



ISLAND WIDE HISTORY DAY COMPETITION CONTINUES TODAY

Students from Leatele Elementary School in Fagasa who competed in the Group Exhibit category at yesterday's Island-wide History Day competition, sanctioned by the local Department of Education and held at the LDS Ottoville Stake Center.

This year's theme is Conflict and Compromise and the Fagasa group (pictured) entered a project entitled: "Birth and Death of the first Ku Klux Klan".

Dozens of students representing local public and private schools showed up with their projects that were entered into one of the following categories: group documentary, group exhibit, group website, research paper, individual documentary, individual website, individual exhibit, individual performance, and group performance.

Accompanied by their teachers, the students who spoke to Samoa News said they were

excited to be part of this year's competition. Some of them reported working throughout the night to produce the 'winning project'. The overall winner will be representing the territory at the National History Day competition set to be held in Maryland later this year in June.

This year, only the first place winner for each category was announced. The results are as follows:

- Group exhibit - Matatula Elementary
- Individual exhibit - Pava'ia'i Elementary
- Individual documentary - Uifaatali Peter Coleman Elementary (Pago)
- Group documentary - South Pacific Academy
- Individual website - Leone Midkiff Elementary
- Group website - Manumalo Academy
- Historical research paper -

Manumalo Academy

- Individual performance - Samoa Baptist Academy
- Group performance - Pava'ia'i Elementary

The name of the overall winner - who will be heading to the East Coast - will be announced this Friday.

Some of the projects that were presented include famous historical events like the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, the Great Depression, and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Other less known historical events like "Blackbirding" (the enslavement of South Sea Islanders in Australia), and the Battle of the Overpass (Ford Motor Company vs. United Auto Workers) were also up for display. Today, high school students are set to compete and tomorrow is the official awards ceremony, with the announcement of the overall winners.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

Deportation of a pregnant Filipino woman reaches the Philippine Consul General in Honolulu

AG TALAUEGA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE SITUATION THROUGH TWO SEPARATE LETTERS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

The forced deportation of a 7-month pregnant Filipino immigrant and her 5-year-old son has reached the office of the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu.

Merlin Gerin Lloren, a Filipino national and her son were deported on March 1, 2018, on the grounds that she overstayed. This is according to a March 28 letter from the Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines, Honolulu, to ASG Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale.

According to the letter, Lloren's deportation "was unforeseen as her most recent coordination with the immigration authorities just days before her exit was to finalize the details of the transfer of her application for residence ID to a new sponsor."

The Consulate General notes that Lloren is 7-months pregnant and "now stranded in Apia, after being barred by Fiji Airways from boarding her flight to Manila, due to her condition."

(The flight route would have taken Lloren and her child from Apia to Nadi, then to Hong Kong and then finally, to Manila).

The flight path, according to the letter, is 'hazardous' to the health of both Lloren and the unborn child. Furthermore, Lloren's 5-year-old is suffering from recurring skin asthma, an added burden to Lloren.

Consulate General Joselito A. Jimeno is respectfully requesting the return of Lloren and her son to American Samoa where she could give birth and be taken care of by the father of the child, who works in the territory.

Victim Advocate, Ipu Avegalio Lefiti wrote a letter of her own to Talauega on March 27, saying Lloren and her son were detained at Samoa's Faleolo Airport upon arrival due to her condition and she was sent to the Samoa medical facility to confirm her pregnancy.

Lefiti claims that Lloren is now stuck in Samoa with no family, friends or money.

"She is at a term that requires many OB prenatal medical

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Hawaiki cable to land in territory on Apr. 21st

APRIL "IS A GOOD MONTH" SAYS ASTCA CEO

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The vessel, CS Responder, which is laying the undersea fiber optic cable for Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP is scheduled to arrive in the territory next week, after the 2018 Flag Day, while a two-member team involved with the cable is scheduled to arrive tonight to install the landing cable, according to American Samoa TeleCommunications (ASTCA) officials.

Hawaiki will link Australia and New Zealand to the US mainland, as well as Hawai'i and American Samoa, with options to expand to other South Pacific islands. ASTCA will own the American Samoa spur of the cable connection to Hawaiki.

At yesterday's official opening of the three-day 2018 Business Festival, or BizFest, at the Suigaula o le Atuvasa Park in Utulei, ASTCA chief executive

officer, Pulele'iite Liamatua Tufele, who was the keynote speaker, spoke about the Hawaiki cable project.

According to Pulele'iite, the governor and the administration have been informed that April "is a good month" because Apr. 21st is when the cable lands here.

And this "will officially start and confer the efforts and partnership between ASTCA, the American Samoa Government as well as all of our existing partners, not only in technology funding but support they have offered along with Hawaiki," he said.

When the Hawaiki cable is up and running, Pulele'iite said it will provide 200 gigabytes of bandwidth compared to one-gigabit available from the current fiber optic cable provider, American Samoa Hawaii Cable (ASH Cable).

(ASH Cable is 33% owned by the American Samoa Government while the majority is held by Florida-based

eLandia Industries.)

The ASTCA CEO said Hawaiki cable will bring improvements to connectivity with a faster pace than the current status, and better internet connection.

Additionally, "it will bring with it a lot of improvements not only in education, health, tele-medicine, e-commerce, and business....even creating job opportunities, as well as effectively... making things easier for the services of the government towards our people."

Pulele'iite at the outset of his speech acknowledged those who have worked and served at ASTCA going back to when it was called the Office of Communications. He said there have been many changes over the years, moving forward now with more improvements on telecommunications with Hawaiki cable.

He invited the public to visit the ASTCA booth at the BizFest to get more information on Hawaiki and other ASTCA products.

Earlier yesterday morning, before the BizFest opened, ASTCA project manager for Hawaiki, Ted Leiato said in a joint Samoa News/ KSBS interview that two engineers from Hawaiki's main subcontractor installer, are set to arrive tonight "to start the work on the terrestrial cable installation, which is the land portion of the cable."

"So we'll be pulling 1.6 miles worth of land cable" from Fogagogo, which is the cable's landing site, to the Iliili/ Golf Course area," he said, adding that Hawaiki's main subcontractor, TE SubCom supplies the cable and will provide installation and maintenance of the cable.

Leiato didn't have a specific time frame of how long it will take for the land cable installation but he did say that the engineers' arrival is timed with the arrival of the vessel and cable landing here.

He added that it takes about five

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Domestic dispute results in a man allegedly stabbing his wife

PROSECUTORS TO FILE POSSIBLE FELONY CHARGE AGAINST HIM

*by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter*

A 29-year-old husband was charged Monday in District Court after he allegedly stabbed his wife, 38, at a friend's house. The victim sustained wounds on her left arm and was admitted to the surgical ward to await surgery because the knife blade penetrated the joint area of her arm.

During his initial appearance before District Court Judge Fiti Sunia, Matthew Mikaele entered a not guilty plea to the single charge of private peace disturbance, a class A misdemeanor.

