



More than 30 members of an American Samoa family pose for pictures Nov. 8 at Thompson Hall. The soldiers are advanced individual training students and most are enrolled in the Unit Supply Specialist Course taught by the Quartermaster School. In all, there are 41 members of the same Samoan family training at Fort Lee. See story inside for details. [photo: Terrance Bell]



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PET OF THE WEEK

WHY IS MY DOG LOSING ITS HAIR?



Skin problems are one of the most common things seen at the Department of Agriculture Veterinary Clinic, located in the Sen. Daniel Inouye Industrial Park-Tafuna. It is part of the American Samoan Government and run under the Department of Agriculture, headed by Director Fili-faatali Michael U. Fuiava.

Often people think there is one simple thing that causes dogs to lose their hair and be itchy, but in actuality, there is a multitude of diseases and conditions that affect dog's skin and hair.

The vast majority of these conditions are treatable and curable.

MANGE: Mange is a common term used to describe small microscopic mites that live in the hair follicles.

Here in American Samoa we see two kinds of mange mites.

One is **SARCOPTIC** mange, which is a contagious mite, spread via contact between dogs. This mite is treated with injections of ivermectin, and can be cured. **DEMO-DECTIC** mange is non contagious, and common in adolescent dogs. This mite requires a longer treatment, but is also curable.

FLEAS, TICKS, and LICE: These parasites are visible and live by sucking dog's blood. There are topical and oral treatments available to prevent and treat these bugs.

Here on island, over the counter flea and tick collars and sprays do not tend to work as well as they used to, because the

insects have developed resistance to many common medications.

ALLERGIC DERMATITIS: As the weather turns hotter, and plants start blooming, we see many itchy dogs at the vet clinic with allergies.

Dogs manifest allergic symptoms by developing itchy skin and ears. When the skin gets red and unhealthy, bacteria and yeast that live normally on the skin have the opportunity to cause infections, and dogs develop bacterial and yeast infections.

Allergies in dogs can be frustrating and chronic, but the symptoms are treatable.

Seen in the photos is Bunny that came to the Vet Clinic as a puppy and had lost all of her hair. She was found on the side of the road.

After a couple weeks and some simple treatment, Bunny grew all of her hair back and was adopted by her foster family. Bunny had sarcoptic mange, and was treated with 2 injections, two weeks apart.

If your dog is itchy and losing its hair, **WE CAN HELP!**

Determining what kind of treatment your dog needs requires a visit to the vet clinic.

We are available from Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM to 4 pm. An examination costs \$20. Some medications may require additional charges.

[photos: courtesy of the Vet Clinic of Am. Samoa]

Former cop and drug suspect Steve Tuatoo alleged to have flown the coop

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News reporter

One of the three men arrested during raids by detectives of the DPS Vice & Narcotics Unit last Thursday is nowhere to be found.

Samoa News understands that Steve Tuatoo, a former police officer, was released from the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) after the 48-hour holding period expired, and according to reliable sources, Tuatoo has already departed the territory.

Efforts to obtain a comment from the Department of Public Safety yesterday were unsuccessful. Samoa News sought a comment via email from Police Commissioner, Le'i Sonny Thompson who is off island for the PTCN conference in Hawai'i but there was no response at press time.

Samoa News also tried reaching out to Acting Commissioner, Falana'ipupu Taase Sagapolutele for a comment but efforts were unsuccessful.

Sources tell Samoa News that Tuatoo, along with Cody Christian Woods and Taisia Lemalie, were arrested by police last week after a string of raids in Taputumi, Alofau, and on the main road, and all three men were taken into custody and held for 48 hours, to await the filing of criminal charges against them.

After the 48-hour window expired, Tuatoo was released from custody while the other two men were still behind bars. An employee at TCF told Samoa News that Tuatoo was released because the TCF never received any communication from the Attorney General's Office, about Tuatoo's situation.

In the meantime, Samoa News has received numerous reports that Tuatoo allegedly left the island, immediately after he was released from jail last weekend.

During a press conference this week, Falana'ipupu confirmed that Tuatoo was arrested during the early morning hours last Thursday, after police executed a search warrant on two homes, including Tuatoo's home in Alofau.

It was also confirmed during the press conference that all three men were slapped with criminal charges and had to make their initial appearance in the District Court this past Monday. However, Tuatoo never appeared in District Court.

It's believed Tuatoo, who was a sworn police officer for many years, was never served an arrest warrant.

During last Thursday's raids, police confiscated items including a large quantity of methamphetamine, with an estimated street value between \$50,000 and \$55,000; marijuana with a street value between \$20,000 and \$25,000; 3 guns (12-gauge shotgun, 357 magnum, and a pallet gun - all fully loaded); 144 bullets for the 357 magnum; various stolen items; and drug paraphernalia.

\$54,003 in cash was confiscated from the home in Taputumi, in addition to \$459 found on Woods.

Woods, whose bail is set at \$200,000, is scheduled to appear in court next Monday for a preliminary examination hearing, while Lemalie's PX hearing is set for next Wednesday. His bail is set at \$5,000. Both men are still in custody, unable to post bond.



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Lolo says it's his duty to create more jobs

PRIVATE SECTOR: ASG IS HIRING MORE PEOPLE THAN THEY CAN PAY

by Ausage Fausia
 Samoa News Reporter

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga said during last month's Cabinet meeting that part of his duty, as the territory's leader, is to ensure the government is creating more jobs for the people.

This was Lolo's response to complaints from some in the private sector, whom he said have accused the government of hiring more people than they can pay.

When addressing the cabinet on various issues, Lolo said that despite the many complaints from the private sector and members of the community on how the government is running, he and Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga both believe the reason why they were selected to lead the government, is to make sure the government is serving the people.

"The people selected us to serve them and that's why we're here — to serve and to make sure our people get what they deserve," Lolo said, adding that the governor is not someone who just sits in a chair and swings from here to there, but instead, the job comes with duties that include creating jobs and "this is what we've been doing since we came in."

In trying to defend the fact that there are a lot of people employed by the government already, Lolo told directors they have to follow the law when it comes to hiring government employees. He said he's aware that some departments are trying to minimize the hiring process by selecting their own

people, those they feel are suitable for each vacancy.

He urged all directors to go through the proper hiring process, and let the Department of Human Resources do their job.

"We are not trying to stop you from hiring suitable people for certain vacancies; but we have to follow the law and let us be an example to the people," Lolo continued.

