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Le Lali

Community members enjoying themselves and relaxing last Saturday evening at a highly successful fundraising event full of music — Jazz, oldies & goodies, rock-n-roll — called Midnight at the Oasis II. It was hosted by the Samoana Jazz and Arts Festival Committee, at the bowling alley- Oasis Restaurant & Bar, in Tafuna.

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Fono reviews an 'incorrect' tax bill - again

THIS TIME, IT HAS TO DO WITH TAX ON NON-CARBONATED SUGARY DRINKS

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Rep. Samuel Meleisea has questioned the government's claim that non-carbonated sugary drinks presenting a health hazard to local residents is the reason the Administration is moving to impose an excise tax on these beverages.

G.H.C Reid & Company contends that the proposed tax is too high for these beverages, a "heavier alternative" than carbonated sugary drinks.

When the ASG Revenue Task Force made its presentation last month to Fono leaders, some lawmakers, as well as the Chamber of Commerce early this month, it was announced that the proposed non-carbonated sugary drink excise tax is 15-cents per 12-fluid ounces.

ASG officials who testified last week in separate Senate and House committee hearings informed lawmakers of an error in the language of the bill. Instead of 15-cents, the administration's bill shows "fifteen (15) percent per 12 fluid ounce".

The proposed new tax on non-carbonated sugary drinks, is among several provisions in current law that the Administration is seeking to amend, like gradually repealing the 5% miscellaneous tax, and changing the way excise tax is levied on imported beer.

In the bill's preamble, the Administration claims that "non-carbonated sugary drinks present a health hazard to the people of American Samoa and imposing an excise tax on these products is in the public's interest."

During the House Ways and Means Committee hearing Tuesday on the bill, Rep. Samuel Meleisea pointed to the bill's preamble, and read it aloud for everyone who was present, including the ASG witnesses: Treasury Uelinitone Tonumaipe'a, who is also vice chair of the revenue task force, and Deputy Treasurer for Revenue, Keith Gebauer, who is a member of the task force and current Acting Chief of Customs.

"Do you guys have scientific [data] to back that up?" Meleisea asked the witnesses. "I always thought that non-carbonated sugary drinks were a healthier alternative to carbonated drinks."

Gebauer replied "We don't have that in front of us. There is lots of research and study that show the hazards of sugary drinks, that is definitely part of it. Another part of it, when we included that portion, was looking at these categories as a whole."

He added that "we can work to produce those" research and study results for the committee.

It was later in the hearing, that Tonumaipe'a responding to a

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Still no decision on a freezer storage facility site for StarKist

PRODUCTION RESUMES TODAY FOR CANNERY WORKERS, AFTER WEEKLONG SHUT DOWN

by Fili Sagapolutele
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The American Samoa Government is hopeful that StarKist Co. will decide soon on a parcel of land to build a new freezer storage facility, and resolve the fish supply issue to a significant extent, thus avoiding future closures to StarKist Samoa cannery operations, said Commerce Department director Keniseli Lafaele.

StarKist Samoa cannery production is scheduled to resume today, Monday, after it closed for one week due to fish supply shortage. According to a StarKist statement two weeks ago, production would resume when additional fish supply is received.

Responding to Samoa News inquiries, StarKist corporate spokesperson Michelle Faist said last Friday morning that the American Samoa plant was expecting to have fish delivered over the weekend and "will run its operations starting" today, Aug. 28th.

StarKist Samoa, the largest private employer in the territory with some 2,000 workers, issued a public notice that was aired on local broadcast

stations since last Friday announcing that production is scheduled to resume today.

A handful of cannery workers, contacted last Friday and over the weekend by Samoa News for comments, all said they are thankful to be returning to work so they can get money to support their families.

One cannery worker, who asked not be identified, said Saturday, "every time there is a shut-down, it really hurts my family financially" and "we have kids going back to school on Sept. 5th."

Other workers said many of them are very worried about the fish supply shortages because if it continues that means there will be future shut downs of production, causing more financial difficulties for their families.

FREEZER FACILITY

For many years, StarKist has been trying to secure land for additional freezer storage facility space and just recently, they were offered ASG land in Satala that was occupied by the old Satala power plant after the Lolo Administration denied the company's request for space at the ASG

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This 2017 photo provided by the non-profit group Dreams Soar, shows female aviator, Shaesta Waiz, with her Dreams Soar single engine Beechcraft Bonanza A36 plane. Waiz began her global solo flight in May this year from Dayton, Florida. She landed at Pago Pago International Airport last Friday afternoon for a two-day stop over to refuel and rest before departing yesterday. On the plane's body are flags of some of the countries and territories where she made stops, including the American Samoa Flag — shown on the last row of flags. See story in Community Briefs.

[photo: Dreams Soar]





Hundreds of youth gathered at Onesosopo Park last Saturday to take part in the Sua County Coalition's outreach program: "Sua Youth Against Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD)".

The day was filled with activities, games, and lectures aimed at steering the young people away from drugs, and how to deal with peer pressure, all in preparation for the start of the new school year.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

Having DPS officers at the airport rattles some Customs agents

POLICE PRESENCE IS PART OF TERRITORY-WIDE SHAKEDOWN IN WAR AGAINST DRUGS

by Fili Sagapolutele
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Concerns allegedly voiced by Customs officers over the presence of DPS police officers inside the arrival area at Pago Pago International Airport prompted questions from Sen. Magalei Logovi'i to Deputy Police Commissioner of police operations, Falanaipupu Ta'ase Sagapolutele.

Magalei raised the issue towards the end of last Thursday's Senate Transportation Committee hearing on an Administration bill seeking to amend provisions of local law regarding vehicle registration fees, by adding \$12 per ton of weight or fraction thereof, when a car is brought in for registra-

tion renewal.

According to the Tualauta senator, there have been complaints from Customs regarding officers with the newly created police task force unit being present and allegedly being involved at the airport with Customs' work, specifically checking passengers' bags at the arrival area.

Falanaipupu explained that the police officers are not involved with Customs duties and responsibilities, but instead, are stationed nearby to monitor the work being carried out at the airport. He emphasized that Customs still has jurisdiction at the arrival area of the airport — as dictated by local law.

He added that the police officers are assigned to the task force, which includes other ASG entities such as DPS, Treasury Department's Customs Division, and the local Department of Homeland Security.

Magalei, a former ASG Treasurer, pointed out that the US Federal Aviation Administration has jurisdiction over the airport, and has specific regulations when it comes to persons allowed inside restricted areas of the airport. He said he doesn't want the airport to be cited for violating FAA regulations.

For two weeks now, Samoa News has received several inquiries from the public, people who have observed the presence of DPS officers around the arrival area of the airport, during Hawaiian Airlines flights. At least two of the inquiries reported that they had noticed police providing escort to the local contractor, which transports the mail to and from the airport for the Post Office in Fagatogo.

In an Aug. 11th executive order, Police Commissioner, Le'i Sonny Thompson, established the Vice and Narcotics Unit — Tactical Response Team, staffed by eight sworn police officers, who are to engage in Vice & Narcotics operations throughout the territory.

The Unit will also serve as the front-line element to the Governor's Task Force For Domestic Security (which includes DPS, and Customs) and the governor's newly created American Samoa Drug Commission.

Le'i told Samoa News two weeks ago that the Unit will be at the airport every day, as well as the main dock and on the road. (See Samoa News Aug. 16th edition for details)

AIRPORT SCANNER

Also during Thursday's committee hearing, Sen. Fai'ivae Iuli Godinet voiced the concerns and complaints

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FEMALE GLOBAL SOLO FLIGHT STOP OVER IN PAGO PAGO

A female aviator on a global-solo flight in support of the non-profit Dreams Soar — which promotes women in STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics — spent two days in Pago Pago over the weekend.

Shaesta Waiz, who recently turned 30, landed around 1p.m last Friday at Pago Pago International Airport, piloting her Beechcraft Bonanza A36 plane. Her last stop was Fiji and she was scheduled to depart the territory yesterday, heading to Hawai'i with a stop in Kiribati.

American Samoa Visitors Bureau executive director David Vaeafe and his staff hosted the visiting female aviator, whose approximately 90-day journey began at Daytona Beach International Airport in Florida, which is also where the Global Flight ends.

Born in a refugee camp, Waiz and her family traveled from Afghanistan to the U.S in 1987 to escape the Soviet-Afghan war, according to her bio provided last Friday to Samoa News by Dreams Soar, a non-profit group she founded in 2014 to inspire the next generation of STEM.

