



SPIRIT OF COMPETITION
Students from Samoaana High School and Tafuna High School posed for a Samoa News photo last Friday following the 2018 Speech Festival in which Samoaana took the overall first place and Tafuna took third place.
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Senior cop suspended following alleged sexual harassment of female officer

HE TELLS SAMOA NEWS IT'S NORMAL BEHAVIOR IN THE WORKPLACE, NOTHING SERIOUS

by Ausage Fausia

Samoa News Reporter

"Sexual harassment is not a news issue. There are other important issues you should go investigate and write stories about."

This was the response from Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson when Samoa News asked him about an alleged sexual harassment case involving a senior police officer, a cop many in the DPS label as a "favorite" of Le'i's.

The Commish didn't reply to Samoa News inquiries that were sent to him via-email about this particular case; however, he answered his phone and said the matter is not a news issue.

Samoa News did receive heaps of phone calls and emails from several police officers, asking for an investigation into the matter.

According to information obtained by Samoa News, a DPS senior police officer, who holds the rank of lieutenant was suspended for five days without pay last week for sexual harassment following an alleged incident involving a female cop at the Tafuna Substation.

It is alleged that when the matter surfaced, the female cop was immediately transferred to the DPS Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

The alleged victim had reported the incident to her supervisor, who then verbally reported the matter to the DPS Internal Affairs (IA) and an internal investigation was launched.

Samoa News understands the investigation was completed two weeks ago, and that's when the full report was forwarded to the Commissioner for review, who then made the decision to suspend the senior officer for five days without pay.

The case was then closed without any further action.

The decision by Le'i has angered some senior police officers whom have questioned why their colleague was suspended instead of being prosecuted after the matter was reported.

"If this was something done by any member of the public, or someone who is not a favorite to the Commissioner, that person would have already been arrested and charged," one concerned senior officer said.

"Why was he suspended for one week while members of the public are being arrested and prosecuted for the same thing? And after they are convicted in court, they serve time behind bars. This case must be investigated and this officer must face consequences for his action."

THE ALLEGED INCIDENT

According to information that was provided to Samoa News,

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Shortage of milk causing a frenzy all over the island

by Blue Chen-Fruean

Samoa News Correspondent

When Samoa News walked into a small mom-and-pop store on the east side last week to purchase some milk, we were told by the storeowners that milk purchases are now limited to only those mothers who present checks/ coupons from the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

This is the same thing consumers around the island are being told.

"If you are not buying milk using WIC checks, I cannot sell to you," was the response Samoa News got yesterday afternoon when we tried to buy milk at an Asian owned store in town. "We are saving the milk for the kids on the WIC program because they are infants and toddlers who need it most."

Currently, there is a huge shortage of Devondale milk worldwide. Devondale comes in an assortment that includes full cream, semi skim, and smart calcium milk — very popular amongst local consumers, young and old.

But now it's becoming harder and harder to find.

Samoa News visited 5 stores on the west side last week and discovered that there was no milk. Cost-U-Less still has milk in stock, but not the ones that can be purchased under the WIC program — They have flavored milk like soybean and almond.

Samoa News contacted Devondale's local distributor Wightman, Crane & Stuart yesterday for comments regarding the shortage but was told, "None of the bosses are in the office."

Samoa News then reached out to Panamex Pacific and general manager Kahleena Strachan, who confirmed that there was in fact a shortage of milk in the territory, and they are trying hard to "fill in the gap."

Panamex Pacific is the local distributor for Anchor Milk, which is accepted under the WIC program.

According to her, Panamex usually brings in a container of milk per month. But they had not anticipated a shortage

of milk and therefore, she has upped the order to 2 containers, both of which are scheduled to arrive later this month on April 26th.

She said their most recent container landed the week before last and all the milk was sold out in two days.

Most of the milk coming in the 2 containers that are set to arrive later this month has been pre-sold, meaning they are already spoken for. Strachan

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Dozens of inquiries have poured into Samoa News about the shortage of milk around the territory. Some storeowners are limiting the purchase of milk to WIC mothers only, as newborns and infants on the program are being considered top priority. See story for details.
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Court takes under advisement Siaumau's request for bail

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Chief Justice Michael Kruse has taken under advisement a motion by attorney William Olson, asking the court to set bail for his client, Thomas Siaumau, who is being held in custody without bail. The defense attorney argues that bail should be set while the government is still in the process of sending their evidence off island for testing.

Olson presented two motions before the court last Friday: a motion asking the government to turn over discovery in the case, and the motion to set bail.

According to Olson, he is still waiting for prosecutors to turn over discovery, together with some evidence, that is still in California.

He told the court they want the case to move forward as soon as possible.

But Prosecutor Woodrow Pengelly told the court he doesn't know what discoveries the defense is asking for, because he's already turned over the police report.

According to Pengelly, all the phys-

ical evidence that was collected from the alleged crime scene last year are on island, and the Attorney General's office is working very close with various agencies including the Police Department and the federal ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) to find out which one they can send the evidence to for testing. He said they expect to have a report in the next couple of weeks.

One of the elements the defense pointed to, as far as the 'no bail' status, is that this can apply to certain cases, when the government presents sufficient evidence during the preliminary examination (PX) hearing.

For Siaumau's case, Olson argues there was no PX hearing, because Siaumau waived his right to one, whereby his case was then bound over to the High Court for arraignment.

Olson asked the court to at least establish some bond amount, either \$250,000 or a reasonable number.

Pengelly asked the court to deny the motion for bail.

Based on the information presented

to the District Court, Pengelly said Judge Fiti Sunia issued an arrest warrant based on the affidavit the government presented to support the allegation against the defendant. For that reason, said Pengelly, Sunia refused to set an amount of bond in this case.

The prosecutor said the arrest warrant and the case against the defendant are based on the testimonies from eyewitnesses whom are not named in the report at this time.

"Charges have been filed against the defendant... the damage of a police unit and the bullet that was allegedly found inside the police unit - these are some of the things the District Court Judge considered before set the no bail status against the defendant," Pengelly told the court.

According to the government, Siaumau has quite a criminal record. He was convicted with assault and property damage, both felonies, in 2009.

He has a conviction in the District Court involving resisting arrest and threatening police officers, and he also

has a conviction in the state of Hawai'i from 2010.

According to the government's attorney, Siaumau has already admitted to violating conditions of his probation from his case in Hawai'i. According to information the government received, the court in Hawai'i has issued a bench warrant to arrest the defendant immediately after he left the island of Oahu, without permission from the court.

Pengelly told the court he did not find the copy of the bench warrant at his office but he believes the state of Hawai'i will issue an expedited warrant for the defendant.

"Because the totality and the circumstances and the seriousness of this case, the government asks the court not to set a bond in this matter," Pengelly concluded.

Siaumau is facing six felony counts — including assault and weapons charges — and three misdemeanors stemming from an accident that occurred in December 2017 when someone shot at a police vehicle — police officers were not in the vehicle at the time.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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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.

