



Peteli Academy girls' 5-6 squad — champions of their division for the 2017 FFAS Private Elementary Schools Soccer League, which kicked off in October.

No. 1 Peteli A is the only top team from the competitive divisions to survive the semi-finals, and go on to win their division's title. They defeated Kanana Fou 9-1, thanks to the division's MVP Paulia Fa'aso'o, who helped her team by scoring five goals out of the nine.

See story in today's sports section for details.

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## Man faces charges after taking police on a high-speed chase

SAYS HE WAS RUSHING TO PICK UP HIS SON WHO WAS INVOLVED IN A FIGHT

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

Police have arrested and charged the driver of a vehicle who took the cops on a high-speed chase last week on the west side.

Elliott Siaumau Jr., who is not new to the court system, is facing four misdemeanor charges: public peace disturbance, assault in the third degree, resisting arrest, and interfering with prosecution. In addition, he has been slapped with a pair of traffic citations — reckless driving and careless driving.

Last Friday, he made his initial appearance before District Court Judge Pro-Temp, Gwen Tauiliili-Langkilde.

During court proceedings, Siaumau Jr.'s attorney, Ryan Nelson asked the court to release his client on his own recognizance, so he can provide for his six children, adding that his client is the only person in the family who works to put food on the table.

Prosecutor Gillian Sandler requested the Court to keep the bond at \$500. She said the defendant's actions were dangerous and it nearly cost the lives of several police officers and members of the public who were on the road that day.

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## Lolo: Businesses complaining about unpaid gov't bills, show proof!

SAYS UNPAID ASG INVOICES PROBABLY DONE 'OUTSIDE THE LAW'

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga told media reps during a press conference last week that he wants businesses that are complaining about unpaid government bills to identify themselves and provide proof of their unpaid invoices.

Lolo was reacting to statements from business owners that the government and the governor should stop hiring more employees but instead, pay up on what they owe to the private sector.

According to Lolo, many of the government's unpaid bills were procured outside of the law. He said all bills the government pays on time are done according to the law and the reason why the issue keeps popping up (transactions done without authority) is because directors are not doing their job.

For example, the governor explained, a director goes out and gets ink and other office supplies without going through the proper process. The same goes for purchases at lumberyards, where things are being bought without going through the proper channels in accordance with the law.

Lolo mentioned CBT as an example, saying all invoices the company is trying to get payment for, were made outside of the law, and the government didn't have any knowledge of it.

As another example, Lolo said someone bought a machine from a local business and had it shipped to Manu'a without ASG's knowledge, and the government is being billed \$70,000- \$80,000.

"All these types of purchases were done outside of the law, and they were not in the government's budget," he said, adding that even though the proper procedure wasn't followed, the government is still trying to find ways to pay these bills "because we want to help our local businesses."

According to the governor, while some businesses are complaining about unpaid bills, he believes it's their fault to begin with, for not going through the proper procurement process and the law.

When asked if directors should be penalized for the illegal and un-budgeted purchases, Lolo said, "Sure, they are the ones that should be made

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Parents and supporters of children with special needs gathered for a group photo to conclude a sign language class offered by SPED teacher and volunteer Dana Love-Ili (center) and sponsored by the Parents of Children with Special Needs (PCSN) Network.

PCSN's Sandra Scanlan (front row, kneeling at far left) said PCSN Network asked Love-Ili about teaching a sign language class last year and there was a lot of interest and participation in the inaugural class. The second class, which ended Nov. 16th, netted double the participants.

Scanlan said, "We had parents, students, students who are deaf, teachers, social services, and community members. Some wanted to learn in order to communicate with friends or family who are deaf, some to assist non-verbal children, and some for personal learning. We had an awesome 5 weeks and plan to repeat it again in March." The PCSN Network is a parent-to-parent support group for families of children with special needs. Visit their Facebook page <PCSN American Samoa> or call Sandy at 731-3959 for more information.

[courtesy photo]







[l-r standing] Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga, Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie and House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale shaking hands with attendees of yesterday's joint session of the Fono, a special session called by the governor.

[photo: FS]

# Two words in the TBAS statute blamed for stalling the issuance of a routing number

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

“Holding Company” are the only two words in the Territorial Bank of American Samoa statute that need to be amended, paving the way for the Federal Reserve to issue a transiting routing number for the government-owned bank, said Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga during a news conference last Friday.

He repeated the same statement at yesterday's opening of the joint session of the Fono.

Local statute creating the commercial bank states in part that TBAS will be managed by and governed by the Territorial Bancorp Holding Company, which is overseen by a seven-member board composed of four ASG representatives and three members at large.

The governor mentioned in his letter to Fono leaders for the special session, and at last Wednesday's cabinet meeting, that the Federal Reserve recommended an amendment to the TBAS statute, but he didn't specify the actual amendment.

During last Friday's news conference, Lolo was asked about specific details of the proposed amendment and he explained that the only proposed change are the words “holding company”, which are proposed to be removed, in accordance with a recommendation by the Federal Reserve, during a meeting earlier this month in Utah with vice chair Randy Quarles.

Based on information from the Federal Reserve, “holding company” is for privately owned financial institutions and federal banking laws are geared towards these private holding banks, said Lolo, adding that the only exemption is the charter bank in North Dakota, which is government owned and TBAS is mirrored after that bank.

When TBAS submitted its request for a routing number as a commercial bank, under a holding company, with assets owned by ASG, the Federal Reserve board “disagreed” with the setup of a “holding company” for TBAS, Lolo said. Another issue faced by American Samoa is its political status. Lolo said that based on information from the Federal Reserve, “holding company” is specifically for banks in US states

and territories that are “organized through congressional act, but we have an unorganized and unincorporated [political] status,” he said.

According to the governor, the Federal Reserve suggested removing the words “holding company” under local statute and set TBAS law as a government-owned bank, and the government secures the bank's assets, similar to the charter bank in North Dakota.

Lolo said Quarles informed him that upon receiving the amendment to the TBAS statute, the Federal Reserve would be prepared to decide on TBAS's request for a routing number. “So we feel very comfortable now,” he said.

Lolo gave a similar explanation in his address yesterday at the opening of the special session of the Fono that was called to address two agenda items: the amendment to the TBAS statute and confirmation of Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai as a High Court Associate Judge.

In his remarks, Lolo said it's been 14 months since the government has been working on obtaining a routing number but ASG was faced with some difficulties, because the federal administration was dealing with changes.

Additionally, it was only learned early this month during the meeting with Quarles, who only recently received US congressional confirmation to the Federal Reserve Board, what TBAS needs to do to obtain the routing number, said Lolo.

He told lawmakers that if the Fono approves the proposed amendment, TBAS is looking at getting a routing number before the end of this year or early next year.

Regarding Paepae's nomination, Lolo said the Chief Justice recommended the Alataua senator for the job.

Under local law, the sitting governor is only required to address a joint session of the Fono in January each year. However, the governor can address a special session, if so requested by Fono leaders.

For this special session, House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale told the gathering yesterday that he and Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie agreed to a joint opening so the governor can provide directly to lawmakers, details of issues for discussion and vote.



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THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title ATIULAGI shall be registered in the name of FA'ALAA P. SAIAANA in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

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Ua talaina e le Resitara lea talosaga, faatasi ma le talosaga a le aiga faapea ma le tusi faamaonia mai matai o lea nu'u, ma ua i ai nei i teuga pepa a lea ofisa.

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Governor's chief of staff, Fiu J. Saelua (left) and Territorial Administration on Aging director Evelyn Lili'o-Satele, at last Wednesday's cabinet meeting where Lili'o-Satele announced the senior citizen King and Queen pageant, which is an added activity to the Governor's annual Christmas Program for seniors.

[photo: FS]

# Senior Citizens “King and Queen” pageant set for next week

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

Senior citizens “King and Queen” pageant, the annual two Samoa Talks, and renovation of the Department of Public Safety building are some of the many issues raised at last Wednesday’s cabinet meeting held at the Agriculture Department conference room.

## SENIOR CITIZENS “KING AND QUEEN”

An added activity, which promises to be entertaining, to the Governor’s Annual Christmas Program for senior citizens, is the King and Queen pageant, set for Dec. 7th at the Pago Pago Youth Community Center.

Territorial Administration on Aging director, Evelyn Lili’o-Satele said the governor’s directive is for more activities for senior citizens and they “must be fun”.

“So with that in mind, we’ve added a little bit of something, to this year’s program and the governor will be hosting a senior citizen King and Queen pageant,” she said adding that many cabinet members have received letters asking for sponsorship of contestants.

Additional, there are “potential” candidates amongst cabinet members.

“Please come forward if you would like to run,” she said. This prompted laughter from the audience, but no cabinet members stepped up to the challenge at the time, although other ASG officials suggested some directors, which resulted in additional laughter from the audience.

Lili’o-Satele said the pageant “promises to be entertaining” — not only from the entertainers they are recruiting, but the “contestants themselves.”

In a letter early this month seeking business and individual support, Lili’o-Satele announced that TAOA will host its first annual King and Queen pageant, under the theme, ‘Once Upon a Time’.

And it “promises to be an exciting event showcasing the talent, style, and youthfulness of our most treasured members of society, our seniors,” she explained, adding that TAOA’s mission is to promote and ensure happiness, good health, high-self esteem and independent living for all seniors.

Competition categories include casual wear, talent, interview, and Samoan siva.

Prior to the pageant is the governor’s Christmas gift giving and celebration of the holidays with seniors at 9a.m. The governor’s chief of staff, Fiu J. Saelua said this year the administration is doing away with fruit baskets for seniors, but instead there will be wrapped gifts, with the contents valued at no less than \$20.

A list is being distributed to ASG entities regarding the number of Christmas gifts they are

to prepare. Gifts are to be submitted Dec. 5- 6 to the Governor’s Office.

