



A 'wear all blue' day photo — Manulele SPED — that was posted on the ASCCC Facebook page last year in promoting colorectal cancer awareness. March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and the American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition is asking you take a picture or two, this Friday, Mar. 2nd, while wearing BLUE, and send it to them — to help promote awareness. See story inside for details.

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Governor submits request for a US Presidential major disaster declaration on Feb. 25

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by Samoa News staff

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has submitted a request for a US Presidential major disaster declaration, which would pave the way for federal aid to American Samoa in the wake of Tropical Storm Gita that hit the territory on Feb. 9th.

In its 6p.m bulletin on Feb. 26th, the Emergency Operations Center said the governor's request was signed Feb. 25th and transmitted to the Region 9 office of the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in California, which has received it already and it is being routed to Washington D.C.

American Samoa is currently under a presidential emergency declaration, which allows for limited direct federal assistance to the local government.

The initial joint federal and local government's post-Gita damage assessments of individual homes and public infrastructure have

been completed, and made part of the governor's request for a major disaster declaration for federal assistance.

Specific details of the governor's request are not immediately available and the time frame of when a decision would be made by the US President is unknown.

EOC is asking the public to be patient as American Samoa awaits a response from the federal government to the governor's request.

Additionally, FEMA's program to file claims for federal assistance is not available at this time — as this too awaits the fed government's response.

The public is also reminded to contact your village pulenu'u at the Office of Samoan Affairs (633-5201) or EOC (699-3800) if your home suffered damages from Gita and an assessment has not been completed.

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Welcome to the three Nu'uuli Vocational Tech High School students who are participating in the 'school to work' program at Carl's Jr. The students, Tumema Simiti, Larry Purcell and Tiara Mendoza come in three days a week after school and work 3-hour shifts as part of the program.

Carl's Junior is happy to provide uniforms and on-the-job training for these students.

[courtesy photo]

Update: Manu'a's Store electrocution incident — case still open

LOCAL JERSEY CORP. ALSO CONTESTING PROPOSED OSHA FINES OF MORE THAN \$17K

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

The local company alleged to have been contracted for crane service for a project at Manu'a's Store at the Tafuna Industrial Park, where three men were electrocuted and died early last year, has contested the proposed fines of more than \$17,000 imposed by the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Last September, Samoa News reported that Manu'a's Inc., dba Manu'a Store, was contesting five violations — four of them "serious" — and proposed fines of more than \$35,000. The case is still open. (See Samoa News Sept. 14, 2017 edition for details.)

Samoa News has found that according to OHSA's public records, Jersey Corporation — with location of the incident: Tafuna Industrial Park, Tafuna Manu'a's Store — has three proposed violations, and two are labeled "serious" — with a proposed fine of \$8,873 for each of the serious violations.

The three violations, in which one is considered "other" with no fine, were issued June 19, 2017.

According to OSHA, a bureau within the US Department of Labor, the company contested the proposed violations and fines on July 13, 2017, and the case remains open.

"This matter is ongoing and because of it, we cannot provide any further details or information at this moment," said Jose Carnevali, USDOL spokesman for the department's Region 9 Office, in response to Samoa News inquiries.

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Young man from Amanave joins the military but aims to return home and give back

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

At 27, Ryan Taifane has his life plan laid out. And in less than two months, he will be tackling his first hurdle: boot camp.

The future military officer told Samoa News yesterday that his goal is “to go off island and make something of myself - do something that matters.”

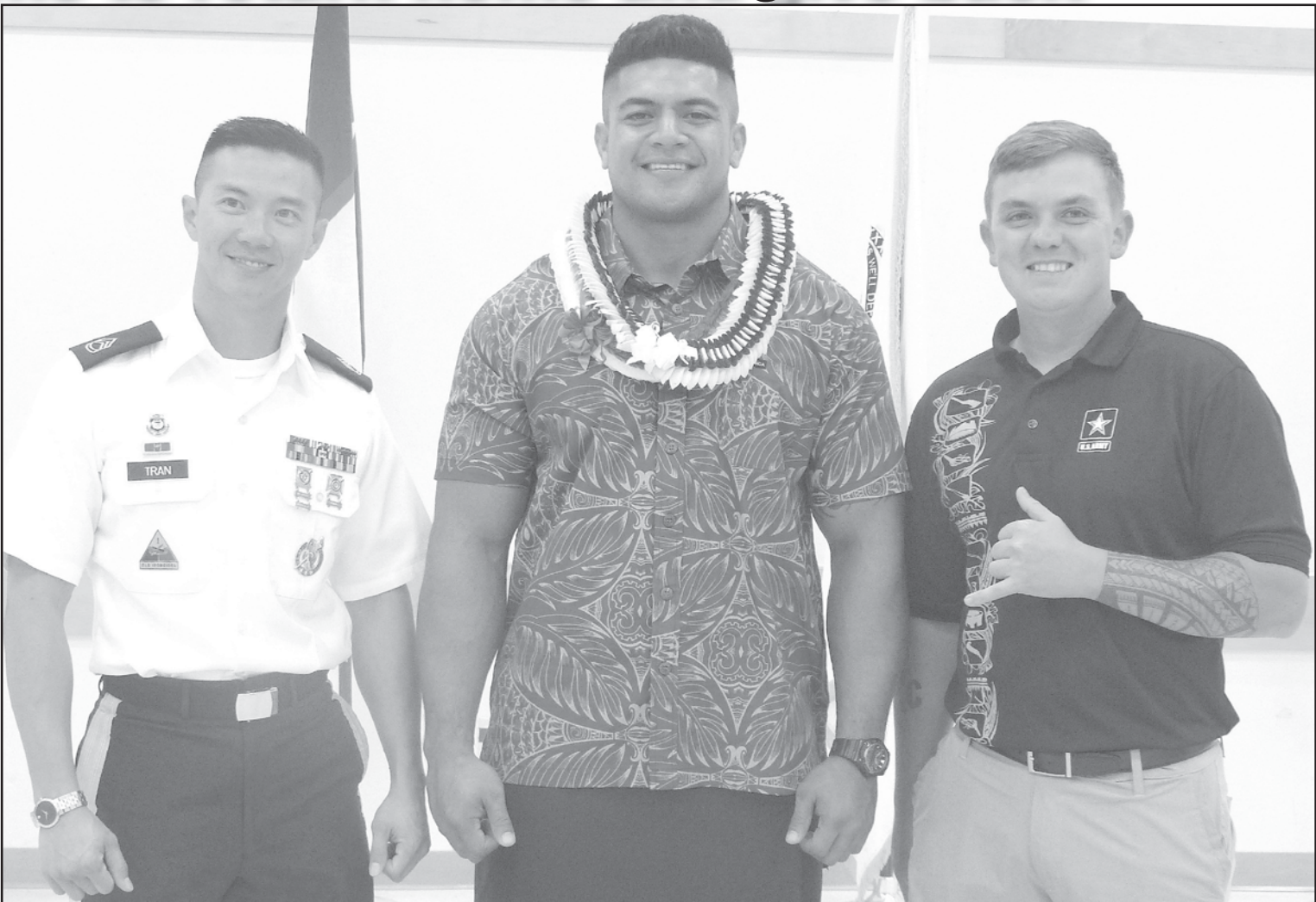
A 2008 graduate of Leone High School, Taifane became the first person in five years to be sworn in, locally, as an officer candidate. The momentous occasion took place at the Konelio Pele Army Reserve Center in Tafuna earlier this month, in the presence of his family and friends.

Over a telephone interview with Samoa News yesterday, the Amanave resident said he would be departing the territory in April, heading to Fort Leanord Wood, Missouri for basic military training. Afterwards, he will move on to Fort Benning, Georgia for Advanced Individual Training (AIT).

From there, Taifane will be shuffled to Officer Candidate School (OCS) and then branch training where he will receive orders for his new assignment.

There’s so much training and schooling involved in the process of pursuing his dreams but Taifane is ready to take on the challenge. “I want to grow as a person, using the military to get it done,” he said. “The ultimate goal is to come back home and give back to the island.”

In prepping himself mentally and physically for military life, Taifane has been spending quality time with his wife, Ellison Moliga and their three



Amanave native Ryan Taifane (center) with local US Army recruiters SFC Kenny Tran and 1SGT Josh Polonowski after Taifane was officially sworn in at the Konelio Pele Army Reserve Center earlier this month. Taifane is the first Samoan in five years to be sworn in locally as an officer candidate. See story for details.

[photo: LF]

children: Susana, Matthew, and Ryan.

In addition, he has also been working out, training, and he’s even gotten himself in to bodybuilding.

When asked if being a military service member is something he always wanted to be, Taifane giggled and revealed that he had originally planned to join the US Marine Corps straight out of high school but “my mom said no, go to college first.”

Taifane did as he was told. After high school, he attended the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in 2011. He went on to the University of Hawaii, Manoa and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree program in kinesiology from UH Hilo last year.

Taifane was able to complete all three kinesiology concentrations: sports medicine and therapy; health promotion; and

exercise science.

He aspires to someday get his masters degree in the same field and even become certified so he can return home and help the local community.

“There’s a lot of potential here but no certified trainers to show kids how to do it, what to eat, how to work out,” he said, adding that one of the things he has in mind is to return home and possibly work for the VA (Veterans’ Affairs) in the area of physical therapy.

Taifane is the fifth child of Niualama and the late Apefa’i Taifane of Amanave and Poloa. He has four brothers and two sisters, none of whom are in the military.

“This is special for me, because I am the first person in my immediate family to join the service,” he shared.

Taifane is going in on active duty status and his initial contract is for 8 years.

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What’s in the IV bag? Studies show safer option than saline



FILE - In this Sept. 5, 2013 file photo, chemotherapy is administered to a cancer patient via intravenous drip in Durham, N.C. IVs are one of the most common things in health care. Each year, tens of millions of people get one to prevent dehydration, maintain blood pressure or receive medicines or nutrients if they can’t eat.

(AP Photo/Gerry Broome, File)

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE,
AP Chief Medical Writer

New research calls into question what’s in those IV bags that nearly every hospitalized patient gets. Using a different intravenous fluid instead of the usual saline greatly reduced the risk of death or kidney damage, two large studies found.

