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Le Lali



Before departing the territory Monday night, Jeremiah Masoli extended sincere appreciation and many thanks for the support from the local community during the weeklong literacy workshops and athletic clinics at public high schools. He was also very thankful to the Department of Youth and Women's Affairs, who coordinated their work, as well as the support from the Department of Education.

Masoli, whose parents are from American Samoa, and is a quarterback for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League, had teamed up with the San Francisco-based non-profit group CASEProject for a series of American football camps and community projects in American Samoa.

"The whole focus of our team visit is to offer our assistance to local students, to encourage them in not only academics but sports such as football while in school," Masoli told Samoa News on Monday at Leone High School, their last stop before leaving Monday

night, before a farewell dinner hosted by DYWA.

"Our team is happy to witness the many students as well as teachers who turned out during the workshops and clinics and this is an encouraging sign for us to return next year," said Masoli, a former quarterback with the University of Oregon football team.

At the Leone High School clinic, Masoli reminded students the importance of setting goals in their lives as they are depended on in the future by their family, village, church and American Samoa as a whole.

DYWA director, Jonathan Fanene, who retired from professional football with the National Football League (NFL), was present at the Leone campus along with his staff. Fanene says he is pleased to see athletes of Samoan ancestry returning home to give back to the community through these types of workshops and sports clinics. And he says DYWA will continue to play a role in coordinating such activities in the future.

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## \$1 Million of Disaster Relief Fund to be used for alia boat repairs

INCLUDES HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO REPAIR ALIAS IN MANU'A

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

Boat repair workshop for all American Samoa alia boat owners and hiring a contractor to repair alia boats based in Manu'a, is the latest development on how the territory will utilize the \$1 million it received, with the assistant of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, following the 2009 tsunami, according to the American Samoa Community Activities and Issues Report submit for the Council's 169th Meeting in Honolulu

from Mar 21-23.

And finally getting a contractor to repair alia boats for Manu'a is being praised by Manu'a District Governor Laolagi F.S. Vaeao, who told Samoa News that this is "long overdue" after the boat owners "have been crying out for such assistance over the years."

The \$1 million is identified as the Disaster Relief Fund, overseen by the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, which has already hired a project coordinator to oversee the implementation of projects under this fund.

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Winnie Atuatasi shares her love for coffee through her own coffee place called Yahweh Coffee House at Fagatogo Square (the old Tedi's of Samoa building), which opens from 6am - 8pm weekdays and Saturdays 6 - 3pm. [Courtesy photo]

## Hot & Muggy — 112 degrees outside — that's our Summer

by Blue Chen-Fruean  
Samoa News Correspondent

Is it going to be hot or rainy today? This is the question most local residents ask themselves every morning when they wake up.

Over the past several weeks, the weather conditions have been so unpredictable, with the sun rising brightly in the morning, followed a couple of hours later by heavy rainfall and strong winds — and then comes the 'muggy' heavy air,

causing headaches and general feeling of sitting in a sauna, or moving through molasses.

Yesterday at noon, the Tafuna Weather Station reported temperatures near 90 degrees (indoors) and based on that number, according to local meteorologist Carol Ma'afala-Baqui, calculations were made to measure the heat index outdoors, which, she said, climbed to 112 degrees around lunchtime yesterday.

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

by Samoa News staff

## MEETING OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS FOR FOOD PLANT ONGOING

Meetings off island with prospective investors in a local multi purpose food processing plant by Philippines based AVM Bernardo Engineering is ongoing, says Commerce Department Director Keniseli Lafaele.

During his Senate confirmation hearing early last month, Lafaele was asked by senators on the status of the multi-million dollar plant project at the Tafuna Industrial Park, where it broke ground in January last year but construction have yet to commence.

Lafaele told senators that AVM was holding a meeting with possible investors the second week of February in Honolulu and once investors are firmed up, then a construction date would be set thereafter. He also says that he was to attend the meeting. (See Samoa News edition Feb. 10th for details)

Responding to Samoa News inquiries on the outcome of the

Honolulu meetings, Lafaele responded via email, "Meetings with prospective investors are on-going. We're hoping to complete talks and start construction sooner than later. I am currently off-island for this purpose."

Some senators have promised to call Lafaele back to the Senate to find out the status of the project in the next couple of months, if there is still no sign of the construction project beginning. The plant is expected to provide up to 800 jobs.

AVM Bernardo Engineering has proposed to invest \$106 million to set up a "multi-line food processing plant" focusing first on frozen fish-based sausage, ham, nuggets and patties; and later extending to other products, such as juices.

## MCCONNELL DOWELL STEPS UP — AGAIN — TO FIX OTTOVILLE ROADS

With the Easter season approaching, McConnell Dowell construction has again stepped in to help with a com-

munity request to patch potholes for the two roads in Ottonville that are widely used by the public, although two roads are described by Public Works Department as private roads.

Last week Larry Sanitoa, chairman of the Catholic Church's Holy Family Parish International Community at Fatuoaiga, wrote to McConnell Dowell's local manager Nicholas Strange for help on behalf of residents, motorists and parishioners of the Holy Family Parish at Fatuoaiga, to address the "recurring deplorable problem" with the two access roads going towards the Cathedral at Fatuoaiga.

Sanitoa explained that Easter season is around the corner, and the Diocese of Samoa Pago Pago and Parish will be holding several church services. "Obviously, there will be higher than normal traffic in the Ottonville area especially the two roads going towards Fatuoaiga from the main road," he said, adding that in the past McConnell Dowell "has helped us tremendously in repairing these two badly damaged roads as a community service project."

"We are again humbly requesting your assistance for a temporary repair to the sections of these two roads with used asphalt if possible," Sanitoa wrote. "Although it is a temporary fix, the used asphalt lasts a lot longer than the base course or the standard fill loads."

The two roads referred to by Sanitoa are the one that goes through in front of a Mormon church and the other which goes through the private cemetery inside Ottonville and next to the Hope House — this road is so bad; a large pool of water has remained there since last

month and gets much larger — every time it rains.

Avamua Dave Haleck in a separate email informed McConnell Dowell that DPW has treated these two roads as private roads when in fact they are not, as the Haleck family has provided these access roads for the sake of the Ottonville residents.

"The roads are public and therefore it is my opinion that ASG should include the roads with all the public roads in American Samoa," he said, and suggested an asphalt coating instead of a reseal. "We have been using a packaged asphalt product to fill and patch the pot holes. We've run out."

Sanitoa told Samoa News yesterday that McConnell Dowell has been kind enough to start patching the potholes now with asphalt.

Samoa News notes that besides the Mormon Church at Ottonville and the Catholic Church at Fatuoaiga, there are at least five other denomination churches within the Ottonville area and the two roads on Sundays are busy with traffic as people head to church services in the morning and afternoon.

## TSUNAMI EVACUATION DRILL

The American Samoa Department of Homeland Security / TEMCO Division wishes to advise the public that as part of our Disaster Preparedness effort, Matafao Elementary school will be conducting a Tsunami evacuation drill on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

The tsunami evacuation drill will start at 12:00 noon and conclude at 01:00 p.m. Public roads will be closed temporarily for the safety of children crossing road. Please plan ahead with your daily

commute around Matafao Elementary area.

The goal of the tsunami evacuation drill is to validate and evaluate the Emergency Operation Plan for Matafao Elementary School. Please do not be alarmed this is just an evacuation drill.

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## Hot & Muggy — 112 degrees outside...

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And while that number seems high, Ma'afala-Baqui emphasizes that this is just based on calculations." We've seen higher," she added, reflecting on previous times when she said the number was dwindling just below 120 degrees.

The National Weather Service defines heat index, also known as the apparent temperature, as what the temperature feels like to the human body when relative humidity is combined with the air temperature. So when people complain and say, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity," it's actually both. Ma'afala-Baqui said local weather conditions for the next few days will feature light and

variable winds.