“There is a shortage of women in these industries globally, and Dreams Soar is actively promoting STEM to make a difference through a global flight around the world,” Waiz said, according to Q&A media information sheet provided by Dreams Soar. “Scarcity of STEM talent and skilled, diverse future workforces affect various STEM/aviation industries even today.”

“Over the next 10 to 20 years, we are experiencing fewer women and children engaging in such fields because of varying limitations globally,” she noted. “Majority of the barriers shared across our audiences are available funding and resources, cultural traditions, environmental impact, socio-economic backgrounds, and as several groups of young women have expressed to us, ‘our voice is not heard’.”

Throughout the global flight, Dreams Soar is fundraising to establish a scholarship program, awarding funds to young children worldwide inspired by this powerful initiative.

“We aim to be one of the first small U.S. based nonprofits to award funds specific to STEM and aviation related education and career fields, on a global scale,” said Waiz who earned both her bachelor and master degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Her solo-flight made 30 stops over five continents in 18 countries in approximately 90 days—with more than 25,000 miles flown, according to Dreams Soar. The longest leg of the flight is from Hilo, Hawaii to El Cajon, California, with 2,184 nautical miles over the Pacific Ocean. More information on Dreams Soars and Waiz’s global flight can be accessed at <www.dreamssoar.org>

HIGH SURF WARNING, WIND ADVISORY, SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY

This is a special bulletin from the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security – TEMCO issued at 05:15 p.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017.

The National Weather Service has issued a **HIGH SURF WARNING** for Tutuila, Aunu’u, Manu’a, and Swains Islands.

This warning is for all East and South facing reefs. Dangerous surf of approximately 14 to 16 feet will affect these areas. This warning is in effect until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

The National Weather Service has also issued a **WIND ADVISORY** for Tutuila, Aunu’u, Manu’a, and Swains Island. This advisory is in effect until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday August 29, 2017. Southeast winds of approximately 20 to 35 mph with gusts up to 45 mph are expected.

Residents and drivers in coastal areas are urged to make preparations and take precautionary measures for safety and to protect life and property. Residents who are near or at the shoreline are urged to take precautionary measures to protect from monstrous surf and dangerous rip current conditions.

Residents are also reminded that winds of approximately 35 mph with gusts of 45 mph can make traveling difficult, large tree limbs could fall and cause damages, as well as lightweight objects will most likely be blown around. Again please take precautionary measures in order to protect life and property.

The National Weather Service has also advised of a **SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY** for Tutuila, Aunu’u, Manu’a, and Swains islands.

The American Samoa Department of Homeland Security – TEMCO will continue to monitor the situation and we will issue further bulletins if necessary. Report any weather related incident to EOC at 699-3800 or Police at 633-1111.

GOVERNOR INFORMED OF SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT TO COMBAT ZIKA

Under the federal Zika Response and Preparedness

Act, American Samoa is being awarded more than \$400,000 under supplemental grants for fiscal year 2017, according to the US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in its Notice of Supplemental Award released last week.

The supplemental awards to American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands is for the Zika Maternal and Child Health Services Program.

The three territories have been hit hard by the Zika virus, which is a mosquito borne disease. American Samoa is also faced with an additional threat of Dengue fever, another mosquito borne disease.

Data on the HRSA supplemental awards notice, states that American Samoa will receive \$423,142; Puerto Rico with \$52,850 and US Virgin Islands with \$574,008. The funding, for the period of September 2017 through December 2019, is administered by the Departments of Health of the three territories.

Justification of the supplemental grant, according to HRSA, is that the current spread of ZIKA poses a significant threat to public health, including the health of women, children, and families who are affected by ZIKA.

Following last December’s grant awards to the health departments of the three territories, recipients continued to identify pregnant women and infants with lab evidence of ZIKA infection that led them to refine their response to ZIKA, said HRSA, an agency within the US Department of Health and Human Services.

HRSA’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) received information from the territorial health departments of unmet needs in their response to ZIKA through monitoring site visits, regular communication, and prior approval requests.

Needs identified by recipients included additional equipment, personnel, and transportation services. With further analysis of other federal funding and the current epidemiological data, MCHB confirmed additional funding is essential to ensure access to services and a comprehensive medical home for women, children, and families who are or may be affected by ZIKA infection.

Additionally, disease burden and the significant increase in pregnant women and children with lab evidence of ZIKA infection in American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands was also considered as a factor in determining the allocation of funds to the territories to address unmet needs.



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LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that SATELE GALU SATELE of VAILOA, American Samoa, has executed a LEASE AGREEMENT to a certain parcel of land commonly known as ASOTAU which is situated in the village of VAILOA, in the County of TUALATAI, WESTERN District, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa. Said LEASE AGREEMENT is now on file with the Territorial Registrar to be forwarded to the Governor respecting his approval or disapproval thereof according to the laws of American Samoa. Said instrument names SATELE GALU SATELE as LESSEE.

Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 19TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2017. It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

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SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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O LE FAASALALAUAGA leni ua faia ona o SATELE GALU SATELE ole nu'u o VAILOA, Amerika Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA LISI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o ASOTAU, e i le nu'u o VAILOA i le itumalo o TUALATAI, Falelima i SISIFO ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O lea FEAGAIGA LISI ua i ai nei i teuga pepa ale Resitara o Amerika Samoa e fia auina atu ile Kovana Sili mo sana fa'amaoniga e tusa ai ma le Tulafono a Amerika Samoa. O lea mata'upu o lo'o ta'ua ai SATELE GALU SATELE.

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Letter to the Editor "REALITY CHECK"

Dear Editor,

Let's face it... with a population of approximately 55,000, we have a two-class society.

This is forced on us by our inability to diversify our economy. On the one hand, our major industry (canneries) are competing with countries whose wage structure is far less than ours; on the other hand, we have an Administration which supports mostly US mainland pay scales. Thus, we have "WORKERS" earning \$5 to \$8 per hour whilst "ADMINISTRATORS" earn \$25 per hour and more.

It is freely admitted that the Administration employs far more people than is needed, supported by our Governor's policy of ASG employing as many people as possible. The problem is that most of these jobs are non-productive. And, other than grant programs, most of these jobs must be supported by local revenue.

Thus was created the "REVENUE TASK FORCE".

So, we are faced with a double edged sword.. on the one hand, insufficient revenues to support a bloated ADMINISTRATION and on the other, an extremely poor WORKER base to supply those revenues.

The Revenue Task Force has addressed ONLY the means to raise revenue, with no thought or mention of controlling the runaway costs of the administration. This is ridiculous and totally unacceptable and should be soundly rejected until cost and ASG employment practices are brought under control.

Senator Magalei Logovi'i is absolutely correct in asking to review all budgets before considering new revenue measures.

To pass the requested revenue measures is a clear mandate to the Administration to waste even more tax-payer money. This is guaranteed financial suicide for American Samoa.

This is not to say that some of these revenue issues do not have some merit, but far more work needs to be done. Our workers deserve more than this.

Unfortunately, we have a Fono with over 200 people on the payroll and a Governor's Office also with far too many highly-paid personnel, all depending on local revenue to meet payroll. We have seen the ADMINISTRATION'S history... will the Fono simply rubber-stamp these requests or will they have the fortitude to do the right thing?

Tom Drabble



The People's Republic of China is helping Samoa host the Pacific Forum Leaders meeting in Apia, which will coincide with Teuila week in September, by donating 20 brand new cars to assist the government in hosting the 48th annual Pacific Leaders.

(See Pacific Briefs for details.)

REPORT OWNS UP TO EXISTENCE OF SAMOA'S SEX WORKERS

The Ministry of Health has made it a priority to educate and counsel "commercial sex workers" despite the government downplaying their existence.

The decision is revealed in a 98-page National HIV, AIDS, and STI Policy 2017-2022 report obtained by the Samoa Observer.

The commercial sex workers came under the prevention segment of the M.O.H. Policy report, which indicates that services are available to promote safer sex practices.

"Information Education Communication (I.E.C) and counseling services shall be made free of stigma and at no cost to commercial sex workers in order to enable them to adopt safer sexual practices," the report reads.

Earlier this year, the Samoa Observer revealed that the number of female sex workers in Samoa was estimated at around 400. It was also revealed that most women are doing sex work for economic reasons. The age during which some of them begin sex work ranges from 13 to 21 years old.

The information was from the Pacific Multi-country Mapping and Behavioral Study 2016.