The difference could mean 50,000 to 70,000 fewer deaths and 100,000 fewer cases of kidney failure each year in the U.S., researchers estimate. Some doctors are hoping the results will persuade more hospitals to switch.

“We’ve been sounding the alarm for 20 years” about possible harms from saline, said Dr. John Kellum, a critical care specialist at the University of Pittsburgh. “It’s purely inertia” that prevents a change, he said.

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COURT BRIEFS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

MARTY TANIELU

Acting Associate Justice Elvis Patea has accepted a request from the Public Defender's Office to continue Marty Tanielu's pretrial conference to next month, so they can go through all the information pertaining to the first three criminal cases filed against him, including a new criminal case filed just last week.

During Tanielu's most recent court appearance last month, his attorney informed the court that they have received discovery and an offer from the government, and he asked for a continuance to Feb. 27, which was yesterday.

When Tanielu's case was called, Deputy Public Defender Michael White informed the court that they have reached an agreement with the government in the first three criminal cases filed late last year, but they are seeking one more continuance to see if they can combine those three cases with a new case.

Prosecutor Woodrow Pengelly echoed the defense attorney's request for another continuance, saying the defendant has a new criminal case in the District Court, and he's scheduled to have his preliminary examination (PX) this Friday.

Tanielu, who remains in custody unable to post a \$10,000 bond was initially charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, to wit; methamphetamine, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance, to wit; marijuana — both felonies.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred Nov. 22, 2017 when police found drugs inside his vehicle and in his possession. A male passenger who was with Tanielu, when police searched his vehicle, told police he went twice with Tanielu to the Aute to buy drugs.

One week after Tanielu was arrested and charged with drug possession, the government filed two more criminal cases against him, charging him with felony stealing for each case. The government claims the defendant took properties from a person and sold them without the owner's authorization.

For the fourth case — the one filed last week — the government is charging Tanielu with one count of felony stealing.

YUSEFF CARTER

A man who claimed a package mailed through the Post Office on Oct. 13, 2016 in which crystal methamphetamine was found entered into a plea bargain with the government yesterday morning.

Yuseff Carter, 44, was initially charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, to wit; methamphetamine, a felony punishable by a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than five nor more than 10 years, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000, or both.

However, under a plea bargain with the government, Carter agreed to plead guilty to the amended charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, to wit; methamphetamine, also a class D felony, punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to five years, and/or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

With his guilty plea, the defendant admits that on or about Oct. 13, 2016 he went to the Post Office to pick up a package — in form of a container with the amazon.com label — knowing there was methamphetamine inside.

The meth was found inside an electronic device and weighed 1.2 ounces.

When questioned by police, Carter told investigators he was expecting a package from his father in San Diego and thought it had arrived. When informed about the illegal substance inside the package, Carter told investigators he was expecting something from Amazon but not this kind of package, with drugs inside.

As part of the plea agreement, the government is not seeking prison time for Carter, who is aware that he is not able to withdraw his guilty plea if he doesn't agree with the sentence the court will hand down.

Prosecuting the case is Assistant Attorney General Woodrow Pengelly while Deputy Public Defender Michael White is representing Carter, who is out on bond while awaiting sentencing on April 20th.

JOSEPH YANDALL

Acting Associate Justice Elvis Patea has accepted a motion for travel off island from an 87-year-old man facing three felony charges including molesting a child under 12 years, which carries a maximum

30-year jail sentence.

Joseph Yandall, who is out on \$75,000 surety bond was in court Monday, requesting permission to travel to Hawai'i to attend his brother's Purple Heart ceremony.

Defense attorney, Gwen Tauiili-Langkilde told the court her client will be off island for one week and that prosecutor Christy Dunn has signed off on the motion.

Dunn confirmed the government is not opposed to the motion to allow Yandall to travel.

Yandall's case is still pending in High Court. He is facing one count of child molestation, a class A felony punishable by imprisonment of not less than 10 years and not more than 30 years.

Additionally, he is also charged with one count each of attempted kidnapping and attempted sexual abuse in the first degree — both felonies. The government claims the alleged female victims in the case are 12 and 16 years old.

Ex-state senator leads GOP primary in race for US House

By BOB CHRISTIE and ANITA SNOW, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A former Arizona state senator accused of campaign finance irregularities jumped to an early lead in Tuesday's Republican primary to replace a U.S. congressman from Arizona who quit amid charges of sexual misconduct.

If former state Sen. Debbie Lesko holds her lead, she becomes the immediate favorite in the heavily Republican 8th Congressional District to replace former U.S. Rep. Trent Franks, also a Republican. Her closest rival, former state Sen. Steve Montenegro, conceded in an address to supporters.

"While the results are obviously not what we were hoping for, we started this race at 1 percent and came a remarkable distance together," Montenegro said late Tuesday. "Our shared commitment to this country is what unites us and it is what will lead our party to victory in April and again in November."

Early votes posted about an hour after polls closed Tuesday evening showed Lesko with 36 percent of the vote and Montenegro trailing with 24 percent. Ten other GOP candidates were trailing.

"Wow!" Lesko exclaimed when one of her campaign workers told her that Montenegro was conceding. "I'm so excited because it looks like I'm winning tonight," she said, grinning broadly in a brief interview at an election night gathering in the backyard of her Peoria home.

"I'm very grateful to everyone who has helped me on this campaign and now I'm looking forward to the general election and then getting to Washington to get things done for the people in my district," Lesko added. The race was thought to be a close one between Lesko and Montenegro, a tea party favorite backed by Franks. But Montenegro acknowledged last week that a former Senate aide had sent him an unsolicited topless photo in a text. The married Christian minister said he became too close to the woman, but "never had inappropriate relationship with her or anyone else." She said she sent him multiple photos and they

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American Samoa Government
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP 036-2018

Issuance Date: February 28, 2018

Date & Time Due: March 16, 2018

No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

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Papua New Guinea quake killed at least 15, injured dozens

By NICK PERRY, Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A powerful earthquake this week killed at least 15 people, injured dozens and brought work to a halt at four oil and gas fields in a remote Papua New Guinea region, the local governor said Wednesday.

His comments were the first confirmation of deaths from a high-ranking official after Monday’s magnitude 7.5 quake severed communications and blocked roads in the central region, hindering assessment of the scale of the destruction. The National Disaster Centre has declined to give numbers as it assesses the damage. Southern Highlands Governor William Powi told The Associated Press that communication remains difficult and the death toll may rise. “We are looking at massive, catastrophic havoc and destruction,” Powi said.

Four people in the provincial capital, Mendi, were killed when their house collapsed on them and three were killed when their home was struck by a landslide, Powi said. Eight others were killed elsewhere, he said, and the quake’s victims included several children and a teenager.

“There are people who are traumatized, people in terrible devastation who have never felt this kind of destruction before,” Powi said. “It has really brought a lot of fear into people’s lives.”

Powi said three oil fields and a liquefied natural gas plant run by ExxonMobil Papua New Guinea have halted operations for now as they assess the damage to their operations.

The quake has also disrupted work at a large gold mine and at coffee plantations in the region.

Powi said many roads remain cut off by landslides and that supplies will need to be airlifted. Many people live subsistence lives in the area, Powi said, and they would be suffering because the quake has destroyed many of their gardens and crops.

He said teams are on the ground assessing the most pressing needs. “We need massive assistance,” Powi said. “We need food, infrastructure maintenance, and to bring comfort to our people who are homeless and displaced.”

Australia’s government said it was providing a C-130 Hercules to conduct aerial surveillance and provide logistical support.

“We are saddened to hear reports of lives lost and many people being injured,” Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said in a statement. “Given the challenging terrain and remoteness of the area, we expect that the extent of the damage will become clearer in coming days.”

Aid agencies said they were ready to help but were awaiting more information. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said it had 20 volunteers on standby but that getting accurate information remained difficult.

The quake hit about 89 kilometers (55 miles) southwest of Porgera, the site of a large gold mine that employs more than 2,500. Several strong aftershocks have shaken the region as well.

The quake also caused panic and damaged buildings across the border in eastern Indonesia.

Papua New Guinea is home to 7 million people on the eastern half of the island of New Guinea, to the east of Indonesia. It sits on the Pacific’s “Ring of Fire,” the arc of seismic faults around the Pacific Ocean where most of the world’s earthquakes and volcanic activity occur.

Kruse grants a second chance to a young father convicted of burglary

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

A 23-year-old father who was convicted of breaking into a room at Siliaga Elementary School in Aoloau and stealing a computer received a second chance from the court this week.

Chief Justice Michael Kruse ordered Tuna Talipope Lepou Suitulaga to be released from prison on Monday.

This comes after he served over 5 months in jail. Kruse said the 28-month detention period is stayed until further order of the court.

Suitulaga, a citizen of Samoa, was initially charged with first degree burglary — a felony; however, under a plea agreement with the government, the defendant agreed to plead guilty to the amended count of second degree burglary, a class C felony punishable by an imprisonment term of up to 7 years, or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

With his guilty plea, Suitulaga admits that on the night of Aug. 2, 2017 in Aoloau, he unlawfully entered a room at Siliaga Elementary School by removing a screen wire off a window, and stole a computer that belonged to someone else.

During his sentencing this week, the defendant was in tears when he apologized to the court for his actions. He begged for a second chance so he can return home to care for his wife and child, and help with his wife’s family plantation.

Suitulaga also apologized to his wife’s family, his parents who are in Samoa, his church, and the village of Aoloau.

“I am married with one son. Neither me nor my wife work, so we depend on our plantation to survive. I am a young father who works very hard on my plantation to make sure my wife and my son have something to eat everyday,” Suitulaga told the panel of judges.

He begged for a second chance and said he is remorseful, and assured the court he will never commit another crime.

Defense attorney, Public Defender Douglas Fiaui told the court his client made a foolish mistake, when he unlawfully entered a school building and stole a computer that was used to teach the young children of Aoloau.

Fiaui said his client did not realize his actions would affect his family and his future. He asked the court to allow Suitulaga to continue to live with his wife and son in American Samoa, because his immigration papers expired while he

was in custody, awaiting sentencing.

According to Fiaui, his client is a suitable candidate for a probated sentence, because not only is he a first time offender, he also admitted to the charge early.