Prosecutor Gillian Sadler, however, has informed the court that additional charges will be filed against Mikaele later this week, after police conclude their investigation, which includes interviews with eyewitnesses who were at the alleged crime scene when the incident occurred over the weekend.

The additional charges, according to the prosecutor, will include a felony and other misdemeanor charges related to the unlawful use of a dangerous weapon.

Judge Sunia set a bond of \$2,000 for Mikaele; however, if the additional charges net a felony count, the bond amount will be increased.

If the defendant is able to post bond, the courts says he is not to attempt to contact directly or indirectly, his wife and the other government witnesses mentioned in the court affidavit. Furthermore, he is not to be armed with a dangerous weapon and must remain a law abiding citizen.

According to the court affidavit, it was 5:28 p.m. on Apr. 07, 2018 when the Tafuna substation received a call from a nurse at the Emergency Room (ER) of the LBJ Hospital, reporting a woman being treated and admitted after being stabbed by her husband.

When police approached the victim at the surgical ward, she was moaning in pain and could not move her left arm, which was bandaged in preparation for a procedure.

The court affidavit notes that at first, the victim declined to file a complaint against her husband because according to her, this isn't the first time he has assaulted her and she fears that he will hurt her again if she files a complaint against him.

The victim told police that she is tired of her husband being locked up and then released again only to repeat the same cycle of abusing her.

After the victim shared her history of domestic violence with police, she changed her mind and filed a complaint.

According to her, she moved to her friend's house in Mesepa about three days prior to the incident because she was having marital issues. On the day of the alleged stabbing, Mikaele showed up at her friend's house very drunk.

She told police her husband wanted her to come outside so they could discuss issues regarding their relationship. During the conversation, the defendant allegedly accused his wife of sleeping with another man. This led to a verbal argument between the couple.

The woman told police that she suddenly felt something plunge into her arm and that's when she saw her husband holding a knife.

The court affidavit states that the victim told police when she realized her husband had stabbed her, she tried to ask him why, but he took off and left her in shock.

That's when she said the pain started to kick in and she wasn't able to move her arm, which was bleeding.

When questioned by police at the Tafuna Substation, Mikaele denied stabbing his wife, saying he cut himself while arguing with his wife and when his wife tried to confiscate the knife from him, she accidentally stabbed herself.

The court affidavit notes that investigators could smell a strong odor of alcohol on the defendant's breath and his eyes were bloodshot red.

During a police follow-up investigation, it was revealed that the victim sustained two puncture wounds on her left elbow. One of the puncture wounds was 5cm and she sustained a fractured bone. The victim underwent surgery to remove a piece of broken bone lodged in her arm.

The victim is still hospitalized. According to court filings, Mikaele was arrested before, for assaulting his wife.

The defendant is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow to face additional charges the government anticipates filing against him.

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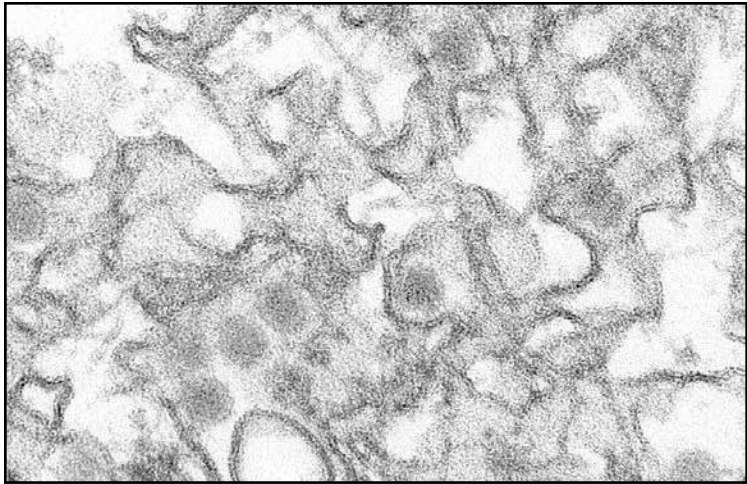
Risk of Zika infection through sex may last only a month

By MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Signs of Zika infection can be seen in semen for as long as nine months, but the risk of sexual transmission appears to end in one month, according to a study published Wednesday.

tion, said the results are spurring work on new and better recommendations. But he said the study itself is not enough to change current guidelines yet.

The study was published online Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine. Zika infections swept across



FILE - This 2016 digitally-colored electron microscope image made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the Zika virus, in red, about 40 nanometers in diameter. A study released on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 suggests although signs of Zika infection can be seen in men's semen for nearly a year, the risk of sexual transmission appears to fade in just one month.

(Cynthia Goldsmith/CDC via AP)

The study suggests health officials have been overly cautious in advising couples to abstain from sex or to use condoms for at least six months after a male partner comes down with Zika.

The study's lead author, Dr. Paul Mead of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

Latin America and the Caribbean in 2015 and 2016, with a few very small outbreaks in the southern United States. The virus is mainly spread by tropical mosquitoes. But during the epidemic, scientists discovered some infections were spread through sex — in most cases by

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GITA UPDATE: US SBA approves more than \$1Mil in loans - so far

by Samoa News staff

The US Small Business Administration has approved more than \$1 million in federal disaster loans to businesses and residents impacted by Tropical Storm Gita, while more vil-

lages are up for registration throughout the rest of this week done at the DRC, located inside the DYWA Pago Pago Youth Center, where SBA continues to provide one-on-one assistance for disaster loan applicants. The DRC is open Monday-Saturday, 8a.m to 4p.m.

SBA has emphasized from the beginning that registra-

tions are being done at the DRC, located inside the DYWA Pago Pago Youth Center, where SBA continues to provide one-on-one assistance for disaster loan applicants. The DRC is open Monday-Saturday, 8a.m to 4p.m.

GITA HELPLINE

FEMA said yesterday that if a person who has registered for federal assistance needs answers about their registra-



The US Small Business Administration banner in front of the Disaster Recovery Center located inside the DYWA Pago Pago Youth Center. The SBA, so far, has approved more than \$1Mil in federal disaster loans to businesses and residents. See story for details. [photo: SBA]

at the Disaster Recovery Center, which is operated jointly by the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and ASG.

SBA ASSISTANCE

As of Tuesday this week, the SBA has approved more than \$1.1 million in disaster loans with \$101,700 for businesses and just over \$1.06 million for residents. This is according to Tanya N. Garfield, director of the SBA Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Garfield noted that SBA's disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible following a disaster. She encourages businesses and residents who sustained damages from the storm to register prior to the May 1, 2018 deadline with FEMA at www.disasterassistance.gov

Registration can also be

tion with FEMA at the DRC, is a very important first step in disaster recovery assistance and if the needs cannot be met through FEMA, the person can be referred to SBA for small low interest disaster loans. (See Samoa News Mar. 14th edition for details on the various disaster loans.)

Additional information on disaster assistance can be found at disasterloan.sba.gov

DRC REGISTRATION

In a joint statement yesterday, FEMA and ASG announced the additional villages up for registration at the DRC today up to Saturday:

- Thursday, Apr. 12: pre-registered residents from Aua, Alega and Avaio.
- Friday, Apr. 13: pre-registered residents from Lauli'i, Afono and Auto.
- Saturday, Apr. 14: Make-up day for Mapusaga,

tion or an update on their file, they can call 699-2018. If you need to speak with someone in the Samoan language, visit the DRC.

