu Jr. supported the chairman's statement, saying there are only two words the Administration is asking to amend in the statute.

Addressing the committee, counsel Savali explained that the amendments provided by the Administration are the only ones the Fono need to review and pass. He said there's a weakness in the law that set up TBAS and present wording in the law needs to be removed. The words are: 'holding company'.

According to the Fono attorney, the use of the term holding company is inappropriate for TBAS because it is a government owned bank, whereas the definition of a holding company pertains to a private company.

The attorney elaborated that the territory's political status, and designation as an unorganized and unincorporated territory makes it ineligible for banking services and programs that other states and territories enjoy. He also said the amendment is apparently a prerequisite for TBAS to get a routing number.

An exchange of words between Rep. Kitara Vaiau and Vesi

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MISS AMERICAN SAMOA MATAUAINA TOOMALATAI LEAVES FOR MISS PACIFIC ISLANDS PAGEANT

The Miss American Samoa delegation - in this photo taken over the weekend at Faleolo Airport in Apia - is enroute to Nadi, Fiji for the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant. (l-r) American Samoa Visitors Bureau executive director, David Vaeafe; Miss American Samoa Inc. president & chaperone Simeafou Imo; Miss American Samoa Matauaina Toomalatai; Luseane Clark-Vaeafe and Eleitino Tuiasosopo. The group departed Pago Pago this past Sunday afternoon heading to Fiji via Apia. Prior to their departure, Toomalatai along with the traveling group attended a church service at the CCCAS Onenao. The regional pageant kicks off on Dec. 1st and runs through Dec. 9th and for the first time, there will be four nights of pageant competition, said Vaeafe, during brief remarks at last Wednesday's cabinet meeting.

According to the pageant's schedule, the event will be hosted at the Prince Charles Park in Nadi. This year's theme is, "Climate Action to Sustain our Islands". The official program opens Dec 1st in Fiji (which is today, Nov. 30th in Pago Pago) with contestants picking their Pre-Pageant interview questions. On the evening of Dec. 6th is the opening performance, introduction and sarong judging. The next day is set aside for the "pre-pageant interview" (in the morning) while the talent category will be judged in the evening. The evening of Dec. 8th is the "traditionally inspired attire judging and stage interview".

The float competition is set for the morning of Dec. 9th and the official crowning of the winner will take place later in evening. Throughout the week, there are many activities and events the contestants will be involved in. Nine contestants — including for the first time, Miss Rapanui from Easter Island — will compete in the 31st Miss Pacific Islands Pageant. Other island countries and territories being represented are American Samoa, Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tonga, according to online news outlet, fjiivillage.com

After the regional pageant, Vaeafe said last week that Toomalatai would travel to Port Villa, Vanuatu to join and support the American Samoa team competing in the South Pacific Mini Games next week. Vaeafe said yesterday from Fiji that the local delegation arrived in Nadi on Tuesday (Monday-American Samoa time) and was met at the Nadi International Airport by the current Miss Pacific Islands, Annie Dunne.

"Miss American Samoa has been settling in, going to the gym each day with Eleitino, practicing and preparing mentally for the competition," Vaeafe said via email from Nadi, adding that the local delegation has already toured the pageant venue. Vaeafe is the board member for American Samoa on the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant board of directors, which will hold a meeting in Fiji during pageant week. The Visitors Bureau holds the American Samoa franchise for the Samoa government-owned Miss Pacific Islands Pageant — formerly known as the Miss South Pacific Pageant.

Good luck Miss American Samoa, Matauaina Toomalatai.

[photo: Visitors Bureau/MASI]



People watch a TV screen showing a local news program reporting about North Korea’s missile launch, at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017. After 2 –3 months of relative quiet, North Korea launched its most powerful weapon yet early Wednesday, claiming a new type of intercontinental ballistic missile that some observers believe could put Washington and the entire eastern U.S. seaboard within range. The signs read “North Korea’s Hwasong-15 missile.”

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

Senator Paepae Faiai goes through committee with much praise

HIS CONFIRMATION BY THE FULL SENATE IS PENDING

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

If confirmed by the Senate as a new associate judge of the High Court, senators encourage Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai to always make the right decision, let God guide him in his judicial duties, and remember the people.

The words of advice were voiced during Paepae’s confirmation hearing yesterday morning before the Senate Government Operations Committee, whose chairman Senate Galeai M. Tu’ufuli informed senators that Paepae’s nomination would be presented soon to the full Senate for a confirmation vote.

Galeai’s remarks were made during the Senate session, following Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean’s request for the committee to present at today’s session Paepae’s name for a confirmation vote.

Usually a committee would present to the floor for a final vote of a nominee following a confirmation hearing in the morning. But Galeai said there are some minor issues that need to be reviewed. He didn’t elaborate further.

CONFIRMATION HEARING

A retired associate judge, Tuaolo said being a judge — making decisions — is a very difficult task. He noted that all Samoans are almost all related

to each other and that makes it more difficult when it comes to making decisions as a judge. “Always make the right decision,” Tuaolo told Paepae, adding that there will be people calling when there is a pending court decision.

Tuaolo asked if Paepae, as a judge, would perform a marriage between two males, if they appeared before him in court. Paepae said the short and simple answer is “no”.

The majority of senators who attended the hearing and addressed the nominee gave the impression that Paepae will be confirmed as a judge. The mood during the 30-minute hearing was solemn, as senators spoke about the Senate’s loss with Paepae’s departure, adding that the Alataua senator has done a lot for the people of American Samoa during his 11-month tenure as a senator in the Fono.

“Your hard work in the Senate will never be forgotten, even though it was only a short time that we worked together with you,” Sen. Nuanuaolefe-agaiga said. “You are always seeking ways for the betterment of all people.”

If confirmed, Nuanuaolefe-agaiga told Paepae, who chairs the Senate Port/Transportation Committee that next week Tuesday “will be our last time together as senators” and “we will give you up to serve in the

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American’s fatal fall off Sydney cliff ruled gay hate crime

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Almost three decades after the naked body of an American mathematician was found at the base of a Sydney cliff, a judge ruled Thursday that he was the victim of a gay hate crime.

It was the third coronial inquest — a court-like proceeding held after unusual deaths — to investigate the circumstances surrounding Scott Johnson’s fatal fall at North Head on Dec. 8, 1988.

The first coroner ruled in 1989 that the 27-year-old had taken his own life, while a second coroner in 2012 could not explain how the Los Angeles-born openly gay man fell.

State Coroner Michael Barnes ruled Thursday that Johnson “fell from the cliff top as a result of actual or threatened violence by unidentified persons who attacked him because they perceived him to be homosexual.”

John’s brother, Boston IT entrepreneur Steve Johnson, attended the Sydney court to hear the verdict. He now wants

police to bring his brother’s killers to justice.

“We know now that Scott was killed and not only that, it was likely a gay hate gang that met him at North Head,” the 58-year-old older brother told reporters. “The inquest produced many leads toward possible perpetrators that should still be pursued.”

Barnes said the Johnson family’s commitment to ensuring the circumstances of the tragedy were “exhaustively examined is laudable.”

The first inquest concluded within three months of Johnson’s death did not hear evidence that the area was a renowned gay beat — a public place where gay men met for sex. The family had the case reopened after an inquest found in 2005 that three young men who had died in cliff falls near Sydney’s Bondi Beach in the 1980s had been attacked by youths who systematically assaulted gay men.

Barnes heard the evidence of 10 men who were convicted or suspected of gay hate crimes in Sydney in the 1980s.



DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE Project Notification & Review System

Legal Notice

PNRS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING December 06, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Commerce/American Samoa Coastal Management Program has received a Land Use Permit Application from the following individuals.

- 1. **Toma Tuimavave.....17-4967-LVB**
Proposal for Car Wash - Pago Pago
- 2. **DOE-DPW c/o Faleosina Voigt.....17-4956-L**
Federal Consistency Certification and repair - Pago Pago
- 3. **L.B.J. c/o Sa Mavaega.....17-4978-L**
Federal Consistency Certification and installation of Solar Panels - Faga’alu
- 4. **DOH-EPRD c/o Pago Vagana.....17-4979-L**
Proposal for new construction with utilities (generator container) - Tafuna
- 5. **Art Counsel-DPW c/o Faleosina Voigt17-4986-L**
Proposal for ASG Facilities (new construction, repair, demolition, extension and excavation) - Fagatogo
- 6. **ASAM USARC c/o Toetau Pouifi Tufuga17-4997-L**
Federal Consistency Certification and replacement of new security fence - Tafuna
- 7. **DOC/DOE c/o Keniseli Lafaele17-5017-L**
Federal Consistency Certification and construction of a playground Utilities - Tafuna
- 8. **O&O Inc. c/o Osuk Ko.....17-5012-LVB**
Proposal for construction of a commercial extension (110’ x 20’) - Nu’uuli

Persons interested in or affected by a proposed project, are invited to review the project file and provide comments based on environmental issues, by contacting Peniamina Siatunu’u at 633-5155, at the Department of Commerce in Utulei during regular ASG working hours. Public comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 05, 2017. Interested individuals are also invited to attend a Public Hearing at **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 06, 2017 at DOC Conference Room, on the 2nd Floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.**

O lo’o iai i le Ofisa o Fa’afetauaina ni talosaga mo Pemita e Fa’atagaina ai le Fa’aaogaina o Fanua ma Laualeele e tusa ma ala o le Tulafono. A iai se tasi e fa’asea pe fia tusia se molimau i ni afaina o le si’osi’omaga pe a galueaina nei galuega, telefoni mai ia Peniamina Siatunu’u i le 633-5155. E mafai fo’i ona e auai i le fono a le Komiti Fa’afaoe ia **Tesema 06, 2017, ile itula e 9 ile taeao.**

Zoning Board Public Notice

Zoning Board public hearing for December 14, 2017. The notice is hereby given the Zoning Board has received zoning variance applications from the following:

APPLICANT(S)	BUSINESS	LOCATION
Epifania Solofa	Auto Shop	Ilili
Robert Gebauer dba Gebaur Haus	Retail, Export & Import	Pava’ia’i
Mikaele Falaniko	Tire Shop	Nu’uuli

Public comments and request to speak during public hearing must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Interested individuals are also invited to attend the Zoning Board hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Department of Commerce conference room located on the second floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.

