

OMB NO. 1820-0030

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**ANNUAL STATE APPLICATION UNDER PART B OF THE  
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AS AMENDED IN 2004  
FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**CFDA No. 84.027A and 84.173A**

**ED FORM No. 9055**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**Washington, DC 20202-2600**

**Public Burden Statement**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. There are 60 respondents who, under PL 108-446, are required to submit the IDEA Part B Annual State Application in order to receive a grant award under Part B of the IDEA. The data burden is expected to require an average of 14 hours per respondent, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The burden estimate is 840 hours.

Respondents are required to submit information for Sections I-IV of the Annual State Application in order to receive a grant under Section(s) 611 and/or 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20202-4536 or email [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) and reference the OMB Control Number 1820-0030. Note: Please do not return the completed *Annual State Application under Part B of The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as Amended in 2004* to this address.

## Section I

### A. Submission Statement for Part B of IDEA

Please select 1 or 2 below. Check 3 if appropriate.

1. The State provides assurances that it has in effect policies and procedures to meet all eligibility requirements of Part B of the Act as found in PL 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and applicable regulations (IDEA). The State is able to meet all assurances found in Section II.A of this Application.
2. The State cannot provide assurances for all eligibility requirements of Part B of the Act as found in PL 108-446. The State has determined that it is unable to make the assurances that are checked as 'No' in Section II.A. However, the State assures that throughout the period of this grant award the State will operate consistent with all requirements of IDEA in PL 108-446 and applicable regulations. The State will make such changes to existing policies and procedures as are necessary to bring those policies and procedures into compliance with the requirements of the IDEA, as amended, as soon as possible, and not later than June 30, 2020. The State has included the date by which it expects to complete necessary changes associated with assurances marked 'No'. (Refer to Assurances found in Section II.A.)

Optional:

3. The State is submitting modifications to State policies and procedures previously submitted to the Department. These modifications are: (1) deemed necessary by the State, for example when the State revises applicable State law or regulations; (2) required by the Secretary because there is a new interpretation of the Act or regulations by a Federal court or the State's highest court; and/or (3) because of an official finding of noncompliance with Federal law or regulations.

### B. Conditional Approval for Current Grant Year

If the State received conditional approval for the current grant year, check the appropriate statement(s) below:

#### 1. Conditional Approval Related to Assurances in Section II.A:

- a. Section II.A provides documentation of completion of all issues identified in the FFY 2018 conditional approval letter.
- b. As noted in Section II.A, the State has not completed all issues identified in the FFY 2018 conditional approval letter.

#### 2. Conditional Approval Related to Other Issues:

- a. The State previously submitted documentation of completion of all issues identified in the FFY 2018 conditional approval letter.
- b. The State is attaching documentation of completion of all issues identified in the FFY 2018 conditional approval letter. (Attach documentation showing completion of all issues.)
- c. The State has not completed all issues identified in the FFY 2018 conditional approval letter. (Attach documentation showing completion of any issues and a list of items not yet completed.)

## Section II.

### A. Assurances Related to Policies and Procedures

The State makes the following assurances that it has policies and procedures in place as required by Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (20 U.S.C. 1411-1419; 34 CFR §§300.100-300.174)

Yes (Assurance is given.)	No (Assurance cannot be given. Provide date on which State will complete changes in order to provide assurance.)  Check and enter date(s) as applicable	Assurances Related to Policies and Procedures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1. A free appropriate public education is available to all children with disabilities residing in the State between the ages of 3 and 21, inclusive, including children with disabilities who have been suspended or expelled, in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(1); 34 CFR §§300.101-300.108.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		2. The State has established a goal of providing a full educational opportunity to all children with disabilities and a detailed timetable for accomplishing that goal. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(2); 34 CFR §§300.109-300.110)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3. All children with disabilities residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless or are wards of the State and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated and a practical method is developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(3); 34 CFR §300.111.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		4. An individualized education program, or an individualized family service plan that meets the requirements of section 636(d), is developed, reviewed, and revised for each child with a disability in accordance with 34 CFR §§300.320 through 300.324, except as provided in §§300.300(b)(3) and 300.300(b)(4). (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(4); 34 CFR §300.112)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		5. To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are not disabled, and special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability of a child is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be

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		achieved satisfactorily in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(5)(A)-(B); 34 CFR §§300.114-300.120.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		6. Children with disabilities and their parents are afforded the procedural safeguards required by 34 CFR §§300.500 through 300.536 and in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(6); 34 CFR §300.121.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		7. Children with disabilities are evaluated in accordance with 34 CFR §§300.300 through 300.311. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(7); 34 CFR §300.122)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		8. Agencies in the State comply with 34 CFR §§300.610 through 300.626 (relating to the confidentiality of records and information). (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(8); 34 CFR §300.123)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		9. Children participating in early intervention programs assisted under Part C, and who will participate in preschool programs assisted under this part, experience a smooth and effective transition to those preschool programs in a manner consistent with section 637(a)(9). By the third birthday of such a child, an individualized education program or, if consistent with 34 CFR §300.323(b) and section 636(d), an individualized family service plan, has been developed and is being implemented for the child. The local educational agency will participate in transition planning conferences arranged by the designated lead agency under section 635(a)(10). (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(9); 34 CFR §300.124)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		10. Agencies in the State, and the SEA if applicable, comply with the requirements of 34 CFR §§300.130 through 300.148 (relating to responsibilities for children in private schools), including that to the extent consistent with the number and location of children with disabilities in the State who are enrolled by their parents in private elementary schools and secondary schools in the school district served by a local educational agency, provision is made for the participation of those children in the program assisted or carried out under this part by providing for such children special education and related services in accordance with the requirements found in 34 CFR §§300.130 through 300.148 unless the Secretary has arranged for services to those children under subsection (f) [By pass]. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10); 34 CFR §§300.129-300.148)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		11. The State educational agency is responsible for ensuring that the requirements of Part B are met including the requirements of 34 CFR §§300.113, 300.149, 300.150 through 300.153, and 300.175 and 300.176 and that the State monitors and enforces the requirements of Part B in accordance with 34 CFR §§300.600-300.602 and 300.606-300.608. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(11); 34 CFR §300.149)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12. The Chief Executive Officer of a State or designee of the officer shall ensure that an interagency agreement or other mechanism for interagency coordination is in effect between each public agency described in subparagraph (b) of 34 CFR §300.154 and the State educational agency, in order to ensure that all services described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) that are needed to ensure a free appropriate public education are provided, including the provision of such services during the pendency of any dispute under §300.154(a)(3). Such agreement or mechanism shall meet the requirements found in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(12)(A)-(C); 34 CFR §300.154.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		13. The State educational agency will not make a final determination that a local educational agency is not eligible for assistance under this part without first affording that agency reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(13); 34 CFR §300.155)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		14. The State educational agency has established and maintains qualifications to ensure that personnel necessary to carry out this part are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained, including that those personnel have the content knowledge and skills to serve children with disabilities as noted in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(14)(A)-(E), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act; 34 CFR §300.156.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		15. The State has established goals for the performance of children with disabilities in the State that meet the requirements found in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(15)(A)-(C), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act; 34 CFR §300.157.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		16. All children with disabilities are included in all general State and districtwide assessment programs, including assessments described under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with appropriate accommodations and alternate assessments where necessary and as indicated in their respective individualized education programs as noted in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(16)(A)-(E); as

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		amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act; 34 CFR §300.160.
X		17. Funds paid to a State under this part will be expended in accordance with all the provisions of Part B including 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(17)(A)-(C); 34 CFR §300.162.
X		18. The State will not reduce the amount of State financial support for special education and related services for children with disabilities, or otherwise made available because of the excess costs of educating those children, below the amount of that support for the preceding fiscal year, unless a waiver is granted, in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(18)(A)-(D); 34 CFR §§300.163 through 300.164.
X		19. Prior to the adoption of any policies and procedures needed to comply with this section (including any amendments to such policies and procedures), the State ensures that there are public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(19); 34 CFR §300.165)
X		20. In complying with 34 CFR §§300.162 and 300.163, a State may not use funds paid to it under this part to satisfy State-law mandated funding obligations to local educational agencies, including funding based on student attendance or enrollment, or inflation. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(20); 34 CFR §300.166)
X		21. The State has established and maintains an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State as found in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(21)(A)-(D); 34 CFR §§300.167-300.169.
X		22. The State educational agency examines data, including data disaggregated by race and ethnicity, to determine if significant discrepancies are occurring in the rate of long-term suspensions and expulsions of children with disabilities in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(22)(A)-(B); 34 CFR §300.170.
X		23a. The State adopts the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard for the purposes of providing instructional materials to blind persons or other persons with print disabilities, in a timely manner after the publication of the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard in the Federal Register in accordance with

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		20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(23)(A) and (D); 34 CFR §300.172.
		23b. (Note: Check either "23b.1" or "23b.2" whichever applies.
X		<p>23b.1 The State educational agency coordinates with the National Instructional Materials Access Center and not later than 12/03/06 the SEA as part of any print instructional materials adoption process, procurement contract, or other practice or instrument used for purchase of print instructional materials enters into a written contract with the publisher of the print instructional materials to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• require the publisher to prepare and, on or before delivery of the print instructional materials, provide to the National Instructional Materials Access Center, electronic files containing the contents of the print instructional materials using the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard; or</li> <li>• purchase instructional materials from the publisher that are produced in, or may be rendered in, specialized formats. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(23)(C); 34 CFR §300.172)</li> </ul>
		23b.2 The State educational agency has chosen not to coordinate with the National Instructional Materials Access Center but assures that it will provide instructional materials to blind persons or other persons with print disabilities in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(23)(B); 34 CFR §300.172)
X		24. The State has in effect, consistent with the purposes of the IDEA and with section 618(d) of the Act, policies and procedures designed to prevent the inappropriate overidentification or disproportionate representation by race and ethnicity of children as children with disabilities, including children with disabilities with a particular impairment described in 34 CFR §300.8. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(24); 34 CFR §300.173)
X		25. The State educational agency shall prohibit State and local educational agency personnel from requiring a child to obtain a prescription for a substance covered by the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812(c)) as a condition of attending school, receiving an evaluation under 34 CFR §§300.300 through 300.311, or receiving services under the IDEA as described in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(25)(A)-(B); 34 CFR §300.174.

## B. Other Assurances

The State also makes the following assurances:

Yes	Other Assurances
X	1. The State shall distribute any funds the State does not reserve under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e) to local educational agencies (including public charter schools that operate as local educational agencies) in the State that have established their eligibility under section 613 for use in accordance with this part as provided for in 20 U.S.C. 1411(f)(1)-(3); 34 CFR §300.705.
X	2. The State shall provide data to the Secretary on any information that may be required by the Secretary. (20 U.S.C. 1418(a)(3); 34 CFR §§300.640-300.645.)
X	3. The State, local educational agencies, and educational service agencies shall use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that insure proper disbursement of and accounting for Federal funds. (34 CFR §76.702)
X	4. As applicable, the assurance in OMB Standard Form 424B (Assurances for Non-Construction Programs), relating to legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood insurance; environmental standards; wild and scenic river systems; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and general agreement to comply with all Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.

## C. Certifications

The State is providing the following certifications:

Yes	
X	1. The State certifies that ED Form 80-0013, <i>Certification Regarding Lobbying</i> , is on file with the Secretary of Education.  With respect to the <i>Certification Regarding Lobbying</i> , the State recertifies that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program; that the State shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," when required (34 CFR Part 82, Appendix B); and that the State Agency shall require the full certification, as set forth in 34 CFR Part 82, Appendix A, in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers.
X	2. The State certifies that certification in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) at 34 CFR §76.104 relating to State eligibility, authority and approval to submit and carry out the provisions of its State application, and consistency of that application with State law are in place within the State.
X	3. The State certifies that the arrangements to establish responsibility for services pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(12)(A)-(C); 34 CFR §300.154 (or 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(12)(A)); 34 CFR §300.154(a) are current. This certification must be received prior to the expenditure of any funds reserved by the State under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(1); 34 CFR §300.171.

**D. Statement**

I certify that the State of American Samoa can make the assurances checked as 'yes' in Section II.A and II.B and the certifications required in Section II.C of this application. These provisions meet the requirements of the Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as found in PL 108-446. The State will operate its Part B program in accordance with all of the required assurances and certifications.

If any assurances have been checked 'no', I certify that the State will operate throughout the period of this grant award consistent with the requirements of the IDEA as found in PL 108-446 and any applicable regulations, and will make such changes to existing policies and procedures as are necessary to bring those policies and procedures into compliance with the requirements of the IDEA, as amended, as soon as possible, and not later than June 30, 2020. (34 CFR §76.104)

I, the undersigned authorized official of the

**AMERICAN SAMOA - ASDOE,**

*(Name of State and official name of State agency)*

am designated by the Governor of this State to submit this application for FFY 2019 funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative of the State:

**Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, Ph.D.**

Signature:



Date:



### Section III

#### Description of Use of Funds Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act—20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(5); 34 CFR §300.171

States must provide the Description of Use of Funds by completing and submitting the Excel Interactive Spreadsheet with the FFY 2019 Application.