He said although the Fono is hiring more and more people, he doesn't want to interfere because Fono leaders are doing a good thing — hiring our own people so they can have jobs to care for their families.

He told the cabinet that American Samoa is a democracy, and the three branches include the government, private sector, and the media. He said although the media sometimes doesn't have their facts straight, at least they are part of a democratic nation. Members of the cabinet were laughing when Lolo talked about how the media handles news coverage.

"That's why we encourage the media to be part of all our cabinet meetings and everything our Administration does, because we want them to report everything we do so the people will understand what's going on."

"That is why we have an open policy to the media — they will report to the people that the Governor, Lt. Governor and all of you directors are doing their jobs," Lolo said, adding that without the media at work, no one will know what

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AP source: Mulvaney to temporarily lead consumer agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House budget director Mick Mulvaney is expected to take on a second role in the Trump administration as acting director of a consumer financial agency created by the Obama administration.

Mulvaney is expected to be named to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on an acting basis in addition to his duties as director of the Office of Management and Budget. That's according to an administration official familiar with the plan, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations.

An announcement is expected in the coming days, the person said. White House officials declined to comment.

Mulvaney will succeed Richard Cordray, an Obama appointee who announced his departure on Wednesday. The White House said Wednesday that Trump would choose a successor "at the appropriate time."

The president could appoint a new director who could remake the agency and potentially roll back the protections Cordray and his staff put into place.

The CFPB was created as part of the laws passed following the 2008 financial crisis and subsequent recession. The agency has acted as a watchdog for consumers dealing with banks, credit card, student loan and mortgage companies, as well as debt collectors and payday lenders.

Strength in numbers — extended Samoan family of 41 invades Fort Lee to train

by Terrance Bell
U.S. Army Garrison Fort Lee
Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. (Nov. 16, 2017) — Enlisting in the Army with a childhood friend or relative is a generations-old practice meant to bring familiarity and comfort to an experience fraught with stress and uncertainty.

So, does signing up with more than one recruit further ease the difficulties associated with initial military training?

The answer is an emphatic “yes” as it relates to members of a Samoan family with a decidedly large footprint at Fort Lee. There are 41 of them enrolled in various Sustainment Center of Excellence courses here, twisting the old adage “strength in numbers.”

“This is good for us,” said 30-year-old Spc. Joseph Tauiliili, assigned to Papa Company, 244th Quartermaster Battalion, and the oldest among relatives in various stages of advanced individual training.

“We come from American Samoa, and we’re basically thousands of miles away from home. Seeing them by my side keeps me motivated every day.”

American Samoa is a U.S. territory and part of the Samoan Islands, an archipelago that also includes the independent nation of Samoa.

It is located in the Pacific Ocean roughly 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii and a little over 2,000 miles northeast of New Zealand.

The Samoans in training here — first, second, third and fourth cousins — hail from Pologa, an area near the capital city of Pago Pago.

All are related to the same malietoa or chieftain. Their decision to join in close proximity was partly based on strong familial and cultural ties, said Pvt. Siiva Tuiolemotu, assigned to Whiskey Co., 244th QM Bn.

“We wanted to stick together in training,” the 20-year-old said, noting her country’s communal culture.

Most of the Samoans are training in the Unit Supply Specialist Course taught at the Quartermaster School. A few are enrolled in courses for other quartermaster military occupational specialties, and at least one attends the Ordnance School.

American Samoa, which has struggled economically, boasts strong traditions of military service, said Tuiolemotu.

In 2014, a local Army recruiting station was the most productive in the world, according to the Samoa News website. Still, kinship is what drives most to take the oath of service.

“The thing we care about is supporting our families,” she said. “If that means (sacrificing) our lives, yes, we have to fight for them.”

It also is legacy. Many of the Soldiers are the latest to uphold family traditions.

“Most of my siblings are in the military, and I’m the youngest, so I wanted to follow in their footsteps,” said 25-year-old Pfc. Vasati Saua, Whiskey Co., 244th QM Bn.

Pvt. Talalelei Ames said his parents also spent time in uniform, and his father is a retiree. Enduring long periods of separation while they served, he said his military ties were not strong, but that has changed since he took the oath.

“Wearing the uniform makes me feel I am more connected to them,” said the 19-year-old. “I think it’s pretty awesome.”

I never had this much fun in my life and never had this much responsibility.

Now, I know what my parents went through to protect the country.”

The question of whether the Samoans are a close-knit clan or a loose group of relatives was answered during a recent photo session.

The QM School’s Sgt. Maj. Micheal Lambert, who organized the gathering, said there were smiles, hugs and kisses reminiscent of a family reunion. To top it all off, they postured as if performing a traditional dance complete with contorted facial expressions

“They are definitely a family,” said the Logistics Training Department SGM.

At some point during their training, the Samoans must face an inherent component of Army life — family separation. The sheer number of Samoans wearing uniforms, however, along with the richness of Samoan culture is comforting in light of the prospect, said Tuiolemotu.

“I’m the first one who will leave the group,” she said, noting a pending Fort Riley, Kan., assignment.

“I’m not worried because there are a lot of us out there. I’m bound to meet another relative somewhere. That’s for sure.”



PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PIHOA)

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

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

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

SCOPE OF POSITION:

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

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES):

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

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GONG SHOW

LOCK AND LOAD...



FILE - In this Sept. 6, 2016, file photo, provided by the Syrian anti-government activist group Aleppo Media Center (AMC), shows medical staff treating a man suffering from breathing difficulties inside a hospital in Aleppo, Syria after a chemical attack. Rival U.S. and Russian resolutions to extend the mandate of experts trying to determine who was responsible for chemical attacks in Syria were defeated Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at a United Nations Security Council meeting.

(Aleppo Media Center via AP, File)

Rival US and Russian resolutions defeated on Syria weapons

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Rival U.S. and Russian resolutions to extend the mandate of experts trying to determine who was responsible for chemical attacks in Syria were defeated Thursday at a heated Security Council meeting that reflected the deteriorating relations between Washington and Moscow.

The result of the two votes means that the expert body — the Joint Investigative Mechanism known as the JIM — will cease operations when its current mandate expires at midnight Thursday.

The U.S., its allies and human rights groups called it a serious blow to efforts to hold accountable those responsible for carrying out chemical weapons attacks in Syria.

During a three-hour drama, Russia first vetoed the U.S. draft resolution which was supported by 11 of the 15 Security Council members. Bolivia joined Russia in voting “no” and China and Egypt abstained.

Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia withdrew the Russian resolution over Moscow’s insistence that it be voted on second not first as required under council rules. But using another council rule, Bolivia then resubmitted and called for a vote on that resolution.

It failed to receive the minimum nine “yes” votes required for adoption. Only Russia,

China, Bolivia and Kazakhstan voted in favor while seven council members voted against and four abstained.

Japan late Thursday proposed a 30-day extension of the JIM and the Security Council was expected to discuss it on Friday.

At the heart of the dispute was the demand by Russia, Syria’s most important ally, for major changes in the way the JIM operates and the U.S. insistence that the JIM’s current mandate and independence be preserved.

After the votes, the United States and Russia blamed each other for ending the JIM’s operations, both insisting they wanted it to continue.

“To my Russian friends, the next chemical weapons attack is on your head,” U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said. “By not having a JIM, you are basically telling the entire world that chemical weapons are OK to use. That’s what we should be embarrassed about today.”

Russia’s Nebenzia shot back saying: “Today it became absolutely clear we need a robust professional mechanism that will help to prevent the threat of chemical terrorism in the region, and you need a puppet-like structure to manipulate public opinion — which on the basis of false information will time after time accuse the Syrian government of violating

international norms.”

Those who voted against the Russian resolution put forward by Bolivia “bear the full brunt of responsibility for the cessation of the operations of the JIM,” Nebenzia said.

Russia has been highly critical of the JIM’s findings that the Syrian government used chlorine gas in at least two attacks in 2014 and 2015, and used sarin in an aerial attack on Khan Sheikhoun last April 4 that killed about 100 people and affected about 200 others who survived the nerve agent.

Syria repeated its denial of using chemical weapons.

The JIM has also accused the Islamic State extremist group of using mustard gas in 2015 and again in September 2016 in Um Hosh in Aleppo.

Nebenzia accused the JIM of “fundamental flaws” in blaming President Bashar Assad’s government for the attacks.

He cited its use of “remote working methods” and failure to visit Khan Sheikhoun, “focusing solely on dubious testimony from opposition and even terrorist groups, the disregard for the whole range of rules and methods provided for under the Chemical Weapons Convention.” Haley countered that Russia and its allies “want a JIM that doesn’t have independence.” “They want a JIM that doesn’t have reporting,” she said.

By Rhonda Annesley, editor

In one of his recent cabinet meetings, Gov. Lolo told his directors and agency heads that part of his duty, as the territory’s leader, is to ensure the government is creating more jobs for the people.

This is true — only not by hiring more people than you have money to pay them... GONG!

That particular road is called fiduciary irresponsibility and creates a culture of gatekeepers, protecting their little piece of the pie, instead of innovative and creative thinkers who will bring new ideas and money to the table, to allow our island-economy to thrive.

It’s about creating job opportunities in the community through policies that encourage the private sector to invest in expanding services and goods offered in the Territory, as well as bring new businesses to the island.

Not taxing the hell out of us to make sure the government can make its payroll and pay its bills.

And, it’s not about creating an environment that uses racial profiling to prove a point.

For example, Samoa News was told that the Department of Health inspectors are going into Asian stores with Department of Homeland Security officers? They are asking for IDs — under the guise of health permits, as well as Immigration

clearances.

Samoa News has been told it’s because of the drug problem as the DPS and DHS as well as others in the Lolo Admin are spouting that the conduit is the ‘Chinese’ (Samoan language uses the word “Saina” to identify all people of Asian descent.)

Whatever the reason for these DOH/ DHS forays — you have a problem — it’s called due process under the law. You don’t get to go in and search premises under the guise of ‘cleaning toilets’ — no matter how bad they smell... GONG!

My final rant for the week:

Have you seen those electronic billboards in Tafuna- airport road and Fagaalu? I’m told they are owned by the Department of Health.

Never mind the driver safety issues — let’s talk about how billboards are illegal in the territory — and how the government is now taking business away from the private sector. Where are we supposed to get the money to pay the government’s new taxes?

What next?

Should we be scared that when “they” come knocking on our doors they have no warrant and instead, they will just be “locked and loaded” to ask us for our birth certificates?

Remember... some DHS officials are now certified to carry arms... maybe arming Health Inspectors is not too far down the road... GONG!

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Hawaiian Airlines announces CEO Dunkerley retirement

PRESS RELEASE
 — Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 —
 Honolulu, Hawai'i —

Hawaiian Airlines today announced the planned retirement of Mark Dunkerley, president and chief executive officer, and the selection of Peter Ingram, executive vice president and chief commercial officer, to replace Dunkerley, effective March 1, 2018. Dunkerley's departure will end 15 years of leadership during which the company executed a remarkable turnaround to become one of the world's most successful airlines.

During Dunkerley's tenure, Hawaiian Airlines successfully embarked on a bold Asia-Pacific growth strategy, adding service to Tokyo, Osaka and Sapporo, Japan; Seoul, South Korea; and Beijing, China as well as new routes to Auckland, New Zealand; Sydney and Brisbane, Australia; and New York City. Since December 2002 Hawaiian has doubled the number of passengers flown annually, to 11 million. Over the same period the company's gross revenues have increased four-fold, to \$2.64 billion and its employee count has doubled, to 6,600. Its share price has risen from a 52-week low of 29 cents in 2003 to a high of \$60.90 over the last 52-week period.

"This has been a heart-wrenching decision," said Dunkerley, who joined Hawaiian in December 2002. "I am so proud to be associated with this company and our employees. Hawaiian Airlines is truly in a class of its own, distinguished by all the employees I am honored to call my colleagues. At the same time, I am excited by the new opportunities ahead of me and I am confident that Peter Ingram and the

team will lead the company to further success."

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Hershfield thanked Dunkerley for turning Hawaiian from a struggling local carrier to a global industry leader and also for ensuring a smooth leadership transition. "Mark's abilities as an airline chief executive are evident in the phenomenal growth and success of Hawaiian Airlines over the course of his leadership," said Hershfield. "It is also a measure of his commitment to Hawaiian that in extending his tenure for 14 months he gave the Board time to consider options for his prospective replacement."

Continued Hershfield: "Peter Ingram has been an important part of Hawaiian Airlines' growth and success for the past 12 years, and we are confident in his deep knowledge of the airline, the industry and the community."

Ingram joined Hawaiian as chief financial officer in December 2005, six months after its emergence from Chapter 11 Reorganization. In 2011, Ingram became chief commercial officer, overseeing marketing and sales, revenue management and network planning, loyalty programs and cargo during a period of rapid revenue growth for Hawaiian.