For further information, please contact Aokusotino Mao or Tuulalo Farani at the Department of Commerce, during normal working hours at 633-5155.





by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter
**SECRET “AFFAIR” LEADS
TO ASSAULT**

A 41-year-old man from Tafuna who was arrested last week for allegedly assaulting his wife told police that a secret affair between his wife and a neighbor caused him to beat up the mother of his 2 young children.

The matter was reported to police by a neighbor who heard the woman’s screams for help. The victim managed to escape from her house and she ran to the neighbor’s home just as a police unit arrived.

The victim told police that her husband choked her after he repeatedly hit her face with his fists, resulting in bruises to her face and body.

The defendant was released on his own recognizance with certain conditions that include staying away from his wife and two children, and finding somewhere to stay.

His next court appearance is set for Dec. 20th.

FETOAI FALANIKO

A woman and boy from Pago Pago were injured Tuesday evening after a vehicle struck them. Samoa News understands the woman sustained serious head injuries while the boy’s injuries were minor.

Both were taken to the LBJ hospital where the woman was rushed to the ICU and as of yesterday morning, she was still in critical condition.

Eyewitnesses told police the incident started when the victim’s husband asked Fetoai Falaniko to move his car from blocking the entrance to their house; and while the husband

was talking to another man, Falaniko allegedly assaulted him from behind.

The defendant then jumped into his vehicle and sped away, allegedly striking the victim who was standing on the side of the road.

Police officers responded to call for assistance and took two individuals, including Falaniko, in for questioning.

Falaniko made his initial appearance yesterday morning before District Court Judge, Fiti Sunia.

Prosecutor, Asst. AG Gilian Sandler told the Court the government would be filing additional charges against the defendant, once police complete their investigation.

Sunia set Falaniko’s bail at \$3,000.

During court proceedings yesterday, Falaniko’s attorney, Ryan Nelson of the Public Defender’s Office, asked for bail to be reduced to \$500, or otherwise, release his client on his own recognizance. Nelson argued that the Court should consider the fact that his client is being charged with a single misdemeanor count.

Sandler opposed the defense motion for a reduction in bail, saying the victim sustained severe head injuries and the government is looking at filing additional charges against the defendant. She argued that bail should remain at \$3,000 and Sunia agreed, saying the bond must be in the form of cash.

If Falaniko is able to post bond, conditions of his release include no direct or indirect contact with the government’s witnesses, especially the victims in this case. He’s to remain

drug and alcohol free, and he is not permitted to drive for any reason.

SIO OLOMALI’I

A bus driver who was stopped by police for a traffic violation has been slapped with a felony, after cops allegedly found in his possession, a glass pipe with methamphetamine inside.

Sio Olomalii made his initial appearance before District Court Judge, Fiti Sunia last week, where he waived his right to a preliminary examination. His case is now bound over to the High Court for further proceedings.

The 31-year-old bus driver from Samoa has admitted to police that the glass pipe they found belonged to him.

Olomali’i remains in custody until he is able to post a \$5,000 surety bond.

A Chinese investor looks at his smartphone as he monitors stock prices at a brokerage house in Beijing, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017. Asian stock markets declined Thursday after U.S. tech stocks fell and China reported stronger manufacturing as investors looked ahead to a key OPEC meeting.

(AP Photo/Mark Schiefelbein)



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APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The American Samoa Power Authority announces an excellent opportunity for young technically minded individuals who want a challenging, profitable career in American Samoa.

ASPA is looking for its next generation of technicians and engineers. Over the next few years, ASPA will be developing young technicians and engineers for key positions within the organization. It needs skilled specialists in a number of fields.

ASPA will provide employment and professional training for successful applicants. Apprentices will receive training both on the job and in formal apprenticeship classes. Qualified apprentices will receive an all-expense paid education at a technical school or university in Fiji or equivalent. Applicants must be willing to commit to spending 2 – 3 years off-island in pursuit of a diploma or degree. The focus for this apprentice program will be on mechanical and electrical trades or a related field.

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

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

Educational Requirements: High School graduate (minimum); Associate degree or better preferred. Must have a cumulative GPA minimum of 2.5 or maintained at least a B or better grade average in the following courses:
(1) Physics, Chemistry, General Science
(2) Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus
(3) English (TOEFL score of 500 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.

Citizenship: US National or Citizen.

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

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.

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Asian stocks fall after Wall Street losses

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets declined Thursday after U.S. tech stocks fell and China reported stronger manufacturing as investors looked ahead to a key OPEC meeting.KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index shed 0.2 percent to 3,330.04 and Tokyo’s Nikkei 225 retreated 0.1 percent to 22,570.42. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng fell 1 percent to 29,332.42 and Seoul’s Kospi lost 0.6 percent to 2,497.35. Sydney’s S&P-ASX 200 declined 0.7 percent to 5,965.90. Benchmarks in Taiwan, Singapore and Jakarta also retreated, while New Zealand Malaysia gained.

WALL STREET: A steep slide in big technology companies pulled major U.S. stock indexes mostly lower, offsetting strength in banks and health care and erasing some of the gains the market made a day

earlier. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite, which is the best-performing index this year, had its biggest single-day drop since August as investors cashed in some of their winnings and bid up shares in health care companies and retailers. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index lost just under 1 point to 2,626.07 and the Dow Jones industrial average gained 0.4 percent to 23,940.68. The Nasdaq lost 1.3 percent to 6,824.39.

CHINA MANUFACTURING: A monthly survey showed Chinese manufacturing activity improved in November, adding to signs of a pickup in global and domestic demand. The China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing said its purchasing managers’ index rose to 52.4 from October’s 51.6 on a 100-point scale on which numbers above 50 show activity accelerating.



FILE - In this Feb. 8, 2016 file photo, President of the Senate Stephen Parry speaks during a Senate Estimates Committee at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia. Despite a High Court decision thought to have ruled a line under the saga last Friday, the dual citizenship crisis that has rocked Australia's parliament took another twist on Tuesday, Oct. 31 2017, with a senior member of the governing Liberal Party saying he may have to quit parliament. Senator Stephen Parry said he had contacted British authorities to see if he held dual nationality because of his UK-born father.

(Lukas Coch/AAP Image via AP)

⊗ Australia bows to pressure with inquiry into bank misconduct

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The Australian government bowed to growing pressure by announcing Thursday a high-level inquiry into misbehavior in Australia's financial sector.

A royal commission — the highest form of investigation in Australia — will review the banking, pension and financial services industries, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced.

The decision follows a series of scandals over money laundering and other abuses.

Turnbull's conservative coalition has been resisting calls from the center-left opposition Labor Party for such an inquiry for almost two years. His stance changed after the chief executives of Australia's four largest banks wrote to the government on Thursday requesting a "properly constituted inquiry."

The banks said uncertainty was "hurting confidence" in the industry.

By establishing a royal commission Turnbull has staved off a bid by Labor to have Parliament conduct its own inquiry into misconduct allegations.

"Ongoing speculation and fear-mongering about a banking inquiry or royal commission is disruptive and risks undermining the reputation of Australia's world-class finan-

cial system," Turnbull said in a statement.

"The government has decided to establish this royal commission to further ensure our financial system is working efficiently and effectively," he added.

But Turnbull said the royal commission "will not put capitalism on trial."

The inquiry was welcomed by Jeff Morris, a financial planner who in 2013 exposed a culture of corruption and cover-up in the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the nation's largest bank, that targeted vulnerable customers.

Morris earlier had accused the government of "running a protection racket for the banks" by rejecting a recommendation for a royal commission inquiry into the Commonwealth Bank.

"There has been quite clearly unethical action from the evidence that I have seen, ... fraudulent and perhaps even criminal action," Christensen said. "This is systemic."

Josh Mennen, principal at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, said the royal commission must be wide-ranging to end scandals and to bring about substantial reform. He said the scandals reflected deeply ingrained problems that have financially ruined thousands of Australians.

ASG workers urged to take advantage of ASCC courses

PRESIDENT PATO SAYS GOV'T POLICY ALLOWS EMPLOYEES TO TAKE CLASSES

by Fili Sagapolutele
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To further improve ASG workers' skills and qualifications, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has encouraged cabinet members to take advantage of courses offered by the American Samoa Community College, which is competing with courses offered online and being taken up by many government workers.

"It's in our policy that we encourage directors to send their people to the College. We're doing that in our office," said Lolo, who added that his staff members — as part of their regular workday — take two or three hours of courses at ASCC and then return to work.

"So take advantage of this opportunity, so we can upgrade the qualifications and the quality of our ASG employees," the governor said at last week's cabinet meeting following an update on college activities by ASCC President Dr. Ros- evonne Pato.

According to Pato, the ASCC, whose winter graduation is set for Dec. 15th at the college gymnasium, is "in the process of offering skill credits" and she encourages government agencies to provide to her or discuss with her, "what you want your staff to have" as far as "skill-sets".

"One of the ways we have been surviving is through our tuition," she continued, adding that "there is a government policy that says staff can be allowed to take a courses at the college and I'm encouraging the cabinet to please take advantage of that."

Pato explained that ASCC is looking at "sort of a mini course, which is a one-credit course

specifically on 'skill-sets'," rather than three- credit courses throughout the semester.

"I have talked to several directors already about the different types of skills they would like to see, that they would like to take advantage of, by sending their staff to the College to take these skills-set courses," she noted.

"Some of the things that I have been asked to look at, are training or courses in ethics, basic finance, leadership and lab techs," she said.

"There were a few questions about what we're doing with some of the trades, skills set for the trades," she said. "If you need it, please come and talk to us, because we're trying to find different ways to offer these courses with credit for our government employees, as well as our community. We have a College here but very few of our government employees are taking advantage of the college courses."

Pato said she knows ASG employees "are looking at online courses, which is our challenge, our competition. But if we could work together, we can offer the things that you need, but I need to hear what your needs are so we can make it happen."