According to FEMA, information given on the Gita helpline is the same you will get at the DRC. If you speak English, this gives you the choice to make a telephone call instead of visiting the DRC.

Meanwhile, FEMA said Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams are available through Monday, Apr. 16 to help register heads of household with access and functional needs.

Call the Crisis Hotline at 633-9017 to request a home visit. After April 16th, DSA teams will not be available to make home visits.

Anyone who already has a slip with DSA written on it is already registered.

Potential for escalation in Syria abounds

By ZEINA KARAM and BASSEM MROUE, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — With the Middle East on edge and many fearing inadvertent triggering of a regional war, it's easy to forget that not so long ago President Donald Trump shocked advisers by declaring his intention to withdraw U.S. troops

from Syria and "let others take care of it now."

Now, Trump is threatening imminent military strikes against the Syrian government forces he blames for a suspected chemical gas attack and rattling a saber at Syria's patron, Russia. Missiles "will be coming, nice and new and 'smart,'" Trump warned in a tweet.

The suspected chemical weapons attack on a rebel-held town near Damascus killed more than 40 people over the weekend, many of them said to have suffocated in underground shelters from a chlorine-like substance. The attack was quickly and widely blamed on President Bashar Assad's forces,

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Trump tweets about conspiracies he sees behind challenges

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, CATHERINE LUCEY and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Russia collusion probe. The Stormy Daniels allegations. The escalating tension with Moscow. The tempests that have separately buffeted the White House for months merged into a maelstrom this week and threatened to engulf President Donald Trump, who on Wednesday railed against members of the Justice Department by name and took to Twitter to threaten military strikes in Syria and taunt a nuclear-armed power. While alarmed aides and allies worried that Trump was the angriest he'd ever been, the president saw conspiracies in the challenges facing his administration and hinted at more chaos. And as Trump's party was rocked by upheaval on Capitol Hill, White House staffers explored whether he has the legal authority to fire the men leading the investigation into his administration and, as underscored by the seizure of documents from his private lawyer, his business and personal life.

"Much of the bad blood with Russia is caused by the Fake & Corrupt Russia Investigation, headed up by the all Democrat loyalists, or people that worked for Obama," Trump tweeted. "Mueller is most conflicted of all (except Rosenstein who signed FISA & Comey letter). No Collusion, so they go crazy!"

That message followed another provocative tweet, in which Trump laced into Russia for supporting Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose government is accused of launching an apparent chemical attack Saturday on its own people. Disregarding his own insistence that he would never tip his hand to military strategy, he seemed to suggest that he would launch airstrikes.

"Get ready Russia, because they will be coming, nice and new and 'smart!'" Trump wrote. "You shouldn't be partners with a Gas Killing Animal who kills his people and enjoys it!"

The president's renewed public anger at special counsel Robert Mueller and Deputy Attorney General Rob Rosenstein was prompted by the FBI raid on his longtime personal attorney Michael Cohen, who acknowledged paying \$130,000 to Daniels, a porn actress, to buy her silence about an alleged affair with Trump. Trump has warned that an investigation into his business would cross "a red line" and could lead him to fire Mueller, despite strong pushback from a number of aides and Republicans in Congress.

"It worries me because I realize how much he feels personally cheated and how much it feels like it's a personal witch hunt. And he's not the kind of guy that takes that lying down. He fights back," said Newt Gingrich, the former House speaker and an informal Trump adviser. "I think Trump doesn't know how to deal with it and is very frustrated by it, thinks it's totally unfair. And that's what you're seeing."

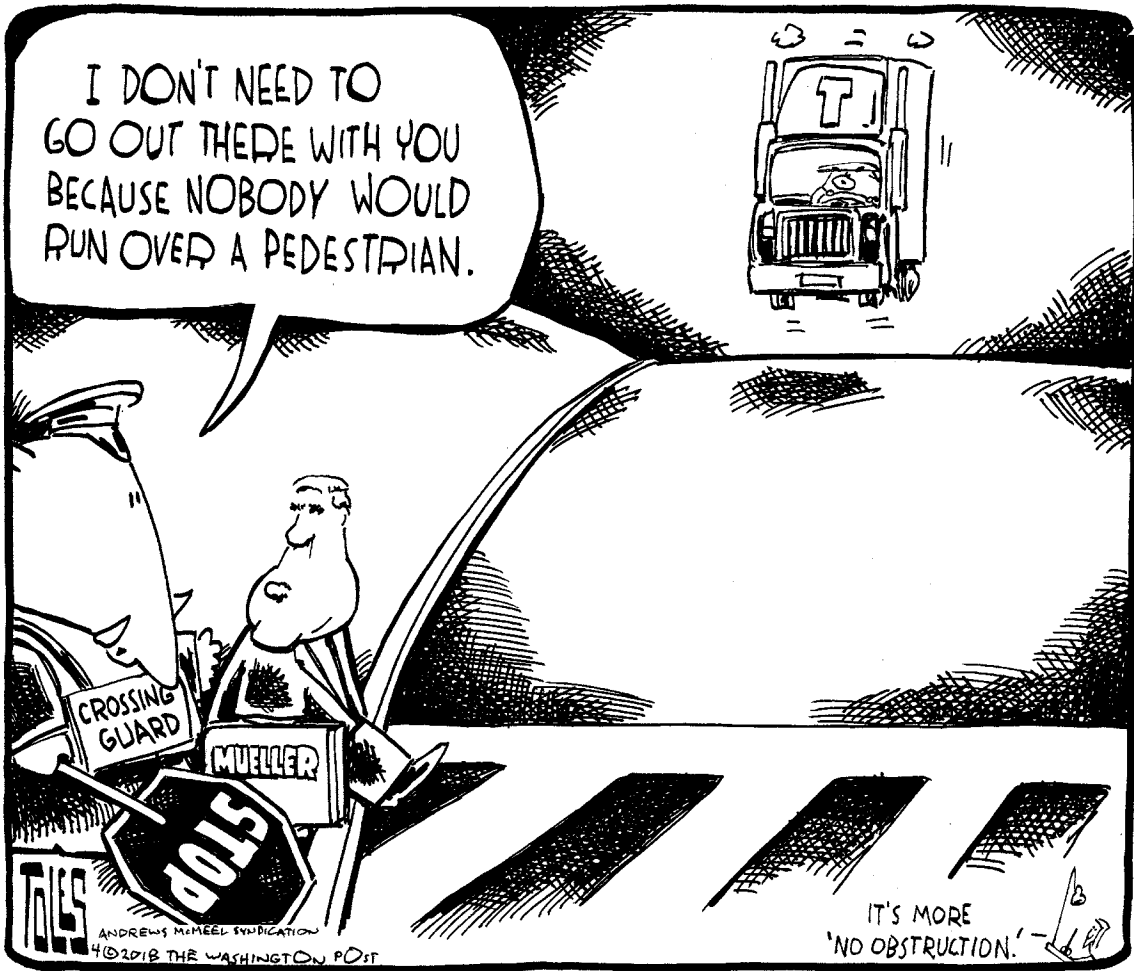
White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders made clear Wednesday that Trump was wary of investigatory overreach, saying, "He has a very deep concern about the direction that the special counsel and other investigations have taken."