As for rainfall, the local weather station has recorded a total of 2.52 inches of rain, so far for the month of March, as of 1 p.m. yesterday. The normal amount of rainfall for the whole month is 11.66 inches. And while this month may prove to be drier than the same time in previous years, last month saw the amount of rainfall exceed normal levels.

For February, according to data from the National Weather Station, the total amount of rainfall for the territory was recorded at 18.36 inches, much higher than the norm of 12.66 inches. For year-to-date figures, the territory has collected 32.96

inches of rainfall so far this year, as of yesterday.

Ma'afala-Baqui reminds everyone that it is summer time in the territory and while it may seem hot, local temperatures are nothing compared to the heat waves being experienced by other places in the world where temperatures climb well into triple digits.

Winter for American Samoa does not begin until the end of April so in the meantime, local meteorologist Elinor Lutu-McMoore reminds everyone to stay hydrated, drink lots of water, and during times of thunderstorms and lightning, stay indoors.





*Yahweh Coffee House located in Fagatogo Square (the old Tedi's of Samoa building), opens Mon - Fri 6am - 8pm and Saturdays 6am-3pm. See story inside about a small business owner in American Samoa: "I love coffee and I now have a coffee house."*

[Courtesy photo]

# Owner of Yahweh Coffee House: "I love coffee and I now have a coffee house"

By Leiloa Ese Malala  
Samoa News Staff Writer

Winnie Atuatasi, a 24-year-old, shared with Samoa News, about a teacher who asked her students what they wanted to be when they graduated. There were only two answers and it was either to join the military or be a teacher.

This got Winnie realizing that there are many other options than just being a teacher or joining the military, with or without a degree.

American Samoa is noted for having the highest rate of military enlistment of any U.S. State or Territory. As of September 2014, the local U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Pago Pago was ranked first in production out of the 885 Army recruiting stations and centers straight out of high school.

## THE JOURNEY TO OWNING A COFFEE SHOP

Atuatasi says that throughout her travels straight out of high school she visited different countries and found her love of coffee houses. The atmosphere, music, and the coffee seemed like the type of place she envisioned to be in on a daily basis.

From Pago Pago, she returned home in 2012 and was hired on by Downtown Coffee Shop to teach the workers to be "baristas" and to make better coffee, and of course — not forgetting — to earn some money.

When the Samoana High School graduate of Class of 2011 caught wind that the coffee shop was closing in year 2014, it got her thinking about her passion. "I was at a mission school in Kona, Hawai'i, and I learnt how to make coffee there, and even traveled to other countries like South Korea where coffee was everywhere and I

just loved the atmosphere at all these coffee shops," Winnie told Samoa News.

Winnie's mother, Aliitasi Roberts, heard about it and knew this would best fit her daughter, as Winnie has always wanted a Coffee House.

"Our family already owned another business, and seeing that Winnie did some studying, me and my husband thought this would be great for her to run the Coffee House."

That dream became real thanks to some good timing. Atuatasi was more than thankful to have supportive parents who brought up the idea for her to use her talents.

With the help of her parents to buy the Coffee Shop, she has learned a lot from the experience — how to make it much more different and better.

Atuatasi said the shop, which she and her husband named, "Yahweh", is Jewish for "God, Lord, Heavenly Father". The young entrepreneur chose the name to infuse the area with a cheery brightness giving all glory to God for the continuous blessings in her life. "I wanted a name dedicated to God, because I know I would have not received this without his help."

Being a business owner has taught her a lot about hard work and dedication. "It's like when you open the shop, you cannot just close it in the middle of the week just because you're sick. You have to keep it going, to build it, because its something you love and want to continue to share," she said.

Yahweh Coffee House has been open going on two years now. It started off slow but the Coffee House has caught many visitors' and locals' eyes so that Winnie and her workers have

extended its opening hours until 8pm in the evening.

"We decided to open late because we were starting to get people who finished work late and want a quick bite. It is such a great spot too because we have the Fono, DOH, Social Services, the market, so people are noticing it more and have come to relax and enjoy the "Lord's" Coffee House," says Winnie.

A Fono employee, a regular, told Samoa News, "I get so busy at work I don't have time to go anywhere to eat so it helps that I can call them to make an order and then pick up my favorite tuna melt sandwich when it's ready. It's a great place with great food."

When asked what was the people's favorite meal, "Our most common one is the chili with the sweet muffin, or the bacon bagel, which not many make on island, and the red soup. People love these."

Winnie says she's planning her next move — to open another branch on the West side. "I get amazed to see some of the people who live on the West come all this way to get their coffee fix or a bite so I am thinking of opening one on that side."

"There is so much to do in this life for the younger generation. I see a lot of talented musicians, artists, designers, cooks, etc. who can definitely make a difference to our community and use those talents. Just because you don't have a degree doesn't mean you can't do anything. I don't have a degree and I now have my own business. You can definitely do so much with what you love for our community."

For more information check out Yahweh Coffee House on Facebook or just visit them.

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# Trump Travel Ban Hawaii Tourism



In this Monday, March 13, 2017 photo, people relax on the beach in Waikiki in Honolulu. Hawaii has filed a lawsuit challenging President Donald Trump's revised travel ban, saying the executive order could harm the state's strong tourist economy. (AP Photo/Caleb Jones)

## High risk and CIP funding issues raised by Amata with OIA

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

Ensuring American Samoa continues to receive an increase in federal Capital Improvement Projects in the future, and American Samoa Government's "high risk" status with the Interior Department's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) were two issues from Congresswoman Aumua Amata during a congressional subcommittee hearing last Thursday in Washington D.C.

Amata directed her remarks to Interior Department's acting assistant secretary for insular Areas, Nikolao Pula, who was among the panel of witnesses during the "Improving and Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal and Insular Communities" hearing by the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs. The hearing was streamed online.

As part of her remarks, Aumua said she would love to see the CIP program continue and possibly expanded. "I'm

also looking forward to a continuation of the well executed oversight practices regarding the program," she said and asked Pula to comment on "what can be done to ensure American Samoa continues to receive increased CIP funding in the future."

Pula first pointed out that allocation of CIP funding is made on the basis of a set of competitive criteria that measure the demonstrated ability of the island governments to exercise prudent financial management practices and to meet federal grant requirements.

"The best thing for American Samoa — it can maximize on the share, because it's mandatory funding so we will continue the program — is to have clean audits, and submitted on time, as well as timely execution of the conditions of grants, or the terms of the grants," Pula said.

Of the total \$27.72 million for fiscal year 2017, American Samoa has the highest allocation of \$9.78 million

followed by Northern Marianas with \$9.24 million, Guam with \$5.91 million and US Virgin Islands getting \$2.78 million.

Earlier in his opening statement at the start of the hearing, Pula cited positive results of the CIP for the four US territories. For example, in American Samoa, the \$8 million for the 134-foot MV Manu'atele now goes between Manu'a islands and the main island of Tutuila, providing both cargo and passengers transport.

In her second query, Aumua asked that since being designated as "high risk" by OIA, as recommended by the US Government Accountability Office and the Office of Inspector General, how has the American Samoa government managed to improve accountability for federal funds? She also asked if ASG has completed any of the requirements necessary for compliance in order to remove the "high risk" designation by OIA.

Pula first pointed out that there are other areas of high risk for American Samoa — such as the US Education Department.

For OIA, Pula said, "I have to say, lot of the categories, or things to be done, have been done by the American Samoa government. So there has been improvement there.

"But there are still some final things that needed to be done and we have to kind of, circle back, and work with the government so we can lift the high risk. At this point, we haven't completed everything," he said.

Since taking office in January 2013, the Lolo administration has been working to remove the "high risk" status by federal grantors with the establishment of the Governor's High Risk Task Force. And since 2013, the Lolo Administration has been on time with filing audit reports.

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# COURT REPORT...