The same report was rubbished by Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi who laughed at claims that poverty and hardship are to blame for the growing number of sex workers in Samoa.

Tuilaepa attacked the "news-paper" over its coverage of the issue describing the reporting as

"rubbish."

"If that is true then you shouldn't find that in America, the wealthiest country in the world, yet there are a lot of women like that in America," Tuilaepa said. "That's where it's wrong; you can't control this type of behavior."

Back to the M.O.H. Policy report, on commercial sex workers, it says that outreach is vital in this matter.

"Outreach to this population is critical as their chances of exposure to HIV and STIs is high due to the fact that a lot of their clientele come from international seafaring populations, sex work is illegal, and most are homeless lacking the income to access condoms and education.

"Additionally, their social needs should be addressed by IEC, counseling, and behavior change services in order to address the social determinants of their sexual health risks. Due to the fact that sex work is illegal, all service providers must ensure confidentiality and make sure their use prevention services does not expose them to legal risk.

"The Pacific Multi-country Mapping and Behavioral Study 2016 found that there are an estimated 400 female sex workers in Samoa.

"Most women are doing sex work for economic reasons. Payment varies considerably from 50 to 200 tala.

"These women have a wide range of clients, including local and foreign men. 58.3% had children and the majority had no other employment.

"The age at which women began sex work ranged from 13 to 21 years old.

"The mean number of part-

ners in the last 12 months was 10, of whom nine were clients (most likely many regular clients)."

(Source: Samoa Observer) CHINA DONATES 20 NEW VEHICLES TO SAMOA

The People's Republic of China is helping Samoa host the Pacific Forum Leaders meeting in Apia which will coincide with Teuila week in September.

China is donating 20 brand new cars to assist government to host the 48th annual Pacific Leaders. The vehicles have arrived with an official handing this week.

In the meantime, Cabinet has also approved a budget of \$1.1 million tala to host the Forum Leaders Meeting which starts from September 4th to the 8th.

Australia and New Zealand have also donated AUS\$200,000 equivalent to \$400,000 tala and NZ\$200,000 or close to \$345,000 respectively to assist Samoa host the event.

The annual forum will be attended by Pacific leaders and high level government officials from 19 Pacific Forum countries not including Forum Observers and Forum Dialogue Partners.

It is anticipated that 350 to 450 delegates including the regional and international media as well as non-government organizations will also be attending.

(Source: M.P.M.C. Press Secretary)

GET TESTED, FA'AFINE LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The Samoa Fa'afine Association (S.F.A.) opened the opportunity for members of the public to be tested for H.I.V. and other sex-related diseases at the

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PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017, AS A DAY OF CELEBRATION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN SAMOA’S WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR SOCIETY AND TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR LIVES.

WHEREAS, Labor Day, the first Monday in September of each year is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country; and,

WHEREAS, the first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City, New York; and,

WHEREAS, historically, we in American Samoa have not properly celebrated the contributions to our society, to our way of living, and to our successful transition over the last 50 years from a largely subsistence based economy to an industrial and service sector based economy, by a workforce of skilled and unskilled, blue and white collar, men and women, all of whom, collaboratively, have made us what we are today; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that American Samoa pay tribute to the creators of so much of American Samoa’s strength, freedom, and leadership—our working men and women; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA, GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA, HEREBY PROCLAIM LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017, A DAY OF CELEBRATION of the accomplishments of the working men and women of the territory; and further, invite and encourage the federal, territorial, private sector and subsistence economy workforce to participate in **WORKFORCE APPRECIATION DAY ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017**, in commemoration of their role in building our economy and improving our lifestyle through their “**COMMITMENT TO SELFLESS SERVICE**”, our theme for this year’s event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature and seal of my Office on this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

LOLO M. MOLIGA
Governor of American Samoa



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Last Thursday morning, firefighters and first responders were called to Laulii, after receiving calls that a two-story home located only a few feet away from several power lines was burning — rapidly. According to witnesses, the fire started in the corner bedroom of the home, and quickly spread throughout the entire structure.

It didn't take that long for the second story to collapse to the ground. Government employees who were on the east side to carry out work for the Adopt-a-School initiative were the first to see the fire and stopped to render aid. The biggest concern had to do with a vehicle that was parked only a few feet from the flames. Bystanders were worried that if the car caught fire, a huge explosion would result. The homeowners were in their new home, located directly behind the burning house, and they were unaware of the blaze until crowds of people started gathering nearby. The home is within spitting distance of an abandoned home, and another house.

⊗ Help came fast, but not fast enough to save any of the contents. Samoa News understands that the homeowners had recently moved into their new house, but their belongings were still in the home that had burned down. By the early evening hours on Thursday, smoke from the fire was still circling the site.

It is unclear at this time what caused the fire. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

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A look at what remains of the main Fono building. This past Saturday, crew members from Paramount Builders were in Fagatogo, demolishing what was once the meeting place of the territory's lawmakers, where bills were discussed and laws were passed. The company was given the green light to take the building down, despite some current lawmakers wanting an elaborate ceremony, to include a prayer service and a small gathering.

Paramount Builders won the contract for the demolition job, and the Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued last week. It took a few hours for the crew to demolish the main building. Plans for a more modern structure to be built at the same site, are being drawn up by architect, Mark Lively, whose company also designed the new ASPA building in Tafuna, and the Centennial building in Utulei. Concerns about asbestos at the site of the job have been laid to rest, as an independent contractor who specializes in asbestos removal gave the okay to take the building down. Paramount Builders hauled the asbestos to a designated dump site and according to company officials, once they get the approval to demolish the House section of the compound, demolition will resume. They are hopeful that everything will be squared away by this week.

Earlier this year in June, the Department of Health stopped all work at the Fono building and taped off the structure due to health concerns over the amount of dust being emitted from the site. Currently, the Senate conducts hearings inside the Fono's Samoan Guest fale, while the House of Representatives is utilizing the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei) in Utulei. A Paramount spokesperson said yesterday that work at the Fono can only be carried out during the weekends, because of Senate sessions being held within the vicinity during weekdays. While some people believe the Fono building is a historic landmark that needs to be preserved, Historic Preservation Officer David Herdrich, who heads the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office (ASHPO) revealed to Samoa News last week that the structure is not officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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▶ Fono reviews an 'incorrect' tax bill...

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question from another faipule, explained the error in the bill, saying that instead of 15% - as noted in the legislation - the proposed tax on non-carbonated sugary drinks should be 15-cents.

Tonumaie'a believed the correct amendment had been sent to the Fono.

Then on Thursday's Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing, senators were also informed of the error and the committee wants the administration to resubmit the measure with the corrections.

Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai wondered out loud if the 15-cents wasn't too high and suggested lowering the amount, although he didn't give a number. It was also at this same Senate committee hearing where Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale, who is also the ASG Revenue Task Force chairman, noted problems in the language of the 7% sales tax bill. (See last Friday's Samoa News edition for

details.)

GHC REID'S RESPONSE

In its letter to several lawmakers, G.H.C Reid pointed out the positive impact of the measure. For example, using per 12 ounce instead of "invoice cost allows even tax calculation for all non-carbonated sugary drinks; avoids avoid fraudulent invoicing; and aligns our tax calculation to the global community". However, the company says 15-cents "is too high", adding that "this is now the same as carbonated beverages". Furthermore, it "should be lower due to this category being the healthier alternative."

Based on the proposal, the company noted that tax increases for non-carbonated sugary drinks such as teas will hike to 1035%; energy drinks up to 708% and juices to 768%.

"We DISAGREE on the proposed dollar value - 15 cents per 12oz - as this is too much. Our import volumes will drop by 30% which will have

a cascading effect on the government's revenue and result in layoffs," said G.H.C Reid, which then proposed a 2-cent per 12 ounce tax "as an initial start to the amendments."

OTHER INFORMATION

During the task force presentation to Fono leaders and some lawmakers early last month, Talauega said the task force believes in enforcing laws when it comes to what they call "sin items" - such as beer and cigarettes, and the task force believes there is a big problem with high blood pressure and other types of diseases in the territory, and something needs to be done about imported goods such as soda and "sugary drinks", which are being widely sold, with some arguing that this is not soda, so it's good to drink, it's juice - but most of these items, the task force says, are sugary drinks.

The task force is proposing to amend the 5% excise tax on "non-carbonated sugary drinks"

to 15-cents per 12-ounces. They estimate that the current 5% excise tax collects about \$93,244 annually but under the proposed 15-cents, the estimated collection is \$1.9 million, according to data shown at the meeting.

