



# Amata taeao nei le fa'amasinoga autu fa'asaga i se alii Faipisinisi

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O le taeao nei lea ua faamomoe e amata aloaia ai taualumaga o le fa'amasinoga iloilo i le va o le malo ma le ali'i Faipisinisi ia Mukesh Chand, lea o lo o tu'uaia i lona faia o uiga mataga i se tama'ita'i e 17 tausaga le matua i le ogatotonu o le tausaga nei.

O le itula e 9:00 i le taeao nei lea ua faatulaga e amata ai ona sailia vaega iloilo iuga latou te iloiloina se fa'aiuga o lenei mataupu, ma amata aloaia ai loa taualumaga o le mataupu i le aso Lua e sosoo ai ma fa'asolo atu ai lava seia oo i le fa'aiuga o le mataupu i le aso Faraile o le vaiaso nei.

O Chand o lo o tatalaina pea i tua ina ua mae'a ona ia totogi le tupe e \$20,000 na fa'atulaga e le fa'amasinoga, e fa'atalitali ai le aso o lona fa'amasinoga autu.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na fofogaina ai i luma o le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Elvis P. Patea ni isi o faafinauga ma talosaga mai itu e lua o lenei mataupu, e tusa ai o fa'amatalaga ma mau faamaonia e tatau ona tuuina atu i luma o le vaega iloilo iuga i le vaiaso nei.

O se tasi o mataupu sa finauina e loaia i itu e lua, o molimau o le a tuuina atu i luma o le vaega iloilo iuga. Na finau le malo i le fa'amasinoga mo sana poloaiga e taofi ai le itu tete'e mai lo latou fa'aaogaina o fa'amatalaga e fa'atatau i le olaga faiaiga i le va o le tamaitai o lo o a'afia ma isi alii, a o le i tula'i mai le mataupu e pei ona tu'uaia ai Chand, ina ne'i avea ia fa'amatalaga ma auala e aveese ai le aano autu o lenei fa'amasinoga.

Na finau le loaia a le malo ia Woodrow Pengelly e fa'apea, o faamatalaga e pei ona maua mai e le itu tete'e i le tama'ita'i na a'afia, ina ua mae'a ona latou faatalatalanoaina o ia, e le fesootai ia ma fa'amatalaga e fa'atatau i le mataupu e pei ona tu'uaia ai Chand.

Ae na finau le itu tete'e e fa'apea, e taua tele fa'amatalaga e fa'atatau i le olaga tuai o le tama'ita'i o lo o a'afia i lenei mataupu, e fesoasoani ai i le sailiina o le mea moni i le mataupu lea ua i luma o le fa'amasinoga.

Na finau le itu tete'e e fa'apea, o tu'uaiga faasaga ia Chand na alia'e mai i le taimi ao i ai le tama'itai na a'afia i le fale a le ua molia. O le tama'ita'i na a'afia e uo ma le afafine a le ua molia.

O iina la lea o loo tu'uaia ai e le tama'ita'i na a'afia ia Chand sa ia faia ai ni uiga mataga ia te ia, e aofia ai le tagofie o ona

itutinoso, ma oso ai lagona fefe ia te ia. Na finau atili le itu tete'e e fa'apea, o faamatalaga fou ua latou maua o loo taua ai le naunau o le tamaitai na aafia e alu ese mai le fale a le ua molia i le leva o le po, e fia alu e feiloa'i i lana uo tama, peita'i sa otegia e le ua molia ma le mafai ai ona alu ese o ia ma le fale.

O le faafinauga ua taoto atu nei i se faaiuga a le fa'amasinoga. Na pau le faafinauga na teena e le fa'amasinoga, o le taumafai lea o le malo e valaau se foma'i e avea ma a latou molimau, ina

(Faauau itulau 26)



O le laina pito lava i tua o le au fa'au'u. a le Kolisi Tu'ufa'atasi a Amerika Samoa i le aso Faraile ua te'a.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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# Molia se tagata faigaluega Ofisa o Aoga umia fualaau fa’asaina

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Ua molia e le malo i le vaiaso na te’a nei se tagata faigaluega mai le Matagaluega o Aoga a le malo, ina ua maua i totonu o se afifi na fa’atuatusi mai i lona igoa vaega o le pauta fa’asaina o le aisa (methamphetamine).

E 3 moliaga mamafa ua molia ai e le malo le susuga a Sonny Tui. O ia moliaga e aofia ai lona umia fa’asolitulafono o vaega o le pauta fa’asaina o le aisa, o le moliaga o le umia faasolitulafono o le aisa ma le fa’amoemoe e tulei ma fa’atau atu i isi tagata, atoa ai ma lona taumafai e aumai faasolitulafono vaega o fualaau faasaina i le atunu’u.

O le aso Tofi o le vaiaso na te’a nei na tula’i ai Tui i luma o le Fa’amasinoga Fa’aitumalo mo le ulua’i taimi, ma ua toe fa’atulaga lana mataupu e toe fofogaina i le itula e 8:30 i le taeao nei i luma lava o le Fa’amasinoga Fa’aitumalo, mo le fa’atulagaina ai o le taimi ma le aso e faia ai lana iloilogaga faapitoa.

Na teena e le afioga i le ali’i fa’amasino ia Fiti Sunia le talosaga a le loia a Tui ia Ryan Anderson, mo se avanoa e fa’aitiitia ai i le \$20,000 le tupe e tatala ai le ua molia mai le aofaiga e \$40,000 lea ua uma ona fa’atulaga e le malo.