He asked the court to place his client on probation without any additional jail time. Suitulaga was arrested on Oct. 13, 2017 and after three months in prison, he agreed to enter a guilty plea.

Prosecutor Woodrow Pengelly echoed the defense’s submission that Suitulaga is a suitable candidate for a probated sentence. He added that the government is not seeking any additional jail time, because they feel that five months at the TCF is enough for his actions.

In delivering his decision, Kruse said the court believes the defendant is truly remorseful for what he did, and he is a suitable candidate for probation, based on the pre-sentence report.

The defendant was then sentenced to 7 years probation under certain conditions, which include a 28-month term at the TCF and afterwards, he shall depart the territory and remain outside of its borders for the duration of his probation, which is 7 years.

However, execution of the detention period and the condition to depart the territory are stayed until further order of the court.

“If you violate any of these conditions, you will be ordered to serve out the balance of detention,” said Kruse, including having to depart the territory and remain outside of its borders for 7 years.

Kruse warned the defendant that if the stay is ever lifted, he would face the consequences.

Another condition imposed by the court is that Suitulaga is now under a curfew, meaning he is not to hang around the bus stop near the school after 10 p.m. unless it is for church or village activities.

“You begged for another chance to continue caring for your wife and son. We accept your request and are giving you a second chance. If you fail to abide with all of the court’s orders, you will find yourself on the other side of the ocean, and it’s up to you whether you work on your plantation from Apia to feed your wife and son living on island, or you take them with you,” Kruse told the defendant.

The pre-sentence report from the Probation Office notes that the defendant was initially employed at the cannery, but his father-in-law talked him into staying home to take over the family plantation.



This image made from video provided Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, show the damaged building following Monday’s earthquake in Mendi, Papua New Guinea. A powerful earthquake two days ago killed more than a dozen of people, injured dozens and brought work to a halt at four oil and gas fields in a remote Papua New Guinea region, the local governor said Wednesday. (Australia Broadcasting



UN experts: North Korea sent banned chemical items to Syria

By EDITH M. LEDERER, Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — North Korea sent items used in ballistic missile and chemical weapons programs to Syria along with missile technicians in violation of U.N. sanctions — and banned ballistic missiles systems to Myanmar, U.N. experts said.

The panel of experts monitoring sanctions against North Korea said its investigations into Pyongyang's transfer of prohibited ballistic missile, conventional arms and dual use goods found more than 40 previously unreported shipments to Syria between 2012 and 2017.

It said an unnamed U.N. member state also reported evidence of Myanmar's receipt of a range of conventional weapons from North Korea including multiple rocket launchers and surface-to-air missiles in addition to ballistic missile systems.

The Associated Press reported on Feb. 2 that according to the experts' report, North Korea was flouting U.N. sanctions on oil and gas, engaging in prohibited ballistic missile cooperation with Syria and Myanmar, and illegally exporting commodities that brought in nearly \$200 million in just nine months last year.

AP obtained details from the more than 200-page report late Tuesday, including the panel's findings related to chemical weapons in Syria. The U.S. and other Western nations have accused Syria of using chemical weapons against rebel-controlled areas including recently in the Damascus suburb of eastern Ghouta, which President Bashar Assad's government denies.

The report to the U.N. Security Council, which diplomats expect to be made public in mid-March, details "substantial new evidence" about North Korea's dealings with Syria, dating back to 2008.

According to an unidentified member state, the North's Ryonhap-2 Corporation was involved that year in a Syrian ballistic missile program, the "maneuverable re-entry vehicle (MARV) Scud D (MD) project," the report said.

More recently, it said the August 2016 visit by a technical delegation from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea — the country's official name — "involved the transfer to Syria of special resistance valves and thermometers known for use in chemical weapons programs."

That information came from another member state which also reported that North Korean technicians "continue to operate at chemical weapons and missile facilities at Barzeh, Adra and Hama," the report said.

It quoted Syria's reply to the panel about the reports: "There are no DPRK technical companies in Syria and the only presence of some DPRK individuals are confined in the field of sports under private individual contracts for training athletics and gymnastics."

The experts added that they have not yet received a reply for documents supporting this claim and a list of all North Koreans who have traveled to Syria.

The panel said it also examined shipments interdicted by member states that were sent by the Chinese company Cheng Tong Trading Co. Ltd. to Damascus-based companies in 2016 and 2017.

The experts said 13 shipping containers were filled with "acid resistant tiles" which would cover 5,000 square meters, enough for a large-scale industrial project.

One country's analysis concluded that the tiles "were to be used for activities conducted at high temperatures," the panel said, while another country said the material "can be used to build bricks for the interior

walls of (a) chemical factory."

The panel also said it continued its investigations into activities of Ryu Jin, a senior official in Syria for the Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation known as KOMID, who is on the U.N. sanctions blacklist. He listed his rank as a major general in a letter with an official proposal to Syrian Major General Ali Salim of the Army Supply Bureau for "an air defense command and control system," it said.

KOMID is the DPRK's primary arms dealer and main exporter of goods and equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons.

The report said among other activities Ryu Jin shipped ball bearings and fiber-optic cables to Syria and earned 56,000 Euros and 48,000 Euros respectively, which was transferred through Tanchon Commercial Bank.

The panel said its investigations into several cases of previously unreported arms shipments and cooperation with front companies for those under U.N. sanctions between 2010 and 2017 "showed further evidence of arms embargo and other violations, including through the transfer of items with utility in ballistic missile and chemical weapons programs."

For many years, the panel said the DPRK Corst Company acted on behalf of the Second Economic Committee, which is under sanctions, to ship goods to Syria for use in prohibited programs.

The panel said it received documents in July 2017 showing Corst shipped banned goods to a researcher at Syria's Scientific Studies Research Council, which the U.S. says is the government agency responsible for developing and producing non-conventional weapons and the means to deliver them.

Milkman accused of sneaking drugs, phones into Ohio prison



This undated photo provided by the Warren County Sheriff's Office shows Ray Adams. Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell says Adams, a milk delivery man, snuck marijuana, tobacco and cellphones into an Ohio prison hidden in milk cartons. Fornshell says the suspect had an inmate contact inside who facilitated the delivery and set up payment for the milkman. Fornshell says Adams made thousands of dollars delivering the items over time.

(Warren County Sheriff's Office via AP)

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A longtime milkman delivered more than what the labels on

his packages promised, smuggling marijuana, tobacco and cellphones into an Ohio prison hidden inside milk cartons, a prosecutor said.

Ray Adams was in contact with an inmate at Lebanon Correctional Facility who facilitated the deliveries and set up payments, according to Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell.

Adams, an employee of Martins Ferry-based United Dairy Inc., made thousands of dollars sneaking the items in over time, Fornshell said.

On Jan. 8, authorities searched the nearly 30,000 milk cartons Adams was delivering that day and found contraband, including 12 cellphones, in 30 of them.

Adams, 50, has not yet entered a plea to charges of conveying drugs and cellphones and remains free on bond. His attorney and United Dairy did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Prisons spokeswoman JoEllen Smith declined to comment because of the pending criminal charges against Adams.

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What's in the IV bag...

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Kellum had no role in the studies, which were discussed Tuesday at a critical care conference in San Antonio and published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Federal journals helped pay for the work.

IVs are one of the most common things in health care. They are used to prevent dehydration, maintain blood pressure or give patients medicines or nutrients if they can't eat.

Saline — salt dissolved in water — has been the most widely used fluid in the U.S. for more than a century even as evidence has emerged that it can harm kidneys, especially when used a lot.

Other IV solutions called balanced fluids include saline but also contain potassium and other things that make them

more like plasma, the clear part of blood. They're widely used in Europe and Australia.

The studies involved 28,000 patients at Vanderbilt University who were given IVs of saline or a balanced fluid. For every 100 people on balanced fluids, there was one fewer death or severe kidney problem.

Since there are about 30 million people hospitalized in the U.S. alone each year, "there are tens or hundreds of thousands of patients who would be spared death or severe kidney problems by using balanced fluids instead of saline," said one study leader, Vanderbilt's Dr. Matthew Semler.

After seeing the results two months ago, Vanderbilt hospital officials decided to primarily use balanced fluids. The

University of Pittsburgh also has largely switched to them, Kellum said.

The fluids cost about the same — a dollar or two per IV — and many suppliers make both types, so switching should not be hard or expensive, doctors said.

IV fluids have been in the news since Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico last fall, shutting down electricity to three plants owned by Baxter International, one of the biggest makers of these fluids. The shortage has eased, but some supply issues remain.

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General Membership Meeting On TROPICAL STORM GITA RELIEF AND RESTORATION EFFORTS

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Lewinsky calls Clinton affair a ‘gross abuse of power’



NEW YORK (AP) — Monica Lewinsky says the affair that led to impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton “was not sexual assault” but “constituted a gross abuse of power.” Lewinsky writes in the March issue of “Vanity Fair” that she is “in awe of the sheer courage” of women who’ve been confronting “entrenched beliefs and institutions.” The former White House intern says she was recently moved to tears when a leader of the #MeToo movement told her, “I’m so sorry you were so alone.” Lewinsky says she’s been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress from being “publicly outed and ostracized,” and lauds the “#MeToo” movement for providing “the safety that comes from solidarity.” “There are many more women and men whose voices and stories need to be heard before mine. (There are even some people who feel my White House experiences don’t have a place in this movement, as what transpired between Bill Clinton and myself was not sexual assault, although we

now recognize that it constituted a gross abuse of power,)” Lewinsky wrote.

Clinton initially denied the affair before admitting to it in 1998; the Democrat was acquitted by the Senate.

Clinton’s representative did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

“Now, at 44, I’m beginning (just beginning) to consider the implications of the power differentials that were so vast between a president and a White House intern,” Lewinsky said.

“I’m beginning to entertain the notion that in such a circumstance the idea of consent might well be rendered moot. (Although power imbalances — and the ability to abuse them — do exist even when the sex has been consensual,)” she wrote.

“But it’s ... very, very complicated. The dictionary definition of “consent”? ‘To give permission for something to happen.’ And yet what did the ‘something’ mean in this instance, given the power dynamics, his position, and my age? Was the “something” just about crossing a line of sexual (and later emotional) intimacy? (An intimacy I wanted — with a 22-year-old’s limited understanding of the consequences.)

