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An Argentine national flag with a drawing of a submarine hangs from the fence surrounding the naval base in Mar del Plata, Argentina, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017. The search continues for the missing submarine, with 44 crew members, that has been lost for six days in the South Atlantic.

(AP Photo/Vicente Robles)

Traffic violator ordered to leave island after found to be an overstayer

HIS US NATIONAL WIFE DIDN'T FILE THE NECESSARY IMMIGRATION PAPERS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

“The Court will not allow any person to stay in the territory against our Immigration Laws” — this was the straightforward message from District Court Judge, Fiti Sunia, when the court rendered its decision yesterday morning against a man , an overstayer, who was convicted of traffic violations.

Eliko Iupeli was facing charges for two traffic citations; but under a special plea agreement with the government, Iupeli pled no contest to careless driving causing an accident, and the remaining citation was dismissed.

Court information revealed that the defendant entered the territory on a 30-day permit last year, and then married a US National. During this time, his wife never filed proper legal documents for him at the local Immigration Office to change his Immigration status.

During sentencing, Judge Sunia denied the defense’s motion to continue the matter for 4 weeks, to allow the defendant to get his Immigration Identification card (ID). Sunia told defense attorney, Ryan Nelson there are two ways to solve the issue of overstaying against Iupeli — he either has to register at the Immigration

Office to become a legal alien, or return to Samoa and re-enter using a legal entry permit.

As part of the plea between Iupeli and the government, the defendant agreed to depart the territory, and return when his Immigration papers are ready. His attorney informed the Court that Iupeli agrees to depart the territory by Friday, and his wife will pay his airfare.

The Court sentenced Iupeli to 15 days in prison and a fine of \$100; however, the defendant’s sentencing will be continued to Monday for the detention part, but he has to pay the fine.

Judge Sunia told Iupeli the reason why the Court is continuing his sentence to Monday, is to give him the chance to depart the territory voluntarily. The Court noted that it appears the defendant’s wife dropped the ball by not filing proper papers with the Immigration Office, to show that the defendant is her legal spouse.

“This is a special message for you Iupeli: if you don’t leave by Monday, your case will be called again and the court will issue its decision on your case.

If the court gives its order for you to depart the territory, you will be detained in prison to await the date of your departure,” Sunia said.

Widening search finds no sign of missing Argentine submarine

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Ships and planes combed a wider area of the frigid South Atlantic on Tuesday in a fruitless hunt for signs of a missing Argentine submarine, adding to growing concerns about the vessel not heard from in six days.

Argentine navy officials have worried that if the ARA San Juan was intact but disabled underwater, its crew of 44 might have only enough oxygen to last seven days.

“The most critical situation would be that we are in the sixth day of oxygen,” the navy’s spokesman, Capt. Enrique Balbi, said at a news conference. “Obviously that is worrisome. Each time we are entering little by little a critical period.”

Experts, however, said it was possible that the diesel-electric submarine’s oxygen supply might last as many as 10 days in the case of a battery failure as reported by the boat’s captain in his last communication.

Balbi agreed. “The seven days is not dogmatic. It varies according to the circumstances.”

Earlier, the navy said that white flares spotted by a U.S.

aircraft involved in the search were unlikely to have been from the sub. The San Juan carried red and green flares, Balbi told reporters.

He also said a life raft that was found in the search area early Tuesday did belong to the submarine and probably fell off another vessel.

“We’re evaluating where the flares came from. For now, based on the color, they don’t belong to the submarine,” Balbi said. “It’s quite common that ships pass by that area and also common that with the waves and the rocking, they can lose a raft.”

The San Juan, whose crew included Argentina’s first female submarine officer, hasn’t been heard from since last Wednesday as it headed toward its base in the coastal city of Mar del Plata. The navy has said the submarine reported a battery failure before when it went missing. More than a dozen vessels and aircraft from several countries have joined in the search. Weather conditions that have hindered the search were expected to improve, helping search teams comb a wider area, Balbi said.



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by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

JOE TOGITOGI

A man from Nu'uuli who escaped from confinement while serving time for a previous crime has been convicted of a felony — escape from confinement — punishable by imprisonment of not more than 5 years, and/ or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

Joe Togitogi, 23, was convicted of the new charge this week.

Under a plea agreement, Togitogi admits that on/or about April 16th, 2016, he escaped from the Territorial Correctional Facility while serving a 5-year sentence handed down in 2015 for assault in the second degree.

Togitogi admits that his actions that day were without legal justice or excuse.

The government is recommending that Togitogi serve a term of 3 years in confinement, to run consecutively with his previous sentence.

Togitogi is not new to the justice system. He first appeared in Court back in 2013 when he was convicted of assaulting a homeless man. At the time, he was ordered to serve 20 months in prison as a condition of a 5-year probation term.

A few months after he was released from prison in 2015, police arrested him again for assaulting another man. In that case, Togitogi was convicted of assault in the second degree, and was ordered to serve 5 years in prison.

Last year, while imprisoned, Togitogi escaped from the TCF.

Togitogi is scheduled to reappear before the Court on Dec. 13th for sentencing.

MATAUPU MAMONA

A man who is serving a 30-year sentence for assaulting his wife, which resulted in her death, is asking the Court to allow him to have all the

transcripts of his jury trial — free of charge — so he can prepare for his appeal.

The High Court has taken under advisement Mataupu Mamona’s motion, filed by his attorney, Douglas Fiaui who pointed out that his client has a right to appeal, and he is not able to afford the cost of the transcripts because he is behind bars.

Chief Justice Michael Kruse told Fiaui the Court’s problem is that his client was convicted by a jury, and they were the ones who heard the evidence of the case, which contributed to their decision to convict him.

Mamona is remanded to custody to await a decision on his motion.

A jury of four women and two men found Mamona not guilty for the charge of first degree murder; however, he was convicted of first degree assault, public peace disturbance, and false reporting, after the jury heard evidence of the case during a week long trial.

The case made its way to authorities after the couple’s 9-year old son reported to is teacher what he saw his father do to his mother — and from there, the case turned into a homicide.

The son was the key witness for the government, who testified that through a hole in the door of his parent’s room, he saw his father putting a rope around his mother’s neck and pulling the rope until she was no longer breathing.

His father had told police when he entered their bedroom, he found that his wife had hung herself, and he untied the cloth and brought her down. Mrs. Mamona was admitted to the LBJ Hospital and was put on life support but she could not be revived.

TAO LIU

Chief Justice Michael Kruse has accepted a motion filed by Tao Liu through his attorney, (Continued on page 10)

California shooter was frequent subject of police calls

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For months before a shooting rampage that killed five people, a violent feud brewed among the gunman and his neighbors on a dirt road in a tiny rural community in Northern California.

Tehama County sheriff’s deputies received 21 calls in the past year from Kevin Neal and other residents of three ramshackle homes on Bobcat Lane, according to documents released Tuesday to The Associated Press in response to a public records request.

Neal and his wife told police their neighbors were cooking methamphetamine. The neighbors reported violent acts by Neal: He punched a female neighbor in the face, repeatedly shot his gun and, in January, stabbed another woman neighbor who he believed was poisoning his dog.

That stabbing led to Neal’s arrest but he was quickly out on bail and, despite a restraining order and a requirement that he surrender his weapons, continued to harass his neighbors and fire his weapon, according to the documents. Police never re-arrested Neal and on Nov. 13 he killed his wife and the next day killed two neighbors, two others and wounded eight people during a 45-minute rampage through Rancho Tehama Reserve before being fatally

shot by police. One of the wounded was a 6-year-old boy shot in the chest when Neal opened fire at an elementary school in what may have been an attempt to carry out a threat to kill the 7-year-old son of one of the neighbors who was shot to death. Assistant Sheriff Phil Johnston defended his deputies handling of the situation on Bobcat Lane, saying there never was enough evidence to arrest Neal for violating conditions of his release by firing a weapon.

“Not one person could say they saw Mr. Neal with a firearm,” Johnston said. “No one could say they (shots) absolutely came from his residence.”

Neal, 44, was out on bail after being arrested in January on suspicion of stabbing neighbor Hailey Poland and accosting her and Diana Lee Steele, 68, who was killed in the rampage.

A judge ordered Neal to stay away from the women and to surrender all of his firearms. But months after Neal’s arrest, the women called the Tehama County Sheriff’s Department several times to report Neal had been firing a gun.

In one week in August, the two women called sheriff’s deputies for help three times. In one of the instances, Poland told the dispatcher that she had a restraining order against Neal and that he was outside.

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Letter to the Editor

"TCF IS A HELL HOLE!"

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading the story in the paper today about the conditions inside the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) and felt I should add a few thoughts about the reality of the conditions there, as no mention was made of the real conditions inside that hell hole.

Do people know that if your case is 'pending' that you are held in what is called Bravo block where there are no beds, no bedding of any kind, that there are often six to a cell all of whom sleep on the bare cement floor.

That NOTHING is provided in the way of necessities such as clothing, bedding, normal hygiene products, with the exception of toilet paper. No soap, no disinfectant to keep the cells clean and no towels.

That there is no potable water available for drinking, only tap water, and there in a place where the water is some of the worse on the island, and a boiled water notice has been in effect for a long time.

The inmates in Bravo are in lock down 24 hrs a day, they do however allow the doors to the cells to be open inside the block for about 4 hours so that the inmates can mingle... but only inside the cell block.

Recreation time is scarce, and at the whim of the guards. Many days can pass before any are allowed out for a short time, and that time is never a set time, again at the whim of the guards.

I personally spent a month there several years ago and can attest to the food, or should I say, the lack of — is it a lack of budget or others taking food meant for the prisoners?

At that time also, there was no medical people there to monitor and dispense medications to those who must use them, and are usually given to the inmates by the trustees. No regular times were set during my incarceration for the dispensing of meds — it was hit or miss at best.

(And if one was looking for a 'marijuana' joint, why one need only ask a trustee, and believe me there was plenty available for those who could afford it. I know too that ice was readily available as well.)

How this situation has been allowed to continue is a sad commentary, and yet indicative of the complete disregard for those who have yet to even be convicted of the crimes they are being held for.

Lord help you if you should plead innocent, as your stay in the Bravo Block could be many months while awaiting your trial.

And coupled with the absurd amounts set for bail, which few can come close to affording, you are stuck in Bravo for long periods of time.

Why these issues have never been addressed is a complete mystery, but many in our community believe that life inside the T. C.F. or as its often called, the Tafuna Hilton, is a cake walk... 3 meals a day, the easy life as it were!

It's anything but, and I was delighted to read the article today which shed a little light on the reality of just how dysfunctional our jail system really is. And what an oxymoron to call it a Correctional Facility when there is no attempt to correct anyone — other than by punishment that is more 3rd world than anything else.

And here in AMERICAN Samoa no less.

We should be ashamed that our family members are treated in such a horrible and inhumane way. Will it ever change? I doubt it as like so many other dysfunctional facets of life here on Apathy Island, no one really gives a darn except how they can best profit only for themselves.

Shame on all of those who could but don't do a single thing to rectify the injustice against those innocent before proven guilty that sit in filth, with little food, and no basic needs met that could make life even a little bearable BEFORE they are proven guilty.

signed anonymous... for obvious reasons!!

[Editor's Note: Don't usually do this — "anonymous" — but okay, I've never heard of "Bravo Block"... ra]



Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen participates in a moderated discussion with Mervyn King at New York University's Stern School of Business, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, in New York. King, a Professor of Economics and Law at New York University, is the former governor of the Bank of England. (AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

Yellen says Fed needs to avoid 'boom-bust' cycle in economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Tuesday that the biggest challenge facing the central bank in coming years will be to craft an interest rate policy that avoids putting the economy through a "boom-bust" cycle.

She said that going forward, the Fed will be faced with a delicate balancing act: It will need to move rates up at a pace that allows the labor market to improve and inflation to move toward the Fed's target.

This while not delaying hikes to the point where the Fed is forced to push rates up so quickly that it threatens to throw the country into recession.

Yellen's comments at New York University echoed previous remarks on inflation, indicating that the Fed is still preparing to boost rates again in December, its third hike this year.

"Moving monetary policy too slowly ... has risks," Yellen said, particularly if unemployment, already at 4.1 percent, the lowest in nearly 17 years, begins to fall even more quickly. That could trigger a sudden jump in inflation, forcing the Fed to respond with more aggressive rate hikes that could spell the end of the current economic expansion, already the third longest in history.

"We don't want a boom-bust situation," Yellen said.

As she has in the past, Yellen said Fed officials remain puzzled why inflation, which had begun moving toward the Fed's 2 percent target, has retreated for several months this year. She said officials still believe this is being caused by temporary factors such as a price war among

cellphone companies but that the Fed needs to monitor inflation carefully.

Yellen's appearance sponsored by NYU's Stern School of Business came one day after she submitted a resignation letter to President Donald Trump, saying she will leave the central bank's board when Jerome Powell is confirmed as her successor as Fed chairman.

Yellen, the first woman to head the central bank, was not chosen by Trump for a second four-year term as chairman, becoming the first Fed leader not to be offered a second term in nearly four decades.

Yellen, who participated in a discussion at NYU with Mervyn King, the former head of the Bank of England, was not asked about her feelings about not getting a second term. But she did say in answer to a question that she had enjoyed good relationships with officials in both the Obama and Trump administrations.

She noted she has met regularly with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Gary Cohn, the head of the president's National Economic Council.

"These interactions follow certain rules," Yellen said. "The first rule is that the Federal Reserve is independent within the government and the Fed has to make its own decisions about monetary policies."

She said all the administration officials she met with during her four years as Fed chair understood the importance of the Fed's independence.

Powell, a Republican who has been on the Fed board since 2012, will have his Senate confirmation hearing next week. He is expected to have little trouble winning Senate approval.

John Hall, director of AP's State Photo Center, dies at 74

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Hall, who ended a 41-year journalism career as director of The Associated Press' State Photo Center, has died. He was 74. Hall died Saturday at his home in Quincy, Illinois, said his widow, Marion. A cause of death was not provided.

Hall worked at Texas, Oregon and Florida newspapers before

he joined the AP's Washington bureau in April 2001 as assistant chief of bureau for photos. Hall served in that capacity for five years, overseeing the news cooperative's photojournalism in the nation's capital. In August 2006, he was named director of the State Photo Center, the AP's central editing hub handling the photo reports for all 50 states.

Hall retired after the center closed in late 2007. "John" Ellie M. Hall was born in Jackson, Tennessee, on Aug. 23, 1943. He eloped with Marion Gordon, his high school sweetheart, on Dec. 19, 1960. He passed away one month before they would have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Hall attended Tennessee State University and the University of Colorado, and worked briefly in radio before following a lifelong passion for photography that was fostered after his mother gave him his first camera when he was 6.

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FCC chairman sets out to scrap open internet access rules

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP) — The chairman of the Federal Communications Commission set out Tuesday to scrap rules around open internet access, a move that would allow giant cable and telecom companies to throttle broadband speeds and favor their own services if they wish.

Ajit Pai followed through on a pledge to try to repeal “net neutrality” regulations enacted under the Obama administration. The current rules treat internet service providers such as Comcast, AT&T and Verizon as if they were utility companies that provide essential services, like electricity. The rules mandate that they give equal access to all online content and apps.

Pai said those rules discourage investments that could provide even better and faster online access. Instead, he said new rules would force ISPs to be transparent about their services and management policies, and then would let the market decide.

“Under my proposal, the federal government will stop micromanaging the internet,” Pai said in a statement.

Pai distributed his alternative plan to other FCC commissioners Tuesday in preparation for a Dec. 14 vote. Pai promised to release his entire proposal Wednesday. Although the FCC’s two Democrats said they will oppose the proposal, the repeal is likely to prevail as Republicans dominate 3-2. The vote for net neutrality in 2015 was also along party lines, but Democrats dominated then.

Equal treatment for all web traffic has been a fundamental principle of the internet since its creation but companies have increasingly put their thumb on the scales of access. AT&T, for example, doesn’t count use of its streaming service DirecTV Now against wireless data caps, potentially making it seem cheaper to its cellphone customers than rival TV services. Rivals would have to pay AT&T for that privilege.

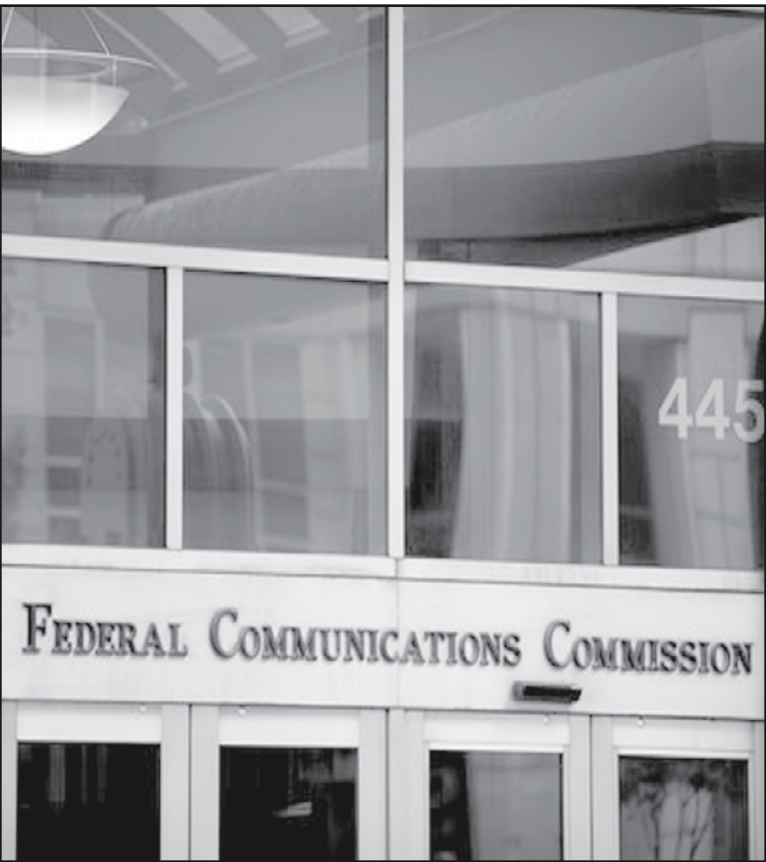
Regulators, consumer advocates and some tech companies are concerned that repealing net neutrality will give ISPs even more power to block or slow down rival offerings.

A repeal also opens the ability for ISPs to charge a company like Netflix for a faster path to its customers. Allowing this paid-priority market to exist could skew prices and create winners and losers among fledgling companies that require a high-speed connection to end users.

Pai, who was appointed by President Donald Trump, said in an interview on Fox News Radio that Trump did not have any input on his proposal. Asked whether deregulation would result in higher prices and put speedy internet access out of the reach of blue-collar Americans, Pai said “it’s going to mean exactly the opposite.”

“These heavy-handed regulations have made it harder for the private sector to build out the networks especially in rural America,” Pai said.

In a Wall Street Journal editorial published Tuesday, Pai cited a report by a non-profit think tank, the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, that said investment by the dozen largest ISPs fell about 2 percent from 2015 to 2016, to \$61 billion. The group didn’t link the drop solely to the stiffer rules introduced in 2015. The attempt to repeal net neutrality has triggered protests from consumer groups and internet companies. A data firm called Emprata that was backed by a telecom industry group found in August that after filtering out form letters, the overwhelming majority of comments to the FCC — about 1.8 million — favored net neutrality, compared with just 24,000 who supported its repeal.



FILE - This June 19, 2015, file photo, shows the Federal Communications Commission building in Washington. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai is following through on his pledge to repeal 2015 regulations designed to ensure that internet service providers treat all online content and apps equally. Pai distributed his alternative plan to the net neutrality rules to other FCC commissioners Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, in preparation for a Dec. 14 vote on the proposal. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik, File)

In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

PROBATE NO. 50-17

In the Matter of the Estate of

PUBI BENJAMIN LAUSEN

Deceased

BY: **LUPELELE LEIALOHA LAUSEN**
Petitioner

REQUEST FOR HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Petitioner, LUPELELE LEIALOHA LAUSEN, through the undersigned attorney, respectfully requests a hearing for Petition for Appointment of Administrator and for Letters of Administration in the above matter. All appropriate documents are on file with this court.

Dated: November 14, 2017

Joshua C. Rovelli, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing on the Petitioner’s Petition for Letters of Administration in the above-captioned matter will be heard before the High Court of American Samoa.

Dated: November 14, 2017

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Am. Samoa represented at first USDA Dried Fruit Expo in Washington DC

Based on Press Release — American Samoa was one of the groups represented at the first U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Dried Fruit Expo in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 16, 2017.

This was also the first effort by American Samoa to introduce tropical fruit products to the USDA. The event provided an opportunity to showcase American Samoa to the USDA and to draw attention to the diversity of people who can be served in a very tangible way, while complementing USDA Food Programs, including school lunch feeding, humanitarian feeding, armed forces, international aid, and dozens of other areas, in which U.S. produced foodstuff are purchased and promoted at home and around the world.