Describe how the amount retained by the State educational agency under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(1) will be used to meet the following activities under Part B. (20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(1)-(3), (6) and (7)) The Department annually identifies for States the maximum amounts that a State may retain under Section 1411(e)(1) and (2).<sup>1</sup> The dollar amounts listed in the Excel Interactive Spreadsheet by the State for administration and for other State activities should add up to less or equal to the dollar amount provided to the State by the Department for each of these activities.

**Enter whole dollar amounts (do not enter cents) in appropriate cells on the State's Excel Interactive Worksheet. The Excel Interactive Spreadsheet must be submitted as part of the State's application.**

Describe the process used to get input from LEAs regarding the distribution of amounts among activities described in the Excel Interactive Spreadsheet to meet State priorities. (20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(5)(B); 34 CFR §300.704)

American Samoa Department of Education operates as a unitary SEA/LEA

<sup>1</sup> Each State may reserve for each fiscal year not more than the maximum amount the State was eligible to reserve for State administration under this section for fiscal year 2004 or \$800,000 (adjusted in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(1)(B)), whichever is greater; and each outlying area may reserve for each fiscal year not more than 5 percent of the amount the outlying area receives under 20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(1) for the fiscal year or \$35,000, whichever is greater.

For each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2005, the Secretary shall cumulatively adjust: 1) the maximum amount the State was eligible to reserve for State administration under this part for fiscal year 2004; and 2) \$800,000, by the rate of inflation as measured by the percentage increase, if any, from the preceding fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

## Section IV

### State Administration

Section 608(a) of the IDEA requires each State that receives funds under this title to:

- (1) ensure that any State rules, regulations, and policies relating to this title conform to the purposes of this title;
- (2) identify in writing to local educational agencies located in the State and the Secretary any such rule, regulation, or policy as a State-imposed requirement that is not required by this title and Federal regulations; and
- (3) minimize the number of rules, regulations, and policies to which the local educational agencies and schools located in the State are subject under this title.

States must attach to this application a list identifying any rule, regulation, or policy that is State-imposed (not required by IDEA or Federal regulations). If there are no such State-imposed rules, regulations, or policies, please so indicate. In addition, the State is required to inform local education agencies in writing of such State-imposed rules, regulation or policy. (20 U.S.C. 1407(a); 34 CFR §300.199)

**American Samoa does not have any rules, regulations or policies, relating to special education that are State imposed (not required by the IDEA or Federal Regulations).**

## Section V

### Maintenance of State Financial Support

Pursuant to the authority established in IDEA section 618(a)(3), each applicant for funds under section 611 must provide the following State fiscal data with a certification of its accuracy by the State budget office or an authorized representative thereof. Amounts should be shown in whole dollars and are for the State fiscal year.

Total Amount of State Financial Support Made Available for Special Education and Related Services for Children with Disabilities	
SFY 2017	\$66,500
SFY 2018	\$66,500

Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, Ph.D.

State Budget Officer or Authorized Representative (Printed Name)

Signature of State Budget Officer or Authorized Representative

Date



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GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING 2019

AGENDA

DATE: April 12, 2019

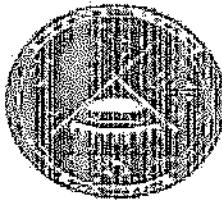
TIME: 1:00 p.m.

VENUE: ECE Conference Room

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| I. Opening Prayer/Welcoming Remarks  | Dr. Herbert Boat<br>Program Director, ASDOE-SPED |
| II. Updates:<br>Policy & Procedure<br>General Supervision<br>Transportation<br>Related Services (MSAA)<br>Certification<br>SPED-MOUs | Thor Tinitali<br>Program Director, ASDOE-SPED    |
| III. Overview of Grant/Personnel   | Elaine Niko<br>Finance/Personnel                 |
| IV. Q & A  |  |
| V. Closing prayer  | Dr. Herbert Boat<br>Program Director, ASDOE-SPED |

Recorder: Kim Pilitati  
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APRIL 23, 2019

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KIM ALI		ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR
Thor Timotei		Program Director
Elaine Niko		Personnel/Finance
Ricky Van		BUS DRIVER
JOSEPH SOSENE		TRANSITION SPEC.
PEREET THAPAS		Assistant Director
Herbert Vunela Boat		Program Director
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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PRINCIPAL

South Pacific Academy, an accredited, non-sectarian, independent school seeks a PRINCIPAL. SPA has a 40-year tradition of providing quality education for children. We offer Pre-School through 12th grade. SPA holds full accreditation status through 2021 from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

A full Principal position description is available at the SPA school office. If you are interested in guiding a small progressive school, please forward letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and personal and professional references to:

SPA Principal  
c/o Ms. Salamasina J. Satele Board Chairperson  
P.O. Box 520  
Pago Pago, American Samoa, 96799

*Applicants must submit these items by APRIL 12, 2019*

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## AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Special Education Division

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#### Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education (USDOE).

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3-21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who has a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievement. As a condition for granting the funds, each state or territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment for 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 12, 2019. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2019 at the ECE Conference office in Utulei at 1:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education office located at the west end of the Matafao Elementary School in Fagalu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faauifono Vaitautolu at faauifonov@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Teresa Atuatasi SPED Assistant Director, P.O. Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799. The Part B Application for funding is also posted on the ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.

#### Finagalo Fa'afaua'itele mo le Tusi Telosaga mo Alagatupu Fuafuelua o le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa

Le tu'uina mai e le Matagaluga o Aoga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE)-Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avanua e faalia ai finagalo fa'afaua'itele a le mamalu o le alumnu mo alagatupu telosaga i lau ola Mauga B Tufefoa mo Tegeta o lai Managa Pa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluga o Aoga als Maio Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

O lai alagatupu ua fuafuelua e faafiu ai acaoga faapitoa tuuina au mo tama'ili aoga una, e atmatu me li le 3-21 tausaga, i lotonu ole' teritorii o Amerika Samoa o loa lai manaoaga faapitoa ua faafeigatai ai faumaliga tau a'calaga i lotonu o polu a oga. O se laisi o alagatupu mo le lafaina o le telosaga, e lau i seteli ma'apitoa una o loa telosaga na ia alagatupu ona faasai'aua a lau tusi telosaga mo se finagalo faa'aua o tegata lautele. E lau ona lava se'avaiva e selsila'elel afi le alumnu me li sihi me li uina mai so lau finagalo fa'afaua e tusa e 30 ajo ae le'i U'uina atu le tusi telosaga ia May 12, 2019. O le a fai ce fono faaleauilele ia April 12, 2019 le. Ofisa ASDOE ECE ? Utulei i le itula e 1:00pm. O le a koinaina e le Matagaluga o Aoga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fe aalie a le lautele ma tu'uina atu ni faufuaga ae le'i olo. Le aso faatupu aina o tusi telosaga.

O lo'o maula kopil o lelei tusi telosaga i le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa i le itu sisifo o Matafao Elementary School i Fagalu. Mo i lau e manao'opia se kopil o le tusi telosaga, e avanoga le ofisa malihet iitid 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu faa'aua e tama'ili tufusisiga e. mafai ona tu'uina malihai'iti ua faafuafagaga. A'iai nis; manatu ma faufuaga e mafai ona opa imafai i lai Faauifono Vaitautolu faauifonov@yahoo.com pe' tusi maria Teresa Atuatasi SPED Assistant Director, P.O. Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago, AS, 96799. Le maula ona maula se kopil o le Part B Application i fuga ole uepegetafa'agi ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net

## Koepka, DeChambeau share lead at the Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Bryson DeChambeau believes science was at work late in the afternoon at Augusta National, creating a force in the atmosphere where big roars from great shots filter through the back nine.

An easier description. Another exciting finish at the Masters, this time on a Thursday.

Brooks Koepka got it started, adding to his reputation of playing his best golf in the majors. He rolled in a 26-foot putt birdie from behind the 12th green, the first of four straight birdies to take the lead. DeChambeau answered with four straight birdies at the end of his round, with two, shots inches away from being even better.

His 8-iron on the par-3 16th grazed the edge of the cup. His 6-iron into the 18th was even better, so good that it rolled straight into the middle of the

putt and bounced back an inch or two.

Both wound up in a share of the lead at 6-under 65.

"Absolutely, there is an energy and there is something in science that does talk about that," said DeChambeau, who has a scientific answer for everything. "It's great to have momentum and great atmosphere and gets you all pumped up, creates adrenaline flow, ... I believe that's partially what happened today."

They were one shot ahead of 48-year-old Phil Mickelson, who delivered thrills of his own.

Mickelson found some momentum after shots in the pine trees at No. 10 and in the water on No. 17, both leading to bogey when he thought it could have been worse. He answered with three birdies on the next four holes, including a shot into the 18th that stopped inches from the cup.

He had a 67, his best start since 2010, when he won his third green jacket.

"It looked like, after bogeying 10 and 11, that would kill some momentum. It was the other way around, because I made two great bogeys, that should have and could have been doubles," Mickelson said. "And then when I got to the holes that I could birdie, I took advantage of it with some good shots."

Tiger Woods missed all the action. He played earlier in the round and methodically scored a solid 70. It was a good start for Woods in his quest to end 11 years without a major, and he was atop the leaderboard briefly until a late bogey. He sounded satisfied.

"I've shot this number and won four coats, so hopefully, I can do it again," said Woods, who slightly miscalculated. The last green jacket he won in 2005 began with a 74. The goal was to not fall too far behind early, and he is just four shots behind.

Kory McIlroy's bid for the last leg of the career Grand Slam began with a 75, which featured six bogeys.

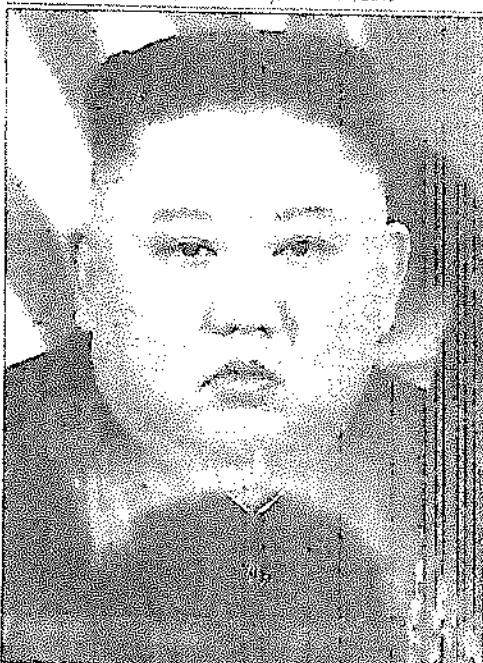
"I made five birdies — that wasn't the problem," McIlroy said. "I just made too many mistakes."

Even more surprising to McIlroy was no one from the early starters took advantage of soft turf from recent rains.

"It's there for the taking, and I'm surprised someone hasn't run off," McIlroy said.

And that's right about when Koepka and DeChambeau took off.

"Honestly, I was hitting it great all day," DeChambeau said. "Just an accumulation of great golf that finally showed in the score." He two-putted for birdie on the par-5 15th. He narrowly missed his first hole-in-one in competition. From the woods right of the 17th fairway, he went just over the back of the green and chipped it from 35 feet.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un listens to President Donald Trump speak during a meeting, Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, in Hanoi. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

# US, North Korea offer dueling accounts of talks breakdown

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The U.S. and North Korea offered contradictory accounts Thursday of why the summit between Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un broke down, though both pointed to punishing American sanctions as a sticking point in the high-stakes nuclear negotiation.

President Trump, who returned to the White House Thursday night, said before leaving Hanoi that the talks collapsed because North Korea's leader insisted that all the sanctions the U.S. has imposed on Pyongyang be lifted without the North firmly committing to eliminate its nuclear arsenal.

But North Korea challenged that account, insisting it had agreed only to partial sanctions relief in exchange for scaling down its main nuclear complex. Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho

commented on the talks during an impromptu scheduled middle-of-the-night news conference after Trump was in the air.

Ri said the North was also ready to offer in writing a permanent halt of the country's nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile tests and Washington had wasted an opportunity for "they not come again." He said the North's position wouldn't change even if the United States failed to resume another round of dialogue.

Later, a senior U.S. official involved in the negotiations offered some clarification, saying the North wanted all sanctions, except for those involving weapons sales and transfers, to be lifted in exchange for the dismantlement of parts of the Yongbyon nuclear site. The official was not authorized to discuss the negotiations

publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump, the official said, challenged the North Koreans to offer more or "go all in," but Kim would not agree.

Trump made no mention of the disagreement in his addressed U.S. troops during a speech at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska, though White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said he was aware of Ri's comments.

Instead, Trump focused on U.S. military might and offered a broad warning to U.S. enemies: "America does not seek conflict, but if we're forced to defend ourselves, we will fight and we will win in an overwhelming fashion," he declared earlier on Thursday in Hanoi. Trump had told reporters the North had demanded a full removal of sanctions in exchange for shutting the Yongbyon nuclear facility. Trump said that there had been a proposed agreement "read to be signed." However, he said after the summit was cut short, "Sometimes you have to walk."