Some business representatives told Samoa News that the task force has failed to take into account, what will happen if the proposed tax is enacted into law, and the retail price goes up, and the number of consumers purchasing these beverages drops.

"Less purchase means a drop in revenue collection for ASG and we're back to the same problem again - government short on their revenue forecast," said one business official, who only responded to Samoa News calls over the weekend on condition of anonymity. "We've all seen this before in other excise taxes - such as the soda tax, cigarette tax."

Two other business representatives, after Samoa News shared what G.H.C Reid said in their letter to lawmakers, agreed with lowering the tax, due to these beverages "being the healthier alternative."

▶ DPS...

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from arriving Hawaiian Air passengers, about the long wait at the Customs area, as passengers are being required to first go through a Customs' x-ray scanner at the airport to check their bags, followed by another manual inspection by Customs agents.

Fai'ivae estimates that the wait time is 90 minutes at the arrival area for passengers just to go through two Customs checks, compared to the quick process by the US Customs at the Honolulu airport, where passenger bags are checked randomly.

The issue comes a day after Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie called on the Senate committee with jurisdiction over the airport to look into complaints about the long wait time at the airport.

At the inter island dock, several local residents as well as passengers arriving from Samoa on the MV Lady Naomi have voiced their complaints to Samoa News about the same thing - two Customs inspections back-to-back.

Customs and DPS K-9 units are clearly present every time the passenger ferry arrives from Samoa.

A traditional leader told Samoa News early last week that while he fully supports the government's quest to stop illegal drugs in the territory, two separate inspections by Customs is causing a long wait for arriving passengers.

The presence of the K-9s as well as police officers at the inter island dock is unnerving for many people.

(See Samoan story in Aug. 25th Lali section of Samoa News).



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By: **TOREKA V. SILAFU,**
Petitioner

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition for letters of administration has been filed in High Court of American Samoa, Territory of American Samoa by TOREKA SILAFU for the Estate of VILIVILI K SILAFU (deceased) who died on June 28, 2017 in American Samoa.

A hearing on the petition will be held on October 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa. All heirs of VILIVILI K SILAFU and other interested parties may appear before the court on said date to respond to this petition.

Date: August 02, 2017

CLERK OF COURTS

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Samoa Tourism Fale yesterday.

This happened during an integrated outreach and testing program for S.T.I. and H.I.V./Aids with S.F.A.'s health partners. The free clinic called on all fa'afafines and fa'afatamaloas to be tested.

S.F.A. has already conducted four of these outreach and testing programmes in rural Upolu and Savai'i.

President of the S.F.A., So'oalo Roger Stanley, said the event was part of their week-long program leading up to the Miss Fa'afafine next Friday.

"The theme is 'Illuminate that Deity in you' and deity is to bring out that goodness in them and that goddess can do anything," said So'oalo.

"This is not just a beauty pageant to see who will take the crown but the whole concept is to promote and do awareness for everyone in terms of domestic violence, non-communicable disease and human rights."

He continued, "The event today we want to let everyone know that it is always good to be informed about the status of our health so that we would know where to stand and what needs to be done.

"We decided to start with us and as the leader of this association I went first because I wanted the fa'afafines to know that there is nothing to be worried about this is just the norm and it is very important to do this so that we would know where our health status is at.

"So not only the pageant is for our charity work but also is a great platform to promote these important aspects that we feel is pertaining to us fa'afafine.

"All in all we just want to be in a safer position to ensure that we are well informed of our status that we are healthy and healthy is happy and healthy is everything and just as long as we are aware individually that we are in a safe status."

Speaking of the program for the event So'oalo said the girls have a busy week ahead of them.

"But just like every other year we will start our week with a mass ceremony [Sunday] at the Cathedral at 4pm," he said.

Light refreshments will be served after and then we start our busy schedule on Monday with our visit to the Prison and Correction Services as one of our charity work.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

THE SCIENCE OF... VITAMIN C

What is vitamin C and why do we need it? Which foods have the most vitamin C? Should we pop pills when we think we're getting a cold, or are we just producing expensive urine? And can vitamin C really cure cancer, or is it all hype? Alison Ballance and Simon Morton are on the case.

Vitamin C – What You Need To Know

Experts recommend we consume 200 milligrams (mg) of vitamin C each day.

Supplement versus food?

There is no difference in the quality of vitamin C you get from a pill or food.

The scientists we spoke to say there is no need to pop a pill if you eat a healthy diet, including at least 5 servings of fruit and vegetables a day.

But they advise taking a supplement if you're getting a cold, as it may shorten the duration of the cold and will stop it developing into pneumonia. Our bodies get rid of vitamin C very quickly, so maybe take small doses of vitamin C often.

"There are specific vitamin C transporters that line our entire intestine," says Professor Margreet Vissers, from the Free Radical Research Centre at the University of Otago, Christchurch.

She explained that basically, our body is very good at holding on to vitamin C, but once we have enough then we just pee it out. It is an important antioxidant, which helps counteract the effects of damaging free radicals.

In the 1960s researchers discovered that vitamin C plays a key role in the collagen enzyme; collagen is a key component of our skin.

Since then it has been found to be an important co-factor in 70-80 other key enzyme processes.

"These enzymes all have different functions," says Margreet, "and they cover a whole raft of biological activities, from the growth of blood vessels through to the regulation of our genetic code. Vitamin C is at the hub of almost every biological function that we know."

(Source: RNZ)

RARE SKINK THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT FOUND IN NIUE

A rare skink thought to be extinct in Niue has been found again, alive and well on the island. Called the Olive Tree skink, the reptile is endemic to Niue and American Samoa.

The five-year Ridge to Reef project, set up to help the Ministry of Natural Resources, aims to ensure the survival of endangered species. Its spokesperson Thomas Talagi said finding the skink was exciting as it was believed predators like rats had wiped the species out.

"Actually it was a tourist who alerted us to it. She saw it there and then she took a photo and sent it to us which the ministry, with the help of our reptile expert from the US and NZ, he identified it as the one we were looking for."

Thomas Talagi said the three skinks that were trapped were thought to have found shelter in coastal terrain that is difficult for predators to access.

Ridge to Reef is funded by the UNDP and Global Environment Facility and the Niue skink was identified with help from USA experts (the US Geological Survey and Villanova University).

(Source: RNZ)



A rare skink thought to be extinct in Niue has been found again, alive and well on the island. Called the Olive Tree skink, the reptile is endemic to Niue and American Samoa. [Photo: 123rf]



AMERICAN SAMOA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (ASHPO) American Samoa Government



We invite the Community to provide us with comments and suggestions on the American Samoa Historic Preservation Work for 2017.

What do you think of our plan? What do you think we should be doing this year?

WORK PLAN FY 17

The program activities listed below are as mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 and its promulgating regulations (36 CFR 800) as required and authorized by the National Park Service:

- Conduct an on-going comprehensive survey of historic properties in the Territory and maintain an inventory of such properties.
- Identify and nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Advise and assist Federal and Territorial agencies in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities.
- Consult with appropriate Federal agencies on all undertakings that may affect historic properties in order to protect, manage, reduce or mitigate harm to such properties.
- Ensure that historic properties are taken into consideration at all levels of planning and development.
- Provide public information, education and training, and technical assistance in historic preservation.

GOAL OBJECTIVES

In addition to our ongoing mandated activities, the following are our more specific goals for calendar year 2017:

Survey and Inventory Rehabilitation

Conduct an archaeological survey in Manu'a to document prehistoric and historic archaeological sites.

National Register of Historic Places

Nominate at least two historic properties to the National Register of Historic places including the Tui Ofu Well, on Ofu Island, Manu'a.
Write a historic context on the history of Samoan fautasi (longboats).

Education

Develop newsletter for the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office
Improve/update web page (ashpo.com) and access to historical information.

Planning

Publish our new five year plan for 2017-2021.
Develop local legislation to establish an American Samoa Historic Preservation Act to protect, preserve, and maintain American Samoa's historic properties.

Outreach

Work with the American Samoa Visitors Bureau and the National Park of American Samoa to develop heritage tourism and informational brochures.
Promote Historic Preservation on Radio and Television

Public comment and in-put are welcome. Stop by our office in Nu'uuli, above the Daily Store, we will have a special open house on Tuesday August 29, 2017, at 10:00am - 4:00pm or call 699-2316. Write us at historic@as.gov historic@as.gov

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Kendrick Lamar accepts the award for best hip hop video for "HUMBLE." at the MTV Video Music Awards at The Forum on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Inglewood, Calif.

(Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP)

Katy Perry hosts the MTV Video Music Awards at The Forum on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Inglewood, Calif.

(Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP)

MTV VMAs full of emotional, political moments; Lamar wins 6

NEW YORK (AP) — Kendrick Lamar was the king of the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards, winning six awards on a night full of emotional performances, political moments and a new, eye-popping Taylor Swift music video.

Lamar's "Humble" won video of the year, best hip-hop video, direction, cinematography, art direction and visual effects on Sunday at the Forum in Inglewood, California. He also gave an explosive performance of "Humble" and "DNA," backed by ninjas dancing near fire.

But the VMAs, hosted by a forgettable Katy Perry with performances by Miley Cyrus and Ed Sheeran, was tamer than most years, not relying on the shock value and wild antics of past shows. Instead, touching performances and powerful speeches took center stage.

Logic performed his inspirational song "1-800-273-8255," named after the phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. He was joined onstage with suicide attempt survivors as well as singers Alessia Cara (best dance video winner) and Khalid (best new artist winner). Lyrics from Logic's song include: "I don't wanna be alive/I just wanna die today" and "I want you to be alive/You don't got to die today." Kesha introduced the performance and also offered words of encouragement: "As long as you don't give up on yourself, light will break through the darkness."

Pink was also emotional when she accepted the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award, telling the audience a story about her daughter, who was sitting in the crowd with her father Carey Hart. Pink said her daughter recently told her that "I'm the ugliest girl I know ... I look like a boy with long hair." Pink said she then showed her 6-year-old daughter photos of performers such as Michael Jackson, David Bowie, Janis Joplin, George Michael, Elton John and Freddie Mercury.

"You are beautiful and I love you," Pink said to her daughter.

Rock singer and Oscar winner Jared Leto remembered Linkin Park's Chester Bennington, who hanged himself in July. Leto also mentioned Chris Cornell, who hanged himself in May.

"I think about his band, who were really his brothers, and I remember his voice," Leto said of Bennington. "That voice will live forever."

"Hear me now, you are not alone. There is always a way forward. Reach out. Share your thoughts. Do not give up," Leto added.



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owned shipyard facility — also in Satala.

When asked about the status of negotiations, Lafaele said StarKist is “considering options” including the Satala land, where the old ASPA power plant was located. Lafaele didn’t elaborate on “options” but said an “agreement will be discussed and reached if StarKist decides to take this lot.”

“We’re hopeful StarKist decides on the matter soon so the necessary work to increase its cold storage capacity gets underway, and resolving the supply of fish issue to a significant extent thus avoiding future intermittent closure of operations,” Lafaele said over the weekend.

Faist didn’t immediately respond to Samoa News inquiries — emailed last Friday — regarding discussions and negotiations on the Satala land, previously occupied by the ASPA power plant.

StarKist has been requesting land to lease from ASG since the Togiola Administration.

BACKGROUND

In his 11-page cover letter, which includes the FY 2018 Basic Budget and FY 2018 Supplemental Budget, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga informed the Fono that last December’s closure of the Samoa Tuna Processors Inc., cannery “triggered shrinkage in our revenues for fiscal year 2017 with expected overflow into the early months of FY 2018.”

Lolo said it’s “important to remember and to take note” that the forecast revenues for FY 2018 “are predicted on the continued maintenance of StarKist’s current production and employment level.”

“If any of these two elements change downward, projected revenues will plummet reciprocally,” he said, adding that the same holds true of the Administration’s five proposed revenue measures sent to the Fono last month for consideration and adoption. (See Samoa News Aug. 22 and Aug 23 editions for details.)

The freezer facility is one of the issues in the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council staff report on “American Samoa Community Activities and Issues Report” released in June, this year.

The report notes that the Governor has made the decision not to lease ASG land at the shipyard to StarKist Samoa,

but he did leave the door open for alternative sites to be leased, possibly land across the street from the shipyard at the old Satala power plant.

The justification cited by the governor for not leasing the shipyard land, according to the staff report, was that the Department of Interior would question ASG leasing land after investing large amounts of money in its development.

As previously reported by Samoa News and also cited in the staff report, the American Samoa Economic Development Authority bond sale funds were directed to go to the shipyard for a new building to be constructed for office space and workshops.

Additionally the government had also decided to commit \$10 million to the Shipyard from Capital Improvement Projects funds, according to the report.

“However, the timing of this final decision to not lease StarKist Samoa space at the Shipyard is questionable as the company has been in negotiations with ASG over the space at the Shipyard for months,” according to the staff report.

The staff report indicated that during the Council’s American Samoa Advisory Panel meetings, “questions have been raised about the government’s commitment to the tuna industry given its lack of willingness to support the American Samoa longline fishery, and the adoption of the Port Scanner Fee legislation, which the government has decided StarKist must be subject to, despite an existing exemption status from such fees.

“Members of the Advisory Panel have questioned such decisions made by ASG, and the impact these decisions will have on the fishing industry that has been the backbone of the local economy for so many years,” the report says.

The staff’s report dealing with the Legislature says the added fee from the scanner equipment would cost StarKist millions of dollars.

“While the company is making its best effort to remain viable and continue to be the largest private employer of the territory, the government’s insistence on this fee schedule puts the company at a severe disadvantage,” notes the Council staff’s Legislature report, which covers issues relating to fisheries.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE FFY 2018-2019 STATE PLAN

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The Department of Commerce as the lead agency designated to administer American Samoa’s Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) will hold a public hearing at 10:00 am on Monday, August 28, 2017 inside the Department of Commerce Conference Room on the second floor of the AP Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei to review and provide comments on the CSBG Application/State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Copies of the application/state plan are available for public inspection at the Department of Commerce headquarters on the second floor of the AP Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei during normal business hours from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

For more information on this public notice, please contact Charlene Fa’alevao of the Department of Commerce at 633-5155.

Keniseli F. Lafaele
DIRECTOR



AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Student Services – Counseling Services

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: ACADEMIC COUNSELOR
Employment Status: Full Time / 12 Months – Career Service

General Description:

The Academic Counselor works in the Division of Student Services (DOSS) Counseling Services program. The Academic Counselor assists students concerning their academic plans and progress, and their decisions concerning personal educational goals leading to graduation. This is a professional instructional counseling position that supports “College and Life Planning.” The Academic Counselor is expected to possess knowledge of ASCC academic programs, policies, procedures, and student support services within the scope of their responsibilities. The Academic Counselor must be able to interpret students’ academic needs, as well as assist students who may be academically at-risk or confused.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Report directly to the Program Director of Counseling or other appropriate administrators at ASCC
- Serve on appropriate department and/or college committees.
- Perform related duties as required or deemed necessary to meet the ASCC mission and goals within the counseling services scope of responsibility.
- Work collaboratively with the DOSS administrators and staff in meeting the academic and personal needs of students.
- Advise students academically regarding ASCC academic general education and/or departmental requirements, appropriate class selection, academic policies and procedures, and campus resources.
- Teach “College and Life Planning” course.
- May report and refer students to other departments, offices or services as required on or off-campus.
- Assist and participate with student registration, student recruitment, retention initiatives and various other activities related to DOSS and ASCC.
- Maintain Counseling records and confidential student evaluation records.
- Assist in developing and revising counseling activities, regulations and procedures
- Write reports and evaluations on counseling services effectiveness and challenges.
- Assist with low grade period to coordinate counseling efforts between students and teachers.

Specific Duties and Responsibility:

- Work to advise students to meet requirements for graduation within appropriate periods of time, and track advancement of students.
- Serve as academic department chairperson for “College and Life Planning” and participate in the Curriculum committee.
- Prepare academic plans with students to promote timely degree completion.
- Actively assist students on academic warning during low-grade periods, students on academic probation, or on suspension.
- Work closely with faculty during low grade periods to coordinate counseling efforts between students and teachers.
- Develop and implement Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) for each course taught.
- Share data on SLO collected from courses taught with department and ASCC stakeholders, and provide recommendations for improvement.
- Participate in the different levels of student learning outcome review, program review and student assessment.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Graduate degree (Masters) in academic advising/counseling or related field.
- At least five (5) years of academic counseling experience at the secondary or college level
- Knowledge of academic, career, aptitude, and personal training.
- Ability to engage a diverse group of students, colleagues and stakeholders.
- Effective oral, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Organizational skills and ability to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines.
- Proficiency in Microsoft office programs, including Power Point, Word and Excel with effective internet research skill.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully handle multiple tasks concurrently, as well as the ability to work independently and/or as part of a team.