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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.

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Trump says US has many options in pondering military strike

By **ROBERT BURNS, ZEKE MILLER and MATTHEW LEE**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is threatening an imminent military strike against Syria, vowing to respond "forcefully" to Saturday's apparent chemical weapons attack on civilians and warning that Russia or any other nation found to share responsibility will "pay a price."

As he began a Monday evening meeting with military leaders at the White House, Trump promised to "make a decision tonight or very shortly thereafter." He said: "We have a lot of options militarily, and we'll be letting you know pretty soon. Probably after the fact." The White House sharply rejected any suggestion that Trump's own words about pulling U.S. troops out of Syria had opened the door for the attack, which killed more than 40 people, including children. Trump, asked at midday whether Russian President Vladimir Putin bore any responsibility for the weekend attack, responded: "He may, yeah, he may. And if he does it's going to be very tough, very tough." He added: "Everybody's gonna pay a price. He will. Everybody will."

Then, during the meeting with top military leaders, he said the weekend assault "will be met and it will be met forcefully." Those at the meeting included Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph Dunford.

Amid the tough talk at the White House, the U.S. military appeared to be in position to carry out any attack order. A Navy destroyer, the USS Donald Cook, was underway in the eastern Mediterranean after completing a port call in Cyprus. The guided missile destroyer is armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles, the weapon of choice in a U.S. attack one year ago on an airfield in Syria following an alleged sarin gas attack on civilians.

The Russian military, which has a presence in Syria as a key Assad ally, said its officers had visited the weekend site in a suburb of Damascus, the Syrian capital, and found no evidence to back up reports of poison gas being used. Russia's U.N. ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia.

Li'avaa Moevao is the new Chief of Customs

IULIANO FALANIKO NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF — BOTH MEN ARE LONGTIME CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES

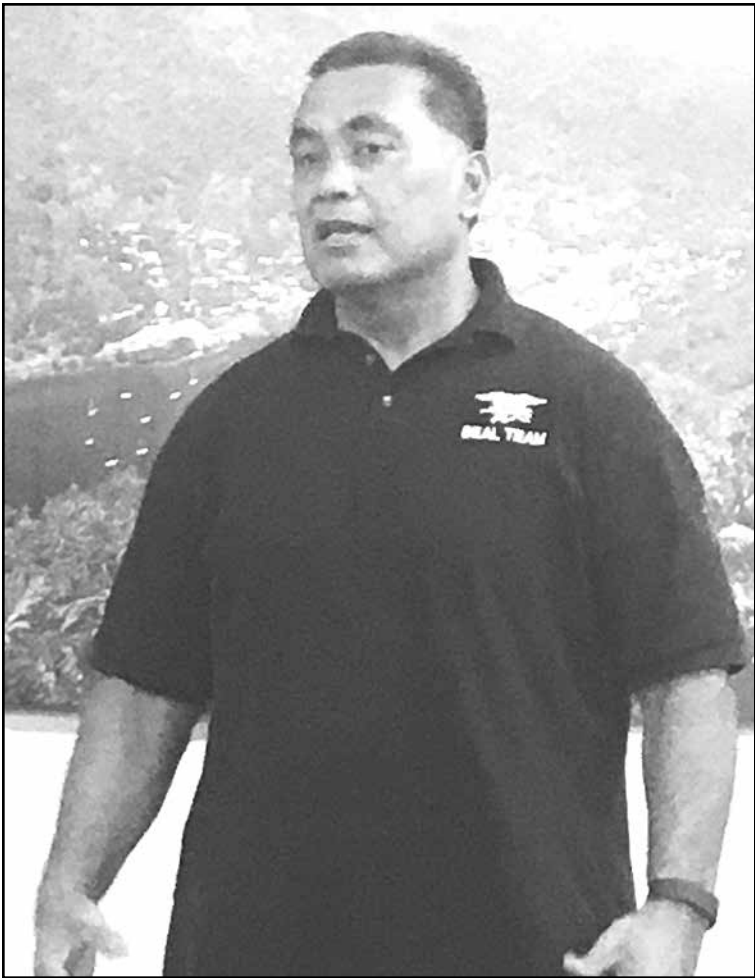
by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

ASG Treasury Department has hired a new chief of Customs, someone who has more than two decades of enforcement experience and has also

Treasury thanked Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga and Lt. Gov. Lemanu Sialega Palepoi Mauga for their continued leadership and support for the Customs Division, and expressed appreciation to the Department of

Business representatives who attended the port users meeting told Samoa News that Falaniko has been with Customs for many years and the deputy chief post is “deserving” of an ASG employee with experience.

Gebauer told Samoa News yesterday that Falaniko has 20 years of experience within the Customs Division and most recently, was the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Customs Division K-9 unit. “Iuliano was selected after a lengthy internal advertising and interview process in conjunction with the Department of Human Resources,” Gebauer pointed out.



Li'avaa Moevao, the new Chief of Customs giving brief remarks during a Mar. 29, 2018 port users meeting, where he was introduced to the private sector. See story for details.

[Courtesy photo]

filled the post of deputy chief of Customs.

The move comes as the government aims to further strengthen the enforcement of Customs laws and collections at American Samoa's port of entries.

Deputy Treasurer for Revenue, Keith Gebauer confirmed yesterday to Samoa News the hiring of Li'avaa Moevao as the new Customs chief and Iuliano Falaniko as deputy chief. Gebauer has been serving as acting head of Customs for several months now after former customs chief, Moetului Sipili stepped down from the post.

Samoa News learned over the weekend from two local business representatives that Moevao and Falaniko were introduced by Gebauer during a Mar. 29th port users meeting, where a brief statement from ASG Treasurer Uelinitone Tonumaip'e'a and the Treasury Department was made available to port users regarding Moevao's hiring.

According to the statement, Moevao brings with him 25 years of law enforcement experience from the Los Angeles Police Department, and nearly 15 years of military service in the US Navy.

Human Resources and director, Eseneiaso Liu for their assistance in facilitating the recruitment and selection process for the Chief of Customs.

“We wish Mr. Moevao great success in his new role and we firmly believe with his experience, dedication, and leadership, he, along with the Customs Division leadership team, will lead the Customs Division forward to accomplish its mission and objectives,” said the statement.

Gebauer made similar verbal remarks during the port users meeting, and Moevao also gave brief remarks, according to private sector representatives who were present at the time.

Responding to Samoa News questions, Gebauer explained that Treasury management personnel conducted interviews several week ago after DHR concluded its advertising and interview selection process.

He said Moevao started on Mar. 19th and has been completing his orientation and training program to ensure he is informed of all ongoing projects and Custom Divisions operations, and to provide him a smooth transition from the “acting” Chief of Customs position.

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Letter to the Editor

“SEXUAL HARASSMENT CONDONED IN DPS”

Dear Editor,

It's finally out that even women in the American Samoa Department of Public Safety police force are vulnerable and unprotected against sexual predators wearing badges.