Na taua e Anderson e fa’apea, o Tui o se tagata e nofomau lava i Amerika Samoa, ua tele tausaga

o galue i lana galuega tumau o lo o i ai nei i le Ofisa o Aoga, e le o se tagata fo’i e masalomia lona sola ese ma le atunu’u.

Ae na finau le loia a le malo ia Christy Dunn e fa’apea, e le talitonu le malo i le faafinauga a le itu tete’e, ona o Tui ua leva ona aumai i fafo i Amerika, o lona aiga fo’i o lo o i ai i Amerika, ma e tele le avanoa e sola ese ai o ia.

E \$40,000 le tupe lea ua fa’atulaga e togoti ona fa’atoa mafai lea ona tatala Tui i tua, i lalo o tuutuuga e tatau ona tuu atu i le itu a le malo ona pepa malaga e taofi ai, ina ia mautinoa ai na te le tuua le atunu’u. Ua faatonuina fo’i o ia ina ia auai i soo sana iloilogaga pe afai ae tatala o ia i tua, ma ia aua ne’i ona toe taumafai e fa’afesootai molimau a le malo.

O le mataupu e pei ona tu’uaia ai Tui na alia’e mai i le aso Gafua o le vaiaso na te’a nei, ina ua alu o ia e piki mai lana afifi na aumai i le va’a meli i le malaeva’alele i Tafuna, ae tu’uaia le maua ai o aisa i totonu o le afifi.

Ina ua tatala e sui o le Ofisa o Tiute le afifi, sa latou maua ai i totonu o sipika, i totonu o le sipika na maua i ai vaega o le pauta oona o le aisa, lea e lata i le 7 aunese lona mamafa. Na faailoa e Tui i ofisa o le Tiute, o le afifi o lo o aumai ai le meaalofo a lona to’alua mo le kerisimasi.

## Amata taeao...

Mai itulau 25

ia faamanino i le vaega iloilo iuga natura ma amioga o tagata e a’afia i faia o ituaiga solitulafono faapenei.

Na finau le itu tete’e e fa’apea, o le molimau lea ua sauni le malo e valaau, o le molimau na fa’atoa latou iloina i le vaiaso na te’a nei, ma ua le

mafai ai ona tapena le itu tete’e mo le sailia o ni fa’amatalaga e fa’afetaui ai faamatalaga o le a tuuina atu e lea molimau.

Na talia e Patea le talosaga a le itu tete’e, ma poloaina ai loa le malo e le fa’atagaina le valaauina o le latou molimau lea.



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Nisi o le au fa’au’u a le Kolisi Tu’ufa’atasi a Amerika Samoa i le aso Faraile ua te’a.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





O le isi itu sa sasao ai nisi o le vasega fa'ai'uso mai le ASCC i le latou fa'au'uga i le aso Faraile na te'a nei.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

# 103 fanau fa'au'u - Fa'au'uga Lona 67 Kolisi Tu'ufa'atasi Amerika Samoa

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

O le aso Faraile ua te'a i le faleta'alo o le Kolisi Tu'ufa'atasi sa fa'ataunu'u ai le fa'au'uga lona 67 o le vasega fa'aiuso afa mulimuli o le tausaga 2017. Sa auai i le sauniga matua ma aiga o le au fa'au'u, sui o le malo fa'atasi ai ma le Kovana Sili Lolo Mata-lasi Moliga, fa'apea le Komiti Fa'afaoe a le kolisi.

E to'a 103 i latou na fa'au'u ma fa'aailoga Associates of Arts, Associates of Science ma fa'aailoga Bachelors of Education - Elementary Education. Peita'i, e i ai le isi to'a lima o e na fa'au'u ma tusi pasi maualuluga o Masters mai Iunivesite i fafo, ae sa fa'aaogaina lea fa'au'uga e savavali ai ma talia o latou fa'aailoga.

Na saunoa fa'amalosi'au le tama'ita'i Peresetene o le Kolisi. Dr. Rosevonne Makaiwi Pato i le fanau, "O le aso lenei o lau ulua'i la'asaga i le lalolagi tele o lo'o fa'atali mai mo oe. Ia e matua fuli e fai lou faiva ia e manumalo. Fa'aailoa i ai, ua leva ona tapena oe e lou aiga, o lau ekalesia ma lau a'oga, ina ia e ola ma agava'a uma o le tagata ua mafai ona tuto'atasi e tapena lona lalolagi."

O le sao o le afioga le Kovana Sili na soso'o ai, lea sa ia toe fa'aailoa i le au fa'au'u. "O i tatou o tagata Samoa, ia e mua'i iloa lena mea, a'o le'i e taumafai e saili lou tusi pasi maualuga lena e te fa'anaunau i ai." "Ou te tima'i atu ia te outou ao outou alofaiva i o outou lumana'i, ia

muamua e iloa ona puipui lou ola, sapai lau tu ma agaifanua, puipui lau gagana aua o lou tofi ma teuteu lo'u siosiomaga e fa'amemee ai i le lalolagi atoa," o sana lea tima'i.

Sa ia toe fa'atepa le vasega fa'au'u i le taua o le tutumau i ana agaifanua, "E te tiu ai o oe o le Samoa, taofiofi i ou eleele ma au aia tatau i lou nu'u na e fanau mai ai! Va'ai i tatou e fai ma va'aiga le setete o Hawaii, lea ua amata ona ave tagatanuu o Hawaii ma tagata maumau solo ua leai se fa'asinomaga i totonu lava o lona atunu'u. Aisea? Ua mao tu'ulima lo latou tofi i le eleele ma a latou agaifanua."