Translated by Samoa News staff  
**IOSE LIAINA JR.**

Chief Justice Michael Kruse has told a prosecutor that the government shouldn't give the response of "I don't know" many times, when asked about issues the court wants further details on. Kruse's comments were made during last Friday's probation review hearing for Iose Liaina Jr., with the CJ also saying that the prosecutor represents the government and should have answers.

Liaina informed the court that due to his immigration papers not being in proper order, he was working as a contractor for a relative's company, and his take home pay is small, making it difficult to make ends meet — paying his required court fine as well as taking care of his wife and two children.

Kruse had asked Liaina why he hadn't paid a court fine, which was part of his probation conditions, to which the defendant responded, that he only gets about \$100 a week and it's used to care for his family, and it's not a permanent job.

The defendant then requested the court for a chance to be released from custody so he could fix his immigration papers and find a permanent job that can help pay for the fine as well as support his family.

Kruse asked assistant

attorney general Gerald Murphy how Liaina was able to work while his papers are not in order and the government attorney responded, "I don't know."

The CJ in response asked Murphy why he doesn't know when he is the representative of the government, as well as the Immigration Officer in court and that Murphy should have a full understanding of the issue.

Murphy responded that it's not the government's responsibility to make sure the defendant's immigration papers are in order. He said the court gave the defendant three weeks to fix his papers but it appears nothing has been done.

Kruse directed Murphy as well as Liaina's attorney, Public Defender Michael White to find the answer to the court's concern as to why the defendant is able to work while his immigration papers are not in order, before a decision is rendered on a sentence for Liaina's failure to comply with all conditions of his probation.

He recommended that the government take a look at the Immigration Office when

it comes to employers, who employ individuals on probation to ensure that the situation faced by Liaina is prevented from spreading or occurring.

During the hearing, Liaina's legal counsel, assistant public defender, Michael White argued for release of the defendant to find a permanent job to pay the fine and care for his family, as recommended by the Probation Office. The request was denied and Liaina remains in custody while another hearing is scheduled for next week.

### HUSBAND SENTENCED TO 15 DAYS IN JAIL

A 36-year old man accused of assaulting his wife has been sentenced by the Family, Drug and Alcohol Division of the High Court to serve 15 days in custody, after he pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts of third degree assault.

According to court information this is the second time the husband has been charged with third degree assault, with the first happening in 2014 when he assaulted a 20-year-old man, who swore profanity towards his sister. He was then sentenced to 12 months proba-

tion, under several conditions, including that he be a law-abiding citizen.

However, last December he was taken into custody for assaulting his wife on Christmas Eve 2016. The assault occurred after the husband arrived home intoxicated and there was no food. Thereafter an argument between the couple ensued and the husband then assaulted his wife, according to court information.

During sentencing hearing last Friday, the defendant was sentenced to 24 months probation under the condition that he serve 45 days at TCF. However, execution of the jail term was that the defendant serve only 15 days — which includes five days of pre trial confinement.

Other conditions of probation include that he is prohibited from making any contact with his wife, or trying to threaten her in any way, as court records show that the wife had filed for a divorce. The defendant has also been ordered to pay \$100 and to attend as well as complete anger management counseling.

To protect the victim,

Samoa News does not identify the defendant, in this case the husband, in these types of domestic cases.

### MORE PROBATION VIOLATORS END UP AT TCF

More individuals who were serving probation are back in jail for failure to comply with all conditions set by the court. One of them is Anthony Sioka, who will be sentenced May 5 after being convicted last Friday for probation violation — which included failure to visit the Probation Office once a month as required by the court.

Sioka was convicted in 2013 for having sexual contact with a minor and was placed on seven years probation, with several conditions attached. Among the conditions is the defendant serves a certain period of time in jail (which is already completed), must be a law-abiding citizen, and is barred from consuming alcohol. However, court records show that Sioka was charged last June with misdemeanor public peace disturbance, another probation violation.

The second case involves Williams Upunei, who failed a recent drug test that was administered when he checked in with the Probation Office. He has been on 5 years probation since last year in connection with a burglary case.



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# SAMOA BRIEFS

by Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu  
 Samoa News Reporter

## NOAA WELCOMES STUDENTS ON BOARD

Apia, SAMOA — Students in Samoa met scientists from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) who were at the Apia Harbor as part of a joint deep-water research mission between America and Independent Samoa.

Last Friday, science students from several local schools, the National University of Samoa and civil society groups went on-board for a tour of NOAA Ship Okeanos Explorer to learn more about the deep-sea technologies used to explore the ocean: deep-water sonars; a two-body remotely operated vehicle that can dive to 6000m (nearly 4 miles), and telepresence — enabling teams of scientists to participate in the expedition remotely from shore.

NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research is collaborating with partners to conduct two telepresence-enabled ocean exploration cruises in the region. These cruises will use the ship's capabilities to investigate unknown and poorly known deep-water areas in American Samoa and Samoa, with an emphasis on the Rose Atoll Marine National Monument and National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa.

The expedition is part of a major multi-year foundational science effort focused on deep-water areas of U.S. marine protected areas in the central and

western Pacific. Also onboard the ship is engineer and videographer with the Global Foundation for Ocean Exploration, Dan Rogers, who delivered a presentation to the general public on Friday night at the Apia Yacht Club, drawing comparisons between ancient and modern ocean exploration, including deep sea robotics.

Rogers has sailed a number of times onboard Hokulea, the legendary traditional Polynesian voyaging canoe, which has given him a unique platform to be able to discuss both traditional and modern navigation in depth.

This program was in collaboration with Global Foundation for Ocean Exploration, Samoa Voyaging Society, NOAA and the United States Embassy in Apia.

## LEFT HAND VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED BACK INTO SAMOA

Apia, SAMOA — Families who wish to import vehicles from the United States and American Samoa will welcome the news that the Samoa Government has once again allowed the importation of left hand vehicles in Samoa, but not for commercial use. It will be for private use only.

Chief Executive Officer of the Land Transport Authority, Leasi Vainalepa Galuvao told Samoa News via email about the change and while he did not go into details as to why, he made it clear that it will effective on April 1, 2017.

He also pointed out the vehi-

cles will be allowed under precise rules that they are for private use only. He also explained that only 100 vehicles could be allowed on a monthly basis.

## SAMOA POLICE WOMEN'S NETWORK ASSIST VICTIMS GROUP

Apia, SAMOA — The Samoa Police Women's Advisory Network (SPWAN) led by Superintendent Monalisa Ioane-Keti continue their donations to assist with Samoa Victim Support Group work for children at the Campus of Hope. This is the second year they have visited the SVSG, and they anticipate making it an annual event. Last week's SPWAN initiative coincides with the International Women's Day 2017.

Ioane-Keti at the brief ceremony point to the importance of SVSG's work in assisting with Police work for women and children victims of violence. "The Network is looking at making this donation an annual event as part of the SPWAN's celebration of International Women's Day. Donation of food supplies and clothing were presented by the Samoa Police Women Advisory Network during the visit."

SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang acknowledged this partnership and thanked SPWAN saying, "Thank you for remembering the work of SVSG; this work started from a partnership with the Police and the Ministry of Justice. It is good to see the Samoa Police Women reviving this partnership for our work with families in Samoa."



New York Knicks forward Kristaps Porzingis (6) collides with Brooklyn Nets guard Jeremy Lin (7) who goes for a layup with Knicks guard Derrick Rose (25) watching in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, March 12, 2017, in New York. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

Siliniu also pointed out that in honor of the International Women's Day their strong message is to 'Empower Women' the champions against family violence in Samoa. She stated that as part of a 2-year project with UN Women Fund for Gender Equality (FGE), SVSG through its village representatives is working with village and church leaders, to gauge support for the economic empowerment of women, with specific focus on Nofotane Women.

"The Project targets 5,000 unemployed women to be trained on income generating skills with the aim to ensure sustainable self-employment for 500 of these women.