A female CID detective was sexually harassed by the commander of a DPS Substation while on duty. Her traumatic experience suddenly took on an unexpected spin.

The detective initiated a police report and reported her ordeal to the Watch Commander the day it happened. He in turn informed the Internal Affairs officer resulting in a meeting with the victim before the Commissioner, his two seasoned Deputy Commissioners, and the Police Chief.

Four days later the detective was summoned by the Police Commissioner. He informed her his decision has been made. Disciplinary action against the sex offender is 'leave without pay and the "CASE IS CLOSED".' Later the victim found out it was leave without pay for 5 days.

It appears this seasoned Commander in charge of the substation used his official position to exercise his authority to force himself upon his victim.

April 3, 2018 after being contacted, I became involved. Following day, the entire report that was obtained was packaged up and hand delivered to the Prosecutors office staff through the Attorney General's Office.

This report must not be suppressed by the Commissioner.

Depriving the victim of her rights for due process, the Commissioner and his deputies further stripped her of any shred of human dignity or sense of safety and protection under the covering of the Public Safety Department.

How deplorable that a CID agent, a wife, mother of four was sexually assaulted by one of the seasoned Commanders. The victim was treated with such indifference and callousness by the Police Commissioner and his two Deputy Commissioners it makes me wonder how many silent female victims are employed there. Silent for fear of their jobs to support their children and families.

This type of bullying, domineering and illegal authority, opened the victim up to ongoing harassment, threats and inevitably an easy victim of rape.

The victims of these abuses of authority often are vulnerable women — street prostitutes, drug addicts, juvenile runaways, drunk drivers, victims of domestic violence, and traffic violators. In this case it is being primed right in the midst of the American Samoa Law Enforcement.

The Commissioner's lack of respect for the law and attitude towards this woman is a danger to the community and the badge he wears. His actions prove he will not protect the dignity and safety of women in his own police force and condones sexual harassment and sexual assault within the force.

On hindsight along the scheme of things:

A Director of Human and Social Services publicly humiliated one of his workers by sexually harassing her for being a faafafine;

The Immigration Chief was implicated on sexual harassment and assault against an immigrant; and,

There is a pending case against the Governor's Chief of Staff for sexual assault. As of today the Governor's office is still silent on these reports against his cabinet members.

And then there right behind the Governor's cabinet members, a pending sexual assault case of a prominent teacher in Leone High School against a male student.

These trusted leaders have solidified a track record of indifference and open violations of human rights. They hold positions of opportunity to victimize, oppress and suppress women and children under a reign of a pathetic cowardly attitude on sexual violence.

Who holds these violators, often family men with stellar professional reputations and active members of the church, accountable for their actions and decision making?

Public outcry against those who violate our mothers, sisters and daughters must be made. These scum of humanity should be prosecuted to the furthest extent of the law.

Across the free world nations, powerful men accused of sexual harassment, and misconducts i.e. Senators, Congressmen, Judges, coaches, educators, media and social gurus, resulted in their being terminated, fired, forced resignations, imprisoned, etc.

The law was violated and crimes against humanity were committed. Is there justice for the people of the US Territory of American Samoa?

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Trump furious after FBI seizes documents from his lawyer

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents on Monday raided the office of Presi-

dent Donald Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen, seizing records on topics including a \$130,000 payment made to porn actress Stormy Daniels. A furious Trump, who in the last month has escalated his attacks on Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, said from the White House that it was a "disgrace" that the FBI "broke into" his lawyer's office. He called Mueller's investigation "an attack on our country," prompting new speculation that he might seek the removal of the Justice Department's special counsel. The raid was overseen by the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan and was based in part on a referral from Mueller, said Cohen's lawyer, Stephen Ryan. "The decision by the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York to conduct their investigation using search warrants is completely inappropriate and unnecessary," Ryan said in a statement. "It resulted in the unnecessary seizure of protected attorney client communications between a lawyer and his clients." The raid creates a new legal headache for Trump as he and his attorneys weigh whether to agree to an interview with Mueller's team, which in addition to investigating potential ties between Russia and the Trump campaign is also examining whether the president's actions constitute obstruction of justice. And the law enforcement action will almost certainly amplify the public scrutiny on the payment to Daniels, who says she had sex with Trump in 2006. The payment was made just days before the 2016 presidential election. Trump told reporters last week that he did not know about it.



President Donald Trump, right, sitting next to Vice President Mike Pence, left, speaks in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, April 9, 2018, at the start of a meeting with military leaders. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

must convince a judge they have probable cause of criminal activity and they believe they'll find evidence of wrongdoing in a search. A warrant requires sion have said the payment appears to be a violation of campaign finance laws, and multiple Washington-based groups have filed complaints with the

high-level approval within the Justice Department, and agency guidelines impose additional hurdles when the search target is an attorney.

Authorities working with Mueller chose a similar tactic last summer when they raided the home of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who was subsequently indicted.

In this case, Mueller opted to refer the matter to federal prosecutors in Manhattan. Besides Cohen's office, agents also searched a hotel room where he's been staying while his home is under renovation.

Under Justice Department regulations, Mueller must consult with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein when his investigators uncover new evidence that may fall outside his original mandate. Rosenstein then will determine whether to allow Mueller to proceed or to assign the matter to another U.S. attorney or another part of the Justice Department.

A spokesman for Mueller's office did not immediately return a call seeking comment. White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders and the U.S. attorney's office also had no comment. The New York Times first reported Monday's raid. Ryan did not elaborate on the documents taken from Cohen's office but said he has cooperated with investigators, including meeting last fall with lawmakers looking into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Cohen has more recently attracted attention for his acknowledgment that he paid Daniels \$130,000 out of his own pocket shortly before the 2016 presidential election. Cohen has said neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the transaction with Daniels and he was not reimbursed for the payment.

Several former officials at the Federal Election Commis-

FEC, urging it to investigate.

There have been few signs that Mueller was interested in investigating the payment, though. One Mueller witness, former Trump aide Sam Nunberg, recently connected the special counsel with the payment, saying in an interview on MSNBC last month that prosecutors had asked him about payments to women.

Trump answered questions about Daniels for the first time last week, saying he had no knowledge of the payment made by Cohen and he didn't know where Cohen had gotten the money. The White House has consistently said Trump denies the affair.

Daniels has said she had sex with the president in 2006. She has been suing to invalidate the nondisclosure agreement she signed before the election and has offered to return the \$130,000 she was paid in order to "set the record straight."

Daniels argues the agreement is legally invalid because it was signed by only Daniels and Cohen, and was not signed by Trump. Last month, Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, sent letters to the Trump Organization demanding the business preserve all of its records relating to the \$130,000 transaction. The letter demanded they preserve all emails by Cohen that mention Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, as well as any emails and text messages related to the alleged relationship. He sent similar demand letters to two banks, City National and First Republic, asking they preserve documents connected to the transaction. Avenatti also enclosed an email showing Cohen had used his Trump Organization email address in correspondence with a representative from First Republic. In the email, the representative said funds had been deposited in Cohen's account.