Rep. Su'a Alexander E. Jennings, who is also the Chairman of the Forestry, Agriculture and Marine Resources Committee, made a presentation to a group that included key U.S. government staff, describing the possibilities and potential for breadfruit and banana flours grown and made in American Samoa.

"This was an important opportunity to communicate that American Samoa has innovative tropical products starting with banana and breadfruit flours," said Jennings.

While on a visit to American Samoa in July 2017, Tom Payne of California, an industry specialist for over 23 years, attended the opening of the 2nd Session of the 35th Legislature and met Jennings. At their initial meeting, Jennings

showed Payne some local products. Payne thought there could be possibilities, and Payne and Jennings have been communicating ever since.

At the USDA gathering on Nov. 16, 2017, Payne introduced Jennings to the group. Wearing a traditional Samoan 'ie faitaga while holding a 'to'oto'o (orator's stick) and fue (orator's attire) over his shoulder, Jennings introduced the crowd to the Samoan culture and spoke about the opportunities for Samoan tropical crops like breadfruit and banana flours.

The 'to'oto'o and fue were especially meaningful because they were provided by Nikolao Pula, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) of the U.S. Department of the Interior. These precious emblems of authority had belonged to the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who was a great supporter and friend of American Samoa.

They had been passed on to Mr. Pula, who served as an intern for Senator Inouye when Pula first started in federal government.

The American Samoa exhibit attracted a continual stream of visitors who wanted to learn more about the territory and possibilities for sourcing of tropical dried fruits. The gathering was by invitation only and brought together 10 co-operator groups that sell or are interested in selling dried fruits to the USDA.

The trade show provided an excellent opportunity to present breadfruit and banana flours and

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AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT "PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING"

ASCC Land Grant Program will be conducting a Pesticide Applicator Safety training for those who handle farm chemicals. If you are using farm pesticides, or you are planning to use chemicals in the near future, this is a good opportunity for you to attend this important training. The training schedule is as follows:

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Place: ASCC Land Grant Training Room

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Fa'afetai.

► Happy Thanksgiving...

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the annual Neil's ACE Home Center's Black Friday event, which starts at 6a.m.

Traffic is also expected to be backed up near the Laufou Shopping Center, as Bluesky's Black Friday sale is set to start at 6a.m. while across the street, starting at 5a.m., CBT will open its door for their special sale.

Several local restaurants are offering Thanksgiving specials tomorrow, which will take the burden off those who don't want to cook and clean up but instead, enjoy each other's company over food and drinks.

A few stores are also offering ready cooked turkey feasts for those who don't have time to cook the usual Thanksgiving meal.

If you're a person who loves nature, head over to Ina's Plant Sale starting at 6a.m. at Tuiagamo's residence in the Leone-Auma area. (See advertisement in today's edition for contact information).

For flights on the inter Samoa route, reports from the Tafuna Airport state that flights have been busy since yesterday but there's a break on Friday before traffic picks up for flights from Apia bringing back passengers following the holiday.

StarKist Samoa, the largest

private employer, is scheduled to resume production next Monday after a five-week shutdown.

Pre-Thanksgiving Day events include Leone High School's Annual Turkey Run at 4:30a.m today, featuring six categories — including professional runners and power walkers. Following the run, there will be Zumba, a turkey float competition, canned food drive competition, and other activities.

Because of the holiday, police presence will increase island-wide and motorists are reminded not to drink and drive.

Thanksgiving officially kicks off the holiday season, and tomorrow morning will be the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, with increased security. Friday is also Black Friday across the US, although many major US outlets have started early this week their Black Friday sales online.

In observation of Thanksgiving Day 2017, Samoa News will not publish tomorrow but will return on Friday.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving American Samoa, from the management and staff of Samoa News.



Representing the staff and management of Samoa News, are these six employees, wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving 2017. Manuia le Aso Faafetai Amerika Samoa. [photo: FS]

► Never lie to a Judge...

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your family right now?" Sunia asked the defendant. Tiapula replied, his parents are still at home waiting for him to come back.

Sunia looked straight at the defendant and warned him: "Don't you ever lie to the Judge. Never, never, never lie to the Judge, it's worse than stealing. If the Court asks you where

your parents are, tell the truth," Sunia said, before sentencing Tiapula to serve 30 days at the TCF.

"If you commit another crime again, your sentence will be doubled. Today (yesterday) you are ordered to serve 30 days; next time you come back to Court, you will serve 60 days," Sunia concluded.

China says ex-top internet regulator under investigation

BEIJING (AP) — China's former top internet regulator and censor is being investigated by the ruling Communist Party's anti-corruption arm, the agency said Tuesday. The party's anti-graft watchdog agency said in a brief statement on its website that Lu Wei is suspected of "serious violations of discipline." Until Tuesday's announcement, Lu had been deputy head of the party's propaganda department. Lu was known as a hard-liner responsible for leading the government's efforts to tighten control over domestic cyberspace and championing the party's position that governments have a right to filter and censor their countries' internet. He wielded enormous power over what 700 million Chinese internet users could view online and acted as gatekeeper for technology companies wishing to do business in China. No details were given in Tuesday's announcement, which comes after a party

congress at which President Xi Jinping was given a second five-year term as party chief. Lu is the most senior Chinese official to be investigated since the party congress closed late last month. Lu was suddenly replaced as cyberspace chief in June last year by his deputy, Xu Lin. Lu held on to his concurrent position of deputy head of propaganda but kept what observers thought was an uncharacteristically low profile. Appointed in 2014 as China's top internet regulator, Lu held high-profile meetings with top executives from foreign technology and internet companies, including Apple chief executive Tim Cook, Microsoft's Satya Nadella, and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Lu took a hard line in demanding tough security checks on imported foreign tech products and keeping out foreign internet companies and social networks like Facebook in the name of preserving social

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compiled by Samoa News staff
BLUESKY COMES TO THE RESCUE OF SRU WITH \$5M DEAL

Bluesky Samoa has come to the rescue of Samoa rugby once more.

Last night at the official of the launch of Invest Samoa and Bluesky sponsorship of Manu Samoa Sevens 2017-2020 at Hotel Tanoa Tusitala, the company announced a \$5million deal.

The deal over four years is a combination of cash and services.

The announcement was made by Bluesky Country Manager, Alex Abraham, during the same event where coach Sir Gordon Tietjens revealed his squad.

“Bluesky is indeed honored to be the Major Sponsor of the

Manu Samoa Sevens Team from now until 2020,” he said.

“This is a reflection of our continued commitment and support to develop sports in Samoa.

“Bluesky has had a long and fruitful relationship with S.R.U. and the Manu Samoa Sevens teams over the years.

“Our relationship commenced in 2013 when Bluesky came on board for the first time. From that time onwards we have worked tirelessly with SRU to grow the sport. We further extended our support and not with limitation by being a part of the first ever All Blacks game in 2015 and thereafter the Blue vs Reds game this year.

“We did not stop at that and carried on with supporting the Manu Samoa 15s whenever they played on our own soil.”

Abraham also highlighted

the importance of keeping the faith in our teams, despite the recent results.

“Samoa bleeds blue and this is in our blood, it is the most loved sport. Even though the sport has had some bad times recently, we believe it is time to step in and invest in our beloved sport and team,” he said. “It’s not just about the players that go for each tournament. This sports talks to the future rugby stars of this country and it should inspire them to reach their potential and someday be able to wear the Blue Jersey in the global stage.”

According to Bluesky, the agreement is until 2020 during which time they will cover four seasons of the H.S.B.C. World Series / The Commonwealth Games and the Sevens World cup next year.

“We are confident that the current S.R.U. management and the Sevens team under the guidance of Sir Gordon Tietjens, will perform well,” he said.

“The contracting of players is another sign of good governance to protect our players. In saying that, let’s get together and support our young warriors to reach greater results.”

(Source: Samoa Observer)

NZ AND AUSSIE TRAVEL TRADERS REASSERT LOYALTY TO SAMOA

Travel traders in Sydney, Australia are so enchanted with Samoa’s re-established national carrier that they remain steadfast to continue to sell, sell, and sell more tickets for tourists from Down Under to come to Samoa.


Over 30 wholesale travel agents and airline contracting managers and who’s who in the Sydney travel agent industry reaffirmed their loyalty to Samoa Airways, through a long mutual partnership established by the Samoa Tourism Authority, (STA) many years ago for tourism to remain as the mainstay of our country’s economy.

New Zealand and Australia as the main tourism source markets for Samoa accounts for 80% of tourism revenues injected into the local economy every year. Money wise, that’s 80% of over \$300 million tala in annual tourism revenues pouring into the country year in and year out. And the numbers continues to rise slowly but surely.

And for their trust and patronage, our Aussie friends received a Ministerial commendation in person by Airlines Minister Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell during the Australia Trade Launch for Samoa Air Friday last week in Sydney.


“To say that our Government and the Samoan people are in your debt is an under-

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A’o tatou vagaia le la’o’ai o le Aso Faafetai, e manatua Samoa ma lana Talomua. O se aso e o mai faatasi ai aiga uo ma e masani, ae tainane le potopotoga a le nu’u atoa e sami le tamaoaiga o le tai laueleele ma le vao.

O le agaga fa’apalagi o le Aso Faafetai, e uso ma le Talomua a Samoa; talu ai, o le aso lena na sami ai le Sagamua e paionia (pioneer) mai Peretania. Ua alaga tataui ai ona tatou o mai faatasi e faafetaia le alofa o le Atua ua sopo ai le lo outou soifua e o’o mai i le aso nei.

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to show the potential for Samoan koko (chocolate). Samples of breadfruit flour, banana flour, and pancake mix were provided along with specially made products for tasting. Jennings also had packets of information on American Samoa, including a map showing where the territory is located in the Pacific.

Undersecretary of Agriculture Greg Ibach and Chief of Staff, Dudley Hoskins, Marketing and Regulatory Programs of USDA, visited the American Samoa tabletop. USDA staff are instrumental in the decision-making process on which items are purchased and which items are put on the products' availability list, which go to schools for their purchase.

Two key groups in the process are from the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and the Food Nutrition Service (FNS).

Ibach visited the American Samoa exhibit and was delighted to see American Samoa participating in this important event.

USDA AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The USDA is an important buyer of foods for the National School Lunch Program, which provides school meals to children across the U.S. and territories. The FY2018 USDA foods budget is \$2.27 billion. Of that total the Child Nutrition Program makes up 74%. USDA provides cash reimbursement for meals served in schools and also Entitlement funding, known as USDA Foods. Entitlement funding makes up 15 to 20% of the foods served in school cafeterias across the country.

America's food industry vies for a piece of the USDA pie designated as Entitlement funding. USDA school lunch buys are an important part of agricultural stabilization in the USA and industries such as USA produced apples, raisins, figs, dried plums, cranberries, blueberries, cherries, and others, all sell substantial volumes of product to the USDA each year for dis-

tribution to states and territories for school lunch and other products.

Besides commodity buys for schools, the USDA also implements innovative programs such as farm-to market local sourcing and other innovative initiatives to help link children to agriculture. While American Samoa may currently be a recipient of USDA foods, there are opportunities for tropical dried fruits such as banana and breadfruit for local use as well as distribution around the nation. All products sourced in the USDA Foods Program must be produced in the USA by law.

Dried Fruit Expo in Washington, DC

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OTHER USDA AND WASHINGTON CONNECTIONS:

• USDA foods are also used for disaster relief, by food banks and other humanitarian food distribution. Humanitarian foods delivered to regions must be culturally acceptable by recipients, and

USDA officials noted that tropical fruits are a challenge for them to procure and an American Samoa origin could be a big help for procurement.

•The USDA also is in charge of developing and publishing food composition and nutrition information for food commodities. American Samoa-produced products such as breadfruit and banana flour will be studied and part of the universe of American-produced foods.

•The U.S. Armed Forces Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the agency which feeds the warfighters of the U.S. Armed forces attended the conference and learned about breadfruit. Note: all foods for the U.S. Armed Forces must be made in the U.S. according to the law. An American Samoa-produced dried fruit gives a whole new possibility for American foods for warfighters. Attendees were excited to learn the importance of American Samoa to the Armed Forces with its valiant military history and large number of American Samoans entering and serving in the service branches (larger per capita than any state or territory). DLA staff was interested in integration of tropical products such as breadfruit and banana flour into combat feeding programs as well as garrison feeding around the world to give our American Samoan warriors a taste of home. DLA visitors also thanked Rep. Jennings for his service to the country in the U.S. Navy.

•The U.S. Agency for International Development attended the conference and was most interested in the progress made by American Samoa in developing local food preservation methods for locally pro-

duced tropical foods. Around the world – the USA sends billions of dollars of food aid to developing countries, disaster regions and war zones for humanitarian feeding and support. A USAID representative who serves in Pakistan noted that countries around the world could learn from this American Samoa initiative to preserve foods through solar dehydration

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DRIED FRUIT EXPO IN WASHINGTON, DC

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•The USDA Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) is the international arm of the USDA and has staff around the world. A major role of the FAS is to help USA producers of agricultural products develop markets overseas. More than \$200 million is spent each year to fund market development activities for US wheat, soybeans, almonds and other products. Also, funding goes to Native American Tribal Councils and State and Regional Trade Associations. FAS attendees at the conference were impressed with the can-do spirit of American Samoa and initiated discussions which the territory can participate in market development programs through FAS funding: Quality Samples Program (reimbursement for cost of samples to potential end users in selected markets); Emerging Markets Program (Funding for feasibility studies in potential markets); Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (assistance to producers to overcome trade barriers); and Market Access Program (MAP), including programs such as trade visits, exhibitions and advertising in foreign markets. In the future American Samoa will be part of this USA export initiative.

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- Post and maintain class schedules and office hours for student assistance
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- Actively participate and contribute to any college committee and extra-curricular functions
- Assist and enforce all college rules and regulations
- Perform other duties assigned by the Department Chairperson or the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Minimum Requirements:

- Master's Degree in Health related disciplines (Medicine, Nursing, or Public Health).
- All credentials must be from a U.S accredited institution.
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Application Deadline: December 01, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 ext. 428/441/429, online at <http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by email at ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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Public Defender Douglas Fiaui, to waive his right to a jury trial, and let a panel of judges decide the matter through a bench trial.

Through an interpreter, Liu told the court this week that after he discussed the matter with his attorney, he feels it's in his best interest to let a panel of judges — not jurors — decide his fate.

Liu, an Asian man being held in custody without bail, is accused of possessing a handgun and drugs allegedly found during a traffic stop on the evening of Aug. 21, 2016.

He is facing eleven charges including attempted assault, unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, unlawful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), unlawful possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of an unlicensed firearm, resisting arrest, careless driving, and public peace disturbance.

Allegations against Liu stem from an incident that occurred last August when police stopped his vehicle for speeding

in Faganeanea. During the stop, the government alleges that Liu was removing items from his backpack and was trying to hide them on the floor of the van, pushing them back with his right leg.

It's alleged that during a police search of Liu's vehicle, they uncovered a 45 caliber gun, which was fully loaded with live ammunition; cut up straws sealed on both ends containing methamphetamine; two medium sized clear plastic bags containing marijuana; a glass pipe commonly known to be used to smoke ice; and a digital scale commonly used to weigh small amount of drugs for sale.

When questioned by police, Liu admitted that the ice, marijuana and the handgun belonged to him.

Two months after he was arrested, Liu escaped from confinement. According to the government, Liu was recaptured the next day.

He remains in custody, awaiting his bench trial set for Dec. 18th.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the raffle and bingo hosted by the Ekalesia Iesu le Malamalama in Tafuna, that was originally scheduled for Thursday, November 23rd, 2017 has been **POSTPONED** to March 2018 .

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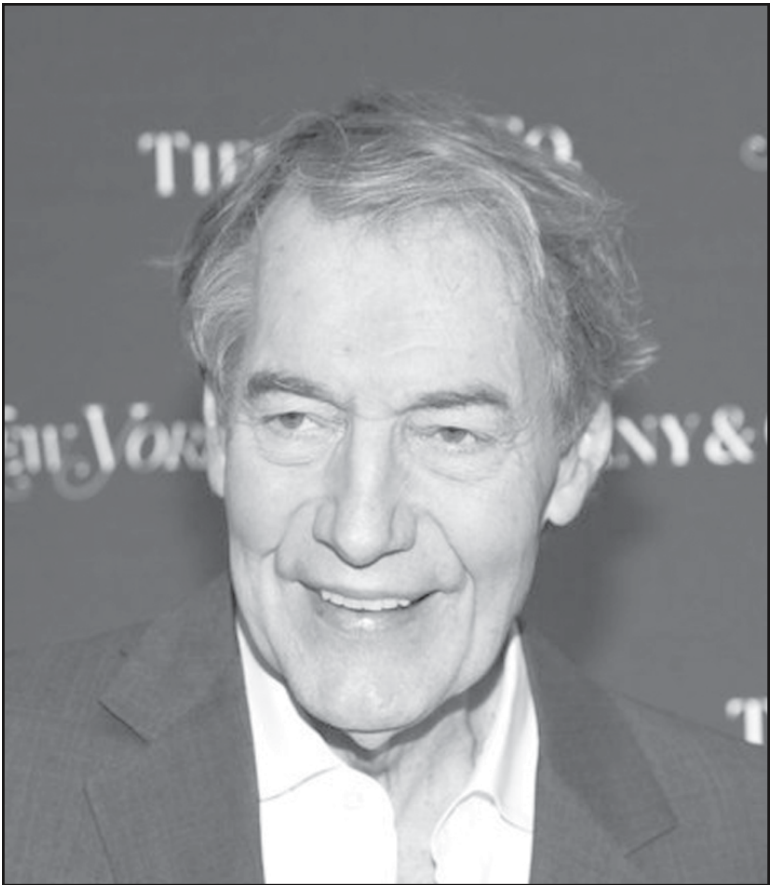
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FILE - In this Oct. 24, 2017 file photo, Charlie Rose attends New York Magazine's 50th Anniversary Celebration in New York. The Washington Post says eight women have accused television host Charlie Rose of multiple unwanted sexual advances and inappropriate behavior. CBS News suspended Rose and PBS is to halt production and distribution of his show following the sexual harassment report.

(Photo by Andy Kropa/Invision/AP, File)

CBS News and PBS cut ties to Rose following sex allegations

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS News and PBS both cut ties to Charlie Rose on Tuesday, less than 24 hours after several women who worked with him on his PBS interview show alleged a pattern of sexual misconduct, including groping and walking naked in front of them.

Both organizations stressed the importance of providing a safe, professional workplace.

Rose joins a lengthening list of media figures who have lost jobs because of workplace behavior, including Fox News CEO Roger Ailes, Fox host Bill O'Reilly, NBC News political reporter Mark Halperin and National Public Radio news chief Michael Oreskes. The reckoning has come to entertainment, too, led by the assault allegations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein.

After he was fired, CBS News said three women at

the network came forward with complaints about Rose's behavior. The network gave no other details. Prior to that, the accusations about his behavior were all by women who worked or sought work at "Charlie Rose" on PBS.

"Despite Charlie's important journalistic contribution to our news division, there is absolutely nothing more important, in this or any organization, than ensuring a safe, professional workplace, a supportive environment where people feel they can do their best work," CBS News President David Rhodes said in a memo to staff on Tuesday. "We need to be such a place."

Rhodes said it was important to maintaining credibility in reporting allegations involving media figures elsewhere that CBS manage basic standards of behavior at its own shop. Rose hosted "CBS This Morning" each weekday and was a contributor to "60 Minutes."

Rose had no immediate reaction to his firing. In a statement late Monday, he apologized for his actions and said he was "deeply embarrassed."

Several women have accused Rose of touching them on the breasts, buttocks or thigh, emerging naked from a shower when they were working at his residence and, in one case, calling a 21-year-old staffer to tell his fantasies of seeing her swim in the nude. A former associate producer for Rose's PBS show, Reah Bravo, told the Washington Post: "He was a sexual predator, and I was his victim."

PBS said it had not been aware about Rose's alleged behavior until the Post report.

PBS didn't technically fire Rose, since the 75-year-old newsman owns the company that produces his show. Since 1991, Rose has interviewed leading figures in politics, entertainment, business, the media and government at a depth not usually seen on television.

His show aired in 94 percent of the country. PBS said it hasn't yet considered what will replace the show; the service is providing member stations reruns of programs like "This Old House" and "Finding Your Roots" to fill holes in their schedule this week.

Rose's downfall hits CBS hard. Since its start in 2012, "CBS This Morning" has been a critical hit with a newsier format compared to better-known rivals at ABC and NBC. Until recently, CBS has rarely been competitive in the lucrative morning show competition but the program has been on a ratings upswing, too.

In an extraordinary broadcast Tuesday, Rose's co-hosts Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell worked without a substitute and sharply took their former colleague to task.

The story about Rose led the show. In the 90-second "eye-opener" segment that collected clips of the day's news, two pundits were quoted speculating the charges would end Rose's career. "He's toast," said one off-screen voice.

"This is a moment that demands a frank and honest assessment about where we stand and more generally the safety of women," O'Donnell said. "Let me be very clear. There is no excuse for this alleged behavior."