Word circulated during the cabinet meeting that TAOA and the Governor’s Office is looking for a “Santa Claus” for that day to give away the gifts to senior citizens. Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga suggested two candidates, who are cabinet directors, but nothing was confirmed at the time.

Lolo said this will be the 5th year of this important program, to honor senior citizens for their contribution to American Samoa. He noted that cabinet members set the example of honoring and respecting “our senior citizens” who are also “our parents” and the youth will follow, adding that some youth do not show respect to their parents.

Meanwhile, Fiu confirmed the date of the Governor’s annual Christmas visitation starting on Dec. 11th at Hope House. On Dec. 12th, he will visit the LBJ Medical Center patients’ wards, and in the afternoon the Territorial Correctional Facility, which includes the Juvenile Detention Center.

## TWO SAMOA TALKS

ASG officials announced that the annual Two-Samoa Talks is confirmed for Nov. 30th (Friday in Samoa) in Apia, with the ASG delegation heading to Apia either late Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning for pre-conference meetings with their Samoa counterparts.

The executive session, led by Lolo and Samoa Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi is set for the afternoon.

Last Friday morning, ASG officials met to finalize American Samoa’s agenda for the meeting, which include economic integration — trade, commerce and investments, immigration and homeland security issues, broadband connectivity opportunities (telecommunication), health issues, climate change, fishery, tourism, and workforce development.

## DPS BUILDING RENOVATION

To lighten the financial burden on government for capital projects, Lolo said the Department of Public Works will handle certain construction jobs, specifically those with no budget allocation, but cannot be delayed.

An example is the Department of Public Safety building that was affected by fire last month. Lolo said this is one of the government’s oldest buildings and now is the time for a full upgrade.

“We are talking about \$3 million to \$4 million” for a complete reconstruction of the DPS building and there is no money allocated for this project, he said.

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Tauilili-Langkilde agreed and ordered that the bond remain at \$500.

If Siaumau Jr. is able to post bond, the Court has several conditions of release, which include no direct or indirect contact with government witnesses, including police officers, who were allegedly affected by his actions.

According to the government's summary of facts, there were two incidents simultaneously happening.

One of the two incidents was reported to the Tafuna Sub-Station, when it received a call around 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 22nd, after a police officer, who was on the road in the Puapua area, observed a white truck heading west at a high rate of speed near Calvary Chapel.

At the same time, bystanders, at a bus stop on the main road, reported the second incident to the police — it was a group of youth fighting near the intersection to Taputimu — and a dispatcher at the Leone Sub-station called police units and officers for assistance.

In the meantime, the vehicle that was driven by Siamau, Jr. didn't stop when a motorcycle cop signaled for him to stop. Instead, he continued speeding westbound, at that time he was near the campus of Fa'asao Marist HS. Moments later, another police unit with two female officers spotted the defendant's vehicle near a gas station in Leone, heading west, and they initiated a vehicle stop but the defendant kept driving.

Then, a police officer from the Leone Sub-station dispatched police officers who were trying to stop the defendant's vehicle, saying the truck was parked at the Leone Sub-station parking lot, and the defendant allegedly took one of the victims from the fight at the intersection to Taputimu.

According to the government, Siaumau Jr. allegedly snatched one of the victims from the Leone Sub-station before the investigation was complete, and while police were waiting for EMS personnel to arrive.

The defendant got into his vehicle with the victim, whom he told police later was his son, and the two drove off from the Leone Sub-station.

Driving on the stretch of public highway from Leone to Futiga, Siaumau Jr. continued to elude police, refusing the stop or pull over.

According to police officers, Siaumau Jr. allegedly flipped them off and told them to follow

his truck.

At one point, the defendant stopped when a police officer, who was waiting on the other side of the road flagged him down, and tried to explain to him the reason why police officers were following his vehicle.

During the short conversation with the police officer on the road, the defendant told him it was his son that was involved in a fight at the bus stop at the intersection to Taputimu, and he had found out through phone calls from his son's friends.

The defendant said that's why he was speeding carelessly. He said he was worried about his son and he went to the Leone Sub-station to take his boy away from the police.

He also told the officer he would take his son to the hospital, to check on the injuries he sustained from the fight.

The cop told the defendant he needed to take his son back to the Leone Sub-station so police could complete their investigation on what happened. The defendant resisted and refused to take his son back to the Leone Sub-station, after which he took off again, resulting in the officer dispatching the Tafuna Sub-station for backup.

According to the government, about 7 police officers and 5 police units were involved in the chase of the defendant's vehicle.

Two cops in a police unit observed the defendant's vehicle heading to Vaitogi at a high rate of speed, swerving to their lane and nearly colliding with them. The cops say they turned around in pursuit and followed the defendant's vehicle, but they couldn't catch up because Siaumau Jr. was doing 60- 70 mph on the Vaitogi public road. Moments later, police officers observed the defendant's vehicle in the bushes on the Vaitogi dirt road near the "Fa'atagi le Laumei" area, but there was nobody inside. The vehicle was locked and empty. Police, however, were able to pick the defendant up from his residence and take him to the Tafuna Sub-station for questioning; his vehicle was impounded as well.

The defendant was allegedly yelling at police officers in English and Samoan. He shouted profanities and threatened the officers, saying they will see what happens when he comes out. He also told the two female officers, he allegedly flipped off, that he didn't give them the bird finger, and they needed to do their job right.



*Compiled by Samoa News staff*

### AMATA WELCOMES \$9,000 HEALTH CARE GRANT FOR AMERICAN SAMOA

Washington, D.C. — Monday, November 27, 2017 — Congresswoman Aumua Amata welcomed a \$9,385 federal grant for the American Samoa Department of Health.

"I appreciate this health funding for American Samoa," said Aumua Amata. "Access to quality health services can be a major challenge in American Samoa, and federal support like this is part of the constant process of ensuring that care is available for maternal and child health services."

Specifically, this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) grant is through the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau Programs and designated for the Health Department in American Samoa.

HRSA is the primary federal agency tasked with improving health care for geographically isolated populations, or otherwise economically or medically vulnerable groups. This health services grant is part of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau State Systems Development Initiative.

"Thank you to the Health Resources and Services Administration for their role in supporting health care in American Samoa," continued Congresswoman Amata. "Congratulations to Director Motusa Tuileama Nua and the Health Department, and Margaret Sesepasara and everyone involved in this program as they use these funds to deliver care to those in need."

### PC MAUGA CALLS ON EVERYONE TO HELP WITH THE LOCAL DRUG CRISIS

Secretary of the Office of Samoan Affairs, Paramount Chief, Mauga Tasi Asuega has called on the government and traditional leaders to work with officers from the Department of

Public Safety, to put a stop and cure the problem of drugs in the territory.

Speaking at last week Wednesday's cabinet meeting, Mauga said drugs are a real problem in the territory today, and there is a need for everyone to step up and do something to stop it.

"We heard reports about the latest police drug raids a few weeks ago," he said.

"Not only did they find a huge quantity of drugs, they also found weapons. Drugs are still coming to our shores and if we don't act today, the future of our children will be affected, and everyone, including parents and families, will also be affected. We need to act now."

Mauga was referring to the recent raids of homes in Taputimu and Alofau, by detectives of the Vice & Narcotics Unit, which resulted in the arrest of three people, one of whom is a former cop who is still unaccounted for.

He told directors that everyone in American Samoa has a responsibility to fulfill in their families, villages, churches, and even inside the workplace. And that is, helping to combat the problem of drugs in the territory.

"...We have to stand together and lend a hand to the Police Commissioner and his people, to find ways to stop drugs from entering our country... and it's our duty as leaders to find ways to cure the problem, and also find a rehab program to help them," Mauga said.

He further noted that domestic violence against women and young girls was also a major problem in the territory.

Combating the growing drug problem is the main reason Gov. Lolo M. Moliga established the "American Samoa Drug Control Commission" and the Police Commissioner re-constituted the Vice & Narcotics Unit, as well as arming police officers, with those in the Vice Unit allowed to carry 24/7.



*To officially open 2017 Environmental Week, ASEPA director and workers were involved in a "wave" to the travelling public along the Malae o Suigaula Suigaula o le Atuvasa beach road early yesterday morning.*

*According to Director Ameko Pato, the main focus of this year's Enviro Week is "Rethink Climate Change: Our Pacific, Our Future!"*

*Tree planting at Suigaula o le Atuvasa Park, Lions Park and Leone Village Park starts off today until Wednesday.*

*Thursday will be the closing day, where ASEPA will acknowledge the hard work of all their faithful Environment Adopters.*

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to answer.”

GOVERNMENT HIRING

At last month’s cabinet meeting, Lolo said part of his duty as the territory’s leader, is to ensure the government is creating more jobs for the people. This was in response to complaints from some in the private sector, who have accused the government of hiring more people than it can pay.

Members of the private sector told Samoa News last week that they disagree with the governor’s statement. One business owner said he recalls during Lolo’s campaign for the first election, the statement that creating more jobs in the private sector, would be the key to developing American Samoa’s economy. “I believe it’s wrong for the governor to allow more people to work for the government when ASG cannot afford to pay them all, while also not paying bills to the private sector

for supplies and materials.

“It’s really sad to hear that our governor is telling his cabinet that his role as the country’s leader is to provide more jobs for our people when in fact, the government owes a lot of dollars to the private sector,” said a business owner who didn’t want to be identified because he does business with the government.

Another business owner who wanted to remain anonymous told Samoa News that he couldn’t believe the government is still hiring, as there are four, five or six people with the same position, doing the same work that one person can do.

“I agree that our people deserve to have jobs to care for their families, but not hiring someone who is not fit for the job, does not qualify, or was given the job because of election connections or future campaigns,” said one business owner.