Money services businesses operate locally without regulatory oversight, says Lolo

NEW LEGISLATION SPELLS OUT REQUIRED FEES, DEPOSITS, AND CHARGES FOR SUCH BUSINESSES

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

A security deposit of \$10,000 will be required for applicants who are issued a license to operate a money transfer business in American Samoa, under new regulations proposed by the Lolo Administration through legislation introduced in the Fono last week.

The Money Services Business Regulatory Act also requires a money transmission fee imposed on the amount of money sent outside of American Samoa.

The Administration’s bill is a move by the government to regulate the “money services business,” which Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga says plays an increasing role in providing financial services to the unbanked and self-banked in communities across the U.S.

And while 49 states in the nation regulate these types of businesses, Lolo said they operate in American Samoa without any regulatory oversight.

According to the bill, “money services business” includes each agent, agency, branch or office within the territory of any person doing business, whether or not on a regular basis, or as an organized business concern, as a money transmitter, or a for-

eign currency exchanger. (See last Friday’s edition for other detailed provisions of the bill).

The Commissioner of the Office of Financial Institution is charged with overseeing the proposed regulation as well as the issuance of licenses to each money services business.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

As security for the faithful performance of its obligations, each licensee, before engaging in money transmission, shall deposit with the ASG Treasury Department \$10,000 in a time deposit at a designated bank in the territory; and such value must be maintained at all times.

Additionally, a separate security deposit is required for each license that is issued, according to the bill, which also provides details of procedures for security deposits. For example, the time deposit account must show the money service business company “and” the ASG Treasurer or the Commissioner — or both — as holders of the account.

“Interest earned on such deposit shall accrue to the benefit of the money service business,” it says, adding the security deposit is not required for money service businesses, which do not offer money transmission services.

TRUST FUND

Under provision of “Trust Fund”, the bill states that the money deposited with the Treasury “shall constitute a fund for the benefit of persons in case a licensee or its agent is not able to pay for funds entrusted to them for money transfer.” (This is the time deposit or security deposit that is to be deposited in a designated local bank.)

LICENSING FEES

The fee schedule outlined in the bill states that each money service business license is \$1,000 — per location — and this is the same fee for the renewal of a license. Furthermore, an authorized agency license is \$100, which is also the same cost for a renewal.

MONEY TRANSMISSION FEE

Money transmitters shall collect \$5 for each transaction not in excess of \$500. For amounts in excess of \$500 a \$5 base fee and 1% of the amount in excess of \$500 will be charged.

And these fees are to be submitted by the licensees, with the required quarterly reports to the Commissioner, according to the bill, which notes that 30% of this fee will go towards the operations of the Office of Financial Institution with the balance deposited into the general fund.

Teachers acquire a new skill: how to stop the bleeding

By SCOTT McFETRIDGE, Associated Press

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa (AP) — As she learned the basics of applying direct pressure, packing a wound with gauze and tying a tourniquet, sixth-grade math and social studies teacher Kari Stafford shook her head at the thought that this may now be an essential skill for her profession.

Stafford didn’t like it, but with school shootings now a regular occurrence, she and her colleagues have reluctantly accepted that the attacks won’t stop and that teachers must know how to keep the victims from bleeding to death.

“Learning to help and not just stand there is important,” said Stafford, who joined about a dozen other educators at a medical training session at Southeast Polk High School, a sprawling 9-year-old campus surrounded by farmland in Pleasant Hill, just east of Des Moines.

Over the past five years, about 125,000 teachers, counselors and administrators across the country have been trained in stemming blood loss as school officials have become resigned to the grim trend. The effort is rapidly expanding, and more schools are now stocking classrooms with supplies that would be familiar to any military medic: lightweight tourniquets, gauze coated with blood-clotting drugs and compression bandages. Although schools are adding security and even arming teachers to deter attacks, new emphasis is being given to saving the wounded while counting down the minutes until help arrives. The teacher triage idea was initially pushed by Dr. Lenworth Jacobs of Hartford, Connecticut, who operated on victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012, in which 26 children and adults were killed.

He feared that Sandy Hook wouldn’t be the last school

shooting, and his assumption has been borne out again and again, with the Feb. 14 killing of 17 people at a Florida high school only the latest major incident. “I’ve been a trauma surgeon for over 40 years and have seen a lot of gunshot wounds,” he said, but an elementary school massacre is “entirely different. These are 6-year-olds with wounds from very high-powered weaponry, and it changes you.”

Jacobs and other like-minded surgeons formed a group that expanded to include law enforcement and other first responders who developed strategies for helping victims survive.

In many school shootings, more victims could be saved if someone had at least slowed their bleeding.

“It takes a long time, longer than it takes to bleed to death, to clear the classroom, secure it and make sure there’s not another shooter,” he said.

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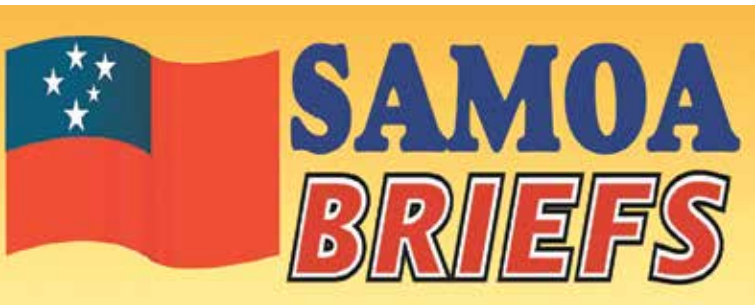
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Compiled by Samoa News staff
SPS ARRESTS 20 IN LUATUANUU INCIDENT

The Samoa Police Service (SPS) is continuing its investigation into the incidents that occurred in the village of Luatuanuu during the weekend from Saturday, 17 March 2018 through Monday, 19 March 2018.

During this period, the SPS received numerous calls from the members of the public reporting that Luatuanuu youths, armed with sticks and stones and with their faces concealed with pieces of clothing, were blocking the main road, searching their vehicles, and threatening the occupants of these vehicles; further, there were reports of stones being thrown at passing vehicles.

Immediately, uniformed members of SPS were dispatched to the village of Luatuanuu on Saturday evening, 17 March 2018, to investigate.

Upon arrival, the police sought assistance from the pulenuu (mayor) of Luatuanuu on Saturday night to assist with the investigation and to stop the illegal activities by the village youth.

The pulenuu insisted that he would handle the issue. Unfortunately, the next day, Sunday evening, 18 March 2018, members of the public, again, reported that their vehicles were being illegally stopped, searched, and the occupants harassed and threatened by unidentified persons on the main road in the village of Luatuanuu.

Police, again, responded and met with the same pulenuu to assist in de-escalating the matter and, again, the pulenuu advised the police officers to leave the matter to their village council to handle and resolve.