The demise of the talks came after Trump and Kim had appeared ready to inch toward neutralizing relations between their still technically warring nations. The American leader had dampened expectations that the negotiations would yield an agreement by North Korea to take concrete steps toward ending a nuclear program that Pyongyang likely sees as its strongest security guarantee. However, Kim, when asked whether he was ready to denuclearize, had said, "If I'm not willing to do that, I won't be here right now."

But hours after both nations had scored boosts of a deal of sorts kind, the two leaders' representatives moved away from the downtown Hanoi summit site without so much as a handshake, lunch canceled and signing ceremony scuttled. The president's closing news conference was hurriedly moved up, and he departed for Washington more than two hours ahead of schedule. The breakdown denied Trump a much-needed triumph amid growing political turmoil back home and the path forward now appears uncertain. Trump insisted his relations with Kim remain warm, but he did not commit to having a third summit with the North Korean leader, saying a possible next meeting "may not be for a long time." Ri's comments reflected the North Koreans' disappointment, though there was a notable absence of bluster or threats by either side.

Both Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said significant progress had been made in Hanoi, but the two sides appeared to be galaxies apart on an agreement that would live up to stated American goals.



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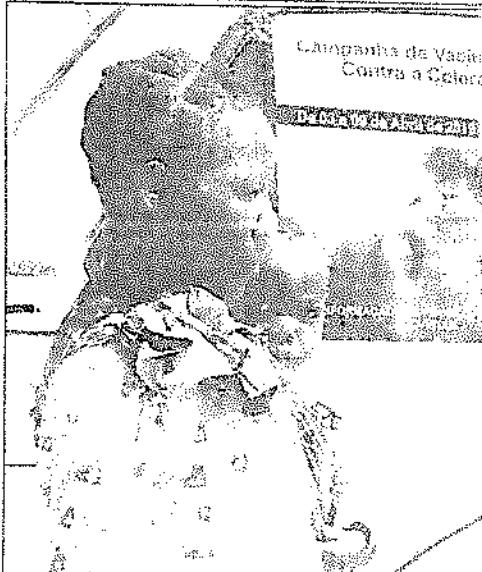
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#### Finagalo Fa'aue'a'itele mo le Tasi Talosaga iho Alagatupe Fuafutina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa

Ua fua'ua e faafilo ai acaoga faapitoa tuuha atu no fua'ua aiga umi, e an aia manu (3-21) fausaga, Iotofu plesion o Amerika Samoa o lo'i manapu faapitoa, ua faafitagi a taumafaga teu'alaga o kumu o potu a'oga. O se tasi o aiafa mo le tasiaga o le talosaga, e tatu i setete ma'afu'u una o lo'i faosagaaga i alagatupe oia faasafaa o lau lusu fausaga mo se finagalo fua'ua o faga'o laulau. E faga'o leva se avirua e siasi'a lelei o le atunu o mo le stafaa ma'afu'u manu faafuifono faafuifono a tusa a 30 aso se le'i tuuha atu ni fausaga ia May 12, 2019. O le a fala se le'i fa'au'ula i Aprilia 12, 2019 le Ofisa ASDOE EOE i Utulei le nipa e 1:00pm. O le a hulu'e a le Matagaluega o Auga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manu faafuifono a fua'ua ma'afu'u atu ni fausaga, ae le'i o o i le afa'au'ula e tasi fausaga.

O lo'i matu kopi o ase'i faafuifono ja le Ofisa o A'oga Faapitoa e ihi sisila o Matavai Elementary School, Fagatogo. Mo i lau a matu omi'a ea kopi o ase'i faafuifono, e avalehu ofisa matu iida 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O matu faafuifono etuvalua ma'afu'u ona faafuifono matu i lau ase'i faafuifono. A le'i nei matu ma'afu'u e malau ona ihi matu faafuifono valetauou@ yahoo.com pe fasi matu ia Terese Atuafulu SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago AS 96799. Ua malau ona maua se kopi o le Part B Application / auga ole upagatafa@asdoe.asdoe.net.





A woman and her baby walk past cholera vaccination campaign posters on the first day of the cholera vaccination programme at a camp for displaced survivors of cyclone Idai in Beira, Mozambique, Wednesday, April 3, 2019. A cholera vaccination campaign is kicking off to reach nearly 900,000 cyclone survivors in Mozambique as officials rush to contain an outbreak of the disease.

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## Mozambique...

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Beira and the resumption of "strategy" running water there, though it reaches only 60 percent of the city's residents and some must defecate openly in slums.

"It's quite optimistic. Yes, honestly," Julien Gravestock, a cholera specialist with the United Nations who coordinates the post-cyclone water and sanitation relief effort, told The Associated Press. "Of course, the numbers will be increasing but I believe we're ready for it."

Plenty of challenges lie ahead. "We have seen one today," Gravestock said of his visit to Beira, where he demonstrated how to use a shipment of water filters. But in a week or so the effects of a huge cholera vaccination campaign should start to be seen, he said.

Nearly \$60,000 and cholera vaccines arrived in Beira last week for a mass vaccination that Doctors Without Borders calls "the most ambitious campaign ever conducted using the one-dose oral cholera vaccine

The vaccine is normally given in two spaced-out doses but the aid group asserts that one dose is effective in emergencies where it can be difficult to find people for the second. A single dose offers six months of coverage.

Now hundreds of vaccine promoters are said to be active in Beira and elsewhere, messaging with megaphones or handing out the doses in high-traffic areas. Cholera is endemic in Mozambique, a hotspot in Africa along with parts of Congo, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, and many people are familiar with purification tablets and other precautions.

At the popular Shopeite cemetery, people knocked back the doses like shots in a bar and walked on. More than 70 percent of the vaccines had been administered, as of Sunday morning, Mozambique's health ministry said.

"We were prepared really for

the worst," said Financiero Baptista da Silva, a project coordinator for Doctors Without Borders, which operates cholera treatment centers and oral rehydration centers. "But for the moment we are controlling it."

She spoke at a cholera treatment center in the worn-down Beira neighborhood of Pioneiros, where solid pools of water remained in the streets and a young woman balancing a bucket of water from a nearby tap stepped carefully around the gray mud.

"It's a big problem," said Rosa Zimbane, who was selling bottled water outside the treatment center and reported herself healthy so far.

An ambulance carrying two women with small children was parked at the entrance. Treatment for cholera can be simple rehydration but it must come quickly, as the disease can kill within hours.

More severe cases need intravenous drips, and inside the center more than a dozen people lay on beds with strategically placed holes with two buckets at the ready. One was the vomiting.

This cholera outbreak is more complicated for people with HIV in a country where some 13 percent of people have the virus, a prevalence considered very high.

The cholera treatment centers are not normally equipped for people with immune systems weakened by HIV, and many people stopped receiving regular care after the cyclone, da Silva said.

Now the cholera treatment centers have basic stocks of antiretroviral drugs and basic testing for depressed immune systems, said Dr. Karen Daigle at the Pioneiros center.

Overall the medical charity had been expecting more cholera cases, project coordinator da Silva said. "It never spiked to the level we thought." Such spikes occur two to three weeks after an outbreak.

The dry season that begins in the coming weeks is expected to help contain the disease across the region.

And yet health workers are not relaxing. Outlying areas like the riverside town of Buzi, where disease surveillance is much weaker, remain a concern.

"People are still afraid of cholera," da Silva said. "We are



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# Judge orders mental health tests for accused mosque shooter

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — A New Zealand judge on Friday ordered that the man accused of killing 50 people at two Christchurch mosques undergo two mental health assessments to determine if he's fit to stand trial.

High Court Judge Cameron Mander made the order during a hearing in which 28-year-old Australian Brenton Harrison Tarrant appeared via video link from a small room at the maximum security Paraparaoa prison in Auckland.

Tarrant was wearing handcuffs and a grey-jersey sweater when he appeared on a large screen inside the Christchurch courtroom, which was packed with family members and victims of the shooting, some in wheelchairs and hospital gowns and still recovering from gunshot wounds.

Tarrant had stubble and close-cropped hair. He showed no emotion during the hearing. At times he looked around the room or cracked his head, seemingly to better hear what was being said. The judge explained that from his end, Tarrant could see the judge and lawyers but not those in the public gallery.

Tarrant spoke only once to confirm to the judge he was seated, although his voice didn't come through because the sound was muted. It wasn't immediately clear if his finishing been deliberately or inadvertently muted.

Mander said nothing should be read into his order for the mental health assessments, as it was a normal step in such a case. Lawyers said it could take two or three months to complete.

The courtroom was filled with more than two dozen reporters and about 40 members of the public. A court registrar greeted people in Arabic and English as the hearing got underway. Some of those watching got emotional and wept.

The judge said Tarrant was charged with 50 counts of murder and 49 counts of attempted murder. Police initially filed a single, representative murder charge before filing the additional charges this week.

In the March 15 attacks, 42 people were killed at the Al Noor mosque, seven were killed at the Linwood mosque and one more person died later.

The day after the attacks, Tarrant dismissed an appointed lawyer, saying he wanted to represent himself. But he has now hired two Auckland lawyers to represent him, Shane Tait and Jonathan Hudson. The next court hearing was scheduled for June 14, and the mental health findings would determine whether he is required to enter a plea then.

Outside the courtroom, Yama Nabi, whose father died in the attacks, said he felt helpless watching.

"We just have to sit in the court and listen," Nabi said. "What can we do? We can't do nothing. Just leave it to the justice of New Zealand and the prime minister."

Tofazzal Alami, 25, said he was worshipping at the Linwood mosque when the gunman attacked. He felt it was important to attend the hearing because so many of his friends were killed.

Alami said he feels upset seeing Tarrant.

"It seems he doesn't care what has been done. He has no emotion. He looks all right," Alami said. "I feel sorry. Sorry for myself. Sorry for my friends who have been killed. And for him."



*Tofazzal Alami, a survivor of the Linwood Mosque shootings, speaks to the media outside the High Court in Christchurch, New Zealand, Friday, April 5, 2019. A New Zealand judge has ordered that the man accused of killing 50 people at two New Zealand mosques undergo two mental health tests to determine if he is fit to stand trial in the case.*

(AP Photo/Mark Baker)

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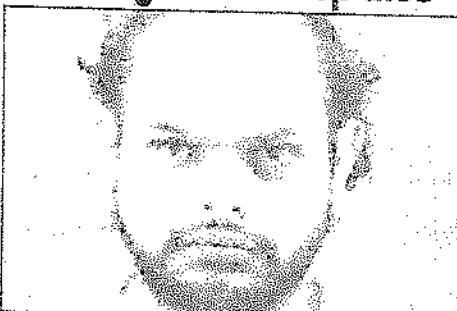
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O ia aлагатупе ua fuataua e feafio si a'oga faapitoa tuuua atu no tamai'i aoga uma, e amata mai i le 3-21 tausaga, i tokonu ola tenton o Amerika Samoa o iei manasega faapitoa ua finagalo a le taumafaga tau a'oa'oga i tokonu o polu a'oga. O se tasi e alaiga mo le taialua o le talosaga, e tatau i setete ma tenton uma o le talosaga a le aлагатупе ona faasaiialeu a faiou tusi talosaga mo se finagalo faafia e tagata lautele. E tatau ona lava se avanoa e silasila lelei a le atunuu mo le silaia ma tu'uina mai se telou finagalo fa'alaau'itele e tusa e 30 ase ee lu'u tulou atu le tusi talosaga ia May 12, 2019. O le a'ola se fong fa'alaau'itele ia Apiria 12, 2019 ia le Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Utulei i Itulu e 1:00pm. O le a'ola se fong fa'alaau'itele ia Matagaluga o A'oga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fa'alaau'itele lautele ma tu'uina au ni fuituaga ee le'i o'o i le a'ola fa'atauua aina o tusi talosaga.

O lo'o maua kopu o lelei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A'oga Faapitoa i le iu sisto o Matafeo Elementary School i Fagaau. Mo i latou ma manu omie se kopu e le tusi talosaga, e avanoa le ofisa merie tua 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu faafia e tauata mai i tuisisiga e matagi ona tuuua mai i fami i faatulagaima. A lai hie'i manatu ma faafua e malisi ona Imeli mai i Faafuifono Vaiatautoi faafuifono@yahoo.com pe tuisi mai ia Teresa Atuaalasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua matagi ona maua se kopu o le Part B Application i lugia ola upagafata'i tagi ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).



# Texas sheriff's deputy shot during traffic stop dies



*This undated photo provided by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office shows Facundo Chavez, El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy Peter Herrera, who was critically wounded Friday, March 22, 2019, in a shooting during a traffic stop, has died, the sheriff's office said. Chavez, 27, has been booked into the El Paso County jail without bond on multiple charges.*

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A man in the vehicle started shooting after the deputy asked the driver to step out of the car.

The suspected gunman, 27-year-old Facundo Chavez, was initially arrested on an attempted capital murder charge.

Authorities had said on Friday that they expected Herrera to survive the shooting because he was wearing a protective vest.