"I am humbled by the Board's confidence in me and excited by the opportunity to lead an incredible team as Hawaiian's CEO," said Ingram. "Mark has been an inspirational leader for our company and mentor to me and many others and I will be proud to continue pursuing the strategy for growth and success that we have been following for the last several years."

► Lolo says...

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is happening in government, or maybe the government is just doing work without anyone complaining about anything.

He said the media is spreading the news across the territory, and even though sometimes they report things that are untrue, at least there is someone doing the reporting for the government.

Cabinet members laughed at the governor's comments.

Samoa News was present during the cabinet meeting when Lolo spoke about the role of the media in government. He thanked the media for reporting on a lot of issues that are important to the government and the people. "We want our people to know and understand that the government is still trying to do everything in its power to develop our economy, build up our infrastructure, and to

make sure everyone will benefit from what the government is doing. We also want to educate our people, especially our children, because they are our future," Lolo said. Working for both the government and the private sector for over 50 years, Lolo said his experience from many years of service has given him the knowledge and ideas on how to run the government.

"I learned a lot from my work experience on how to run the government, and the first thing we need to do is educate our young people so they will be well equipped and become good leaders for the country in the future," Lolo said. "So, it's our job as leaders to utilize all the opportunities. We have to give our young people the chance for a better education, to help with the development of our nation in the future."



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- (2) Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus
- (3) English (TOEFL score of 500 or better)

Skills and Aptitudes: Intermediate level computer skills. Ability to work independently, disciplined, self-starter, technically minded (confirmed by required references). Other desirable skills include hand-eye coordination, motor skills, attention to detail, and work well in a team environment.

Citizenship: US National or Citizen.

Testing: All applicants will be required to complete ASPA's internal testing for science and math ability.

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Applicants must complete an ASPA Employment Application Form and provide two written references. The form is available at ASPA Human Resource Office in Tafuna or via ASPA's website at www.aspower.com

All application information, including school records and references, will be subject to verification as part of the screening process.

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

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SEIULI'S DAUGHTER
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Simone Johnson, the daughter of Samoa's most famous Hollywood son, Seiuli Dwayne Johnson, has been selected as the Golden Globe Ambassador for the 75th anniversary of the Golden Globe Awards.

The announcement has been made by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association President Meher Tatna.

"As we look forward to the 75th anniversary of the Golden Globe Awards, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association members decided to expand this role to embody the HFPA's philanthropic efforts year round," said Tatna.

"The honoree will now be referred to as the Golden Globe Ambassador and we could not think of a better representative than Simone to carry on this tradition, as her values closely reflect everything the HFPA stands for."

Simone Johnson announced that she's partnering with GlobalGirl, which is supported by the HFPA and empowers young women in journalism from disadvantaged areas by providing them the tools they need to chase their career goals.

"I've been lucky enough to grow up in a household with strong role models and feel so honored to represent the HFPA for its 75th Anniversary," said Johnson.

"As the newly minted Golden Globe Ambassador, I hope to serve as a role model to young people everywhere and empower them to speak out on issues they are passionate about."

The 75th annual Golden Globe Awards will air on Jan. 7 from the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Simone Johnson will usher presenters on and off stage along with handing out awards.

The most recent honorees were Sophia, Sistine and Scarlet Stallone, daughters of Sylvester Stallone.

Other honorees include Corinne Foxx, daughter of Jamie Foxx; Greer Grammer, daughter of Kelsey Grammer; Sosie Bacon, daughter of Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick; Francesca Eastwood, daughter of Clint Eastwood and Frances Fisher; Sam Fox, son of Michael J. Fox and Tracy Pollan; and Rainey Qualley, daughter of Andie.

(Source: Samoa Observer)
FASHION GIANTS
JOIN FORCES
FOR CHRISTMAS
COLLECTION

In an ever changing and dynamic retail environment, two of Samoa's high profile and longstanding family businesses, MENA and Eveni- Koko Pacific, have joined forces to give their customers the best

Christmas experience.

MENA and Eveni are getting together to launch their new collections in time for Christmas.

The launch is scheduled in the next few weeks.

Both Samoan brands have made successful transitions across to New Zealand with local marketing, retail and distribution channels in Auckland.

A key part of their sales strategy has been a strong focus on the e-commerce market.

MENA's growing online channel has seen the business consolidate their retail and online operation to new premises in Grey Lynn, Auckland.

Likewise, Eveni- Koko Pacific has gained significant reach with their prominent social media campaigns.

Both labels have a following of over 100K on their respective Facebook pages.

Although MENA and Eveni-Koko Pacific target slightly different sectors of the market, the team at MENA is optimistic of the benefits to both brands in this collaboration.

Jackie Loheni says that their MENA brand has always looked to innovate in what is always a challenging retail environment.

"A key driver for us is deciding who to partner with is making sure that the business is sustainable and that we are aligned in our values, we are very excited to launch our Salamasina Collection alongside Eveni- Koko Pacific. Eveni Carruthers has a wonderful story with a rich 88-year business history in Samoa and we're really proud to be working alongside them."

(Source: Samoa Observer)

THE PSUSY POSSE

Jaya Beach-Robertson and Aria Dehar are the talented team behind the New Zealand (and decidedly NSFW) web series PSUSY.

Even though her male friends insist on saying 'pa-sussy', It's pronounced 'pussy', Jaya tells Bryan Crump.

"I'm like 'actually, no. It was a marketing decision. You can say the word 'pussy'. It's alright'."

Jay and Aria (who play Karen and Sharee in the show) first met as wine telemarketers.

"We were the people who called you up in the middle of the night and went 'Kia ora, would you like a case of sav today? Oh, no. You don't? ... Bye,'" Jaya says.

Jaya was then an aspiring actor experimenting with writing something that reflected herself and the women she knew.

"There's such a spectrum of women and such a small percentage of the multifaceted people we can be are represented in media."

She wanted to work with someone who wasn't "cookie-cutter white girl" and her co-

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PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
(PIHOA)

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

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

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

SCOPE OF POSITION:

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

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES):

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

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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White House: No, Trump isn't jet-lagged but full of energy

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials are pushing back on concerns that President Donald Trump appeared exhausted from his 12-day Asia trip when he spoke rapidly and took several sips of water during a televised recap of the grueling tour.