“He was my boss. He was the most powerful man on the planet. He was 27 years my senior, with enough life experience to know better. He was, at the time, at the pinnacle of his career, while I was in my first job out of college,” she said.

FILE - In this June 25, 2015, file photo, Monica Lewinsky attends the Cannes Lions 2015, International Advertising Festival in Cannes, southern France. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky says the affair that led to impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton, “was not sexual assault,” but “constituted a gross abuse of power,” Lewinsky writes in “Vanity Fair.”



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This is the name that will be on the list that FEMA or the Red Cross use to give out help; and your ID will verify that it is you. And while your village pulenu’u can also probably verify your identity — why take the chance, as some found out when they went to the distribution centers.

Samoa News was told of cases where the ‘help’ — tent, kit, cooler, etc. — was there to be given, but personnel could not release it as the IDs presented did not match the name on the list, according to reports from some families, who were turned away from the distribution centers, with only a piece of paper with a number to call to ‘resubmit’ their requests, or in some cases when Red Cross turned up to deliver a ‘tent’.

Report: Italian mafia may have links to reporter's killing

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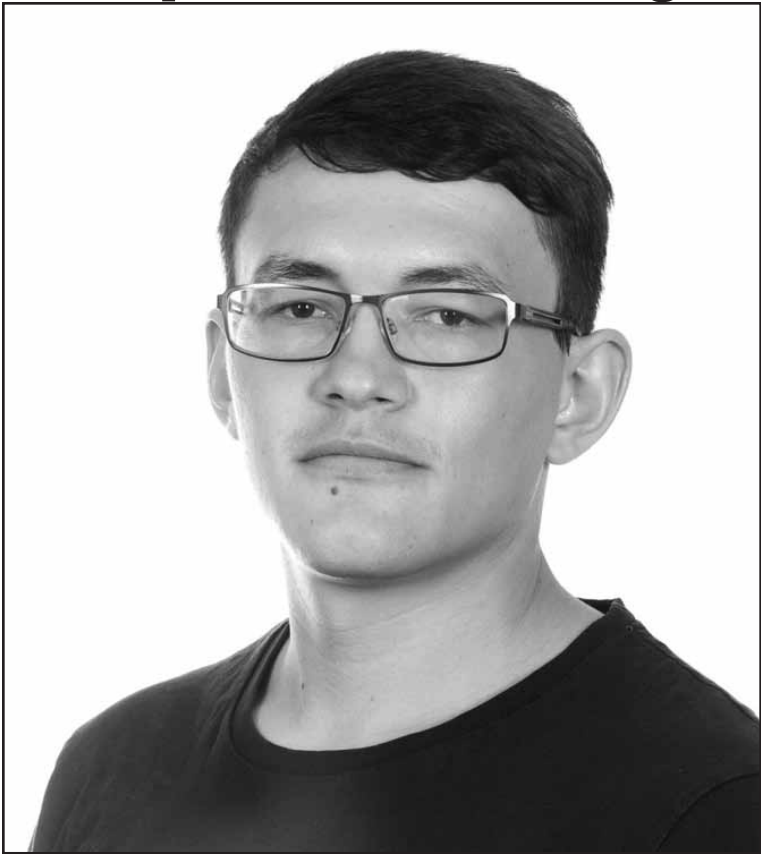


This June 28, 2017 photo shows candidate Hiral Tipirneni, one of two Democrats running in the 8th Congressional District's special election on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, to replace former Rep. Trent Franks, in Arizona. The leading Republicans among a dozen candidates in the GOP stronghold 8th Congressional District that covers much of the western Phoenix suburbs include two former state senators, two former state House members and a talk radio host who pulled in 29 percent of the vote in a 2016 primary challenge to Franks. Two Democrats are seeking their party's nomination, hoping to pull out a longshot win in the April 27 general election.
(Celina Medina via AP)

“engaged in sexual conversations about those pictures.” Lesko, meanwhile, denied allegations that transferring \$50,000 from her state campaign fund was illegal. She sent the money to an independent group that spent the cash backing her congressional bid. Arizona relies heavily on mail-ballots and they were mainly completed before the sex-related and campaign funding revelations surfaced.

Corinne Clark, a retail worker from Surprise, Arizona, said she regretted casting her ballot for Montenegro in early voting, before the allegations about him surfaced. “Whether it’s true or not is hard to know,” Clark said. “But my number one reason for voting for him was because he has Christian values, and it makes me mad that this has come up afterward.” The winner of the Repub-

lican primary will face Democratic nominee Hiral Tipirneni, a political newcomer, in an April 24 special election to represent the western Phoenix suburbs. Walter King, a 69-year-old retiree from Seattle who now lives in Sun City, said he voted for Tipirneni by mail-in ballot, but didn’t expect her to defeat whatever Republican wins the primary. “I like to think the state is slowly turning purple,” King said Monday as he sat in his golf cart, a common form of area transportation, with his French bulldog mix Stuart. “But it’s still mostly red.” Tipirneni said despite the heavy Republican advantage in the district, she sees a path to victory. “We’ve seen Democratic performance shoot up by huge numbers all across this country,” she said. “East coast, in red areas like Oklahoma and Alabama, we see Democratic engagement and momentum and energy, and there’s no reason that Arizona can’t be next. Franks, who held the House seat since 2003, resigned in December after acknowledging he had discussed surrogacy with two female staffers. A former aide told The Associated Press that he pressed her to carry his child as a surrogate and offered her \$5 million.



This is an undated photo released by Aktuality.sk on Monday Feb. 26, 2018 of Slovakia's investigative journalist Jan Kuciak. Slovakia's top police officer Tibor Gaspar says an investigative reporter has been shot dead in his home together with his girlfriend. Jan Kuciak and his partner were found dead on Sunday evening in their house in the town of Velka Maca, east of the capital, Bratislava.
(Aktuality.sk via AP)

By KAREL JANICEK, Associated Press
PRAGUE (AP) — Italian organized crime figures may have been involved in the shooting death of an investigative journalist in Slovakia, a Canadian reporter said Tuesday as the country’s newspapers printed black-and-white front pages to honor the slain journalist. The bodies of 27-year-old Jan Kuciak and his girlfriend Martina Kusnirova were found Sunday evening in their house in the town of Velka Maca, east of the capital, Bratislava. Kuciak is the first journalist to be killed in Slovakia. The government is offering 1 million euros (\$1.23 million) to anyone who helps authorities find the people responsible. Slovakian police say the slayings were likely linked to Kuciak’s reporting. In an interview Tuesday with the Sme daily, Slovak-based Canadian journalist Tom Nicholson said Kuciak told him before his death that he was working on a story about possible Italian mafia involvement in fraud linked to EU subsidies in eastern Slovakia. Aktuality.sk, a news website that Kuciak was working for, made the same claim as Nicholson in their own story Tuesday based on Kuciak’s reporting. Nicholson said he was ready to testify but has not been approached by police yet. “I’m not sure what caused Jan’s death but I bet my life that this is so,” Nicholson said. Making the story more

explosive, Sme said two Italian businessmen with possible ties to the mafia operating in Slovakia did business with a senior adviser to Prime Minister Robert Fico and through her to officials from Fico’s leftist Smer-Social Democracy party. The opposition has called on national police force President Tibor Gaspar and Interior Minister Robert Kalinak to resign and was planning a protest rally in Bratislava for Wednesday. Addressing reporters on Tuesday, Fico dismissed the reports. “You link innocent people to a double murder without any evidence,” Fico said. “Don’t do it.” Fico also blamed the opposition for misusing the case against his government. Standing alongside Fico and Kalinak, Gaspar said Tuesday that investigators are taking media reports of possible mafia involvement as seriously “as any other version.” Kalinak said Slovak investigators have been cooperating with the Czech and Italian authorities on the case as well as with Europol officials. Analyst Milan Zitny said the slayings place Slovakia in the company of undemocratic countries such as Ukraine or Russia where “the murders of journalists are nothing exceptional.” But government officials disagreed. “We will spare no effort in investigating this criminal act and in bringing the perpetrators to justice,” Slovakian envoy Ivan Korcok told the Human Rights Council in Geneva.



American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP 035-2018
Issuance Date: February 28, 2018
Date & Time Due: March 16, 2018
No later than 2:00 p.m. local time
The American Samoa Government (ASG) Issues & Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide:

“E-Rate Year 21 - Local Telephone Services for the Department of Education”

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Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

DOCUMENT
The RFP Scope of Work outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa during normal working hours.

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DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer



NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

A ‘wear all blue’ day photo — the ASDOE OCI — that was posted on the ASCCC Facebook page last year in promoting colorectal cancer awareness. March is designated as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal (colon) cancer is the second leading cause of cancer related deaths in the United States. It is important for everyone to know that colorectal cancer is “preventable, treatable and beatable” and we invite you to help us spread the word.



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2. Take a picture or two. Snap pictures with your group, organization, business, club, department, school or family wearing BLUE and send it to the following email:

s.aelua-fanene@cancercoalition.as <mailto: s.aelua-fanene@cancercoalition.as> as a way of supporting colon cancer awareness month.

Your picture(s) will be posted on the American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition FB page to represent a day in March. We are looking for 31 participants or more to represent each day in March.

These are two ‘wear all blue’ day photos — Manulele SPED and the ASDOE OCI — that were posted on the ASCCC Facebook page last year in promoting colorectal cancer awareness.

3. Read, click like and share. INSPIRE will post information about colon cancer on their FB page that you can read and share with your family and friends. Let people know that colon cancer is Preventable! Treatable! And Beatable!

This isn’t a competition and no prizes or awards will be given. We ask that you spend a few minutes to do a good deed in promoting cancer awareness throughout the month of March.

If you have any questions or wish to share ideas of how we can promote colon cancer awareness please email s.aelua-fanene or call our office at 699-0110.