King said she had gotten less than two hours of sleep since the story broke, and her Wednesday, November 22, 2017 Oprah Winfrey even called to check in on her.

She said she considered Rose a friend and held him in high regard, but was struggling because "what do you say when someone that you deeply care about has done something so horrible?"

"How do you wrap your brain around that?" she said. "I'm really grappling with that. That said, Charlie does not get a pass here. He doesn't get a pass from anyone in this room."

She said that while the story described a Rose she did not know, "I'm also clearly on the side of the women who have been very hurt and damaged by this." O'Donnell also said that women cannot achieve equality in the workplace until men take responsibility for their behavior. Rhodes' note, too, illustrated the rapidly changing workplace environment.

"I've often heard that things used to be different," the news division president said. "And no one may be able to correct the past. But what may once have been accepted should not ever



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- Ability to communicate with other workers to coordinate the preparation and completion of work assignments.
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- Ability to use hand and power tools when required.
- Inspect progress using required tools and instruments of the welding trade..
- Develop and display a working knowledge of rules and safety practices.
- Assist coworkers in solving work related problems.
- Perform other duties as required.
- Work involves standing, walking, stooping, bending, climbing and kneeling; Medium to heavy lifting is required. Good physical fitness is a requirement.

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Uber reveals cover-up of hack affecting 57M riders, drivers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Uber is coming clean about its cover-up of a year-old hacking attack that stole personal information about more than 57 million of the beleaguered ride-hailing service’s customers and drivers. So far, there’s no evidence that the data taken has been misused, according to a Tuesday blog post by Uber’s recently hired CEO, Dara Khosrowshahi. Part of the reason nothing malicious has happened is because Uber acknowledges paying the hackers \$100,000 to destroy the stolen information.

The revelation marks the latest stain on Uber’s reputation. The San Francisco company ousted Travis Kalanick as CEO in June after an internal investigation concluded he had built a culture that allowed female workers to be sexually harassed and encouraged employees to push legal limits.

It’s also the latest major breach involving a prominent company that didn’t notify the people that could be potentially harmed for months or even years after the break-in occurred. Yahoo didn’t make its first disclosure about hacks that hit 3 billion user accounts during 2013 and 2014 until September 2016. Credit reporting service Equifax waited several months before revealing this past September that hackers had carted

off the Social Security numbers of 145 million Americans.

Khosrowshahi criticized Uber’s handling of its data theft in his blog post.

“While I can’t erase the past, I can commit on behalf of every Uber employee that we will learn from our mistakes,” Khosrowshahi wrote. “We are changing the way we do business, putting integrity at the core of every decision we make and working hard to earn the trust of our customers.”

That pledge shouldn’t excuse Uber’s previous regime for its egregious behavior, said Sam Curry, chief security officer for the computer security firm Cybereason. “The truly scary thing here is that Uber paid a bribe, essentially a ransom to make this breach go away, and they acted as if they were above the law,” Curry said. “Those people responsible for the integrity and confidentiality of the data in-fact covered it up.”

The heist took the names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers of 57 million riders around the world. The thieves also nabbed the driver’s license numbers of 600,000 Uber drivers in the U.S.

Uber waited until Tuesday to begin notifying the drivers with compromised driver’s licenses, which can be particularly useful for perpetrating identity theft.



FILE - In this March 15, 2017, file photo, a sign marks a pick-up point for the Uber car service at LaGuardia Airport in New York. Uber is coming clean about its cover-up of a year-old hacking attack that stole personal information about more than 57 million of the beleaguered ride-hailing service’s customers and drivers. The revelation Tuesday marks the latest stain on Uber’s reputation.

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In this Oct. 12, 2017 photo, Mike Baughman, center, plays the bass with Sam Gibson, left, on guitar while Ryan Baughman, right, looks on at a cabin in Herald, W.Va. Mike Baughman is fighting a rare bile duct cancer he believes is a result of ingesting a parasite inside raw fish while serving in the Vietnam War. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has commissioned a pilot study, the first of its kind in the United States, to look into the link between liver flukes and the disease.

(AP Photo/Margie Mason)

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a taonga made of whale bone, carved into a design that represents his two older brothers who passed away as children.

The taonga is dear to his heart and he's worn the double manaia figure with immense pride. It's precious to his whānau, he said.

He's been told that the whale the bone came from had washed up north of Wellington and been gifted to the local iwi, Te Atiawa. His stepfather is a descendent and the family commissioned the carving.

After waiting in line at Customs in Wellington Airport when he arrived in the country he was asked specifically about the taonga — and was then referred to the biosecurity line with “whale bone” written across his arrival card. On previous trips he had been told by biosecurity staff that he didn't need to declare the taonga as it had been professionally carved.

But this time was different.

He was met by two Ministry for Primary Industries biosecurity officers, he said. “They asked me to remove it from my around my neck so they could have a look at it. Meanwhile, another one of the officers started filling out some paperwork, which I later learned was to allow them to seize my taonga under section 27 of the Trade in Endangered Species Act, as they believed it was from an endangered species.”

Aitken said neither of them explained section 27 of the Act in which they were seizing it under, and when asked to read it, he said he was told to google it as it changed too often.

He said he was then told he wasn't going to be given it back and that there was a chance it could be destroyed.

“I was shaking as I walked out of the airport, as I started

googling and searching how I was going to get it back.”

After many calls and emails to the Department of Conservation, he was told to get a sworn affidavit stating where the bone carving was from and post it to DoC.

This wasn't good enough for Aitken, so he went to the local court got the affidavit signed and drove it straight to their offices to get the taonga back.

They didn't have the taonga so they organized him to pick it up from the airport.

His taonga is now back with him.

“Although I managed to get it back in a short time [48 hours], if it hadn't been for my persistence, it would have still been sitting there.”

After the ordeal he posted his story on Facebook, where it has been met with hundreds of comments, reactions and shares — a vast majority positive and supportive.

Some of the responses on his post are people saying they prefer to leave their taonga at home in fear of them getting taken off them.

“I don't think it's good enough that this law kind of encourages us to leave our taonga at home and that we can't travel with them, we should be able to share our stories with people around the world,” Aitken said.

In a written statement, DoC director of National Operations Hilary Aikman said under the Trade in Endangered Species Act, an endangered species officer can ask for an item to be surrendered at the airport if they have reasonable cause to believe it is protected under the Act.

There had been an increase of personal effects confiscated in New Zealand under the TIES

Act, with 5394 in 2016 compared to 1473 in 2011, which has been attributed to the rise of international visitors to NZ. The Ministry of Primary Industries said it was sorry Aitken had an experience at the border which has clearly upset him and it was looking into a complaint made in regards to how the matter was handled.

Cultural competency training had been a component of biosecurity officer recruit training for the past two years. Staff have access to a kaitiuitui (cultural advisor) but they were not called on in this case, the ministry said.

The ministry and DoC advised people traveling internationally with personal items made from endangered species, such as whalebone, to contact DoC for advice on whether a permit is required for an item.

“A lot of people have taonga made from whale bone and other sources that have the potential to be seized under the act - the majority of the people have no idea that they need to get a permit from DoC to either leave or reenter the country to travel with it,” Aitken said.

He suggested that biosecurity staff needed to be more informed about these processes of what to do when they come across these taonga.

“I also think it's really important for DoC to get out there and talk with whānau and go along to events and tell people that this is what the law is and these are the processes that they need to go through to protect their taonga from being seized when they are traveling through airports.”

Aitken said that while the ministry had said it was sorry in the media, he was yet to receive a personal apology.

AT&T suit may herald a new antitrust era - or Trumpian pique

NEW YORK (AP) — The Trump administration’s decision to oppose the \$85 billion AT&T-Time Warner merger may be clouded by suspicions of political influence. But considered on its merits, it could mark a significant departure in antitrust policy, one that might block or modify a broader set of mergers found to harm consumers.

The move disconcerted both Wall Street and the telecom and media industries, none of which expected it. Consumer groups are applauding, saying it’s a good step by the Justice Department to protect people from higher cable bills and ensure that web-based alternatives to TV aren’t stifled. (Many of the same groups, however, are also protesting the government’s plan, announced Tuesday, to roll back “net neutrality” rules intended to equalize access to the internet.) Matters, of course, are complicated by President Donald Trump’s long-running feud with CNN, a Time Warner company, which Trump regularly denigrates as “fake news” and “failing.” On Tuesday, Trump called the deal “not good for the country” and said he thought it would cause prices to go up. A White House spokeswoman said Monday she wasn’t aware of any efforts to influence the case. The Justice Department has suggested that AT&T could resolve the case by selling off DirecTV or a Time Warner business that includes CNN, according to a person familiar with the situation who couldn’t go on the record. AT&T has rejected any option that would cause it to lose control of CNN.

LEGACY OF THE PAST
In 2011, Obama-era antitrust regulators waved through Comcast’s acquisition of NBC Universal — a deal that, like the current one, brought together a major provider of television and internet service and an entertainment conglomerate. (AT&T offers wireless, home internet and TV services; Time Warner owns the Warner Bros. studio

and networks including HBO, CNN and TBS.)

To prevent Comcast from abusing its greater leverage, regulators imposed a host of conditions on the company. For example, Comcast had to offer its TV and movies to online video competitors at the same rates as it did to cable and satellite rivals. But this approach isn’t universally acclaimed.

For one thing, conditions are typically temporary; the ones for Comcast expire next year. They also don’t fundamentally change behavioral incentives for the company, and they require ongoing enforcement. Complaints in the past have dragged on for years. Among critics of such “behavioral commitments” is Makan Delrahim, now the Justice Department’s new antitrust chief.

“The DOJ in this instance is learning from those past mistakes,” said Lina Khan, the legal policy director at the Open Markets Institute, a think tank that opposes excessive corporate power.

Delrahim has argued for requiring merged companies to divest certain businesses instead of imposing post-merger requirements on them. AT&T, however, doesn’t want to do that. Its plan is to marry popular Time Warner networks with its nationwide wireless and television services in order to build a data-driven ad business on top of it all.

NEW THEORY OF COMPETITION

AT&T says TV bills won’t go up and consumers will benefit from innovations in packaging video. The Justice Department and some experts argue the opposite.

For instance, Moffett Nathanson analysts said in a note Tuesday that it was “in fact, very easy to imagine” how a company that both makes and distributes “must-have” news, sports and entertainment programming could use its power to thwart competitors by withholding it from rivals.



A protestor is escorted away as Norbest president & CEO Matt Cook speaks at a ceremony to pardon a turkey for Thanksgiving outside of the State Capitol in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017. A few animal-rights activists have disrupted the Utah governor’s Thanksgiving pardoning of a turkey.

(Kristin Murphy/The Deseret News via AP)

Animal activists disrupt Utah governor’s turkey pardon

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two animal-rights activists disrupted the Utah governor’s Thanksgiving pardoning of a turkey Tuesday, rushing the podium and shouting as the CEO of a turkey plant spoke to a crowd of mostly children.

The two men rushed past Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and the 40-pound turkey named “Grateful” sitting placidly on a table nearby, demanding to speak to the CEO and shouting “Show us all the barns!”

Video from KUTV showed Herbert’s security detail restrained the men and state troopers escorted them away from the afternoon ceremony in Salt Lake City.

Utah Highway Patrol spokesman Lt. Todd Royce said

the two unidentified men were not arrested but cooperated with troopers and left the Capitol.

The men were demonstrating a day after activists released undercover photos and video showing injured, cramped, and diseased birds at Norbest turkey plant in Moroni.

The group Direct Action Everywhere said the images and including documents showing animals with hepatitis and tumors were horrific.

Norbest president and CEO Matt Cook said in a statement to The Salt Lake Tribune that the images were “disturbing” and said the company’s team had ask that farm’s to correct violations in the past.

Cook, who was speaking when the men rushed the stage

Tuesday, said immediately afterward that “despite what some people may think, we have very clear animal care policies and our growers work very hard to adhere to those.”

Herbert did not comment on the incident when he took the stage.

Paul Edwards, a spokesman for the Republican governor, said in a statement that Utah expects farmers to meet the highest safety and humane standards.

“It’s unfortunate that people want to disrupt a fun tradition,” Edwards said, “but, nonetheless, we appreciate that there are passionate feelings about the serious concerns that have been raised.”



FILE - In this Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, file photo, AT&T Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson, left, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on the proposed merger between AT&T and Time Warner, as Time Warner Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Bewkes listens at right. The Justice Department intends to sue AT&T to stop its \$85 billion purchase of Time Warner, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to discuss the matter ahead of the suit’s official filing.

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THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE

The inherent message of Thanksgiving is the expression of our sense of being thankful and being grateful for all the blessings that we have been privileged to receive from our Heavenly Father. We have so much to be thankful for this year in spite the challenges we are facing in our efforts to improve the lives of all our people. While we tend to look at the material things to equate our blessings, we should cherish the choicest of blessings found in our families and their love, our friends, our neighbors, and all those who have improved the quality of our individual lives by their good deeds. Let us remember on this Thanksgiving our parents who have been our silent heroes for teaching us how to be a better person; our TOA of Samoa who continue to dedicate their lives protecting our freedoms and our cherished way of life; our teachers who have been given the toughest job of molding and shaping our future generation's intelligence and character; our healthcare providers for maintaining the health of our people; our first responders for their vigilance and preparedness to protect our people in times of disasters or accidents, and the farmers and the fishermen for continuing to provide sustenance.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga and his family, along with Cynthia Malala Moliga and our family, I extend to all the people of American Samoa our thanksgiving wishes that is overflowing with peace, love, and joy.



Ona o le Alofa le fa'atua'ia o le Atua ma lona 'Aao ta'ita'i, o lea fo'i ua tatou toe aulia ai ma le manuia le vaiaso ua fa'atau ai le Agaga Fa'afetai.

O le taulotoa'ina o lagona fiafia ina ua va'aia le fua tele ma le tupu lau usiusi o fa'ato'aga, o fua o le ele'ele ma galuega a lima, lea na afua ai le aso ua ta'ua ole "Aso Fa'afetai."

Ma ua tu'ufa'asolo mai ai le fa'amamaluga o lenei aso e fa'amanatu ai le Alofa o le Atua ma ana fa'amanuiaga i ona tagata.

Mo lenei tausaga, ua ou manatu ua le ma faitaulia le tele o fa'amanuiaga ese'ese ua sasa'a mai e le Silisiliese i o tatou laufanua, ua e taumafa ma tatou talisua i fua o le ele'ele ma figota o le sami, ua tali taoto fo'i le gase o malolo i fua o le alofa fa'asoa mai o le Malo tele.

Ioe e iai lava faigata ma fa'afitauli o la tatou folauga, ae peita'i ua le fa'atusaina nai o tatou manu'a mitimiti ma le faitau afe o tagata i isi vaega o le lalolagi o lo'o feagai ma le toto masa'a ona o le ola le taupulea. Ua leai se tasi i Samoa nei ua maluu ona o le leai o se mea'ai, ae talofa i le faitau miliona o tagata i le tele o atunu'u o le lalolagi e maliliu i aso uma ona o le fia'ai ma le fia inu. Ae le faitauina ai le soifua fa'atagataesea o Toa o Samoa ma Fitafita mai isi vaega o le Malo Tele ona o le puipuiga o le sa'olotoga ma le tau atina'eina o le filemu i le lalolagi vevesi.

O le ala lea, lo'u Atunu'u pele Amerika Samoa, a'o tatou fa'amanatu le aso fa'afetai i lenei tausaga, ou te talosaga atu ia manatua le li'o o le alofa (circle of love) lea na afua'ia mai ina ua fausia e le Atua le tagata i le amataga ma fa'asolo mai ai se ia o'o mai i o tatou aso.

Taga'i ane i lou aiga, po'o atoa le li'o o le alofa, silasila ane i lou tua'oi, ma so'o se tasi o mana'omia lau fesoasonai, a'apa atu ma lavea'i, tatou taumafai e fa'aatoa le li'o o le Alofa o le Atua e pei ona la finagalo iai i le amataga.

A'o tatou sauni e vagavagaia le laulau e tasi ma aiga fesilafa'i i lenei Aso Fa'afetai ma tatou molimauina ma le fiafia le ato'atoa o le li'o o le Alofa i o tatou aiga, ou te tatalo atu ina ia manatua i lau tatalo nai aiga ua le ato'atoa le mafutaga, nai o tatou uso ma tuafafine o lo'o nonofo i atunu'u vevesi e le o maua se filemu, i latou o lo'o galala i le fia maua o se mea'ai ma se vai inu, i latou o lo'o sauaina ona o le fiapule, ae maise Toa o Samoa o lo'o galulue pea mo lo tatou saogalemu.

Ae fa'asilisili ai le fa'afetai e momoli i le Atua ona o lona Agalelei ia Amerika Samoa ma ona tagata.

E momoli atu fo'i mai le taele o le agaga se upu fa'afetai tele i le mamalu o le Atunu'u, tainane le galuega a Suli o Arona ona o la outou tatalo ma la outou tapua'iga lea o lo'o manuia ai taumafaiga uma a lo tatou Malo.

Mai le afioga i le Lutena Kovana, Lemanu Palepoi Sialeaga Mauga ma lona aiga, fa'atasi ai ma o ma'ua aiga ma Cynthia Malala Moliga ma lo maua aiga, e momoli atu ai mo'omo'oga fa'amanuia mo le Aso Fa'afetai e fa'atumulia i le Filemu, ae fusia i le Alofa ma le Olioli.



Lo M. Moliga

LOLO M. MOLIGA
Governor of American Samoa



Tofu le mataupu a Wood i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Mauualuga

tusia Ausage Fausia

Ua tofu atu nei i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Mauualuga le mataupu o lo o tu'uaia ai e le malo le ali'i o Cody Wood, ina ua malie le ua molia e fa'aagafua ona aia faaletulafono, e aua ai ne'i fa'ataunu'uina lana ulua'i iloilogia lea sa fa'atulaga e faia i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo i le vaiaso nei.

O le taeao nei lea ua fa'amoemoe e tula'i ai Wood i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Mauualuga.

O Wood, o le isi lea e to'atolu i ai i latou na taofia e Leoleo Suesue mai le Vaega a le Vice & Narcotics a le Ofisa o Leoleo, ina ua osofa'i e Leoleo ni fale se lua i le 2 vaiaso talu atu, i lalo o se poloaiga mai le Fa'amasinoga, ina ua masalomia le i ai o fualaau fa'asaina i fale e pei ona sailia.

O vaega na maua e Leoleo mai le latou osofaiga e aofia ai fualaau fa'asaina o le aisa ma le mariana, o se tinoitupe e silia i le \$50,000, o vaega e fa'aaoga e ula ma kiliva ai fualaau fa'asaina, atoa ai ma le tele o meatotino a tagata sa masalomia le ave fa'agaoi ma le fa'amoemoe e fa'atau mai ai fualaau fa'asaina.

O i latou e to'atolu na taofia e Leoleo e aofia ai Wood, lea na taofia mai i lona fale i Tapu-timu, o le ali'i o Lemalie Taisia, o se ali'i ave taxi, faapea ai ma se ali'i sa avea ma Leoleo, susuga Steve Tuatoo, lea o lo o tau sailia pea e Leoleo i le taimi nei.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na tula'i ai Taisia i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Mauualuga, ma ua fa'atulaga lana mataupu e toe valaau i le masina o Ianuari o le tausaga nei, i le mae'a ai lea ona ia teena o le moliaga mamafa e tasi o lo o tu'uaia ai o ia e le malo, le moliaga o le umia fa'asolitulafono lea o vaega o fualaau fa'asaina, le ituaiga o le aisa.

O lo o taofia pea Taisia i le toese i Tafuna ina ua le mafai ona ia totogi le \$5,000 na fa'atulaga e tatala ai o ia i tua.

O le susuga a Wood, o lo o taofia fo'i o ia i le toese i Tafuna, ina ua le mafai ona ia totogi le \$200,000 ua faatulaga e tatala ai o ia i tua.

O lo o tu'uaia e le malo ia Wood i moliaga eseese e aofia ai le molia fa'asolitulafono o vaega o fualaau fa'asaina o le aisa ma le mariuana, fa'apea ai ma le umia fa'asolitulafono o ia vaega o fualaau fa'asaina ma le fa'amoemoe e tulei ma fa'atau atu i isi tatagata.

O le iloilogia a Wood sa faia i luma o le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Fiti Sunia i le aso Gafua na te'a nei, na aloaia ai loa le avea o le ali'i Loia ia Joshua Rovelli mai le Ofisa RDA Law Firm e avea

ma ana loaia fautua, e sui tulaga i le ali'i loaia fautua ia Ryan Nelson na ulua'i tauaveina mai lana mataupu.

Na taua e le ali'i loaia ia Rovelli i le Samoa News e fa'apea, e tele naua fa'amatalaga e tatau ona la iloilo ina ma Wood e fa'atatau i lenei mataupu, a o le i tuuina atu le avanoa e filifili ai o ia i le la'asaga e tatau ona i ai lana mataupu.