However, early Monday morning, 19 March 2018, concerned members of the public reported to the police, again, that they were being stopped and harassed at a roadblock in the village of Luatuanuu and the situation was escalating. Consequently, a contingent of uniformed officers in marked police vehicles were dispatched to the village of Luatuanuu to investigate and to ensure public safety.

Immediately upon arrival, makeshift roadblocks were observed on the main roadway, and soon after stones were hurled at occupied police vehicles, privately owned vehicles, and toward uniformed officers who were on foot on the main road dismantling the trees and rocks used to block the roadway. The police officers were unarmed and not on village land. Moreover, multiple sounds of gunfire were heard coming from the village during the melee.

As a result, eight police officers sustained injuries from the rock throwing and were subsequently transported and treated at the national hospital. Further, multiple vehicles (private and police) sustained damages from the incident with an estimated cost of repair to police vehicles to be approximately \$10,000.00 tala.

To date, 20 individuals have been arrested and charged; 15 of whom were members of the Luatuanuu village; and a possibility of more arrests to follow. SPS is continuing its investigation into this unwarranted incident, including the unlawful discharge of firearms on Monday. It is also appealing to the members of the public who were illegally stopped, searched, harassed, or injured from this incident to come forward. Please contact

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O nisi o le fanau a'oga Leone High ina ua mae'a le Speech Fest 2018 ma ua maua e i latou le tulaga lua i le aotelega o mea uma na fa'atino. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Senior cop...

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the alleged incident occurred last month inside the Tafuna Substation during working hours. The female officer went inside the lieutenant's office to grab a drink. While she was bending down to reach for a drink from inside the refrigerator, she felt somebody allegedly touching her butt in a sexual manner.

The female officer immediately stood up and turned around to see who had touched her. When she did, the lieutenant allegedly tried to kiss her on the mouth. She quickly turned her mouth to the side and the lieutenant's lips allegedly touched her cheeks. That's when the female officer asked the lieutenant, "What's wrong with you?"

Without saying a word, the lieutenant kept at it. He allegedly reached for the female officer's jaw and tried to face her towards him, and that's when he allegedly gave her a kiss. The female officer closed her mouth to avoid the lieutenant's tongue from touching her mouth. That's when she pushed the lieutenant away from her and walked out of the room, leaving the senior officer behind.

A few moments later, the lieutenant exited the room, slammed the door and said, "Oh Dammit" while making his way outside of the office.

Several officers working at the Tafuna Substation on that day witnessed the changes in the female officer's demeanor, not only did she look unhappy, she was also sad.

When confronted by her supervisor, the female officer explained what had happened and the supervisor verbally reported the alleged incident to the DPS Internal Affairs for further investigation.

Contated by Samoa News last week, the female officer declined to comment about the alleged incident, but the police lieutenant did. When was asked about the allegations, he denied everything.

"Nothing like that happened," the senior police officer said.

"I did not sexually harass her nor did I make any inappropriate behavior against her. I was just playing around. It wasn't anything serious, it was like normal behavior that always happens in other working places — when people normally play around with other co-workers, but nothing serious."

Samoa News asked, "Are you now saying that your five-day suspension without pay isn't fair because you didn't do anything wrong and nothing happened?"

His response was, "It was the Commissioner's decision to suspend me and I have to

respect his decision. Whatever his decision is, I will honor it because this is what he feels is the right thing to do."

Samoa News was able to obtain a statement from Victims Advocate, Ipu Avegalio Lefiti regarding this matter.

According to Lefiti, this matter reached her officer when the alleged victim was not satisfied with the Commissioner's decision to place the senior police officer on a 5-day suspension without pay and then closing the case.

"Once our office received this matter together with all the information including the complaint that was filed at the police station, I then went straight to the Attorney General to inform him about the matter. The case is now in front of the prosecutors, they're reviewing it before taking any action", Lefiti said. (See LTE in today's newspaper)

According to Lefiti, it was after the Commissioner made his decision to suspend the senior officer when the alleged victim and her parent visited her office. That's when all the information pertaining to the alleged incident was revealed to her.

"After I received all the alleged information about what happened, I was so shocked to hear about the Commissioner's decision. The alleged sexual harassment happened inside the workplace but no action was taken to make sure this type of behavior would not happen again.

"With April being the month of Sexual Harassment Awareness, I would like to point out that this type of behavior in the workplace is against the law and will not be tolerated," Lefiti continued, adding that the Commissioner's decision is a true reflection of him.

A senior police officer told Samoa News that the U.S Department of Labor has a policy prohibiting sexual harassment in the workplace in all US states and territories, including American Samoa.

"These types of unwelcomed actions including touching or grabbing of a sexual nature, and verbal abuse of a sexual nature, are prohibited in any workplace around the United States and that includes the DPS," one senior police officer said.

"I strongly believe the senior police officer allegedly involved in this case must be arrested and prosecuted, and if the Commissioner is not able to do the right thing, he should step down from the post immediately."

(Samoa News points out that it did not publish the name of the senior police officer that was suspended for alleged sexual harassment due to no criminal charges being filed against the officer.)



This screen grab from a Facebook group and photographed on a computer screen in Washington, Monday, April 9, 2018, shows what appears to be a bucket of tiger teeth offered for sale on a Facebook page. In a complaint filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, wildlife preservation advocates allege that Facebook's failure to stop illicit traders utilizing its platform for illegal activity violates the social network's responsibilities as a publicly traded company.

(AP Photo)

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Colombia jails ex-rebel on US drug warrant in blow to peace

By JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press
BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's peace process has been rocked by the surprise

arrest of a former top leader of the disbanded FARC rebel army on charges of trying to smuggle several tons of cocaine into the U.S.

The arrest on Monday of Seuxis Hernandez, a blind former peace negotiator best known by his alias Jesus Santrich, played into fears among many Colombians that the former guerrillas haven't cut ties to the country's flourishing criminal underworld. It also triggered an exchange of angry recriminations between conservative critics of the peace process and supporters of the disbanded Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. More than 100 former rebels and FARC sympathizers gathered late Monday outside the heavily guarded prosecutors' bunker where the 51-year-old Santrich was being held to demand his release. Waving white flags emblazoned with the red rose symbol of the former rebels' political movement, some shouted "freedom" and denounced what they called an act of judicial sabotage by the government and its U.S.

backers. Riot police flanked by a water cannon watched quietly, while inside Santrich was believed to have initiated a hunger strike to demand his release, according to his lawyer. President Juan Manuel Santos defended the arrest on a U.S. warrant as necessary to maintain the credibility of the peace accord, which Colombians overwhelmingly consider too generous to rebels responsible for atrocities committed during five decades of bloody, armed conflict. "My hand won't tremble to authorize the extradition," Santos said in a nationally televised address in which he tried to reassure demobilized fighters that they have nothing to fear as long as they uphold their commitments under the 2016 peace accord. "This is what the Colombian people demand. In this aspect, there can't be any room for tolerance or weakness."