Through previous projects, SVSG had empowered women survivors of violence with disabilities in Upolu and Savaii, with livelihood skills now enabling them to be self-sufficient, through income earned from their small business activities."

She congratulated all the women of Samoa on this special day, especially women survivors of violence and women at risk, who have been economically empowered through its program.

## FISH AGGREGATING DEVICE PROJECT UNDERWAY

Apia, SAMOA — The Samoa International Game Fishing Association (SIGFA) kicked off their fish aggregating device (FAD) project and they have essentially strategically

placed contraptions which are anchored in Samoa waters attracting large schools of fish, so the local fishermen don't need to venture out too far to catch fish, saving them fuel and time as well as virtually guaranteeing consistent catch rates.

During a ceremony to officially open this project last week, SIGFA President, Kevin Kohlhasse says they are proud to contribute towards Samoa's economy and sports tourism through their "2017 FAD Project".

"The total cost of the FAD Project is worth over 100,000 tala with a total of 10 FADS being deployed by SIGFA for 2017. The money raised for this project was made possible through SIGFA's Annual Game Fishing Tournament with 2017 marking our 21st Samoa Annual Game Fishing Tournament."

He said that SIGFA is thankful to have received significant financial assistance through the New Zealand High Commission fund towards the purchase and deployment of the project. He also acknowledged the assistance provided by their major supporter Apia Concrete Products, the Government of Samoa, Samoa International Finance Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Ministry of Revenue, Samoa Ports Authority, and Samoa Quarantine, SIGFA also acknowledges support from the business community and SIGFA members to enable their club to execute the 2017 FAD Project that benefits all.



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Last month, the area in front of LYC Inc. in Malaeimi, across from Neil's ACE Home Center is where crewmembers from Continental Transport Corporation (CTC) were busy installing huge pipes for an underground waterline extending more than 8,000 feet.

The work is a huge undertaking being carried out by the local company as a project for the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA). The outlet for the nearby Shan-J Restaurant and Bar parking lot had to be closed off as CTC workers laid the massive underground pipes. Traffic moves at a cautiously slow pace while the CTC crew worked 'round the clock to get things done.

Founded by the late Senator HC Togia'i Faasefulu and Mrs. Elisapeta Togia'i, CTC has been serving the local community for over four decades. The company

is based in Fogagogo and in addition to construction, they also operate the fully operational — tested and approved — Tula Rock Crushing Quarry, providing aggregate supplies and building materials for all projects: government, residential, and commercial.

The company is also the sole authorized distributor of New Zealand based hydraulic hoses and fittings for heavy equipment machinery and fishing boats.

Some of their completed jobs include the Nu'uuli Shoreline Protection and Drainage Mitigation Project, the installation of a utility water tank with main water lines servicing the far west villages of Fagali'i, Malota, and Fagamalo, the Pago Pago Port Slab repair project, and the Vatia Shoreline.

Check them out by logging on to <ctcpago.com>

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### ALIA REPAIRS

Among the projects, cited in the report to the Council and based on information from DMWR, is alia repair, in which

alia vessels in Manu'a in need of repairs and upgrades will be included to the Fund. The report says the Council's Fisheries Development Officer for

American Samoa did the original vessel assessment years ago, but according to DMWR, it is dated and they have used a more recent one last year by ASG.

It also says that the governor has agreed with DMWR Director Va'amua Henry Ses-

epasara's plan to have a dedicated vessel mechanic for Manu'a's fishing boats onsite. Additionally, DMWR will be hiring a contractor to complete the repairs of the boats located in Manu'a and purchase necessary supplies for the boats there.

Alia boat owners have requested through their lawmakers help from the government getting their alia boats fixed and this issue have been raised in the Fono over the years.

"I'm overwhelmed if that's what's going to happen and it materializes," Laolagi said yesterday, referring to the mechanic to be based in Manu'a. I'll be very grateful as the people in Manu'a have been crying out for this type of assistance to help boat owners."

"It's long overdue. And I'm so happy for my people in Manu'a finally getting this assistance," said Laolagi, who has served in the Fono for many years including the last four years as one of the Manu'a senators.

A Ta'u boat owner reached over the weekend and told about Va'amua's plans, told Samoa News that this is something that alia fishermen in Manu'a have been asking the government for some time now, to have the repairs done in Manu'a.

"Having a vessel mechanic in Manu'a is very helpful to boat owners, who need such help when they are faced with problems with their alia, instead of having to find a mechanic on Tutuila and bring to Ta'u," the boat owner said. "And it does cost more money to bring someone from Tutuila."

An alia boat owner on Ofu declined to comment when contacted Monday for comments, only saying, "I'll wait and see if it will actually happen, before I say anything about this new ASG plan."

### REPAIR WORKSHOP

Another project to be funded with the disaster fund is a boat repair workshop. "In response to a survey of alia fishing boat owners and operators, training for repairs has been identified as a priority need for the fishery," according to the report to the Council. Therefore, the report says DMWR will utilize portions of the disaster fund to hold engine and vessel repair workshops for local fishermen.

Additionally, DMWR is planning to continue the process of developing the local alia fleet, which is over 25 boats currently. Further, the department is negotiating with a locally-based agent for Yamaha boat engines to provide a basic training for alia owners and operators — both on Tutuila and Manu'a.

### FLAKE ICE MACHINE

The report also says that in support of the small boat fisheries, DMWR will use a portion of the disaster fund to provide a flake ice maker to be installed on the Malaloa Marina, near the department's guard shack by the entrance.


Depending on the size of the machine to be purchased, DMWR may be required to obtain a land use permit from the Project Notification & Review System Board and because the funds are federal monies, a federal consistency permit will need to be complete as well.

### ASG MEMBERSHIP

The new DMWR director, Va'amua is the new government member from American Samoa on the Council board, replacing former DMWR director Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, who is now Education director.

Va'amua is attending next week's meeting in Honolulu and is expected to provide an update on projects funded with the disaster fund monies and other fishery issues.






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# Trump travel ban faces key test in multiple courtrooms



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The day before it is supposed to go into effect President Donald Trump's revised travel ban will be scrutinized in federal courtrooms across the country on Wednesday.

In Maryland, a U.S. judge will hear arguments from the American Civil Liberties Union and others who want to stop the new directive and more than a half-dozen states are trying to derail the executive order affecting travelers from six Muslim-majority nations.

Hawaii's lawsuit is heading to federal court in Honolulu, while Washington state, which

successfully sued to block the original ban, wants its own hearing before a federal judge in Seattle. Five other states have joined Washington's challenge.

Here's a look at what's going on and the hurdles the new ban faces:

## BUSY DAY IN COURT

Hawaii will argue that the new order will harm its Muslim population, tourism and foreign students. Ismail Elshikh, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said the ban will prevent his Syrian mother-in-law from visiting. The federal government will argue that the allegations are pure speculation. Justice Department lawyers also say the president is authorized to restrict or suspend entry into the United States. In Washington state, Attorney General Bob Ferguson is pushing for a hearing before Judge James Robart, who halted the original ban last month. Ferguson wants Robart to apply the ruling to the new ban.

Ferguson says the new order is unconstitutional and harms residents, universities and businesses, especially tech companies such as Washington state-based Microsoft and Amazon who rely on foreign workers. California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Oregon have joined the claim. Federal lawyers say the revised travel ban is "substantially different" from the original directive.

Immigrant advocacy groups and the ACLU are also suing in Maryland. They will ask a judge there early Wednesday to issue an injunction, saying it's illegal to reduce the number of refugees in the middle of a fiscal year. The lawsuit is broader, but the ACLU expects a ruling on that part of the case even if other aspects of the ban are blocked elsewhere.

## OLD VERSUS NEW BAN

Washington and Hawaii say the order is an effort to carry out the Muslim ban he promised during his campaign and is a violation of the First Amendment, which bars the government from favoring or disfavoring any religion. On that point, they say, the new ban is no different than the old.