I ana toe upu sa ia fa'apea ai, "Outou o le a o atu i fafo, fa'amuamua mai o oe o le Samoa ae fa'amulimuli ane i lou ave ma se foma'i e te toe fo'i mai e tautua ai nai ou aiga, ma lou malo ma e aoga ai i lau ekalesia." O le sao o le ali'i fofoga fa'aptoa mo le fanau fa'au'u, William Ena Spitzenberg, sa ia fafagu mai le agaga moni o tama fanau a Amerika Samoa ua toe talia mai, ina ia fai sona sao mo ona tagata. "E mafai ona e ave'esea le tama mai lona nu'u, ae le mafai ona e ave'esea le nu'u mai le tama!" - o lana muagagana lea na amata ai ona manatu fa'aalia mo le vasega fa'aiuso.

"O le aso lenei, ua fa'asintonu i se isi la'asaga o le tou olaga taumafai ua mae'a ona faia, ma ua ausia lea fo'i matati'a, peita'i, e le tatau ia te outou ona tou fa'atalitali

manuia, ae toe taumafai atili mo nisi la'asaga maualuluga e sili atu lona tauai nai lo se manu ua aeae i lenei aso!"

"Ia aoga sa'u fa'asoa mo outou le au fa'au'u i lenei aso, aua afai ou te tepa i le amataga o lo'u olaga, e le o eseese lava i tatou. O nai matua, sa le mae'a ni a'oa'oga maualuluga e pei ona tatou i ai nei. Peita'i, o le la'ua naunauta'i ina ia suia le fua ou te ola ai, ia lelei a'u a'oa'oga ina ia si'itia ai sa'u taumafaiga nai lo le mea sa la'ua taumafai mai ai. O i la'ua lava na mautu ai lo'u iloa, o le ki o le ola fa'amanuaina i lenei olaga fa'aletino, o le atamai!"

"Soso'o ane ai, e tatau muamua ona ou ausia togi maualuluga, ia fa'amautu ai lo'u gafatia ona maua avanoa e totonu ai e le Malo o'u pili i a'oga maualuluga, aua e le taitai ona au i ai le fa'asoa tau le tamaoaga i nai o'u matua."

"Sa ou va'aia le usu po o nai o'u matua e tusa o le 2:00 i le vaveao e faigaluega, ina ia mafai ona fa'aa'oga i matou uma. O a'u fo'i na muaimalae e malaga i fafo e a'oga i le avanoa fa'asikolasipi a le Malo, ae to'aono lea e fa'atupe atu pea. E pau lava lea o se mafau-fauga na mafai ai ona tu i luga i le tau malulu ma taumafai e alu e su'e le su'ega, e le'i faigofie le tauviga a matua ma galuega fita, le tau fa'asoasoa o le tupe ina ia tofusia le fanau ma maua le a'oa'oga e mo'omia e ola lelei ai i le lumana'i."

"Aisea ua ou fa'aailoa atu ai

nei mea uma? Ina ia fesoasoani i lau fa'ai'uga faia pe a e lutia i au a'oa'oga i fafo, tautuana sa mua'i uia fo'i lena ala, ma o au fa'aiuga e mafai ai ona tonu lou ala ma to'ai taunu'u ai i le taunu'uga o fa'anaunau i ai nai ou matua, lou aiga, ae maise lava o oe!"

E tolu ni filifiliga sa ia fa'aailoa e ao ina fesoasoani ai i le vasega fa'au'u.

"Muamua - Filifili i le taimi nei i se mea e te mana'o e fai, ona e tumau ai lea i lau sailiga lena! Pe afai e te tausaili, fa'aaoga atoa au taleni ua mae'a foaia e le Atua ia te oe, e i ai isi mea e fa'aopoopo e le Atua ia te oe, ona o lou tausaili ma le naunauta'i ia a'emalo ou faiva!"

"Aua e te tutumau i le mea e tasi, e tele taleni ua mae'a fa'ao'aina ai oe e le Atua. Fa'aaoga uma avanoa ma taleni ua e agava'a ai, ma tausinio ia ausia ma mae'a au taumafaiga uma." "O le vave ona e ausia o au sini o e tausailia, o lou maua lea o le fesoasoani a nisi o lo ua mae'a ona latou ausia sini lea e te naunau e te fia maua. Saili i latou na, ona fa'afaigofie atili lea o lau sailiga, ma o le a pu'upu'u fo'i le taimi e te fa'aalua i au sailiga," o se tasi lea o ana fautuaga.

"Filifili i le taimi nei ma aua lava ne'i e fa'atalatu'u i lau sailiga, fa'amuamua lau sailiga," o a Spitzenberg lea. "Po'o le a lava lau filifiliga e ao ina faia, ia faia ma lou fa'amaoni, ma lou naunau ia mae'a lelei! E ese o tatou lagona, e eseese fo'i

faiva, ma e tali le Atua i o tatou mana'oga uma."

O le filifiliga lona tolu na tomuli i ai lana tautalaga matagofie, "Ia e Fa'amuamua le Atua i mea uma! O le mea sili fo'i lea ona taua, e leai se mea e te mafaia pe afai e le toina mai e le Atua ia te oe le manuia o le malosi ma le ola i aso ta'itasi i lau savailiga. O lou olaga o se polomisi, e ao ina e fa'atumuina lou olaga i mea lelei!"