Salary Proposed: GS:15/07-12 = (\$27, 995.00 - \$33, 155.00)

Application Deadline: September 5, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 Ext. 403/335/436 or by emailing Silaulelei Saofaigaalii at s.saofaigaalii@amsamoa.edu or ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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Na taua e le afioga a Toeaina Faufano Autele lona vaai ma le fa'anoanoa i le tulaga ua o o i ai le va'a a le malo o le Fo'isia, lea ua ia maua tala sa fa'atau i le \$2 i le taimi o le fa'atau tu'i a le malo e le i leva atu, ae o le va'a sa fa'aalu ai e le malo tupe e tele e fa'atau mai ai.

“Ua ma'imau lenei va'a ma tupe na fa'aalu ai ae leai ma se aoga i le malo aemaise ai le itumalo o Manu'a na ala ai ona fa'atau mai lenei va'a,” o le saunoaga lea a Toeaina.

“Ua ou maua fo'i tala ua mae'a fo'i ona fa'atau ese atu lagisi a le malo sa i ai i le fa'atau tu'i lea na fa'atoa mae'a atu, i le tau e \$500, ae o lagisi na fa'atau mai i le \$500,000.

Ou te iloa o isi nei tulaga ua tatau ona silasila toto'a i ai le Fono, ae i lo'u lava taofi, ua o o i le taimi ua tatau ai ona fa'avae le Komiti Suesue a le Fono, sei tau saili nai tulaga ua mafua ai nei fa'aletonu.”

Na lagolagoina e ni isi o Faipule le tatau lea ona faia se sailiiliga i le mafua'aga ua fa'aletonu ai meatotino sa fa'atau mai e le malo i nofoaiga ua mavae atu.

I le silia ai i le 3 masina o goto le va'a o le Fo'isia i le uafu o va'a faila i le Malaloa Marina, o le vaiaso na te'a nei na toe toso a'e ai i luga le va'a, e le pule a le kamupani a le PJ Corporation, susuga Iupeli Kava.

Na taua e Iupeli i le Samoa News le mae'a lea ona ia fa'atauina mai o le va'a o le Fo'isia i le fa'atau tu'i a le malo sa faia i le masina na te'a nei.

O le va'a o le Fo'isia na fa'atau mai i le tausaga e 2009 i le taimi o le nofoaiga a Kovana Togiola Tulafono i le tau e silia i le \$300,000.

O lagisi e 2 e pei ona fesiligia e Toeaina, sa fa'atauina mai fo'i i le taimi o le nofoaiga a Togiola. E le o iloa i le taimi nei po o fea lea ua toso aga'i i ai lagisi.

O le maota maua luga a le Senate e fa'atautaia le Komiti Su'esu'e (Senate Investigating Committee - SIC), lea e su'esu'eina ai mataupu o lo o fa'aletonu i totonu o le faigamalo.

O le tausaga e 2012 i le fa'aiuga o le nofoaiga lona 32 a le Fono Faitulafono na gata mai ai le tofiaina o le Komiti Su'esu'e a le Senate, e le afioga i le ali'i Peresetene ia Gaoteote Palaie Tofau.



Le va'a a le malo, le Fo'isia sa goto i le uafu o va'a faila, lea ua na toe toso a'e i luga i le vaiaso na te'a nei i le silia ai i le 3 masina o goto i le sami. [ata AF]





⊗ O se va'aiga i le fa'anofonofu, Faumuina John Faumuina ma le faletua ia Akenese, ina ua molita'i mai e le Aiga Sa Toilolo i la'ua ua mae'a ona suia o la'ua la'e. Vaai lomiga o le Lali mo lenei aso i Tala i Vaifanua mo le tala atoa.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



⊗ Tapa Ipu le afioga le Ma'opu, Faumuina Joh Faumuina, i lona maota i Malaie-Papa ile aso Faraile ua te'a i le taimi o le ali'itaeao a le Itumalo ma Samoa na poto i Leloaloo mo lea fa'amoemoe.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost FA'AFOTUTUPU AFIGA LE MA'OPU FAUMUINA JOHN FAUMUINA

O le afiafi o le aso Tofi i le Ekalesia Katoliko i Lepua sa fa'apa'aina ai le nofo e le afioga a Moseniolo Viane Etuale ma vasega o Patelele fa'apea le Auaifaluga Pa'ia na poto e fa'atautaia lea sauniga, e fa'ao'o atu ai i le Atua lana auaua, le afioga le Ma'opu Faumuina John Faumuina ma le faletua ia Akenese, lea ua sauni e tausia aiga, tautua le Ekalesia, le afio'aga fa'apea le itumalo i soo se ala e tatau ai. Le fa'atumulia le malumalu, i le pa'ia o aiga i ona tafa e fia, fa'atsi ma le itumalo ma Samoa na potopoto.

Na alafa'i i le toe aso o le fa'amoemoe i le tapenaga o le masi'i fa'aaloalo mai o le paolo ma e tolu fuaiala sa masi'i mai ai i latou. O le itu paepae i le afioga Mauga ma lena itu o le aiga, na muaimalae i lena taeao, ona masi'i mai ai lea o le afioga le Maluolefale Faiivae Iuli Godinet ma le pa'ia o aiga, ae tomuli ai i le Aiga Sa Toilolo na masi'i mai ai ma le tofa Galoia ma le Pa'ia o Aiga mai Pavaiai, lea na fa'ato'a suia ai la'ei o le fa'anofonofu ma le faletua i lea taeao.

E ui ina sa tofu matagofie la'ei ma teuteuga o le afioga le Ma'opu ma le faletua sa taua'aina e isi masi'i fa'aaloalo muamua e lua, ae sa latou mataituina le taimi ae a le fa'amoemoe o le usualele a le itumalo sa api i le maota o le afioga Uti i lea taeao.

Na fa'ato'a sasao le pa'ia maualuga o le itumalo o le Ma'oputasi mo le latou ali'itaeao i le tusa o le itula e 2:00 i le aoauli ma sa a'amia loa le fa'anofonofu e tofa ia Loloaso ma Taesaliali'i.

O le ava sa agaia lava e le aumaga a le afio'aga o Leloaloo ae toto'o le afioga 'Lafogaula' Tua Samuela, o lona tuua lea ua fa'afotutupu i le itumalo.

Na iloga ona talitoga le itumalo, ma Samoa atoa i lea aso, ma sa va'aia fo'i le fa'afiafaina aua o tulafale iloga i afio'aga ta'itasi sa maua le ta'i selau, soso'o ane ma isi e ta'i lima sefulu ae o le to'atele o le lautinalaulelei sa ta'i 30 uma lava toga.

E pei ona lau silafia e le to'atele, sa mua'i tautua Faumuina i lona suafa matai o Taufete'e mai lona aiga i Nuuli, lea ua ia tu'ua lea suafa, mo papa o le afioga le Ma'opu, Faumuina.

O lo'o iloga fo'i lana tautua i le malo i le avea ma CEO o le falema'i o le LBJ i Fagaalu.

E tele fo'i agava'a o Faumuina i lea matata aua sa amata mai fo'i lana auauanga o se tasi na faigaluga muamua i le Helath Planning ale falema'i a'o tu'ufa'atasia ma le DOH, a'o le'i tofia e le faigamalo a Kovana Lutali e avea ma

Fa'atonusili o le Matagaluga o Fefa'ataua'iga.

I sana saunoaga i lona aiga, sa ia fa'aailoa ai, "Fa'afetai i le avanoa e tautua ai i lo'u aiga, ua leva fo'i na timuia ma laina i fafo ina ia fai se tautua ao le'i sau e tausia le tatou aiga. Ia fa'afetai i le Atua i le malosi ma le ola, aua o ia e afua ai mea ma.

Fa'afetai i le aiga i le loto gatasi mo lenei fa'amoemoe."

O sana tala lea a'o le'i tapa ipu i lona maota i Malaepapa i le afiafi o le aso Faraile ua te'a.

MA'EA TOLAUAPI 'LE TAUSAGI I LE DYWA I PAGO PAGO

O le aso Faraile ua te'a sa faame'a ai le tolauapi mo le tolu aso a le "Le Tausagi" lea sa faia i Pago Pago ma sa fa'aailoa le fiafia o le fanau sa auai i lea fo'i tolauapi o lenei tausaga.