They point to statements by Trump's advisers, including former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who said Trump asked him how to implement a Muslim ban legally, and Stephen Miller, who said the revised order was designed to have "the same basic policy outcome" as the first. The new version tries to erase the notion that it was designed to target Muslims by detailing more of a national security rationale. It is narrower and eases some concerns about violating the due process rights

of travelers. It applies only to new visas from Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program. It does not apply to travelers who already have visas.

The states' First Amendment claim has not been resolved. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to reinstate the original ban but didn't rule on the discrimination claim.

Some legal scholars have said the order does not apply to all Muslims or even all predominantly Muslim nations — a point 9th Circuit Judge Richard Clifton made during arguments in Washington's case.

## DOES THE PRESIDENT HAVE THE AUTHORITY?

The administration says the travel ban is about national security. The revised order specifies that people from the listed countries "warrant additional scrutiny in connection with our immigration policies because the conditions in these countries present heightened threats."

But intelligence analysts at the Department of Homeland Security have questioned that rationale, concluding that citizenship is an "unlikely indicator" of terrorist ties.

In addition, the states and civil liberties groups say U.S. immigration law generally prohibits the government from discriminating based on nationality when issuing immigrant visas. The president cannot rewrite that law by executive order, the states say.

## ARE THE STATES THE RIGHT ONES TO SUE?

Some legal scholars have questioned whether states have standing to bring their cases, citing limits the Supreme Court has placed on when states can sue the federal government.

Michael McConnell, a constitutional law professor at Stanford Law School, has said he is "highly skeptical" that states can sue over this issue.

The 9th Circuit panel found that Washington and Minnesota, which is part of the original lawsuit, did have standing, at least at that early stage. The judges noted that some people would not enroll in universities or join the faculty, causing real harm for the states.

Hawaii focuses on an additional aspect: the loss of tourism, and thus tax dollars, in the heavily travel-dependent state.

"I don't think standing's a serious problem," said Rory Little, a former Supreme Court clerk who teaches at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. "There's clearly harm to state budgets, harm to state universities."

Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin speaks at a news conference Thursday, March 9, 2017, in Honolulu. Chin's office filed an amended lawsuit against President Donald Trump's revised travel ban.

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# Japan one-ups Scotch with whisky, coveted around the world

YAMAZAKI, Japan (AP) — A dim storage room surrounded by bamboo groves and pastoral hills is filled wall-to-wall with 3,000 wooden barrels. Here sleeps, for years, sometimes decades, prized Japanese whisky.

The Suntory distillery in Yamazaki, near the ancient capital of Kyoto, is where the first drop of made-in-Japan malt whisky was distilled in 1924.

These days, Japanese whisky is winning accolades from around the world, often beating the products from Scotland its makers set out to emulate.

In 2003, the Yamazaki 12 Years single malt whisky became the first Japanese whisky to win the gold medal at the International Spirits Challenge, the most authoritative liquor competition in the world. Last year, Hibiki, another Suntory label, won the World's Best Blended Whisky prize at the World Whiskies Awards, for the fourth time. A bottle of Yamazaki Sherry Cask, aged 25 years, fetches thousands of dollars each.

"They have a lot more earthiness to them. They are much more a product of their environment," Wes Barbee, a 23-year-old consultant from Houston, gushed as he joined dozens of Japanese and foreign tourists visiting the Yamazaki distillery and lining up for a taste.

"American and Canadian whisky has nothing on this. It's mass production. This is very intimate. The flavors are carefully chosen," he said.

Japan Inc. abounds with stories of manufacturers like automaker Toyota Motor Corp. and musical instrument manufacturer Yamaha Corp. that at first imitated Western pioneers in their industries but ended up matching if not outdoing them.

Suntory founder Shinjiro Torii was determined to introduce Scotch to Japan. Overcoming early failures, he eventually adapted his methods to distill a whisky palatable to Japanese.

Experts believe that aside from Japan's clean and tasty ground water, its four distinct seasons help to deepen whisky flavors during years of aging.

Scotland's many distilleries make blending whisky flavors easy. Suntory had to develop its own array of flavors using various temperatures and combinations of yeasts for fermentation, as well as more complex methods of distilling whisky.

After fermentation, the beige liquid gets heated and distilled in "pot stills," huge metallic

containers of varying shapes that can quicken or delay the distilling process, yielding nuances of flavors.

The result is a colorless liquid that smells almost like antiseptic that is stored in barrels, or casks, in a cavernous warehouse designed for aging whiskies. No nails are used in the casks, whose strips of old wood are bound by tightened metal rings. Aging gives whisky its color and personality — what whisky lovers say distinguishes it from wine or beer.

The casks, used over and over again, include old wine and bourbon barrels. Some are from Europe and the U.S. and others are made of Japanese oak. Suntory's three distilleries in Japan house a million casks.

It's a mystery exactly how whisky ages, says Shinji Fukuyo, Suntory's chief blender. Flavors of each cask are mixed — just right, like a "jigsaw puzzle," he says — to create, and recreate, various kinds of whisky and develop new ones.

A serious-looking, slight man with graying hair, Fukuyo says he avoids garlic or greasy fish, especially for breakfast, to keep his taste buds pure for his job. "What's important for whisky is that its deliciousness must deepen with aging, sitting in the casks for a long time," said Fukuyo, 55, demonstrating how he examines the whisky in a glass, swirling the crystalline amber spirit against the light.

He gently rolls a sip on his tongue, then spits it out: Fukuyo does 100 such tastings a day, sometimes more than 200. He switches positions of the glasses on the table to remember what he just tasted. There is no time for note-taking.

"It's a clean and beautiful taste. It's hard to explain in words," he said of Japanese whisky. Japanese whisky aged in a white oak cask has a hint of citrus or green-apple. One aged in a sherry cask is fragrant, rich and sweet, evocative of dried fruit. Whisky aged in Japanese oak and smoky whisky have pungent, herbal flavors.

The growing popularity of Japan's cuisine has helped win a following for its whisky, which was designed to be consumed with food, experts say.

Nikka Whisky, a unit of Asahi Breweries, froze its overseas expansion in 2014, finding it impossible to keep up with demand, says Emiko Kaji, who manages Nikka's international business. Nikka Whisky From the Barrel, packaged in a sleek bottle, is doing especially well



In this March 13, 2017 photo, Nikka Whisky international business development manager Emiko Kaji speaks while showing bottles of their whisky at the headquarters of Asahi Breweries in Tokyo. The growing popularity of Japan's cuisine has helped win respect for its whisky, which was designed from the start to be consumed with food, experts say. Nikka Whisky, a unit of Asahi Breweries, froze its overseas expansion in 2014, finding it impossible to keep up with demand, says Kaji. Nikka Whisky From the Barrel, packaged in a sleek bottle, is doing especially well in Europe, she says.

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Sukhinder Singh, owner of London-based retailer The Whisky Exchange, says he has had to ration his supplies of Japanese whisky to hotels and restaurants. He never seems to have enough.

At first, Japanese victories in blindfold whisky contests baffled connoisseurs. By now the Japanese blends have won over even the skeptics, he said.

When whisky expert Jim Murray voted the Yamazaki Sherry Cask the Best Whisky in the World for his 2015 Whisky Bible, its price shot up overnight. Prices of other Japanese whiskies have also been rising.

"Everyone went: We want to buy Japanese," Singh said in a phone interview. "The problem we have at the moment is not selling it. It's getting it.

"We can sell every bottle we can get," he said.

Zoetrope, a tiny bar in a dingy Tokyo backstreet building, is famed among lovers of Japanese whisky.

"Japanese whisky has an unpredictability that makes it fun, and the highly skillful Japanese blenders have created a subtle taste with an impeccable balance," said Atsushi Horigami, Zoetrope's owner and bartender, standing before counters and shelves crammed with colorful bottles.