Although the president declared that his White House was "calm and calculated," aides said decisions happen fast and with even less warning than usual when Trump feels backed into a corner. Trump has continued to seethe about Attorney General Jeff Sessions recusing himself from the Russia probe. And a number of those close to Trump say they worry about his reaction — and the West Wing's lack of planning — to yet another storm on the horizon: the release of former FBI director James Comey's new book.

The advertisements for the interviews have begun blanketing cable news, leading Trump to angrily surmise that Comey was "going to lie" and try to "make money" by tarnishing the president's reputation, according to two people familiar with the president's thinking but not authorized to speak publicly about private discussions. The January publication of Michael Wolff's "Fire & Fury" caught the White House off guard, and the critiques leveled by former chief strategist Steve Bannon and other ex-officials left Trump enraged. Although Comey's book comes as no surprise, the White House as of Wednesday had no formal plan to respond to it, instead likely opting to let the Republican National Committee and outside surrogates handle most of the pushback.

Trump's decision to fire Comey was the product of weeks of discussion among his senior-most staff. A similar debate is unlikely to play out over the potential dismissal of Mueller or Rosenstein — not least in part because those deliberations became a subject of Mueller's investigation of potential obstruction of justice.

But Trump, too, has grown more comfortable making decisions without seeking the counsel of his staff. That's what happened when he fired national security adviser H.R. McMaster and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. Although both decisions had been expected for months, Trump acted first and left it to his staff to pick up the pieces.



Victims of human trafficking, family members, and lawmakers listen as President Donald Trump speaks in the Oval Office at the White House before signing a new law aimed at curbing sex trafficking Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in Washington. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Report: Missouri Gov. Greitens slapped, grabbed woman

By DAVID A. LIEB and SUMMER BALLENTINE, Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens calls it an "entirely consensual relationship." But the woman with whom he has acknowledged having an affair says Greitens spanked, slapped, grabbed and shoved her during a series of sexual encounters that at times left her crying and afraid. The woman's graphic testimony was revealed in a report released Wednesday by a special Missouri legislative committee that now is expanding its mission to recommend whether lawmakers should begin impeachment proceedings to try to remove the Republican governor from office.

Some prominent politicians — including Republican state Attorney General Josh Hawley and Democratic U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, whom Hawley is challenging — are calling on Greitens to immedi-

ately resign.

But Greitens is vowing to remain in office and prove his innocence against mounting allegations that he denounced as "lies and falsehoods."

Greitens, 44, is to go to trial May 14 in St. Louis on a felony indictment of invasion of privacy for allegedly taking and transmitting a nonconsensual photo of the woman while she was partially nude. Separately, the special House committee is to recommend after the legislative session ends May 18 whether to pursue impeachment. Legislative leaders said they will call themselves into a special session.

The legislative report released was signed by all five Republicans and two Democrats on the committee. It describes the woman's testimony as credible and notes that Greitens has so far declined to testify or provide documents to the panel.

The woman told the committee Greitens took a photo

of her after manipulating her into a compromising position during an unwanted sexual encounter in his home and told her "everyone will know what a little whore you are" if she told anyone about him.

Greitens has refused to directly answer media questions about whether he took the photo, but he has steadfastly denied any criminal wrongdoing.

"This is a political witch hunt," Greitens told reporters Wednesday, invoking one of President Donald Trump's favored criticisms of unwanted investigations. He later added: "This is exactly like what's happening with the witch hunts in Washington, D.C."

Republican House Speaker Todd Richardson called the woman's testimony "beyond disturbing" and defended the integrity of the investigation. He said: "Let me be very clear about this: This is not a witch hunt, and the committee had no

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Angelina Vaosa Roberts represents AS at the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival

WASHINGTON DC – Congresswoman Aumua Amata was pleased to announce that her dedicated assistant Angelina Roberts was selected by the American Samoa Society to represent American Samoa at this year’s Cherry Blossom festival in Washington, D.C.

she continued to expand her educational accomplishments attending Wentworth Military Academy and Junior College in Lexington, Missouri earning an Associate’s Degree in 2013. Every year, the National Conference of State Societies (NCSS) selects U.S. and inter-

other princesses were honored at the Congressional Reception on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Botanic Gardens of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

“It’s no surprise that she was selected to represent our Territory in such a special event. She’s a hardworking and very talented young individual. We’re delighted that she is a part of our office,” said Amata. Before joining Congresswoman Amata’s team as the Staff Assistant in October 2017, Angelina served in the Missouri National Guard from 2014 through 2017. In addition to her professional dedications, she is also a devoted member of the Samoan Congregational Church on the U.S. Fort Meyer Army Base in Virginia.

As a part of the strong Samoan community in the Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland area, Angelina was handpicked by American Samoa Society of Washington, D.C. President Isapela Coggins to represent American Samoa in this occasion.

“Thank you to the American Samoan Society and its President Isapela Coggins for their undeviating efforts in promoting our Territory and its people, even in this event,” said Aumua Amata. “I would also like to thank the NCSS and the Samoan community in the area for their enduring support.”

“The Samoan community in the area is very close knit,” continued Aumua Amata. “We’re all very proud of Angelina. She is a wonderful example to our community, especially to our youth.”

national young women to represent their state or territory as princesses during the Cherry Blossom Festival. The selected individuals are tasked with a rigorous schedule in a week of educational, leadership, and cultural activities and events, which include a Congressional reception, a grand ball, and visits to foreign embassies. Angelina, along with the



(Photos: Leua)



Angelina Vaosa Roberts (right) represented American Samoa at the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC. See story for details. [photo: courtesy]

Angelina is the youngest daughter of Afa and Dr. Fa’aletino Roberts who hail from Mapusaga Fou and Avaio, American Samoa.

As part of a military family, she is also the niece of veteran law enforcement officer and former Director of Homeland Security Tuala Mike Sala of Avaio. Upon graduating from Faga’itua High School in 2011,

Plan would allow drug testing for some food stamp recipients

By JULIET LINDERMAN and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is considering a plan that would allow states to require certain food stamp recipients to undergo drug testing, handing a win to conservatives who’ve long sought ways to curb the safety net program.

The proposal under review would be narrowly targeted, applying mostly to people who are able-bodied, without dependents and applying for some specialized jobs, according to an administration official briefed on the plan. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, said roughly 5 percent of participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program could be affected.

The drug testing proposal

is another step in the Trump administration’s push to allow states more flexibility in how they implement federal programs that serve the poor, unemployed or uninsured. It also wants to allow states to tighten work requirements for food stamp recipients and has found support among GOP governors who argue greater state control saves money and reduces dependency.