Herrera was shot around 1:50 a.m. Friday after stopping a vehicle in San Elizario, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) southeast of El Paso along the U.S.-Mexico border. Authorities say no further details.

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## House...

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especially from the Philippines," the source said, adding that they've only received positive feedback on the services offered by nurses.

"We want our dear Filipinos not to cast stones but work with us to find ways to cure this problem. We also urge parents to enroll your children in nursing studies at the ASCC so they can take care of the sick, here at home."

"We want to read the good news that nurses are doing a great job at our hospital, which cannot function if not for the nurses. So we have to thank all those in the nursing profession, including those from Philippines, for their great service."

The senior nurse said the government and the Fono have to find ways to reach out to local young people to spark their interest in the nursing profession, instead of pointing fingers at the services offered by off-island nurses.

"This is one profession where, when older nurses retire, there is no new interest at all. So the LBJ has to find success from the Philippines, or from somewhere else. The American Samoa Government, the Fono, and Rep. Vesilai are the major players. They should do what they can to attract young people to this profession."

## Court...

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pocket of his pants, Luamea told police the baggies belonged to the man named See, and he had already sold two baggies to his friends for \$10 each.

### DISTRICT COURT

#### SAMASOMI MULIAU

An elderly man who was arrested following a disturbance reported from Fagatogo less Thursday, Mar. 21, has been released on his own recognizance.

Samasomi Muliau, 65, made his initial appearance in District Court last Friday where he entered a "not guilty" plea to a single count of public peace disturbance.

While out on release, Judge Elvis P. Paea has ordered Muliau to remain law abiding at all times, stay alcohol and drug free, and maintain the peace at home.

Perpetual conference is set for April 30.

According to the government's case, on the day in question, an intoxicated Muliau was cursing profanities at the victim,

whom described the defendant's speech as slurred, "some times being 'out of control' and times repeating words when making loud noises, cussing and screaming at her, calling her a prostitute."

The victim said, Muliau came home drunk and they started arguing because Muliau accused her of sleeping with other men who live nearby. Muliau was in custody on a "no bail" status for other criminal matters.

Mafiai was in court for a status hearing, where he was represented by Public Defender Michael White.

For his most recent case, which charges him with escape from confinement and bribery, Lefafai is represented by private counsel, Palainalo Marcellus Lagaolelei.

Friday's dismissal takes care of Lefafai's matters in District Court.

In High Court, he is charged in other cases; one involves a shooting in Leone while the other is the alleged assault of an inmate.

#### POU LUAMANU

A man who pled guilty to third degree assault has been sentenced to 12 months probation. Poi Luamanu appeared during the interview process.

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#### Finagalo Fa'afauatalele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa

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O la alagatupe ua fuafuaina e faatin a'i aogao fa'apitoz tuuina atu mo fāmili aoga una, e nimaia mai i le 3-21 fausaga. I totou ole teitoro o Amerika Samoa o loa iai manaoga fa'apitoz ua festigata o taumafaga'i tau a'ca'oga i totou o potu a'cgaa. O se tasi o a'ajia a'i taifara o le talosaga, e tatau i seteia ma leitoro una o loa talosaga oia alagatupe ona faasalafoa a leto'u tusi talosaga mo se finegalo fa'afauatalele mo tagata lautele. E tatau one lave se avanoa e faafaa lelo e letu u nio le sielua ma tu'uina mai so fatou finegalo fa'afauatalele e tusa a 30 asu ae le tu'uina atu e tusi talosaga ia May 12, 2019. O le a'afaa se fono fa'afauatalele ia April 12, 2019 ille Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Utulei le little e 1:00pm. O le a'afaa e le Matagauega o Aoga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fa'afauatalele a le tautele ma tu'uina atu o faafaa ia le p'o ille aso fa'afauatalele o tusi talosaga.

O lo'i manus kopi o lelei tusi intosagai i le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa i le ilu sisifo o Matafao Elementary School i Fagatogo. Mo Metou e mananona se kopi o le tusi talosaga, e avevaoa le ofisa mai i le tu'uina 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu fealia e tataua mai i tusi usiga e, metou one tuuina mai i tamai ua faafauatalele. A'iai manatu ma fatusiga e mafai ona imeli mai la Faauifono Vaitautolu fauitolu@yahoo.com pe tusi maliai Teraea Atualetasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS 96791. Oa mafai ona mua se kopi o le Part B Application i juga ole upēgafatafa i tagi ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.

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also went to the inland city of Katherine.

Veronica is also expected to be a Category 4 when it crosses the coast of Western Australia state over Sunday night. Its sustained winds were 175 kph (110 mph) around midday Friday.

A Category 4 severe tropical cyclone is roughly similar to a Category 2 or 3 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale used in the U.S.

The last families left Borroloola by noon on Friday as they headed inland.

Speaking by phone from her family's car as they drove inland, Christine Sauer said only the local police and utilities workers remained in the community of about 900 people:

"They're about to switch off the power and water and they're leaving too," she said. "You're not going to see there for a Category 4 cyclone."

Sauer and her family, who run the town's store and gas station, plan to sit the storm out at

a friend's cattle station, Veronika is expected to land somewhere between the iron ore mining towns of Karratha and Port Hedland.

Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported long lines of traffic waiting for gas in Karratha, residents sandbagging their homes and supermarkets shelves being stripped bare by shoppers stockpiling provisions.

Emergency service officials are advising people who do not need to stay in Karratha to evacuate.

The Pilbara Ports Authority has cleared all large commercial vessels from the harbors and anchorages at Port Hedland, Ashburton and Port of Dampier.

The Western Australian Country Health Service said procedures were in place at health centers so they can continue operating.

Starling supplies including food and pharmaceuticals, and plans for high-risk patients have been prepared.

*Map locates Cyclones Veronika and Trevor near Australia; 28 x 3 1/2 inches; 96.3 mm x 88 mm.*

## Cop...

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said he was "just as shocked as anyone else" about Lefata escaping from the THC. He tried detectives that when he is on guard duty at the THC, he "does not keep the three inmates confined in their cells; rather, he lets the 'team free' because it makes him feel safer."

When asked to elaborate, the cop said he "relies" on one of the inmates to watch his back...and he trusts that inmate "with his life". With regards to Lefata escaping, the cop said, "he must have gotten out somehow," adding that he conducts head counts but because he "hangs out" with them, "he loses track."

When asked if he ever let Lefata out, the cop said no. But he did admit that he allowed Lefata's girlfriend to be inside the THC.

According to a statement from one of the girls alleged to be Lefata's girlfriend...who lives in Midtown, Lefata picked her up about 4 times this year and they would stay together for hours.

Lefata is alleged to have picked the girl up in a rental car and their relationship was discovered after a photo of them together was posted on Facebook.

Yet another girlfriend...this one from Lasau...is mentioned in court documents. This woman is allegedly the one that drops food off at the THC when Lefata calls. The food is picked up by Salano in front of the DPS Records Office.

In addition to the new charges, Lefata is also charged in a case where he is accused of escaping from the TCF and then shooting a man in Leone; and a case that alleges he assaulted another inmate.

## INDONESIA

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### Cyclone Trevor

**Cyclone Veronika**      **Winds: 80 mph  
(130 kph)**

## AUSTRALIA

## Canberra



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### Finagalo Fa'alau'aitele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'ooga Fa'apitoa

Ua tūtāna mai e le Matagaluega o Aogea Amerika Samoia (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'ooga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avanoa e faafaa ai finagalo fa'alau'aitele a le manata o le atunuu mo alagatupe talosaga i leis o Maga B Tulafono mā Tāgata o iei Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o A'ooga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o Aogea a'e Mato Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

Oia alaganupue ua fuafuaina e faafaa ai faafaa faafaa i tuuina atu mo manata adja uma, e amata mai f le 3-21 tausaga, i totonu ple teritor o Amerika Samoa o loa iei manata faapitoa ua faafaa i laumafaga iau a'o'aga / totonu o potu o'cga. O se tasi o ealiga mo le taiana e iei talosaga, e kaiau i getese mā temori una o loa talosaga iei ia aqatupa chia faasalafau a latou ius i talosaga mo se finagalo faafaa o tagete lau'e. E tatu ona iava se avanoa e silas i fiefi o le atunuu no le silafia ma tu'uina mat so letou finegalo fa'alau'aitele i tusi e 30 astu pe iei tuuina atu iei talosaga i le May 12, 2019. O le a fua se fono fa'alau'aitele i Apia 12, 2019 iei Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Unikel le itale e 1:00pm. O le a fua se fono fa'alau'aitele i Apia 12, 2019 iei Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Unikel le itale e 1:00pm. O le a fua se fono fa'alau'aitele i Apia 12, 2019 iei Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Unikel le itale e 1:00pm.

O lo o maua kop i ouenai hosi talosaga iia Ofisa o A'ooga Fa'apitoa i le ita saito o Matafao Elementary School i Fagau. No i latou e manata omia se kop i o le tusi talosaga, e avanoa le ofisa mai ilo ita 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu faafaa e tauata mai i tuisusiga e mai i ona fuafua mai i tui i faafaa iau. A iei nis manata mā faufuaga e matal ona imeli mai ia Faafuiono Vaitautolu faafuitolu@yahoo.com pe iosi mai ia Terese Atuatasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua maefai ona maua se kop i o le Part B Application i lugue ole upega faafaa iagi ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.

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and Houston O'Rourke, of course, has to secure the Democratic presidential nomination before he can worry about the general election. But then he's also already said he'd prefer to pick a woman as his running mate, should he make it that far. O'Rourke said Sunday that it was presumptuous to commit to that so early, but that doing so would make a "tremendous amount of sense" given the number of qualified women candidates. Many remember the Texan for declaring "I'm so f-king proud of you guys" on national television during his concession speech in November, after narrowly losing his Senate race to incumbent Republican Ted Cruz. O'Rourke said Sunday that he'll not use profanities any more, after being asked by a voter if he was going to "clean up his act," especially in front of children. Point taken, and very strongly made, O'Rourke said. "We're going to keep it clean." He made a similar

pledge during his race with Cruz, then didn't make good.

O'Rourke has previously admitted to a 1998 arrest for drunken driving and said nothing else will come out that could be used against him during the 2020 presidential campaign. Later, he signed the backboard of a supporter who asked if he had ever taken the drug LSD. The candidate responded that he hadn't.

About 400 people came to the coffee shop to hear O'Rourke. Half made it inside and half listened from the sidewalk through the opened door. O'Rourke wore a St. Patrick's Day necklace featuring green cabbage but said he had coffee — not beer — with his breakfast. "Although it can be justified as an O'Rourke on St. Patrick's Day to do that," he joked, in a nod to his Irish heritage.

The Republican Party's official Twitter account noted his past arrest, tweeting, "On this St. P's Monday, March 18, 2019's Day, a special message from noted Irishman Robert Francis O'Rourke" and including an altered photo of the Democrat's mug shot wearing an oversized

# Amata welcomes health grant for American Samoa



Congresswoman Aunua Amata and Health Director Matusa Tuiteama Nua. (photo courtesy)



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#### Finagle Fa'alaua'itele mo ia Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaína o Je Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apito

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O ia alagatupe ya fuafuaína e faatino ai apeoga faapitoa tuuina atu no tamaiu eogia umu, e amata ma: I le 3-21 tausaga; I totolu ole teritorii o Amerika Samoa o ioo iai manoga faapitoa ua faafalgafa ai taumafagaia tau a'onega i totolu o poli a'oga. O se tasi o alaiga moe talaina o le talosaga, e tetau i setele ma teritorii uma o le talosagaina ia alagatupe éme fakatalau a laigu tusi talosaga mo se finagle faaalia o tagata iutele. E tetau ona lava se avanda a-silasina (tele) e le atunu lu'umu ia shafia ma tuuina malo so iatou finagle faaalia e lusa e 30 aso ae le'l tuuina atu le tusi talosaga ia May 12, 2019. O ia a fa'a se fono fa'alaua'itele ia April 12, 2019 ia Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Utulei je itula e 1:00pm. O ia a ibilona e te Matagaluga o Aoga Amerika Samoa Finagle ma māfātu faaalia a le iutele ma tu'uina atu ni faufuaga ae le'l e'o i le aso fa'apitoa ana o tusi talosaga.

O ioo māfātu kōpi o lelei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o Aoga Faapito i le tuu sisifo o Matafao Elementary School Fagatogo. Mo iatou e manava ma'i kōpi o le tusi tausaga, e avanoa le ofisa mai i le nua 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manava faaalia e tausae mai i tūtusigia e māfātu ona tuuina mai i lāim o faufuagaina. A lai nisi manava ma faufuaga e māfātu ona ilei mai i Feauifono Vaiulotu feauifono@ yahoo.com pe tusi mai ia Terese Atutasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua māfātu ona māfātu se kōpi o le Part B Application i loga sie upegatele lagi ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).

Washington, D.C. – Friday, March 15, 2019 – Congresswoman Aunua Amata welcomed a federal health care grant for American Samoa from the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Department.

This discretionary grant of \$259,130 is designated to the American Samoa Department of Health through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), specifically the National Center for Chronic Diseases Prevention and Health Promotion. This federal assistance is directed to enable American Samoa's health agencies focused on prevention of diabetes, heart disease, tobacco-related illness and other such chronic risks.