According to Pato, the College is hoping to have these things squared away by the summer of next year. She said she's already working closely with the local Education Department, which has opened up another cohort program at ASCC in early childhood education, and this will occur in the spring. Some senior ASG officials said utilizing ASCC by government employees for training courses and skills upgrade, "means additional money for the College, through tuition."

Manua faipule says...

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silenced the committee, when Kitara tried to explain that the grammar in the bill is not correct, and the committee needs to change it.

Kitara read out loud the section of the bill he believed was incorrect. But Vesi interrupted, saying there's no need for him to read aloud, all faipule understand how to read English.

"You don't know what I'm talking about because your English is not good," Kitara told Vesi in a loud voice.

Vesi immediately fired back and told Kitara he's being very disrespectful while the Speaker and House members are listening.

"Don't try to educate me on what to do. I understand the bill and I read it over 10 times," Vesi told Kitara.

That's the moment Toeaina

stood up from his seat and left the chamber.

When he addressed the committee, House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale said he is shocked to see how faipule are conducting their hearings.

"Now I am witnessing with my own eyes the way you conduct your hearings in the past, and this saddens me because you were selected by your district to be their voice," Savali said.

Responding to Toeaina's statements, Savali said he wanted the Manu'a faipule present when he offers a response.

"How can he say our territory doesn't need a bank? How can our people live without a bank?"

In a few more months, Bank of Hawaii services will come to

an end."

Savali then turned to Kitara and Vesi and told them that when it comes to committee hearings or house sessions, faipule need to respect each other.

The Speaker said he doesn't want to public to hear — through the news — that every time the House conducts a hearing or discussion, it always ends up with a disagreement or argument amongst faipule.

Speaking about the amendment to the TBAS statute, Savali said changes to the bill are very simple and clear, and it'll make it easier for the Federal Reserve to issue TBAS a routing number. The third reading of the house version of the bill is set for this morning, as it passed in second reading yesterday.

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PROCLAMATION
COMMEMORATING ENVIRONMENT WEEK
“OUR PACIFIC - OUR FUTURE”
November 27 - November 30, 2017

WHEREAS, the Environment Week is celebrated in American Samoa on the Month of November this year to promote awareness and appreciation of the Environment and its contributions, and

WHEREAS, the Environment in American Samoa is comprised of the Air, Land and Water, which are the basic ingredients life depends, and

WHEREAS, the Air, Land, and Water are invaluable gifts by Nature for survival, our people must cherish and use wisely, and

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming evidence of climate change occurring both globally and regionally, as supported by scientific documentation of the effects of climate change and global warming; and

WHEREAS, AS-EPA is proud to participate and supports the recognition of Climate Change Awareness in American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, the projected impacts of climate change may include loss of tidelands and habitat, reduced viability of fish and wildlife species, damage to shoreline property and forest resources, damage to infrastructure and facilities, and associated to public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the conservation and protection of the environment where we live, is a vital and critical duty; and

WHEREAS, we all have experienced and witnessed the devastating effects of greenhouse effects, sea level rising, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis, flooding and severe drought which are associated with climate change; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we all take part in providing awareness and educational programs to teach our people as major stewards in taking proper care of our environment and our health, and

WHEREAS, our land is considered precious and must be taken care of in accordance with the Environmental rules for preservation of Air, Land and Water to promote good health and safe lifestyle, to defend against climate change; and

WHEREAS, the safekeeping of our Environment, especially Air, Land and Water today, is our gift to the future generations of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th year since the establishment of the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA), charged with implementing regulatory programs and services to protect human health and the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOLO M. MOLIGA, Governor of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the Week of November 27 to November 30, 2017, as Environment Week in the Territory. I urge all citizens to acknowledge the value of our environment, and participate in the programs planned, to commemorate the importance of Environment Week our lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my Signature and Seal of my Office on this 29th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.”

POLOA’IGA FA’ALAUA’ITELE
FA’ATAUAINA O LE VAIASO MO LE SI’OSI’OMAGA
“OUR PACIFIC - OUR FUTURE”
Novema 27 - Novema 30, 2017

TALUAI, o le Vaiaso mo le Si’osi’omaga ua fa’atauaina e Amerika Samoa atoa ma ua fa’amanatuina i le Masina o Novema, i lenei tausaga, ina ia fa’atupula’ia ai pea le silafia ma le fa’agaëtia o tagata i le taua ma le aoga o le Si’osi’omaga, ma

TALUAI, o le Si’osi’omaga o Amerika Samoa e fa’apatino lava i le Ea, Laueleele, ma le Suavai o lo’o tausi ai le soifua o tagata nu’u i aso uma, e tataui ai lava ona fa’atauaina, ma aloaia lelei, ma

TALUAI, o le Ea, Laueleele ma le Suavai, o ni meaalofo mai le Natura o mea, ua pua’ina mai ai le ola, e tataui ai i o tatou tagata ona tausi lelei ma fa’aaoga tataui ia meaalofo, ma

TALUAI, o lo’o fa’atupula’ia foliga vāaia ma a’afiaga o le suiga o le tau ma lona vela i le lalolagi atoa, e tusa ai ma fa’amaumauga a saienitisi; ma

TALUAI, o le Ofisa o le Puipuiga o le Si’osi’omaga e fiafia e fa’alauiloa le auai ma sapasapaia o le fa’atauaina o le fa’alea’oa’oga o le Suiga o le Tau i Amerika Samoa nei; ma

TALUAI, o nei a’afiaga o le suiga o le tau e ono fa’aitiitia ai lau’ele’ele susu ma o latou aoga, e ono fa’aitiitia ai fo’i i’a o le sami ma fa’apea fo’i ma manu o le vaomatua, e ono fa’aleagaina ai matafaga fa’apea fo’i ma le vaomatua, aemaise fo’i i nofoaga ma fale e afaina ai le soifua maloloina ma le saogalemu o tagata; ma

TALUAI, o le fa’asaoina ma le puipuiga o le si’osi’omaga o lo’o tatou aumau ai, e fa’amata e faigofie, ae o se matafaioi e faigata lona fa’atinoga; ma

TALUAI, ua molimauina ma ua tatou i ai nei i suiga ma a’afiaga ‘esēese o le tau, e i ai fa’alavelave fa’a-le-natura e pei o mafui’e, timuga ma lologa, o galu lolo, o savili malolosi ma afa, si’isi’i maualuga o le sami, ma lau’ele’ele matutu; ma

TALUAI, ua talafeagai ai lava ona fa’auuina ai pea o tatou tiute i le taugologolo ma a’oa’oina o tatou tagata i le tausia lelei ma le fa’atauaina pea o ia meaalofo, ma avea ai ma o latou tiute tauave le fa’apelepele i ai, ma

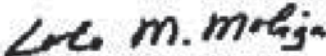
TALUAI, ua avea o tatou lafanua ma fa’asinomaga ina ia tausia lelei ma fa’atulagaina tataui, ina ia talafeagai ai ma tulafono ua tapui ai le Ea, Laueleele ma le Suavai ina ia maua ai le saogalemu ma tete’e atu ai i suiga o le tau; ma

TALUAI, o le fa’atauaina o le Vaiaso mo le Si’osi’omaga aemaise lava le Ea, Laueleele, ma le Suavai, i nei ona aso, o lo tatou sao lea mo tupulaga a taeao o Amerika Samoa; ma

TALUAI, o le tausaga lenei e atoa i ai le 30 Tausaga talu ona fa’avaeina le Ofisa o le Puipuiga o le Si’osi’omaga (AS-EPA), ua lauiloa fo’i lana tautua i Amerika Samoa, e ala i le ofoina atu o lana auunaga mo le fa’asaoina ma le puipuiga o le soifua maloloina ma le si’osi’omaga.

O LE MEA LEA, O A’U, LOLO M. MOLIGA, Kovana Sili o Amerika Samoa, ua ou poloa’iina ai lenei vaiaso ia Novema 27, e o’o atu ia Novema 30, 2017, e fa’amamaluina ai le Si’osi’omaga i le Teritori o Amerika Samoa. Ou te poloa’iina ai tagata nu’u uma o Amerika Samoa ina ia fa’atauaina le Vaiaso mo le Si’osi’omaga, ma auai i polokalama fa’atulagaina e fa’ailoa ai lo tatou agaga fiafia e usita’ia ai tulafono e puipuia ai le Si’osi’omaga i o tatou lava lafanua.

UA FA’AMAONIA lea i lo’u sainia ma tu’uina atu i ai le Fa’amaufailoga a lo’u Ofisa i le aso 29 lenei o Novema, i le tausaga lua afe sefulu fitu.


LOLO M. MOLIGA
Governor of American Samoa



Alabama U.S. Senatorial candidate Doug Jones talks with the media after touring the Northport Medical Center, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, in Northport, Ala. Jones is the democratic candidate facing republican Roy Moore for Alabama's U.S. Senate seat in the Dec. 12 special election.

(Vasha Hunt/AL.com via AP)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Compiled by Samoa News Staff FREE MEDICAL CLINICS START NEXT MONDAY

The Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) clinic, in collaboration with the Lions Club of Pago Pago and the Department of Health, will be in town to carry out a medical, vision, and dental clinic Dec. 4-7 at the Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium in Utulei.

Chairperson of the local AMEN Planning Team, Tafaimamao Tua-Tupuola has been busy finding ways to publicize the event, and one of them is an awareness outreach event, to elaborate on the clinic and the registration process, with the elderly folks from the Territorial Administration on Aging (TAOA) today at 8 a.m. who may want to take advantage of the service.

NMSAS COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR TOMORROW

NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa will hold a public meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council in the Rotunda Room of the Tauese P.F. Sunia Ocean Center in Fagatogo tomorrow from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Items on the agenda include updates on sanctuary leadership, Okeanos Explorer, enforcement, Aunu'u Island Taloa Cooperative, Sanctuary

Summer Science in the Village, partnership with NOAA Fisheries Sustainable Fisheries Program and the 2nd annual open fishing tournament.

Those wishing to speak on agenda items may add their name to the public comment sign-up sheet at the Ocean Center tomorrow. Oral testimony may be limited to three minutes per person, depending on time.