O le tele o ni isi o mataupu o lo o fia malamalama i ai ni isi o le atunu'u, e pei o le aofa'i sa'o o le tupe na maua i le fale o Wood i le taimi na osofa'i ai e Leoleo, e le i mafai ona fa'amatu'u mai e le ali'i Loia ni fa'amatalaga auiliili e tusa ai o lea tulaga, peita'i sa ia taua, o le a ia tuuina mai i

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Le taimi ua tuua mai ai le sauniga o le taeao po lava, ua fa'atasia fo'i uo mamae o le a toe fa'atofa seia toe fetauti fo'i i le isi sauniga tatalo i le vaveao o le aso e soso'o ai: Tina matutua o Papali'i Litara Alaimo [nofoa fa'ata'avalevale] ma Vera Ho Ching Annesley o lo'o tula'i i ona tua, ma le vasega o le fanau tama'ita'i talavou o le Ekalesia Katoliko Roma.

[ata: foa'i]

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O le susuga le Sui Fa'atonu o Galuega, Tuitasi Luki, lea ua ia tau'avea atoa le tulaga o galuega fausia i le atunu'u na te va'ava'aia toto'a. O ia lea o lo'o nafa fo'i ma le galuega o lo'o fa'atautaia nei mo le Fale Mata'aga i le taulaga.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

PESEGA VAITAU O LE KERISIMASI 2017

Ua mae'a ona fa'aulu aufaipese e 65 ua lautogia mo le maimoaga e pasia ai ina ia fa'afiafia i le vaitau o le Kerisimasi o lenei tausaga. O nei aufaipese ua mae'a faamauina ma ua fa'alauiloa i ai, ina ia nofo sauni mo le pasiga a le Komiti Fa'afoe lea e asia i latou mai le aso 27 Novema se'ia o'o ia Tesema 2.

Na tapunia le fa'aulu o aufaipese i le aso 13 o Novema, peita'i, sa toe tatala le avanoa i nisi aufaipese na tuai fa'aulu ona sa malaga i Samoa mo fonotaga.

E pei ona saunoa le tofa Paogofie Fiaaoga, faatonusili o le Arts Council "E ui lava ina ua tapunia, ae na toe tatala lava aua sa matauina, e moni lava tagata, e le o'o atu nei fa'asalalauga ia i latou, ae ua masani lava latou e o mai sa'o i le Ofisa nei e fa'aulu ai latou igoa mo latou sao i lenei vaitau fiala. O le sipili lava lea ua tatou alu ai."

O pesepesega o le Kerisimasi, e amata i le aso 17 Tesema i le aso 20 Tesema. O le umi e pepese ai aufaipese e ta'i 12 minute, ae tolu pese a le aufaipese.

O le a i ai le lisi e fa'asolo ai le pasiga o aufaipese ta'itasi ma ua fa'amuamua fo'i le itu i sisifo o le motu nei i le aso 27 Novema ma fa'asolo mai ai i le ogatotonu ae mulimuli i sasa'e. Peita'i, o le fa'asologa o aufaipese ta'itasi o le a fa'atulaga atu e le Ofisa mo le silafia o le taimi tonu e faia ai lo outou sao ma le aso patino e tapena mai ai i lou po tu'upoina.

Ose aofaiga sili lea ona to'atele ua tu'ufa'atasia e le Arts Council i lenei tausaga.

FAUSIA FALE MATA'AGA FOU I FAGATOGO

Ua va'aia le suaina o le fa'avae o le fale fogafale lua, o le Fale Mata'aga fou i Fagatogo, e soso'o atu ma le nofoaga fa'ataliva'a. Ua amata tusia le ata e le vaega o Tusiata Fale a le Public Works, ua latou pasia fo'i le fausaga, ma ua fa'atino fo'i e le Aufaigaluega faufale a le Public Works lenei galuega.

"O le fuafuaga o lea fale, ia foliga mai o se fale fa'asamoa i nisi ona totoga, e pei lona taua-luga, ia fogafale lua, ia fausia fo'i i le sima aua e mautu toe taugofie, ia talafeagai ma le paketi fa'asoa, aua e le o aumaia mai fafo se vaega tupe e fausia ai, ae ua fa'atino i tupe saili mai le lotofale le tatou lava malo," o se tala lea a se tasi o sui totino o le Komiti Fa'afoe o le Fale Mata'aga, Tapa'au Dr. Daniel Aga.

"I le tulaga o lona anofale, ia mafai ona teumau i ai measina a Samoa e iloga ai lo tatou

aganu'u ma tatou mea sa fa'aaoga i faiva o le gataifale atoa ai ma a tatou tiute fai i le lotofale fa'afatuoaga Samoa, ma le gagauina fo'i le vao mo fa'ato'aga. E le gata i lena, ae ia mafai ona fa'atino ai fa'aaliga o Tu ma Agaifanua a Samoa, atoa ma le a'oa'oina ai o le Gagana ma le atamai fa'asamoa o tupulaga faia'e o le atunu'u a taeao." O le toe soso'oga mai lea o le faamoemoe atoa ua galueaina ai lenei Maota Mo Measina Samoa.

Ua fa'aailoa mai, "O lenei galuega, e matua le a'afia ai lava le fale o lo'o soso'o mai i tai, ona o lo ua aofia lea fale i measina ua fa'ataua e le Historical Preservation. Afai e toe fa'aleleia le fale lea, e le a'afia lona fausaga i ni suiga po'o fa'afouga e toe faia, ae toe fa'aleleia atili ina ia fa'atumauna mo se isi vaitaimi umi o lumana'i."

"O le a taumafai fo'i e soso'o lelei atu lea falefou i le fale fa'atali pasese a Va'a Laiti, ma e i ai fo'i nai teuteuga o le Maota fou e fa'afoliga mai e tali tutusa ma le fale fa'atali pasese lea ua mae'a fa'atula'ia. O lona taua-luga e ato fo'i i le lau, ma le laupapa e teuteu ai, e iloga mai ai foliga fa'afale Samoa," o se isi lea fa'amatalaga o le galuega o lea fale mo Mata'aga o lo ua amatalia lona fa'avae i le taimi nei.

E ese mai le amatalia o le galueaina o le Maota lea, ua fa'aailoa mai, o lo ua galulue fo'i sui totino o le Komiti ina ia tausailia ala e fa'alava ai le paketi fa'asoa mo le galuega. O lo ua saili i o tatou lotofale, ae maise fo'i ua amata ona va'ava'ai i nisi o faalapopotoga e masani ona fiala e fa'aleleia ma teumau oloa po'o measina a atunuu esese, e ono maua ai fo'i se i si aiga, po'o se Kamupani mai fafo ina ia fesoasoani ma fa'auia mai ai se fesoasoani tupe, ia mae'a lelei lea galuega.

Ua le fa'aailoa maia se paketi fa'asoa, ae ua amata ona galulue le aufaigaluega a le Public Works i lalo o le ta'ita'iga a le tofa Tuitasi Liki, le sui fa'atonu o le Galuega Lautele, e ala i galuega o auala ma fale.

O lea fo'i fale, e ao ina sa'o lelei le ituaga o moli e fa'aaogaina mo le fa'amalalamalamaina o le maota i lona anofale, atoa ai ma lona ea ia malu lelei, e le soona malulu fo'i, pe vevela ona o tulaga o oloa o le a fa'aalia ai i totonu. O na mea e tutusagalemu atoa ai fale Mata'aga uma i le lalolagi, ma e foliga mai afai ae mae'a le tatou fale mata'aga lea ,ua i ai fo'i i tatou i le laina o fale mata'aga fa'aonaponei.

"O le naunauta'iga, afai e maua le so'otaga ma luga o le Uafu, o lona uiga e vave lava ona asia e tagata maimoa mai fafo lea e malaga mai i Meli tetele, ma ua vave fo'i ona fa'aalia atoa lo tatou malo ma tatou tu ma aga i nai tagata ua

(Faaauau itulau 19)

TALA O FAAMASINOGA

tusia Ausage Fausia

TU'UAIA SE ALI'I I LE FAIA O SAUAGA I LONA TO'ALUA

O le ali'i mai Vaitogi lea na taofia mai e Leoleo ona o tu'uaiga i lona faia lea o sauaga i lona to'alua, e aofia ai le taumafai e faia i ai ni uiga tau fa'amata'u, ua poloaina o ia e le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo e aua ne'i ona toe taumafai i se isi lava auala e toe faia ni gaioiga e fa'amata'u pe fa'afefe ai lona to'alua, a o fa'agasolo ai taua-luga o lana mataupu.

O le fa'alavelave lenei na tula'i mai le faaiuga o le vaiaso na te'a nei, ina ua logo e le Tina na a'afia le Ofisa o Leoleo i Tafuna mo se fesoasoani, i le mae'a ai lea ona tula'i mai o le vevesi i le va o ia ma lona to'alua.

Na taunu'u Leoleo i le vaega tonu na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave, peita'i na fiu e saili le ua molia ua le iloa poo fea ua sola i ai. Ae i ni nai itula mulimuli ane ai, na manatu ai le ua molia e alu e momoli aloaia o ia i aao o ali'i ma tama'ita'i Leoleo, ina ia fa'a faigofie ai le mataupu.

Na fa'aailoa e le Tina na a'afia i Leoleo le tele o se suiga i lo la aiga, talu lava ona a'afia lona to'alua i fualaau fa'asaina, ma o ni isi o taimi ua ia molimauina ai ni suiga e fou i lana vaai le amio a lona to'alua.

O ni isi o tuutuuga ua tatala ai i tua le o lo o molia, o le fa'asa lea ona toe alu i lo latou aiga i Vaitogi, fa'asa ona taumafai e fa'afesootai lona to'alua i soo se auala, fa'asa fo'i ona ia toe faia i ai ni gaioiga e fa'amata'u pe fa'afefe ai o ia.

Na faailoa e le itu a le malo i le Fa'amasinoga, le fa'aauau

pea o a latou suesuega e uiga i le mataupu na tula'i mai, ma e le o mautinoa i le taimi nei pe i ai ni moliaga fa'aopopo latou te faila fa'asaga i le ua molia.

FALEPUIPUI LE ALI'I GAOI

E 30 aso lea ua faasala ai e le Fa'amasinoga Faaitumalo se ali'i talavou e 18 tausaga le matua, ina ua fa'amaonia e le Fa'amasinoga le moliaga mama o le gaoi na tu'uaia ai o ia e le malo. I le tali ioe ai o le ali'i o Ben Iosefa Tiapula i le moliaga e pei ona ta'usala ai o ia, na ia ta'utino ai e fa'apea, i se taimi o le masina o Oketopa na te'a nei, sa ia gaoia ai ni meatotino mai le fale o lana uo sa nofo ai.

Na taua e Tiapula e fa'apea, o ia sa nofo i le fale o lana uo mo se taimi umi. A o nofo ai i le fale o lana uo, sa ia ulufale ai i totonu o le potu o le Tina a lana uo ma gaoi mai ai ni meatotino e pei o se sipika, telefoni ma se ato, ona ia sola ese ai lea mai le aiga na a'afia. Na saili e Leoleo le ua molia ma toe maua ai meatotino na gaoia, ma ua mae'a ona toe fa'afo'i atu i le aiga na a'afia.

O se tasi o itu na faamamafa e le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Fiti Sunia i le taimi na lau ai le fa'asalaga a Tiapula, o le leai lea o se isi o lona aiga e aofia ai ona matua na alu atu e lagolago o ia i taimi uma na faagasolo ai lana mataupu, ma ua foliga mai ai, e le o i ai se tulaga e fa'ataua ai e matua le ua molia i totonu o le aiga.

E 30 aso le umi lea ua faatonu e le Fa'amasinoga ia Tiapula e taofia ai o ia i le toese. Afai ae toe molia o ia i se isi solitulafono ma faamaonia e le Fa'amasinoga, o le a fa'aluaia le umi lea ua ia tuliina nei i se isi fa'asalaga i le lumana'i.



O se va'aiga i le vaega o tama'ita'i faigaluega i le Ofisa o le Matagaluega o Aoga. O i latou nei e avea ma Ofisa Autu o Fa'amaumauga o Togi ma Lipoti uma o fanau aoga i le teritori o Amerika Samoa. Ua latou le'ia ofu o latou pelega sa avea ma Fitafita o Vaega Au a le malo tele. O le latou fa'amanatu lea i le aso o Fitafita Tuai ma Fitafita o lo'o Tiute pea!

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

E LE O OE O SE SULI MONI

by Sam - Vaega 97

Sa na o le tu tu o le tama’ita’i o Ianeta ma luelue lona ulu ma ona foliga ataata, a o fa’asoa atu lava le Tina o Laneselota e fa’atatau i le olaga o Ianeta. E fai talanoaga a le to’alua lea, ae o lo o faalogologo lava ma le toto’a matua o Ianeta, le tamaloa Leoleo nana o Meki ma lona to’alua faiaoga o Lucy. Na vaaia e le ulugali’i o Meki ma Lucy lagona fa’ateia o Ianeta, e foliga mai ua te’i o ia i le mata’utia o le maualuga ma le fa’aalologia o le aiga o Laneselota. E le gata o ia o le atali’i e tupu a’e i se aiga milionea, ae e matua tulaga ese le mamalu ma le amanaia o lona aiga e tagata o le malo ma le tama’i aai lea o loo latou nonofo ai. Na vaaia e Lucy foliga tau fa’aletonu o Ianeta i luga o le laulau, o lea na tago atu ai le fafine ma uu le lima o si ana tama ma musumusutu ai, “Ianeta la’u pele, o e fiafia i lenei aso, e foliga mai i la’u vaai e i ai se mea o lo o tupu,” na faliu le tama’ita’i i lona Tina ma tali atu i ai ma ona foliga fiafia, “Joe Tina, ua lagona lava lo’u fiafia, se’i vagana ai lava le fa’ateia o o’u lagona i le tulaga maoa’e e fa’atatau i le fa’aalologiaina o lenei aiga e tagata uma, aemaise ai lava matua o Laneselota”. E amata talanoaga a Lucy ma Ianeta ae amata loa ona pisi mai tama’ita’i faigaluega mo le kilivaina mai o meainu ma tau-mafa i luga o le la’oai, ae o le taimi lea o lo o talanoa to’atolu ai le tamaloa o Meki ma matua o Ianeta i le isi itu o le laulau, ma faasagasaga i le taoto mai o le gataifale ma le matagofie o le taulaga. O le isi itu o le laulau o lo o talanoa ai Ianeta ma lona Tina, ae o Laneselota o lo o pisi i le tau fa’atulagaina mai o le faili e fa’afiafia i le taligasua a aiga e lua. Ua fa’agasolo le fiafia ma ua feiloa’i atu fo’i le isi i le tasi, ma ua lagona ai le mafanafana o le mafutaga i le va o aiga e lua. Ina ua oo i le taimi faapitoa o talanoaga aloaia, na tula’i ai loa le ali’i o Laneselota ma fa’alauiloa aloaia Ianeta ma ona matua, atoa ai fo’i ma le fa’alauiloina o ona matua

atoa ai ma lo latou aiga. Ua fa’agasolo le fa’amatalaga a le ali’i e fa’atatau i le ulua’i taimi na la feiloa’i ai ma Ianeta i le aso o le fa’auuga a le Iunivesite sa aoga ai Ianeta, lea sa ia mau-tauina ai le tulaga maualuga o togi sa maua e le tama’ita’i mai le vasega fa’au’u. Na faailoa e le ali’i o Laneselota i lea feiloaiga le mafua’aga na ala ai ona ia manatu e fa’amasani atili ia Ianeta, ona o le tulaga i le avefa ai o ia ma tusitala o le tusi lea ua avefa ma tusi ua lauiloa i totonu o aoga a le malo, lea o lo o fa’amatala ai e le tama’ita’i lona olaga pologa seia oo ina fa’aeaina o ia ma avefa ma tama’ita’i na fa’auluulu i ai le vasega fa’au’u. Na tau fai pati pati uma tagata sa i ai i le feiloaiga i lea aso i le fa’amatalaga a le ali’i o Laneselota, ma latou fa’atali poo le a le isi vaega fa’aiu o lana molimau. “Ua ou manatu la i lenei aso, o se taimi lelei lenei ma talafeagai mo a’u ma Ianeta, e fa’ailoa ai tulaga uma e fa’atatau i le olaga o le tagata aemaise ai mea e fiafia ai i le lumana’i. Ae ou te lei tuuina atu lenei avanoa mo Ianeta, ou te faapea atu ma lo’u agaga moni ma le faamaoni, ua ou mana’o ina ia aloaia i le aso lenei la’u talosaga o le a tuuina atu, a o molimauina e o ma matua, ina ia fai ma pine fa’amau o lenei fa’amoemoe. Ianeta, ou te fia faailoa atu la’u filifiliga ua i ai, ina ia avefa oe ma a’u uo tama’ita’i.” Na tau fai pati pati tagata sa i ai i le aiga faapitoa, e oo lava fo’i i matua o le ali’i o Laneselota ma matua o Ianeta, ua laulau tutu i latou ma fa’aalia lo latou lagona fiafia atoa ai ma le taliaina o le fanoga a le ali’i o Laneselota. Na vaaia le tula’i lemu o le tama’ita’i o Ianeta i luga, ona tepa lea i lona Tina ma ata atu i ai, fa’atoa savali ai i luma o le pulela’a mo lana tautalaga. O le taimi lava na tu ai le tama’ita’i i luma o le pulela’a, na toe faalogoina ai le tau fai pati pati o tagata, ae o Ianeta i le taimi lea, ua na o le punou ma le maligi o ona loimata.

► Tala i Vaifanua...

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asiasi mai,” o a Tapa’au lea. “E i ai nisi o tatou tagata ma sui o Aiga Samoa o lo’o alaala tumau i fafo, ae o latou measina ua manana’o e foa’ia lea mo le Fale Mata’aga, ae ua faigata

ona fa’ao’o mai, aua ua latou iloa lelei le tulaga o iai le tatou Fale Mata’aga, ua tuai tele, ma ua mana’omia ona fa’asaoina le tele o measina o lo’o fa’aalia ai.”

► Tofu le mataupu...

Mai itulau 17

se taimi mulimuli fa’amatalaga e uiga i lenei mataupu i se taimi talafeagai. Mo le ali’i sa avefa ma Leoleo o Tuato’o, e o o mai lava i le taimi nei o lo o tau sailia pea o ia e Leoleo. O ripoti mulimuli na maua e le Samoa News talu

mai le vaiaso na te’a nei, na taua ai le masalomia o le tuua e Tuatoo o le atunu’u ina ua tatala o ia mai le toese i Tafuna i le taeao o le aso Toona’i o le 2 vaiaso talu ai, ina ua mae’a le ulua’i 48 itula na taofia ai o ia i le falepuipui.



O le va’aiga i le eleele ua suaina mo le fa’avae o le Fale Fou fogafalelua ua manatu ina ia avefa ma Maota Mata’aga o le tatou Malo. Ua fausia ina ia mae’a lelei a’o le’i mae’a lenei nofoa’iga. Taga’i i le lomiga i lenei aso i le Lali mo le tala tusitusia.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Inmate dies after meth-laden kiss; girlfriend gets 2 years

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An Oregon woman whose inmate boyfriend died from a meth-laden kiss after a prison visit was sentenced to two years behind bars Tuesday on a drug conspiracy charge. Melissa Ann Blair and Anthony Powell shared a long kiss at the end of a visit last year at the Oregon State Penitentiary and she passed seven tiny balloons filled with methamphetamine into his mouth. Two of the balloons ruptured in Powell’s stomach a short time later and he died of methamphetamine toxicity, prosecutors have said. U.S. District Judge Marco Hernandez said Blair’s actions were part of a scheme devised by Powell and others to get drugs inside the prison. There was a dispute as to whether Blair participated of her own free will, but Powell shared responsibility for his own death,

Hernandez said. “It was tragic and sad but he shares responsibility for what happened,” the judge said. The 41-year-old was serving a life sentence for aggravated murder in the stabbing death of his mother-in-law, according to court records. Besides two years in federal prison, the judge also ordered Blair, 46, to complete three years of post-release supervision and participate in drug treatment and mental health programs. She did not make a statement in court. Her sister, who attended the hearing, declined to comment. Blair felt coerced by Powell even though he was behind bars, her attorney, John Ransom, said outside court. She used methamphetamine but was not addicted, he said. “It was a very Svengali-type situation where he had total control over her

life,” Ransom said. “She had to do whatever he said.” Powell’s close friend, Brandy Pokovich, attended the hearing and said she became pen pals with him after he wrote to her husband — a former inmate — and she replied to him instead. Over a dozen years, Pokovich said, they formed a deep bond through letters, phone calls and visits. She called herself Powell’s “sister by choice” and believed he felt remorse for his crime, she told the judge. “Now, because of the choices that were made, I no longer can pick up the phone and hear his voice, I can’t go on a visit and see his big cheesy smile and get the best hug in the world,” she said in a victim impact statement. “He was not just an inmate. He was a very loved and cared-for person who had a family that would always be there no matter what,” she said.