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# Macron seeks to rethink Africa relations, faces tensions

O U A G A D O U G O U , Burkina Faso (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron landed late Monday in West Africa, where he is expected to try to revive French influence and move beyond post-colonial tensions despite threats of demonstrations.

In his first big speech on Africa, the 39-year-old leader is expected to focus on more pragmatic relations, such as supporting startup entrepreneurs instead of giving aid.

The Burkina government has ordered schools closed to ease traffic because of the heavy security measures in place during Macron’s visit, though many view the closures as an effort to reduce the threat of student unrest.

Unions in Burkina Faso already have called for protests

against Macron’s visit to Ouagadougou ahead of a Europe-Africa summit in Ivory Coast later in the week. Macron also will make a stop in Ghana after attending the summit in Ivory Coast.

Burkina Faso, a former French colony, is now part of a five-country regional security force aimed at eliminating jihadists in the Sahel. Long a country of relative peace, Burkina Faso has seen the threat of Islamic extremists spill over the border from neighboring Mali in recent years.

An attack on a Turkish restaurant in August left 18 people dead, while an ambush on another nearby restaurant in January 2016 killed 30 people.

The northern border region near Mali is now the home of a local preacher, Ibrahim Malam Dicko, who has claimed responsibility for recent deadly attacks against troops and civilians. His association, Ansarul Islam, is now considered a terrorist group by Burkina Faso’s government.

On Sunday, a teacher of French and geography was killed in Burkina Faso’s Yatenga province near the Malian border. Authorities have called it a “terrorist attack,” and said two others were wounded.

Second prize winner for Neil’s ACE Home Center’s 33rd anniversary raffle, Louena Tupua of Faleniu, pictured with company official, Nadine Solofa-Tafufaasau. [photo: courtesy]



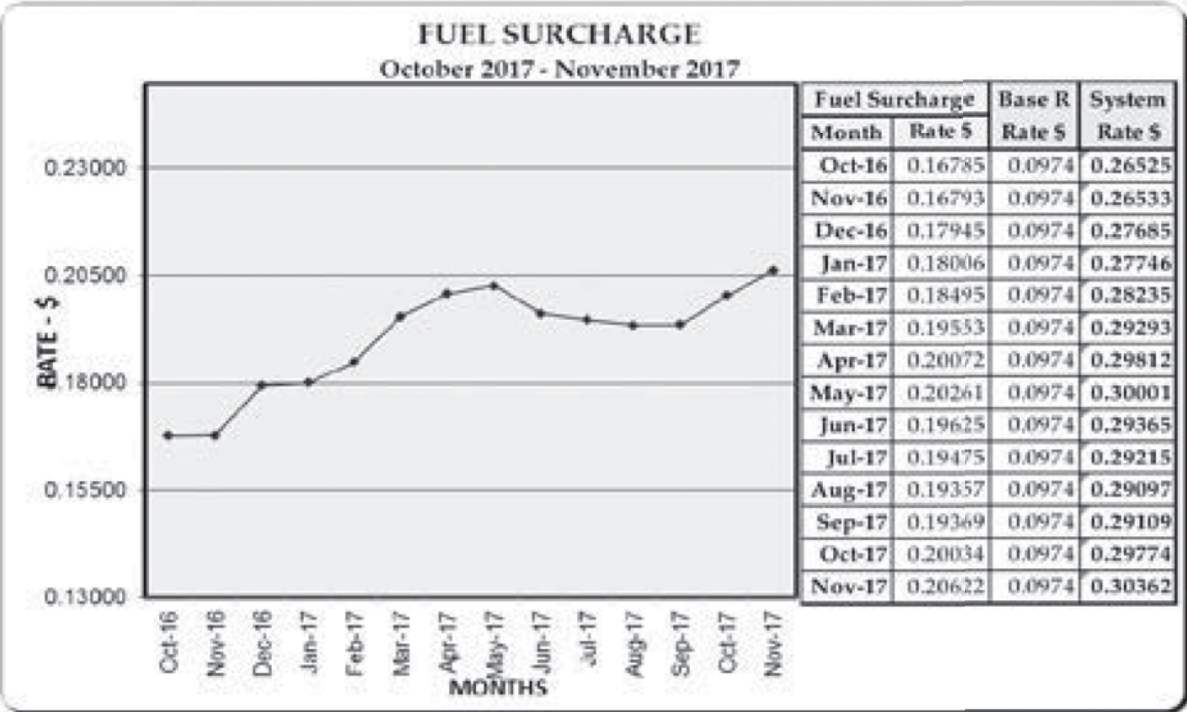
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## Monthly Fuel Surcharge Notification

The American Samoa Power Authority is informing its customers about the monthly fuel surcharge rate, which is the direct cost of fuel to generate electricity. The charge for each kilowatt hour (kWh) comprises the “base rate” and the “fuel surcharge rate.”

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The fuel surcharge rate also includes the “Renewable Reduction” from electricity produced by the ASPA Photo Voltaic panels. The avoided fuel costs or fuel being saved from producing electricity through the Photo Voltaic panels, is passed on to customers as the “Renewable

Fuel Surcharge and System Rate for November 2017			
Rate - \$	Residential	Small General	Large General
Calculated Fuel Surcharge	0.21528	0.21528	0.21528
Renewable Reduction	-0.00906	-0.00906	-0.00906
Fuel Surcharge	0.20622	0.20622	0.20622
Fixed Electric Base Rate	0.09740	0.10650	0.08960
Electric System Rate (kWh)	0.30362	0.31272	0.29582

Reduction” savings. There are seven active sites, with more sites in progress to increase ASPA’s renewable energy portfolio. As ASPA increases renewable energy capacity, more savings will be realized and passed on to customers.

## Senior...

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Lolo didn’t specifically state how much money the government will spend on either the police station or the museum extension, also being constructed by DPW.

“These are the [two] projects that need to be done and not put on hold,” said the governor.

Lolo stressed the need to move forward with some of the capital improvement projects, and the reasons DPW is tasked with carrying out the work, while the government looks for financial resources.

There is some financial support for museum restoration, already provided under the FY 2018 Special Programs budget, which is overseen by the Governor’s Office.

According to the administration, \$500,000 is allocated towards the purpose of renovation and restoration or even construction of a new museum.

An ASG official told Samoa News yesterday that the allocation is not expected to cover the total cost of a museum restoration and that’s why there is a need to secure additional funding sources including grants.

It should be noted that both projects involve Historic Site buildings — meaning efforts are made to preserve their historical character.



# ASCC Business Department highlights community involvement

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Two recent events at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) highlighted the involvement of the College's Business Department with the local and international communities.

First, the Business Department gave a presentation to the parents of students in the class MKT 212 (Marketing & Management Practicum) which had recently returned from a five day visit to the Independent State of Samoa. Days later, the department hosted its Parent Night event in order to familiarize the parents of all ASCC Business Majors with goals, practices and philosophy of the department.

The students of MKT 212 held bake sales on campus for a 10-week period to raise funds to finance their travel to Upolu and Savai'i.

Business major Miracle Matamu, who went on the five-day trip, explained that the visit enabled the class to make direct observations on how various businesses in Samoa produce, package, store and distribute their products.

Among the five Samoa factories willing to host the ASCC students as observers Matamu found Mailelani Samoa the most inspiring.

"The owner had no background in chemistry," said Matamu, "but he knew the formula for creating an all-natural handmade soap." Starting a business from scratch, with help from the owner's wife and family Mailelani Samoa has expanded along with its growing profits.

"The experience of seeing the business in Samoa up close really broadened my view of potential careers within Samoa," Matamu reflected.

Upon the return home of the MKT 212 class, the Business Department invited the parents of the participating students to a presentation at which ASCC President Dr. Rosevonne Pato gave welcoming remarks, followed by a full account of the trip from Business Department chairperson Dr. Faofua

Faatoafe.

On behalf of her department, Dr. Faatoafe thanked the parents for their trust and support before presenting them with gifts brought back from the journey. Many of the parents present also took the opportunity to formally thank the Business Department for a job well done.

ASCC President Dr. Pato again joined Dr. Faatoafe and her staff a few nights later for their yearly Parent Night, an event to which the Business Department invites the parents of all Business majors for an evening of fellowship and entertainment.

During her special remarks, Dr. Pato shared how over the years the enrollment figures for Business classes have remained among the most consistent at the College. Because of this consistent student interest, the Business program has come under consideration as an area where the College may work towards developing an advanced degree. She stressed the long-range nature of this possibility, but clarified that the longstanding success of the Business Department has not gone unnoticed.

In between cultural entertainment performed by a combination of Business majors, Dr. Faatoafe and instructors Ioapo Taua'i and Lam Yuen Lam Yuen Jr. took turns sharing the goals and vision of their department with their guests.

Dr. Faatoafe explained that the Business Department expects its majors to learn professional standards, which include dressing properly, respecting the College and its authority, focusing on their studies and practicing good citizenship. She also discussed the department's student organization, the Business Ambassadors of ASCC (BAOA), who actively participate in community service at sites such as the LBJ Hospital children's ward and Hope House, as well as performing tutoring services for their fellow Business students. BAOA members further assist the department during Department of Education outreach activities such as career days by

giving testimony on Business courses and college life to high school students.