The deadline to submit a written copy of testimonies is today. Afterwards, it is the submitter's responsibility to provide sanctuary staff with an adequate number of copies for distribution to the council members in attendance (a minimum of 25 copies) the day of the meeting.

Written comments may be e-mailed to: Joseph.Paulin@noaa.gov

The next Council meeting is set for Friday, March 2, 2018 at 9 a.m. Established in 2005, the Sanctuary Advisory Council is a community-based body that provides advice and recommendations on managing and protecting the sanctuary. The council is composed of eleven government and fourteen non-governmental seats. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the council members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public.

► Senator Paepae...

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High Court."

"Let God guide you in your decision making and never forget our people," was the statement echoed by the majority of the senators during the hearing, where Paepae's wife, family members — including his sister, Public Works director Faleosina Voigt — and friends were present in the Senate gallery.

Paepae expressed sincere appreciation to his colleagues for their recommendations and blessings. He said it wasn't an easy decision for him to make, but he discussed it with his wife, family members and friends.

If confirmed by the Senate, Paepae will have to resign from the Fono.

In his Oct. 25th letter to

the governor recommending Paepae, Chief Justice Michael Kruse said, "I have more than a passing acquaintance with High Chief Paepae's personal family background, which I note is very much reflected in his educational and career pursuits."

He said Paepae's "personal achievements bespeak the same level of diligence and honest industry I witnessed with his family."

"My observations of HC Paepae are that he is humble, respectful, cautious and discreet; thus, he possesses the disposition and temperament suited for the bench," said Kruse. "Moreover, I am confident that he would serve the judiciary with commitment and dedication."

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Woman reveals mes- sages from Texas con- gressman in nude photo

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A conservative activist who for years exchanged online mes-
sages with Texas Republican Rep. Joe Barton says that when he occasionally steered the topic toward sexual themes, she long dismissed it as “that’s just Joe.”

Kelly Canon, a vocal oppo-
nent of red-light cameras and a tea party organizer in the Dallas suburb of Arlington, released a series of Facebook Messenger conversations with Barton from 2012 in which he asked things like if she was wearing panties.

First reported by the Fort Worth Star Telegram on Wednesday, the revelation comes a week after Barton apol-
ogized for a nude photo of him that circulated on social media.

Canon later told The Associ-
ated Press that she and Barton exchanged online messages from around 2011 to 2015. They included Barton asking after midnight in June 2012 whether Canon was “wearing a tank top only ... and no panties.” The congressman was married at the time to his second wife but is now twice divorced.

Canon said “97 percent” of the messages were about polit-
ics or things like their mutual love for Teas A&M football but “whenever he would take the conversation south, as it were, I would not engage him in fur-
ther discussion. I would shut it down.” She said that, at the time and long after, “I would just dismiss it as ‘that’s just Joe,’” and that she continued the exchanges because she didn’t want to lose a direct line to a powerful Texas Republican.

Canon said she had largely forgotten about the messages until the nude photograph of Barton surfaced on an anony-
mous Twitter account before Thanksgiving. She said that after Barton refused to heed calls from some Republicans in his district to resign, she decided to make the exchanges public.

“It killed me to do so,” Canon said. But she said that she felt it was important because “the Democrats are going to have a feeding frenzy” if Barton’s name remains on the 2018 ballot.Repeated calls to Barton’s campaign seeking comment weren’t answered Wednesday. But, in an ear-
lier text message to the Star Telegram, the congressman confirmed the exchange with Canon while declining further comment.Canon said Barton hasn’t apologized for the mes-
sages and that she’s not asked him to. She said she saw the congressman at an Arlington event this week and personally pressed him about resigning — but that she did not tell him of her plans to release the Face-
book messages.

After the nude photos sur-
faced last week, Barton sug-

gested he could be the victim of online exploitation since he said he’d previously threatened to complain to authorities if a woman he’d been in a relation-
ship with made public sexu-
ally explicit photos and videos of him.Barton is Texas’ most senior member of Congress. He announced last month that he was running for re-election and has yet to fully clarify whether he’s changed his mind.

Speaking briefly to reporters in Washington on Wednesday — prior to the latest revela-
tions — Barton wouldn’t dis-
cuss his re-election plans or if GOP leaders are pressuring him to quit the House, saying: “I’m really in a bind here because I’m not supposed to say anything.”

Asked what reception he got from colleagues at a closed-door House GOP meeting, Barton said, “Just understanding.”



Dennis Dahmer, the youngest son of Vernon Dahmer of Hattiesburg, who was killed in 1966 by the Ku Klux Klan, recounts how the flames from his firebombed family’s grocery store and home caused the shattered glass in the truck to burn him as he tried to climb in to escape during an assault that claimed his father’s life, Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, during a private preview for the family of the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, Miss. Dahmer was targeted because he encouraged fellow African-Americans to register to vote during the Jim Crow era.

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)



FA’ASILASILAGA OFISA O LE KONESULA SAMOA: ASO MALOLO KERISIMASI MA LE TAUSAGA FOU

E fa’asilasila atu ma le agaga fa’aaloalo i le mamalu o le atunu’u femalagaa’i e faapea:

O le a tapunia le Ofisa o le Konesula Aoao o Samoa, e afua atu i le **12:00 aoauli o le Aso Faraile, Tesema 22, 2017; seia aulia le itula 8:30 i le taeao o le Aso Lulu, Ianuari 03, 2018;** mo Aso Malolo o le Kerisimasi ma le Tausaga Fou.

E fautuaina ai le mamalu o e fufou malaga i Tumua e mana’omia pemitā, po o nisi auunaga a lo tatou Ofisa nei mo ia aso Malolo, ina ia tapena mamao i ai.

Fa’afeta’i mai lo tatou Ofisa nei i telefoni 633-5919/633-5920; po o le imeli amtvpk1@gmail.com, pe a man’omia.

SUI TAIMI TAPUNIA O LE OFISA ASO FAIGALUEGA MASANI

Ina ia fesoaosani atili mo tapenaga mo aso Malolo, o le a suia ai le taimi tapunia ai le Ofisa mai le 3:00 (o lo’o iai nei) i le 3:30 p.m. i le Aso Faraile, Tesema 01, 2017 se’ia o’o i le Aso Tofi, Tesema 21, 2017.

A O TAPUNIA LE OFISA: TESEMA 25, 2017 - IANUARI 02, 2018

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E momoli atu le fa’afetai tele i le mamalu o le atunuu femalagaa’i mo lo outou taupati fai-pa’aga i lenei tausaga o le a mavae atu. Malo onosa’i, malo tauapati.

Momoli atu Mo’omo’oga alofa mo se Kerisimasi Fiafia ma le Tausaga Fou Manuia.

OFISA KONESULA-AOAO SAMOA

SAMOA CONSULATE GENERAL: CLOSURE OF THE OFFICE FOR CHRISTMAS 2017 & NEW YEAR 2018

The general public is hereby advised that the Office of the Samoa Consulate-General will be Closed from **12:00 Noon, Friday, December 22, 2017 until 8:30a.m., Wednesday, January 03, 2018.**

The traveling public is therefore urged to arrange for their needed documentation and permits well before closure, to avoid disappointment.

Contact phone numbers and e-mail address remain the same (i.e. phone: 633-5919/633-5920 and email amtvpk1@gmail.com)

CHANGE OF CLOSING TIME

To assit in facilitating the procurement of documents and entry permits, the Consulate will extend its opening hours by Closing at 3:30pm on work days from Friday, December 01, 2017 until Thursday, December 21, 2017.

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We take this opportunity to wish all our clients and the people of American Samoa all the very best for a most happy and joyous Christmas, and a safe and successful New Year.

SAMOA CONSULATE-GENERAL



The highly successful 2017 Samoana Jazz & Arts Festival brought two highly talented New Zealand entertainers together on island the first week of November. Seen here relaxing at Tisa's Barefoot Bar event — the last of the 4 events comprising the 2017 SJAF- American Samoa leg of the festival are (l-r) Edwina Thorne, trumpeter, vocalist, composer, arranger, owner / operator of Gazelle Music Ltd, Auckland, New Zealand offering a 16-track recording facility in Auckland, and vocalist for the band, Juice on the Loose, from NZ.

[Courtesy photo]



American Samoa Government



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Congratulations 2018 Teachers of the Year!!



Mrs. Avau Va'ali'i
Matafao Elementary School

It gives me great pleasure to publicly extend the Department of Education's heartfelt congratulations to our two 2018 School and Division Teachers of the Year (STOY & DTOY), Ms. Rosalee Tela-Shoulders of Nu'uuli Vocational Technical High School and Mrs. Avau Va'aali'i of Matafao Elementary School.

With much pride, I also congratulate and acknowledge Ms. Rosalee Tela-Shoulders as the recipient of the prestigious Territorial Teacher of the Year (TTOY) title for 2018.

Both teachers have weathered the selection processes with true courage and have proven to be worthy recipients at each level of competition.



Ms. Rosalee Tela-Shoulders
Nu'uuli Voc-Tech High School

Thank you for your service and unwavering commitment to educating the school age population of our territory. To all other classroom teachers who remain faithful to the teaching profession, I challenge you to move forward and prepare to qualify in next year's TOY selection competition.

Once again, congratulations to our 2018 Teachers of the Year and I look forward to celebrating with you on Friday, December 1, 2017, honoring your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga
Director of Education

“O le faiā’oga ua lē na’o le fa’asoa o le tomai; a’o se fa’aosofiaga i matālalaga fou.”



South Korea's central bank hikes key rate from record low

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's central bank raised interest rates from a record low Thursday in the first such increase since June 2011. Despite the threat from North Korea, robust exports are driving faster than expected growth in Asia's fourth-largest economy. Convening one day after North Korea test-fired its most powerful missile yet, the Bank of Korea's seven policy-makers decided to increase the key rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 1.50 percent.

Borrowing rates have steadily fallen during the past five years to help protect the country's recovery, dropping to a record low of 1.25 percent in June 2016.