Internal emails obtained by The Associated Press indicated that Agriculture Department officials in February were awaiting word from the White House about the timing of a possible drug testing announcement.

“I think we just have to be ready because my guess is we may get an hour’s notice instead of a day’s notice,” wrote Jessica Shahn, associate administrator of SNAP.

Conservative policymakers have pushed for years to tie food assistance programs to drug testing. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, sued the USDA in 2015 for blocking the state from drug testing adults applying for food stamps.

A federal judge tossed the suit in 2016, but Walker renewed his request for permission later that year, after Donald Trump had won the presidency but before he took office.

“We turned that down,” said former USDA Food and Nutrition Service Undersecretary Kevin Concannon, who served in the position under the Obama administration from 2009 until January of last year. “It’s costly and cumbersome.”

The proposal is not expected to be included in a GOP-written farm bill expected to be released as soon as early this week, a GOP aide said.





ASPA personnel posed for a Samoa News photo yesterday at the ASPA booth at the Business Festival.

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checkups,” she wrote, adding that Lloren, her son, and unborn child “are all in danger for their health and lack of protection and security.”

Lefiti wrote, “As a victim advocate, I will also contact the Philippine embassy seeking assistance for those brought into a US territory, American Samoa, under fake employment advertisement, maltreated, and involuntarily ejected from the island.”

She added that Lloren’s “treatment by American Samoa’s Immigration officers is shameful and inhumane.”

According to Lefiti’s letter, Lloren was initially sponsored by the wife of an Immigration official but was then sponsored by H&H Samsung & Refrigeration Company.

Efforts to obtain a comment yesterday from the Immigration Board chairman and Chief Immigration Officer Dennis Fuimaono — who was specifically mentioned in Lefiti’s letter as a “name of interest” — were unsuccessful.



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Two students from Iakina Seventh Day Adventist School with their group exhibit entry entitled: "Conflict and Compromise Between the Great Depression" at yesterday's History Day competition.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]



Students and supporters of Mt. Alava Elementary School in Vatia posing for the Samoa News camera following their presentations yesterday during the island wide History Day competition.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

Hawaiki...

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weeks to test the cable system with the "ready-for-service (RFS)" still planned for the latter part of June.

The project manager explained that the last report from the vessel laying the cable — about a week ago — noted that it was working in Fiji waters installing the branching unit for Fiji and thereafter to Tonga, which is east of Fiji.

The vessel then heads over to Samoan waters, sailing first up to the northwest of Savaii island (in neighboring Samoa) "where our branching unit will be located" about 2,400 miles from Pago Pago and lay the cable from there to Tutuila.

Leiato explained that there was a few days delay in laying the cable, due to bad weather in the region. He said there was a cyclone when the ship was in New Caledonia and the vessel had to wait two days for the storm to pass before they continued their work.

Samoa News notes that it's the same cyclone, which also impacted Fiji waters nearly two weeks ago.

BACKGROUND

ASTCA signed an agreement with Hawaiki more than a year ago to bring the cable spur landing to the territory. Hawaiki had announced last year that it was to start the cable laying operations the second week of October 2017 and planned to install the American Samoa spur, which was already manufactured and loaded on to the cable ship, in the first quarter of 2018. See Samoa News Mar. 5th edition for the last update.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANTHONY FA'AFETAI GREY

Our Loving Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Cousin and Friend

Tony was the seventh child of Faaavae James Louis and Florence Coen Grey born on November 26, 1959. He married the love of his life and eternal companion, Judy Karen Wilson on September 15, 1990. They have five outrageous children: Latone, Lyon, Latoya, Le-Anthony and Lando.

He was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held numerous callings. He served faithfully in the Aua 3rd Branch Presidency and Pago Samoa Stake. He truly lived a life of service and charity both in his church callings, as a businessman, and within his family.

Tony was a hard worker who dedicated all of his time and energy in support of his family, especially his children. As a businessman, he created various businesses to support his family and contribute to the community. He loved the outdoors and trying new things. He loved helping others in need and always had a positive outlook on life.

He is survived by his children: Latone (Jealila) Amataga, Lyon, Latoya, Le-Anthony, and Lando Grey; grandchild, Milana Karen Hawkins; brothers: Jimmy (Cinta) Grey, Chester (Ann) Grey, Gus (Patricia) Grey, and Michael (Moana) Grey; sisters: Chris (Daniel) Kanenoa, Lena (Steven) Liu, and Gen (Papu) Lelei.



Anthony or better known as Tony Grey, passed away on March 27, 2018 in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Moses 1:39

"For behold, this is my work and my glory – to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man"



Friends and family may pay their respects and final farewell on Friday, April 13, 2018, 6:00 pm at LBJ Chapel (Open Casket). The Funeral Service will be Saturday, April 14, 2018, 10:00 am at the Aua Stake Center (LDS Church – CLOSED CASKET). Tony will be laid to rest at his home in Pago Pago with his beloved wife, Karen.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Program Year (PY) 2018 Annual Action Plan

The American Samoa Government (ASG) invites public comments on the PY2018 Annual Action Plan (AAP) Draft as mandated in the provisions of 24 CFR & 91.200 and 91.220 (b). Public comments are invited for a 30-day period commencing on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 to Thursday, May 10, 2018. The draft is available at the Department of Commerce, 2nd floor of the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building.

A public meeting to accept verbal and written comments on the PY2018 AAP Draft will be held at the Department of Commerce Conference Room on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Translation into and out of Native Language (Samoan) that is widely spoken will be provided at the meeting. The Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs of American Samoa complies with 24 CFR & 91.220 (1) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in the public meeting or to comment on the AAP Draft should contact the HUD CPD Coordinator, Ms. Petti Matila at the following address.

Written comments on the Public review draft may be sent to:
Petti T. Matila, HUD CPD Coordinator
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Fax: (684) 633-4195
E-mail: peti.matila@doc.as

Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2018. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Petti T. Matila at 633-5155 ext. 226.

Keniseli F. Lafaele
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Swire Shipping & Polynesia Line open new office in Pago Pago

Swire Shipping is delighted to announce the commencement of a new office in American Samoa. The new office will represent all Swire Shipping's global services to/from American Samoa, including Polynesia Line's longstanding USA service.

Rob Hardman has been appointed to head Swire Shipping & Polynesia Line's activities in American Samoa. The new office will be located in Fagatogo Square Suite #103 and will be effective from July 1, 2018 at which point all functions will transfer from Swire Shipping's previous agent - Polynesia Shipping Services Inc. (PSSI). Specific contact details, names, and full transactional details will be sent shortly to all customers.

Swire Shipping would like to thank GHC Reid & Co for their support and successful partnership over many years in the PSSI agency.

Swire Shipping is excited about these new developments and looks forward to working more closely with customers, suppliers, and community groups in the future. The company maintains a worldwide agency network in addition to its own representative offices across Asia Pacific, the Pacific Islands, North America and Europe, providing its customers with dedicated service and expert market knowledge.