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Tatala i tua ali'i na maua i ai fualaau fa'asaina i le fale faatali pasi i Tafuna



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Ua tatala i tua mai le toese i Tafuna le ali'i lea na maua atu e Leoleo o lo o moe i se fale fa'atali pasi i Tafuna, ae o lo o ia te ia fualaau fa'asaina, ina ua manatu le fa'amasinoga ua lava masina e 4 lea na taofaia ai o ia e fai ma ana fa'asalaga i lenei mataupu.

O le masina na te'a nei na ta'usala ai e le Fa'amasinoga Mauauga le ali'i o Faaili Mata'u poo 'Whistle' fo'i e pei ona iloa ai o ia e le to'atele o tagata i le moliaga o le umia fa'asolitulafono o vaega o le pauta fa'asaina o le aisa.

Na faatoese Matau i le fa'amasinoga e tusa ai o lana solitulafono sa faia, ma ia talosagaina ai se isi avanoa e toe fo'i atu ai i tua i lona aiga e tauti lona Tama o lo o gasegase, atoa ai ma si ona tuafafine matua e a'afia o ia i le gasegase o le stroke.

Na faailoa e le ua molia i le Fa'amasinoga e fa'apea, i le taimi ae lei taofia o ia i le falepuipui, o ia sa faia le galuega matua o le tauti lea ma fesoasoani i lona Tama ma lona tuafafine. Sa ia augani i le fa'amasinoga mo se avanoa se tasi mo ia e toe fo'i atu ai i tua e fa'aauau lana tausiga i lona aiga.

Na faailoa e le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino Sili ia Michael Kruse ia Matau e fa'apea, e le tatau ona ia fa'aaoga lona Tama ma lona tuafafine o loo maua i ma'i e fai ma alofaga, ae afai e mana'o o ia i se avanoa, e tatau lava ona ia faia se auala e mafai ai ona talitonuina o ia e le fa'amasinoga ma tuu atu ai se isi avanoa mo ia.

Na talosaga le loia a Matau ia Douglas Fiaui i le fa'amasinoga,

ina ia fa'asala le ua molia i se fa'asalaga faanofovaavaaia, e aunoa ma le toe tuuina atu i ai o se isi fa'asalaga fa'a falepuipui.

O ni isi o itu lelei na taua e Fiaui e tatau i le fa'amasinoga ona silasila i ai mo Matau, e le gata o le taimi muamua lea faatoa faamaonia ai sana solitulafono, ae na vave lava fo'i ona ia tali ioe i le moliaga fa'asaga ia te ia.

Na lagolagoina e le loia a le malo ia Woodrow Pengelly le tatau lea ona faasala Matau i se faasalaga faanofovaavaaia, e aunoa ma le toe tuuina atu i ai o se fa'asalaga fa'a falepuipui.

Na talia e Kruse le talosaga a Matau ma faia ai le faaiuga ina ia tatala o ia i tua mai le toese, ma ia usita'i i tuutuuga uma o lana faasalaga faanofovaavaaia e 5 tausaga.

O ni isi o ia tuutuuga e aafia ai le faasa lea ona ia tagofia fualaau faasaina poo le 'ava malos, fa'asa ona ia toe mafuta pe eva ma tagata o loo latou tagofia le ava malos poo fualaau fa'asaina, o le a faia fo'i se suega i lona tino i soo se taimi e faamaonia ai na te le o toe tagofia fualaau faasaina.

"O lea ua talia e le fa'amasinoga lau talosaga ma ua matou tuuina atu le isi avanoa mo oe, ae afai e te le usita'i i soo se poloaiga ua tuuina atu e le fa'amasinoga, o le a faaleaogaina loa lau nofovaavaaia ae poloaiga loa oe e tuli lau faasalaga faa falepuipui lea ua taofi e le fa'amasinoga lona tuliina", o le saunoaga lea a Kruse ia Matau.

E 20 masina na manatu le fa'amasinoga e taofia ai Matau i le falepuipui, peita'i ua taofia lona tuliina o lea faasalaga, fuafua lava i lona usitaia o isi poloaiga uma a le fa'amasinoga.



O nisi o sui o le Polokalama a le KEEEP lea ua fa'atautaia ai fetufa'iga a vasega o Pule A'oga, Faia'oga Taitasi ae maise o nisi o sui o Polokalama esee e totonu o le DOE, ina ia vave ona fa'aosofia le naunauta'i o faia'oga e a'o'a'o atu ia malamalama ma fiafia fanau a'oga e fa'alogo ma le toto'a. O i latou nei o lo'o avea ma fa'auluuluga o lea polokalama fa'atupeina e le e le Consolidated Grant.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Wonderful birthday wishes to the world sweetest Mom. Mom you mean the world to us. One that cares so completely, gives so quietly, and loves so deeply. Mom, as the years pass, we realize more and more how lucky we are and have always been to have a mom as wonderful as you. Thanks for all the support that you have given us. Thank you for being such a kind and loving mother.

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TALA I VAIFANUA



O le tama'ita'i na vala'au fa'apitoa mo le folasaga i ni metotia fou e fa'aosofia ai le naunau o faia'oga e a'oa'o ma le fanau a'oa'o ina ia fiala e fa'alogi i a'oa'oga. O ia lea o Dr Marilyn K. Simon PhD. mai le Wladen University.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

A'OA'O FAIA'OGA UMA - AOAOGA A LE "KEEEP"

O se talosaga i alagatupe a le fetarale, le Consolidated Grant - lea e tele tautua eseese a le Ofisa o Aoga (ASDOE) ma polokalama mo faia'oga o lo'o fa'atupe ai - na pasia ai le tupe mo le polokalama e fa'amalosia ai le naunautai ma le fiala o faia'oga e a'oa'o le fanau, e fa'aaogaina ai ni metotia fo'i fa'aleaoga. O lea fo'i faiga fou, sa fa'a'ulu mai e le vasega o faia'oga ina ia faia mo i latou i tausaga ta'itasi. O lea polokalama e taua o le KEEEP - Keep Exemplary Educators

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"O le polokalama lenei, sa fa'atalosaga mai lava e le vasega o faia'oga ma Pulea'oga ina ia fa'a'ulu i le aiaiga o le Consolidated Grant ina ua toe talosagaina, o lea fo'i a'oa'oga o le a fa'a'ulu ai ni metotia fou e mafai ona fa'aaoga e le faia'oga sogasoga, e fa'atautaia ai ana a'oa'oga mo lana vasega i taimi uma," o se tala lea a Talauega Samasoni Asaeli.

O i latou o auai mo lea a'oa'oga fa'apitoa o Pule Aoga, fa'atasi ai ma se faia'oga e to'atasi mai a'oga ta'itasi - aoga tulaga muamua, a'oga maua-luluga, e o'o lava i le SPED ma ECE.

O le fa'atasiga i le taeao ananafi, na fa'ailoa ai le agaga fiala o le fa'atonusili o aoga, Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga i le amatalia o lenei polokalama fou, sa fa'atalosaga e le vasega o faia'oga ma pule a'oga, ina ia avea ma se fa'amalosi, o se fa'anaunautai'iga a'o se fa'amati'e fiala e a'oa'o le fanau i ni metotia fou, ia talafeagai ai a'oa'oga ma lenei vaitau ua soifua ai fanau o lo'o a'oa'o ina.

"E moni lelei outou, ina ua outou talosagaina lenei fesoasoani, aua o le mea o tatou o i ai, afai e tofia loa oe e avea ma pule a'oga, po'o le a lava se iloa o ia te oe, o le iloa lava lena o le a avea ma ala e te fa'atautaia ai ou tiute o le a e alofaiva i ai, ae leai se isi mea e toe fagaina ai oe, ia laugatasia le faiga o le faiva tau Pule A'oga. Lea ua tatou aga atu e fausia se alafua e agava'a ai so'o se faia'oga ina ia patino tiute ma faiva, atoa ai ma ala e fa'atautaia ai, ia manuia lo outou alofaiva e utuvai i lenei vaiaso atoa," o se tasi lea o saunoaga a Matagi-Tofiga.

"O le tou vaiaso atoa lenei, ia matua sasa'a le fafao ma ia o'a o outou ala. O le vasega fo'i o lo'o patino mo tatou faia'oga fa'apitoa ua tatou talimalo ai, fa'afetai mo le la'ua sao, ina ia maua'a nisi metotia fou tatou te fa'a'aula ai a'oa'oga mo tatou fanau o lenei vaitau," o se isi lea ana tima'iga.

"O le 'auga atoa o lenei fa'amoemoe, ia mafai ona tatou fa'aosofia le naunau i le fanau a'oga, e tausailia le atamai se'ia o'o ina ausia e i latou aoaoga maua-luluga ma umia fa'ailoga e maua ai e i latou galuega e fiala e galulue ai. O le tatou sao lena

mo le tatou atunu'u atoa!"

Sa ia fa'afetaia fo'i e Guidance & Counseling a le ASDOE, ma ia fa'ailoa mai ai, "O le tatou vasega lenei, ua toe taumafai atu lava i le vasega o le fanau ua sasi ona o soligatulafono, ua tauau ina le maua ai le avanoa mo a'oa'oga maua-luluga. Fa'afetai mo la outou galuega tima'i, ua silia ma le 90% o i latou ua toe ofi nei i totonu o a'oga, ma fa'aiu lelei a latou a'oa'oga e tusa ma fa'amaumauga ua mae'a fa'ao'o mai mo le silafia a le matou vasega a le tatou matagaluega."

E to'alua sui na masi'i mai iunivesite i Amerika mo lenei fa'amoemoe. O Dr. Marilyn K. Simon, mai le Walden University, President & Co-Founder of Best Prep, Inc. ae o se tusitala fo'i mo le tele o tasi i le Mathematics & Education, o se tasi fo'i o sui e fa'atautaia le tele o suesuega fa'asikola, e na te tapenaina fo'i su'ega ma le tele o polokalama tau a'oa'oga i lina feso'ota'i a le Inteneti.

E to'atele fo'i nisi o le fanau a'oga sa ia fautuaina ma a'oa'o lelei ina ia vave maua o latou fa'ailoga o lo'o sailia i a'oa'oga maua-luluga, peita'i, o lona sao e sili ona fiala i ai i tulaga tau a'oa'oga, o le avea lea o ia ma Polofesa e a'oa'o ina le Numera i totonu o le Iunivesite.