Thursday's decision was widely expected after third-quarter economic growth beat expectations. The South Korean won has gained against major currencies in the past month in anticipation of the rate hike, which will increase returns for investors. South Korea's economy is expected to post its fastest growth in three years in 2017, buoyed by surprisingly strong exports thanks to robust global demand for memory chips. The central bank revised upward its forecast on the South Korean economy in October and says annual growth rate will slightly exceed that estimate. It said in a statement that private consumption and capital spending will continue to improve moderately while exports will be sustained by the global economic recovery and a thaw in strained diplomatic ties with China, South Korea's biggest trading partner.





Faasala falepuipui mo le 5 tausaga le ali'i o Suaupuia Amituana'i

tusia Ausage Fausia
E 5 tausaga lea ua faasala ai e le Fa'amasinoga Mauuluga le ali'i o Suaupuia Amituana'i e taofia ai i le falepuipui i Tafuna, ina ua fa'amaonia e le Fa'amasinoga moliaga sa tu'uaia ai o ia e le malo.

O moliaga mamafa e 2 ua ta'usala ai e le Fa'amasinoga ia Amituana'i e aofia ai lona faia o fa'amaumauga tau fa'asese ma le gaoi, e mafua mai i le fa'alavelave lea na ia gaoia ai le siaki mai se faleoloa ae saina faamalosia le igoa o le Pule, ona alu lea ua tala le siaki ae fa'aaoga le tupe.

E ese mai i moliaga e lua e pei ona ta'usala ai Amituana'i e le Fa'amasinoga, ua ta'usala fo'i o ia i lona le usitaia lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia sa tuuina atu i le 2014.

Na faatoese le ua molia i luma o le Fa'amasinoga e tusa ai o lana solitulafono sa faia, ma ia talosagaina ai se avanoa e toe fo'i atu ai i tua e tausi lana fanau e to'a 6.

Na taua e le ua molia e fa'apea, o se tulaga fa'anoanoa le motusia o le mafutaga ma lana fanau, ma ua ia lagonaina fo'i le leaga o se aiga e nonofo na o le fanau i le fale e lei se Tama. Na taua fo'i e Amituana'i lona alofa faamaoni i lona aiga, e naunau fo'i ina ia fa'aaoga aso o lona olaga e tausi ai lona to'alua ma lana fanau.

Na taua e le ali'i loia ia Michael White i le Fa'amasinoga e fa'apea, talosia ua aoaoina e Amituana'i se lesiona aoga mai le taimi na taofia ai o ia i le falepuipui e faatali ai se faaiuga o lana fa'amasinoga.

Na taua e le loia a le malo ia Woodrow Pengelly e fa'apea, e le talitonu le malo i le talosaga a le ua molia fai mai e alofa i lona aiga, ae o lana gaioiga lea sa faia i le aso na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave, na ia tuuina atu ai ola o lona aiga i se tulaga e lamatia ai.

Na taua e le loia a le malo le aga'i atu o le ua molia i le ofisa o Taavale Afi i Tafuna ma le fa'amoemoe e sui faagaoi le lesitala o se tasi o ta'avale, ae fa'atali atu lona to'alua i totonu o le ta'avale.

O se taimi lava o le aso lea na maua ai loa e Leoleo le ua molia ma fai ai loa a latou tuliga i luga o le alatele, a o i ai pea lava lona to'alua. Na taua e le malo e fa'apea, e laki e lei i ai se faalavelave na tula'i mai i lea aso, se manu e aafia atu ai ma le ola o le to'alua a le ua mola. Na faaiu le faafinauga a Pengelly i lona talosagaina lea o le Fa'amasinoga ina ia fa'asala Amituana'i i le toese mo le 5

tausaga.
Saunoa le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Elvis P. Patea e fa'apea, i fa'amaumauga a le fa'amasinoga o lo'o manino mai ai le tulaga lea, e le o se taimi muamua lenei ua ta'usala ai Amituana'i i ni solitulafono, e le o se taimi muamua fo'i lea ua fa'anofovaavaaia ai o ia e le Fa'amasinoga.

E tusa ai ma fa'amaumauga a le Fa'amasinoga, e fa'a 5 ona fa'anofovaavaaia Amituana'i i luma o le Fa'amasinoga, e fa'a 3 i le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo ae fa'a 2 i le Fa'amasinoga

Mauuluga.
Saunoa Patea e fa'apea, foliga mai i fa'amaumauga a le fa'amasinoga, e le i aafia lava Amituana'i i ni solitulafono i le taimi o lona talavou, ae ina ua avea o ia ma tagata matua, ua fa'aipoipo ma ua fai fo'i lana fanau, o le taimi lea na fa'atoa mau ai loa lona igoa i fa'amaumauga a le Fa'amasinoga.

E talitonu le Fa'amasinoga, e tataua lava ona tu'uina atu se fa'asalaga talafeagai mo Amituana'i, ina ia a'oa'oina ai

(Faaauau itulau 11)



Le susuga ia Suaupuia Amituana'i. [ata AF]

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Le afioga i le senettoa ia Paepae Iosefa Faia i le taeao ananafi i le iloilogaga a le komiti o le Senate mo le tofiga o le fa'amasino lagolago.

[ata: FS]



Fa'amanino Kruse mafua'aga filifilia Fa'amasino Lagolago fa'aopoopo

tusia Ausage Fausia

I le tusi a le afioga i le Fa'amasino Sili sa tu'uina atu i le Kovana i le aso 25 Oketopa, o lo o fa'amanino ai e Michael Kruse ia Lolo Mata-lasi Moliga le mafua'aga autu ua ia finagalo ai e tofia se isi Fa'amasino Lagolago se to'atasi e fesoasoani i galuega a ali'i Fa'amasino o le Fa'amasinoga Maua-luga a Amerika Samoa.

Na taua e Kruse i lana tusi e fa'apea, o le fa'aiuga ina ia filifilia se Fa'amasino Lagolago fa'aopoopo, na afua mai ina ua toe aga'i atu le afioga i le Matua ia Togiola T. A Tulafono lea sa avea ma Kovana o le malo, e toe fa'aaau lona tulaga o se Loia i totonu o le Asosi Loia a Amerika Samoa, mo le tauaveina o mataupu eseese i luma o le Fa'amasinoga.

Ae pei ona silafia, o Fa'amasino Lagolago e to'afa o lo o galulue i le Fa'amasinoga i le taimi nei, o i latou uma ia na tofia e Togiola i le taimi a o avea o ia ma Kovana. Na taua e Kruse le talia leleia o le toe ulufale atu o Togiola i lona tulaga o se Loia, peita'i, o taimi uma lava e aga'i atu ai o ia i luma o le Fa'amasinoga, e avea ai ma fa'aitauli lona tula'i i luma o Fa'amasino Lagolago sa ia filifilia i le taimi a o avea ma Kovana o le malo.

E ese mai i le afioga a Mamea lea na tofia e Kovana Sunia, ma le afioga a Tunupopo na tofia e Lolo, o isi Fa'amasino Lagolago uma o lo o i ai na tofia uma e Togiola.

O se tasi o itu na taua e Kruse, o le fa'amasinoga i le suafa Leiato e pei ona fa'agasolo pea i luma o le Fa'amasinoga i le taimi nei, e le gata o lo o aofia ai Togiola i se tasi o itu talosaga ae o ia fo'i o se sui tauva mo le suafa.

O le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino Sili lagolago le tumau ia Elvis P. Patea o lo o ia taulimaina le fa'amasinoga i le suafa Leiato, e sui tulaga ai i le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino Sili lagolago ia Lyle L. Richmond o lo o gasegase.

E ui o Patea sa tofia mai e le Initeria na te tauaveina mo se taimi le tumau le tulaga o Rich-mond, ae o lona lava tulaga o lo o i ai i le taimi nei, o ia o le Fa'amasino o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, o ia foi sa filifilia e Togiola.

I lalo o le tulafono e pei ona fa'amanino e

Kruse, e le mafai e se Fa'amasino Lagolago na tofia e se tasi sa avea ma Kovana, ona avea ma Fa'amasino i le iloilo ina o ni mataupu e aofia ai le sa avea ma Kovana. E mafai lea tulaga pe afai ua leai lava se Fa'amasino e avanoa.

Ona o ia tulaga, na taua ai loa e Kruse ia Lolo lona filifilia o le afioga i le ali'i Senatoo ia Paepae Iosefa Faiai e avea ma Fa'amasino Lagolago, e fa'aopoopo i Fa'amasino o lo o i ai i le taimi nei.

A o le i filifilia Paepae e avea ma Senatoo o le Fono Faitulafono, sa fa'aalia i sana tusi i le Fa'amasino lona naunau e fia tautua i le Vaega o Fa'amasinoga, e ala i le tofiga o le Fa'amasino le tumau. Ona o lea tulaga, ua taua ai e Kruse lona taliaina o le talosaga a Paepae, ina ia tatata atu ai le avanoa e auaina ai i lea vaega o le faigamalo, ma aloaia ai lona fa'amavae mai i lona tofiga o le Senatoo i le Fono Faitulafono.

Na taua fo'i e Kruse lona agaga fiafia ina ua talia ma le agaga atoa e Paepae le filifilia o ia e avea ma Fa'amasino.

Na amata mai le soifuaga aoaoina o Paepae i le aoga maua-luga a Leone, ma fa'auu mai ai i le tausaga e 1981, lea fo'i na avea ai o ia o se tasi na fa'auluulu i ai le vasega fa'au'u. Na ulufale o ia i le US Army ma tautua ai mo tausaga e 21, ma malolo litaea mai ai i le tausaga e 2002 i le tulaga o le Chief Warrant Officer III, ma toe talia mai o ia ma tautua i lona aiga, nu'u ma le malo.

O ni isi o ona agava'a na avea ai o ia o se pailate fa'auuina a le vaega o le FAA. Sa avea fo'i o ia ma pailate sinia mo kamupani va'alele fa'amautu i le atu Samoa, mo tausaga e 7, amata mai i le 2002 e oo mai i le 2009, sosoo ai loa ma le avea o ia ma pailate mo le va'alele a le malo, le Segaula mo tausaga e 3.