Trump's shaky 23-minute performance Wednesday came a day after his return and drew widespread ridicule online. The episode revived clips of Trump mocking Republican primary opponent Sen. Marco Rubio for a similarly awkward, mid-speech water break.

Multiple officials and aides were eager to promote Trump's stamina with The Associated Press on Thursday.

In interviews, they said chief of staff John Kelly had ordered a day off for staff traveling with the president and advised Trump to rest as well.

However, they said, Trump insisted on quickly summarizing his trip for the American people.

"The staff is exhausted, but he wanted to go out there," press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

Trump worked on the

address nearly the entire flight back to the U.S. on Tuesday, senior adviser Stephen Miller said.

Communications director Hope Hicks said she briefly pretended to be asleep when Trump visited the staff cabin aboard Air Force One to seek out Sanders.

The officials said they worried that Trump would grow frustrated with the extended time on the road but added that their concerns were unwarranted. "He never complained," Hicks said. "He was working the entire time."

Sanders said Trump was unfazed by hopping across so many time zones. "He's twice my age and he has twice my energy," she said.

As far as the gulps of water, the officials said the travel had left Trump parched.

Trump had boasted to reporters aboard Air Force One about how well he was holding up on the trip.

"A lot of people said it's almost physically impossible for someone to go through 12 days," he said. "Anybody that took the bet, pick up your money, OK?"



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▶ Pacific brief...

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worker Aria was unique and funny.

Aria's first scene for PSUSY (and first-ever acting experience) involved using a grapefruit as a sex toy – "I can't believe she's still here".

The pair collaborate on script ideas and Jaya does the writing.

The imperfect lead characters Abby and Ilana in Comedy Central show Broad City were a huge influence, Jaya says.

To her surprise, men have been relating to the show and finding it funny.

"They are like 'This is really gross and weird and I like it'.

The pair hope to get funding and international distribution for the third series of PSUSY and extend its 5-minute episodes to 10 or 25 minutes.

"Aria's got a trove of experiences that have not been tapped yet so I don't think we'll be running out anytime soon," Jaya says.

You can watch PSUSY on YouTube.

(Source: RNZ)

TRADITIONAL PACIFIC STORYTELLING 'DESERVES A HOME IN NZ'

The instigator of "Moana Pacific Storytelling" says she saw a need for traditional Pacific tales to be told in Aotearoa New Zealand. Pacifica Arts Centre's project manager Tuaratini Ra'a gathered Pacific storytellers

to share the lore of the region, including the classic Samoan myth, Sina and the Eel.

Stories from Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu were present at the Corban Estate Arts Centre in west Auckland.

Ms. Ra'a said the Pacifica Mamas, a group of women who travel around New Zealand teaching Pacific culture, was her motivation for this event.

"I started storytelling for the Mamas in 2008 when I worked for their Pacific experience program.

"One day we were hosting a workshop for school kids around the 'Sina and the eel' tale and our Niuean mama usually tells that story."

"However, she was away sick and so I was thrown in the deep end and stepped in her place on the day. Since then, storytelling has stuck with me," she said. The event was part of the Pacifica Mamas exhibition called 'Turou' meaning the call from our ancestors, and featured in the Pacific Heritage Arts Fono (PHAF 2017).

The director of the Pacifica Arts Centre, Jacinda Stowers-Ama approached Ra'a to bring storytelling to the community during the fono. The theme for the PHAF 2017 is transmission, preserving, developing and passing on Pacific heritage art forms.

Ra'a asked Tongan academic Hufanga Professor Doctor 'Okusitino Mahina to represent the Kingdom of Tonga.

She said it took some convincing to get Dr. Mahina on board, due to the different styles of storytelling from the Pacific.

"He said that Tongan storytelling is a dying art and that Tongans don't do it the way Cook Island people do it.

"I told him, 'no I don't want you to do it the way I do it. I want to know how stories are told in Tonga' and he said, 'well we tell stories all the time in my faikava group'."

"I thought, can you imagine the kind of stories that come out of the kava bowl?" she said.

Ra'a wanted to prove that stories in the Pacific language would not be a barrier for the audience to understand.

Pacific poet, writer and musician Daren Kamali represented Fiji, with his bilingual story written on Masi or tapa cloth.

Mr. Kamali was initially worried the audience would not understand the plot due to it being in Fijian and English.

Ra'a told all her storytellers for the event that people tend to observe the storyteller's facial expressions, gestures and body movement to get the gist.

"It's a rare opportunity to get a taste of this authentic style of storytelling and you won't see this in the theatres.

"It is truly an expression of identity, an expression of culture, a vehicle for the language," she said.

(Source: RNZ)



Tuaratini Ra'a

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IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Maelynn)



Security personnel guard the Supreme Court during its hearing in the crucial case to dissolve the country's main opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017. Cambodia's Supreme Court ordered the main opposition party to be dissolved on Thursday, dealing a crushing blow to democratic aspirations in the increasingly oppressive South-east Asian state. The decision clears the way for the nation's authoritarian leader to remain in power for years to come. (AP Photo/Heng Sinith)

Cut ties with Cambodian gov't, says exiled opposition leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — An exiled leader of Cambodia's political opposition said Thursday the international community should cut ties with Prime Minister Hun Sen's government after the court-ordered dissolution of the only party challenging his three-decade grip on power.

Sam Rainsy told The Associated Press that the Supreme Court ruling was the death knell of democracy and presented a credibility test to world powers that had sponsored a 1991 peace accord in the Southeast Asian nation, which committed them to supporting an open political system there.

He called for governments to drop their recognition of the prime minister and "delegitimize the Hun Sen regime."

Rainsy used to lead the Cambodia National Rescue Party but went into exile last year because of the threat of prison in legal cases against him that are widely regarded as politically motivated. He and a half-dozen CNRP lawmakers are in Washington to lobby U.S. lawmakers and State Department officials.

Rainsy urged the Trump administration to pay more attention to Cambodia and impose targeted sanctions on senior Cambodian officials — although not broader economic restrictions that could hurt Cambodia's 15 million people.

"The international community must not do business as usual with Hun Sen following his very undemocratic and shocking move to dissolve the only opposition party," Rainsy said in an interview. "It is a matter of credibility for the international community following Hun Sen's violation of an important international treaty."

The White House released a statement Thursday night expressing "grave concern" and promising to "take concrete steps to respond to the Cambodian government's deeply regrettable actions."

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said: "As a first step, we will terminate support for the Cambodian National Election Committee and its administration of the upcoming 2018 national election. On current course next year's election will not be legitimate,

free or fair."