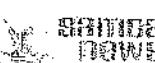
"I'm pleased to note that these federal funds are for our territory's efforts to control diabetes, heart disease, and tobacco-related health needs," said Aunua Amata. "Federal assistance is very important to the health services we need in the islands, and I appreciate the work put in by all our health professionals. Thank you to program coordinator Farrah Lesie on this project."

HHS is led by Secretary Alex Azar, and the CDC is directed by Dr. Robert Redfield.



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**Finagalo Fa'ataua itele mo le Tusi Telosaga mo Alagatupé Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa**  
Ua tuliaua mai e le Masiyabuega o Aoga Amerika Samoa (ASOE) Ofisa o Aoga Faapitoa (SPED) se avanox e tasiāla ai finagalo fa'ataua itele a le matāmua o le atuaū mo alagatupé telosaga i lalo ole Maga B Tulafonu mo Tagata ciai Matacoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o Aoga Faapitoa (OSEP) e le Matacapuega o A'oga ale Malo Tese o Amerika Sura (USCCE).

O la alagakupue ua fufueina a faelino el abaoaga faapitoa tuina stu mo va malig aogia una, a qatido mai lie 3-21 tausaga; i tolonu che telenpi o Amerika Sa'ros o fo iai mehnaga fasipota ua festejela de tausaga ma'leitau aga t'otoku o potu a'oga. O se tasi o alalga mo la sifiaha o re talusaga, e tatas ; seteta ma'leitau una o iba talosagana ia alagakupue cna fasasilea a latou fusi talcsaga mo se fimegalo fasalia o sagata iauieie. E tatas una lave se lavanda i'basilia latou el a atunou mo lo sifiaha me lu sifiaha mai so latou finagalo fihadlo a tusa e 30 aso be lel i tu'utia xtu le lus talosaga ia May 12, 2019. Cia e faia se ifono la'alaha ifono la Apertura 12, 2019 lie Ofisra ASDSO ECE I Utuveri ia 1:00pm. O la a Holonua e la Malagasyuega o Alega Amerika Samba finagalo ma menatu fa'auia a ia autelue ma tu'utia amu fa'auia, no latou i'basilia.

O pōo iauia kopī o fenei tūsi taosagā | i le Ofisa o Aogā Faapitoa I le Iu siislo o Matafao Elementary School | Pagaalu. Mo i latou e manao mōia se kopī o tē tūsi taosagā, e avanua le ofisa mai le Iula 0:00pm i le 4:00pm. O manau faaia le teuaia mai | Uusitisiga e mefatona tūuaia mai | salinu ia fati sagagā. Alei hini manau mai fatubraga e mefatona engilmei mai la Faafutōno Vaiataolu feautou@ yahoo.com pe tusi maria Teresa Atuebasai SPED Assistant Director, P.O.Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua matālona matā se kopī o le Part B Application | i koga dia nepeautaafai lai ASDOE website www.asdeo.org

**WELLINGTON**, New Zealand (AP) — An international cricket match between New Zealand and Bangladesh has been canceled after players from the visiting team narrowly avoided a mass shooting at a mosque in Christchurch on Friday.

New Zealand Cricket chief executive David White said there had been a "joint decision" to call off the third test, which had been scheduled to start Saturday in Christchurch.

"On behalf of New Zealand Cricket heartfelt condolences to those affected," White said. "I've spoken to my counterpart at Bangladesh cricket, we agree it's inappropriate to play cricket at this time."

"Both teams are deeply affected.

"We are shocked and appalled as I am sure all New Zealanders are. We are offering support to all those within the teams affected by the situation and are continuing to take advice from authorities on the ground."

Earlier, members of the Bangladesh cricket team described on social media how they narrowly avoided the mosque shooting on New Zealand's South Island.

Players and members of the team's coaching staff were reportedly on their bus, approaching the Masjid Al Noor mosque in Hagley Park when the shooting started.

Opening batsman Tariq  
Iqbal tweeted: "entire team got  
bowed from active shooters.  
Grievous experience and  
please keep us in your prayers."

Performance analyst Chandrasekaran, also on Twitter, posted: "Just escaped active shooter. Heartbeats pumping badly and panic everywhere."

Player Mushtaq Rahim posted "Alhamdulillah Alleh have us today while standing in Christchurch in the mosque. We were extremely lucky ... never want to see this things happen again ... pray for us."

Mario Villavarayen, a strength and conditioning coach with the Bangladesh team, told New Zealand media the players did not see the shaker but heard it. He said they were shaken in unison.

"I spoke to one of them  
wordly alien," Vilavarayen  
said. "They were at the ground  
and just started running. The  
teaching staff were all at the

New Zealand Cricket said all players and support staff were safe and accounted for, and Bangladesh team spokesman Farhad said all players had arrived to the tournament.

The Bangladeshi players finally left the bus and fled foot to nearby Hagley Oval, where the test match against New Zealand had been scheduled to be played.

Mohammad Islam, a journalist traveling with the Bangladeshi team, told The Associated

#### **Comments from users (1)**



*A look at the AYF Panthers defensive unit devouring an AYF Rams ball carrier in the backfield for a huge loss during the opening half of their semi-final match up last Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium.*

## LA Rams re-sign pass rusher Dante Fowler before free agency

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Linebacker Dante Fowler has re-signed with the Los Angeles Rams, passing up a shot at unrestricted free agency to stay with the NFC champions.

The Rams announced a deal Sunday night to keep Fowler, but didn't disclose the terms.

The Rams acquired Fowler in a trade with Jacksonville on Oct. 31, and the edge rusher played a significant role in Los Angeles' run to the Super Bowl. The 2013 No. 3 overall pick had two sacks in the regular season and 1½ more in the playoffs while creating consistent pressure on quarterbacks.

Fowler would have been one of the top pass rushers on the market, but he clearly enjoyed his experience in Wade Phillips' defense after an up-and-down career with the Jaguars.

Fowler, a St. Petersburg native and University of Florida grad, had spent his entire life in Florida before the Rams traded a third-round draft pick this year and a fifth-round pick in 2017 to acquire him. Fowler immediately took to his new team, embracing a pass-rushing role in Phillips' 3-4 defense and fitting in quickly with his new teammates. Rather than chasing free-agent riches, Fowler decided to extend his West Coast stay for at least another season — and he may have decided several weeks ago.

"We'll be ready next year," Fowler said immediately after the Rams' 13-3 loss to New England in the Super Bowl last month. After going 13-3 and reaching their first Super Bowl in 17 years, the Rams have already addressed two of their biggest offseason concerns before free agency opens.

## In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

HCRP 30-2017

*In the Matter of the Estate of  
ROBERT MOORE,  
Deceased*

By JANE HETA MOORE  
*Administrator*

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION TO AMEND DISTRIBUTION ORDER

PLACE TO E-MAIL: Jane Heta Moore, Administrator of the Estate of Robert Moore deceased, and a Motion to Amend Distribution Order.

Plaintiff: Jane Heta Moore, Administrator of the Estate of Robert Moore deceased, and a Motion to Amend Distribution Order.

Defendant: Estate of Robert Moore deceased, and a Motion to Amend Distribution Order.

Date: March 4, 2019

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## In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

HCRP 210-027-200

*In the Matter of the Estate of  
TOM LEOTA,  
Deceased*

By FILIGATAULU T. PEPU,  
*Administrator*

## PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR ADMINISTRATION

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLACE TO E-MAIL: Tom Leota, Administrator of the Estate of Tom Leota deceased, and a Petition for Appointment of Successor Administration.

Plaintiff: Tom Leota, Administrator of the Estate of Tom Leota deceased, and a Petition for Appointment of Successor Administration.

Defendant: Estate of Tom Leota deceased, and a Petition for Appointment of Successor Administration.

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### Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

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Copies of the application are available at the Special Education office located at the west end of the Matafao Elementary School in Fagatogo. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faafuuto Vaiteaulou at faafuuto@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Terese Atuataasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799. The Part B Application for funding is also posted on the ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.

### Finagalo Fa'alaua'itele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupu Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa

Ca tulina mai e le Matagaluega o A'oga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avanoa a fealeia ai finagalo fa'alaua'itele a la manatu o le aloniu mo alagatupu talosaga i lato ole Maga 3 Tuafono mo Tagata o isi Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o A'oga e'ne Valo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

O la alagatupu fuafuaina e faefao ai aveoga fa'apitoa tulina atu i le tamai o a'oga una, e amata ma. I le 3-21 fausaga, Ito'one ole tenton o Amerika Samoa o kolo ia managa fa'apitoa ua faefagaga e faufaifaga lau a'oapaga i folonu o poso eloga. O se ta'e o aiaiga mo le talosaga, e talau i setio le tenton una o 100 taosquina la alagatupu ona faasala au i lato tulsi talosaga mo se finagalo fa'alaua'itele tulsi. E tifau ona leva se avenda e siasiia lelei a're atonu mo le siasiia ma tulina mai si lofo finagalo fa'eita e tusa e 30 aso se le tulsi talosaga la May 12, 2019. O le a tulsi se fono is alau'ite e le Aprilia 12, 2019 is Ofisa ASDOE BCE / Upolu le tulsi e 1:00pm. O le a tulsi ma le Matagaluega o A'oga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fa'aue a le laulele ma tulina atu ni laulagi se le a tulsi se fono is alau'ite e le Aprilia 12, 2019.

O lo'ofa maula kopi o lelei tulsi talosaga la Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa i le ilo sisi o Matafao Elementary School i Fagatogo. Mo i lato'ue e manu omia se kopi o le tulsi talosaga, e avanoa la ofisa mai le lata 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu feiale e tsuala mai i usilu'aga e mefa'afa'e tulua mai i tamai ua faufaifaga. A la rafsi manatu ma feufaga e matel ona imel mai la Faafuuto Vaiteaulou faafuuto@yahoo.com pa tulsi malie le Terese Atuataasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua mafafona maula se kopi o le Part B Application i lugae o epegelefakiagi ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.



I se vîzîngă îne flăcăi fătășă mai o le tacen Atacalaga a le înțelâpă Păpîrlăz mo le Olimpică Parapita o leb sănătatea i Dubai, Alapt. O le noșoagă lea o lăsăntenă ată laton i Al-Ain, Abu Dhabi, Arab Emirates.

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ora e toe sojé ye telafono," o  
le saomaga lea i Patea i le ua  
mota.

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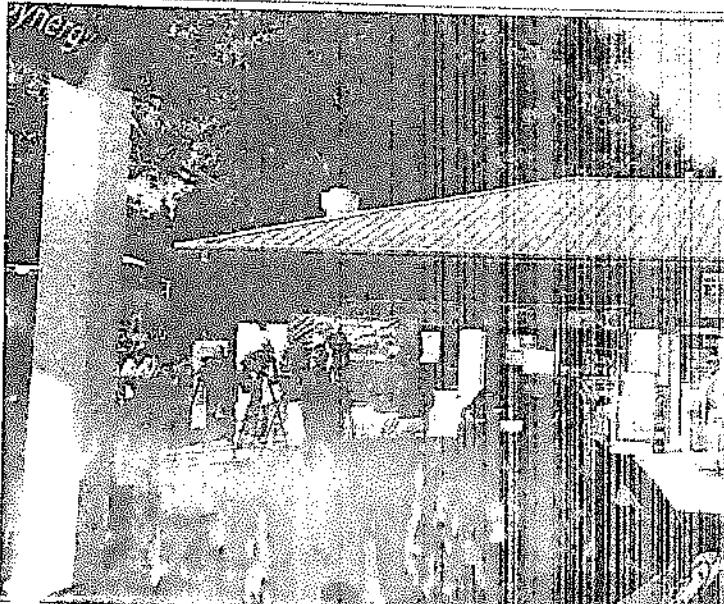
Copies of the application are available at the Special Education office located at the west end of the Mateo-F Elementary School in Fagatogo. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faafuutoa Venitutou at faafuutoa@ymail.com or may be sent surface mail to: Terese Atuaao, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ABDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799. The Part B Application for funding is also posted on the ASOEE website at [www.asoee.net](http://www.asoee.net).

Finafalo Fa'ataua'itele mo le Tusi Tafoaga ma Alofaaga Foufua'ine o le Ofisi o fa'aofa

Ua fu vire mai e le Matagakvega o Aoga Amerika Samoa (AFOSI) Oifisa o Aoga Faapitoa (SPED) se evanagi e faatai a fagaao fa'alauaitele a le mamaku o le atumau mo eragatupue talosaga i le aua Maia B Tufuvonu mo Tagie'a oai Menoge Faapitoa (IDEA), Oifisa o Aoga Faapitoa (OSPE) i le Matagakvega o Aoga B. Tufuvonu ma Tagie'a oai Menoge Faapitoa.