Thousands of miles (kilometers) away at Festa, a bar in San Francisco, banker Crystal Roseberry was trying Suntory's Yamazaki 12, at \$40 a drink, for the first time.

"Soft, silky, not jarring, elegant, friendly. And it still has a structure of a good whisky, which I think is very important," she said in an interview over an online call. "This whisky is intriguing."

Bar owner Masae Matsumoto was glad to have stocked up on Yamazaki. "It's gotten impossible to get over the last six months," she said. "Japanese whisky tastes so good."

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# Navy bribery scandal widens as more sordid details emerge

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Officers in a burgeoning Navy bribery scandal called themselves the Lion King's Harem, the Wolfpack, the Cool Kids and the Brotherhood. They scouted for others who might also accept sex, trips and other lavish perks from a Malaysian defense contractor known as "Fat Leonard" in exchange for classified information.

Allegations outlined in an indictment unsealed in San Diego on Tuesday give more details in the 3-year-old scandal that had appeared to be fading before re-emerging even bigger and more sordid than before.

Nine current and former military officers were charged in the latest indictment, including a recently retired rear admiral who collected foreign intelligence for the Navy's Seventh Fleet.

It gives an extensive list of bribes to the officers from 2006 to 2012 from Leonard Francis in exchange for classified shipping schedules and other information to help his company,

Glenn Defense Marine Asia. In one example, a party with prostitutes at the Manila Hotel's MacArthur Suite during a 2007 port call to the Philippines included sex acts using historic MacArthur memorabilia.

One meal during a 2006 port visit to Hong Kong cost \$20,435. A dinner during a port call to Singapore that year featured foie gras, oxtail soup, cognac that cost about \$2,000 a bottle and cigars at \$2,000 a box.

Prosecutors say Francis, who is nicknamed Fat Leonard for his wide girth, bilked the Navy out of nearly \$35 million, largely by overcharging for his company's services supplying Navy ships in the Pacific with food, water, fuel and other necessities.

Navy officers provided classified information to Francis that helped him beat competitors and, in some instances, commanders steered ships to ports in the Pacific where his company could charge fake tariffs and fees, prosecutors said.

The latest indictment raises the number of current and former officials charged to 20 in one of the Navy's worst corruption scandals. Bruce Loveless, who recently retired, became the second admiral charged in the investigation.

Adm. John Richardson, the Navy's top officer, vowed Tuesday to repair damage caused by the scandal.

"This behavior is inconsistent with our standards and the expectations the nation has for us as military professionals," he said. "It damages the trust that the nation places in us, and is an embarrassment to the Navy."

Loveless, 53, made no substantive comments during a brief hearing hours after his arrest at his Coronado home near San Diego. Magistrate Judge Mitchell Dembin entered a not guilty plea on his behalf and ordered him released without bail. He did not yet have an attorney,

Loveless was an assistant chief of staff, responsible for assessing foreign intelligence



This undated image released by the U.S. Navy and provided by The San Diego Union-Tribune shows Rear Adm. Bruce Loveless. An indictment unsealed Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in federal court in San Diego alleged that retired Adm. Bruce Loveless and the other officers accepted the services of prostitutes, lavish meals and fancy trips from Leonard Francis in exchange for helping his company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia.

(U.S. Navy/Courtesy The San Diego Union-Tribune via AP)

in the Seventh Fleet's area of responsibility, which includes Southeast Asia and Australia.

"Far from doing that, over the course of many years, this defendant participated in wild sex parties," Patrick Hovakimian, an assistant U.S. attorney, told the judge. "He has shown callous disregard for his duties."

The judge also entered a not guilty plea on behalf of Enrico DeGuzman, a former Marine colonel, and allowed him to remain free. His attorney didn't respond to a request for comment.

Five other defendants were arrested Tuesday in Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida, Colorado and Virginia. None had attorneys listed in court documents.

The indictment describes how defendants collaborated to expand their group. A 2007 email from Robert Gorsuch, a chief warrant officer, to Francis

says they were developing "personality profiles" on potential recruits. A 2008 email to Francis from Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Shedd assessed whether an officer was corruptible and concluded, "We still need to be cautious with his participation in events."

Five executives of Francis' company also have been charged. Francis has pleaded guilty to fraud and is awaiting sentencing.

"This is a fleecing and betrayal of the United States Navy in epic proportions, and it was allegedly carried out by the Navy's highest-ranking officers," said Alana W. Robinson, the acting U.S. attorney in San Diego.

To date, 13 defendants have pleaded guilty, including another admiral who was sentenced in June and is believed to be the first active-duty Naval flag officer charged in federal court. Other cases are pending.



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POSTED: MARCH 13, 2017 thru APRIL 12, 2017  
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

## FA'AALIGA O LE FEAGAIGA MO SE TU'U'ESEINA

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# Trump White House sees influence of shadowy “deep state”

NEW YORK (AP) — The White House and its allies are stepping up their attacks on a foe typically associated with fragile democracies, military coups and spy thrillers. The “deep state,” an alleged shadowy network of powerful entrenched federal and military interests, has increasingly become the focus of Republicans who accuse such forces of trying to undermine the new president.

Though senior White House staff members don't use the exact label, the notion behind it has taken hold. President Donald Trump claims his predecessor tapped his phone and America's intelligence agencies have conspired to leak harmful information to embarrass him. His chief strategist has vowed to dismantle the permanent Washington “administrative state.” White House spokesman Sean Spicer says “people that burrowed into government” are trying to sabotage the president.

To Trump's critics, these assertions come off as paranoid fear of a non-existent shadow government and an effort to create a scapegoat for the White House's struggles. But to Trump's supporters, this represents an overdue challenge to an elite ruling class concerned only with maintaining its own grasp on power.

“Of course, the deep state exists. There's a permanent state of massive bureaucracies that do whatever they want and set up deliberate leaks to attack the president,” said Newt Gingrich, a Trump confidant. “This is what the deep state does: They create a lie, spread a lie, fail to check the lie and then deny that they were behind the lie.”

Historians believe the concept of the “deep state” comes from Turkey, where the term “derin devlet” meant a clandestine network, including intelligence and military officers, which protected the ruling class in the 1920s. Similar ideas have taken hold in Egypt, where the military has allied itself with powerful business interests, and Pakistan, with its robust intelligence service.

In its current use, the concept has been twisted and broadened, encompassing a resistant bureaucracy and a regulatory regime rather than foreshadowing some sort of military intervention. Chief Trump strategist Steve Bannon has offered the loudest warnings about the opposition the president is facing from the deep state.

In his only public speech since the election, Bannon told a conservative group that the White House's goal was the “deconstruction of the administrative state,” a reflection of his belief that the massive federal government, with its burdensome regulations, does more to hinder than uplift citizens. It also echoes Bannon's oft-stated



**FILE -** In this March 13, 2107 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks in the Roosevelt Room of the White Ho use in Washington. The White House and its allies have stepped up attacks on a foe typically associated with fragile democracies, military coups and spy thrillers. The so-called “the deep state,” an alleged shadowy network of powerful entrenched federal and military interests, has increasingly become the focus of Republicans who blame such forces for deliberately trying to undermine the new president. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

worldview, frequently on display at his former news site Breitbart, that a global power structure — including government institutions — has rigged the economy.

Gingrich, who says he has discussed the deep state with Bannon, likens its dangers to the plotline of the new season of “Homeland,” in which a conspiracy that includes career intelligence officers tries to subvert a president-elect.

“They are fighting to keep hold of their power,” said the former House speaker, who asked a reporter not to spoil the two Homeland episodes of the season he has yet to see.

The sprawling federal government, including its intelligence agencies, has thousands of employees who predate Trump, a mix of career staffers and those appointed by President Barack Obama whose replacements have yet to be named. Some have offered leaks, including sensitive documents, to reporters that provide a critical take on the president.