The United States and 18 other governments signed the 1991 Paris Peace Accords, which ushered in democracy after the genocidal rule of the Khmer Rouge regime in the late 1970s, then occupation by Vietnam and civil war.

Thursday's court verdict, read by a judge who is member of the ruling party, came amid an intense push by Hun Sen's government to neutralize political opponents and silence critics ahead of July 2018 elections.

There was no immediate reaction by the U.S. administration. American influence has been waning for years as Cambodia edges closer to China, which has supported Hun Sen's efforts to "protect national security and stability."

In Congress, Republican Sen. John McCain called for the administration quickly to sanction all senior Cambodian government officials responsible for violating human rights and subverting freedom. Republican Rep. Steve Chabot, co-chairman of the House Cambodia caucus, said Cambodian elections next year would be a "sham."

Current opposition leader, Kem Sokha, has been imprisoned since September, charged with trying to topple the government with U.S. support, which Washington has said is a baseless accusation.

"When you put your principal opponent in jail and half the elected officials in the opposition have to flee the country for their own safety, you have basically disqualified yourself from being a legitimate leader," Chabot said of Hun Sen.

Rainsy said CNRP would continue to operate as a party that represents "the will of the people."

"We will do our best to channel the popular discontent, the popular frustration, into a peaceful, continuous fight for democratic change," he said, voicing confidence that "the international community will not allow Hun Sen to kill democracy in Cambodia." Hun Sen has been prime minister since 1985 and has held a tight grip on power since ousting a co-prime minister in a bloody 1997 coup. The CNRP captured nearly half the seats in the last national elections in 2013.



Escaped hospital patient aimed to show he could be outside



This Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, image made from a video camera inside a Charley's Taxi shows escaped mental patient Randall Saito using a cellphone inside the taxi in Honolulu, en route to Honolulu airport and a flight from Oahu to the neighboring island of Maui, then boarding another plane to San Jose, Calif. Saito on Sunday left the 202-bed Hawaii State Hospital outside Honolulu, where he has been committed for 36 years since being acquitted of murder by reason of insanity. Saito was captured in Stockton, Calif., Wednesday. (Charley's Taxi via AP)

HONOLULU (AP) — A Hawaii psychiatric patient who acknowledges killing a woman nearly four decades ago said Thursday he escaped from his hospital and flew to California to prove he could live responsibly in the community.

Randall Saito told San Francisco television station KGO-TV in an interview that the Hawaii State Hospital wouldn't give him a chance. He says every time he applied for release, officials made him "sound like a bad guy."

"I decided I needed to escape and prove that I'm on my own," Saito said in an interview at a jail in Stockton, California. "That I can be out here and act appropriately. Even though I escaped to do it."

The 59-year-old Saito was arrested on Wednesday for investigation of felony escape.

He walked out of the hospital in suburban Honolulu on Sunday, got a taxi to the airport and took a charter plane to Maui, where he caught another flight to San Jose, California.

Saito told KGO he flew to San Jose because it was the cheapest ticket.

He said he used fake IDs featuring his photo and another person's name to get past the Transportation Security Administration checkpoint.

He wouldn't say who helped him in the escape.

Saito was acquitted of murder by reason of insanity for the 1979 killing of Sandra Yamashiro. He said he fabricated mental illness — he was diagnosed with sexual sadism and necrophilia — to get into the hospital. But he said he regretted doing so. He also regretted killing Yamashiro.

"I regret the murder. Let's just make that clear. I do have remorse about it. I am absolutely contrite. No one else can be more contrite than I. Because no one is more responsible. What do they want me to do? I can't turn back time," Saito said.

He said he was a substance abuser for three years before the killing.

"I was in bad shape. I was paranoid," he said.

Saito is one of 17 people who have escaped from the 202-bed hospital in the past eight years. Most happened when a patient broke "curfew" and didn't return after being allowed to leave for a period of time.

Saito didn't have privileges to leave the hospital grounds without an escort. Repeated attempt by Saito to win such passes were rejected by the court.

He was allowed to roam the hospital grounds unattended.

Saito was captured Wednesday in Stockton after authorities got a tip from a taxi

driver.

It took the hospital at least eight hours to notify law enforcement that Saito was missing, Hawaii Gov. David Ige has said the public and authorities should have been notified much sooner.

The state has placed seven hospital employees on unpaid leave while it investigates the escape. It's also begun reviewing patient privileges and public visitation policies and has ordered more fencing.

Janice Okubo, spokeswoman for the Hawaii State Department of Health, told the AP last year the majority of those who escape are returned within a few days. However in 2009 one person escaped and was missing for nearly three years before being arrested.



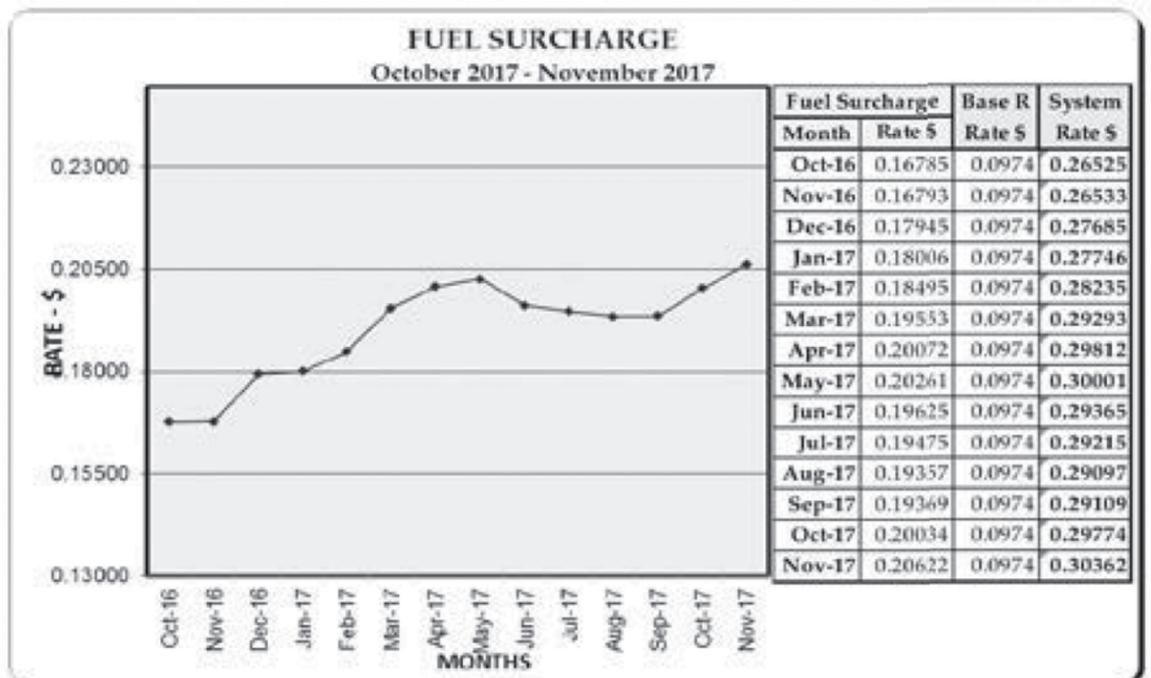
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- Masausi Stream Mouth
- Alofau Stream Mouth
- Amouli Beach
- Aoa Stream Mouth
- Masefau Stream Mouth