Ole alagatupua ua fuaufama e fatihi ai ecodoga fatipido ubinu atu inogematai aogaa una, e amata mai ia le 3-21 feusaga, i lotoru ole, teritoriu Amerika Samoa no loai ia managa faapirua ua feitafaga ia taumafeiga tau o ba'ogai. I lotoru o polu n'oga. O sa fasi o aiaiga fatigalo, fadilai o tagalo fuaufama. E talau han leva se avanoo e siasile telai a le alamii u mo lo siatia me tu tunua mai so latoe unagao fa asila e tusa e 30 aspo ae le 10 tu tunua atu ia fuaufama ia May 12, 2019. Ola ia fela se fone fa alaua itale ia Aperilla 12, 2019 ia Ofisa ASODEE BOE. Utilei han laula e 100m. Ola ia Polinoma e 16 Matafagauega o Aogaa Amerika Samoa firago ma manatu fa asila a le laupate ma tu tunua seu ni fadilauaga se le 100 m eas fe aitaua aitaua e 100m.

Olo'o manu kopi o le leter tuu, falosaga i la Oise d'Atiga Faafu loa. Ie lu atuto i Matafac Elementary School i Pagoa. Ma i fator e manaofoia se kopi o ia cus, ratosaga, e avancio le ofisa maha ile ita Rifi 00pm. Ie 4:00pm. O manao, faaleo e tabua ma i lusuusaga a maefai ua kuptua mai, tamai de faafuageleba. Atai nisi menatu ne fe lugaga e malafona imei mai la Faafu fono Vaitutolu faafu-locu@vanco.com pa usi mai la Teresa Atualasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago, AS, 96790. Ua maefai oma manu se kopi o ia Part 6 Application i lugaga ole upiagatafa i pagi ASDOE website, [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).



JLE - In this Oct. 14 file photo, media, at left, record people entering the KC Mart in Simpsonville, S.C., after it was announced the winning Mega Millions lottery ticket was purchased at the store. The South Carolina lottery says a woman who has stepped forward to claim the \$1.5 billion jackpot from a drawer last October. A lottery commission statement says the person submitting the claim for what was the second-largest lottery in U.S. history.

the remain anonymous.

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Copies of the applicator are available at the Special Education office located at the west end of the Mata'afa Elementary School in Pago Pago. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faafuifono-Vaitautou at faafuifonovaitautou@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Teresa Abutasi-SPEd Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPEd, Pago Pago, AS 96799. The Part B Application for Funding is also posted on the ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).

**Finagalo Fa'ataua'itele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagaifuna Euafatina o la Ofisa o Aiga Efatua**

Ua tu'una mai le Matagaluega o Aoga Amerika Samoa (ASDQE) Ofisa o Aoga Faapiloga (SPED) se avanua e faleia ai finagalo fa'atau'itele a le manu o le atuu'utu mo alagatupu talosaga i lalo olo Mega E Tolafonu mo Tagata i lai Mataoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o Aoga Faapitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o Aoga ale Malo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).  
 O le alagatupu ua haufuna'e faleitio ai soaoga faapitua tuuina atu mo tamaiti aoga una, e amata mai : le 3-21 lausaga, i tolou olo teritorii o Amerika Samoa i le ola iai manabaga faapitoa ua fasafagita ai taumatala'ga tau o loaloaiga i tokoto o coto aoga. O se fasi o, aligaga lei fa'atalia'he o le talosaga, e tatau i setete ma teritorii una o lo loa lausaga ia alagatupu cha faasalalau a latou tusi talosaga mo se finagalo faaalia o tau ua lausaga. E totou ola leva se avanua e si lasila felei o le atuu'utu mo lai soaoga ma tulia mai so latou finagalo fa'atalia e tusa e 30 a 1 a 33 e 1 tuapu, atu le hui talosaga ia May 12, 2019. O le afa se fono fa'atau'itele ia Aperia 12, 2019 ne Ofisa ASDQE E. E l Uvei le itua e 100pm. O le a fafona i le Matagaluega o Aoga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manu fa'atalia a le lautele ma to'una atu n: faturaga se lei o le laso fa'atapuleima e tusi talosaga

O: O matua kopio lelei tusi falosaga i le Ofisia JAoga Peapilos ne Iuusisifo o Matafao Elementary School i Pagoaluu. Mo i latou e manao'ormia se kopio o le tusi falosaga, e zavanda le ofisia mai le illa 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O meratau faatali e tavalu mai i lusitisiga e mafai ona tuuina mai i tamai ua Faatulagaina. Aiaj nisi manatu ma fauvalaaga e mafaiatuna inten mai i Faatulofono Vaifautolu fazaitou@ yahoo.com pe huia mai la Teresia Atutauas SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 93769. Ua mafai ona maia se kopio le Part B Application i lugia ole upategatafa i lagii ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).

## \$1.5 billion Mega Millions jackpot claimed in South Carolina

The mystery is over, Party.

The mystery is over at last.

Lottery officials on Monday announced that a South Carolina resident had stepped forward to claim the \$1.5 billion Mega Millions jackpot from last October — the largest jackpot payout to a single winner in U.S. history — but elected to remain anonymous.

A lottery commission statement said the person submitting the claim for what was the second-largest lottery in U.S. history, has chosen the cash option, a one-time payment of nearly \$878,000,000.

The biggest jackpot in U.S. history — a \$1.585 billion Powerball prize won on Jan. 13, 2016 — was split between buyers in three states. That jackpot also had some mystery as the California winners didn't come forward until about six months later.

"We are delighted that the winner is a South Carolinian and has come forward to claim this remarkable prize," said

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Hogan Brown, the Commission's Executive Director. "We respect the winner's decision to remain anonymous, and we will honor the winner's wishes."

The commission said the winner "marvels at how every decision made that day brought the winner to the store, at that very moment" to buy the winning ticket. The winner allowed a fellow customer to make a Mega Millions lottery ticket purchase in front of the winner while in line at the store, the commission said.

"A simple act of kindness led to an amazing outcome," the statement said.

South Carolina is one of a handful of states where winners can remain anonymous — a choice that winners often make to protect themselves from being targeted by criminals or unscrupulous people seeking money.

The winning ticket was sold between Oct. 20 and Oct. 22 of last year at the KC Mart convenience store in Simpsonville, a suburb of the South Carolina city of Greenville.

"It's exciting. Good for me, good for him, her, whoever it is," said Chung Patel, owner of the convenience store. That's because Patel gets a \$50,000 payment for selling the winning ticket -- something he wouldn't have gotten if the prize went unclaimed.

Patel said he'll use the money to pay for renovations to the store in Simpsonville as well as some of the six other convenience stores he owns. When asked why he thinks the dinner took so long to come forward, Patel said: "That's a lot of money to manage."

For months, South Carolina residents had speculated on why the winner hadn't stepped forward.

Some theorized that the winner was on the run from police and feared a background check if he or she won. Some thought the winner was so overwhelmed at seeing the winning numbers post up that he or she died on the spot. Others speculated that the winning ticket had been purchased by an offshore company and was now the subject of investigation.

The winner had until April to claim the prize. If it had not been claimed, the money would have gone back to the states where the tickets were purchased.

The statement Monday gave  
clue as to why the winner  
left his or her time to come  
forward.

The prize being claimed does not go with other benefits for state besides the cachet of owing a new multimillionaire walking around somewhere.

The lottery commission said state will get \$61 million in wine taxes from the winter, and that could get passed along to taxpayers if a proposal goes through to give a \$50 rebate to a person who files income

## Hanoi Postcard: Children hope to give Kim comradely welcome

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Children at a kindergarten in Hanoi, some in Korean traditional "Hanbok" dress, have been practicing singing and dancing, hoping to show off their talents to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un when he comes to town this week for his second summit with President Donald Trump.

Elsewhere in the Vietnam-Korea Friendship Kindergarten, students have been assembling picture montages on maps of Vietnam and the Koreas. In another classroom, children were coloring in Vietnamese and North Korean flags, with which they hope to greet Kim.

"We really want for Mr. Kim Jong Un, the great leader of the Korean people, to visit our school," said Ngu Thi Minh Hu, the school's teacher.

Apple-cheeked youngsters in traditional national garb, depicting a proletarian leader is a trademark of old-style communism, lexicography, and North Korea is the closest thing left to an old-style communist state.

But the ties that once bound Vietnam to North Korea in their fight against the U.S. have long since frayed. These days, South Korea is the better known, Vietnam's look to the west, as evidenced by Vietnam's many billboards for the goods and services of companies such as Samsung, LG and Hyundai, and the massive amount of trade and investment coming from Seoul.

The kindergarten, however, sways against the tide of history. It was built in 1978, three years after the end of the Vietnam War, a gift from the North Korean government, which also supplied it with mats, musical instruments, tables, chairs and cookware, according to Hoang Thi Thanh, the school's rector from 2002 to 2013.

The school initially had just four classrooms accommodating 120 children, but according to Thanh, "I was very happy and proud to be one of the first teachers of the school, because it was probably the most beautiful school in Hanoi at that time."

It's now a three-story complex with a large courtyard and a student body of 479 in a busy residential neighborhood with run-down, 1970s-era apartment buildings.

The students learn about North Korea, its leaders, landmarks and culture, lessons that are supplemented by a state relationship with a kindergarten in Pyongyang with which visits are exchanged each year.

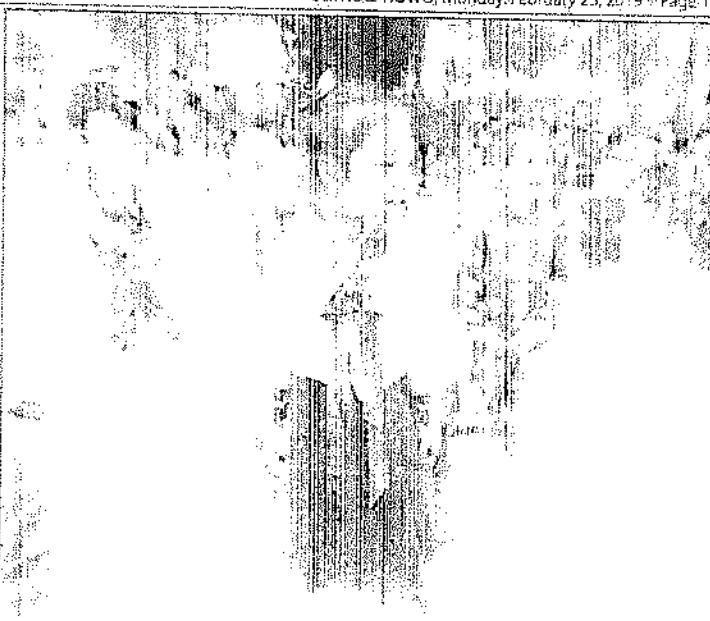
According to Thanh, there was a political hiccup in 2010, when the North Korean government proposed to rename the school after Kim Il Sung, North Korea's founding father. Vietnam, whose ruling communist party has always favored collective leadership over personalized rule, demurred. A compromise was reached, in which two classrooms were

named after Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il — the grandfather and father, respectively, of Kim Jong Un — while a kindergarten classroom in Pyongyang was named after Vietnamese revolutionary hero Ho Chi Minh.

Hu, the rector, hopes Kim and Trump can achieve an agreement, and echoes the common sentiment that maybe Vietnam has something to teach North Korea, saying she hopes "the Korean people will enjoy peace and live like the Vietnamese people, the Korean nation will embark on a reform process for development and prosperity."

For local parents, however, education rather than politics is the main concern.

"I had checked out some kindergartens near my house, but I decided to send my son here because this school has good facilities and good teachers," Tran Phuong Nhung said as she took her 4-year-old son to school.



In this Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, photo, children in Vietnamese and Korean traditional costumes dance at Vietnam-Korea Friendship Kindergarten in Hanoi, Vietnam. The children have been practicing singing and dancing, hoping to show off their talents to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un when he comes to town this week for his second summit meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump.

AP Photo/Minh Hoa



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#### Finagalo Fa'afalaualitele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafua'ula o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa

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O le alagatupe o fuafua'ula e faafaa al hoojaa le aitutu mo a'lagatupe talosaga tau a'olofaa i totoru o le totoru o le tafesaga, a batu i setete ma'afaletu umu o ion talosaga'ula i a'lagatupe oia faafua'ula a latou tuisi talosaga mo se finagalo fa'afala o lagaa tautele. E tatou ona lava se avanoa e silaifa faleatau mo le silaifa ma pafua malo sialo iu svagalo faleatau e tusa i 30 ess ae le'i hutu'ata le tuisi talosaga ia May 12, 2019. O le le'i fala se fonc fa'afalaualitele ia Apirila 12, 2019 ia Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Utulei le ilua e 1:00pm. O le a lofoua o le Matagaluga o Aoga Amerika Samoa Finagalo ma manatu fa'afaa a le le'i uuu ni faufuaga ae le'i o le aiso fa stepula'ina, o tusi talosaga

O le'o manu kopilenei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa i le kumu si aitutu o Matelao Elementary School i Fagatogo. Mo i latou e manu'oma se kopilenei tusi talosaga, e avanoa le Ofisa maile, kota 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu fa'afaa e faafaa mai i tuisi talosaga e malo ona tucuna, manu tautu iu faufuaga. A le'i disi manatu faufuaga e malo ona imeli malo Faafuono Vaitauolu@ yahoo.com pe tusi mei ia Teresa Atutasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua maile ona manatu se kopilenei Part B Application i lugia ole upugafale tagi ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net

# BPW PAGO PAGO AND ASCC BUSINESS DEPT TEAM UP FOR JOB SEEKING STRATEGY SEMINAR

**ASCC Mapusaga Fou.** — February 21, 2019 — Nearly 100 students, teachers, and local professionals participated in the first *Make that Job Yours! Business Seminar* organized by Business and Professional Women Pago Pago in partnership with the Business Department at the American Samoa Community College.