Santrich, who joined the guerrilla movement in his 20s and gradually rose into its central command structure, was one of the first rebel leaders to bet on peace. He went to Norway in 2012 to begin negotiations with Colombia's government and then participated in talks that continued the next four years in Cuba, where he earned a reputation as being a hard-line ideologue. He was picked up Monday at a Bogota residence on charges filed in a New York federal court alleging he conspired with three others to smuggle several tons of cocaine into the U.S. with a wholesale value of \$15 million, or \$320 million when broken up and sold on American streets.

According to an Interpol notice, Santrich met with cocaine buyers at his residence on Nov. 2, 2017 — a day after one of his co-conspirators delivered a 5-kilogram sample of the narcotic to them at a hotel lobby in Bogota. During the meeting and subsequent negotiations, he and his co-conspirators allegedly discussed plans for a 10-ton drug shipment to the U.S., boasting they had access to cocaine laboratories and U.S.-registered planes to produce and transport.



FILE - In this March 11, 2013 file photo, Jesus Santrich, member of the negotiating team for Colombia's Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), speaks to journalists at the continuation of peace talks with Colombia's government in Havana, Cuba. The former leader of Colombia's disbanded rebel army has been arrested, according to former FARC members and the chief prosecutor's office on Monday, April 9, 2018.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes, File)



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 faauitolu@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 tatau 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 tatau 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 fono 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 faauitolu@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

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said some of the businesses they pre-sold the milk to are now coming in to increase their orders.

This is because according to some business owners Samoa News spoke to last week, there are rumors that the Devondale milk order that was supposed to land on the week of the 26th is going to be delayed — again.

Strachan said that because of the demand and the high number of orders coming in, another order for Anchor Milk has been placed and a container is set to arrive shortly after the 26th. She explained that an order usually takes about four weeks — from the order date — to arrive.

Samoa News understands that the problem with the Devondale shortage has to do with the company going through an owner change.

According to Australian Food News, "Australian dairy co-operative Murray Goulburn has announced that it has been bought by Saputo for \$1.3 billion. Murray Goulburn, formed in 1950 and home to ten processing plants in Tasmania, New South Wales and Victoria is the manufacturer of prominent supermarket brands Devondale, Liddells and Table Cove.

"Its acquisition by the Canadian company Saputo comes as a result of the significant debt that exists within Murray Goulburn."

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Senior Sergeant Eneliko Taelo or Superintendent Sale Salaa of Criminal Investigation Division on 22222, or in person at Police Headquarters for further information.

SPS encourages everyone not to take criminal matters into their own hands. Please contact the police for assistance instead.

Lastly, SPS acknowledges the tremendous and invaluable community work and contributions of village councils throughout Samoa, particularly in assisting the police in keeping Samoa safe.

(Source: SPS- Press Secretariat)

PM TUILAEPa: "ALL OPTIONS REMAIN OPEN."

"All options remain open," says Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lufesoia Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi as he continues to ponder the fate of the social media and Samoa.

Tuilaepa was responding to latest claims on the social media that he had authorized a \$1 million tala reward for information that could lead to unmasking social media ghost writers and bloggers.

"There is no reward and I will never authorize such a reward," refuted the Prime Minister.

"Its despicable attempt by the gutless social media misfits to twist my comments to suit their ulterior motives in their vile attempts to brainwash everyone," the Prime Minister added.

He did acknowledge that he has instructed Attorney General Lemalu Herman Retzlaff to prepare and proceed with the legal process to ensure that whoever the ghost writers are, they must stand trial and answer to their defamatory allegations which has blatantly violated the constitutional rights of some members of the innocent public including him even it means spending a million tala.

"They must answer to their slander, personal vendetta and unsubstantiated malice posted freely without consequences virally."

"To clear the record, I remain firm that these gutless writers should not get away scot free. I have kept no secret in publicly condemning the misuse of the social media which has defeated the genuine purpose behind the government's investment to improve our ICT capacities for the benefit of the people," said Tuilaepa.

"For almost two decades, my administration has left no stone unturned in developing our ICT Sector.

"And it has been a long journey of ups and downs from this office, Cabinet to parliament and back.

"Why do you think, I took over as Minister of Communication at one point in time? I did because it needed a new injection of leadership... strong leadership to captain the government's ICT drive to be where

it is today.

"Government also separated SamoaTel's and Samoa Post for a good reason and then removed SamoaTel's monopoly and look at our Mobile services today.

"This was and continues to be the government strategy to provide our people with affordable communication opportunities, coupled with Strategic Development Plan to improve all the sectors from Education, Health, Finance, and Agriculture... everything.

"The latest \$20 plus million tala investment in the Tui-Samoa Cable speaks volumes of where we are and where Samoa is going in ICT."

But he is disappointed that the "misfits have used the opportunities to vent out that to slander, personal vendetta and unsubstantiated malice posted freely without consequences."

And he also fears for their safety reiterating that he is worried that things may back fire when the identities of the faceless writers are exposed.

"The warnings are on the wall.

"Individual and family reputations have been publicly smeared by these ruthless writers and I pray that there will be no outbreak of violence."

The Prime Minister also hears audible and viral comments urging him to reconsider.

"There is little question when it comes to my vote to support for Facebook and other platforms.

"I am in favour and that's why I was behind it from the start, when we pushed for the development of the Internet links to speed up communications with the outside world.

"But at the point Government is now moving to address the abuse and if it means closing Facebook down then that is what will ultimately happen.

"Again I am at crossroads.

"Until then all options are open," he concluded.

(Source: Press Secretariat)

SAMOA AIRWAYS – MAKING IT EASIER TO MAINTAIN CULTURAL COMMITMENTS

APIA, 7th April 2018 – Levaopolo Uitines Apoua Mata'afa travels frequently between New Zealand and Samoa. He has to. He may live in Auckland, but he is very much involved with family and village obligations here that he has to attend to. In fact, he now travels home every month to attend meetings at his village of Salamumu.

Thanks to Samoa Airways, this has been made easier for him with the availability of affordable airfares at his disposal.

His latest trip to Samoa was on Friday last week to attend an all-important, second meeting between Salamumu and Sale'aula, to discuss their response to the proposed Electoral Constituencies Bill 2018, which affects their constituency

of Gaga'emauga.

In fact, when Levao was being interviewed for this article, he was boarding a Samoa Airways flight from Auckland to Samoa on Friday afternoon, so that he can arrive in time for the village meeting the following Saturday.

"Samoa Airways has made my life so much easier in so many ways. One of those is enabling me to fulfil my village and cultural obligations in Samoa, while still performing my duties as a husband and father for my family in New Zealand", said Levao. "It has helped me travel on a more regular basis between my home in Auckland and my home in Salamumu".

It is actually the third time this year that he has travelled to Samoa for village-related matters.