O ia o se Tiakono i le Ekalesia EFKAS i Nua ma Seetaga, o ia o le teutupe a le pulega a ali'i ma faipule o le afioga, o lo o avea o ia ma Ta'ita'ifono a le Ekalesia, o ia fo'i o se totino o le Komiti o Tupe a le Ekalesia Aoao.

O Paepae o se tasi e fa'aaloaloga i lona aiga, nu'u ma le Ekalesia, o ona agava'a fo'i ua mafai ai ona ia ausia tulaga maua-luluga i lona soifua galue i le malo.



tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

TAPA IPU LE TOFA VAITUSALA SATAUA MATAESE SAMUELU

I le aso To'ona'i na te'a nei, sa fa'atumulia le pa'ia lasilasi o aiga, i ona itu tetele ma ona itu taulagi, ina ua fa'afotuova'aulu le Tofa Vaitusala Sataua Dr. Mataese Samuelu i lona laoa i Malaepule ma Malaeti'a i Fagasa.

O le tofa Vaitusala o lo'o avea ma faipule o le Ituau Malosi, e lua i ai nofoa mo lea itumalo, i le Maota o Sui. E le'i mamao atu ona talia lona fa'ailoga "Doctorate" i le fa'au'uga a le Argosy Univer-sity ia Setema 2017.

O lona Tausi, Levaivanu Leama Misipati Samuelu o se sulisuli mai le aiga Sa Misipati mai Ofu Manu'a ma Vatia. Peita'i o le tofa le fa'anofonofo o lona afio'aga lava o Fagasa, i lona aiga Sa Tuinei ma Sa Sili, ma le afio'aga o Pago Pago i le Aiga Sa Pulu ma lona nafa fo'i i Safune i Salafai.

A'o le'i tapa ipu le tofa le To'afa Vaitusala sa mua'i toto'o a'ao o fofoga o le To'afa ia te ia e fa'apa'ia ai lana nofo. O le tofa Atuatasi ma Atuatasi, Tupuola Jerry ma Fa'agau Sitivi sa latou fa'amanuia i lo latou uso a To'afa i le amataga fo'i o lona nofoaiga.

O le aso Faraile na fa'apa'iaina ai le fa'anofonofo ma le tausii i luma o le laua ekalesia, EFKAS ma sa fa'apena fo'i ona toto'o ai a'ao o le aufai-galuega a le Atua o lo'o galulue ma fa'anofonu'u i Fagasa, e fa'amanuia i le fa'amoemoe maua-luga o aiga, afio'aga ma le itumalo ua fa'ae'e ia i la'ua.

FA'ATOLU NA TIUTE I LE TAUA I VIETNAM - LEAI

SE MANU'A

E fa'afetaia le tautua a le ali'i Taitai Palatuni, GYSgt Meaole, Ketesemane o Fagaitua ma Salelologa Savaii, ona o lana tautua, na mae'a le 20 tausaga i le US Marine Corps, e leai fo'i ma sona manu'a matuia e pei o le to'atele o alo o Amerika Samoa sa tautua i tafa o taua, ma nofoaga o vevesi.

I le 10 tausaga o Meaole ae vala'auina lona tama sa avea fo'i ma HMC Meaole Meaole o Fagaitua ina ia masi'i ma lona aiga e tautua i le US Marines i Hawaii. O lona tua'a sa fa'afaigaluega e le Maligi Koa ma a'oa'o i le taimi e tasi, ma e tele o ana koleniga sa faia lea i Malaeloa i lona vaiata, toe tausaga o le vaitausaga 1930's. O ona matua o le ali'i Maligi Koa Meaole Meaole ma le tina o Falefa Meaole mai Manu'a.

Na amata ana a'oga i le Pearl Harbor Elementary fa'atasi ma le tofa ia Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin ma lona auuso ma le tuafafine ia Vaitinasa Dr. Salu Hunkin.

"O i matou na fa'ae'e sa'o atu lava i le va'a tele o le 'USS Jackson' i le tatou uafu i Faga-togo ia Iulai 22, 1952 ae fa'ato'a 10 tausaga le matua. E fou le ola a'e i Hawaii i lona vaiata, ma fa'asoloatoa atu ai lava le nanu latou ina ua masani," o se lea a Meaole.

E le'i umi na fa'amautu i Honolulu ae toe vala'auina le tama e si'itia i Port Hue-neme i Kalefonia, ma fa'aaau a'oa'oga i le Polytech High i West Long Beach. Ina ua mae'a le a'oga maua-luga, na fa'atauto lea i le US Marine Corps, ia Me 31, 1959, ae o fa'aolioli le taua i Vietnam.

(Faaauau itulau 11)



O le taimi na tapa ai le Ipu a le tofa Vaitusala Sataua Dr Mataese Samuelu i Fagasa i lona laoa sa poto i ai lona afioaga, itumalo ma Samoa na atoa.

[ata: fofa'i]



E LE O OE O SE SULI MONI

by Sam - Vaega 100

O le fa’ateia tele o Ianeta i le fa’aupuga o lo o tusia i le isi ie o lo o i tafatafa o le ie tele lea e fa’apipi’i ai le ata o Laneselota, na mafua ai loa ona tu mo ni nai sekone ma fa’atau pupula i le ie.

E le i amanaia mai e Laneselota gaioiga a Ianeta o lo o faia i le taimi lea, ona o lea sa mua ona la talanoa ma se tasi o ali’i sa la aooga, ae ua leva aso la te lei toe feiloa’i.

Ae na avea le toe faliu i tua o Laneselota e siaki Ianeta pe ua tai oo atu ma itu na ia vaaia ai le tama’ita’i, ua fuli mai lona tua ua toe savali aga’i i le ta’avale. “Ianeta! Ianeta!”, o le valaau atu lea a Laneselota ma savali telea’i atu i le tama’ita’i lea ua toe fo’i atu i le ta’avale.

“Ianeta, o fea a e toe savali i ai, ua tatau ona ta i ai i totonu o le fale, e le o toe umi se taimi ona amata aloaia lea o le polokalame”.

Na fa’ateia Laneselota ina ua faliu mai le tama’ita’i, ae ona vaaia ai ona foliga fa’anoanoa, o lo o tagi fo’i o ia. “Ianeta si a’u pele, e i ai se mea ua fa’aletonu ua e mafatia ai.”

Na ata Ianeta mo sina taimi ona ia faapea atu lea ia Laneselota, “Vaai oe si a’u uo pele, ua ou lagona e le o atoatoa lo’u malosi, ae malie lou loto, o le a ou fa’atali atu i le ta’avale ae alu e fa’ataunu’u lau vaega, a mae’a ona e toe fo’i mai loa lea ta o.”

Na fiu lava Laneselota e fa’atauanau atu i le tama’ita’i ae ua tumau lava le manatu o Ianeta e le suia. “Ou te le mana’o e te nofo atu i le ta’avale ae ou alu na o a’u, ou te mana’o lava ta te o to’alua i soo se mea ta te o i ai, ou te naunau fo’i ina ia vaai ma tagata o taua lea ua aloaia la taua faigauo.”

Na i’u lava ina fai le loto o Ianeta, ua fa’atali atu i le ta’avale ae ua alu na o Laneselota e tali le valaaulia.

Ao lei ulufale le ali’i i totonu, na muamua tau lana vaai i ie tetele o lo o tautau i le pito i luma o le faitotoa e ulufale ai i totonu, o le isi ie o lo o i ai lona ata, ae o le isi ie o lo o tusia ai ni fa’aupuga.

Na toeititi lava misi i le vaai a Laneselota fa’aupuga o lo o tusia i le isi is o lo o sosoo ma le ie o lo o i ai lona ata, o lea na tu

ai loa le ali’i ma faitau.

O se itu na faateia ai Laneselota, ina ua ia faitau atu i faaupuga o loo tusia mai i le ie lea, o lo o taua mai ai, e le fa’atagaina ni tagata uli i totonu o le fale.

A o faatau pupula Laneselota i le ie, ae fa’afuase’i loa ona fa’apea mai se leo malu ia te ia, “Talofa Laneselota, susu maia lau afioga i le Failauga Faapitoa o le aso, o le a amatalia la tatou polokalame.”

Na faliu Laneselota ma ia iloa atu ai le tama’ita’i o lo o fa’auluulu i ai le Faalapopotoga lea o lo o autu i ai le polokalame o loo aga’i atu ma se ula e fa’aula ai o ia.

Na vaaia e le tama’ita’i foliga le fafia o Laneselota, ona ia fesili lea, “E i ai se mea ua fa’aletonu i lenei taeao.” Na ata ata lemu Laneselota ma toe fesili atu i le tama’ita’i lea, “Aisea ua outou tusia ai lenei ituaiga fa’asalalauga i luga o lenei ie.”

Na tepa le tama’ita’i i luga i le ie ona faapea lea o lana tali, “O le faaiuga lava na tuuina mai e le Faalapopotoga, e le taliaina ni tagata uli i totonu o le fa’amoemoe lenei, se’i vagana ai lava tagata papa’e.” Na lulu le ulu o Laneselota ona ia faapea atu lea i le tama’ita’i ta’ita’i.

“Malie lou finagalo, e le mafai ona ou ulufale i totonu o le polokalame pe afai o le tulaga lena.

O la’u uo tama’ita’i na ma malaga mai o se tama’ita’i meauli, e foliga mai o le mafua’aga tonu lea ua toe fo’i atu ai o ia i le ta’avale ma ona foliga fa’anoanoa, ai ona o le fa’asilasilaga lea ua outou faia. Ae malie lau susuga a le ta’ita’i, ou te le oo atu e fa’ataunu’u la’u valaaulia, o le a toe aveese uma mai fo’i la’u foa’i sa tuuina atu e fesoasoani ai i la outou Faalapopotoga, ona o lea ua atagia mai tou te le fa’atauaaina tagata uli o lo o fitoitonu i ai le autu o le fesoasoani mo matitiva.”

Na ona uma lava o le fa’amatalaga a Laneselota, faliu loa ma toe savali aga’i i le la ta’avale, ae o se itu na fa’ateia ai le ali’i, ina ua taunu’u atu e le o i ai Ianeta i totonu o le ta’avale, sei vagana ai ana auauna o lo o fa’atali mai ai mo ia.