The seminar opened with a short story from Congresswoman Fumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, a lifetime member of BPW Pago Pago as she shared her experiences from her first job as a Doggy daycare trainer. BPW Vice President Lafutasi Tufoe presented the background and mission of BPW Pago Pago.

The seminar focused on resume writing, interviewing skills, and researching prospective employers.

Local professionals spoke on their experiences with prospective employees:

Nadine Salofa Tuufatasau, Store Manager of Neil's ACE Home Center presented on the do's and don'ts of interviewing.

Salamasina Satie, Acting Human Resources Manager at American Samoa Power



Auditorium presented tips for researching your potential employer with an emphasis on knowing the company and the prospective job.

Lisa Gebauer, Director of Human Resources from Bluesky Communications gave a check-

list of resume items and how to best have your resume stand out in the crowd.

BPW Member and graduate of ASCC Business Program, Judy Muliato, hosted the seminar.

Judy Muliato commented,

"It is wonderful to see an event like this that brings people of all stages in the employment process together. I didn't have this opportunity when I was in school, so I am happy to be part of bringing this to the ASCC students."

BPW Pago Pago and ASCC Business Department would like to thank the speakers, the ASCC Business Club for providing catering, and GHC Reid Co. Ltd. for providing beverages at the luncheon seminar.

(Courtesy photo)



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#### Finagalo Fa'alaau'itele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafualua o le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa

Ua tu'uina mai e le Matagauega o Aoaga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o Aoga Faapitoa (SPED) se avanoa e faafia ai finagalo fa'alaau'itele a le mamau o le atonu mo alagatupe talosaga i lalo dia Mea B Tuiafono mo Tagata o la Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o Aoga Faapitoa (OSEP) o le Matagauega o Aoga ale Mea Taia o Amerika (USDOE).

O ia alagatupe ua fuafualua e fasi fao al au'oga faapitoa tuuina etu mo tamaii aoga una, e amati mai i le 3-21 tausaga, i totou ni o le teritor o Amerika Samoa o fo i lai manaoga faapitoa uas feafagaia e taumafaiga tau a'o aoga i totou o polu a oga. O se fasi no siaga mo le taifaina o le talosaga, e fatau i setete na letonu una o ibo talosagana la a lagatupe ona faasalalau a latou tusi talosaga mo se finagalo faafia o tagata tautele. E fatau ona lava se a'veroa e sitesiailei e i la atonu'u mo le silofa ma tu'uina mai so latou finagalo fa'afia e tusi e 30 aso ae lai tu'uina etu i tusi talosaga le May 12, 2019. O le a fai se fono fa'alaau'itele i la April 12, 2019 le Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Utulei le itulu e 1:00pm. O le a ililona e le Matagauega o Aoga Amerika Samoa finagalo mai manatu fe'afia a le lautele ma tu'uina etu ni featuaga aa le'i o'o i le aoso fa'atapuataina i tusi talosaga.

O lo'o mafai kopi o le tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o Aoga Faapitoa i le itu aso i le Matafao Elementary School i Fagatogo. Mo i lato i manu'omia se kopi o le tusi talosaga, a avanoa le ofisa mai i le itu 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu faafia e taula mai i fusu'usiga e mafai one tu'uina mai i taimi ua faafuifaina. Ahi nisi manatu ma faguaga e mafai ona imeli mai i Faafuifono Vaitautolu@ yahoo.com pe tusi mai ia Teresa Atuelas SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua mafai ona meua se kopi o le Part B Application i lugia ale upegatafa'agi ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.

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to go to jail because he is an "oversayer".

Furthermore, Miliona is alleged to have told police that he doesn't want to get deported.

Judge Suria is giving counsels from both sides, and the Immigration Office, until next Monday, Feb. 25th, to present "credible information to the court" on Miliona's immigration status.

When asked for his passport, Miliona told the court that it was at home, with his brother.

Samoa News understands that Miliona entered the territory on a permit more than two years ago.

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years to your sentences."

### BACKGROUND

Peters' criminal history dates back to 2012 when he was convicted of stealing an iPhone belonging to a taxi driver, and in 2014, he stole items from an Asian owned store in Pago Pago, while also assaulting the customer and store clerk. He is currently serving time on the latter.

Mutsau and Tugaga are each serving 27-year sentences — since 2011 — for assaulting a man in his 70s while he was sleeping on board his yacht. The court convicted the pair of first degree assault, a class A felony.

# Contemporary Communications seeking FCC approval to acquire Showers of Blessing

By Samoa News staff

Nevada-based Contemporary Communications LLC has filed with the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) an application seeking approval for the purchase of local Christian-faith radio station KNWJ-FM from Showers of Blessing.

Online news provider in the radio and music industry — AllAccess.com -- first reported last week Wednesday the FCC filing, saying that Showers of Blessing is selling KNWJ-FM to Harry G. Fuss, owner of Contemporary Communications for \$70,000.

Samoa News notes that Fuss is also the president of South Seas Broadcasting, Inc., owner of KKHI-FM (93.9KKHI) and WVUV-FM (V103).

Responding to Samoa News inquiries, Fuss said last Friday the FCC application was filed last week Monday and the sale will be final upon FCC approval — typically 60 days. Documents filed last Monday by Fuss and Contemporary Communications with the FCC show that the "purchase and sale agreement" of Radio Station KNWJ was signed Feb. 8, 2019 between Showers of Blessing — a partnership of Gerhard Sward and Lori Sward — and Contemporary Communications.

The sale price was \$70,000 (confirmed by Fuss) with a \$5,000 deposit upon signing of the agreement and the balance at the closing of the sale, according to the document, which also includes a list of assets included in the sale. (Specific details at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov))

"We bought KNWJ to add to our existing operation, KKHI-FM and WVUV-FM," Fuss said. "Although KNWJ will be purchased by Contemporary Communications, it will eventually be folded into South Seas Broadcasting."

He said KNWJ has been off-air for several months and we wanted to bring the signal back to life."

"We've been making great radio in American Samoa for nearly 20 years and we felt an additional station would be beneficial to us and to the community," said Fuss, who has been in the radio broadcast industry for many years and part owner of several radio stations on the CN and one in Hawaii.

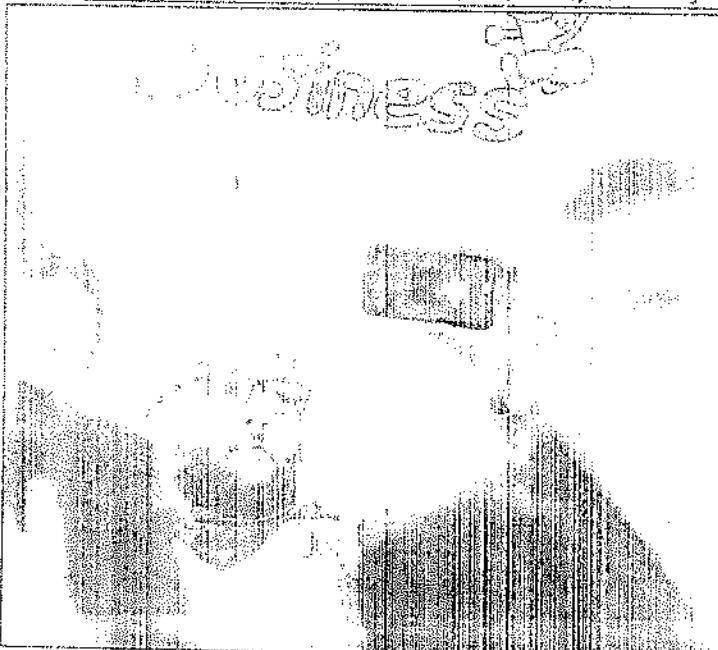
"Our first move was to get the station ... KNWJ back on-air," and that happened last week Monday. (KNWJ is cur-

rently simulcasting KKHI until our new programming is ready to launch, probably within the next 30 days," he said.

"For the record," he said, KNWJ will become radio station KKBT-FM, effective Feb. 16th (last Saturday).

"What is now KKBT will become KVPP. That station will see its programming the K-Love Contemporary Christian format."

Information contained in documents the Fuss filed with FCC show that Shannon Communications, aka PURSE TRUTH MINISTRIES is the licensee of KKBT-FM in American Samoa.



*Adam Culver, a Cabell County teacher and member of the Cabell County Education Association, records as leaders of the WVEA, AET-WV and WVSSPA education unions call for a statewide strike beginning tomorrow at a press conference outside of the Senate chamber at the West Virginia State Capitol in Charleston, W. Va., on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019. (Craig Hudson/Charleston Gazette-Mail via AP)*



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#### Finegalo Fa'alaua'itele mo Ia Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'oiga Fa'apitos

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Oia alagatupe ua fufua'hao faeloa a: aseaga faapipoa tutina buu mo tamai a'oiga unia, e amata mai i le 3-21 tausaga. I totou o le teritorii o Amerika Samoa o noa iai manao faapipoa ua faeloa'aga ia taumaloga tau a'oiga i tokona o potu a'oiga. O sa fasti o alaiga mo ia talofa oia i talosaga, e tatau l'setesi ma teritorii unia o lea talosagema ia alagatupe one faasaleau s letou tuu; talosaga mo se finegalo faeloa e fagata iatele. E talofa ona lava se avanua e atesia iatei a le atunci'u mo le silafia ma tuuha mai so jatou finegalo faeloa e tusa a 30 asp ae iet tutina atuu le tusi talosaga i May 12, 2019. O le a laia se fono fa'alaua'itele ia April 12, 2019 ile. Ofisa ASDOE ECE i Univa le tulia e 10:00am. O le a laia se fono fa'alaua'itele ia April 12, 2019 ile.

Oia o māua kōsi o lelei hui talosaga Tio Ofisa o A'oiga Fa'apipoa Uaiai A. Nito o Mata'afa Elementary School i Pago Pago. Mo i latou a manao loia se kōpi o ia tusi talosaga, e avanua le ofisa mai i le 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu faeloa e teuaia mai i tūtusigaga e' matangiua tutina mai i lau ia fahilogaina. A lelei niai manatu ma fahilogaga e metiai oia imai-mai ia Peauitano Vaitautolu [faafuiono.vaitautolu@yahoo.com](mailto:faafuiono.vaitautolu@yahoo.com) pe fusi niai ia Terese Atuatasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago AS 96799. Ua mafai oia māua se kupu o le Part B Application i fuga de opegalatai dagi ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).





**HITS** In this Oct. 25, 2018, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers' Mookie Betts, right, hits a single in front of Boston Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez during the fourth inning in Game 2 of the World Series baseball game in Boston. Machado, Bryce Harper, Craig Kimbrel and Dallas Keuchel will not be around when it's bat and ball bags are opened at spring training throughout Florida and Arizona this week. They are among the dozens of free agents still looking for jobs.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip, File)

## Harper, Machado, Kimbrel, Keuchel on market as camps open

Bryce Harper, Manny Machado, Craig Kimbrel and Dallas Keuchel won't be around when the bat and ball bags are opened at spring training throughout Florida and Arizona this week.

They are among the dozens of free agents still looking for jobs joined by Mike Moustakas, Marwin Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez and Gio Gonzalez.

For the second straight winter, camps are opening with many rosters in exceptional flux. "The market will sort itself out," St. Louis Cardinals chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said at last week's owners' meetings. "There is a long time between the end of the season and spring training, and there's maybe not so much a sense of urgency on whichever side it happens to be."

Among the 164 players who

exercised free agency rights at the end of last year's World Series, 82 had announced agreements on the eve of spring training. That is up from 65 of 156 at roughly the same point last season but down from 165 of 158 two years ago.

Boston added J.D. Martinez last Feb. 26, and Philadelphia brought in Jake Arrieta on March 13. All but 26 of the free agents last offseason eventually reached deals, but some with big-money contracts flopped after late starts: Yu Darvish joined the Chicago Cubs on Feb. 13, went 1-3 and didn't pitch after May 20 because of arm problems. Eric Hosmer finalized his agreement with San Diego on Feb. 19 and hit a career-worst .253 with 69 RBIs. Alex Cobb signed with Baltimore on March 26 and went 5-16. A drawn-out negotiating process means clubs have lost time in marketing new acquisitions, which seems especially significant in a sport posting off-three straight years of attendance declines. Average attendance dropped below 30,000 last year for the first time since 2003. "We want players signed, particularly star players. I wish they were signed and ready to go," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said Friday.

"We got another week before they have to report. We're really hopeful that it's going to get resolved during that period of time."