FILE - This Nov. 18, 2011 file photo shows the Oregon State Penitentiary, in Salem, Ore. An Oregon woman was sentenced to two years in federal prison in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, on a drug conspiracy charge after her inmate boyfriend died from a meth-laden kiss at the Oregon State Penitentiary after a prison visit in 2016. (Danielle Peterson/Statesman-Journal via AP, File)





PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PIHOA)

JOB TITLE: Project Coordinator – American Samoa Lymphatic Filariasis Prevention and Elimination
JOB STATUS: 100% Full-Time, Temporary Consultant
JOB PERIOD: Job commencement date to 30 June 2018, with possible extension contingent on funding agency approval
DUTY STATION: American Samoa Department of Health – Office of the Director

SUMMARY OF DUTIES: Experienced and qualified Project Coordinator sought by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) to manage and coordinate lymphatic filariasis (LF) prevention and elimination work in American Samoa in coordination and consultation with the American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH), US Centers for Disease Control - Center for Global Health (CDC CGH), the World Health Organization (WHO), and PIHOA. The project component in American Samoa is funded by CDC CGH and is subject to US federal guidelines and regulations. WHO will be leading similar work in Western Samoa in consultation with the Western Samoa Ministry of Health (WSMOH). American Samoa and Western Samoa LF prevention and elimination work will be conducted concurrently. As such, the Project Coordinator, will also need to liaise and communicate with both WHO and WSMOH officials, as needed, to ensure proper joint coordination and information-sharing between the two project sites for effective LF prevention and elimination.

The primary objective of the project will be to significantly reduce and/or eliminate new and recurring LF infections across American Samoa through mass (whole population) health promotion, LF screening (testing), and administration of WHO-recommended triple-drug regimen, with primary focus on the main island of Tutuila. In the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating the project, the secondary objective will be to strengthen ASDOH systems and capacities for on-going LF prevention, surveillance/monitoring, and control. Consultancy tasks are to be planned and conducted in consultation with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors. Additional technical advisory support will be provided by CDC's Regional Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO), co-located at the PIHOA Guam Office. Position will be housed at the ASDOH Office of the Director (or, other location as assigned by ASDOH).

SCOPE OF POSITION:

- 1. Reports to: PIHOA Executive Director and/or assigned PIHOA Technical Staff
- 2. Geographic Areas of Responsibility: American Samoa, Tutuila
- 3. Supervises: LF Project Assistant
- 4. Fiscal Responsibilities: Yes, but no approval authority; any and all fiscal transactions must have prior approval from the PIHOA ED
- 5. Signature Authorities: No; all vendor and other contracts will require prior approval and be signed off by the PIHOA Executive Director
- 6. Level of Interaction: Must be able to work independently and in collaboration with other team members and diverse project stakeholders across ASDOH, CDC, WHO, and PIHOA, including American Samoa community and traditional leaders and church leadership.
- 7. Special Requirements: May be exposed to vector-borne diseases and local infectious diseases, rough terrain, inclement weather conditions, high humidity, intense heat and sun, vicious animals, poisonous plants/sea creatures, and travel in small prop planes and/or small boats over rough seas. Must be willing to travel from duty station for long periods of time, as required. Must be able to work in resource-limited, rural environments with limited public infrastructure and communications/IT capabilities.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Set up of LF project office at ASDOH, including local procurement of all required office furniture and materials and supplies, as required/needed;
- 2. Manage project budget as approved by CDC CGH, including management and monitoring of project spending in accordance with the budget, ensuring compliance of all fiscal transactions/budgetary actions in accordance with US federal/CDC project guidelines and regulations and PIHOA's Fiscal Policies and Procedures, procurement of project supplies and equipment, and sourcing and management of local vendor and other project consultancy contracts;
- 3. Assist in the local recruitment, selection, and supervision of a Project Assistant for the LF project. The Project Assistant will assist in all project tasks as directed by the Project Coordinator, including, but not limited to: the daily administration of office and project administrative functions, assistance with coordination/implementation of project activities and stakeholder planning meetings, administrative monitoring and support for local vendor contracts/consultancies, procurement of project supplies/equipment, and community outreach;
- 4. Work closely with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors to plan, implement, monitor and report on all project tasks to ensure project objectives, activity timelines, and LF prevention/elimination milestones are met in a timely and quality manner. This includes the development of a project implementation plan and performance monitoring framework and coordination of regular stakeholder planning meetings;
- 5. Work closely with assigned AS DOH leadership and program staff to plan and conduct mass health promotion and informational/media campaigns with American Samoa community members and traditional/church leadership to improve community member and leadership knowledge and awareness of LF transmission and prevention, and encourage community member and leadership buy-in, engagement, and support for LF mass screening (testing) and drug therapy administration;
- 6. Gather and disseminate current/best-practice LF research and other relevant resources and information that enhance local knowledge of LF transmission and prevention;
- 7. Collate and submit periodic reports to ASDOH leadership, PIHOA and CDC to provide qualitative and quantitative summary progress against agreed project tasks, timelines, and milestones;
- 8. As needed, may be required to travel to the Honolulu PIHOA office to work with PIHOA management, finance and technical staff in support of the project, including presenting LF project to PIHOA's Governing Board at PIHOA Executive Board Meetings (next meeting will be in American Samoa in March 2018);
- 9. Plan and coordinate mid- and end-of-project evaluation/after-action review efforts in consultation with AS DOH, CDC and PIHOA; and
- 10. Any other duties as assigned in accordance with project objectives.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Submission of monthly invoices for consultancy payment that provides full detail and status of times and activities/outputs completed/achieved/in progress at the end of each calendar month.
- 2. If position travels, invoices to also include Travel/Trip Reports and other supporting documentation.
- 3. Submission of allowable travel reimbursable receipts (calling/internet cards, airport tax, excess luggage, car rental fuel, etc.).
- 4. When completed, submission of all final and approved deliverables and reports to be uploaded to PIHOA's Shared Archives.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES):

- 1. Periodic LF Project Progress Reports
- 2. LF Project Implementation Plan and Performance Monitoring Framework
- 3. Final LF Project Report
- 4. Final LF Project Evaluation Report
- 5. Standard PIHOA trip reports

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Education: Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or other relevant degree area in the social and health sciences, preferably in health services administration (equivalent professional experience will also be assessed). A Master's in Public Health is a plus.
- 2. Job Experience: Minimum of one year of project management experience, preferably with US federally-funded, health-related projects/programs implemented in American Samoa.
- 3. Job Knowledge: Knowledge of project management and administration, including project-based planning and coordination, implementation, budgeting and finance, and monitoring and evaluation; understanding of US federal guidelines and regulations is a plus
- 4. Abilities and Skills: Must have excellent English and Samoan-speaking and written communication skills. Must possess current driver's license valid in American Samoa. Must have intermediate to advanced computer literacy, and be proficient in Microsoft Office applications, especially MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Knowledge of database applications a plus, but will train as required (PIHOA uses Microix for transaction approvals which the Project Coordinator and Project Assistant will need to be familiar with). Must understand vague and implicit instructions, and react favorably and in an open and diplomatic manner in all work situations. Must be able to communicate in a positive and professional manner. Must be mentally adaptable and flexible in dealing with a variety of people from a variety of different circumstances, languages, cultural beliefs and practices, and health knowledge. Must be proactive, and able to work in an intense work environment with multiple competing tasks and deadlines, and possess excellent time management skills.
- 5. Travel: Must be willing and able to travel in the US and internationally, when required, with possible long durations away from home duty station.
- 6. Citizenship Requirements: Must be a US citizen, or have valid US Green Card, US Permanent Residency Card, or other relevant US visa type that allows for residency and employment in the US and its territories. Must be a current resident in American Samoa, or willing to relocate to American Samoa for the entire duration of the project.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL DEMANDS: Requires prolonged sitting and some standing, walking, kneeling, and bending, requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity sufficient to operate computer keyboard and office equipment, and to travel in infrastructure and resource-limited and/or rural and jungle/atoll/mountainous environments. Requires normal range of hearing and vision to perform job duties. Requires occasional lifting up to 45 pounds. Must be able drive a vehicle. Duties require extensive traveling, so a valid passport is required.

COMPENSATION: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Relocation travel airfare, per diem, and associated transit lodging from home base to duty station may be covered by PIHOA, if candidate not currently in American Samoa at commencement of consultancy period. Fringe and other benefits are not covered under PIHOA consultancy contracts.

TERM OF POSITION: Temporary Consultancy from time of hire to June 30, 2018, with possibility of renewal/extension pending funding agency approval.

APPLICATION: Submit the following electronically with attention to Emi Chutaro (emic@pihoa.org), Executive Director, and cc to Andrea Whitt (andrea@pihoa.org), Office and Program Support Officer, and Regie Tolentino, Office Administrator (regiet@pihoa.org), no later than 5pm, November 22, 2017, Hawaii Standard Time:

- 1) Letter of Interest that outlines your overall qualifications and professional experience in response to the Primary Qualifications;
- 2) Curriculum Vitae or Resume; and
- 3) Minimum of two (2) work references current to the last 5 years.

For any enquiries related to this vacancy, please direct them to Emi Chutaro at emic@pihoa.org.

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Trump all but endorses GOP's Moore despite sex accusations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Silent for more than a week, President Donald Trump all but endorsed embattled Alabama Republican Senate nominee Roy Moore on Tuesday, discounting the sexual assault allegations against him and insisting repeatedly that voters must not support Moore's "liberal" rival.

The president said he would announce next week whether he will campaign for Moore, who faces Democrat Doug Jones in a Dec. 12 special election to fill the seat once held by Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Trump, who won election despite facing more than a dozen accusations of sexual misconduct himself, dismissed questions from reporters about backing a Republican accused of sexual assault over a man who is a Democrat. Trump pointed to Moore's assertions that he did nothing wrong.

"Roy Moore denies it, that's all I can say," Trump said. In fact, he repeated 10 times in a 5-minute session outside the White House that the GOP candidate has denied any wrongdoing.

Two Alabama women have accused Moore of assault or molestation — including one who says she was 14 at the time — and six others have said he pursued romantic relationships when they were teenagers and he was a deputy district attorney in his 30s.

Trump didn't explicitly say he was endorsing Moore, but he said with emphasis, "We don't need a liberal person in there. ... We don't need somebody who's soft on crime like Jones."

He also noted that the allegations came from behavior alleged to have happened decades ago.

"Forty years is a long time," Trump said, questioning why it took so long for Moore's accusers to come forward.

Former Sen. Sessions has said he has no reason to doubt the allegations against Moore, Republican leaders in Washington have called for Moore to leave the race, and the White House has repeatedly said Trump himself felt Moore would "do the right thing and step aside" if the allegations proved true.

But Trump had been publicly silent until Tuesday when he exchanged questions and answers with reporters, shouting to be heard over the noise of his Marine helicopter, waiting to take him to Air Force One, which then flew him to his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, for Thanksgiving.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan, both Republicans, have called on Moore to leave the race in light

of the accusations. The Republican National Committee and the National Republican Senatorial Committee have pulled their support for his campaign.

Trump backed incumbent Sen. Luther Strange in a September Republican primary, but moved quickly to embrace Moore after he won. A White House official said Tuesday that Trump's attack on Jones did not amount to a formal endorsement of Moore, only that Trump was communicating that sending the Democrat to Washington would hamper his agenda.

Republican leaders briefly explored the possibility of seeking a write-in candidate but have determined those efforts would only increase Jones' chances by splitting the GOP vote in the Republican state. Sessions has resisted pleas to mount a last-minute campaign for his old seat.

The allegations against Moore come amid a national reckoning over misdeeds by powerful men in media, business and politics.

Just Tuesday, longtime Michigan Rep. John Conyers acknowledged that his office settled a sexual harassment complaint involving a former staffer, though he "vehemently" denied allegations in the complaint.

BuzzFeed reported that Conyers' office paid a woman more than \$27,000 under a confidentiality agreement to settle a complaint in 2015 that she was fired from his Washington staff because she rejected the Democrat's sexual advances.

Trump said he was "very happy" that women are speaking out about their experiences.

"I think it's a very special time because a lot of things are coming out, and I think that's good for our society and I think it's very, very good for women," he said.

More than a dozen women came forward in the waning days of the 2016 presidential election to say that Trump had sexually assaulted or harassed them over the years. He denied it. A tape was also released catching him boasting in 2005 that he could grab women's private parts with impunity. "When you're a star, they let you do it," Trump said on the "Access Hollywood" tape.

Trump, who has said all of his accusers lied, declined to answer Tuesday when asked why he does not believe Moore's accusers.

Jones, Moore's senatorial opponent, served as a federal prosecutor in Alabama, where he brought charges against

two Ku Klux Klan members over their roles in killing four girls in the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham.

VA study shows parasite from Vietnam may be killing veterans

HERALD, W.Va. (AP) — A half a century after serving in Vietnam, hundreds of veterans have a new reason to believe they may be dying from a silent bullet — test results show some men may have been infected by a slow-killing parasite while fighting in the jungles of South-east Asia.

The Department of Veterans Affairs this spring commissioned a small pilot study to look into the link between liver flukes ingested through raw or undercooked fish and a rare bile duct cancer. It can take decades for symptoms to appear. By then, patients are often in tremendous pain, with just a few months to live.

Of the 50 blood samples submitted, more than 20 percent came back positive or bordering positive for liver fluke antibodies, said Sung-Tae Hong, the tropical medicine specialist who carried out the tests at Seoul National University in South Korea.

“It was surprising,” he said, stressing the preliminary results could include false positives and that the research is ongoing.

Northport VA Medical Center spokesman Christopher Goodman confirmed the New York facility collected the samples and sent them to the lab. He would not comment on the findings, but said everyone who tested positive was notified.

Gerry Wiggins, who served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, has already lost friends to the disease. He was among those who got the call.

“I was in a state of shock,” he said. “I didn’t think it would be me.”The 69-year-old, who lives in Port Jefferson Station, New York, didn’t have any symptoms when he agreed to take part in the study, but hoped his participation could help save lives. He immediately scheduled further tests, discovering he had two cysts on his bile duct, which had the potential to develop into the cancer, known as cholangiocarcinoma. They have since been removed and — for now — he’s doing well.

Though rarely found in Americans, the parasites infect an estimated 25 million people worldwide.

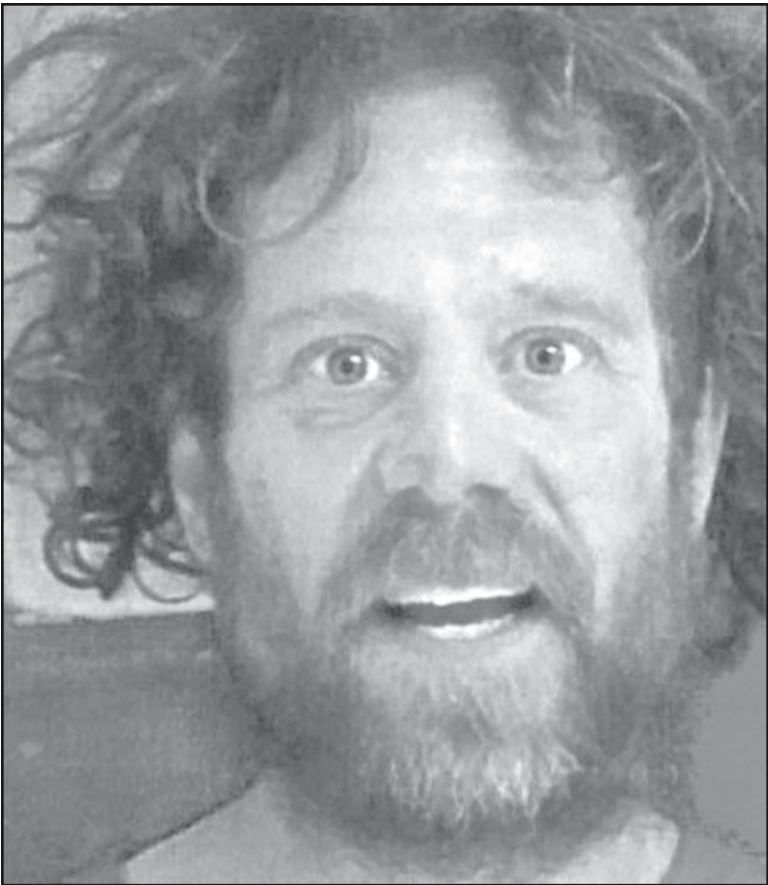
Endemic in the rivers of Vietnam, the worms can easily be wiped out with a handful of pills early on, but left untreated they can live for decades without making their hosts sick. Over time, swelling and inflammation of the bile duct can lead to cancer. Jaundice, itchy skin, weight loss and other symptoms appear only when the disease is in its final stages.

The VA study, along with a call by Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer of New York for broader research into liver flukes and cancer-stricken veterans, began after The Associated Press raised the issue in a story last year. The reporting

found that about 700 veterans with cholangiocarcinoma have been seen by the VA in the past 15 years. Less than half of them submitted claims for service-related benefits, mostly because they were not aware of a possible connection to Vietnam. The VA rejected 80 percent of the requests, but decisions often appeared to be haphazard or contradictory, depending on what desks they landed on, the AP found.The numbers of claims submitted reached 60 in 2017, up from 41 last year. Nearly three out of four of those cases were also denied, even though the government posted a warning on its website this year saying veterans who ate raw or undercooked freshwater fish while in Vietnam might be at risk. It stopped short of urging them to get ultrasounds or other tests, saying there was currently no evidence the vets had higher infection rates than the general

population.

“We are taking this seriously,” said Curt Cashour, a spokesman with the Department of Veterans Affairs. “But until further research, a recommendation cannot be made either way.”Veteran Mike Baughman, 65, who was featured in the previous AP article, said his claim was granted early this year after being denied three times. He said the approval came right after his doctor wrote a letter saying his bile duct cancer was “more likely than not” caused by liver flukes from the uncooked fish he and his unit in Vietnam ate when they ran out of rations in the jungle. He now gets about \$3,100 a month and says he’s relieved to know his wife will continue to receive benefits after he dies. But he remains angry that other veterans’ last days are consumed by fighting the same government they went to war for as young men.



FILE - This Jan. 31, 2017 file photo provided by the Tehama County Sheriff's Office shows Kevin Janson Neal, the gunman behind a rampage that left five people dead and wounded at least eight others. Sheriff's deputies responded 21 times in the last year to calls involving Neal who had been feuding with his neighbors in the tiny rural neighborhood of Rancho Tehama Reserve.

(Tehama County Sheriff via AP)



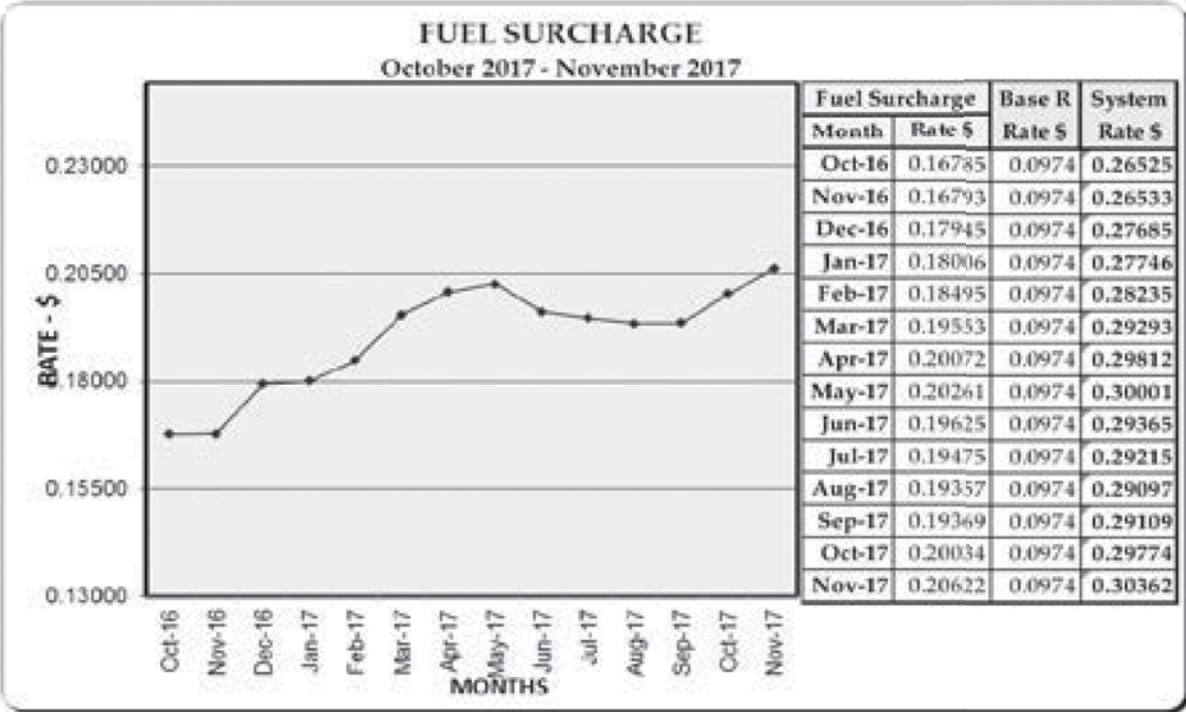
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Fuel Surcharge	0.20622	0.20622	0.20622
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Electric System Rate (kWh)	0.30362	0.31272	0.29582

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



Women rally Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 at the State Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., in response to a tide of sexual harassment allegations, including two sitting Minnesota lawmakers accused of making unwanted sexual advances and U.S. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn, who allegedly forcibly kissed a woman during a USO tour in 2006 and was photographed reaching out as if to grope her while she slept on a military aircraft.