♦ Faasala falepuipui...

Mai itulau 9

lona mafaufau mai le fa’afitauli o le solitulafono so’o.

Mo le mataupu e pei ona fa’amaonia ai lona le usitaia o poloaiga o lana nofovaavaaia, ua poloaina e le fa’amasinoga le tuliina loa e Amituana’i o le tausaga e 1 lea o lo o fa’amalumalu mai lana mataupu o le 2014.

Mo le solitulafono o le faia o fa’amaumauga tau fa’asese, e 5 tausaga lea ua fa’asala ai o ia i le toese i Tafuna. Mo le moliaga o le gaoi, e 5 tausaga e fa’asala ai o ia i le toese i Tafuna. O ia fa’asalaga uma e tolu e tuli fa’atasi, lona uiga e na o le 5 tausaga lea o le a taofia ai o ia i le falepuipui.



GYSGt Meaole, Ketesemane (itu tauagavale) o le US Marine Corps, atoa lelei lana tautua e 20 tausaga litaea ai, ma e fa’atolu ona fa’auia o ia e tau i le taua i Viet Nam mai ia Chu-Lai 1965 se’ia o’o 1969.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

♦ Tala i Vaifanua...

Mai itulau 10

“O a’u sa mua’i auina atu lava le vaega au a le Maligi i Vietnam ma avatu ai ma le atali’i Amerika Samoa e tau le taua. E le’i i ai se manatu e toe va’aia Amerika, po’o elelee pele o Amerika Samoa,” o sana tala toe tau manatunatu lea i na vaitau o le nofo vevesi i Vietnam ma Amerika sa manatu e faigofie lea taua.

O le tausaga na mua’i auina atu ai fitafita i Vietnam mai Kanehoe, Hawaii o Me 7, 1965 ma sa auai ai ma Meaole i lena vaega tele o fitafita, peita’i o lo’o manatua lava e ia lea aso Chu-Lai 1965 i le gagana a Vietnam.

Ina ua matuia lava le lualuta o le taua i Vietnam sa mae’a mai lana ulua’i malaga lea i le 1966, malolo mai ma toe fo’i atu i le fa’aigua lava o lena tausaga. Peitai ua ulufale le tasi o ona uso i le US Army, George Meaole, ona ave’esea fa’amalosi mai ai lea o ia i le 1966 ma auina atu i Iapani e tiute ai i Okinawa.

I le 1967 na mae’a mai ai lana tiute i Okinawa, ma toe fo’i i Hawaii e malolo ma toe fotua’i atu ai le isi ana tiute, ae fetau lelei ma lona va’aia fo’i o le tama’ita’i lalelei Samoa mai Salelologa Limala’u Afano, auai o Su’apa’ia ma ua filifili ai loa e fa’ataunu’uina le la’ua fa’aipoipoga.

I le 1968, na toe vala’auina mo Vietnam, ae ua ulufale fo’i le isi ona uso i le US Navy, le ali’i o Peter Meaole, sa avea ma fuava’a e va’aia ma leoleo feoa’iga a le vaega au a Amerika i luga o vaitafe o Vietnam.

E toe ulufale atu Ketesemane i lana toe malaga i Vietnam, ua amata ona le toe to’atele ni Maligi Koa i elelee o Vietnam, ua to’atele na’ua i latou ua lavevea ma maliliiu ae o nisi ua masalomia, o lo’o ave fa’apagotaina o taua i lena vaitausaga.

O iina sa fosi fa’amalosi ai loa o ia e avea ma Ta’ita’i i lana Palatuni, ae o lo’o avea ai le ali’i o Alapati Tagaleo’o mai Aoloau ma Squat

Leader. O Atapana sa ulufale atu i le Vaega Au mai Oceanside, Kalefonia.

“O le toe ulufale mulimuli lea i Vietnam i le 1968, ua faigata ua i ai le alofa i le aiga ma le fanau ua i ai, peita’i, e le’i tuua ai le tautoga i le Maligi Koa, e ao lava ina fa’ataunuu,” o a Ketesemane lea.

“O le va’ai fo’i i le oti ua faigofie, ua pau le manatu e ao ina ola mai e toe fo’i i le aiga, ua iloa fo’i naunau e toe fia va’ai i le fanau ma le tina o le aiga. Ina ua mae’a mai le taua lea, sa fa’ato’a fetau i le to’atele o alo o Amerika Samoa na masi’i atu ina ua amata ona la’u mai tagata sulufa’i ina ia tausia e Amerika. O iina sa va’aia ai, e le o faigofie lava, i ai lava tagata o le atunuu e fa’apapa solo pomu ma toe lavevea atu ai nisi o fitafita, o lo’o i ai lagona o’otia i tagata o le atunu’u.”

Ina ua mae’a lana auaunaga ia May 31, 1979, na nonofo ai lava i latou i Kalefonia, peita’i na po’ia le tina o le aiga i ma’i ma maliiu ai i le tausaga e 1993 i San Diego.

Na malaga asiasi mai le ali’i Maligi Koa i lona malo i le tausaga e 1995, ma toe fetau ai ma le isi fo’i tama’ita’i mai Savaii Mary Afoa mai Taga, ma fa’aipoipo ai i le 1995. I le taimi nei, ua sili atu ona mautu le tele o la’ua meatotino fa’atasi ai ma suafa matai ua tautua ai i Taga Savaii.

“Ua fa’asuafaina a’u i le suafa Afoa mai Taga Savaii, o le Suafa Notoa mai Taga Savaii, o le suafa Lealofi mai Taga Savaii ma le suafa Tautalaga ia Faiumu mai Taga Savaii. Peita’i ua i ai fo’i le suafa ‘Talalelei’ mai Fagaitua i le aiga o si ou tama,” o se tala lea a Ketesemane.

I le taimi nei, o lo’o avea Ketesemane ma totino o Fitafita Tuai o Taua [VFW], Fitafita Tuai o le US Marine Corps, ma sui Fitafita Tuai i Amerika Samoa.



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)



FILE - In this July 24, 2004 file photo, Boston lead singer and guitarist Brad Delp performs at the Outdoor Star Arena at Ameristar Casino and Hotel in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Fans of the rock band Boston can get more than a feeling at an upcoming auction - they can get their hands on the personal belongings of Delp. Delp,Âs concert grand piano, an electric guitar, silver glitter platform stage shoes and even his New Hampshire driver,Âs license are among the items for sale by Boston-based RR Auction starting Dec. 7, 2017.

(Ben DeVries /The Daily Nonpareil via AP, File)

‘Father of Black Psychology’ Joseph L. White dies at 84

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Joseph L. White, a psychologist, social activist and teacher who helped pioneer the field of black psychology to counter what he saw as rampant ignorance and prejudice in the profession, has died. He was 84.

White, who lived in Irvine, died of a heart attack on Nov. 21 near Chicago during a flight to St. Louis to see his daughter for Thanksgiving, said Tom Vasich, a spokesman for the University of California, Irvine, where White was a professor for decades.

White was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1932 but grew up in Minneapolis. He enrolled in San Francisco State College in 1950 after working his way west as a waiter on a passenger train.

He earned his Ph.D. from Michigan State in 1962, becoming one of only a handful of blacks in the nation to hold a doctorate in clinical psychology.

“When I left the program, I was what you call a black Anglo-Saxon. I was the nicest Negro you ever wanted to see” but prejudice changed him into “a militant Negro,” he recalled.

With a wife and three children, he tried to find a home and an office in Long Beach, California but was repeatedly turned down despite having a college education and having performed military service.

In the midst of the civil rights and black power era of the 1960s, White campaigned for what is now known as cross-cultural psychology that took into account the perspectives and needs of ethnic minorities. In 1968, White — then dean of undergraduate studies at San Francisco State — and other black psychologists formed the Association of Black Psychologists.

They were angry at the way mainstream psychology took what they considered a white Western worldview that ignored or misunderstood black culture and lifestyles. The field also was dominated by a prejudiced view of African-Americans.

“Psychology is part of America. Black people

are invisible in America, they’re invisible in psychology,” White said in an interview for the association’s 2008 convention. “In America, black people are considered to be inferior, dumb, slow, childlike. Same thing in psychology, about (how blacks have) low IQ, can’t do a complex task. We said: ‘How the hell did this happen?’”

White argued, for instance, that Eurocentric psychology misunderstood African-American spirituality, views of time and emphasis on collective behavior.

“Essentially, Joe was critiquing traditional psychology’s arrogance in believing that it was the norm against which all people and their cultures should be measured and telling black people that ‘you cannot seek validation from people who are oppressing you,’” said Thomas A. Parham, a past association president and vice chancellor of student affairs at UC Irvine.

White called for blacks to found a psychological field of their own. He popularized his ideas in a 1970 article in Ebony magazine and became known among colleagues as the “father of black psychology.”

Gays, women and members of other ethnic minorities adopted the same approach for their communities, White said.

White also kept up a clinical practice for decades and mentored many psychology students. He also worked on educational projects to provide opportunities for minority students. In 1968, he helped found California’s Educational Opportunity Program, which was expanded to all state college campuses and has provided financial aid, tutoring, counseling and other help to thousands of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students. “Dr. White was a renowned scholar and will be remembered for his pioneering work in clinical psychology. But like all great professors his most enduring contribution is that he touched so many lives as a mentor and a teacher,” family friend and former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a statement.

Bali flights resume, but volcanic ash still disrupts travel

KARANGASEM, Indonesia (AP) — Flights trickled out of Bali a day after its airport reopened but the erupting volcano there shut down air travel to a neighboring Indonesian island Thursday, showing the continued risk to aircraft from the towering ash clouds.

Mount Agung has been gushing black-gray columns of volcanic dust and steam since the weekend and glowing a dramatic red at night as lava wells in its crater.

Bali's airport was closed from early Monday until Wednesday afternoon, stranding tens of thousands of travelers on the idyllic resort island famous for its Hindu culture, surf beaches and lush interior.

It reopened after the hazardous ash clouds changed direction, but the threat has now closed the small international airport on Lombok island until at least Thursday evening.