Sa ia si'itia mai le mau Fa'ataoto 3:5-6, "Ia e fa'atuatua i lou Atua, ae aua e te fa'alagolago i lou lava atamai. Ia e manatua o ia i ou ala uma...."

"Ia e fa'amuamua le Atua i mea uma, ona faia lea e ia o mea uma e mana'o i ai lou loto. Talia ma le fiafia fua ua maua i au taumafaiga uma, ia va'ai i le olaga o se lu'iga ia e manumalo, nai lo se mea ua le mafai ona e faia i ai se suiga. Manatua e i ai le mafuaga na tu'uina ai i tatou e le Atua i lenei lalolagi tatou te ola ai. Ia e faia se suiga lelei."

"Aua le fa'ameo i mea uma, ae filifili ia faia se suiga lelei i mea uma e te silafia e ao ina suia ia lelei. Alofa i se tasi a'o e fai-malaga, e mautinoa e alofagia oe e le Atua i taimi faigata ma le le mautonu. O mea e le mafaia e i tatou, e mafaia ona o le Atua!"

O le afioga Senatoa Faiivae Alexander Godinet, taitaifono o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o A'oaoga Maualuluga sa ia tolaulauna suafa o le au fa'au'u ua maua sikolasipi a le Malo i le latou sailiga o fa'aailoga maualuluga i Iunivesite i fafo.





California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, center, reacts during a service celebrating the life of Mayor Ed Lee at San Francisco City Hall in San Francisco, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017. San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee was remembered for his humility, integrity and infectious smile during a public celebration of his life Sunday at City Hall attended by family members, former staff, politicians and residents.

(Scott Strazzante/San Francisco Chronicle via AP, Pool)

# ‘Celebration of life’ for San Francisco mayor who died at 65

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee was remembered Sunday for his humility, integrity and infectious smile during a public celebration of his life at City Hall, attended by family members, former staff, politicians and residents.

Lee, who died last week at age 65, had a love of life and a devotion to public service, said Gov. Jerry Brown, one of several prominent Democrats who spoke during the ceremony.

“I never saw him down,” Brown said. “Every time you saw him he was happy, he was expressing a very upbeat attitude.”

Lee, also a Democrat, was San Francisco’s first Asian-American mayor and a former civil rights lawyer who led the city out of recession and into an economic recovery driven by

the technology industry.

He died early Dec. 12 after collapsing the night before at a grocery store. The medical examiner’s office has not released a cause of death.

Acting Mayor London Breed recalled the rapturous reception Lee received during an official visit to China, where his parents were born.

“He was like a superstar. An icon,” she said. “Everywhere we went and to everyone we met, Lee was like Beyoncé with a mustache.”

Former Mayor Willie Brown said Lee had many qualities that made him better than his predecessors.

“We were not always candid. Ed Lee was. We were not always diplomatic. Ed Lee was,” Brown said.

One area in which Lee didn’t shine — telling jokes.

“He told terrible jokes,” said Brown, evoking laughter. “He laughed because he was trying to build enthusiasm for his jokes.” His daughters, Tania Lee and Brianna Lee, shared the microphone and remembered their father for his boundless energy when it came to serving San Francisco, whether it was by giving speeches, stuffing envelopes or waking up early on weekends to paint over graffiti.

“It was absolute love for the city that kept him going,” Brianna Lee said.

The women announced the formation of the Edmund M. Lee Community Fund that will continue to address issues important to the late mayor including care for the homeless and fighting discrimination.

U.S. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, both from San Francisco, also eulogized Lee. Lee “leaves an enduring, inspiring legacy that generations of San Franciscans will enjoy,” Pelosi said.

The memorial was also marked with musical performances including a choir and a pre-taped segment of Tony Bennett singing, “I left my heart in San Francisco.”

Lee’s casket was not present, as it was on Friday when his body laid in repose in the rotunda of City Hall.

Local celebrities, government workers and residents came to say goodbye to Lee on Friday. Many stopped momentarily before his closed casket that was draped in an American flag and behind velvet rope. Some bowed or prayed, saluted or cried before continuing to a side room where they could write condolences.

Outside the building, floral bouquets and handwritten notes filled half of the steps.

Edwin Mah Lee was born May 5, 1952, in Seattle to immigrants from Toisan, a rural village in China’s southern province of Guangdong.



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Momoli atu Mo’omo’oga alofa mo se Kerisimasi Fiafia ma le Tausaga Fou Manuia.

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## SAMOA CONSULATE GENERAL: CLOSURE OF THE OFFICE FOR CHRISTMAS 2017 & NEW YEAR 2018

The general public is hereby advised that the Office of the Samoa Consulate-General will be Closed from **12:00 Noon, Friday, December 22, 2017 until 8:30a.m., Wednesday, January 03, 2018.**

The traveling public is therefore urged to arrange for their needed documentation and permits well before closure, to avoid disappointment.

Contact phone numbers and e-mail address remain the same (i.e. phone: 633-5919/633-5920 and email amtvpk1@gmail.com)

### CHANGE OF CLOSING TIME

To assist in facilitating the procurement of documents and entry permits, the Consulate will extend its opening hours by Closing at 3:30pm on work days from Friday, December 01, 2017 until Thursday, December 21, 2017.

During closure for Christmas and New Year (December 25, 2017 - January 02, 2018).

For Emergency and extenuating circumstance only: Please contact the following Immigration Officers in Apia:

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We take this opportunity to wish all our clients and the people of American Samoa all the very best for a most happy and joyous Christmas, and a safe and successful New Year.