"It was hard for me at first to do this especially with the expensive fares on the other carriers before. But ever since Samoa Airways came back into operation, it has made it so much easier for me. I am so glad that we have our own airline again, which understands our cultural, family and church obligations and offer specials accordingly".

Levaopolo also credited Samoa Airways for making other carriers lower their fares.

(Source: Samoa Airways-Press Secretariat)

FA'ASALALAUGA Talanoaga o le Suafa LEOTA

Ou te mua'i si'i le siliga ma taia mauga o ao, ma le ava ma le fa'aeteete. Aua o Samoa o le ao mamalu i le fa'asouga o ao o le atuvasa. Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna Lava.

Tulouna ia le paia o le atunu'u, paia o le malo, aemaise paia o le galuega a le Atua. Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna Lava.

Ae ou te taia le laau ma ona lau, ona o le suafa "LEOTA" afioaga o Pago Pago. E taalo atu i paia o ona faleao, sulii ma feoi o le aiga "Sa Leota", Aso To'ona'i, Me 5, 2018 i le 10:00 i le taeao, i le tulaga Maota o Leota i Pago Pago.

Afio mai ma tal amai a'ao, tatou fetufaa'i ma soalaupule sou finagalo, a so matou taofi i se tasi e nofo i le Suafa Leota o lo tatou aiga "Sa Leota".

Fa'amolemole fa'autagia mai lenei fa'asalalauga po o lou le auai mai, o le a le taofia ai lenei fa'amoemoe. Talosia ia i le alofa ma le agalelei o le Atua, tatou feiloa'i i lea aso i le manuia.

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American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

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1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms to provide the "Department of Education-Integrated Data Services (IDS) Building Renovations" located in the village of Tafuna, Territory of American Samoa.

2. RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799 until 2:00 p.m. (local time), **Friday, April 27, 2018** at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Procurement Conference Room located at the Moso'oi Business Center. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who are not present at the Pre-Bid Conference.

4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- Electronic copies of contract documents, including Plans and Specifications may be examined or obtained at the Office of Procurement free of charge.
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- The American Samoa Government reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1900, and July 16, 1904, the Chiefs of Tutuila and Manu'a respectively, by virtue of their offices as the hereditary representatives of the people of those islands, for and on behalf of the people, entered into agreements of cession whereby the islands of Tutuila, Aunu'u and Manu'a were ceded to the Government of the United States of America, with all sovereign rights thereunto belonging, to be annexed to said Government, and designated as Tutuila and Manu'a; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Tutuila and Manu'a, for and on behalf of the people of their islands agreed for themselves, and their heirs and representatives by Samoan custom, to owe allegiance to the Government of the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States agreed to establish a good and sound government, protect traditional rights and property of the Samoan people, and promote the peace and welfare of the people; and,

WHEREAS, the agreements of cession were confirmed by the raising of the Flag of the United States, at the United States Naval Station, Tutuila, and at Fale'ula, Ta'u; and

WHEREAS, our people have always believed that through the success of our children, the future of our people and our culture will be ensured; and,

WHEREAS, the most important building block for that future is the investment we make in our children today; we invest not only in their education, but also in providing a nurturing home and a supportive community environment that encourages their growth and development into motivated and successful young people; and,

WHEREAS, while we can invest in the future well-being of our young people, only they have the ultimate power to seize the opportunity to make that future a bright one for all; and,

WHEREAS, this Flag Day we celebrate and honor "The Youth of the Future".

NOW THEREFORE, in honor of these historical events, and in celebration of this year's theme, "The Youth of the Future", I, LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA, Governor of American Samoa, proclaim that American Samoa Flag Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, for the observance of appropriate ceremonies, commemorating the raising of the Flag of the United States of America over Tutuila, American Samoa. I further call upon the government and the people of American Samoa to join in a better future for the territory by vigorously supporting the efforts of our youth to achieve their goals and desires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature and seal of my Office on this 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen.

POLOA'IGA FA'ALAUUA'ITELE

TALUALI, o Aperila 17, 1900, ma Iulai 16, 1904, o Matai o Tutuila ma Manu'a fa'aaloaloina, i o latou tulaga aloa'ia o sulii o Tagata o ia motu, e fai ma sui o Tagata, na faia se malilie o le tu'uina atu o motu o Tutuila, Aunu'u ma Manu'a i le Malo o le Iunaite Sitete, fa'atasi ma aia e pulea ai, i le lava Malo, ma fa'ua ai o Tutuila ma Manu'a; ma

TALUALI, o Matai o Tutuila ma Manu'a, ua fai ma sui o tagata o latou motu. Na malilie mo i latou, ma o latou sulii, ma sui i le Aganu'u Fa'a-Samoa e faia lenei tautoga i le Malo o le Iunaite Sitete o Amerika; ma

TALUALI, o le Malo o le Iunaite Sitete ua malie e fa'avae se faigamalo. E puipuia le Aganu'u ma aia, ma mea totino a Tagata Samoa ma taulamua i le tausiga o le filemu ma le soifua lelei o tagata; ma

TALUALI, o lenei malilie o le tu'uina atu na fa'amaonia i le sisiina a'e o le Fu'a a le Malo o le Iunaite Sitete i le nofoaga o le Navy i Tutuila fa'apea ma le Fale'ula, Ta'u; ma

TALUALI, o le talitonuga lava o tatou tagata, o le manuia o taumafaiga a tatou fanau, o le mautinoa fo'i lea o le lumana'i o tatou tagata ma la tatou aganu'u; ma

TALUALI, o le mea tu pito o le taumafaiga o lena lumana'i manuia, o le inivesi i a'oa'oga a tatou fanau ma se nofoaga e iai se fa'alapotopotoga o tagata i se si'osi'omaga e fa'amalosia'au ma atina'e ai i latou e avefa ma tupulaga e soifua ma'elega ma manuia; ma

TALUALI, a'o fa'aa'au pea ona tatou inivesi mo se lumana'i manuia o tatou tupulaga, ae o le upu moni, o lo'o ia i latou lava le malosi'aga e fa'aoga tatau ai avanoa e atina'e ai se lumana'i mo tagata uma; ma

TALUALI, o lenei aso ole Fu'a ua tatou fa'amamalu ma aloa'ia ai "Tupulaga o le Lumana'i".

O LE ALA LEA, i le fa'amanatuina o lea tala fa'asolopito, ma le fa'amamaluina o le 'Autu o lenei tausaga, "Tupulaga o le lumana'i", o a'u o LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA, Kovana o Amerika Samoa, ou te fa'alauloia atu ai o le fa'amanatuina le Fu'a i le Aso Lua, Aperila 17, 2018, mo le fa'ataunu'uina o ia sauniga mamalu, e fa'amanatu ai le sisiina a'e o le Fu'a a le Malo o Amerika i Amerika Samoa. Ou te vala'au atu ai i le Malo ma tagata nu'u uma o Amerika Samoa, ina ia tatou tu tu fa'atasi mo se lumana'i manuia o le Teritori e ala i le lagolagoina o taumafaiga uma a tatou tupulaga ina ia 'ausia a latou matati'a ma mo'omo'oga.