(AP Photo/Jim Mone)

2 Minnesota pols accused of sexual misconduct will quit

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Two Minnesota state lawmakers hit by sexual misconduct allegations announced Tuesday they would resign, less than two weeks after they were accused of misdeeds that ranged from groping colleagues to persistent unwanted sexual advances and sexting.

Democratic Sen. Dan Schoen, who allegedly grabbed a woman’s buttocks at a campaign event and made unwanted advances toward other women — including sending Snapchat photos of male genitalia to a female Senate employee — was the first to go, with his attorney saying Schoen had decided he could no longer be effective.

Hours later, Republican Rep. Tony Cornish said he would step down by Dec. 1. Cornish was the subject of an external investigation in the House into widespread sexual misconduct over his eight terms in office, including an anonymous lobbyist who told Minnesota Public Radio News that he propositioned her for sex dozens of times over the past several years and once forced her into a wall in his office while trying to kiss her.

Cornish said in his statement that he had reached an agreement with the lobbyist to apologize and resign by Dec. 1 in exchange for being protected against future claims. He also said: “I am forced to face the reality that I have made some at the Capitol feel uncomfortable and disrespected ... I sincerely apologize for my behavior.”

It was unclear whether Schoen would make any similar admission at a planned Wednesday news conference. His attorney, Paul Rogosheske, indicated Schoen would dispute parts of the allegations made against him.

“He doesn’t feel he can be effective anymore,” Rogosheske told the Star Tribune. “And he doesn’t want to work in an environment like this.”

Their departures will close an acrimonious chapter that began when allegations about their conduct surfaced earlier this month, collectively involving at least six women who work in Minnesota politics. But some of the women who say they were victims of their harassment or unwanted advances said more allegations against other offenders may come to light.

“One senator’s resignation doesn’t change the culture. I want to change the culture,” Rep. Erin Maye Quade said after Schoen’s resignation. The freshman Democrat accused both men of making unwanted advances.

Both men faced immediate pressure to resign when the first allegations surfaced earlier in

November. Both were initially defiant. Democratic leadership, from Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk — Schoen’s caucus leader — Gov. Mark Dayton and Democratic Party chairman Ken Martin all called for Schoen’s resignation.

Schoen had planned to fight those calls and a brewing ethics investigation in the Senate, hiring an attorney and saying the accusations were either false or that his actions were taken out of context. The apparent reversal Tuesday afternoon came shortly after Schoen and Rogosheske met privately with Bakk.

Lindsey Port was among the first to publicly accuse Schoen of sexual harassment, alleging that he grabbed her buttocks at a party event. She said she wasn’t overjoyed that he would be quitting.

“I am glad, though, to see that we have been able at least in this instance to hold people accountable. I’m hopeful this is the start,” said Port, who ran unsuccessfully for the state House in 2016.

Cornish initially called the lobbyist’s allegations false and defended comments he made about Maye Quade’s appearance on the House floor. But as the allegations against him grew, his support waned.

After staying silent, Minnesota GOP Party Chairwoman Jennifer Carnahan called for him to step down on Friday. Republican House Speaker Kurt Daudt said in a statement Tuesday he had also asked for Cornish’s resignation.

The lobbyist who accused Cornish publicly identified herself for the first time Tuesday, soon after Cornish’s announced his resignation. Sarah Walker is a longtime lobbyist who works on criminal justice issues, which Cornish had overseen as chair of the House Public Safety Committee.

“I initially chose to remain anonymous in order to avoid retaliation and to be able to continue doing the public policy work I love,” Walker said in a statement. “I am hopeful that by going public I can help others make the tough decision to speak out regarding their own stories.”

Both resignations will trigger special elections, which Dayton must schedule.

The battle to replace Schoen will be fierce — though long held by Democrats, his is a swing seat whose two House districts are controlled by Republicans. A GOP win could bolster the party’s 34-33 majority in the Senate.

Meanwhile, Cornish represents a solidly Republican district. He’s frequently won reelection without a challenger.



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Deadline for submitting applications is 4pm on Wednesday, November 29th, 2017.

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Man found burning in San Diego was once prisoner of NKorea

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A man who was found on fire in San Diego is a former prisoner of North Korea who was freed with the help of former President Jimmy Carter.

Police on Tuesday said the death of Aijalon Gomes (EYE-jah-lahn GOHMS) appears to be either an accident or suicide. The case remains under investigation.

Gomes was found burning in a field late Friday. He died at the scene. The 38-year-old Boston man had recently moved to San Diego.

Gomes had been teaching English in South Korea when he was imprisoned for illegally crossing into North Korea from China in 2010. He spent months in prison until Carter arranged his release. Gomes' mother, Jacqueline McCarthy, told KNSD-TV that she plans to set up an online fundraising page to help cover funeral costs.

Chrissy Teigen, John Legend expecting second child together

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chrissy Teigen and John Legend are expanding their family. The model and the musician used social media Tuesday to announce they're expecting their second child together.

Teigen posted a video on Instagram that shows the couple's daughter, Luna, with her hands on her mother's stomach. When Teigen asks, "What's in here?" the toddler responds, "Baby."

Legend can be heard laughing in the background. He linked to the video on Twitter, captioning it with two hearts and two baby emojis.

Teigen also posted a self-portrait on Snapchat of her protruding stomach in a fitted black dress. "Very excited to not have to hide this anymore," she wrote. Teigen, 31, and Legend, 38, were married in 2013. Luna was born in 2016.

U of Michigan says safety paramount in possible Spencer talk

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — University of Michigan has opened discussions with a white supremacist Richard Spencer on his request to speak on campus but says there's no certainty it'll occur, President Mark Schlissel revealed Tuesday.

In comments posted online, Schlissel said Spencer's appearance won't go forward "if we cannot assure a reasonably safe setting for the event."

A date for Spencer's appearance has not been set.

During a special meeting of the Board of Regents later Tuesday, Schlissel noted that the university, as a public institution, is prohibited from blocking requests to speak on campus solely based on the content of that speech.

"I personally detest and reject the hateful white supremacy and white nationalism expressed by Mr. Spencer as well as his racist, anti-Semitic and otherwise bigoted views, as do the Regents and the entire leadership of this University," Schlissel told a meeting room packed with students. "Many followers who show up at his rallies share his repugnant beliefs and should be shunned by our community."

Many students, some holding signs condemning Spencer, expressed their displeasure with Schlissel's decision.

"Say no to Richard Spencer, and if you don't, be ready to have my blood on your hands," student Vidhya Aravind said.

Regent Denise Ilitch disagreed with Schlissel's decision, saying she rejects the white supremacy advocated by Spencer.

"I reject his anti-Semitic, racist views and his hate of LGBT citizens as well as many others," she said. "Unfortunately, I do not agree with the University of Michigan administration."

Ilitch pointed out that Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Penn State, the University of North Carolina and Auburn University all denied Spencer's request to speak on their campuses.

Auburn's barring of Spencer and his associates from the campus in April prompted a federal lawsuit. A judge ruled against Auburn, which then allowed Spencer to speak.

Spencer, a leading figure in the white nationalist movement, has advocated for an "ethno-state" that would be a "safe space" for white people. He helped organize a rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August that resulted in violence and the death of a woman protesting against the white nationalist agenda.

Australia loses 9th legislator in citizenship crisis



CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — An Australian senator who is British by descent on Wednesday became the ninth lawmaker to leave Parliament over a 116-year-old constitutional ban on dual nationals running for office that threatens to bring down the government.

Skye Kakoschke-Moore, a member of the Nick Xenophon Team minor party, said she discovered she was British while gathering evidence ahead of a Dec. 1 deadline for Australia-born senators to provide documented proof that they had not inherited the citizenship of an immigrant parent or grandparent.

"I'm heartbroken by this news," an emotional Kakoschke-Moore told reporters. The British Home Office advice "was extremely surprising to me," she said.

Kakoschke-Moore said she was surprised because when she lived in Oman as a child in the late 1990s, the British Embassy there told her father that she was not entitled to British citizenship

through her mother, who was born in 1957 to British parents in the then-British colony of Singapore.

Kakoschke-Moore will resign when the Senate resumes next week and her case will be referred to the High Court to decide how her Senate seat will be filled.

Nick Xenophon, the party leader who in October survived a court challenge to his eligibility to remain in Parliament due to a form of British citizenship, predicted "many others ... will be caught up" by the dual citizen ban when senators' proof of sole Australian citizenship is made public on Dec. 4. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's conservative coalition could lose two House of Representatives seats in by-elections next month after one government lawmaker was disqualified from the lower chamber and another resigned over inherited citizenship.

Australia is rare if not unique in the world in banning dual nationals from sitting in Parliament. Pressure is growing to reform the constitution amid the growing uncertainty over how many by-elections might result from the current crisis and which party might end up forming a government.

The House of Representatives is expected to also set a deadline for its lawmakers to prove they are solely Australian when it next sits in two weeks.

Any lawmakers who remain under a cloud after declaring their citizenship status would be referred to the High Court to decide whether they were legally elected. A series of by-elections that could change the government could be scheduled for a single weekend early next year. The High Court last month disqualified Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce because he had inherited the citizenship of his New Zealand-born father. He immediately renounced his New Zealand citizenship and will contest his seat Dec. 2.

Government lawmaker John Alexander later resigned after discovering he was British but will stand for re-election on Dec. 16, having renounced the second nationality that he inherited from his father. The dual citizenship ban was a rare issue until recently, but the High Court last month disqualified five lawmakers, including Joyce, in a rejection of the government's argument that ignorance of an inherited nationality was an acceptable excuse. Senators are usually replaced from the same party without elections, but most crucial are the fates of lawmakers in the House of Representatives, where parties need a majority to form a government.

Before losing two seats, the government held a single-seat majority of 76 in the 150-seat chamber. Many argue that the dual citizen ban is increasingly inappropriate for a migrant nation where half the population was born overseas or has an immigrant parent. But changing the constitution requires all registered voters to cast ballots in a referendum, which rarely succeed.

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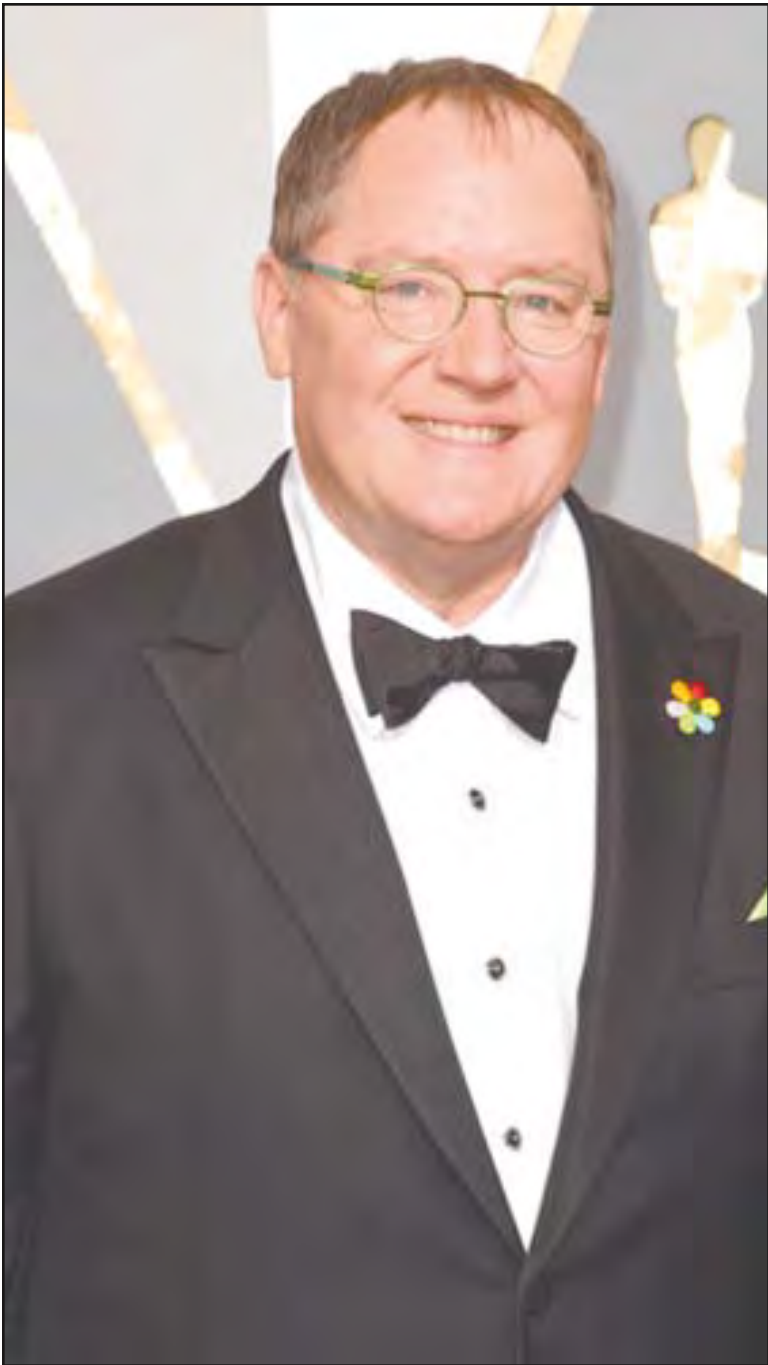
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Disney Animation, Pixar chief John Lasseter taking leave

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Just days before Pixar’s “Coco” is set to hit theaters, Pixar co-founder and Walt Disney Animation chief John Lasseter announced he is taking a six-month leave of absence citing “missteps” with employees.

The boisterous, Hawaiian shirt-wearing personality behind some of the most beloved children’s films of the past 30 years like “Toy Story” is the latest entertainment titan to be exposed for claims of sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct in the workplace.

In a vaguely-worded memo obtained by The Associated Press Tuesday, Lasseter says he knows he has made some employees feel disrespected and uncomfortable.

“I deeply apologize if I have let you down. I especially want to apologize to anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of an unwanted hug or any other gesture they felt crossed the line in any way, shape, or form,” Lasseter wrote. “No matter how benign my intent, everyone has the right to set their own boundaries and have them respected.”

The Hollywood Reporter published a story that said “unwanted advance” toward actress and writer Rashida Jones led to her departure from Pixar,

where she had been working on the script for “Toy Story 4.”

Jones called that allegation in the Reporter story untrue.

“We did not leave Pixar because of unwanted advances,” Jones and her writing partner Will McCormack wrote in a joint statement. “That said, we are happy to see people speaking out about behavior that made them uncomfortable. As for us, we parted ways because of creative and, more importantly, philosophical differences.”

A Disney spokesperson says the company is committed to maintaining a respectful work environment and fully supports Lasseter’s sabbatical.

Lasseter, 60, is known for directing films like “Toy Story,” “Toy Story 2,” “A Bug’s Life” and “Cars,” and has produced every Pixar feature since 2001’s “Monster’s, Inc.” He has been the chief creative officer for Pixar and Walt Disney Animation Studios since 2006, when Disney purchased Pixar, and has overseen the recent Disney Animation renaissance with hits like “Frozen,” “Moana” and “Zootopia,” which won the Oscar for best animated feature this year. Lasseter himself won a special achievement Oscar for “Toy Story” and one for his animated shorts, “Tin Toy,” from

1989. He has been recognized for numerous honors, including the Producer’s Guild David O. Selznick Achievement Award. But aside from the critical accolades around his work in animation, Lasseter’s films are by and large extremely profitable. His Pixar films have earned over \$10 billion and, not accounting for inflation, “Frozen” is the ninth highest-grossing film of all time (and No. 1 for animation).

The Reporter story, citing unnamed sources, details a culture in which Lasseter was known to hug, kiss and grope female employees. His well-documented hugs were at one time apparently publicly regarded as a quirk of employment under Lasseter. The Wall Street Journal had even cheekily detailed his proclivity for hugs in a 2011 story and photo spread subtitled “A sampling from among the 48 hugs administered by Pixar chief John Lasseter during the WSJ’s daylong adventure with him.”

Lasseter said he will use the sabbatical to take better care of himself, recharge and “Ultimately return with the insight and perspective I need to be the leader you deserve.” He told employees he looks forward to working together again in the new year.

FILE - In this Feb. 28, 2016 file photo, Pixar co-founder and Walt Disney Animation chief John Lasseter arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles. Lasseter is taking a six-month leave of absence citing „missteps,“ with employees.

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JFK birth centennial ending on assassination anniversary

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — A year of events marking the 100th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s birth is drawing to a close exactly 54 years after his assassination.

National park rangers will lay a wreath outside Kennedy’s childhood home in Brookline, Massachusetts, and a 21-gun salute by an honor guard will follow.

Wednesday’s solemn commemorations fall on the anniversary of Kennedy’s assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The observances are being held at what is now known as the John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site administered by the National Park Service.

The nation’s 35th president was born in the leafy Boston suburb on May 29, 1917. Over the past year, numerous conferences and other events have been held worldwide to examine JFK’s legacy and imagine his impact had he survived.

Army members investigated for misbehavior during Trump trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon says it is investigating allegations of misbehavior by three service members during President Donald Trump’s trip to Asia earlier this month. The Washington Post reports that the Army personnel are under investigations for claims they broke curfew and had improper contact with foreign women during Trump’s stop in Vietnam.

Chief Pentagon spokeswoman Dana W. White has confirmed to The Associated Press that “the incident is under investigation.”

The Post reports that the Army noncommissioned officers worked for the White House Communications Agency, which helps ensure that the president and other officials have secure communications systems. The three service members, who have been reassigned, could lose their security clearances and face other disciplinary actions.

Ohio killer who survived execution files new court appeal

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A condemned killer whose poor veins led Ohio to halt his execution has appealed a judge’s decision upholding the state’s lethal injection system.

Death row inmate Alva Campbell argues that Ohio’s process raises an unconstitutional risk of serious harm because the first of three drugs may not render inmates completely unconscious.

Lawyers for Campbell and fellow death row inmate Raymond Tibbetts announced the appeal to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday.

Federal Judge Michael Merz rejected the inmates’ arguments earlier this month.

Ohio prisons director Gary Mohr stopped Campbell’s execution Nov. 15 after executioners said they couldn’t find usable veins.

Campbell has a new execution date in June 2019.

Tibbetts is scheduled to die Feb. 13 for fatally stabbing a Cincinnati man in 1997.

Ohio boy charged in woman’s slaying to be tried as adult

URBANA, Ohio (AP) — A 15-year-old Ohio boy accused of killing his father’s longtime girlfriend will be tried as an adult. The Springfield News-Sun reports defense attorney Darrell Heckman says a juvenile court judge ordered the case transferred to Champaign County’s adult court. The boy was 14 when Heidi Fay Taylor was killed in April. The teen told a 911 dispatcher an alternate personality stabbed and shot Taylor at the home she shared with him and his father in Mad River Township, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Columbus. He pleaded not guilty in juvenile court to an aggravated murder charge.

Heckman says a psychologist diagnosed the boy with multiple personalities.

Heckman believes the teen could be treated in the juvenile system. The Associated Press generally doesn’t identify juveniles charged with crimes.



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FILE - In this June 28, 2017 file photo, Riodoce reporter Miriam Ramirez drives to her office in Culiacan, Sinaloa state, Mexico. After the killing of Riodoce co-founder Javier Valdez on May 15 and with an increase in killings of journalists nationwide, the newspaper's reporters are told by security experts that it's important to change their routines, be more careful with social media and not leave colleagues alone in the office at night.

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Mexico's program to protect journalists struggles to work

MEXICO CITY (AP) — After years of threats and attacks that Candido Rios blamed on a local mayor furious over his reporting, Rios' home in Mexico's deadliest state for journalists was encircled by a fence topped with coils of barbed wire and surrounded by a half-dozen surveillance cameras he monitored on screens in the living room.

None of that mattered the afternoon that he stopped, just like every other day on his way home from work, at a highway gas station store that is also a community meeting place of sorts. As Rios was chatting with a local rancher, armed men abruptly pulled up and opened fire, killing them and a former police inspector who had just come over.

Rios, a hard-nosed crime reporter for Diario de Acayucan, had been in Mexico's federal protection program for journalists since 2013, its first full year. On Aug. 22 at the gas station in the Veracruz state town of Covarrubias, he became the first reporter enrolled to be slain, sending a chilling message to anyone else relying on the program to stay safe.