O ia lenei sa mua'i avea fo'i ma faia'oga i le Malo o Tonga, ma e fiala tele o ia ina ua ia mauaina le avanoa e toe o'o mai ai i se tasi o atumotu o le Pasefika, o Amerika Samoa e pei ona vala'auina ai nei.

O le isi faia'oga, o Dr Tom Granoff, o ia o se Dissertation Statistician / Methodologist/ Adjunct Preofessor of Organizational Leadership i Pepperdine University/ President & Founder of Granoff Corporation/ Professional Certified Coach ma e to'atele fo'i fanau talavou ua faufautua e lenei ali'i i le latou taumafaiga e tausailia

tusi pasi maua-luluga o le PhD. SAUNI TOE ASIA FALE MA MAOTA AFAINA I LE 'AFA O GITA

I le fonotaga na valaau e le Failautusi o le Ofisa o Mataupu Tau Samoa, ia Mauga T. Asuega, mo pulenu'u ma ali'imautofi i le aso Gafua, sa fa'ailoa ai le toe fa'asavalia o nu'u ma afioaga e tagai i fale o i latou na fa'aleagaina e le 'afa o Gita.

"Ona o le tele o fa'asea lea ia fa'atutu mai i le tatou vasega o Pulenu'u e aiga ua le maua fa'amaumauga o latou meotino ua fa'aleagaina, o lea ua tatau ai ona toe tima'ia outou, e toe fa'asavali ni a outou asia-siga i aiga uma lava i o outou afio'aga. Ia e o'o i mauga ma so'o se vaipanoa o lou afio'aga ma tusia suafa o aiga o lo'o i o latou pepa fa'amaumau po'o ID po'o Tusi Folau," o se tima'i lea a le afioaga le Ma'oputasi.

"O fa'amaumauga nei ua maua i le taimi nei, ua fa'aaogaina nei e le Koluse Mumu, peita'i ua tu'ua'ia mai ai i tatou, ona e le o maua uma aiga ua fa'aleagaina a latou meotino ia Gita, a'o i tatou e masani lelei i o tatou afioaga, nofoaga o i ai, ma le aofai o tagata i aiga ta'itasi, e ao ina fa'amau mai e i tatou i le taimi lenei, a'o le'i toe o'o atu asia-siga o loma mai a le FEMA i o tatou afio'aga ta'itasi," o se tima'i lea a Mauga i pulenu'u.

O nisi o mea ua fa'ailoa mai i tala tusia ona o le vevesi e tutupu i nofoaga o lo'o tufatufa atu ai meaalofo a le Koluse Mumu, e moni lelei lava, aua o nisi tagata ua o atu, ae le'o i ai o latou suafa i le lisi ma ua le lisi fo'i a latou mea o fa'aleagaina e aofia ai latou fale nofo.

O nisi ua le taua'aina tusi folau po'o ID e fa'ailoa ai lona tagata patino, ua le maua ai se fesoasoani. O nisi e ese le igoa o tusia i le lisi, ae e ese le igoa i le ID.



O le vi'iga o le Atua e tatala ai le KEEEP Program mo faia'oga uma ma pule a'oga na poto i le Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium i Utulei, sa peseina lea e le aufaipese a le a'oga maua-luluga a Samoana ae ta'ita'ia lea e Pati Pati.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Lewis Gilbert, director of 3 James Bond films, dies at 97

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Director Lewis Gilbert, whose dozens of movies included three James Bond thrillers — “You Only Live Twice,” “The Spy Who Loved Me” and “Moonraker” — and the Swinging London classic “Alfie,” has died at 97, colleagues said Tuesday. Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson said in a statement that “it is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of our dear friend Lewis Gilbert.” The Bond fan site “From Sweden With Love” said he died Friday in Monaco.

Broccoli and Wilson said Gilbert was “a true gentleman” whose Bond films “are considered classics within the series.”

The British Film Institute’s filmography lists 33 features directed by Gilbert between 1947 and 2002, making him the most prolific of British filmmakers. But, he acknowledged, most people remembered him for his 007 thrillers.

“When I go around the world now when I’m working it’s amazing — they’re not interested in any of my films until I say ‘James Bond,’” Gilbert told the BBC in 2010. “And the minute I say ‘James Bond’ they practically genuflect.”

Gilbert’s first Bond film was “You Only Live Twice” with Sean Connery in 1967. He returned a decade later to direct Roger Moore as 007 in “The Spy Who Loved Me” and “Moonraker.”

Born in London in 1920 into a family of vaudevillians, Gilbert got his start in the movies as a child actor before joining the Royal Air Force during World War II. He made his directing debut making documentaries while seconded to the U.S. Army Air Forces’ film unit.

His first postwar credit as director was for “The Ten Year Plan,” a documentary about housing; his first feature as director was “The Little Ballerina” in 1947.

Gilbert’s early output ranged from cheap-and-cheerful British noir dramas such as “Once a Sinner,” “Wall of Death” and “Cosh Boy,” to the stirring World War II dramas “Reach for the Sky,” “Carve Her Name With Pride” and “Sink the Bismarck!”

In 1966 he directed a young Michael Caine as a London man-about-town in “Alfie,” which was nominated for five Academy Awards.



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OKESENE ALO

Ua talia e le Faamasinoga Mauauga le talo-
saga na fa’aulu e le alii loa ia Richard deSaulles,
ina ia aloaia le le toe avea o ia ma loa fautua
a le ali’i o Okesene Alo, ae sili pe a tofia e le
Fa’amasinoga se isi na te tauaveina le mataupu
a Alo.

Na faailoa e deSaulles e faapea, ua tele masina
talu ona ia tauaveina mai le mataupu a Alo ae le’i
totogiina lava e le ua molia o ia. O le tama’ita’i
loia ia Sharron Rancourt lea ua malaga ese ma
le atunu’u sa avea muamua ma loa a Alo, ao lei
suia mai ia deSaulles.

Na faailoa e Alo i le fa’amasinoga, ua uma ona
la talanoa ma le alii loa ia deSaulles e faatatau i
le totogiina o ia pe a fo’i mai lona uso Faifeau o
loo i Amerika. Ae na toe faailoa e le ali’i loa ia
deSaulles e faapea, na folafola mai lava e Alo le
tala lea ia te ia i le tele o masina ua tuana’i atu, e
oo mai lava i le taimi nei e lei totogiina lava o ia.

O le ali’i loa fautua ia Douglas Fiaui lea ua
tofia e le fa’amasinoga e avea ma loa fautua a
Alo. O Alo e to’afa i ai leoleo a le malo sa gal-
ulue i le Falepuipui o Tamaiti i Tafuna (JDC), o
lo o tu’uaia i moliaga eseese e aofia ai fualaau
fa’asaina ma le faia o uiga mataga i tama’ita’i.

O se tasi o talosaga na iloiloia i luma o le
fa’amasinoga mauauga i le vaiaso nei e fa’atatau
i le mataupu a Alo, o le finau lea o le alii loa
ia deSaulles mo se avanoa e fa’ataga ai ona
fa’amatuu mai faamatalaga tusitusia a tamaiti e
to’afa o loo tu’uaia le a’afia i lenei mataupu, ina
ia mafai ona vaavaai toto’a i ai le itu tete’e.

O ia faamatalaga tusitusia ua maea ona tauaao
atu e le malo i luma o le afioga i le ali’i fa’amasino
ia Elvis Patea. Na faailoa e Patea i le isi iloiloa o

lenei mataupu e faapea, e le mafai ona faamatuu
mai e le faamasinoga faamauga o loo talo-
saina e le itu tete’e, sei vagana ua tuu atu se
poloaga a le Fa’amasino Sili.

Saunoa Kruse e fa’apea, e mafua ona faaeteete
Patea e faamatuu mai faamauga e faatatau i
faamatalaga a tamaiti o loo aafia, ona o loo puipui
fo’i le fa’amasinoga i aia tatau o fanau laiti i lalo
o le tulafono.

Ua taoto atu nei i se faaiuga a le fa’amasinoga
lea talosaga, se’i iloilo ma vaavaai toto’a i ai, ona
fa’atoa tuuina mai ai loa lea o se fa’aiuga.

ELLIOTT SIAUMAU

Ua taoto atu nei i se faaiuga a le fa’amasinoga
maualuga le talosaga na faila e le itu a le malo, mo
se poloaga e faaleaoga ai le avanoa o loo tatala ai
Elliott Siaumau i tua, ae poloina le taofia o ia i le
toese e aunoa ma se tupe e fa’atulaga.

E mafua lea tulaga e pei ona finau le loa a le
malo ia Christy Dunn, ona o se tasi o tuutuuga na
tatala ai Siaumau i tua mai le toese ina ua mae’a
ona faila e le malo le latou tagi fa’asaga ia te ia
i le tausaga na te’a nei, o le fa’asa lea ona ia toe
soli se tulafono.

O le amataga o le tausaga nei e pei ona taua
e Dunn, na toe faila ai e le malo le isi tagi fou
fa’asaga ia Siaumau, e pei ona tuuaia ai o ia i le
faatupu vevesi ma le faaoolima i le tulaga tolu.

Na finau le loa a Siaumau ia Douglas Fiaui
e fa’apea, e le o mafai e le malo ona faamaonia
a latou tuuaiga faasaga ia Siaumau, se’i vagana
ai pepa o loo latou taua ua uma ona tusia ai le
latou tagi, ae leai ni faamauga maumaututu
poo ni molimau e fesiligia e fa’amaonia mai ai
ia tu’uaiga.

Ona o ia tulaga, na talosaga ai loa Fiaui i le
fa’amasinoga ina ia teena le talosaga a le malo.



O nisi o pulea’oga ma Faia’oga na fa’atulaga fa’apitoa e auai mai a’oga ta’itasi ina ia fefa’asoa’i i ni metotia fou e fa’atautaia ai a’oga a le fanau, ina ia fa’aosofia le
fiafia o i latou e fa’alogo ma ma le malamalama i a’oga. Ma ia iloa fo’i e faia’oga ma pulea’oga o latou tiute i le potu aoga i taimi uma.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Samoa News questions included: What service Jersey Corporation provided to the Manu’a’s Store warehouse construction project; if it was crane service; and, if the company does business as Asia Pacific Engineering & Construction Service (APECS).