### SAMOA CONSULATE-GENERAL



# Jazz and pop singer Keely Smith dies of heart failure at 89

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Keely Smith, a pop and jazz singer known for her solo recordings of jazz standards as well as her musical partnership with Louis Prima, has died of apparent heart failure in Palm Springs. She was 89.

According to a news release from her publicist Bob Merlis, Smith was under a physician’s care when she died Saturday.

Smith was born Dorothy Jacqueline Keely in Norfolk, Virginia on March 9, 1928, and got her first paying job singing with the Earl Bennett band when she was just 15. She later auditioned to sing with Louis Prima’s band, and began touring with them in 1948. She and Prima married in 1953, and together they won a Grammy for their hit, “That Old Black Magic” in 1959.

In 2001 — 42 years later — Smith was nominated for a Grammy for her album “Keely

Sings Sinatra.” In a news release her publicist said Smith was focused on being in control of her own career, setting up her own record label “Keely Records” in conjunction with friend Frank Sinatra’s Reprise Records. She divorced Prima in 1961 and married Jimmy Bowen in 1965. Her third marriage was to Bobby Milano in the 1970s.

During her seven-decade career Smith was lauded by critics for her bold voice and ability to make the music swing, and she received several awards including a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. For the 50th Grammy Awards in 2008, she performed “That Old Black Magic” as a duet with Kid Rock.

Smith has lived in Palm Springs for about 40 years. She is survived by her two children, Toni Prima and Luanne Prima.



FILE - In this Feb. 10, 2008 file photo, Keely Smith presents an award at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Smith, a pop and jazz singer known for her solo recordings of jazz standards as well as her musical partnership with Louis Prima, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, of apparent heart failure in Palm Springs at the age of 89. (AP Photo/Kevork Djansezian, File)



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William Ena Spitzenberg was the commencement speaker at last Friday's American Samoa Community College Fall graduation of 2017 at the ASCC Gymnasium. The co-valedictorian of his 1996 ASCC graduating class, Spitzenberg went on to earn a degree in civil engineering and now serves as Chief Water Engineer for ASPA.

As part of his address, Spitzenberg challenged graduates "to continue to strive towards even loftier goals" after ASCC. He went on to share his struggle to reach his goals in life, saying that his parents, who didn't get a formal education and never graduated from elementary, "instilled in me the love of learning and to always strive for the best 'me', I can be."

"I had realized at a very young age, that education was the key to success," he said, adding that if he didn't get "good grades", he would never have the opportunity to go to college "because my parents couldn't afford it."

Additionally, "no matter what situation you are in now, it does not shape who you will become in the future," he said and suggested to the graduates "three choices you must make now, for a brighter future for you and your family."

Choice number one, "choose now to find your passion and your purpose and stay true to yourself," he explained. "Following your passion will lead you to finding your true purpose in life. The Lord has blessed you with many talents [that are] uniquely yours".

Choice number two, "choose now to never stop learning and make it a priority," he said and told graduates to "seek higher learning as much as possible" and that "higher education will open so many doors for you".

"Finally and most important choice you need to make now is, 'put God first in your life'. Samoa Muamua le Atua," he said to loud applause from the audience, and noted that he was "blessed to have grown up in a home that morning and evening 'faigalotu' (prayers) were a daily ritual."

"Putting God first in your life, will give you the opportunity to really find your true self and purpose in life," said Spitzenberg, who between his college education earning higher degrees

spent two years in the Philippines for missionary work for the Mormon Church. "You can achieve anything in life, if you never give up. You were created by God to succeed."

"Find joy in your journey where ever you decide to go. After all, the life you live is created by the choices you make. So choose wisely and help others along the way," he said and cited a quote from Mother Theresa, "Life is a promise. Go fulfill it."

In conclusion, he called on graduates that "when you find success, please come home and help our people."

(See Samoa News edition Dec. 4 on ASCC press release with Spitzenberg's background a read full text of his speech linked to this story on our website)

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

## Bitcoin futures begin trading on CME, price declines

NEW YORK (AP) — Another security based on the price of bitcoin, the digital currency that has soared in value and volatility this year, began trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on Sunday.

The CME Group, which owns the exchange, opened up bitcoin futures for trading at 6 p.m. EST on Sunday. The futures contract that expires in January opened higher at \$20,650, then declined steadily. The futures were trading at \$18,775 at 9:00 p.m. EST, down \$725.

The CME futures, like the ones that CME competitor the Cboe started trading last week, do not involve actual bitcoin. The CME's futures will track an index of bitcoin prices pulled from several private exchanges.



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A COOL STUFF QUICK HIT

My favorite part of the Christmas Holidays in the Territory is the beautifully decorated and lit churches. With no plans to join you (unless Grandma Coolio wants to hang in Savaii), I rely on my buddy Lonan, supervisor at The Coffee Bean, in Culver City, California... to bring on my holiday cheer.

A salute to the Seventh Day Adventist Medical Mission. Territorial Coolios must take care of your eyes, blood sugar and teeth. The Territory only has a bright future if you and your family keep healthy and continue to make good happen.

Of course, do as Cool Stuff says not as he does, as he sucks down an awesome Mocha Ice Blended Coffee from our coffee genius extraordinaire, Lonan.

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**FILE** - In this Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 file photo, President-elect Donald Trump speaks during a rally at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala. On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, several people familiar with Trump's transition organization say special counsel Robert Mueller's team has gained access to thousands of private emails sent and received by Trump officials before the start of his administration.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

## ▶ Bitcoin...

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The Cboe's futures track the price of bitcoin prices on the particular private exchange known as Gemini.