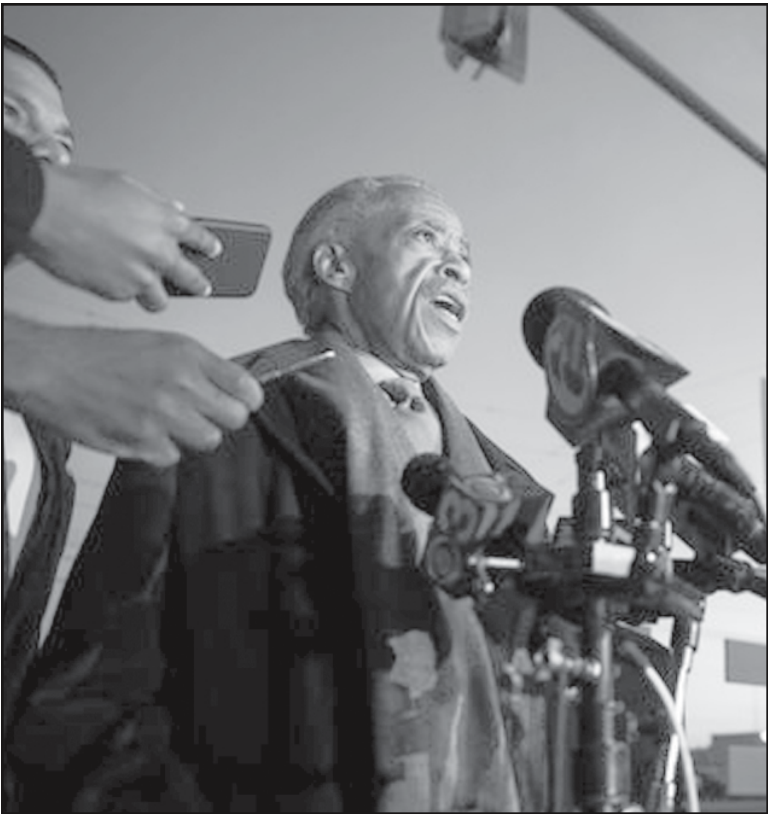
Following the talks by the Business faculty and the entertainment, parents had the opportunity to ask questions or share their own views on how having a son or daughter studying Business at ASCC has made a difference for them.

With the 2017 Parent Night concluding on an upbeat note for all concerned, instructor Taua'i observed how direct involvement with the parents of Business majors reflects the department's personal concern for the young men and women who pass through its program.

"We keep a record of where our students go after graduation, and follow up on their status and whereabouts every semester," said Taua'i.

While success in any area may depend on personal motivation and other factors, Taua'i noted how a fair number of ASCC Business graduates now work in the local public and private sectors.

"We have some students who find work locally after graduation, some who join the military, and some who continue their education off-island," he observed. "We even have some that have found work here, and continue to further their education by pursuing a bachelor degree in the ASCC Teacher Education program. We encourage our students to strive for success not only as businessmen and businesswomen, but also as members of their community." More information on the ASCC Business program can be found in the ASCC Catalog, available online at [www.amsamoa.edu](http://www.amsamoa.edu).



The Rev. Al Sharpton speaks with members of the media after visiting with rapper Meek Mill at the state correctional institution in Chester, Pa., Monday, Nov. 27, 2017. Mill was sentenced to serve two to four years in prison for violating probation in a nearly decade-old gun and drug case. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

## Sharpton: Meek Mill represents victims of the justice system

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Sharpton said.

— Rev. Al Sharpton said a broken criminal justice system is responsible for Meek Mill's imprisonment and called Monday for the judge who sentenced the rapper to reconsider or step aside.

Sharpton said he met with the 30-year-old musician in a Pennsylvania prison and told reporters outside the facility that Mill has become a symbol for the thousands of people who have been "victimized by abusive probationary and parole systems."

"He's representative of many people in institutions like this that do little or nothing, they're violated and their lives, their businesses are ruined,"

Mill was sentenced this month to two to four years in prison for violating probation on a roughly decade-old gun and drug case. The ruling came after both Mill's probation officer and a prosecutor recommended that the Philadelphia-native not be jailed.

Before sentencing Mill, Common Pleas Judge Genece Brinkley said he wasted several chances to clean up his act after his original conviction. She cited a failed drug test, his failure to comply with a court order restricting his travel and two unrelated arrests before giving her ruling.

"You basically thumbed your nose at me," she said.

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Ua motusia le tui o ve'eve'e, ua tāfea le tau'ofe i le Atu Fiti ma ona tai e sua tāili. Nuū malolo e, talofa, ua e mātā'i muli o matagi, a ua lē mātāfia ao ua piisami; ua ufitia Malaemanū i 'au a le lagi, ae sasala i Siapotaga'i le nanamu o le 'oli ma le asi.  
I le ava ma le migao, ma le faaaloalo tele, e faailo atu ai ma le faavauvau lava le tuua o malō e le Afioga i le Tei o Tupua, o le Tama a Malili e Fa -

# LEALAISALANOA SOLI AUMOEUALOGO

ua gasolosolo ai nei ao ae ta'ape pāpā, ma pa'ū le masina, auā ua lāgia le malae e:  
Susū ai le Matua o Iuli; susū ai Leatutufu, susū ai le tagata o le Tuiatua, susū ai Puaatuua ma Puaatuua; ua gāusia le tootoo i le Vaifanua tele - le fetalaiga ia Va'a ma Tagoa'i ma le Atisano'e; a o le mamalu i le Sa'ole'auuta; ua motu le 'asoa i le afioga i le Fenunuivao, ae to'ulu 'autā iā Tupua.  
Ua lāgia ai nei o Alo-i-Tafuna, e afio ai le Tupufia, Susū ai Anoalo; susū ai Usoalii, susū Sa Ala'ivanu; susū le Tama'ita'i; alaalata'i ai le fetalaiga iā Tuatoo ma Moefono, ma upu ia te oe le Sa'ole.  
Ua lāgia Lalofau ma Olotele e afio ai le Sagapolutele, Susū ai le Matua o Fautanu; alaalata'i ai ali'i o le Falefitu, Susū ai le Maiava-aitu o le Lau-na-tausala; Ua usufono le mamalu o le Faigā.  
Ua lāgia Malaetele ma le Malaevavau, e afio ai le Laau na Amotasi e Samoa, Susū ai Sotoa o le Vaimagalo, Susū ai le suafa o Lefiti ma le Pupuali'i, Susū ai Usoalii, Alaalata'i ai Tootoo o le Fale'ula; ma le pa'ia i le Faletolu.  
Ua lāgia nei Paepaeulupoo ma Paepae'alā e afio ai le Sa'ousoali'i, Susū ai le Matua o Liufau ma Liufau, o le tama a aitu ma tagata, Susū ali'i o le Faleono; Susū tapa'au. Ua tala i le lagi le upega o fetalaiga i le Paopao'ailua ma le Tufaga, ae tūlolo le to'oto'o ia te oe le Launiusaelua; Ua motu le 'asoa fa'atausala i le Tu'ugaolo ma le Tumusā, Ua to'ulu foi 'autā i Teioutaife'au.  
E fa'asilasila atu ai ma le fa'aaloalo lava le fa'asologa o sauniga fa'amāvae o le Afioga i Lealaisalanoa e fa'apea:

### Aso Tofi, Novema 30, 2017

8:00 i le taeao      Sauniga pu'upu'u i le Maota o Gasegase i faga'aulu, ona molimoli atu ai lea o lona tino maliu i Tula.  
10:00 i le taeao      Sauniga i le malumalu EFKAS i Tula.

### Aso Faraile, Tesema 1, 2017

9:00 i le taeao      A mae'a le faamavaega    ona toe molimoli lea o lona tino i le malumalu ole EFKAS i Tula  
mo lona sauniga lotu mulimuli;  
A mae'a lona sauniga, ona molimoli lea o lona tino i Tafuna i lona maota mo lona nofoaga tumau.

### FUNERAL PROGRAM

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 8:00 am      Brief service at LBJ Chapel (Faga'alu), followed by funeral motorcade to Tula Village.  
10:00 am      Church service at CCCAS Tula.  
Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:00 am      Bid farewell to Honorable High Chief Salanoa Soli S. P. Aumoeualogo followed by final church service at CCCAS Tula.  
Burial services will be at his residence in Tafuna.



Sainia/Signed,  
LE MATUA IULI TEOFILO  
MA LE FALETUA O SIA SALANOA SOLI S. P. GROHSE AUMOEUALOGO  
MA LE FANAU MA LE AIGA POTOPOTO





# Tatala le talavai o Fatuga’o falema’i LBJ i Fagaalu

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

Ua amatalia se gaoioiga fou na fefa’asoa’i ai le Matagal-uega o le Soifua Maloloina ma le Pulega a le Falema’i LBJ Medical Center - ina ia taumafai e fa’aititia le faitau aofa’i o gasegase e o’o atu i le Talavai Fa’amama Toto, ae ia mafai ona fautuaina ina ia tausia lelei le soifua maloloina e ala i taumafa ma le inumia o latou vailaau mo togafitiga o gasegase, aemaise lava i le ma’i suka.

Ona o lea taufua fou a le LBJ o le potu o Talavai mo Fatuma’a lea e fa’aigoaina Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

“O le taua o le silafia e le tagata o gasegase ma o loo talavai tumau i lona gasegase suka ma le toto maua, gugu, ma’i fatu ma isi lava gas-egase uma e inumia ai fuala’au fa’atulaga e togafitia ai, e tatau ona iloa patino, poo le a se a’afiaga ua o’o i ai ou fatuma’a,” o se tala lea a le tama’ita’i o lo’o aofia i le vaega fa’apitoa e gal-lulue mo talavai, Josephine Lam Yuen Fuga. Ona o le fatuga’o e na te ave’esea maia le tele o lapisi mai le suavai manino e fa’aaogaina e le tino, o le ala lea o le a’afia tele o fatuga’o ona ua fa’apogaia ai fatuma’a e poloka ai le gasolo lelei o le suavai i le tino. Pau lava le vaifofo ua fa’ailoa mai o nei ituaiga o ma’i tiga, pe toe soloia ai fatuma’a, o le to’aga e inumia le suavaiauli.

O le fa’amoemoe lava ua afua ai ona fa’atula’ia lenei tautua, ina ua mae’a tu’ufa’atasia atu le faitau aofai o i latou ua fa’amama toto, ae maise o i latou ua matauina ua amata ona afaina latou fatuma’a i ona la’asaga mai le tasi se’ia o’o i le lima lea ua fa’amama ai loa, ua to’atele le faitau aofai.