A 2014 Commerce Department document, submitted to the US Interior Department as part of a local request at the time, shows a Jersey Corporation dba Asia Pacific Engineering & Construction Service, according to Samoa News research.

DOC confirmed yesterday that based on its business database, Jersey Corporation renewed their business licenses for 2017 & 2018 and doing business as APECS, whose activities are General Construction & General Engineering.

For 2018, one business license is for general construction and the other general engineering.

Samoa News reported on Jan. 24, 2017 that APECS had been contracted by Manu’a’s Store for their crane services to

build a warehouse. Unconfirmed reports at the time said the crane operator was injured during the electrocution incident.

A phone call, yesterday, to Jersey Corp. was answered, and the person identified the business as “APECS”. The company didn’t immediately respond yesterday to a request for comment on the proposed violations and fines.

The OSHA accident investigation summary report on Jersey Corporation only states that the incident occurred Jan. 14, 2017 around 11a.m when three employees were unloading and staging structural metal beams with a boom truck crane.

The truck mounted crane was unloading steel beams from an open top container when the boom truck cable touched a high power line causing electrical current to flow down the steel beam into the arms and bodies of the three employees who were electrocuted.

This is similar to the accident summary report OSHA made for Manu’a’s Store in Sept. 2017.

Unclaimed bodies pile up as payments wither, overdoses rise



In this Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, photo, cemetery personnel lower the casket containing the body of 82-year-old James Oram, who died in a local nursing home and whose body was unclaimed, into his unmarked grave located on the perimeter of Hope Cemetery in Worcester, Mass. The two small bouquets of flowers were provided by the cemetery workers.

(AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, Associated Press WORCESTER, Mass.

(AP) — Who takes care of the unclaimed dead, the people who were homeless or estranged from family members, or who outlived all their kin, and left no assets behind?

The answer is usually funeral homes that get reimbursed by state or local governments for the cost of cremation or burial. But payments are not keeping up with ever-rising expenses in some places, like Massachusetts, meaning the number of funeral homes willing to shoulder the burden is dwindling. In at least one state, West Virginia, drug

overdose victims have used up nearly all the money set aside for the unclaimed dead.

“These are human beings, someone’s mother, father, sister, brother,” said Peter Stefan, a funeral director in his 70s who buries dozens of unclaimed bodies a year in central Massachusetts. “What do you do with these people? If I leave this place this way, the poor won’t have too many options.”

The \$1,110 reimbursement for funeral directors who bury the indigent and unclaimed in Massachusetts hasn’t risen in 35 years. The total cost for their time, the casket, transportation of the corpse and a burial plot can be double that, they say.

Cremation is cheaper, but that’s impossible if, as is required in some places including Massachusetts,

funeral directors can’t find kin to sign off. That leaves them scrambling to find discounts or covering some costs themselves.

“As long as you have two or three funeral homes that are willing to do this, it’s not a problem,” said Robert Lawler, a Boston funeral director who buries about 100 unclaimed bodies a year. “But what happens when we decide we can’t do it anymore?”

Directors recently became eligible for an extra \$1,000 if they accept bodies from the Massachusetts medical examiner’s office, which investigates suicides and suspicious and accidental deaths. But that accounts only for some bodies.

About 15 states provide some funding for unclaimed body burials or cremations, while the rest have pushed the cost to local governments, said Scott Gilligan, general counsel for the National Funeral Directors Association.

Ohio, for example, used to pay \$750 before shifting the burden to local governments. Now, some communities offer a set fee, while some smaller towns often won’t even budget for it and funeral directors have to fight to just get paid \$350, Gilligan said.

“A lot of times, they just do it as good citizens,” he said.

In West Virginia, there will soon be no money for the cremation or burial of the poor and unclaimed. The state fund that pays for them is set to run out of money at the end of this month because of drug overdose deaths, said Robert Kimes, executive director of the state funeral directors association.

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side companies to deliver milk to prisons after selling off its dairy cows in 2016. Reducing contraband was one of several factors the prisons director cited at the time in support of the move.

“The department anticipates that phasing out prison farming operations will also minimize the opportunities for passing illegal contraband into our prisons,” according to an April 2016 fact sheet from the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Adams has been a driver with United Dairy for 14 years and a prison milk deliveryman for the past two years, Fornshell said.

Investigators believe the contraband scheme was

dreamed up last August.

Before making deliveries, Adams would meet a contact at a nearby highway gas station and receive substitute milk cartons containing the contraband before entering the prison, Fornshell said. An inmate took it from there.

“It’s not being brought in just to be randomly passed out to whoever — ‘Hey it’s your lucky day, you’re one of 30 winners today,’” Fornshell said.

“Somebody on the inside had to be looking for the milk cartons coming in, knowing how they were going to be marked, knowing what day they were coming in,” the prosecutor said.

Fornshell said the investigation was ongoing and there could be additional charges.

Judge sides with Trump on challenge to Mexico border wall

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A judge who was taunted by Donald Trump during the presidential campaign sided with the president Tuesday on a challenge to building a border wall with Mexico, removing what could have been a major obstacle to the signature campaign pledge.

U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel rejected arguments by the state of California and advocacy groups that the administration overreached by waiving laws requiring environmental and other reviews before construction can begin. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit said a 2005 law that gave the Homeland Security secretary broad authority to waive the reviews had expired.

Trump berated Curiel during the campaign for his handling of fraud allegations against now-defunct Trump University, suggesting the Indiana-born judge's Mexican heritage reflected a bias. Curiel mentioned his roots in his 101-page ruling Tuesday when he cited another native of the state, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who wrote in another case that courts should not make policy judgments. "The court cannot and does not consider whether the underlying decisions to construct border barriers are politically wise or prudent," Curiel wrote. The lawsuit was the first major legal challenge to the wall under Trump and the latest legal challenge to fail over the years.

The Center for Biological Diversity, which sued along with the state of California and three advocacy groups, said it would appeal.

"They're giving unprecedented, sweeping power to an unelected agency chief to ignore dozens of laws and crash through hundreds of miles of spectacular borderlands," attorney Brian Segee said, referring to the head of Homeland Security. "This is unconstitutional and shouldn't be allowed to stand."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said, "We will evaluate all of our options and are prepared to do what is necessary to protect our people, our values, and our economy from federal overreach."

The Animal Legal Defense Fund said it may ask the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene. The Sierra Club said the environmental and other reviews are critical to protecting border communities, but the group didn't discuss its next step.

U.S. Justice Department spokesman Devin O'Malley welcomed the decision, saying Congress granted authority to build a wall without delay and that the administration is pleased it can continue "this important work vital to our nation's interests."

Homeland Security spokesman Tyler Houlton added, "Simply put, walls work." The decision came days after construction began on a 30-foot (9.1-meter) high barrier in Calexico, California, the administration's first wall project outside of eight prototypes in San Diego that were completed in October. The administration has issued three waivers since August, two to build in parts of California and one in part of New Mexico. President George W. Bush's administration issued the previous five waivers, allowing the government to quickly extend barriers to about one-third of the border. The Center for Biological Diversity said in its lawsuit that the waiver authority cannot be interpreted to last forever. California argued that it expired in 2008, when Homeland Security satisfied congressional requirements at the time on how much wall to build. Curiel wrote that the law certainly "is not a model of legislative precision" and that both sides made plausible arguments. The judge declined to second-guess the administration's findings that waivers were issued in areas of "high illegal entry," a requirement set by Congress. The advocates argued that dramatic declines in border arrests undermined those findings. During 2½ hours of arguments this month, the judge peppered both sides with questions about the law's meaning. He showed strong interest in a requirement tacked on in late 2007 for Homeland Security to consult other federal agencies, state and local governments, Indian tribes and property owners to minimize the impact of construction, which challengers said the administration failed to do.

Curiel said in his ruling that the law's lack of specifics prevented him for concluding that the administration failed to properly consult others.

Trump is seeking \$18 billion to extend the wall as the White House and Congress are at an impasse. Earlier this month, the Senate rejected an administration-backed plan to link funding and sharp cuts to legal immigration to allowing young immigrants to stay in the country after they were temporarily shielded from deportation under an Obama-era program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The wall prototypes in San Diego that were built to guide future designs and the wall replacement in Calexico were previously funded.

Curiel was pilloried by Trump over the Trump University lawsuits. The then-presumptive Republican presidential nominee called him a "hater" of Trump who should be ashamed, calling attention to the judge's Mexican ancestry and Trump's support for a border wall.



FILE - This undated photo provided by the U.S. District Court shows Judge Gonzalo Curiel, who was taunted by Donald Trump during the presidential campaign, has sided with the president on a challenge to building a border wall with Mexico. Curiel on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 rejected arguments by the state of California and advocacy groups that the administration overreached by waiving laws requiring environmental and other reviews before construction could begin.

(U.S. District Court via AP, File)



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Proposal for new construction of a commercial structure with Utilities - Leloa
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Proposal for demolition and new construction of a religious structure with utilities - Lepua

Persons interested in or affected by a proposed project, are invited to review the project file and provide comments based on environmental issues, by contacting Aokusotino Mao at 633-5155, at the Department of Commerce in Utulei during regular ASG working hours. Public comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Interested individuals are also invited to attend a Public Hearing at **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at DOC Conference Room, on the 2nd Floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.**

O lo'o iai i le Ofisa o Fefa'ataua'iga ni talosaga mo Pemita e Fa'atagaina ai le Fa'aaogaina o Fanua ma Laualeele e tusa ma ala o le Tulafono. A iai se tasi e fa'asea pe fia tusia se molimau i ni afaina o le si'osi'omaga pe a galueaina nei galuega, telefoni mai ia Aokusotino Mao i le 633-5155. E mafai fo'i ona e auai i le fono a le Komiti Fa'afaoe ia **Mati 7, 2018 i le itula e 9 i le taeao.**

Manafort's case saddled by side issues, disputes with judge

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson was not amused.

A lawyer for Paul Manafort, the former campaign chairman for President Donald Trump, was trying to justify the multimillion-dollar value of his client's home as part of a bail package. Rather than producing tax assessment or property records, the lawyer submitted to the judge a printout from Zillow, the online real estate website.