Each contract sold on the CME will be for five bitcoin.

As bitcoin's price has skyrocketed on private exchanges this year, largely under its own momentum, interest on Wall Street has grown. The virtual currency was trading below \$1,000 at the beginning of the year, and rose to more than \$19,000 on some exchanges in the days leading up to its debut on the Cboe and CME. Bitcoin was trading at \$18,417 Sunday evening on Coinbase.

But the growing interest in bitcoin has raised questions on whether its value has gotten too frothy. The Securities and Exchange Commission put out a statement last week warning investors to be careful with any investment in bitcoin or other digital currencies. Further, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission has proposed regulating bitcoin like a commodity, not unlike gold, silver, platinum or oil.

Futures are a type of contract where a buyer and seller agree on a price on a particular item to be delivered on a certain date in the future, hence the name.

# Special counsel obtains thousands of Trump transition emails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian contacts with President Donald Trump's campaign has gained access to thousands of emails sent and received by Trump officials before the start of his administration, the general counsel for Trump's transition organization said.

Mueller's investigators obtained the emails from the General Services Administration, a federal agency that stored the material, rather than request them from Trump's still-existing transition group, Trump for America, Kory Langhofer, the group's general counsel, said in a letter sent to two congressional committees.

Langhofer said in his letter to two congressional committees that the GSA had improperly provided the transition records to Mueller's team, which he said has been "actively using" the emails. In the letter to the Republican chairmen of the House Oversight and the Senate Homeland Security committees, Langhofer contends that the disclosure by GSA was "unauthorized," and it considers the documents private and privileged and not government property.

While conservatives have been critical of Mueller's probe of Russian activities during the

2016 campaign, Trump said Sunday afternoon that he has no plans to fire Mueller.

The president did criticize the fact that Mueller had gained access to thousands of emails sent and received by Trump officials before the start of his administration.

He said it was "not looking good" and again stressed that there was "no collusion" with Russia — an important question the probe is examining.

The documents were provided to Mueller's team by the GSA in September in response to requests from the FBI, but the transition team didn't learn about it until last week, Langhofer said.

The tens of thousands of emails in question pertain to 13 senior Trump transition officials. Many of the emails that Mueller's investigators have now include national security discussions about possible Trump international aims as well as candid assessments of candidates for top government posts, said those familiar with the transition. They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the records' sensitivity.

Langhofer also said that a GSA official appointed by Trump in May had assured the transition in June that any

request for records from Mueller's office would be referred to the transition's attorneys. According to Langhofer, the assurance was made by then-GSA General Counsel Richard Beckler, who was hospitalized in August and has since died. A copy of the letter was obtained by the AP.

But late Saturday, another GSA official present for the conversation told BuzzFeed News that there was nothing improper about the disclosure of the emails to Mueller's team. The GSA has provided office space and other aid to presidential transitions in recent years and typically houses electronic transition records in its computer system.

GSA Deputy Counsel Lenny Loewentritt, who Langhofer blames along with other GSA career staff for providing the transition documents to the FBI, told BuzzFeed that Beckler didn't make a commitment to the transition team that requests from law enforcement for materials would be routed through transition lawyers.

Transition officials signed agreements that warn them that materials kept on the government servers are subject to monitoring and auditing, Loewentritt told BuzzFeed, and there's no expectation of privacy.



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[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

# Honduras' electoral court declares president election winner

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — President Juan Orlando Hernandez was declared the winner Sunday of Honduras' disputed election after three weeks of uncertainty and unrest in which at least 17 people died in protests amid the opposition's allegations of vote fraud.

Electoral court president David Matamoros made the announcement, saying, "We have fulfilled our obligation (and) we wish for there to be peace in our country."

According to the court's official count, Hernandez won with 42.95 percent to 41.42 for runner-up Salvador Nasralla, who well before the announcement had challenged the result and said he would not recognize it. There were reports of night-time demonstrations on main boulevards in Tegucigalpa, the capital, and other cities, and Nasralla's party called for more protests Monday. There was no immediate public comment by Hernandez, whose sister Hilda Hernandez, a Cabinet minister, died Saturday in a helicopter crash. Earlier in the day Nasralla traveled to Washington to present what he called "numerous" examples of evidence of alleged fraud. He said he planned to meet with officials from the Organization of American States, the U.S. State Department and human rights groups. Interviewed by UneTV during a layover at the Miami airport, Nasralla called Hernandez's re-election illegitimate and said he would ask the OAS to invoke its democratic charter against Honduras.