Ua fa'amaonia i le tu'uina o la'u saina ma le fa'amaufa'ailoga o lo'u Ofisa i le Aso 4 o Aperila, i le Tausaga o lo tatou Ali'i, lua afe sefulu ma le valu.



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118th AMERICAN SAMOA ANNUAL FLAG DAY FESTIVITIES

Theme – Youth of the Future

118 TAUSAGA SISIGA FU’A O AMERIKA SAMOA

Manulauti – Tupulaga o le Lumana’i

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00AM – 4:00PM Business Fair, Farm Fair, & Health Fair at Suigaula Park in Utulei

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

9:00AM – 4:00PM Business Fair, Farm Fair, & Health Fair at Suigaula Park in Utulei

6:00PM – 9:00PM Arts Council Flag Day Cultural Performances at Suigaula Park in Utulei

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

9:00AM – 4:00PM Business Fair, Farm Fair, & Health Fair at Suigaula Park in Utulei

6:00PM – 9:00PM Arts Council Flag Day Cultural Performances at Suigaula Park in Utulei

9:00PM Lighting Display at the Suigaula Park in Utulei (sponsored by the Pago Pago Trading Company Ltd.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:30AM – 9:00AM Drug Free Walk & Wave (open to the public)

Walk Starting from:

- Group 1 – Fagaalu Park to Suigaula Park
- Group 2 – Pago Pago (ASCO Motors) to Suigaula Park

Wave:

- Commences when both Groups meet at Suigaula Park

11:00AM Fautasi Race

7:00PM Flag Day Boxing Event at the Sports Complex in Tafuna

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

3:00PM Flag Day Church Service at the Rex Lee Auditorium in Utulei

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

6:00AM 118th Flag Day Celebration at the Veterans Memorial Stadium in Tafuna

POLOKALAMA

ASO LULU, APERILA 11

9:00 TAEAO – 4:00 AFIAFI Fa’aaliga Au Faipisinisi, Au Faifa’atoaga, ma le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina i le Malae o le Suigaula i Utulei

ASO TOFI, APERILA 12

9:00 TAEAO – 4:00 AFIAFI Fa’aaliga Au Faipisinisi, Au Faifa’atoaga, ma le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina i le Malae o le Suigaula i Utulei.

6:00 AFIAFI – 9:00 AFIAFI Fa’afiafiaga (Ofisa o Tu ma Aganu’u a Samoa) i le Malae o le Suigaula i Utulei

ASO FARAILE, APERILA 13

9:00 TAEAO – 4:00 AFIAFI Fa’aaliga Au Faipisinisi, Au Faifa’atoaga, ma le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina i le Malae o le Suigaula i Utulei.

6:00 AFIAFI – 9:00 AFIAFI Fa’afiafiaga (Ofisa o Tu ma Aganu’u a Samoa) i le Malae o le Suigaula i Utulei

9:00 AFIAFI Fa’aaliga o Moli Fe’ilafi i le Malae o le Suigaula i Utulei (Sapasapaia e le Pago Pago Trading Company Ltd.)

ASO TOANAI, APERILA 14

5:30 TAEAO – 9:00 TAEAO

Savali ma le ‘Aao Taalo mo le Ola Sa’oloto mai Vaila’au ma Fuala’au Fa’asaina (Tatala mo tagata uma).

- E amata le Savali a le Vaega Muamua mai le Malae i Fagaalu, a’o le Vaega Lua e amata mai le nofoaga o le ASCO Motors i Pago Pago. E aga’i uma atu i le Malae o le Suigaula i Utulei. A taunu’u le Savali a Vaega e Lua, ona amata loa lea o le ‘Aao Taalo e fa’aitualalua i le auala.

11:00 TAEAO Tu’uga Fautasi o le Fu’a

7:00 AFIAFI Fusuaga Fa’a-va-Malo i le Fale Ta’alo o le Sports Complex i Tafuna

ASO SA, APERILA 15

3:00 AFIAFI Sauniga Lotu o le Aso o le Fu’a i le Fale Laumei (Rex Lee Auditorium) i Utulei

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 TAEAO Fa’amanatuina o le 118 Tausaga o le Sisiga Fu’a o Amerika Samoa i le Malae Taalo a le Malo (Veterans Memorial Stadium) i Tafuna.





Amid missteps, Zuckerberg faces congressional inquisition

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and BARBARA ORTUTAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After privately assuring senators that his company will do better, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is undergoing a two-day congressional inquisition that will be very public — and possibly pivotal for the massive social networking company he created.

Zuckerberg visited with senators in closed-door meetings Monday, previewing the public apology he plans to give Congress on Tuesday after revelations that Cambridge Analytica, a data-mining firm affiliated with Donald Trump’s presidential campaign, gathered personal information from 87 million users to try to influence

elections. He’s apologized many times already, to users and the public, but it is the first time in his career that he has gone before Congress. Zuckerberg will testify before a joint hearing of the Senate Judiciary and Commerce Committees on Tuesday and before a House panel on Wednesday. In the hearings, Zuckerberg will not only try to restore public trust in his company but also stave off federal regulation that some lawmakers have floated. In prepared testimony released Monday by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which he is expected to deliver Wednesday, Zuckerberg apologizes for fake news, hate speech, a lack of data privacy and Russian social media interference in the 2016 elections. “We didn’t take a broad enough view of our responsibility, and that was a big mistake,” he says in the remarks. “It was my mistake, and I’m sorry. I started Facebook, I run it, and I’m responsible for what happens here.”

After resisting previous calls to testify, Zuckerberg agreed to come to Capitol Hill this month after reports surfaced — and the company confirmed — that Cambridge Analytica had gathered Facebook users’ data. In the remarks, Zuckerberg said his company has a responsibility to make sure what happened with Cambridge Analytica doesn’t happen again. Zuckerberg is also expected to be asked about Russia’s use of U.S. social media during the 2016 elections — a subject of several congressional investigations and special counsel Robert Mueller’s probe into Russian interference. In the statement, Zuckerberg addresses Russian election interference and acknowledges, as he has in the past, that the company was too slow to respond and that it’s “working hard to get better.” The company has said that as many as 146 million people may have received information from a Russian agency that’s accused of orchestrating much of the cyber meddling in the election. “We will continue working with the government to understand the full extent of Russian interference, and we will do our part not only to ensure the integrity of free and fair elections around the world, but also to give everyone a voice and to be a force for good in democracy everywhere,” Zuckerberg continues.

In the testimony, Zuckerberg acknowledges that the questioning will likely be hostile.

“We face a number of important issues around privacy, safety, and democracy, and you will rightfully have some hard questions for me to answer,” Zuckerberg says.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, April 9, 2018, to meet with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Zuckerberg will testify Tuesday before a joint hearing of the Commerce and Judiciary Committees about the use of Facebook data to target American voters in the 2016 election.

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