"O le aoga ia o le matou tolauapi lea, aua ua maua ata uo mamae fou, ua mafai ona matou fefaasoa'i o matou lagona i le afaina o le si'omaga e pei ona matua fa'amamafa i lenei tolu aso na matou moetasi ai," o se tala lea a le ali'i Einstein Z. Tama Kitiona mai le Manulele Tausala Eleemntary level 8.

O a latou galuga fa'atino sa faia, ina ia fa'aatagia ai o latou lagona naunau e faaleleia tulaga o le si'omaga ae maise lava i le fa'alapisi, ua ia fa'aailoa ai, "O lea ua aoga fo'i lenei moetasi, aua sa fa'aailoa mai ai ituaiga lapisi e matua leaga lava i le siomaga, ae maise ai lava oloa palasitika aua e le toe mafai ona liliua, ma toe fo'i i le palapala se'i vagana ua soka ese mai isi otaota uma lava, ma tu'ufa'atasi uma, ae tatalia le masini e mafai ona fa'apapa ai ma toe la'u i fafo i se kamupani tele e toe saunia ai nisi oloa fou."

Ua iloga le fitaituga o lo'o i ai oloa palasitika ma ua fa'amatala fo'i i le fanau, peita'i o le fili numera muamua lea ua o'o atu ina fa'alapisia ai le sami, ma ua tima'ia lava le fanau sa api i lea tolauapi, ina ia utagia e latou olaga talavou, ia latou le faia lea aga o le tia'i solo o lapisi fa'apenei, aua e oo uma lava i le sami.

O le tama'ta'i o Lomialagi Smith sa maua sona taimi e fa'aailoa mai ai lona manatu, aua o ia sa i ai i le vasega lona lua, 9-12 tausaga le matutua.

"O le tele o galuga e fa'aailoa mai ai, 'Aua le fa'alapisi', ia ave le atigiapa alamini i le Kamupani a Leala i Tafuna mo le toe fa'aliliu e toe fa'aaoga mai i nisi fo'i atigi apa inu fou."

Na asiase le fanau i le aso lona lua o le tolauapiga leni i le Kamupani o lo'o latou toe fa'aliliua le alamini ma le atigifagu ina ia toe fa'aaoga, le kamupani a Leala i Tafuna.

Ma sa fa'aalia e leni tama'ita'i lona lagona ina ua vaaia lea masini tele, "O lea ua ou iloa nei e tatau ona fa'aputu ese lava le atigiapa inu, sa le

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Fesiligia Faipule mafua'aga e tuai ai ona maua siaki o lafoga a tagata

tusia Ausage Fausia

O se tasi o fesili sa umi se taimi o fetufaa'i ai afioga i Faipule ma molimau a le malo i le vaiaso na te'a nei, ina ua iloilo le pili a le faigamalo e fa'afou ai le fua o lafoga a Amerika Samoa ina ia tutusa ma le fua o lafoga a le malo tele, o le mafua'aga e tuai ai ona maua siaki o lafoga a tagata faila lafoga a le atunu'u.

O molimau a le malo sa fesiligia e aofia ai le Teutupe ia Ueligitone Tonumaipe'a, sui o le Ofisa o Lafoga ia Vaaimamao Poufa, ma le sui teutupe ia Keith Gebauer.

Na fesili le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Vailiutama S. Leasiolagi i le mafua'aga e ala ai ona tuai ona maua siaki o lafoga toe fa'afou'i a tagata, ae na tali le Teutupe, e fuafua lava i le maua o le tupe a le malo, ona fa'atoa siani ai loa lea o siaki mo lafoga toe fa'afou'i.

Saunoa Vailiutama e fa'apea, e le sa'o le saunoaga a le Teutupe, aua o tupe ia e maua e tagata mai le lafoga, o a latou lava tupe ua ova ona totogi i le malo mo le lafoga, lea ua ua tatau ona toe fa'afou'i mai e le malo.

"A tu'u i se isi fa'aupuga faigofie, o tupe uma a tagata faila lafoga o lo o totogi atu i le malo, e tatau ona i ai se teugatupe e fa'aputu ai, a oo la i le taimi e toe fa'afou'i mai ai, ae o lo o i ai pea lava le vaega tupe lea e le fa'aaogaina, e le tatau la ona tau o fua le malo e saili mai ni isi alagatupe e fa'atupe ai lafoga toe fa'afou'i a tagata," o le saunoaga lea a Vailiutama.

Na ioe le Teutupe i le saunoaga a Vailiutama, peita'i sa ia taua e fa'apea, o pili tupe ia ua fa'aulu e le malo i luma o le Fono Faitulafono, o lo o fa'amoemoe e fa'atupe ai le tele o atina'e ma gaoiga a le malo i le lumana'i, ae aofia ai ma le fa'atupeina o lafoga toe fa'afou'i a tagata, pe afai ae pasia le pili e toe fa'afou ai le fua o lafoga a le malo ina ia tutusa ma le fua o lafoga a le malo tele lea ua i ai nei.

Afai ae pasia leni tulafono, o lafoga uma lava sa totogi i le tausaga fou 2018, o le a maua le fa'aopoopoga i siaki pe a faila i le 2019.

Na talosagaina e le afioga i

le tama'ita'i faipule ia Vui Florence Saulo le tatau lea ona sui le taimi e amata aloaia ai le tulafono leni mai le 2018 i le 2017.

O le agaga o le tama'ita'i faipule, afai ae sui mai i le 2017 le tausaga e amata ai le suiga o le lafoga, lona uiga o lafoga uma lava o lo o totogi i le tausaga leni, o le a i ai le fa'aopoopoga i siaki o lafoga toe fa'afou'i pe afai ae faila i le tausaga fou.

Saunoa le afioga a Toeaina Faufano Autele e fa'apea, e tatau le malo ona mulimuli ta'i i le tulafono o lo o i ai, e i ai le vaega tupe e \$1 miliona e tu'u ese e le malo e fa'atupe mai ai lafoga toe fa'afou'i a le atunu'u, ina ia taofia ai le fiu o tagata e fa'atali a latou lafoga.

Saunoa le afioga a Fatulegae'e Palepoi Mauga, o ia fo'i lea o le ta'ita'ifono o le Komiti o le Sailiga o le Tamaoaiga o le malo sa fa'atautaia le iloiloga e fa'apea, e tele naua tupe o lo o i fafo e le o mafai e le malo ona ao mai i totonu, mo se fa'ata'ita'iga o pisinisi o fale mautotogi.

Sa ia taua le tatau lea ona i ai ni isi tagata faigaluega e fa'aopoopo i le Ofisa o Lafoga, ina ia galulue e ao mai lafoga i vaega e le o mafai ona maua e le malo, ina ia fesoasoani ai i le atina'e o le malo i le lumana'i.

O le agaga o le tulafono e pei ona tu'uina mai e le faigamalo, ia oo atu i le tausaga e 2022 ua tutusa le fua o lafoga a Amerika Samoa ma le fua o lafoga a le malo feterale. O le taimi nei, o lo o fa'aaogaina pea e le malo le fua o lafoga o le 2000, ae o le tulafono e pei ona iloilo ina nei, o le tausaga e 2018 ua fa'amoemoe e fa'aaoga ai le fua o lafoga a le feterale e 2004.

O le tausaga e 2019 e fa'aaoga ai le fua o lafoga e 2008. O le tausaga e 2020 e fa'aaoga ai le fua o lafoga e 2012. O le tausaga e 2021 e fa'aaoga ai le fua o lafoga e 2016.

Na fautuaina e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Fagaoatua D. Salave'a le le tatau lea ona tamau e le malo i totonu o le tulafono tausaga e fa'aopoopo i fua o lafoga, ae tatau lava ona fua i le tulaga lelei ma le mautu o le tamaoaiga o le malo i tausaga ta'itasi.



Molimau a le malo sa fesiligia e faipule i le iloilo ina o le pili e sui ai le tusi lafoga a le malo

[ata AF]



Afioga i Faipule i le taimi o le iloiloga

[ata AF]

► Fautuaina Toeaina tatau...

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sa filifilia e galulue i le Komiti Su'esu'e.