Journalists and activists say the killing made it abundantly clear that the Mexico City-based program known as "the Mechanism" is incapable of protecting the nearly 600 enrollees working nationwide. The program has a staff of only about 30 and it has no security forces of its own.

Protective measures boil down to such things as home security and panic buttons on cellphones, and reporters say that still leaves them dangerously exposed if they continue to work. They say seeking safety in exile or by hunkering down in safe spaces is no way to practice journalism.

"The measures they provided were effective for a time, but inside the home," said Cristina Rios Nieves, the slain journalist's daughter. "My father didn't work from home. His profession was to be outside the home working, walking, looking for stories."

Plagued by drug gangs and corrupt officials who are often in cahoots with cartels, Mexico has become one of the world's deadliest countries for journalists of nations not in open war. Nine reporters have been slain so far this year, and the free-speech activist group Artículo 19 counts more than 100 since 2000 in what observers call a full-blown crisis for freedom of expression.

The Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Journalists was set up to try to stem the bloodshed. It evaluates threats to journalists and offers them help in the form of things like panic buttons, home fortification and, in rare cases, bodyguards. As a last resort, it will help them and their families relocate.

Rios, who covered crime just like most Mexican journalists who end up dead, had been under the Mechanism's protection longer than just about anyone. Based in a rural area of eastern Veracruz that is dominated by ranching and sugar cane farming, he ran afoul of a local mayor starting in 2001 for his reporting about the disappearance of a town councilman and the reporter's conclusion that the mayor was responsible.

That began what Rios described as years of harassment, beatings and detentions that he alleged were orchestrated by the former mayor of Hueyapan, Gaspar Gomez. Rios suffered broken ribs in one attack and walked with a cane.

Days before his murder, Rios posted a video in which he called Gomez a "psychopath." Gomez responded with his own video pledging to beat Rios up if he saw him. Gomez also said he didn't have it in himself to kill Rios, but suggested that if the reporter was slain, he would be blamed. Calls to two numbers obtained for Gomez went unanswered this week.

Authorities have said they believe the real target in the attack was the former police inspector, who was said to have had ties to organized crime. He was running for local office at the time and was shot as he tried to flee, and a police bodyguard assigned to him was wounded. State investigators did not respond to requests for comment on the case.

Cecilio Perez Cortes, Rios' editor, and relatives say they don't know if Rios was the intended target, but they criticize government officials for discounting that possibility in less than 24 hours. Perez said the murder scene was not simply sprayed with gunfire — Rios was aimed at and shot.

Regardless, Patricia Colchero, head of the Mechanism, said the killing illustrated how Mexico's gangland violence limits the program's effectiveness — especially in places like Veracruz.

"A protection measure in the face of this violence is not enough," Colchero said. "We have to achieve prevention, because with protection the moment is going to arrive when it's not enough."

In August 2016 the northern border state of Chihuahua became the first place where the Mechanism tried a different tack, going beyond mere protection to address underlying causes of danger for journalists and human rights workers. The plan seeks measures "that reduce the risk factors that favor attacks," with more than 50 proposed actions from a working group on peacefully resolving land disputes to self-defense workshops.

But it's a single pilot program in a single state, and would likely take time to have a significant effect.

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In recent weeks, journalist Mark Halperin was fired from NBC News and lost a book contract amid allegations he partially denied, and NPR news chief Michael Oreskes was ousted over behavior he acknowledged as "wrong and inexcusable."

The disciplinary actions inside the media unfolded as news organizations have been busy covering the explosive accusations against such figures as Hollywood studio boss Harvey Weinstein, comedian Louis C.K., actor Kevin Spacey and, in the political sphere, Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore and Democratic Sen. Al Franken.

While the journalists' apologies or acknowledgements

surely made it easier for their employers to cut them loose, a journalism expert said news organizations in particular can't afford to hesitate and come off looking hypocritical.

"Especially in the news business, where it's our job to ferret out the truth and hold powerful people accountable, executives realize that they must investigate reports about their own employees swiftly, and that means promptly suspending alleged perpetrators when there are credible allegations," said Indira Lakshmanan, a journalism ethics scholar at the Poynter Institute, a media think tank in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The fever over sexual misconduct involving media figures began in the summer of 2016 with Gretchen Carlson's accusations against Fox News Channel founder Roger Ailes. Within two weeks, Ailes was out of a job. Similarly, Bill O'Reilly's career at Fox imploded quickly in April when The New York Times reported on how much had been paid to settle misconduct allegations against him.

To be sure, recent accusations have also sparked some quick professional separations in entertainment and other spheres.

Weinstein was fired from the company he co-founded, Spacey was canned from "House of Cards" and excised from the finished movie "All the Money in the World," and the release of Louis C.K.'s new movie was canceled.

Some in Hollywood and beyond have complained of a rush to judgment. But public-relations and employment-law experts say that in the post-Weinstein era, companies feel they have to take fast, decisive action — and should, even at the risk of being sued by those who have been fired.

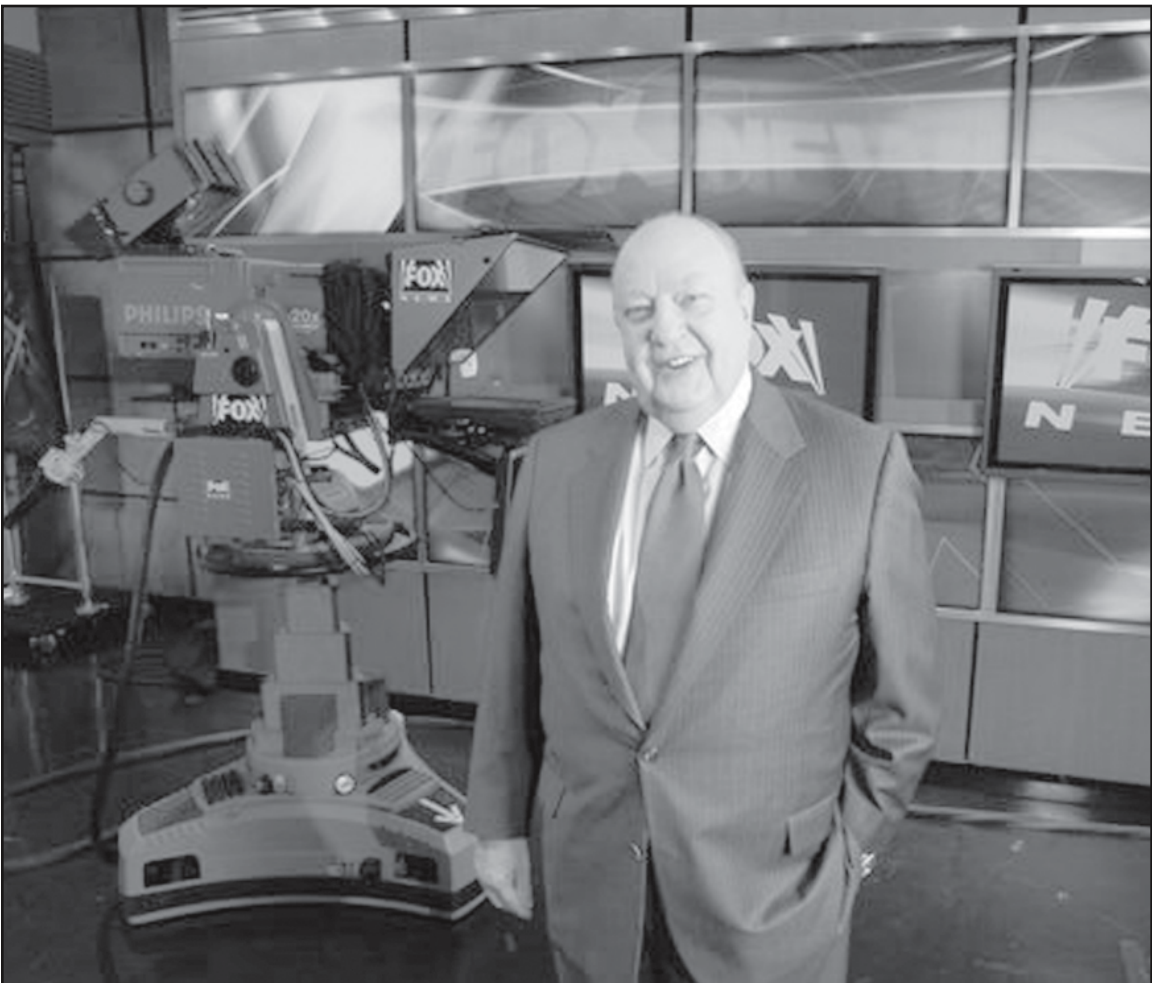
"Brands that are making quick decisions are doing the right thing" to limit potential damage to their reputations, said Ronn Torossian, CEO of 5WPR, which specializes in crisis PR.

"Firing somebody quickly allows you to stop the bleeding much, much, much quicker."

Laurent Drogin, a New York-based employment-law attorney, said:

"Employers would rather take the risk from the accused turning around and coming after them for something than to possibly be faulted for not remedying a work situation."

"There's a below-zero-tolerance policy now," he said.



FILE - In this Sept. 29, 2006 file photo, Fox News CEO Roger Ailes poses at Fox News in New York. The fever over sexual misconduct involving media figures began in the summer of 2016 with Gretchen Carlson's accusations against Fox News Channel founder Ailes. Within two weeks, Ailes was out of a job.

(AP Photo/Jim Cooper, File)



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- Provide safety measures and fully exercise the enforcement of these measures in the classrooms.
- Observe and enforce all ASCC rules and regulations, policies and mandates.
- Perform other duties assigned by the Department Chairperson or the Dean of Academic Affairs

Minimum Requirements:

- Master's Degree in Nursing and licensures.
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Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 ext. 428/441/429, online at <http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by email at ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PIHOA)

JOB TITLE: Project Assistant – American Samoa Lymphatic Filariasis Prevention and Elimination
JOB STATUS: 100% Full-Time, Temporary Consultant
JOB PERIOD: Job commencement date to 30 June 2018, with possible extension contingent on funding agency approval
DUTY STATION: American Samoa Department of Health – Office of the Director

SUMMARY OF DUTIES: Experienced and qualified Project Assistant sought by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) to provide office administrative and project implementation logistical assistance to the Project Coordinator for the planning, coordination and implementation of the American Samoa lymphatic filariasis (LF) prevention and elimination project. The project will be conducted in coordination and consultation with the American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH), US Centers for Disease Control - Center for Global Health (CDC CGH), the World Health Organization (WHO), and PIHOA. The project component in American Samoa is funded by CDC CGH and is subject to US federal guidelines and regulations. WHO will be leading similar work in Western Samoa in consultation with the Western Samoa Ministry of Health (WSMOH). American Samoa and Western Samoa LF prevention and elimination work will be conducted concurrently. As such, the Project Assistant will provide necessary assistance to support the Project Coordinator to liaise and communicate with both WHO and WSMOH officials, as needed, to ensure proper joint coordination and information-sharing between the two project sites for effective LF prevention and elimination.

The primary objective of the project will be to significantly reduce and/or eliminate new and recurring LF infections across American Samoa through mass (whole population) health promotion, LF screening (testing), and administration of WHO-recommended triple-drug regimen, with primary focus on the main island of Tutuila. In the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating the project, the secondary objective will be to strengthen ASDOH systems and capacities for on-going LF prevention, surveillance/monitoring, and control. Consultancy tasks are to be planned and conducted in consultation with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors. Additional technical advisory support will be provided by CDC’s Regional Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO), co-located at the PIHOA Guam Office. Position will be housed at the ASDOH Office of the Director (or, other location as assigned by ASDOH).

SCOPE OF POSITION:

- Reports to: Project Coordinator, PIHOA Temporary Consultant
- Geographic Areas of Responsibility: American Samoa, Tutuila
- Supervises: None
- Fiscal Responsibilities: Minimal, and limited to the administration of local project expenses in consultation with Project Coordinator and PIHOA finance and administration team in Honolulu
- Signature Authorities: No; all vendor and other contracts will require prior approval and be signed off by the PIHOA Executive Director
- Level of Interaction: Must be able to work independently and under the supervision of the Project Coordinator. Shall provide communication, administrative, and other logistical assistance to support the Project Coordinator in the planning and implementation of the project in coordination with other project team members and community stakeholders across ASDOH, CDC, WHO, and PIHOA, including American Samoa community and traditional leaders and church leadership.
- Special Requirements: May be exposed to vector-borne diseases and local infectious diseases, rough terrain, inclement weather conditions, high humidity, intense heat and sun, vicious animals, poisonous plants/sea creatures, and travel in small prop planes and/or small boats over rough seas. Must be willing to travel from duty station for long periods of time, if required. Must be able to work in resource-limited, rural environments with limited public infrastructure and communications/IT capabilities.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist Project Coordinator to set up and maintain LF project office at ASDOH, including on-going procurement and inventory of all required office equipment, materials and supplies;
- Assist in the sourcing and procurement of project supplies and equipment, which may include pharmaceuticals and laboratory equipment;
- Provide administrative support and daily monitoring of local vendor and other project consultancy contracts. Project Assistant will be required to set up and maintain various project management ledgers to inventory and monitor all project assets and vendor/consultant contracts;
- Assist the Project Coordinator in the daily administration and monitoring of project spending in accordance with the budget and ensuring compliance of all fiscal transactions in accordance with US federal/CDC project guidelines and regulations and PI HOA’s Fiscal Policies and Procedures, including collection, processing, and archiving of vendor and consultant pro forma invoices/quotes, as well as associated payment acquittal documentation (i.e. vendor payment receipts, consultant payment receipt forms, etc.);
- Assist PIHOA finance and administrative staff to enter project payment requisition requests and acquittal documentation into PIHOA’s payment requisition management system called Microix (PIHOA will train, as needed);
- Provide logistical support and assist Project Coordinator to plan and convene regular stakeholder planning meetings, including minute-taking and maintaining a log of meeting decisions/urgent actions for further follow-up by the Project Coordinator;
- Provide logistical support and assist Project Coordinator and AS DOH leadership and program staff to conduct health promotion and informational/media mass and community-based campaigns with American Samoa community members and traditional/church leadership to improve community member and leadership knowledge and awareness of LF transmission and prevention, and encourage community member and leadership buy-in, engagement, and support for LF mass screening (testing) and drug therapy administration; and
- Assist in any other duties as assigned by the Project Coordinator and PIHOA in accordance with project objectives.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Submission of monthly invoices for consultancy payment that provides full detail and status of times and activities/outputs completed/achieved/in progress at the end of each calendar month.
- If position travels, invoices to also include Travel/Trip Reports and other supporting documentation.
- Submission of allowable travel reimbursable receipts (calling/internet cards, airport tax, excess luggage, car rental fuel, etc.).
- When completed, submission of all final and approved deliverables and reports to be uploaded to PIHOA’s Shared Archives.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES):

- Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
- Equipment and Supply Inventory and Procurement Ledger
- Vendor and Consultant Ledger

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education: Minimum of Associate’s degree in Public Administration or other relevant degree area in the social and health sciences, including but not limited to Accounting, Finance and Business Administration. May also consider equivalent professional experience in lieu of degree attainment.
- Job Experience: Minimum of two years of administrative assistance professional experience, preferably with US federally-funded, health-related projects/programs implemented in American Samoa.
- Job Knowledge: Intermediate to advanced office management and administrative competencies, including demonstrated high degree of computer literacy and utilization of MS Office Pro Suite applications (especially MS Word and Excel), knowledge of basic accounting and procurement principles, and ability to take detailed and accurate meeting minutes in English; understanding of US federal guidelines and regulations is a plus
- Abilities and Skills: Must have excellent English and Samoan-speaking and written communication skills. Must possess current driver’s license valid in American Samoa. Must understand vague and implicit instructions, and react favorably and in an open and diplomatic manner in all work situations. Must be able to communicate in a positive and professional manner. Must be mentally adaptable and flexible in dealing with a variety of people from a variety of different circumstances, languages, cultural beliefs and practices, and health knowledge. Must be proactive, and able to work in an intense work environment with multiple competing tasks and deadlines, and possess excellent time management skills.
- Travel: Must be willing and able to travel in the US and internationally, when required, with possible long durations away from home duty station.
- Citizenship Requirements: Must be a US citizen, or have valid US Green Card, US Permanent Residency Card, or other relevant US visa type that allows for residency and employment in the US and its territories. Must be a current resident in American Samoa, or willing to relocate to American Samoa for the entire duration of the project.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL DEMANDS: Requires prolonged sitting and some standing, walking, kneeling, and bending, requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity sufficient to operate computer keyboard and office equipment, and to travel in infrastructure and resource-limited and/or rural and jungle/atoll/mountainous environments. Requires normal range of hearing and vision to perform job duties. Requires occasional lifting up to 45 pounds. Must be able drive a vehicle. Duties require extensive traveling, so a valid passport is required.

COMPENSATION: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Fringe and other benefits are not covered under PIHOA consultancy contracts.

TERM OF POSITION: Temporary Consultancy from time of hire to June 30, 2018, with possibility of renewal/extension pending funding agency approval.

APPLICATION: Submit the following electronically with attention to Emi Chutaro (emic@pihoa.org), Executive Director, and cc to Andrea Whitt (andreaw@pihoa.org), Office and Program Support Officer, and Regie Tolentino, Office Administrator (regiet@pihoa.org), no later than 5pm, November 24, 2017, Hawaii Standard Time:

- Letter of Interest that outlines your overall qualifications and professional experience in response to the Primary Qualifications;
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume; and
- Minimum of two (2) work references current to the last 5 years.

For any enquiries related to this vacancy, please direct them to Emi Chutaro at emic@pihoa.org.

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UN hopes sex misconduct cases buoy efforts to help women

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations began campaigning to end violence against women decades ago, but its effort gained little traction — until the outpouring of allegations of sexual misconduct against powerful men in Hollywood, the U.S. Congress and boardrooms put the issue on front pages and TV screens around the world.

The U.N. women’s agency now hopes to capitalize on the spotlight.

“This is the moment!” Phumzile Mlambo-NGCuka, the executive director of UN Women, said in an interview ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on Nov. 25. “It really has to come out of the woodwork.”

She credits the surge of allegations to the rising power of women who now sit in boardrooms themselves and are sympathetic to women who are bringing complaints.

“In the past, the story would have just been shoved under the carpet,” she said. Now, she said, “women are being believed more and more.” Sexual harassment, abuse and rape have been taking place as long as women have gone out to work, Mlambo-NGCuka said. “Why has it taken so long before so many women have courage to speak out?” Answering her own question, she said that besides more women being in positions of power, there are better regulations and policies, and she pointed to “the increase in the bravery of the women to actually complain about the perpetrators who are otherwise powerful.”

Mlambo-NGCuka said she believes the issue has become more visible in recent years because perpetrators are facing repercussions such as lost jobs and lawsuits and also because high-profile men are being hit with allegations.

She singled out the late British entertainer Jimmy Savile, described by police in 2013 as a sexual predator who allegedly committed 214 offenses, including 34 rapes, over more than half a century, the majority against youngsters under age 18. The charges emerged after Savile died in 2011. She also pointed to pioneering black actor Bill Cosby, once known as “America’s Dad,” who has been accused by more than 50 women of forced sexual contact over decades and is facing a second trial — and to Harvey Weinstein, fired from his movie company after a New York Times expose of sexual harassment and assault allegations against him that was followed by similar tales from more than 100 women. And she noted the claims against the

Republicans’ Senate candidate in Alabama, Roy Moore, who is alleged to have gone after young girls. All three men have strenuously denied wrong-doing.

Mlambo-NGCuka said a staggering number of women have come forward to accuse a growing number of powerful men. She said the women have never met and they “could not have concocted a story,” and that makes it difficult to say that “these women are lying.”

“The drama and the publicity of the consequences for those who have become abusers, literally in the last couple of months, is shifting away this whole concept of not being believed,” she said.

“In fact when people don’t believe you, the spotlight is on them for daring to disbelieve a woman,” she said. “And I think that’s a good thing.”

But Mlambo-NGCuka said women still face an uphill struggle, especially in many countries where there aren’t a lot of powerful women to support them. She said much more needs to be done to combat sexual misconduct and other forms of violence against women globally.

UN Women estimates 35 percent of women worldwide have experienced either physical or sexual violence or both from an intimate partner or non-partner, though some national studies put the figure from an intimate partner as high as 70 percent.

Mlambo-NGCuka said it’s time for men and boys to take much more responsibility.

“This is a man’s problem,” she said. “Most of our work on fighting against violence and other ills has been dedicated to what women can do to fight for themselves, to protect themselves.”

Mlambo-NGCuka, who is from South Africa, quoted the late Nelson Mandela as saying that “when good men do not do anything where there are violations against women, there is a conspiracy against women.”

The U.N. has several campaigns that involve men to promote equality, including HeForShe and Gender Champions, but she said it’s not enough.

She said the pace of dealing with allegations of sexual misconduct and violent acts targeting women also must be stepped up and laws in many countries need changing, including in 42 mainly Middle East, African and Latin American nations where there are no laws on domestic violence.