Oakland takes the field first, starting workouts Monday in Mesa, Arizona. Seattle follows Tuesday in Peoria, Arizona, with both teams getting early starts because they open the season in Tokyo on March 20-21, a week before other teams get underway. Every other club launches practice Wednesday or Thursday, except for Atlanta, which waits until Saturday.

Six new managers are in charge for the second straight spring training and five others are big league rookie skipper for the second straight year: Bruce Baldwin (Minnesota), David Bell (Cincinnati), Brandon Hyde (Baltimore), Charlie Montoyo (Florida) and Chris Woodward (Seattle) are first-timers running a big league dugout, joined by the Los Angeles Angels' Brad Ausmus, Detroit's manager from 2014-17.

One of last year's rookie managers was Alex Cora, who led Boston to its fourth World Series title in 15 seasons. The Red Sox hope to become the first team to win consecutive titles since the 1998-2000 New York Yankees.

"Repeating is rough," Cora said. "It starts with the players. People are going to talk about managers and all that. And the banquet circuit."



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O le alagatupo ua fuafuinaue e faafuina ai sapege faapitoa tuuina au ma tamaili aoga vira, e amata mai he 3-21 tausaga! Motou ole te teritor o Amerika Samoa o loa iai manaoaga faapitoa ua faafuina ai taumatafaiga tau a o'aoga i fofonu o polu a'oga. O se fasi o si'eiga mo le talianae o le talosaga, a latau i setete na teritor one o loa telosagaiga ia alagatupo ona faasalaiga a sion tui! Talosaga mo se finagalo faaiala o lagato fautele. E talau oia lava se avano e si'esila leiai a ia alunju mo le si'eila me tu'uina mai so latou finagalo faaiala tusa e 30 zso ae le'i tu'uina stu le just talosaga ia May 12, 2019. O le a faa se fofofiaua'itele ia April 12, 2019 ia Ofisa ASDOE ECE! Utulei le tula e 10:00pm. O le a fofia e le Matagaluga o A'oga Amerika Samoa (Pinagalo faaiala) ma i manu'u faaiala a le lautele, ma tu'uina atu ni fofuaga as le'i d'oi a le zso fa'alapua'ane a tusi talosaga.

O lo'o maja kopi o lelei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A'oga Faapitoa i le tuu sisifo o Matafao Elementary School, Pago Pago. Mo i latou e manaoaga se kopi o le tusi talosaga, e avano le ofisa mai iloa 8:00am i c 4:00pm. O manu'u faaiala e tauaa mai ia Pasifofono Vaiautolu faafuolu@ yahoo.com pe tusi mai ia Teresa Atuatasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96799. Ua malai one maha se kopi o le Part B Application i lugia ale upegaatai lagi ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net)



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The American Samoa Department of Health Early Intervention Program "Helping Hands" would like to inform the public that the Annual State Grant Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 is available for public comment for a period of 60 days.

A copy of the document is available to review at the DOH Helping Hands Office located in the Lumana'i building in Fagatogo. Please call the DOH Helping Hands office at 633-8553 if you have any questions regarding this public notice.

Signed,

Roseanne Felise, DOH Part C Coordinator

## BRIEFS

by Fiji Sagipolutele

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### FONO GOES INTO FOUR-WEEK MID-SESSION RECESS

The Fono goes into a four-week mid-session recess at the close of business today and reconvenes Mar. 11th.

During the recess, lawmakers who are members of both the Senate and House Retirement Committees will be attending the ASG Employees' Retirement Fund meeting in Honolulu. The meeting is held every two years.

The usual practice over the years, is that the Retirement Office invites and pays expenses for lawmakers in the retirement committees of both houses, as well as the Fono leaders, to attend the meeting, where financial managers and others present the status of the

### Retirement Fund.

Some lawmakers told Samoa News yesterday that they have not yet received the detailed agenda of the Feb. 18 meeting but it's expected that it could be our next week.

Meanwhile, there are two main issues that some senators want to address when the Fono returns next month: One is for ASG officials to explain how the government was in a positive position of \$3.9 million at the close of fiscal year 2018, as declared by the governor last month; the other is a full explanation from the American Samoa Economic Development Authority (ASEDA) regarding the \$30.32 million 2018 bond series and the source of revenues for repayments.

Lawmakers in both the Senate and House are also interested in getting details from the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA), on its financial status and status of payments to Hawaiki cable. Of the total proceeds received from the 2018 bond series, just over \$28.37 million goes to ASTCA for Hawaiki cable.

Some lawmakers told Samoa News on Monday this week, that it's important to hear from ASEA and the Lolo Administration on these pressing issues, including the 2018 bonds, which has been the subject of Samoa News stories since last November.

"If the newspaper can get all these documents for its reporting, the Fono should get them as well, along with a thorough explanation from the Administrator," said two lawmakers in a separate interview.

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee had set a hearing last month on the ASEA bonds and the ASG financial status, but Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga informed Fono leaders that the ASG witnesses — Treasurer Ullintoni Tuitaupou'a, who is also the ASEA board chairman, and Budget Office director, Catherine Saeu — are pre-occupied with off island audits until later this month.

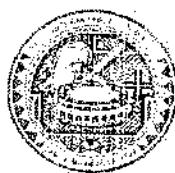
### TWO ADMINISTRATION BILLS GET FONO APPROVAL

The Fono has given final approval to two Administration bills, which amend current laws.

The first bill proposed amendments to the local law dealing with the composition, qualifications, and number of members of the American Samoa Visitors Bureau (ASVB) board. The bill aims to streamline board selection and action, which will allow vital decisions affecting the tourism industry to be made more efficiently.

Among the amendments, is that the number of board mem-

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### Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

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These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3-21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who has a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievement. As a condition for granting the funds, each state or territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment for 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 12, 2019. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2019 at the ECE Conference Office in Utulei at 1:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education office located at the west end of the Matafao Elementary School in Fagaalu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Peauifono Vaitaibolu at [vaitaibolu@yahoo.com](mailto:vaitaibolu@yahoo.com) or may be sent surface mail to Teresa Atuatasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799. The Part B Application for funding is also posted on the ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).

### Finagalo Fa'alaua'itele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuefuaaina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa

Ua tu'uina mai e Matagaluga o A'oga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (SPED) se avana e fa'afia ai finagalo fa'alaua'itele a le tamaul o le atumau mo alagatupe talosaga i lelo ole Maga B Tuafonu mo Tagata o iai Mensaga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluga o A'oga aia Mato Teles o Amerika (USDOE).

O la alagatupe us fua'ufana e fa'afio a e acapa fa'apitoa tu'uina atu mo te mafai aoga uma, e amata mai i le 3-21 tauasa, fofonu ole teritorii o Amerika Samoa o iao iai manaoga fa'apitoa ua fa'afo'aga ei taumafaga tau a'o'apoga i totoru o polu alega. O se lasi o aiala mo le tallaina o le talosaga, e tatau i serete ma teritorii uma o le talosaga ia alagatupe oia fa'eselaiiau avatou tusi ta'osaga mo se finagalo fa'aialia o tagata lautele. E tatau one lava se avana e blesia'ialei ai le etunu'u mo le silafia ma tu'uina mai so talou finagalo fa'talia e tusa e 30 aso ae le tu'uina atu le tusi talosaga i le May 12, 2019. O le a fai se fono fa'alaua'itele i le Apelia 12, 2019 ibi le lautele ma tu'uina atu ni fua'ufana ae le'i o le aso fa'atapula'ata a tusi talosaga.

O lo'os mafai kopi o lelei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa i le feso siisito o Matafao Elementary School i Fagaalu. Mo i latou e mafai ona tu'uina mai i lelei ua ta'utulagaine. Aiai nasi manatu ma faulaua e mafai ona malo maria Peauifono Vaitaibolu [vaitaibolu@yahoo.com](mailto:vaitaibolu@yahoo.com) pe tusi mai ia Teresa Atuatasi SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago AS 96799. Ua mafai ona mafai se kopi o le Part B Application i tuga cle upega ta'afaleg ASDOE website: [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).



## **ASPA DRILLING NEW WELLS ON THE EAST SIDE**

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The American Samoa Power Authority is drilling five (5) new wells on the east side of Pago Pago to replace high chloride wells causing the "salty" taste in the water in this area. Chloride occurs naturally in groundwater sources. Elevated levels of chloride in a groundwater system can be attributed to various factors that include salt water intrusion due to a well's proximity to the ocean and natural underground salt deposits.

ASPA has spent over \$1 million thus far to address this problem and will spend an additional \$2.5 million to fully resolve it. New wells are being drilled in Page, Page, Am, Laudl, and Ida this year to replace high chloride wells. Additional wells will target mountain front recharge and deeper freshwater aquifers that are less susceptible to saline intrusion. ASPA is also conducting a study to determine the feasibility of implementing other alternatives to combat this issue like reverse osmosis or distillation, which would be built in case the new wells are unable to reduce chloride to a reasonable level.

The new reverse estimates are in Annex 1 which was commissioned to December 2016.

The American Water Resources Association, which was commissioned in October 2016, has successfully reduced chloride levels for residents there. The utility remains committed to having this high chloride issue resolved within the next two years. ASWA would like to express gratitude to its customers for their patient and understanding. Any questions and comments can be forwarded to ASWA customer service at [aswa@aswa.org](mailto:aswa@aswa.org).

"SALON DE VERS"

## 6. Standard

Bennie's a nice old boy, I  
wrote him a letter.  
"I think you're going  
to have to do it."  
The tennis fan urges women  
not to wait to be given power,  
saying, "we already have it."

Supermodel Karlie Kloss played up her identity as a businesswoman in an ad for web-hosting service Wikicomm. She wore an undistressed green T-shirt; it's far cry from skimpily clad super models in Super Bowl ads of yore.

Ads in general avoided politics, but a few targeted at the heartlands.

A screenshot of it - and a disabled child safely - extremely about the fun he has using Microsoft's adaptive Xbox controller designed for players with mobility limitations. The Washington Post did an as voiced by Tom Hanks highlighting the often dangerous work journalists do.

Google's pair of ads focused on its good deeds. One focuses on its ability to help veterans search for jobs. Another emphasized the human side of its translation service. "Words can hurt and sometimes divide," the spacerow said. But, according to the ad, every day the more translated words are "How are you?" That's right, and "I love you."

That ad was a favorite at Robert Letter's gathering in Los Altos, California. He hosted about 20 people on that day.

"People liked the fact it was international and shows Google is doing the good stuff - we live in Google country," he said. "It was heartwarming and good to see."



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**Finagalo Fa'alaua'itele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagafua pe Fuafua'ina o la Ofisa o Alega S-100.**

Una quinta mēi e le Matagalupue o Aega Amerikā Samoā (ASOC) Oifia o Aega Faapito (SPED) se avusia e fuaia ai fagaio fa'alaua lele a le mamata, o le atuau mo sagatupu talosaga i lelo oia Naga E Tuafono mo lagale triai Manoaga Faapitoa (IDEA) Oifia o Aega Faapitoa (GSEP) o le Matagalupue o Aega eie Malo Tele o Amerikā (JSDOE).

Fa alegatupua ua fua'auama e faiatasi ai apacge faepitoa tūmanu atu mātūtāloaga' tūma, e amata raihi le 0-24 tausaga. I tokoru plesantori o Amerika Samoa e koxia. Inanaoga faepitoa ua fua'auama a haumatafa ga lau, e b'apacga i tokorū o polu a oga. O se fasi a alaga mo te tokalua o le talosaga, e teloa. I setesi matātutori puma a lea'olekaesepina la alagatupua ona faasaa'aleu a lauou tūsi talosaga me safinago faafatala a lagata leutelei. E tutat ona faya se aravāvā e siatas, fasi ari le aunu' u ho le siapie ma tu'uina mai tu lauou finagāgo fe auaia e tuse a 30 aso e le'i tu'uina ali'u e fūsi talosaga ia May 12, 2019. O le a fai a se fono fa'alatau teleia Apurīla 12, 2019 e le Ofis ASDOE ECE i Utulei He itule i 1:00pm. O le a fai a se fono fa'alatau teleia Apurīla 12, 2019 e le Ofis ASDOE ECE i Utulei He itule i 1:00pm. O le a fai a se fono fa'alatau teleia Apurīla 12, 2019 e le Ofis ASDOE ECE i Utulei He itule i 1:00pm.

O lo'o moe kopī lelei kasi talosaga i le Ofisa o Aoga Faapūtia'ile au siqin o Mata'afa Elementary School i Faga'au. Mo'iliatou e manamele se kopī o le tusi talosaga, e avanoa ia ofisa ma'i ita'ila 8:00am i la 4:00pm. O manatu faafia'e tauaia mai i qipusigia e matanua tuuha mai i tamai ua fetaulagana'. Alai nis, manatu me faleuiga e matanua i meli ma'i la Faafutu Vatautu faau-to@ yahoo.com pe tusi mai la Terese Atutasi SPED Assistant Director, PO-Box ASDOE SPED, Pago Pago AS, 96719. Ua mafta'oma manu se kopī o le Part B Application i lugia ole uogefata'iagi ASDOE wessita'i [www.asdoe.net](http://www.asdoe.net).