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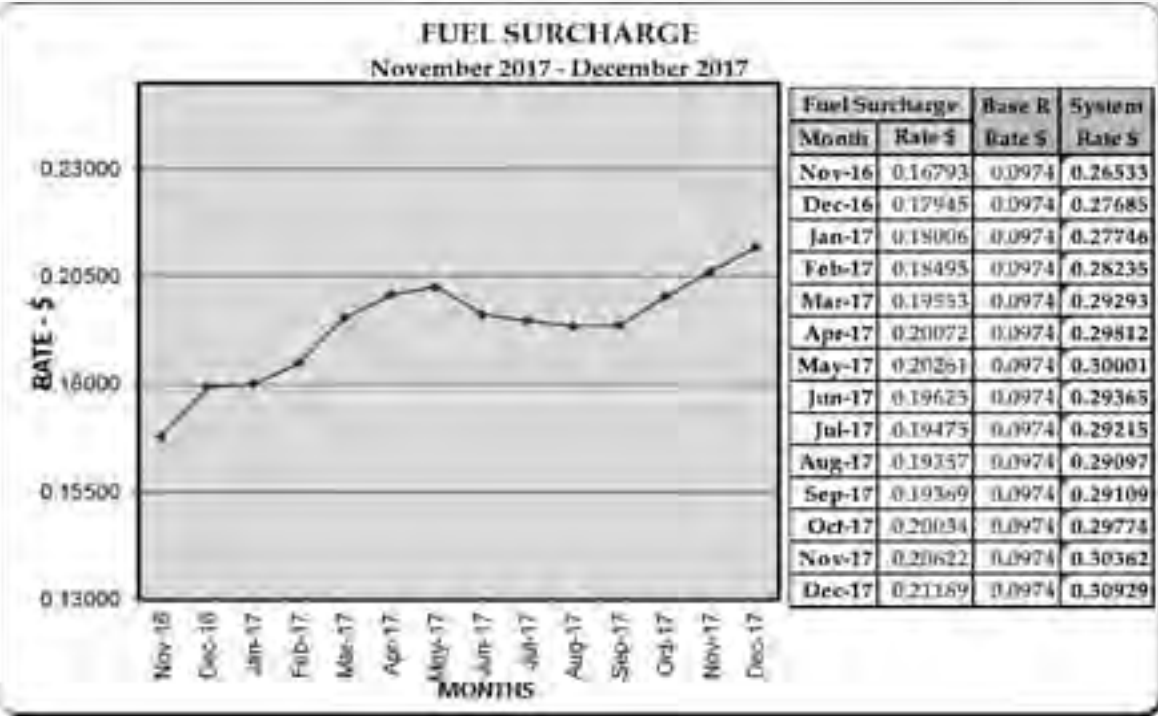
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## Monthly Fuel Surcharge Notification

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

The base rate, which remains the same monthly for all electric customer classes, pays for ASPA's operating costs and for infrastructure upgrades needed to get power to your home and business.

The fuel surcharge rate changes monthly due to fluctuating fuel costs. The fuel surcharge is approximately 70%-75% of the total kWh price. This is considered a "pass-through" revenue because it goes directly to pay the local fuel suppliers for diesel fuel consumed at the five power plants in Tutuila, Manua and Aunuu.



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

Fuel Surcharge and System Rate for December 2017			
Rate - \$	Residential	Small General	Large General
Calculated Fuel Surcharge	0.22190	0.22190	0.2219
Renewable Reduction	-0.01001	-0.01001	-0.01001
Fuel Surcharge	0.21189	0.21189	0.21189
Fixed Electric Base Rate	0.09740	0.10650	0.08960
Electric System Rate (kWh)	0.30929	0.31839	0.30149





FILE - In this Dec. 12, 2017, file photo, a firefighter walks by flames of the burn out fire that was set set while battling a blaze in Custer State Park in South Dakota. Custer State Park officials said Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, the wildfire is now about 90 percent contained.

(Hannah Hunsinger/Rapid City Journal via AP, File)

# Custer State Park to reopen Monday, but trails still closed

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Custer State Park is set to reopen on a limited basis, a week after a wildfire closed the popular park in South Dakota. Officials say U.S. Highway 16A and State Highway 87 South will reopen to the public Monday morning. But all other roads and trails in the park will remain closed. The park’s visitor center also will reopen Monday. Superintendent Matt Snyder asks

for visitors to be patient as the park evaluates the damage and repairs roads and fences. The fire has scorched more than 84 square miles (218 square kilometers) since it started from a downed power line last Monday. Officials say the fire was 95 percent contained as of Sunday. The park just south of Mount Rushmore National Memorial is a top tourist destination.

# Japan exports, imports surge on strong demand in China, US

TOKYO (AP) — Japan has reported its exports rose 16 percent in November from a year earlier while imports jumped 17 percent. Customs data released Monday showed the trade surplus slipping to 113.4 billion yen (\$1 billion) on exports of 6.92 trillion yen (\$61.4 billion). Imports totaled 6.81 trillion yen (\$60.4 billion). Exports to China surged 25 percent, helping drive a 20 percent increase in exports to all of Asia. Shipments to the U.S. were up 13 percent, while exports to Western Europe climbed 17 percent, led by a 27 percent jump in exports to Germany. A revival in export manufacturing is helping sustain Japan’s recovery, with strongest growth in shipments of vehicles and machinery. Japan’s imports have grown moderately, mainly thanks to limited increases in prices of oil and gas.

# Louisville files counterclaim to Rick Pitino lawsuit

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The University of Louisville has filed a counterclaim to former basketball coach Rick Pitino’s lawsuit and is seeking monetary damages from vacated games and bonuses. WDRB-TV reports the university alleges negligence and “wrongful conduct” by Pitino has tarnished the school’s reputation. The lawsuit noted that the NCAA ordered the school to return money it received for some basketball tournaments. The counterclaim filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court said the school also wants any bonuses and other compensation “wrongly paid” to Pitino for the tournament appearances.