Trump has insinuated that those holdovers are working against him — even suggesting that leaks from intelligence agencies were reminiscent of smear tactics utilized by Nazi Germany. Asked if the White House believes there is “a deep state that's actively working to undermine the president,” Spicer said recently, “I don't think it should come as any surprise that there are people that burrowed into government during eight years of the last administration and, you know, may have believed in that agenda and want to continue to seek it.”

Sean Hannity, a Fox News host who has close ties to Trump, opened a show last week by claiming there are “deep state

Obama holdover government bureaucrats who are hell-bent on destroying this president.”

“It's time for the Trump administration to begin to purge these saboteurs before it's too late,” Hannity said.

Trump allies note it is customary for presidents to install loyalists and point to Abraham Lincoln's move to push out Southerners from the federal bureaucracy on the eve of the Civil War. The government has also gone through previous spasms of internal suspicion, most notably in the 1950s when Sen. Joseph McCarthy led a witch hunt to root out what he claimed were communist sympathizers supposedly trying to undermine Washington from within.

Experts warn that Trump's attacks could lead to faster erosion of faith in government institutions.

“The more he talks about a deep state cabal against him, the less trust people will have in government,” said Matthew Hale, a political science professor at Seton Hall University. “It's deleterious to democracy.”

Some of Trump's allies have, without evidence, seized upon Obama's decision to remain in Washington after leaving office as evidence that he is leading the resistance. The former president has said he is staying in the nation's capital until his youngest daughter finishes school.

“He's only there for one purpose and one purpose only and that is to run a shadow government that is totally going to upset the new agenda,” said Rep. Mark Kelly, a Pennsylvania Republican, at an event in his home district last week. His office later walked back the remarks.

## In The High Court of American Samoa

HCDR No. 69-16

FUIFUIMAAVE FALE, *Petitioner,*  
v. FAATAU FALE,  
*Respondent*

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TO: FAATAU FALE

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# Hawaii fears travel ban goes against welcoming aloha spirit



McDonalds Restaurant CEO Agaoleatu Charlie Tautolo with his children Carol and Stephen Samuelu during Evelyn Gebauer's Retirement Party hosted by the McDonalds Family at the A&E Cafe last Friday evening. [photo: TG]

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's white sand beaches, towering volcanoes and relaxing tropical vistas attract millions of visitors annually from around the globe. But the announcement of President Donald Trump's second travel ban has stoked fears that the state's main economic driver — tourism — could take a hit.

Although visitors from the affected countries are relatively few, Hawaii Attorney General Doug Chin has warned of a "chilling effect" that could discourage international travel to the U.S. from all corners.

"There are already reports that due to these executive orders and travel bans, people

are less inclined to travel to the United States," he told reporters at a recent news conference.

Hawaii is suing over the revised ban, saying it goes against the state's welcoming "aloha" spirit and could do long-term harm to tourism by creating a global perception that the U.S. is an exclusionary country.

It also contends the order will interfere with Hawaii's commitment to diversity and nondiscrimination; will hurt Hawaii residents with family in the six predominantly Muslim countries named in the ban; and will hinder the University of Hawaii's ability to recruit talent from those countries. A

hearing in the case is scheduled for Wednesday morning.

"The legal issue here is whether an executive order that discriminates by national origin or religion results in any harm, major or minor, to a state," Chin said in an emailed statement. "If any harm occurs - and we believe it does - the state of Hawaii has standing to sue on the grounds that the order is illegal and unconstitutional."

Six other states — Washington, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Oregon — have filed a sepa-

rate lawsuit alleging the ban is unconstitutional and hurts states' residents, businesses and educational institutions.

The Justice Department declined to comment on Hawaii's lawsuit but filed a memo in court opposing it Monday. The agency said Hawaii's claims that Trump's order would deter tourism and hinder recruitment are speculation, and the argument that the order forces Hawaii to tolerate a policy that's antithetical to its spirit does not give the state standing to sue.

It also said the order does not discriminate based on religion because it applies to all individuals in the affected countries — Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen — regardless of faith.

According to Hawaii's lawsuit, more than 6,800 people from the Middle East and 2,000 from Africa visited the state in 2015. During the short time the first executive order was in place, the number of visitors to Hawaii from the Middle East fell from 348 in January 2016 to 278 in 2017.

"You never know when the other shoe will drop and it will be hard for you to get out of the country," said Mufi Hannemann, the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association's president and CEO. "It flies in the face of the spirit of aloha, a key reason people come to Hawaii."

About 5,000 Muslims live in Hawaii, less than 1 percent of the state's population.

Soufiane Bouharkat, a 40-year-old Hawaii cafe owner, was among dozens gathered at a Honolulu mosque Friday for prayers. He said many of his friends in Europe, where he grew up, are reluctant to visit the U.S.

"They're just afraid they might be stopped or questioned, and that's the last thing you want to be is questioned when you come on vacation," Bouharkat said. "So it will definitely have an impact. As small as it is, it will still be an impact that's negative."

In 2016, Hawaii saw 8.9 mil-

lion visitors who together spent \$15.6 billion, according to the Hawaii Tourism Authority. On average, that's about \$1,750 per visitor. The agency doesn't track spending of visitors from the countries named in the travel ban because there are so few. Tourists from the Middle East and other parts of Africa made up less than 1 percent of all Hawaii visitors last year.

About two-thirds of Hawaii visitors come from elsewhere in the U.S., followed by 17 percent from Japan, 6 percent from Canada, 5 percent from the rest of Asia and 2 percent from Europe, according to 2015 state data.

"The Middle East doesn't even factor in," said Chuck Gee, dean emeritus at the University of Hawaii School of Travel Industry Management.

Travel bans related to outbreaks such as bird flu can have a devastating impact on tourism, but those related to security and safety typically don't, Gee said.

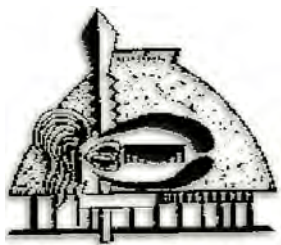
"If they think the ban would make Hawaii safer, it could actually help us," he said, noting the state is seen as a sound location, so "whenever there is trouble in the world, Hawaii tends to benefit."

Business travelers booking conventions sometimes cancel travel for political reasons, but independent travelers are less likely to call off trips, Gee added. Tourists strolling through Waikiki on a sunny afternoon had mixed opinions on the travel ban.

"The underlying problem is the Muslims coming in without them having been checked," said Peter Broady of Manchester, England. "And it doesn't have to be a Muslim — it can be anybody. Any religion, any faith. ...They need to be checked. It's only common sense."

But a couple from Sydney, Australia, felt differently.

"It's definitely not fair because there's obviously a lot of innocent people who are caught up with it because of their ethnic backgrounds," Michael Bills said.



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Family and friends of Evelyn Gebauer pose for a Samoa News during her Retirement Party held last Friday night at the A&E Cafe in Tafuna. [photo: TG]

# US says Colombia's coca production surges to record levels

PUERTO BELLO, Colombia (AP) — Coca production in Colombia has surged to levels unseen in two decades of U.S. eradication efforts, according to a White House report released Tuesday.

Cultivation of the plant used to make cocaine rose 18 percent last year from 2015, with coca crops planted on an estimated 188,000 hectares (465,000 acres) of the Andean nation.

Much of the coca boom has been centered in remote hamlets like Puerto Bello, in southern Colombia, where peasant farmers who've lived for decades under the dominance of leftist rebels are anxiously awaiting the rollout of a joint rebel-government plan to wean them off illegal crops in the aftermath of a historic peace accord last year.

"The coca leaf is our sustenance," said Eduardo Espinosa, 49, who has relied on coca production to make a living for 17 years. "But it has only brought us exhaustion, notoriety and disillusion."