"Zillow is actually considered to be pretty accurate, Your Honor," said Kevin Downing, Manafort's attorney. Jackson swatted that aside, insisting she needed "something, some piece of paper beyond just what I got."

On many days, the high-profile, high-stakes prosecution of Manafort — a case already outside the central election-meddling focus of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation — is mired in side issues that have left the judge exasperated.

Whatever Manafort's strategy, his team's efforts appear largely reflective of the former international consultant's frustration with what he sees as an out-of-control prosecution — and a burdensome house arrest from which his attorneys, despite several attempts, have been unable to free him. The halting pace of the case in Washington is about to face another obstacle: With new charges filed in Virginia, Manafort is now going to have to balance a wholly separate case with a different judge and possibly another trial.

Lawyer Downing and Judge Jackson have clashed over the attorney's provocative public statements, Manafort's own ghost-written opinion piece in Ukraine and even the format of the court filings submitted by the defense. There were also weeks of requests by Rick Gates, Manafort's recently flipped co-defendant, to attend his children's sporting events, disputes over his involvement in a friend's fundraiser and multiple defense lawyer substitutions.

"We've been dealing with the minutiae of bond and soccer practice and public relations and people changing their minds about where they want to live and unsettled questions concerning representation since October, and it's unacceptable," Jackson recently said, lamenting to lawyers that they hadn't yet set a trial date.

Separately, as the pre-trial doings proceed, Manafort is suing special counsel Mueller, accusing him of overstepping by indicting him for conduct "unmoored" from the Russian interference. Manafort is accused of acting as an unregistered foreign agent and orchestrating an international money laundering conspiracy to hide millions of dollars he earned from his foreign political work in eastern Europe.

Report: Anti-Semitic incidents soar by 57 percent in 2017



FILE - In this Feb. 27, 2017 file photo, headstones toppled and damaged by vandals lie on the ground at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia. The Anti-Defamation League is reporting a 57 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. in 2017, the highest tally that the Jewish civil rights group has counted in more than two decades, according to data it released on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018.

(AP Photo/Jacqueline Larma, File)

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press

The Anti-Defamation League is reporting a 57 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. last year, the highest tally that the Jewish civil rights group has counted in more than two decades, according to data it released Tuesday.

The New York City-based organization found 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents last year, up from 1,267 in 2016. That's the highest total since 1994 and the largest single-year increase since the group began collecting this data in 1979.

The ADL said the sharp rise includes 952 vandalism incidents, an increase of 86 percent from 2016. The group also counted 1,015 incidents of harassment, a 41 percent increase from 2016.

ADL national director and CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said the "alarming" increase appears to be fueled by emboldened far-right extremists as well as the "divisive state of our national discourse."

"Less civility has led to more intolerance," he told The Associated Press.

Greenblatt also acknowledged that heightened awareness of the problem likely led to increased reporting of anti-Semitic incidents.

Anti-Semitic incidents at schools and on college campuses nearly doubled for the second year in a row, with 457 such incidents reported in non-Jewish schools last year, the ADL report says.

"We should see this as an alarm, a very loud alarm that should get the attention of all of us," Greenblatt said.

The ADL and other groups

have reported a surge in the number of incidents in which far-right extremist groups have posted racist and anti-Semitic fliers on college campuses. ADL spokesman Todd Gutnick said the report's tally only counts incidents in which fliers had explicitly anti-Semitic messages.

The ADL also counted 19 anti-Semitic physical assaults last year, a 47 percent decrease from 2016.

The harassment incidents included 169 bomb threats against Jewish institutions, nearly all of them by two men. The ADL report said more than 150 bomb threats against Jewish community centers and day schools last year were allegedly made by an 18-year-old Israeli-American Jewish hacker, who was arrested in Israel last March. Separately, a former journalist from St. Louis pleaded guilty to making a string of fake bomb threats to Jewish organizations last year in the name of his ex-girlfriend in an effort to disrupt her life.

In a note about its methodology, the group said, "ADL is careful to not conflate general criticism of Israel or anti-Israel activism with anti-Semitism. However, Israel-related harassment of groups or individuals may be included when the harassment incorporates traditional anti-Jewish references, accusations and conspiracy theories. Also included are cases of picketing of Jewish religious or cultural institutions for purported support for Israel."

There were six incidents in which Jewish institutions were victims of vandalism and harassment for their purported support of Israel, Gutnick said.

Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld, of

Ohev Sholom-The National Synagogue in Washington, said neo-Nazis in the U.S. are emboldened "in a way I have not seen in my lifetime."

"It's scary," said Herzfeld, whose synagogue received a bomb threat in April. "I think there is no question that it's on people's minds, and there is more of it out there."

The ADL is urging Congress to pass legislation to expand federal protections against bomb threats to religious institutions. The legislation, approved by the U.S. House of Representatives in December, awaits action in the Senate, the ADL said.

Greenblatt also urges "all public figures" to speak out against anti-Semitism "whether you're the president of the United States or the head of the local P.T.A."

President Donald Trump was widely criticized for saying there was "blame on both sides" after violence erupted in August at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, where 32-year-old Heather Heyer was killed when a man drove his car into a crowd of demonstrators. Greenblatt said Trump's statements about the rally were a "serious failure of moral leadership" and a "low point" of his presidency.

"There's no question we would love to see the president call out anti-Semitism as consistently and clearly as he does other issues," Greenblatt said.

The ADL says it compiles its incident data from news reports and information provided by victims, law enforcement and "community leaders."

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GOP leaders move slowly on tighter gun laws



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, takes questions from reporters at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, as Congress gets back to work following the Parkland, Fla., school assault that left 17 dead. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

By LISA MASCARO and MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan on Tuesday showed little interest in stricter gun control proposals being floated in Congress, leaving the issue in the hands of wary Senate leaders and President Donald Trump, whose shifting views have left no clear strategy for legislative action.

As student survivors of the

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting lobbied lawmakers for tougher gun laws, Ryan acknowledged “system failures” in Florida that he said Congress should review. But GOP leaders did not promise votes on the matter and stopped short of offering solutions, beyond a pending bill aimed at increasing participation in the existing federal background check system. The

bill uses new incentives and penalties to encourage better compliance with current law, but does not expand the pool of gun buyers required to undergo background checks before buying a gun. Even as he endorsed the measure, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell downplayed its significance, saying it would not be a “panacea” for the rash of gun violence. But McConnell said he wanted to “at least show some progress toward dealing with one element of the problem.”

Republican leaders, who have majority control of the House and Senate, are reluctant to lead on legislation without knowing they have Trump’s full support and can rely on his popularity with a core flank of the GOP electorate to shield them from political blowback. But Trump, who is inviting lawmakers to the White House on Wednesday, has proven an inconsistent partner in such policy debate, including the issue of gun violence that has taken on fresh urgency since the Valentine’s Day assault that left 17 dead. One of Trump’s top gun safety proposals after the Florida shooting — raising the age to purchase some rifles from 18 to 21 — receded after Trump lunched with leaders of the National Rifle Association last weekend. The idea had been promoted by TV personality Geraldo Rivera, who recently had dinner with Trump in Florida. But it was met with stiff resistance from the NRA. Although Trump has been quiet about the idea in recent days, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Tuesday that the president continues to support raising the

minimum age and expects that to be a topic of discussion when he meets with lawmakers. But Rivera, a Trump ally, scolded the president on Twitter for appearing to back away from the proposal. “Incredibly we’re set to do nothing re gun control again,” Rivera tweeted. “The only person in the country strong enough to stand up to #NRA @realDonaldTrump is apparently taking a pass after dropping modest reform of banning sales of semi automatics to kids not old enough to buy cigarettes & beer.” The Senate could vote this week on the legislation from Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Chris Murphy, D-Conn., to strengthen the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, though votes were not yet scheduled amid resistance from within the GOP ranks and demands by Democrats to vote on other measures. The “Fix NICS” bill, similar to one approved last year in the House, would reward federal agencies and states that utilize the background check system, and penalize those that don’t properly report required records used to determine whether someone can legally buy a gun.

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Directors who bury the indigent and unclaimed from March on will have to try recouping money from the state later, but there’s no guarantee, Kimes said. Lawmakers are considering lowering the \$1,250 payment to \$1,000 but doing away with some things funeral homes have to pay for, like a vault, to make the fund last longer, he said. In northwestern Georgia’s Floyd County, Coroner Gene Proctor last year was calling five or six funeral homes every time he had an unclaimed body before he could find one willing to bury it for the \$1,250 the county provided. “I couldn’t blame them because ... they’re a business and they have to make money to survive, and here I am asking them to cost themselves money,” said Proctor, who handled about 90 unclaimed sets of remains last year. He recently persuaded the county to pass an ordinance that provides for the cremation of the unclaimed. Now, funeral homes get \$750, and every director in the county is stepping forward, he said. In Massachusetts, Stefan wants lawmakers to require local health boards to approve cremation when relatives don’t come forward within 30 days. He and his supporters, including Democratic state Senate President Harriette Chandler, say they believe it would make more funeral homes willing to help out with abandoned bodies. Stefan, who arranged the burial of Boston Marathon

bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev, is often the go-to funeral director for police, nursing homes and hospitals. He smoked from a wooden pipe as he explained how the body of James Oram, 82, arrived at his Worcester funeral home hours after dying at a nursing home in January. Oram’s body spent about a month in an unfinished basement in a large refrigerator where Stefan can keep three bodies as he looks for relatives, money and burial space. Others are placed in caskets and stored in a room kept cold. The body of one man who wanted to be buried at sea has been at Stefan’s funeral home for more than a year. Nearby, hundreds of containers of cremated remains that were never picked up by relatives line rows of shelves; some date to the 1800s. Stefan eventually discovered that Oram died with about \$2,000, money that paid for his burial instead of the state. On the unusually warm February day Oram was laid to rest, a funeral director read the 23rd Psalm as cemetery workers put his simple blue casket adorned with white and yellow flowers into the grave and covered it with dirt. Stefan and the others looked at the grave of the man whose information in their possession fit on a single sheet: White. Male. Single. Factory Worker. “These people were born, grew up, went to high school,” Stefan said. “What happened in the middle? Who knows.”



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