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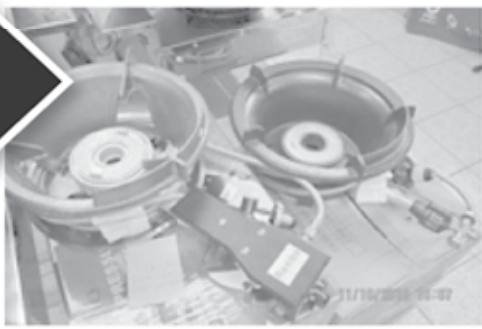
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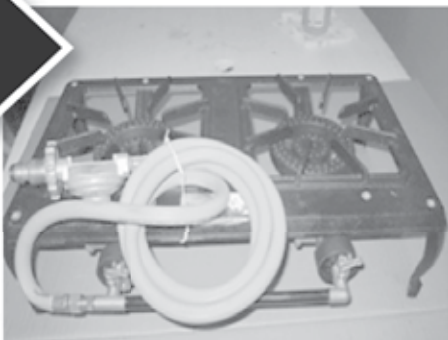
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Amata thanks Speaker Paul Ryan for public service



House Speaker Paul Ryan and Congresswoman Amata. [courtesy photo]

Washington, D.C. — Wednesday, April 11, 2018 — Congresswoman Aumua Amata thanked Speaker Paul Ryan for his remarkable career in Congress, his track record of public service, and his willingness to listen to the needs of American Samoa. She released the following statement:

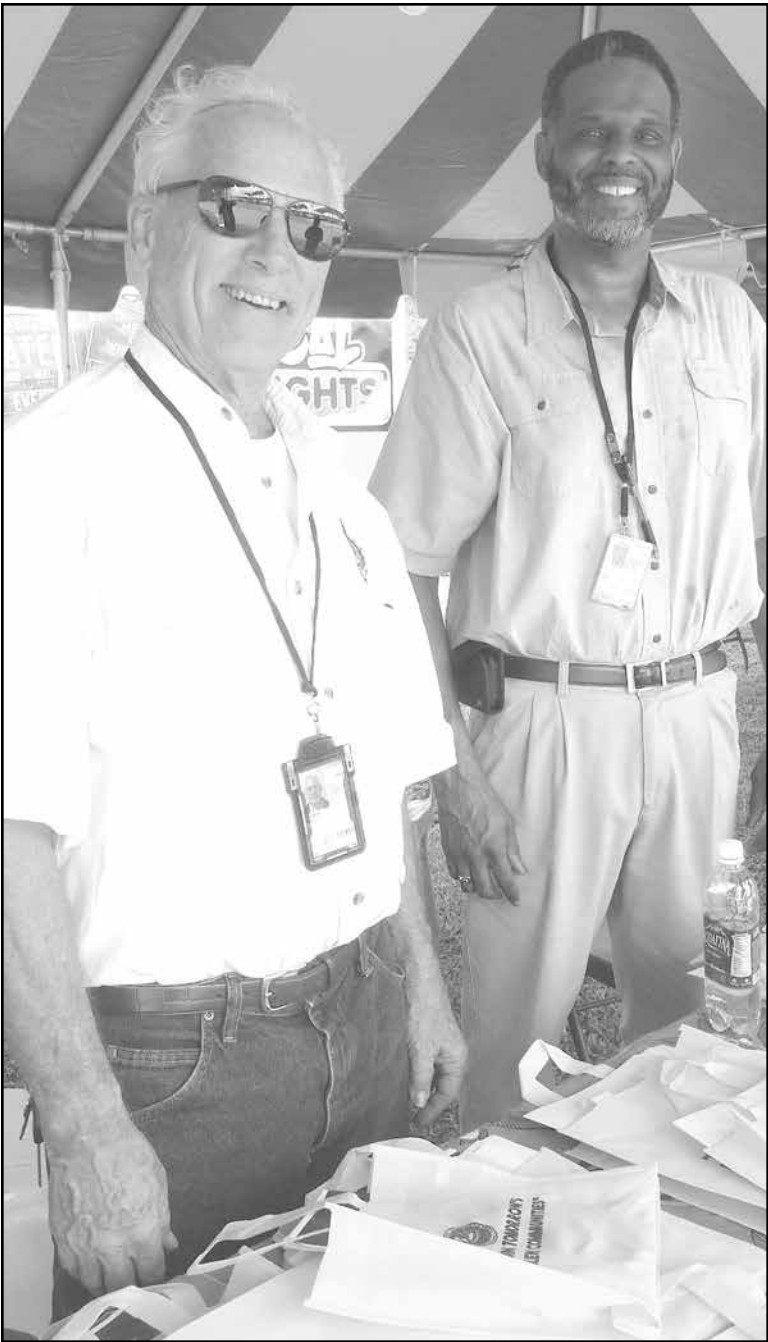
“Speaker Ryan has been a friend to American Samoa, and never failed to make time to hear our priorities. In fact, as soon Storm Gita allowed the call through, he made the effort to call me here on the island, and

has been unfailingly responsive to our concerns.

“He was called upon by his colleagues to lead, and took on an enormous patriotic responsibility. He has conducted himself with integrity, compassion, policy expertise and vision. As a very young man, Speaker Ryan famously learned as a speechwriter for one of Congress’s former historic Members, Rep. Jack Kemp, and then went on to serve his own District with distinction for nearly two decades, including effective service as Chairman of the Budget

Committee.

“Speaker Ryan’s remarkable career made a positive difference in this great institution, and he never forgot that he was serving the people and the Constitution. Whether in private or public life, he has a great future and has already secured a place in our nation’s history.”



Federal officials posed for a Samoa News photo yesterday at the FEMA booth at the Business Festival where information on “how-to materials” on how to build better and stronger. The theme at the booth, “Building tomorrow’s resilient communities”. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

► Risk...

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men infecting their partners.

In the U.S., 52 reported Zika cases have been attributed to sexual transmission, according to the CDC.

Most people infected with Zika don’t get sick, while some suffer a mild illness with fever, rash and joint pain.

But infection during pregnancy can cause devastating birth defects, including microcephaly, in which a baby’s skull is much smaller than expected because the brain hasn’t developed properly.

In the new study, health officials looked at semen and urine samples from about 180 U.S. men who were infected with Zika and developed symptoms. Most of them caught it in 2016 while traveling overseas to outbreak areas. The men were given a \$50 gift cards per submission. They submitted more than 1,300 semen samples.

Sixty of the men had genetic evidence of Zika infection in their semen.

But genetic evidence of a past infection is different from infectious concentrations of

virus. The researchers looked for that, and found three men who appeared to have levels that made them contagious. The infectious-level specimens from those three men were all taken within a month of their developing symptoms, Mead said.

The results may help tailor counseling for couples who are concerned about Zika, said Dr. Neil Silverman, a UCLA professor of obstetrics.

Two years ago, the risk of Zika caused panic in many couples, but the anxiety level has waned. Silverman said his clinic used to see 20 to 25 couples each month with Zika concerns, but now sees only three to five.

Though it’s no longer causing large outbreaks, the virus still lurks in mosquitoes in many tropical locales and it remains an infection threat to visitors.