“Ina ia le o’o atu i latou nei ua i le la’asaga muamua se’ia o’o i le 4 i le la’asaga lima, lea e fa’amama ai loa le toto, ua tatau lava ona faia se galuega. Ina ia le o’o lava i latou uma i lona vaega o le tautua. Aua e taugata, e le faigofie, e tele ona lavelave ma galuega e tu’ufa’atasia mo ia togafitiga. E le taitai ona lava le tatou potu o talavai Fa’amama Toto o i ai nei, pe afai ae toe ulufale atu le isi to’a 200+ lea ua i le La’asaga 4 i le talavai fa’amama toto.”

“I le taimi nei, ua vala’au e i matou gasegase ua iloga mai o i latou fa’amaumaga mai o latou faila ma’i ua aofia i le La’asaga 3 ma le 4 ina ia o’o ane e faata-latalanoa tulaga o latou taumafa, seti so latou taimi e talanoa ai ma Foma’i o le Faletalavai ina ia malamalama lelei i le inumia

ma a’afiaga o lo’o togafitia e ala i ana fuala’au. E va’ai toto’a fo’i i le tupe maua a le aiga o le sui o gasegase pe o lava le fa’asoa tau le tamaoiga, pe manaomia se fesaosoani fa’apena e totogia ai latou vaila’au mo togafitiga, ona fa’auia lea o fesoasoani masani a le vaega o lo’o totogia i ai pili mo talavai,” o se isi lea fa’apupulaga atili ole fa’atautaiga o talavai a le “CKD -Talavai o Fatuga’o.”

O aso Lua taitasi mai le itula

(Faaauau itulau 10)



Tama’ita’i o lo’o tautuaina le Talavai fou o le “Fatuga’o CKD” ua tatalaina i le potu sa fa’aaoga mo talavai o le fa’amama toto i tafatafa ane tonu lava o le Potu mo le Totogia o Pili o le Falema’i i Faga’alu. O le tama’ita’i o Josephine Lam Yuen Fuga ma lana soa.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Le ali'i o Marty Tanielu i fafo o le fale o le Fa'amasinoga Itumalo i le aso Lulu ua te'a, mo lana iloiloga i tuuaiga o le umia fa'asolitulafono o vaega o le pauta fa'asaina o le aisa.

[ata: AF]

# Tuuaia se ali'i i lona umia o fualaau fa'asaina mai Le Aute

tusia Ausage Fausia

O fualaau fa'asaina lea ua tu'uaia e le malo le ali'i o Marty Tanielu sa ia umia i le vaiaso na te'a nei, o lo o tu'uaia na ia fa'atauina mai i le nofoaga o lo o i ai le pisinisi o Le Aute.

E 2 moliaga mamafa o le umia fa'asolitulafono o vaega o le pauta fa'asaina o le aisa ua tu'uaia ai e le malo ia Tanielu, i le mae'a ai lea o le fa'alavelave lea na taofia ai e Leoleo lanata'avale i Tafuna i le vaiaso na te'a nei, e mafua mai i se poloaiga mai le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo e pu'e fa'apagota mai ai o ia, ona o lona le auai i ana iloiloga e 2 sa fa'atulaga e le Fa'amasinoga.

O le taeao nei lea ua fa'atulaga e toe tula'i ai Tainelu i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, mo le fa'atulagaina o le aso e fa'ataunu'u aloaia ai loa lana ulua'i iloiloga.

E tusa ai o fa'amaumauga a Leoleo o lo o taua ai e fa'apea, i le taeao o le aso Lulu o le vaiaso na te'a nei, na vaaia ai e se Leoleo le ulufafo mai o Tanielu mai totonu o se faleoloa ma aga'i atu i le itu o lo o paka ai lana ta'avale.

Na afe le ta'avale Leoleo ma paka i tua o le ta'avale a Tanielu, ma aga'i atu ai loa le Leoleo ma fa'ailoa atu ia te ia, le poloaiga mai le Fa'amasinoga e pu'e fa'apagota atu ai o ia, e mafua mai i lona le auai i ana iloiloga e 2 ua mae'a ona valaauina. E masani lelei lava le Leoleo ia Tanielu, o le mafua'aga fo'i lea na faigofie ai ona ia iloaina o ia i luma o le faleoloa.

Ona o puipuiga i le saogalemu o Leoleo, na fa'atonuina ai loa le ua molia mo se avanoa e saili ai lona tino poo i ai ni a'upega poo nisi lava tulaga e ono a'afia ai le saogalemu o le Leoleo, ma fa'atonuina ai loa o ia e aveese uma ni mea totino o loo i totou o tago o lona ofuvae o loo laei i le taimi lea.

I le taimi na aveese ai e le ua molia meatotino mai totonu o le taga o lona ofu o lo o fai, na moli-mauina ai e le Leoleo se paipa e masani ona ula ai e tagata le pauta oona o le aisa. Ona o lea vaaiga, na fautuaina ai loa le ua molia e tusa ai o ona aia tatau, atoa ai ma le tatau lea ona ia fa'ailoaina atu o ni fualaau fa'asaina o loo ia te ia.

I totonu o le paipa o lo o tu'uaia sa maua ia Tanielu, sa i ai i totonu se vaega o le pauta

oona o le aisa, lea na faia i ai se suega faapitoa a Leoleo ma faamaonia ai, o se vaega ia o le pauta fa'asaina o le aisa.

I totonu o le pepa sikaleti a le ua molia sa tu'uina atu i Leoleo, sa maua ai i totonu se straua uma ona ta tipi ona tulimanu, o lo o tumu fo'i i vaega o le pauta pa'epa'e. Sa fai e Leoleo se su'ega faapitoa i le pauta pa'epa'e lea ma faamaonia ai, o vaega ia o le pauta oona o le aisa.

Na taua e Leoleo le musu o le ua molia e faia sana fa'amatalata tusitusia e tusa ai o vaega o fualaau fa'asaina sa maua ia te ia, ae na mafai ona fesiligia ma su'esu'e e Leoleo le isi ali'i sa to'alua ma Tanielu i totonu o lana ta'avale i le taimi na taofia ai o ia e Leoleo.

Na taua e le ali'i lea i Leoleo e fa'apea, e fa'alua ona la o ma Tanielu e fa'atau mai a le fualaau fa'asaina o le aisa mai le nofoaga o Le Aute. O le taimi muamua sa la malaga ai o le po lea o le aso Lua o le vaiaso na te'a nei, aso 21 Novema pe tusa o le itula e 9:00, lea na latou malaga ai ma Tanielu ma le isi ali'i i le ta'avale a le ua molia ma latou aga'i i se auala pefu i tua i Malaeloa, le nofoaga autu o Le Aute.

Ina ua latou taunu'u i le nofoaga, sa ia vaaia le aga'i ane o ni ali'i se to'atolu ma taofi le ta'avale, ona oso lea i fafo o Tanielu ma aga'i atu i ali'i o lo o taofia le ta'avale, ma ia vaaia ai le tu'u atu e Tanielu o le tupe i ali'i ia ae aumai e ali'i ia fualaau fa'asaina ia Tanielu. Na toe fo'i atu le ua molia i totonu o le ta'avale, ona ia tago lea ua utu le pauta o le aisa na alu atu ma ia i totonu o le paipa, ona amata ai loa lea ona latou ula fa'asolosolo ao alu le ta'avale. Ina ua mae'a, sa momoli e le ua molia o ia i lona fale. O le taimi lona lua na la fa'atau mai ai fualaau fa'asaina mai Le Aute, o le taeao po lava o le aso Lulu lea na maua ai laua e Leoleo. Ina ua mae'a ona toso e le ua molia lana ta'avale sa pe i Faganeanea, na la aga'i atu ai loa i le nofoaga o Le Aute ma fa'atau mai ai isi pauta o le aisa. O vaega la ia o fualaau fa'asaina sa la feoa'i ma laua i le taeao lea, ae mulimuli ai loa maua i laua e Leoleo ma taofia ai Tanielu. E \$5,000 le vaega tupe lea ua fa'atulaga e totogi ona fa'atoa mafai lea ona tatala Tanielu i tua mai le toese i Tafuna.

## Fa'amanino Kovana suiga o le Tulafono mo le Faletupe fou a le malo

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O le taeao nei lea ua fa'amoemoe e amata aloaia ai tualumaga o le Fono Faapitoa a le Kovana lea ua valaauina mo le Fono Faitulafono, e talanoaina ai mataupu taua e lua e talitonu le ali'i Kovana e aoga mo le atunu'u.

O ia mataupu e aofia ai le fa'amaoniaina o le tofiga o le Fa'amasino Lagolago mo le afioga i le ali'i Senatoa ia Paepae Iosefa Faiai, atoa ai ma le suiga i le tulafono sa fa'avae ai le Faletupe a le malo (TBAS).