Australia's Jetstar said it would have 16 flights out of Bali on Thursday, six more than usual, which would take about 3,500 Australians home. Two South Korean airlines said they were sending charter flights on Thursday, one to Bali and another to Surabaya on the neighboring island of Java, which some tourists have reached by ferry and bus, to collect as many as 700 Koreans.

Figures from the airport showed 23 flights, mostly domestic, carried about 1,600 passengers out Wednesday. Inbound flights included a Singapore Airlines jet with only two passengers.

The volcano was erupting less furiously Thursday. The Disaster Mitigation Agency said the ash plume was rising about 2,000 meters above the crater, about half its previous height. As ash has drifted

away from the mountain, it has reached heights of 25,000 feet (7,600 meters), posing a threat to aircraft.

Despite the all-clear for Bali's airport, flights are unlikely to rapidly return to normal levels and a change in the direction of the ash or a new more powerful eruption could force the airport's closure again.

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo ordered ministries and agencies, the military and police to help Bali's government deal with the disaster, and he has urged anyone inside the mountain's exclusion zone to get out "for the sake of their safety."

Authorities have told 100,000 people to leave an area extending up to 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the volcano. About 40,000 people are staying in 225 shelters, the disaster agency said, but tens of thousands more have stayed they feel safe or don't want to abandon homes and livestock.

In the village of Tulamben inside the exclusion zone, farmers were plowing their fields with cattle Wednesday, seemingly unbothered by the smoking mountain behind them swelling with orange lava.

In Sukadana village, about 8 kilometers from the crater, a few remaining residents said mudflows of volcanic debris and water had passed through the area for a couple of days before solidifying.

Some stranded tourists managed to get off the island before the airport reopened, but they faced an arduous journey involving crowded roads, buses, ferries and sometimes overnight waits in yet another airport in Surabaya on the island of Java.

"This is a very unforgettable experience for us. So much hassle and definitely one for the books," said Sheryl David,

Police: Dead 8-month-old girl had fentanyl in her system

COVENTRY, R.I. (AP) — The parents of an 8-month-old girl who died last week have been charged with felony neglect after police said the potent opioid fentanyl was found in her system.

Authorities received a 911 call around 6 a.m. Nov. 19 about an unresponsive infant, Coventry Police said Wednesday. They took the child to an area hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The child's cause of death has not been determined yet, according to police.

An investigation produced evidence of criminal neglect by the parents and a preliminary toxicology report revealed the presence of fentanyl, a powerful synthetic drug, in her system, police said. It wasn't said how the drug entered the child's system.

Steven Gilchrist and Jocelyn Belmore, both 32, were arrested Tuesday and charged with one felony count each of cruelty to or neglect of a child. Court records show that both pleaded not guilty when arraigned Wednesday at the Kent County courthouse.

A judge set bail at \$50,000 with surety and ordered them not to have contact with children under the age of 16. They were referred to the public defender's office.

Police say the charges could be upgraded depending on the final report from the medical examiner's office.

Kerri White, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Children, Youth and Families, said Gilchrist was known to them through an unrelated case having to do with a family member.



FILE - In this Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, file photo, Jerome Powell, governor of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, arrives for a dinner during the Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium in Grand Teton National Park near Jackson, Wyo. Two senior administration officials said Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, that Powell is President Donald Trump's choice to succeed Janet Yellen. (AP Photo/John Locher, File)



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Officer who punched Miami fan on video cleared of wrongdoing

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida police officer who punched a drunken female football fan has been cleared of any wrongdoing.

Earlier this month, a videotape showed a University of Miami football fan slap an officer, who then punches her in the head. Bridget Freitas, a 30-year-old nurse, was charged with felony battery on a police officer and misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The incident occurred as Miami-Dade Police officer Douglas Ross and fellow officers tried to carry her out of the stands.

According to a report provided on Wednesday to The Miami Herald, Ross’s supervisors found the 18-year veteran’s actions were within departmental rules.

Miami-Dade police Director Juan Perez acknowledged it didn’t look good, but said officers don’t distinguish between males and females when throwing a punch.

Within hours, the video was shared on Twitter more than 3,000 times and posted on numerous websites.



Victor Micallef, left, Clifton Murray and Fraser Walters from The Tenors perform during the 85th annual Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, in New York. (Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP)

Rockefeller Christmas tree lighting attracts thousands

NEW YORK (AP) — Throngs of tourists and revelers packed midtown Manhattan on a warm night and under tight security to watch the annual lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio flipped the switch just before 9 p.m., illuminating the 75-foot tall, 12-plus ton Norway spruce decorated with 50,000 multicolored LED lights.

“I definitely think it’s going to get the Christmas spirit going,” said Samantha Fettner, a 33-year-old from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, who had been standing in the front with a

group of friends since early afternoon.

The 85th annual ceremony was televised by NBC and included live performances by Brett Eldredge, Leslie Odom Jr., Pentatonix, Train, Harry Connick Jr., and the Radio City Rockettes.

Matt Lauer was set to co-host the event, but the network announced Wednesday that it had terminated him for “inappropriate sexual behavior” with a colleague. Lauer’s co-host Savannah Guthrie made the announcement at the top of Wednesday’s “Today” show.

Karen Calistra, of Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, said it was her first time seeing the spectacle.

“It’s something new, something fun. It’s the stuff you see in the movies,” said Calistra.

“We’ve always wanted to see the tree lighting. It’s a magical time of year.”

When asked about Lauer’s absence, the 67-year-old said she never really cared for him.

For most of his life, Hendrik Edler, of Germany, has always wanted to see the tree lighting.

“We came here just for the event. It’s a dream since I was really young,” said Edler, 39.

This year’s festivities brought added security measures following the Oct. 31 terror attack in which a man drove a truck onto a bike path near the World Trade Center, killing eight people.

The holiday tradition started in 1931. This year’s tree came from State College, Pennsylvania. After the holidays, it will be milled into lumber for Habitat for Humanity.



Bridget Freitas is seen in an undated photo provided by the Miami-Dade Police Department. Police have charged Freitas, a 30-year-old nurse, with felony battery on a police officer for her part in a videotaped altercation with a detective at a University of Miami football game. Police said Bridget Freitas slapped an officer while being carried out during Miami’s win Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, over Virginia Tech at Hard Rock Stadium. (Miami-Dade Police Department via AP)

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Former Mariner Bret Boone apologizes for harassment remarks

SEATTLE (AP) — Former Seattle Mariners second baseman Bret Boone apologized Wednesday for making light of sexual harassment in a message to a reporter.

All, there are zero excuses for what I said earlier,” he wrote on his Twitter feed. “None. It was 100% wrong. It was offensive.

It was inappropriate. It was not remotely productive to any conversation regarding harassment. I apologize and it will never happen again.”

Seattlepi.com reporter Stephen Cohen wrote Wednesday that after he tweeted about his disappointment in the allega-

tions against radio host Garrison Keillor, Boone sent him a direct message on Twitter. Boone wrote that he got sexually harassed “twice today,” when “the Starbucks girl” smiled at him and when a woman at a drug store flirted with him.

Boone further joked that he was getting a lawyer and that the behavior was unacceptable.

Cohen responded to ask why Boone reached out to him to make light of sexual harassment.

Boone wrote that it was a joke, that he was tired of people being offended and that the reporter should go back to his politically correct world.

AP source: Mueller's team questioned Kushner about Flynn

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner has been questioned by special counsel Robert Mueller's team of investigators about former national security adviser Michael Flynn, a person familiar with the investigation confirmed Wednesday to The Associated Press.

The person said the questioning of Kushner earlier this month took about 90 minutes or less and was aimed in part at establishing whether Kushner had any information on Flynn that might be exculpatory. The person said multiple White House witnesses have been asked about their knowledge of Flynn, who was forced to resign from the White House in February after officials concluded he had misled them about his contacts with the Russian ambassador.

The confirmation of Kushner's interview came as prosecutors working for Mueller postponed grand jury testimony related to Flynn's private business dealings.

The reason for the postponement was not immediately clear, but it comes one week after attorneys for Flynn alerted Trump's legal team that they could no longer share information about the case. That discussion between lawyers was widely seen as a possible indication that Flynn was moving to cooperate with Mueller's investigation or attempting to negotiate a deal for himself.

An attorney for Flynn, Robert Kelner, did not immediately respond to email and phone messages Wednesday afternoon. Peter Carr, a spokesman for Mueller, declined comment.

In a statement, Kushner's attorney, Abbe Lowell, said, "Mr. Kushner has voluntarily cooperated with all relevant inquiries and will continue to do so."

The details of Kushner's questioning and the postponement of the grand jury testimony were

confirmed by people familiar with Mueller's investigation. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly discuss the ongoing investigation.

The grand testimony that had been scheduled for the coming days related to Flynn's firm, Flynn Intel Group, its work with a public relations firm and interactions with congressional staff, one of the people said. Mueller and the FBI have been interested in hearing from employees at the public relations firm, SGR LLC, because of the firm's work with Flynn Intel Group. SGR LLC, which does business as Sphere Consulting, did public relations work on a film Flynn Intel Group was working on about Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen. The film was never completed.

Mueller was appointed by the Justice Department in May to oversee an investigation into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election. The investigation, which produced its first criminal charges last month against three former Trump campaign officials, incorporated an earlier FBI inquiry into Flynn's lobbying and investigative research work on behalf of a Turkish businessman. Flynn's firm was paid \$530,000 for the work.

Sphere employees have cooperated for months with Mueller's investigation, including by turning over documents requested by investigators and sitting for voluntary interviews.

An October 2016 meeting that was expected to be the subject of the grand jury testimony has been described as a bait-and-switch carried out on behalf of Flynn's firm.

As the AP reported in March, Flynn's business partner, Bijan Kian, invited a representative of the House Homeland Security committee to Flynn Intel's offices in Alexandria, Virginia, to discuss secure communications products.



In this Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, file photo, White House senior adviser Jared Kushner listens as President Donald Trump answers questions at a news conference, in Bedminster, N.J. Kushner has been questioned by special counsel Robert Mueller's team of investigators about former national security adviser Michael Flynn. That's according to a person familiar with the investigation who spoke to the AP.

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