“Zika will be with us in the Americas. There’s no particular reason to think it’s going away,” Mead said.



American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title	CORPORATE SALES EXECUTIVE	Posting Date	April 10, 2018
Position Type	Career Service	Deadline	April16, 2018/ 4 :00 pm
Job Opening	One (1)	Starting Salary	GS: 8/1 \$12,878.00 to GS: 8/12 \$20,869.00
Report to:	Sales Manager	Status	Non-Exempt

Major Responsibilities:

This position is located in the Business Department of the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA). Work is generally performed in a standard office environment, but also includes activities that occur in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings. Some exposure to varied weather conditions may be required.

Minimum Requirements & Qualifications

Education/ Experience:	Must possess an AA degree from an accredited college or university or (2) years of related experience in sales, market, trends, and current campaigns. Attention to details, time management, planning and organizing
Duties & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assist in developing, building and managing a client base of corporate accounts;Monitor the sales process at each stage from quote, to purchasing to fulfillment and follow up;Target new and existing accounts within;Work with Marketing Department to develop and execute corporate sales initiatives;Prospect new clients via sales calls, direct mail, email and networking events;Work with suppliers to secure opportunity buys and availability of products;Coordinate product logo placement with contractors to meet the client's specifications;Analyze sales trends, track unit sales, and generate gross margin reports;Generate monthly budgets and sales forecasts;Participate in trade shows, conferences and community events to help promote the corporate program;Investigate and troubleshoot customer service issues;All other duties as required by higher authority

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E fa'amalulu atu i le pa'ia o le tatou aiga potopoto i le tatou talanoaga sa fuafuaina i Manu'a i le aso 5 o Me, 2018. Ona o tulaga i le louloua o le tau ma auala femalaga'iga, faapea o le to'atele o le tatou aiga o lo'o alaala i Tutuila nei. Ua toe liuliu ai se uta ma se tofa i Tama ma Tina o le tatou aiga i Tutuila nei, o le a fa'ataunu'uina lenei fonotaga i le Maota o le Tina ia Aoina Asoau Levao i Kokoland i Tafuna i le aso 19 o Me, 2018.

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Potential...

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FILE - EDS NOTE: GRAPHIC CONTENT - This Sunday, April. 8, 2018 file image released by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, shows a rescue worker carrying a child following an alleged chemical weapons attack in the rebel-held town of Douma, near Damascus, Syria. With the Middle East on edge and many fearing inadvertent triggering of regional war, it is easy to forget that two weeks ago Trump shocked advisers in declaring an intention to withdraw troops from Syria. Now, apparently angered by a suspected chemical attack, Trump is threatening imminent military strikes against the Syrian government forces he blames and rattling a saber at Syria's patron Russia.

(Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets via AP, File)

provoking calls from Western nations for swift retribution. But Assad and his backers in Russia have denied it.

Russia has warned the United States that a strike on Syria could trigger a potential major showdown between the two former Cold War adversaries — a prospect not considered in decades. A senior Russian lawmaker said Wednesday that Russia would engage its warships in the Mediterranean Sea to protect Russian assets in Syria from a U.S. strike.

In a landscape that includes Iran and Israel seemingly straining for a fight, and NATO member Turkey occupying part of the country, the possible escalation scenarios are clear.

Now a scramble is on to prepare for whatever might come next. Here's a look at how the sides reached this point:

THE SUSPECTED ATTACK

Trump says he has little doubt that Syrian government forces were to blame for the suspected gas attack in the town of Douma, but neither he nor other U.S. administration officials have produced hard evidence. U.S. officials have suggested such evidence is lacking, or at least not yet in hand.

This is in contrast to an incident a year ago when U.S. intelligence agencies had video and other evidence of an actual attack involving sarin nerve gas. Trump responded by launching Navy cruise missiles at a Syrian airfield.

A U.S. official said evidence collected so far by Western governments bears the same hallmarks as previous chemical attacks by Assad's government, including the position of the bodies and the lack of outwardly visible wounds that would result from a conventional attack.

There is also no evidence to suggest Assad's government was being framed for the latest suspected attack, said the official, a reference to past accusations by the Syrian government that the rebels might themselves release gas so that Assad would be blamed and they would garner sympathy. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to publicly discuss the investigation or plans for any military response.

Russia and the Syrian government strongly deny the allegations or that any chemical weapons attack took place.

Paramedics said many of the victims in Douma were brought to medical centers complaining of difficulty breathing, foaming at the mouth and burning sensations in the eyes. The U.N. health agency said reports from its partners indicate some 500 patients showed signs of exposure to toxic chemicals following the shelling of Douma.

WHY NOW?

Trump, like his predecessor, President Barack Obama, has stated that a chemical weapons attack is a red line. Last year's retaliatory strike was a sign he is serious.



American Samoa Government DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education.

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3 - 21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who have a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievements. As a condition for granting the funds, each State or Territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 14, 2018. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference Room in Utulei at 2:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education Office located in Faga'alu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faauifono Vaitautolu at faauitulu@yahoo.com or Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi at atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, Assistant Director Special Education Division, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

Talosagaina Finagalo Lautele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa

Ua tu'uina mai e le Matagaluega o A'oga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avanoa e fa'alia ai finagalo fa'alaua'itele a le mamalu o le atunu'u mo le alagatupe talosaga i lalo o le Maga B Tulafono mo Tagata o iai Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o A'oga a le Malo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

O ia alagatupe ua fuafuaina e fa'atino ai a'oa'oga fa'apitoa tu'uina atu mo tamaiti a'oga uma, e amata mai i le 3 - 21 tausaga, i totonu o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa o lo'o iai manaoga fa'apitoa ua fa'afaigata ai taumafaiga taua'oa'oga i totonu o potu a'oga. O se tasi aiaiga mo le taliaina o le talosaga, e tataui i Setete ma Teritori uma o lo'o talosagaina ia alagatupe ona fa'asalalau a latou tusi talosaga mo se finagalo fa'aalia o tagata lautele. E tataui ona lava se avanoa e silasila lelei ai le atunu'u mo le silafia ma tu'uina mai so latou finagalo fa'aalia e tusa e 30 aso ae le'i tu'uina atu le tusi talosaga ia Me 14, 2018. O le a faia se fonu fa'alaua'itele ia Aperila 12, 2018 i le potu fonotaga i le Ofisa ASDOE Early Childhood Education i Utulei i le itula e 2:00pm. O le a iloiloina e le Matagaluega a A'oga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fa'aalia a le lautele ma tu'uina atu ni fautuaga ae le'i o'o i le aso fa'atapula'aina o tusi talosaga.

O lo'o maua kopi o lenei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa i Faga'alu. Mo i latou e mana'omia se kopi o le tusi talosaga, e avanoa le ofisa mai le itula 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu fa'aalia e tauala mai i tusitusiga e mafai ona tu'uina mai i taimi ua fa'atulagaina. A iai nisi manatu ma fautuaga, e mafai ona imeli mai ia Fa'auifono Vaitautolu faauitulu@yahoo.com po'o Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com pe tusi mai ia Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago

Crash kills 257 in Algeria's deadliest aviation disaster

By AOMAR OUALI, Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A hulking military transport plane crashed just after takeoff in Algeria Wednesday, killing 257 people in the worst aviation disaster in the North African nation's history and plunging the country into mourning.