O le fonotaga a le Kape-neta i le vaiaso na te'a nei na fa'amanino ai e Lolo suiga o le tulafono mo le Faletupe, ae o le fonotaga ma tusitala i le aso Faraile na te'a nei, na ia toe fa'amanino atili ai loa le autu o le suiga e pei ona fuafuaina mo le tulafono na fa'avae ai le Faletupe. Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, o le suiga e pei ona fuafuaina mo le tulafono na fa'avae ai le Faletupe a le malo,

o le upu i le gagana peretania o le "hold company" o lo o taua i le gagana o le tulafono. O le fa'aupuga lea e pei ona saunoa Lolo i le feiloaiga ma tusitala, e le talafeagai ona fa'aogaina i le faletupe a le malo, ona o le faletupe o le TBAS, o le faletupe a le malo o Amerika Samoa, ma, talu ai le tulaga fa'avaomalo i le va feagai ai ma le malo tele o Amerika, lea e pei ona fa'aogaina ai o le teritori e le o lelei ona fa'atulaga lelei lana faigamalo, o le mafua'aga lea e le agava'a ai ona fa'aoga

le faaupuga lea mo le faletupe o le TBAS. Saunoa atili Lolo e fa'apea, o le fa'aupuga e pei ona fuafua e faia i ai le suiga i le tulafono, o lo o fa'aogaina lava mo faletupe i totonu o setete ma teritori uma a le malo tele, se'i vagana ai lava Amerika Samoa e le agava'a ai, ona o lona tulaga fa'avaomalo ma le malo tele. O le fonotaga ma sui o le Feterale o lo o pulea tulaga tau faletupe a le malo tele i le amataga o le masina nei, na taua ai e le ali'i Kovana le fautuaina o le malo o Amerika Samoa ina ia faia lea suiga, ona faigofie ai loa lea ona aloaia le talosaga mo se numera e mafai ai ona agava'a teugatupe i totonu o le Faletupe e puipuia i lalo o tulafono o Inisiua a le Feterale. O i latou ia ua tofia e fa'auluulu i ai lea lala a le malo feterale mo auunaga tau faletupe, e le i leva ona fa'amaonia i latou e le Konekeresi a le malo tele, talu ona filifilia i latou e le peresetene a le malo tele ia Donald Trump.

Na taua e Lolo le mae'a lea ona ia fa'amanino i ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono le aano atoa ua mafua ai ona ia valaauina lenei Fono Faapitoa, ma ua sauni le faigamalo e galulue fa'atasi ma le Fono Faitulafono i auala e fa'aleleia atili ai le teutauga o le tulafono.

O le itula e 10:00 o le taeao nei lea ua fa'atulaga e nofoia ai tauaofiaga a maota e lua a le Fono Faitulafono, ma amata fa'atulaga ai loa iloiloga mo le talanoaina o mataupu e 2 o le Fono Faapitoa a le Kovana.

### Tatala le talavai...

Mai itulau 9

e 8:30 i le 2:00 i le aoauli, ua fa'atautaia ai talavai nei, ae ua fa'asolo atu lava i le telefoni, ma ua fa'aogaina telefoni o lo'o tusia i lou faila talavai masani i le LBJ, e vala'au atu ai tama'ita'i o lea potu talavai ia te oe. Ua fa'ailoa mai e nai tama'ita'i nei, "O le to'atele lava e fa'agau le malilie mai, aua e o'o mai i le taimi ua o'o ai i latou i le La'asaga lona 3, e le o ma'i lava i latou. Peita'i e fai si tete'i pe a vala'au atu e sau se'i fai se talavai e faufautua atu ai i ni mea na te faia, ina ia taofia ai pe toe fa'aleleia ai ona fatuga'o, ma le o'o atu ai i le tulaga fa'amama le toto."

Ua fesiligia e nisi pe fa'apefea ona iloa e i latou i lea talavai ua tatau ia te ia ona sau i lea talavai, ae o le tali mai, "O le tasi lea aoga tele o le faila o au talavai uma lava e o'o ane ai i le falema'i i so'o se gasegase po'o le fa'amanu'alia fo'i i se mea, ua faia lava lou faila ma fa'amauiina, o le ala lea ua fa'ailo mai ai le a'afiaga ua i ai ou fatuga'o." E pei ona fa'ailoa ua galulue fa'atasi ta'ita'i o le LBJ Medical Center ma le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina, ona ua matauina, o le afa lelei o le tupe fa'asoa a le Falema'i tele mo le fa'atauina o vaila'au mo togafitiga o gas-

egase uma lava o maua ai tagata lautele o Amerika Samoa, ua fa'aalu lea fa'atupe ai le talavai mo le Fa'amama Toto a le to'a 173 o gasegase. O se fua fa'alemafaufau o le mamafa i Ta'ita'i nei ona fa'atulaga se fa'atupega e togafitia ai e talavai fa'amama toto, na fa'ailoa mai fa'apea, "Pe afai ae toe sofa'i atu i ai ma le to'a 200 o loo ua i le La'asaga 4 i le talavai fa'amama toto ua i ai le 173, e fa'aluaia le aotelega o le vaega tupe e fa'atautaia ai lea lava talavai, ae le togafitia uma ai isi gasegase e tele o maua ai le to'a 55,000 o tagata lautele o Amerika Samoa." I le fa'asologa o i latou ua matauina ua a'afia, ua fa'ailoa mai ai lenei faitauga: La'asaga 1 & 2, e sili atu i le to'a 800, ae o le La'asaga 3 ua tula'i mai le to'a 724, La'asaga 4 e 200+ ma le la'asaga 5 lea e fa'amamaina toto i le taimi nei 173 i latou. I nei la'asaga uma, ua matauina ua i ai i latou e 40 tausaga le matutua. I le taimi nei fo'i, ua fa'atulaga ai le tiute fai o foma'i uma i so'o se talavai o fa'atautaia i le falema'i tele ma falema'i itumalo uma, "Ia fa'ailoa i le tagata e gasegase le tulaga o i ai lona soifua maloloina ma le a'afiaga o lona gasegase o togafitia ai. E le toe natia se mea e tasi."





# E LE O OE O SE SULI MONI

by Sam - Vaega 99

Ua salalau le tala e fa’atatau i le faigauo a le ali’i milionea o Laneselota ma le tama’ita’i meauli ia Ianeta. Ua soo ai tulinu manu e fa o le malo. O se tala na fa’ateia ai le to’atele o tagata milionea e masani lelei ma malamalama i le aiga o Laneselota, e o o lava fo’i i tama’ita’i lalelei sa fa’amemelo o latou lagona e fia fa’aipoipo atu i le ali’i milionea, e leai se isi o i latou e le i fa’ateia i lenei tala, ma ua amata loa ona latou taumafai e saili ni auala e fa’aleaga ai le mafutaga lea ua fa’atoa amata. O le tuana’i ai o le ulua’i 2 masina talu ona fa’amauiina le faigauo a Laneselota ma Ianeta, na maua atu ai se valaaulia a le ali’i o Laneselota mai se tasi o Fa’alapopotogota e galulue mo le manuia o tagata matitiva i totonu o le malo, e avea ai o ia ma Failauga Faapitoa i se tasi o a latou sauniga tele lava, e taua-luga ai se polokalame sa mafai ai ona fesoasoani atu i aiga matitiva. Na mafua ona maua le avanoa o Laneselota e avea ai ma Failauga Faapitoa, ona o ia le tagata na pito tele ai lava lana foga’i e fesoasoani ai i le fa’atupeina o lenei polokalame. Soo se taimi lava la e manatu ai Laneselota na te valaaulia Ianeta ina ia la auai i se fa’amoemoe taua, e malaga ai lava le ali’i i le fale o le tama’ita’i e logo aloaia i ai sona fanoga, na te le fa’aaogaina telefoni poo isi fo’i auala o fesoootaiga fa’aonaponei. Na fa’ateia Ianeta ao taaalo

ma nisi o ana uo i le lotoa o le latou fale ina ua valaau atu lona Tina e alu atu i le feau. Na tamo’e faavave atu Ianeta i lona fia iloa o le feau, ae fa’aailoa atu i ai e lona Tina, o loo i luma o le pa le ta’avale a Laneselota na alu atu e fia feiloa’i atu ia te ia. Na lagona le fiafia o Ianeta ma fa’anatinati atu ai loa i luma o le faitoto’a o le pa, ma ia vaaia ai le ta’avale a lana manamea o loo tu mai ai, ma auaina o loo tutu i autafa o le faitoto’a o le ta’avale. Na ona vaaia lava e auaua ua savali atu Ianeta, ona la tatalaina loa lea o le faitoto’a o le ta’avale, ma ulufafo mai ai le ali’i o Laneselota ma feiloa’i fiafia atu ia Ianeta. “E te lei faailoaina mai lava ia te a’u e te malaga mai i se taimi o lenei aso?”, o le fesili atu lea a Ianeta ma ona foliga fiafia, ae sa luelue le ulu o le ali’i milionea ma tali atu i ai e fa’apea, “E moni lava oe, ae fa’apea lava taualumaga o le olaga, a i ai se mataupu taua e moomia ai ona ta feiloa’i, ona fa’apena lava lea ona fai, ou te savalivali mai e asi mai oe ma fai se tala tala.” Ua le mafai le fia fa’alogo atu o Ianeta poo le a le mataupu taua ua fia talanoa atu ai Laneselota ia te ia, ae poo se mataupu fo’i e fa’atatau ia laua poo nisi mataupu fa’alemalo. “O le faaiuga o le vaiaso nei lea e faia ai se tasi o fa’atasiga tele lava i totonu o le taulaga o loo valaaulia ai a’u, mo le fa’ai’uina o le polokalame sa fa’agasolo e tufatufa atu ai meaalofo mo e tagata matitiva.