Yet U.S. officials contend the agreement has also provided a perverse incentive for farmers to grow coca, knowing they would later be awarded subsidies if they agreed to renounce coca and grow products like potatoes and fruit instead. Cocaine production began increasing in 2013 and has steadily risen every year since, in part also due to a rise in the dollar's value and a decision to end aerial fumigations in 2014 over health concerns.

"We have been fumigating these illegal fields for 20 years and we have not achieved great results," said Rafael Pardo, the Colombian government's top post-conflict strategist.

When the U.S.-backed anti-narcotics initiative Plan Colombia began in 1999,

Colombia had 123,000 hectares (304,000 acres) of coca — about one-third less than it did last year. Those figures rose to a high of 170,000 hectares (420,000 acres) in 2001 and then began to decline. The biggest percentage increase over the last two decades took place in 2015, when coca production rose nearly 42 percent. But at no point since at least 1994 has coca production been this high.

The new figures indicate last year's coca production has expanded across an area more than twice the size of New York City. "Colombia is in the midst of a coca boom," Adam Isacson, an analyst at the Washington Office on Latin America, wrote in an analysis of the soaring numbers.

U.S. President Donald Trump has proposed to slash foreign aid by 37 percent, a cut that the U.S. State Department's top counter-narcotics official, William Brownfield, called "a bit worrying" in an interview with a Colombian newspaper last week.

"The coca boom's causes are complex, and Colombia's government is hoping that the U.S. government will respond in a manner that recognizes this complexity and joins it in pursuing a lasting solution within the peace accords' framework," Isacson wrote.

Colombian government officials and leaders in the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia have been traveling to remote areas seeking to persuade farmers to voluntarily eradicate coca crops, while police and military have been deployed to manually destroy plants. The government's goal is to eradicate 100,000 hectares (250,000 acres) of coca this year between both approaches.

"We have a plan in action that is concrete and measurable,

with sticks and carrots," President Juan Manuel Santos said in a speech Tuesday night.

Thus far, 55,000 families in eight departments have signed pledges to stop growing coca, though many experts are skeptical that poor peasants with little faith in government institutions will entirely renounce an illicit crop that provides their livelihoods. Some 82,000 families across Colombia depend on coca for their sustenance, providing an income of about \$1,180 per peasant a year.

The country's top officials say curbing drug production will be critical to the peace agreement's success.

"We cannot allow drug trafficking to coexist with peace and reconciliation," said Nestor Humberto Martinez, Colombia's chief prosecutor.

In Putumayo, a department along Colombia's border with Ecuador that is one of the nation's top coca producers, farmers said they would be willing to renounce drug pro-

duction if the government provided a viable alternative. Peasants here signed a pledge to develop legal crops earlier this year, but many doubt they could support their families on food crops alone.

The stark fallout from past eradication efforts remains a fresh memory. Abandoned fields are still visible along roadsides. Palm trees exposed to aerial fumigation have failed to grow new fronds.

To reach the small village of Puerto Bello, travelers must journey from the nearest city by river and dirt road. Living among coca crops is so common that even young children know how to pluck the leaves. Recently, police and military officials arrived and began destroying makeshift laboratories that turn the coca leaves into cocaine paste nearby.

"We have always been willing to substitute," said Julio Cesar Jaramillo, a 43-year-old farmer. "But the government has promised and deceived us."

## In The High Court of American Samoa FAMILY, DRUG AND ALCOHOL COURT DIVISIONS

FDA/JR No. 01-17

IN RE: A CHILD.

### NOTICE/FA'AALIGA

TO: Ms. Rebecca Atualevao & Unnamed Father  
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## In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

PR NO. 22-16

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SIFOA ANTHONY LOA  
Deceased

by: MEELI LOA, JR.,  
Petitioner

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition for letters of administration has been filed in the High Court of American Samoa, Territory of American Samoa by Meeli Loa Jr., for the Estate of Sifoa Anthony Loa (Deceased) who died on May 8, 1960.

A hearing on the petition will be held on April 28, 2017 at 9am before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa at the Court-house in Fagatogo, American Samoa. All interested parties may appear before the Court on said date to respond to this petition.

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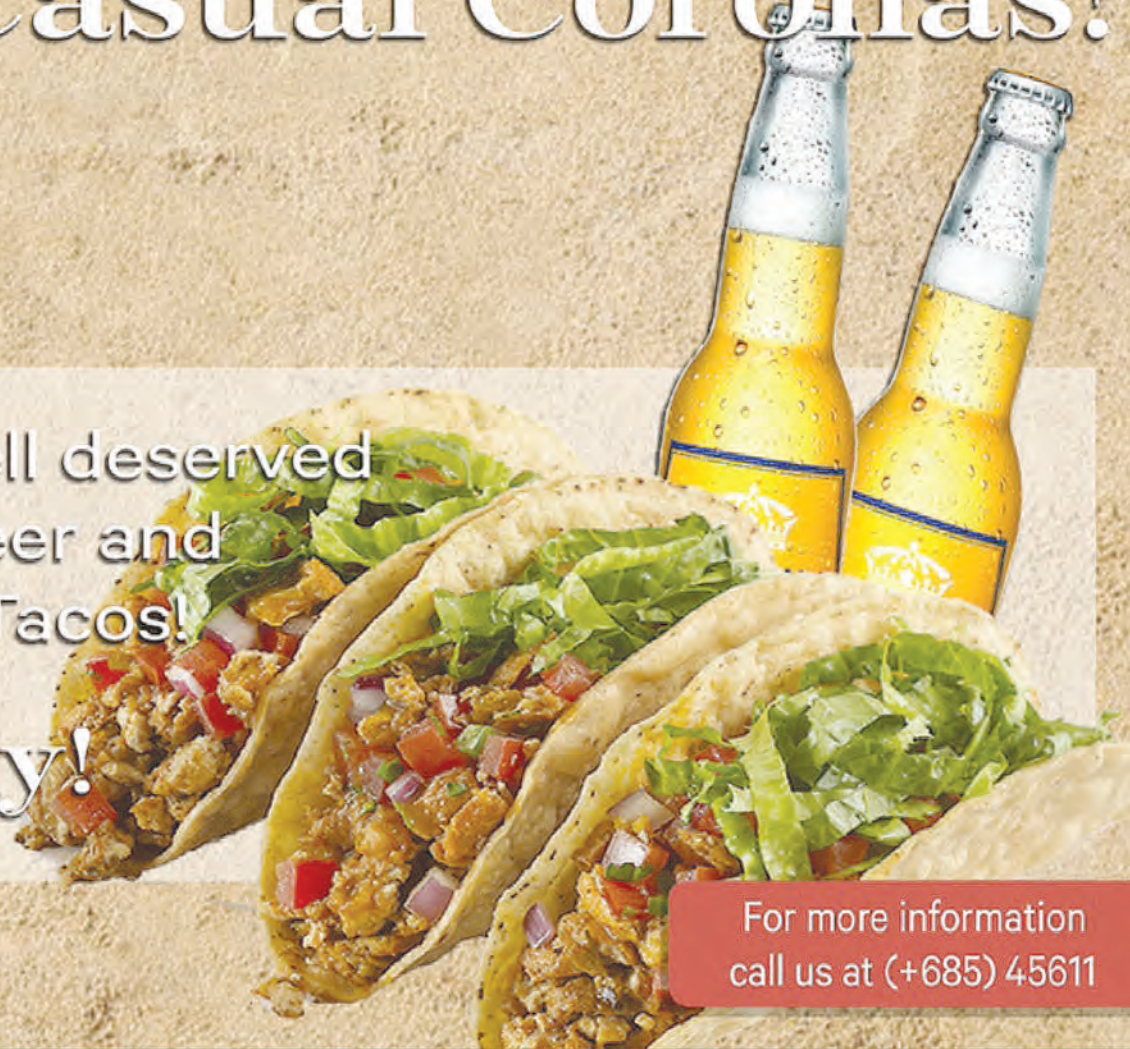
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