She said every form of violence traumatizes women, whether it’s sexual harassment at work, domestic violence, bullying in cyberspace or being married off as a child.



In this Oct. 18, 2017, photo, Andy Winder, a senior at Brigham Young University, who is also transgender poses for a portrait in Provo, Utah. Winder, studying English, went to BYU to cultivate a spiritual background and for the low price of tuition for LDS students. He said professors have been accepting of using his pronouns and preferred name, and if there,Äôs something someone doesn,Äôt know about the transgender community, they,Äôve been willing to learn.

(Isaac Hale/The Daily Herald via AP)

Transgender woman awarded \$1M in discrimination lawsuit

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A federal jury has awarded a transgender woman more than \$1 million after finding South-eastern Oklahoma State University discriminated against her and wrongfully denied her tenure.

Jurors sided with former English professor Rachel Tudor on Monday, The Okla-homan newspaper reported. Her lawsuit alleged the univer-sity treated her differently than non-transgender professors, including by subjecting her to unfair rules about bathroom use and what she could wear on campus.

“I tried not to make a big deal of it. I just wanted to do my job,” Tudor testified during the trial.

Tudor also alleged the school’s tenure committee voted in favor of granting her tenure when she applied during the 2009-2010 cycle, but adminis-trators didn’t follow the recom-mendation. The university later terminated her employment in

2011.

The university denied allega-tions of gender discrimination, arguing that Tudor “simply did not want to earn tenure.”

“Nobody told her she would never get tenure. She was told she needed more time,” univer-sity attorney Dixie Coffey said.

Coffey said Tudor was instructed to withdraw her application by administra-tors before the denial so she wouldn’t be barred from reap-plying later. But she didn’t withdraw her portfolio and was later not allowed to reapply, according to testimony.

Her attorney, Ezra Young, said the 54-year-old professor was “punished because she was different.” Tudor, who was hired by the university in 2004, transitioned from male to female in 2007.

“She is a different kind of woman. She’s transgender,” Young said.

A judge will determine whether Tudor will be rein-stated at the school.

Victims of cancer doctor could receive \$4.1M in repayment

DETROIT (AP) — An expert is recommending approval of \$4.1 million in claims, including \$2 million in funeral costs, filed by victims of a Detroit-area doctor who com-mitted fraud by putting hun-dreds of patients through need-less cancer treatments.Randi Roth gave an update Tuesday to a judge who is overseeing the case of Dr. Farid Fata. She said 81 percent of 741 claims are fully or partly eligible for restitution.Fata is serving a 45-year prison sentence for fraud, money laundering and

conspiracy. He admitted put-ting patients through grueling chemotherapy — even when they didn’t have cancer.Fata’s victims can seek reimburse-ment for funeral costs, reme-dial health care and mental health treatment. Out-of-pocket costs paid to the doctor and his clinics are also eligible for repayment.Pain and suffering and lost wages, however, aren’t covered.“The suffering is stag-gering,” said Roth, an attorney in St. Paul, Minnesota, who specializes in deciding claims in large-scale litigation.

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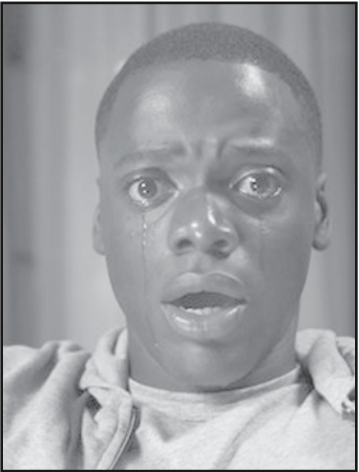
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‘Call Me By Your Name’ leads Indie Spirit Award nominations



LOS ANGELES (AP) — The romantic coming-of-age film “Call Me By Your Name” has a leading six Film Inde-pendent Spirit Award nominations, followed by Jordan Peele’s satirical horror “Get Out” and the Robert Pattinson thriller “Good Time” with five nomina-tions each.

Actresses Tessa Thompson and Lily Collins announced the nominees for the 33rd installment of the awards show Tuesday.

Luca Guadagnino’s “Call Me By Your Name,” a lush romance set in 1980s Italy, was also recognized for directing, cinematography and editing. Timothee Chalamet and Armie Hammer’s received acting nom-inations for their performances.

Jordan Peele, meanwhile, picked up a directing and screenplay nod for “Get Out,” the box office hit and cultural phenomenon that has translated its momentum into awards buzz and nominations. Actor Daniel Kaluuya was nominated for his leading performance as a man visiting his white girlfriend’s family in the country.

“Get Out” and “Call Me By

Your Name” are competing for Best Feature alongside Sean Baker’s “The Florida Project,” Greta Gerwig’s “Lady Bird” and Chloe Zhao’s cowboy drama “The Rider.”

Oscar hopefuls are sprinkled throughout each category of the awards recognizing achieve-ments in independent film. For the past four years, the Indie Spirit best feature winner matched the Oscar best pic-ture winner, with “12 Years a Slave,” “Birdman,” “Spot-light” and “Moonlight.”

Notably Gerwig did not receive a directing nomination for “Lady Bird” but did pick up a screenplay nod. Acting recognition nods were given to Saoirse Ronan (lead) and Laurie Metcalf (supporting).

In addition to Peele and Gua-dagnino, nominated directors include Baker (“The Florida Project”), Zhao (“The Rider”), Josh Safdie and Benny Safdie (“Good Time”) and Jonas Car-pignano (“A Ciambra”).

In the acting categories, best male lead has Chalamet and Kaluuya up against James Franco for “The Disaster Artist,” Pattinson for “Good Time,” and Harris Dickinson for “Beach Rats.”

Best leading female nomi-nees include Ronan, Margot Robbie for “I, Tonya,” Frances McDormand for “Three Bill-boards Outside Ebbing, Mis-souri,” Salma Hayek for “Bea-triz at Dinner,” Shinobu Tera-jima for “Oh Lucy!” and Regina Williams for “Life and Nothing More.”Dee Rees’ period racial drama “Mudbound” was sing-led out as the Robert Altman Award winner in recognition

of its ensemble cast, including Mary J. Blige, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Mitchell, and Carey Mul-ligan, but it did not receive any other nominations.

Film Independent chief Josh Welsh said Tuesday that 40 percent of the nominated film-makers are people of color.

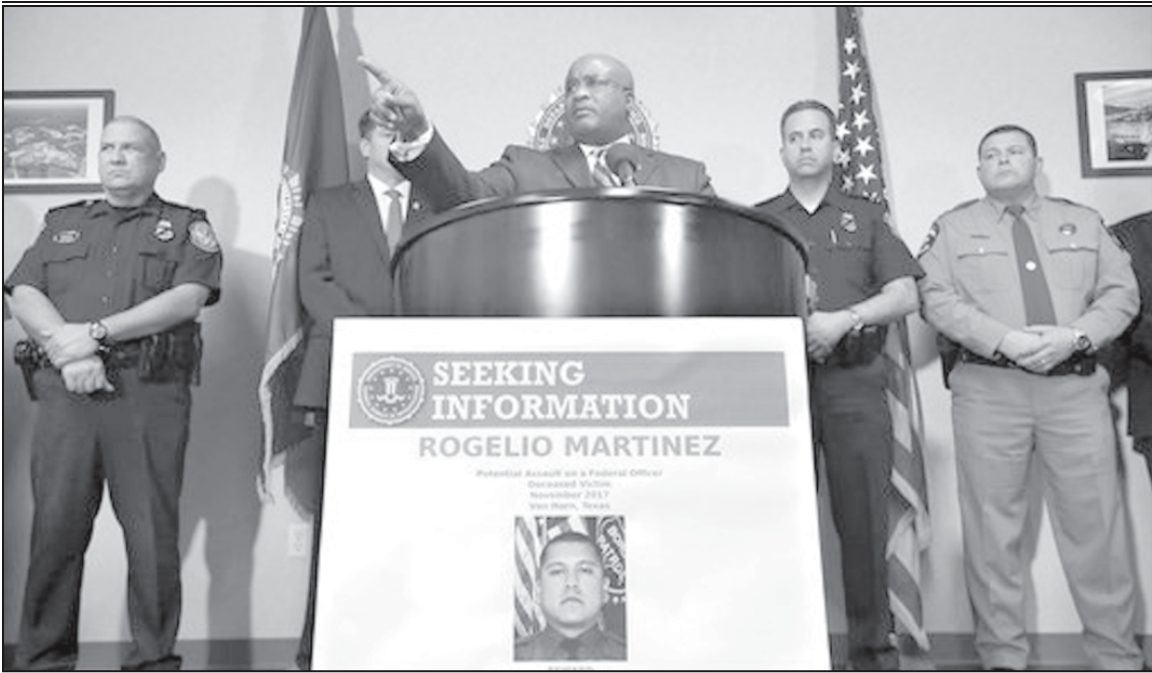
While the Indie Spirit nomi-nees often overlap with many of the more mainstream awards, the show also puts a spotlight on under-the-radar efforts like “The Rider,” and “Beach Rats,” and specifically singles out notable first features, like “Menashe,” “Patti Cake\$” and “Columbus,” and first screen-plays like Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon’s “The Big Sick.”

“The Big Sick” only received one other nomination, for Holly Hunter’s supporting performance.

Nominees are chosen by Film Independent, which includes critics, filmmakers, actors, fes-tival programmers, past winners and nominees, and members of its board. Many films with a perceived indie edge are not eligible because their produc-tion budgets are too high, like Edgar Wright’s “Baby Driver.” Film Independent has an eligi-bility cap of \$20 million, but can consider films with higher budgets at the discretion of the nominating committee.

One notable exclusion was Guillermo del Toro’s romantic horror “The Shape of Water,” which has been considered a major Oscar contender in mul-tiple categories, including its lead Sally Hawkins. Despite being Spirit Awards eligible.





FBI Special Agent in Charge of the El Paso field office, Emmerson Buie Jr. speaks during a press conference at the FBI field office, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, in El Paso, Texas, about the death of a border patrol agent and the severe injuries of a second agent. FBI officials said Tuesday that officers are investigating the incident as a ,‘potential physical assault,’ on federal officers, but said there are several scenarios that might have led to the agents’ injuries.

(Mark Lambie/The El Paso Times via AP)

FBI: Border agent’s death a ‘potential assault ‘

DALLAS (AP) — An FBI official said Tuesday that the bureau is investigating the death of a border patrol agent and severe injuries to another as “potential assault,” but he wouldn’t rule out that they could have been hurt in some other way.Special Agent in Charge Emmerson Buie Jr. said during a news conference in El Paso that investigators are still trying to “gather the facts,” but they are currently treating it as an assault on a federal officer.

The couched language comes more than two days after U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agent Rogelio Martinez succumbed to traumatic head injuries and broken bones suffered while on duty, and after several politicians portrayed his death as the result of an attack.

Martinez died Sunday and his partner, whose name has not been released, was seriously injured. They were found late Saturday in a culvert near Van Horn, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) from the border with Mexico and 110 miles (175 kilometers) southeast of El Paso.At Tuesday’s news conference, Buie and U.S. Border Patrol Acting Chief Victor Velazquez did not say why they believed the agents may have been attacked.Authorities haven’t said whether they have any suspects. The state of Texas is offering a \$20,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest or conviction, and the FBI on Tuesday tacked on an additional \$25,000.

A U.S. official with knowledge of the investigation told

the Associated Press Martinez may have fallen into the culvert. The official said Martinez’s partner, who radioed for help, was still recovering in the hospital and has no memory of what happened. The official, who was briefed on the investigation spoke on condition of anonymity and is not authorized to speak publicly, said it happened after dark in an area that’s known for drug activity and where agents often look for drugs in culverts.

Rush Carter, a border patrol supervisor for the region that includes the area where the agents were injured, said Monday night that reports it was an attack were “speculation.” But several elected officials, including President Donald Trump, referred to it as such.

‘France is a Feast’: Photo exhibit celebrates Julia Child

YOUNTVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Mention Julia Child and the image that comes to mind is a tall woman with a spoon in one hand, saying in a high voice, “Bon appetit!”That was Child in her heyday as a 1960s TV show host teaching Americans the art of French cooking. But a new photo exhibit at California’s Napa Valley Museum Yountville documents her life in France in the years before she hosted one of America’s most popular TV cooking shows.

Child, a graduate of Smith College, worked during World War II for the agency that was the predecessor of the CIA. In 1946, she married Paul Child, who worked as a cultural attache at the U.S. embassy in Paris while his wife learned how to cook at the famed Le Cordon Bleu cooking school, subsequently studying with several famous chefs.

That period of her life was documented by Paul Child and is the subject of the show, “France is a Feast: The Photographic Journey of Paul and Julia Child.” The exhibit was inspired and shown in conjunction with the release of the book “France is a Feast” by Paul Child’s great-nephew, Alex Prud’homme, and Katie Pratt, the Childs’ longtime friend, who also curated the exhibit.

The exhibit features 60 rarely seen black-and-white photographs taken between 1948 and 1954 along with notebooks, logs, letters and a Rolleiflex camera that Paul Child liked to use because it allowed him to look down and capture people unobtrusively.

“Julia and Paul loved France,

especially Paris,” said Pratt. She explained that the couple often took walks on weekends, and Paul would look for subjects that appealed to him, including architecture, rivers, fisherman, children and cats. Since Julia was 6 foot 2 (1.9 meters), she could help him take pictures by blocking the sun. Her role, as she told Pratt, often was that of a prop.Other pictures range from her early cooking years to art shots like one of her legs in a telephone booth beneath a bright light. Photos of daily life show her looking down from the top of a spiral staircase, sitting in their living room with their cat, picnicking, and on their many trips traveling the countryside visiting castles. On the back wall of the exhibit is a large “selfie” of Paul and Julia sitting on their porch in Marseille, having a lunch of wine and mussels. Also in the exhibit is a cameo (nude) silhouette of Julia looking out a window with a reflection in a mirror.

Through his work at the embassy, Paul met and was influenced by many photographers of the day including Edward Weston, Man Ray and Brassai. Through Pierre Gassmann, the master printer who founded Pictorial Service and did Paul’s darkroom work, he met and was influenced by Henri Cartier Bresson and Robert Capa.Prud’homme said Paul was “talented, methodical in his work and happened to be in the right place at the right time.” He said his best pictures “combine abstraction and reality with a narrative behind them. For example, a photo of hanging laundry.



In this 1952 photo provided by Thames and Hudson is Julia Child on the telephone is Aubazine, France that is part of the exhibit, “France is a Feast - The Photographic Journey of Paul and Julia Child,” at the Napa Valley Museum in Yountville, Calif. The exhibit features rarely seen photographs by Paul Child taken between 1948 to 1954 when he and Julia Child lived in Paris.

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In this Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017 photo, Marianne Jeune, a Haitian immigrant staying in the U.S. through the Temporary Protected Status program, cooks in her home in Boston. She has worked a variety of jobs caring for the elderly, after she lost her home in Haiti in the 2010 earthquake. The U.S. administration said Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, it is ending a temporary residency permit program that has allowed almost 60,000 citizens from Haiti to live and work in the United States since a powerful earthquake shook the Caribbean nation in 2010. The Homeland Security Department said the benefit will be extended one last time, until July 2019, to give Haitians time to prepare to return home.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

2nd US judge halts proposed trans-gender military ban

BALTIMORE (AP) — Another federal judge has halted a proposed transgender military ban, expanding on an initial ruling issued last month against the plan by President Donald Trump’s administration.

In a preliminary injunction issued Tuesday in Baltimore, U.S. District Judge Marvin Garbis ruled that transgender service members have “demonstrated that they are already suffering harmful consequences” due to the proposed ban including threat of discharge, stigma and the cancellation or delay of surgeries related to their gender transitions. The six plaintiffs in the lawsuit he reviewed have all been receiving hormone therapy.

Trump had announced on Twitter in July that the government would not allow transgender individuals to serve in the military in any capacity. The order was a proposed reinstatement of a longstanding policy that barred transgender people from joining the military and also subjected service members to discharge if they were revealed to be transgender. That policy was changed last year under President Barack Obama.

But in a strongly-worded passage from his 53-page decision, Garbis wrote that the “capricious, arbitrary, and unqualified tweet of new policy does not trump the methodical and systematic review by military stakeholders qualified to understand the ramifications of policy change.”

Last month, another federal judge, U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington, barred Trump’s administration from proceeding with the plans to exclude transgender people from military service.

She said the administration had provided no solid evidence for why a ban should be implemented. In a court filing Tuesday, the government said it would appeal Kollar-Kotelly’s ruling.

A U.S. Department of Justice spokeswoman, Lauren Ehrsam, said officials disagreed with Garbis’ ruling and they are weighing their next steps.

“(The) plaintiffs’ lawsuit challenging military service requirements is premature for many reasons, including that the Defense Department is actively reviewing such service requirements, as the President ordered, and because none of the plaintiffs have established that they will be impacted by current policies on military service,” Ehrsam said in an email.

Trump sent an August memo directing the Pentagon to extend indefinitely a ban on transgender individuals joining the military, and gave Defense Secretary Jim Mattis six months to come up with a policy on “how to address” those who are currently serving.

A Pentagon spokesman, Mark Wright, said the Tuesday ruling will have no impact on current Defense Department policy.

Haitians relieved to stay in US for now, upset status to end

MIAMI (AP) — Yolnick Jeune couldn’t sleep for days, anxious over the fate of a program that has staved off the deportations of both herself and tens of thousands of other Haitians in the U.S.

Then, President Donald Trump’s administration this week announced one last 18-month extension of the Temporary Protected Status that has allowed her to work and provide for her five children, including a 7-year-old, U.S.-born girl.

“I can breathe a little and get some rest. This buys me time to figure out what’s next,” Jeune said Tuesday in Miami’s Little Haiti community, standing next to her daughter Lagrandia.

But at the same time, Jeune is upset that the government on Monday said she and nearly 60,000 Haitians must return home July 2019, ruling out any further extensions of the immigration benefits given to Haitians who came before and in the aftermath of the Caribbean country’s 2010 earthquake.

“I am very depressed to know that within 18 months, I have to go back,” she said.

Having been in Miami since 2009, Jeune has not returned to Haiti but hears from her sister and other relatives back in her native Port-de-Paix that conditions have not improved for those whose lives were upended by the earthquake.

In Little Haiti, the mood was of both relief and anger. Many of the dozens lined up to receive turkeys at the cultural center ahead of Thanksgiving were confused over whether the program was in fact extended or ended and were hesitant to speak about immigration.

“This decision has thrown these families in complete whirlwind,” said Marleine Bastien, executive director of the advocacy group Haitian Women of Miami, at a press conference Tuesday in Little Haiti.

“President Trump you did promise when you were campaigning that you would be Haiti’s best champion,” she said. “Is this your idea of being our champion? I beg to differ.”

The Department of Homeland Security said on Monday that conditions in Haiti have improved significantly since the earthquake. The announcement came 60 days before temporary status is set to expire, but many in Miami were expecting a shorter extension because in May the agency had only given six months instead of the usual 18. The program protects from deportation some 435,000 people from nine countries ravaged by natural disasters or war, who came to the U.S. legally or otherwise. Days after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti in January 2010, President Barack Obama granted the 18-month protection status for Haitians in the U.S. who would otherwise have had to go home. He renewed it every time it ran out.

Ira Kurzban, a lawyer who has represented former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in the U.S., called Trump administration’s decision “ill-advised” and “morally bankrupt” and said he would challenge it in court. Although it remains one of the poorest nations in the world, Haiti has made advances spurred by international aid since the quake. The United Nations last

month ended a peacekeeping mission in Haiti that, at its peak, included more than 10,000 troops.

But Kurzban said people from the Caribbean nation still deserved temporary protection, because of political instability and other natural disasters such as Hurricane Matthew that tore through southern Haiti in October 2016, killing more than 500.

Haiti wasn’t the first country to be canceled. Trump has ended temporary permit programs for people from Sudan and Nicaragua. He postponed a decision until next July on how to deal with 86,000 Hondurans. About 300 people rallied a mile away from Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort on Tuesday before his scheduled arrival, demanding residence for those immigrants under the refugee programs.

Jeune and others are hoping these 18 months are enough for Congress to find a permanent solution for Haitians. Maryland Sens. Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, along with fellow Democrat Dianne Feinstein of California, last week unveiled new legislation to protect undocumented immigrants living under temporary protected status. But Kurzban said the likelihood of legislation passing before the 2019 deadline is small.

It’s also not easy for refugees to change their temporary immigration status to a permanent one on their own, with only certain circuit courts in the nation allowing it, and not the appeals court that rules over Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

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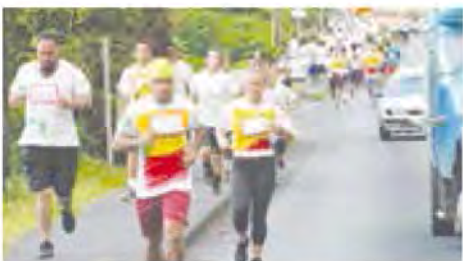
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