O le mafua’aga lena o lo’u oo mai, e valaaulia faapitoa ai oe ina ia ta malaga fa’atasi i lea valaaulia.” Na luelue le ulu o le tama’ita’i o Ianeta i lona fiafia tele, ma ia fa’aailoa atu ai loa ia Laneselota, o le a ia sauni i le taimi ma le aso lea ua fa’atulaga la te malaga ai. Ua fa’amavae Laneselota ona toe fo’i lea ma ana uo, ae ua fo’i fiafia atu nei Ianeta ma fa’amatala i lona Tina le autu o le malaga atu o lana uo, atoa ai ma le valaaulia lea ua maua ai lona avanoa e malaga fa’atasi atu ai ma Laneselota i le fa’atasiga tele o le a faia i le fa’aiuga o le vaiaso. Ua oo i le aso e pei ona tuupo ina mo le fa’amoemoe, ma ua leva fo’i ona tapena Ianeta e fa’atali ai le taunu’u ane o lana manamea. O se sauniga muamua faapitoa muamua lenei ua malaga atu i ai Ianeta e aunoa ma ona matua, ona o lea ua la malaga ma Laneselota. Na vaaia le fa’atumulia o ta’avale i le vaega e paka ai ta’avale, e oo fo’i i totonu o le fale lea e faia ai le fa’atasiga, e iloa mamao atu lava i fafo le fa’atumulia o totonu i tagata ua aga’i atu e auai i lenei fa’amoemoe tele. I fafo o le faitoto’a o loo fa’apipi’i ai ni laupapa tetele se lua. O le isi laupapa o loo lolomi ai le ata o le ali’i o milionea o Laneselota ma faalauiiloa ai o ia o le Failauga Faapitoa, ae o le isi ie o loo tusia ai faaupuga nei, “E le fa’atagaina ni tagata meauli i totonu”.



O le ulua’i aso lenei o le vaiaso mo le Fa’atauaina o Lou Siosiomaga. Ua auai uma le Ofisa o le ASEPA i le latou talotaloga sa faia i le Malae o Suigaula a le Atuvasa i Utulei i le taeao ananafi. Vaai i le tala tusia i le lomiga o le aso Lulu.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



In The High Court  
of American Samoa  
TRIAL DIVISION

HCCA No. 39-17

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
BERNADEE POLA TOEULU,  
Petitioner

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the High Court of American Samoa by Bernadee Pola Toeulu of Pava'ia'i, American SAMoa, born March 22, 1996 at LBJ Tropical Medical Center at Faga'alu, American Samoa. Petitioner is asking the Court to approve a change of her legal name to BERNADEE LETAMEI POPOALI'I.

A hearing on the Petition was held on November 1, 2017. Anyone objecting to this proposed name change should file such objection with the court by December 1, 2017.

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State Sen. Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, leaves a hearing of the Senate Rules Committee after joining other members of the committee in voting Monday, Nov. 27, 2017 that he is resigning his office immediately following multiple allegations of sexual misconduct.

(AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)

California lawmaker  
resigns following mis-  
conduct allegations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra resigned Monday following multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, making him the first lawmaker to leave office amid a spate of reports rocking the state Capitol.

The Los Angeles Democrat had previously said he wouldn't seek re-election and would leave office at the end of the next legislative session. But on Monday, Bocanegra said that he's decided to leave immediately following reflection over the Thanksgiving weekend and conversations with family, friends and supporters. Multiple women have accused him of kissing or groping them without consent.

In a statement released by his office, Bocanegra said he'd

hoped he could clear his name.

"But clearly, the principle of 'innocent until proven guilty' has been temporarily lost in a hurricane of political opportunism among the self-righteous in my case - to the detriment of both the accuser and the accused," he wrote.

"While I am not guilty of any such crimes," he added, "I am admittedly not perfect."

Meanwhile, the Senate Rules Committee voted Monday to remove Sen. Tony Mendoza, another Los Angeles-area Democrat, as chair of the Insurance, Banking and Financial Institutions Committee following allegations of inappropriate behavior toward young women who worked for him. He is accused of inviting one woman over to his home, offering another alcohol when she was 19, and repeatedly holding one-on-one meetings with another over dinner or drinks.

His behavior with two of the women was formally reported. Mendoza has denied offering a staff member alcohol and otherwise said wouldn't knowingly abuse his authority.

"I welcome Senate Rules Committee's decision to seek outside counsel and establish a fair process to evaluate the unsubstantiated allegations against me," Mendoza said in a statement.

He added that he was ordered by the Senate not to respond to the allegations directly.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, who shared a Sacramento home with Mendoza until recently, has called Mendoza's behavior deeply troubling but hasn't called on him to resign. He left the committee meeting without commenting. A separate Senate panel will meet Tuesday to interview outside firms to take over all of the Senate's misconduct investigations, including the one into Mendoza. Fellow Democrats Sens. Toni Atkins of San Diego and Connie Leyva of Chino also left without commenting.

Allegations against Bocanegra first came to light last month, when legislative staff member Elise Gyore said she had reported him to Assembly investigators in 2009, when both were staff members, after he stalked her around a nightclub and put his hands down her blouse at an after-work event. He was told to stay away from her but documents do not indicate that he was otherwise disciplined by the Assembly Rules Committee. The Los Angeles Times reported last week that Bocanegra is accused of groping or kissing numerous women without their consent over a period of years, even after he was reprimanded for his behavior toward Gyore in 2009.

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10 : am	09' K-pop World Festival 19' The Beauty	Drama Special 2017 (E,R) K-pop World Festival	The Return of Superman Jacob's Table for O'	Drama Special 2017 (E,R) K-pop World Festival	The Beauty K-RUSH (E,R)	00'	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon"	00'
11 : am	09' K-RUSH (E,R) 30'	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)					00' My Neighbor Charles 50' K-pop World Festival		
12 NOON	Music Bank (E,R)	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						(E,R)	
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)							
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Mad Dog Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)			K-RUSH (E,R)	30'
3 : pm	50' K-pop World Festival	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Beauty (E,R)			Music Bank	30'
4 : pm	50' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
5 : pm	00' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)		00'	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	00'
6 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" # 2, 3, 4.	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court # 12, 13, 14.	Weekend Drama My Golden Life # 22, 23, 24.	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog # 12, 13, 14.	Two Days and One Night (E,R)				
7 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						Drama Special 2017	20'
8 : pm	40' KBS World News Today	Daily Drama "Hate To Love You" (E,R)						K-pop World Festival	30'
9 : pm	00' Food Odyssey (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Music Bank (Live)	30'	The Beauty (E,R)		20'
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R) Please Find Her (E,R) Guerrilla Date (E,R)	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
11 : pm	40' K-pop World Festival	Jacob's Table for O'	K-pop World Festival	Jacob's Table for O'	Week'Food Odyssey	20'	* Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
12 : 00	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)								
Next Day	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)								
1 : am	KBS 9 News (Live)		KBS 9 News (Live)		KBS 9 News (Live)				00'
2 : am	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Mad Dog Wed-Thu Drama (E)		20'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)		20'
3 : am	00' Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	Music Bank (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	30'
4 : am	50' K-pop World Festival	Jacob's Table for O'	K-pop World Festival	The Beauty		00'			
5 : am	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E)				"The Return of Superman" Special (E)	50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'
6 : am	40' Food Odyssey (E,R)	The Beauty	K-RUSH (E,R)		Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	10'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
7 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	My Neighbor Charles	The Beauty				
8 : am		Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
9 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Mad Dog Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		00'	"Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	My Neighbor Charles Guerrilla Date (E)	00'
	30' Drama Special 2017	Return of Superman	Drama Special 2017	The Beauty	Music Bank (E,R)	50'			

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# Family says huge Christmas display may end after complaints

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — A family could be forced to turn off its intricate Christmas display decorated with 300,000 lights because of complaints from neighbors about traffic and parking.

The Connecticut Post reports the Halliwell family's huge decorative display in Fairfield drew about 30,000 visitors last holiday season, not counting those who drove by without stopping. The Halliwells have been putting up the display for 18 years.

This year, police plan to make some roads one way and establish temporary parking restrictions while the display is up, preventing some residents from parking outside their homes.

Neighbor Nadine Losquadro submitted a petition with 45 signatures to town officials and police asking them to come up with an alternative plan.

"We did not move into our homes knowing there would be, or could be, parking restrictions

imposed on us for six weeks out of every year during prime holiday time," she said.

She also said the heavy traffic could be a safety issue, making it difficult for ambulances or firetrucks to navigate during an emergency.

The Halliwells said nobody has gone to them directly with complaints. They said they hope to find a solution to address their neighbors' concerns but fear there is no way to make everyone happy.

"We're trying to figure out what to do," Maryann Halliwell said. "It's probably our last year. It's a real shame."

Her father, Gene Halliwell, said ending the display could be bad for nearby businesses.

"People come here and have dinner and then go see the lights," he said.

He said ending the elaborate display also would mean an end to visitor donations, which benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield, Massachusetts.

# Judge: Doctor who doesn't use computer can't regain license

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire judge has denied an 84-year-old doctor's request to regain her license to practice, which she had surrendered partly over her inability to use a computer.

The state challenged Dr. Anna Konopka's record keeping, prescribing practices and medical decision making. It said her limited computer skills prevent her from using the state's mandatory electronic drug monitoring program, which requires prescribers of opioids to register in an effort to reduce overdoses.

Konopka surrendered her license in October, but later requested permission to continue her practice. New Hampshire Public Radio reported Monday that Merrimack Superior Court Judge John Kissinger ruled Nov. 15 that she failed to show she was forced to give up her license as she alleged.

Konopka has asked the judge to reconsider his decision on Wednesday. He hasn't responded yet, so she still cannot see the 20 to 25 patients per week as she once did.

"I'm not upset about anything. The legal system is a game. You move. They move. It's full of tricks and different movements," she said.

"I am fighting. Therefore as long as I am fighting, I have some hope," she added.

Konopka doesn't have a computer in her office and doesn't know how to use one. Two file cabinets in a tiny waiting room inside a 160-year-

old clapboard house hold most of her patient records. The only sign of technology in the waiting room is a landline telephone on her desk.

According to the state, the allegations against Konopka started with a complaint about her treatment of a 7-year-old patient with asthma. She's been accused of leaving dosing levels of one medication up to the parents and failing to treat the patient with daily inhaled steroids. Konopka, who agreed to a board reprimand in May, said she never harmed the patient and the boy's mother disregarded her instructions.

Four more complaints have since been filed against Konopka. The board in September voted to move forward with a disciplinary hearing on those complaints. But before the hearing was held, Konopka agreed in to give up her license — something she said she was forced to do.