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10 : am	00' K-pop World Festival 10' The Beauty	Drama Special 2017 K-pop World Festival	Dragon's Club Overgrown Romance	The Unit K-RUSH (E, R)	Happy Together (E, R)	00'	Music Bank (E, R)	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E, R)	00'			
11 : am	00' K-RUSH (E, R)	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E, R)					00' The Beauty 50' K-pop World Festival	"Gunman in Joseon" (E, R)	30'			
12 NOON	30' Music Bank (E, R)	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E, R)					50'					
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E, R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E, R)										
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E, R)	Entertainment Weekly (E, R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E, R)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E, R)		K-RUSH (E, R)					
3 : pm	30' K-pop World Festival	Drama Special 2017	Dragon's Club	The Unit	Happy Together (E, R)	30'	Battle Trip	Music Bank	30'			
4 : pm	60' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E, R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E, R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E, R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E, R)	The Return of Superman (E, R)	50'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E, R)					
5 : pm	60' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E, R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E, R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E, R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E, R)	Two Days and One Night (E, R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E, R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E, R)	00'			
6 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E, R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E, R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E, R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E, R)		10'						
7 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E, R)										
8 : pm	40' K-pop World Festival	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E, R)					Drama Special 2017					
9 : pm	00' UHD UNESCO World Heritage Special (E, R)	Entertainment Weekly (E, R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E, R)		Music Bank (Live)	40'	Happy Together (E, R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Romance (E, R)	40'			
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E, R)	Drama Special 2017 (E, R)	The Swan Club	The Unit	K-RUSH (E, R) Please Find Her (E, R) Guerilla Date (E, R)	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'			
11 : pm	40' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E, R)						Immortal Songs 2 (E, R)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'			
12 : 00	20' Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)											
Next Day												
1 : am	KBS 9 News (Live)					KBS 9 News (Live)						
2 : am	50' Entertainment Weekly (E, R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E)		20'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)					
3 : am	00' Drama Special 2017	Dragon's Club Overgrown Romance	The Unit	Happy Together	Music Bank (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E, R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E, R)	30'			
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9 : am	30' Drama Special	Dragon's Club	Drama Special 2017	Happy Together	Music Bank (E, R)	50'	Guerilla Date (E)					

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# Facing misconduct investigation, Panthers owner selling team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Facing a growing investigation that accuses him of sexual misconduct and using racist language at work, Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson announced Sunday that he will sell the NFL team after the season.

The team announced on Twitter that Richardson is selling the team, linking to a five-paragraph letter by the franchise's only owner.

"I believe it is time to turn the franchise over to new ownership," Richardson wrote, saying he wouldn't begin discussions until after the season. The Panthers, who lost in the Super Bowl two seasons ago, are in playoff position again.

"I hope everyone in the organization, both on and off the field, will be firmly focused on one mission: to play and win the Super Bowl," said Richardson, 81.

Richardson's letter did not directly address the investigation or allegations against him.

The NFL awarded Richardson, a former player with the Baltimore Colts, an expansion franchise in 1993, and he has been the team's only owner.

"There has been no greater mission or purpose in my life than to have brought and NFL franchise to Charlotte," Richardson wrote. "The obstacles back then were significant and some even questioned whether or community could or would support professional football. But I always knew that if given the chance the Carolina would rise to the occasion. And you have."

Richardson attended Sunday's win over the Green Bay Packers at Bank of America Stadium and was photographed

sitting beside his wife Rosalind in his luxury box.

He did not speak to reporters.

The NFL had no comment on the upcoming sale of the Panthers.

"While I will no longer be the team owner, I will always be the Panthers Number One fan," Richardson's letter said.

The Panthers are tied to Charlotte through June of 2019.

The city of Charlotte and the Panthers reached agreement on improvements for the team's stadium in 2013. The plan called for the city to contribute about \$87 million for renovations to Bank of America Stadium in exchange for a six-year hard tether to keep the Panthers in Charlotte.

The money is less than what the team was seeking for improvements of the stadium, which opened in 1996. Forbes estimates the Panthers worth at \$2.3 billion. The Buffalo Bills sold in 2014 for \$1.4 billion following the death of owner Ralph Wilson.

Richardson and his ownership group paid \$206 million in 1993 for an expansion team.

Richardson's announcement comes after a Sports Illustrated report Sunday that cited unnamed sources who said Richardson made sexually suggestive comments to women and on at least one occasion directed a racial slur at an African-American Panthers scout. The report states that the settlements came with non-disclosure requirements forbidding the parties from discussing the details.

The NFL on Sunday said it has taken over the investigation of allegations of workplace misconduct. Panthers spokesman Steven Drummond said Sunday

the team requested the league take over the investigation for "transparency reasons."

The Panthers began play in 1995 but have never delivered on Richardson's promise of winning a Super Bowl. They lost after the 2003 and 2015 seasons.

Panthers interim general manager Marty Hurney said he had never seen any evidence of Richardson displaying any sexual or racial misconduct in the workplace.

"If this (sale) happens I think it is a significant loss for the NFL," Hurney told The Associated Press. "I have the utmost respect for him as an owner. Our employees have the utmost respect for him. I came back because of the respect I have for him and for the organization he started and developed."

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton said after Sunday's win over Green Bay that Richardson has served as a father figure to him since his arrival in Carolina seven years ago.

"For me I hope things don't alter my thinking of Mr. Richardson," Newton said. "But I do know that he has given me some things that I will forever be appreciative of."

Panthers coach Ron Rivera said after the game it is important to let the process play out.

"The only thing I can speak on is for what he has been to me as far as I'm concerned," Rivera said. "A lot of you know I had a house fire, and he was there for (my wife) Stephanie and I. He was tremendous in supporting us. My brother passed, and Mr. Richardson was there and helped me get to the funeral and back. I can't speak to anything other than that."



This booking photo released Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 by the Manchester Police Department shows Mark Heath, 32, arrested on second-degree murder charges in the death of a 2-year-old Jacob Pelletier, who died of blunt force trauma to the abdomen on Monday in Manchester, N.H. (Manchester Police Department via AP)



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