Soldiers, their family members and a group of 30 people returning to refugee camps from hospital stays in Algeria's capital died in the morning crash of the Russian-made Il-76 aircraft.

The plane went down in a field just outside a military base in Boufarik, 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of Algiers, and was devoured by flames, killing 247 passengers and 10 crew members, the Defense Ministry said.

There was no official mention of survivors, but one witness reported seeing people jump out of the aircraft before it crashed.

Arabic-language channel Dzair TV reported that five people were in a critical state, but it was unclear if they had been on the plane or were injured on the ground.

Several witnesses told Algerian TV network Ennahar they saw flames coming out of one of the planes' four engines just before it took off.

"The plane started to rise before falling," an unidentified man lying on what appeared to be a hospital bed told Ennahar TV. "The plane crashed on its wing first and caught fire."

Video on the state television channel ENTV showed a blackened hulk broken into pieces, with huge wheels scattered about along with other plane parts. Firefighters doused the flames while body bags were placed in rows in the field.

The victims' bodies were transported to the Algerian army's central hospital outside the capital.

President Abdelaziz Bouteflika ordered three days of mourning starting immediately and prayers for the dead on Friday at mosques across the country.

In the south, the Algerian-backed Polisario Front seeking independence for Western Sahara ordered a week of mourning for the 30 dead Sahrawi people returning to its refugee camps in Tindouf, a statement from the group said.

The flight was scheduled to go to Tindouf and then Bechar, the site of another military base, according to Farouk Achour, spokesman for Algeria's civil protection services. Tindouf is home to many refugees from the neighboring Western Sahara, a disputed territory annexed by Morocco.

Algeria is vast and plane flights are often the best way to traverse Africa's largest nation.

It was the first crash of an Algerian military plane since February 2014, when a U.S.-built C-130 Hercules turbo-prop slammed into a mountain

in Algeria, killing at least 76 people and leaving just one survivor.

The four-engine Il-76 made its maiden voyage in 1997, according to Aviation Safety Network. The plane has been in production since the 1970s, and is widely used for both commercial freight and military transport. The Algerian military, which historically depended on the Soviet Union and then Russia for military hardware, operates several of the planes.

Richard Aboulafia, an aviation analyst with Teal Group outside Washington, said it would be difficult to compare the accident rate of the Il-76 to common Western airplanes because of the relatively smaller number produced and the fewer hours flown. "It is a Russian design. That doesn't make it unsafe, but they tend to need more maintenance," he said.

The Il-76 was designed to carry extremely heavy cargo, and it is unlikely that passengers alone — even a large number — would be a problem. Aboulafia said the number of troops that could be carried would be limited by space inside the aircraft more than weight considerations. A retired Algerian officer, Mohamed Khelfaoui, told the online Algerian TSA site that he had flown in the aircraft several times and "it has proven itself in Algeria and elsewhere." Wednesday's crash was not the deadliest of an Il-76. According to Aviation Safety Network, the 2003 crash of an IL-76 of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard killed 275 people. The heavy loss of life of soldiers was certain to deeply shake Algeria. The National Liberation Army — which grew out of the fighting force which freed Algeria from French colonial rule — is revered by Algerians.

Today, the army is credited with saving the nation from an insurgency by Islamist extremists in the 1990s and early 2000s. The battle continues with sporadic attacks around Algeria and networks dismantled by soldiers.

The army's experience fighting terrorism has made it a valued ally of the United States and other western nations.

The U.S. Embassy in Algiers expressed its "deepest condolences" to "our partners and colleagues in the Algerian military," one of the numerous condolences that flooded into the capital from far and wide.

The previous deadliest crash on Algerian soil occurred in 2003, when 102 people were killed after a civilian airliner crashed at the end of the runway in Tamanrasset, in the south. Only one person survived.

Also in 2003, 10 people died when an Algerian Air Force C-130 crashed after an engine caught fire shortly after it took off from the air base near Boufarik, according to the Aviation Safety Network.



Alataua Elementary students with their project entitled "Josef Mengele: Angel of Death" at yesterday's History Day competition. [photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]



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Position: TELLER

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Receives all cash receipts for loan repayments from customers in the form of check or cash.
- Inputs cash receipts in the system and excel spreadsheet.
- Refers customers' concerns to appropriate personnel.
- Accepts miscellaneous payments for deposit(s).
- Balances cash against the receipts at end of each business day.
- Maintains a spreadsheet of teller-work for reconciling purposes.
- Keeps an inventory of checks in vault.
- Monitors the inventory of deposit bags and reports for refill.
- Prepares cash audit reports for verification at end of each daily work.
- Performs the cash count for teller cash in the morning and out the evening with the assigned vault/cash safe personnel.
- Files and maintain the filing system for finance.
- Performs any other duty assigned by Finance Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education/experience: High School Diploma or equivalent with twelve (12) months of experience.
Cash handling experience a MUST.

Skills/Abilities:

Proficient typing and communication skills
Excel knowledge
Excellent interpersonal and public relations skills
Professional appearance, dress, and attitude
Good mathematics skills
Ability to operate computer and adding machine, typewriter, copy machine
money counting machines and telephone
Fluent in both Samoan and English

Please submit a DBAS application (www.dbas.as) with your resume to our Development Bank Office Building located on the 2nd floor in Pago Pago. **Deadline: Friday, April 20, 2018.**



Two students from Leone Midkiff posing in front of their project entitled “Bloody Mary: A Catholic who Refused to Compromise” during yesterday’s island wide History Day competition.

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political agenda.”

If the House were to impeach Greitens, the Senate then would choose seven jurists to conduct a trial on whether Greitens should be ousted. The impeachment process can occur independently of a criminal case.

According to the report, the woman testified that she met Greitens in 2013 as a customer of her hair salon. She said she had a crush on Greitens but was shocked when he ran his hand up her leg and touched her crotch without her consent during a March 2015 hair appointment. He later invited her to his St. Louis home while his wife was out of town.

After she arrived through the back door, the report said that the woman testified Greitens searched her purse and “patted her down from head-to-toe.” He then asked if she had exercised and had her change into a white T-shirt with a slit on the top and pajama pants.

“I thought, oh, this is going to be some sort of sexy workout,” the woman testified.

But once in his basement, Greitens taped her hands to pull-up rings, blindfolded her, started kissing her, ripped open the shirt and pulled down her pants, the woman testified. She didn’t give consent to be disrobed or kissed, the report said. The woman testified that she then heard a click, like of a cell-phone picture, and saw a flash.

The woman testified that Greitens told her: “Don’t even mention my name to anybody at all, because if you do, I’m going to take these pictures, and I’m going to put them everywhere I can. They are going to be everywhere, and then everyone will know what a little whore you are.”

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