Konopka has built a loyal following in New London, population 4,400, and surrounding towns because she brings a personal touch that is attractive to patients weary of battling big hospitals and inattentive doctors. She often attracts patients who have run out of options, many with complicated conditions, such as chronic pain. She also draws patients who have no insurance and little means to pay. She takes anyone willing to pay her \$50 in cash — making it difficult for her to afford a nurse, secretary or a lawyer to handle her case, she said.



Winner of the 3rd prize for Neil's ACE Home Center's raffle this past weekend, Filipino Leone who received a \$300 ACE gift card. [photo: courtesy]

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President Donald Trump, right, meets with Navajo Code Talkers Peter MacDonald, center, and Thomas Begay, left, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 27, 2017. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## Trump, honoring Navajos, revives ‘Pocahontas’ jab at Warren

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump returned to his own kind of code talking Monday by deriding Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren as “Pocahontas” at a White House event honoring Native American war heroes.

“You were here long before any of us were here,” Trump said as he honored three Navajo code talkers from World War II. And then he added, without naming Warren: “We have a representative in Congress who they say was here a long time ago. They call her Pocahontas. But you know what, I like you.”

In fact, Trump deployed that nickname for the Massachusetts senator repeatedly during the 2016 presidential campaign and, as president, as recently as a Nov. 3 tweet. Native American leaders have called Trump’s past attacks on Warren offensive and distasteful. Some Democrats have called the nickname racist.

Trump made the comment as he stood near a portrait of President Andrew Jackson, which he hung in the Oval Office in January. Trump admires the seventh president’s populism. But Jackson also is known for signing the Indian Removal Act of 1830, in which the Cherokee Nation was removed from its lands in what is now known as the “trail of tears.”

The Navajo Nation suggested Trump’s remark Monday was an example of “cultural insensitivity” and resolved to stay out of the “ongoing feud between the senator and President Trump.”

“All tribal nations still battle insensitive references to our people. The prejudice that Native American people face is an unfortunate historical legacy,” Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said in a statement. He added that the Navajo Nation remains honored by the White House recognition of the code talkers.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders, asked about criticism of Trump’s remarks, said a racial slur “was certainly not the president’s intent.”

But the remark is the latest in a long list of remarks Trump has made about people from specific ethnic and racial groups. Announcing his longshot campaign for president in 2015, Trump said many Mexican immigrants are rapists. He’s sought to ban immigrants from certain Muslim majority nations. He’s come under fire for what some said was a too-slow federal response to hurricane damage in Puerto Rico. Trump also

raised eyebrows for apparently having some fun in October with the name of the U.S. territory — “Puerrto Rico,” he said — at an East Room event for Puerto Ricans.

Those in the Oval Office for Monday’s event gave no visible reaction to Trump’s “Pocahontas” comments. But Warren and other Democrats were quick to respond.

“This was supposed to be an event to honor heroes, people who put it all on the line for our country, who, because of their incredible work, saved the lives of countless Americans and our allies,” Warren said in an interview on MSNBC. “It is deeply unfortunate that the president of the United States cannot even make it through a ceremony honoring these heroes without having to throw out a racial slur.”

New Mexico Sen. Sen. Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Indian Affairs committee, added: “Donald Trump’s latest racist joke — during Native American Heritage Month no less — demeaned the contributions that the code talkers and countless other Native American patriots and citizens have made to our great country.”

The president has long feuded with Warren, an outspoken Wall Street critic who leveled blistering attacks on Trump during the campaign. Trump seized on questions about Warren’s heritage, which surfaced during her 2012 Senate race challenging incumbent Republican Sen. Scott Brown.

During that campaign, law school directories from the Association of American Law Schools from 1986 to 1995 surfaced that put Warren on the association’s list of “minority law teachers” when she was teaching at the University of Texas and the University of Pennsylvania. Warren said she listed herself with Native American heritage because she hoped to meet people with similar roots. In a 2012 interview with The Associated Press, Warren said she and her brothers were told of the family’s heritage by their parents, the late Don and Pauline Herring.

Brown pressed Warren to release more information about how she described her heritage to potential employers. Warren said she never sought proof of ancestry because she didn’t think it was necessary. Sanders said Monday that Warren was the offensive one when “she lied about something specifically to advance her career.”



# Florida paid millions settling harassment cases

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The state of Florida has paid more than \$11 million over a 30-year period to settle hundreds of cases that alleged that state workers were sexually harassed by supervisors and co-workers, or were forced to work in a hostile work environment.

The Associated Press requested the information from the state agency that tracks payments made to settle lawsuits filed against state agencies and state universities.

The information released Monday showed that more than 300 cases have resulted in payments since 1987. Amounts ranged from a \$5,500 payment to a Florida State University student who alleged harassment from a supervisor to a \$1.3 million payment to settle a class action lawsuit filed by nurses who worked at state prisons. Nearly 60 percent of the cases involved employees who worked in the Department of Corrections.

One woman received a nearly \$129,000 payment just last year to settle a two-year-old lawsuit that alleged her supervisor at the Florida Department of Health had discussed sexual activities he had witnessed. He also would comment about women’s breasts and buttocks, according to the lawsuit.

Marie Mattox, the attorney who represented the woman, said she doesn’t think that sexual harassment is “more pervasive” in state government. But she contended it’s tolerated more in select agencies and that it takes longer to resolve lawsuits than those filed against private employers.

Rick Johnson, a Tallahassee attorney who handles discrimination cases, said he’s “disappointed” there are so many cases, but said the state winds up paying more to settle the cases because of “how stridently” it contests the allegations.

“The state is going to side against the victim, against the women,” Johnson said.

John Tupps, a spokesman for Gov. Rick Scott, said that only two percent of the payments had occurred during Scott’s time in office. He also noted that Scott this year signed a bill that keeps confidential the names of state workers who allege sexual harassment.

“The governor wants every state employee to be able to work in an environment where they feel safe,” Tupps said in a statement. “The overwhelming majority of these expenditures predate the governor’s time in office and are approved by the chief financial officer.”

The AP requested settlement payment information from the office of Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis amid allegations of sexual misconduct at the highest reaches of state government.

State Sen. Jack Latvala, a powerful Republican and candidate for governor, is being investigated by the Florida Senate after a report came out that said he had harassed and groped women during his time in office. Latvala has denied the allegations. Jeff Clemens, who was poised to become the next Senate Democratic leader, resigned in early November following reports he had an extramarital affair with a lobbyist.

# Arkansas again cuts off Medicaid funds to Planned Parenthood

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas has again cut off Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood, the state’s Department of Human Services said Monday, following a court ruling upholding the state’s decision to defund the group over videos secretly recorded by an anti-abortion group.

DHS spokeswoman Amy Webb said the state terminated the group’s status as a Medicaid provider last week after the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision formally took effect.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson terminated Arkansas’ Medicaid contract with Planned Parenthood in 2015. The panel in August vacated a federal judge’s preliminary injunction that prevented Arkansas from suspending Medicaid payments for services rendered to patients in the state, and the full court earlier this month said it would not reconsider that decision.

Planned Parenthood said it had not decided whether to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. “Planned Par-

enthood Great Plains remains committed to serving our patients regardless of their ability to pay while we continue fighting to protect the right of Arkansas women and families to access critical health care services,” Aaron Samulcek, interim president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Great Plains, said in a statement.

“Every individual ought to have the freedom to choose their health care provider and for many in Arkansas, that choice is Planned Parenthood Great Plains.”

The state has said Planned Parenthood received \$51,000 in Medicaid funds in the fiscal year before Hutchinson’s decision to terminate the contract. None of the money paid for abortions. Planned Parenthood operates health centers in Fayetteville and Little Rock.

Republican lawmakers and governors around the country targeted the organization after several videos were released by the anti-abortion Center for Medical Progress.



FILE - This Oct. 1, 2015 file photo shows Bill O'Reilly of the Fox News Channel program “The O'Reilly Factor” in New York. The fever over sexual misconduct involving media figures began in the summer of 2016 with Gretchen Carlson’s accusations against Fox News Channel founder Roger Ailes, who was out of a job within two weeks later. Similarly, O'Reilly’s career at Fox imploded quickly in April when The New York Times reported on how much had been paid to settle misconduct allegations against him.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)

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- Maintain attendance and scholastic records, and submit the required records to the Admissions and Records Office at the assigned date every semester/session.
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- Perform other duties assigned by the Department Chairperson or the Dean of Academic Affairs.

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ASCC President Dr. Rosevonne Pato (seated, far left) joins the College’s Business Department, some students and their parents for a photo following a presentation the department recently gave on the trip the class MKT 212 (Marketing & Management Practicum) made to Samoa earlier this month.

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## Police seek public’s help finding man who fired gun in mall

WALLKILL, N.Y. (AP) — Police on Monday asked the public for help finding a man who fired a gun in a mall crowded with holiday shoppers. Wallkill police Chief Robert Hertman described the man as white or Hispanic and about 6-foot-2, with dark hair, a beard and a mustache. The man was wearing a dark jacket and khaki pants and was with a woman, a young child and an infant. The woman is described as having blonde hair and wearing a dark jacket and maroon pants.

At a news conference Monday, Hertman said it’s unknown if the Sunday afternoon shooting at the Galleria at Crystal Run in the Orange County town of Wallkill was intentional or was an accident. Hertman said a woman and her 12-year-old son suffered minor injuries to their lower extremities but he didn’t know if they were hit by the gunshot.

A round from a handgun was fired outside an American Eagle clothing store in the mall, 60 miles (96 kilometers) northwest of New York City. The shooting occurred on one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year. By midday Sunday throngs of shoppers were filling the mall, home to more than 100 tenants, including Macy’s, J.C. Penney and Target. The loud bang from the gunfire sent shoppers scurrying for safety, either by exiting the mall or by hiding in back rooms with store employees.