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Note: AS-EPA monitors the water quality of 44 recreational beaches on Tutuila, the wharf in Aunu'u, and five beaches on Manu'a. Tutuila advisories are issued weekly on Wednesdays. Aunu'u and Manu'a advisories are issued monthly. Advisories are issued when bacteria concentrations exceed levels determined safe for human exposure. Should you have any questions, please contact the AS-EPA Water Program at 633-2304.



Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez, center, and his children, Robert and Alicia, leave the federal courthouse in Newark, N.J., Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017. The federal bribery trial of Menendez ended in a mistrial Thursday when the jury said it was hopelessly deadlocked on all charges against the New Jersey politician and a wealthy donor. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

Menendez avoids 'political grave,' but cloud still looms

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez exited his federal bribery trial after a mistrial Thursday with an eye on a 2018 re-election effort, but with him neither acquitted nor convicted, the cloud from the investigation remains.

The mistrial gave Democrats hoping to hold onto the seat in next year's midterm elections cause for some optimism, but spurred Republicans to keep the pressure up ahead of a campaign season that could feature plenty of attack ads against Menendez based on the allegations that he helped a wealthy friend in exchange for luxury trips and campaign donations.

Menendez, himself, was buoyed by the decision.

"To those who were digging my political grave so they could jump into my seat, I know who you are and I won't forget you," Menendez said.

A bi-partisan group of lawmakers on the Senate's Ethics Committee said Thursday it would resume an inquiry into Menendez that started in 2012 and was deferred a year later because of the criminal investigation.

"His trial shed light on serious accusations of violating the public's trust as an elected official, as well as potential violations of the Senate's Code of Conduct," Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Thursday while calling on the committee to investigate

Menendez for possible violations of the public trust and the Senate code of conduct.

The allegations that Menendez helped his friend and co-defendant Salomon Melgen with a Medicare billing dispute in exchange gifts and trips are likely to be included in attack ads by Republicans running against him.

But Brigid Harrison, a political science professor at Montclair State University, said that Democrats will be able to point to prosecutors' failure to convict Menendez to blunt those attacks.

"Menendez today emerges perhaps stronger than ever, with the ability to rail against a Justice Department that could not successfully make a case against him," Harrison said.

Half of New Jersey voters said in a poll released in September that Menendez did not deserve re-election and only 31 percent approved of the job he was doing. The Quinnipiac University poll surveyed 1,121 people and had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

While it dragged down his popularity, the more than four-year criminal investigation hasn't stopped Menendez from raising money and keeping the support of elected Democrats in the state and beyond. Menendez has raised more than \$6 million between a legal defense fund and for his 2018 re-election campaign since he was indicted

in April 2015. He raised \$2.5 million for his re-election from January through September of this year and had \$3.9 million in his campaign account.

Menendez's senior political adviser Mike Soliman says the two-term incumbent will decide in the coming weeks whether to seek a third term, but that all signs are that he will run, including the fact that he continued to carry out his duties during the 11-week trial.

Former Democratic Sen. Bob Torricelli was among those planning for a possible vacancy, but said Thursday he will not run in a primary. "I think doing the preparation of defending the seat in case of a vacancy was always the right thing to do," Torricelli said. "I congratulate Bob Menendez and I wish him well. He has, to date, survived an extraordinary ordeal."

While it remains to be seen whether Menendez will draw a serious primary challenge, New Jersey's most influential Democrats on Thursday stood up for Menendez, as they have throughout the trial.

"Too many people tried to convict him without his day in court," said Democratic Senate President Steve Sweeney.

"Should he decide to seek re-election, he will have my full support," said New Jersey's Democratic Gov.-elect Phil Murphy, who had declined to comment during the trial whether Menendez should step aside.

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Nashville Police Detective Steve Jolley testifies during a preliminary hearing for Emanuel Kidega Samson in general sessions court Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, in Nashville, Tenn. Samson is accused of fatally shooting one person and wounding others at a Tennessee church on September. Jolley said Samson told him he heard voices and had visions. Jolley also testified about a note in Samson's car that referenced a white supremacist's 2015 massacre at a South Carolina black church. The case against Samson was bound over to a grand jury. Samson did not appear at the hearing.

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Police: Man accidentally shoots himself, wife at church

TELLICO PLAINS, Tenn. (AP) — Police in Tennessee say a man accidentally shot himself and his wife while showing off his gun in church.

Tellico Plains Police Chief Russ Parks told The Knoxville News Sentinel that members of the First United Methodist Church were talking about guns

in churches.

Parks said the man pulled out .380 caliber Ruger handgun, removed the magazine, cleared the chamber, and showed the gun. He put the magazine back in and returned the gun to its holster.

When someone asked if they could see the gun, he pulled

it out saying the gun was not loaded and pulled the trigger.

Parks said the bullet sliced the man's palm, then entered the left side of his wife's abdomen and exited the right side.

The couple, in their 80s, were flown to a hospital with injuries that didn't appear to be life-threatening.

Woman with crude anti-Trump truck decal arrested

DALLAS (AP) — The driver of a pickup displaying an expletive-filled message to President Donald Trump and his supporters in the Houston area was arrested Thursday on an outstanding warrant.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office records show Karen Fonseca was arrested about 2 p.m. Thursday on an outstanding fraud warrant issued in August by the Rosenberg Police Department. She remained in the county jail Thursday night with bond set at \$1,500.

A sheriff's spokesman has not answered a message seeking details behind the warrant.

Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls had threatened Fonseca with a disorderly conduct charge over the decal. However, District Attorney John Healey said he didn't think it would have been a prosecutable case.

Fonseca had said she would not remove the decal. She said she had been stopped by law officers, but that they have no grounds to issue a citation.

"It's not to cause hate or animosity," the 46-year-old Fonseca told the Houston Chronicle. "It's just our freedom of

speech and we're exercising it." Nehls on Wednesday posted a photo of the truck message on Facebook alongside a request to speak with the driver.

Nehls in his post said that a county prosecutor told him the message could warrant a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. But at a news conference later Wednesday, he seemed to back away from that idea. Nehls said he supports freedom of speech but worried that profane messages could incite others and lead to confrontations that would disturb the peace he's pledged to keep.

A spokeswoman for the sheriff's office, which covers the county just southwest of Houston, said Thursday that Nehls' post was removed once the pickup driver was identified.

"Due to the hate messages he has been receiving toward his wife and children, the sheriff will not be commenting on the matter further," spokeswoman Caitilin Espinosa said by email.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas posted on Facebook that Fonseca's message is protected speech and urged her to reach out to the

organization. The ACLU noted a 1971 U.S. Supreme Court case that overturned the conviction of a man for disturbing the peace for wearing a jacket with an expletive as part of an effort to protest the military draft and the Vietnam War. A woman who raised her middle finger in October to Trump's motorcade as it passed her in Virginia was fired from a government contracting firm for violating the "code of conduct policy." But the Texas case differs in that a government entity threatened punitive action for vulgar material directed at the president. Lynne Rambo, a law professor at Texas A&M University specializing in the First Amendment, said Thursday that the 1971 Supreme Court case made two points clear: the state's attempt to regulate profanity or civil discourse is not a sufficient reason to justify restricting speech, and profane language directed at a specific person is different from vulgar content that's broadly disseminated.

"It's state action to threaten as (Nehls) did and he really ought to know First Amendment law better.

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House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., center, shares a laugh with Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., right, as Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., left, watches following a news conference after a vote on tax reform on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017. Republicans passed a near \$1.5 trillion package overhauling corporate and personal taxes in the House, edging President Donald Trump and the GOP toward their first big legislative triumph in a year in which they and their voters expected much more. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Big House victory for GOP tax plan, but Senate fate unclear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans rammed a \$1.5 trillion overhaul of business and personal income taxes through the House Thursday, edging toward the code’s biggest rewrite in three decades and the first major legislative triumph for President Donald Trump and the GOP after 10 bumpy months of controlling government.

The mostly party-line 227-205 vote masked more ominous problems in the Senate. There, a similar package received a politically awkward verdict from nonpartisan congressional analysts showing it would eventually produce higher taxes for low- and middle-income earners but deep reductions for those better off.

Those projections came a day after Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson became the first GOP senator to state opposition to the measure, saying it didn’t cut levies enough for millions of partnerships and corporations. With at least five other Republican senators yet to declare support, the bill’s fate is far from certain in a chamber the GOP controls by just 52-48.

Even so, Republicans are hoping to send a compromise bill for Trump to sign by Christmas.

“Now the ball is in the Senate’s court,” Vice President Mike Pence urged after the House vote.

Speaking at a conservative Tax Foundation dinner in Washington, Pence said, “The next few weeks are going to be vitally important and they’re going to be a challenge.” But he added, “we’re going to get it done” before the end of the year.

An earlier White House statement that “now is the time to deliver” also underscored the Republican Party’s effort to maintain momentum and outrace critics. Those include the AARP lobby for older people, major medical organizations, Realtors — and, in all likelihood, every Senate Democrat.

With this summer’s crash of the GOP effort to dismantle President Barack Obama’s health care law, Republicans see a successful tax effort as the best way to avert major losses in next year’s congressional elections. House Republicans conceded they are watching the Senate warily.

“Political survival depends on us doing this,” said Rep. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D. “One of the things that scares me a little bit is that they’re going to screw up the bill to the point we can’t pass it.” The House plan and a comparable proposal Republicans hoped to push through the Senate Finance Committee by week’s end would deliver the bulk of their tax reductions to businesses. Each would cut the 35 percent corporate tax rate to 20 percent, while reducing personal

rates for many taxpayers and erasing or shrinking deductions. Projected federal deficits would grow by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years.

As decades of Republicans have done before them, GOP lawmakers touted their tax cuts as a boon to families across all income lines and a boost for businesses and the entire country.

“Passing this bill is the single biggest thing we can do to grow the economy, to restore opportunity and help those middle income families who are struggling,” said House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

Democrats said the measure would disproportionately help the wealthy and mean tax increases for millions. Among other things, the House legislation would reduce and ultimately repeal the tax Americans pay on the largest inheritances, while the Senate would limit that levy to fewer estates.

The bill is “pillaging the middle class to pad the pockets of the wealthiest and hand tax breaks to corporations shipping jobs out of America,” declared House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Thirteen House Republicans — all but one from high-tax California, New York and New Jersey — voted “no” because the plan would erase tax deductions for state and local income and sales taxes and limit property tax deductions to \$10,000. Defectors included House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., who said the measure would “hurt New Jersey families.”

Trump traveled to the Capitol before the vote to give House Republicans a pep talk.

“He reminded us that is why we seek these offices,” said Rep. Steve Womack of Arkansas. Participants said he told them he’d spoken to Johnson, the dissenting GOP senator, and said, “He’ll come around.”

Besides Johnson, Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Jeff Flake and John McCain of Arizona, Bob Corker of Tennessee and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska have yet to commit to backing the tax measure.

Congress’ Joint Committee on Taxation estimated that the Senate plan would mean higher taxes beginning in 2021 for many families earning under \$30,000 annually. By 2027, families making less than \$75,000 would face tax boosts while those making more would enjoy cuts. Republicans attributed the new figures to two provisions. One would end the measure’s personal tax cuts starting in 2026. The other would abolish the “Obamacare” requirement that people buy health coverage or pay tax penalties.



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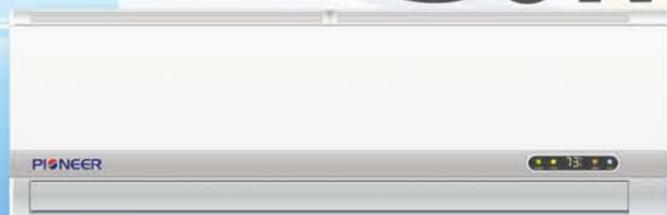
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