Saunoa Toeaina e fa'apea, e ui i le pisi o le Fono Faitulafono i le taimi nei i le iloilo ina o le tele o galuega, e aofia ai le

paketi a le malo mo le tausaga tupe fou 2018, atoa ai ma pili tupe a le malo o lo o fa'agasolo i le taimi nei iloilo, ae tatau lava ona silasila toto'a ta'ita'i o le Fono i le fa'avaeina loa lea

o se Komiti Su'esu'e e gafa ma le sailiina mai o tali i le tele o mataupu o lo o tu'u fesili ai le atunu'u.

► Tala i Vaifanua...

Mai itulau 14

kea lava i ai, ae o lea ua iloa e tatau ona faia lea suiga i lo'u tagata talavou, e fesoasoani i le matagofie o le siomaga ma le tele ai lapisi e tafe i le sami."

Ina ua fesiligia Grace le tasi o le vaega lua o le apitaga, pe mata e toe fia sau i se

isi tolauapi fa'apea i le tausaga fou, ae tali mai o ia, "E fiafia a'u e sau ae manaia fo'i aua e o i pasi e asiasi i le paka fa'asao ma alu e asiasi i le Ofisa o le Gataifale i Utulei, lea e fa'aaigoa i le Kovana Tauese."

I le tolauapi sa auai atu le

vaega a le ASEPA, National Park, National Marine Sanctuary, DOC, DMWR ma isi e faia folasaga i le fanau e atoa lelei le to'a 100 sa auai i leni tolauapi a "Le Tausagi Enviro Discoveries 2017."





Se vaaiga i le nofoaga sa i ai le maota fono tuai a le atunu'u, lea ua mae'a ona tatala i lalo, mo le fa'amoemoe e toe fausia ai le maota fono fou [ata AF]

Tatala i lalo le maota fono tuai ua silia 40 tausaga le matua

tusia Ausage Fausia

O le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso na te'a nei na tatalaina ai i lalo le maota fono tuai a le atunu'u ua silia i le 40 tausaga lona matua, ma le fa'amoemoe e sauniuni ai mo le fausiaina o le maota fono fou i se taimi e le o toe mamao.

O le kamupani faufale a le Paramount Builders lea o lo o fa'atinoina le galuega mo le tatalaina lea i lalo o le maota fono tuai, ina ua manumalo i latou i le tauofoga sa taunio ai ma isi kamupani e 5 i le atunu'u.

E silia i le \$130,000 le tau o le galuega lea o lo o fa'atinoina nei e le kamupani a le Paramount Builders, e pei ona fa'amaonia mai e le Fa'atonusili o le Ofisa o Oloa a le malo, le tama'ita'i foma'i ia Dr. Oreta Crichton i le Samoa News i le vaiaso na te'a nei.

O kamupani sa taunio ma le Paramount i le tauofoga e aofia ai Tony's Construction, RM Construction, E&W Construction, Happy Trucking ma le Hollister General Services.

O le masina o Me na amata mai galuega mo le tatalaina i lalo o ni isi o vaega o le maota fono, e aofia ai ma le tapena ese o Ofisa a afioga i Senatoa ma Faipule, e sauni au mo le tatala aloaiaina i lalo o lenei galuega.

E pei ona fa'amaonia mai e le Fofoga Fetala'i o le maota o sui, tofa Savali Talavou Ale i le Samoa News, o le a faia se sauniga lotu ao lumana'i ai le tatalaina i lalo o le maota fono tuai, peita'i na fa'amaonia mai e ni isi o le afaigaluega a le Fono sa i ai i le tatalaina i lalo o le galuega i le aso Toona'i na te'a nei, e le i mafai ona fa'ataunu'uina lea fuafuaga.

O lo o i ai pea i fafo le Fofoga Fetala'i, ma le fa'amoemoe o le po nanei e toe taliu mai ai i le atunu'u.

O se tasi lenei o moemitiga ua leva ona taula'i i ai le silasila mamao a ta'ita'i o le Fono, o le fausiaina lea o se maota fono fou a le atunu'u, e sui tulaga i le maota fono tuai lenei, lea sa fa'afulufale i le tausaga e 1973.

O lenei galuega o lo o fa'atupe i se vaega tupe mai le aitalafu o le Pone a le malo, i lona aofaiga e \$1.5 miliona.

Talu ai galuega mo le fausiaina o se maota fono fou, ua mafua ai ona suia nofoaga ua fa'ataunu'u ai galuega a maota ta'itasi. O galuega fa'atino a le Senate o lo o latou fa'aaogaina ai le Fale Samoa a le Fono, ae o le maota o sui o lo o latou fa'aaogaina ai le fale i le itu i sasa'e o le Fale Laumei i Utulei.

O le kamupani a le Paramount Builders, o i latou fo'i ia sa fa'atinoina galuega mo le toe fa'afouina o le Fale Samoa a le Fono Faitulafono, lea e silia i le afa miliona, o se galuega sa tele ai fesili a le atunu'u ona e le i faia se tauofoga.

E le o mautu mai i le taimi nei po o fea tonu le aso e amata aloaia ai le galuega mo le fausiaina o le maota fono fou.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Faatili, President.
Date of issuance: August 16, 2017
Date & Time Due: September 15, 2017
No later than 2:00 pm local time

DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

Document: Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday August 18, 2017 or emailing charmaine@dbas.as for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: www.dbas.as (click public notice)

The Request for Proposals (RFP) describes the specifications for the services to be provided in sufficient details to permit competition and allow the interested party to properly respond to the RFP.

This RFP is issued under Title 28, Chapter 1, of the *American Samoa Code Annotated*.

DBAS invites the submission of proposals to include pricing and other details as indicated in the specifications. Attachments will be provided as an aid in presenting a comprehensive proposal consistent with the requirements of DBAS.

DBAS will select a contractor who best meets the needs of DBAS. The factors for selection will include, but not be limited to the following: understanding of the requirements of the financial and single auditors; verifiable ability to perform well; good reputation; flexibility, including ability to respond quickly to needs of a small client in a remote location and throughout the year; and reasonability of costs.

The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from DBAS management and board. The committee may request interviews with potential contractors after reviewing the proposals before the final selection is made.

Submission: Proposals must be received by DBAS no later than 2:00pm local time on September 15, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Development Bank of American Samoa
PO BOX 9
Attention: Charmaine Faleaana
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

They may also be emailed to charmaine@dbas.as, as an attachment in Word Format with a confirming email required to confirm receipt; or faxed to DBAS at (684) 633-1163 with a confirming fax to confirm receipt. The original is to follow by airmail first class.



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Alo maia, o le a toe fa'auau atu la tatou tala. Na muta mai la tatou tala, ina ua feiloa'i fiafia nei Filipina ma lona to'alua o Roger, lea sa tele tausaga o valavala. Ua logo uma fo'i e le tama'ita'i o Samala'ulu ona uso ma lona aiga e tusa ai ma le taunu'u ane o Roger.

Fai mai, o se aso fiafia i a Lilo ma lona au aiga, o a lava tiga ma mafatiaga sa tauave pea e Lilo ona o lona alofa i si ona tuafafine, ua mou malie 'ese atu, ina ua va'ai atu ua fiafia le loto o Filipina. "Loleta, e sa'o lava Filipina, manatua fo'i o a'u lava ou te fautua i ai e fai se isi ona to'alua, ae fa'agalogalo ia le ali'i Palagi, ona o lo ta le maunotonu, pe o le a toe fo'i mai pe leai, talofa i a Filipina, "Talofa fo'i i a Roger, tatou te le iloa atu fo'i mafatiaga ma tiga na o'o i se tamaloa, ae pau le mea e sili ona taua, ua toe fo'i mai lava, o le fa'aailoga lea o le alofa moni, a Loleta." Fai mai, ua 'ata'ata Loleta ma tilotilo ane i si ona to'alua, ua tolusefulu fa tausaga o mafuta pea, ma o la onosa'i fa'atasi i le taumafaiga o le aiga. Ua tilotilo ane le tasi i le isi, na i'u ina fa'apea ane Loleta i a Lilo, "Lilo, fa'afetai lava, i lou alofa ma lau tausiga mo a'u i tausaga e tele o le ta mafutaga, o a fo'i ni o'u sese ma ni o'u leaga ua e iloa, alofagia, fa'amagalo mai a'u Lilo, "Ou te alu ifo lava i le tu'ugamau ma o'u loimata i lou alofa ia te oe, fa'afetai fo'i mo lau tausiga i nai o'u matua a'o soifua i la'ua, fa'afetai fo'i i lau tausiga i si a ta fanau, ae maise ai o Mataniufeagaimaleata, "Lilo si o'u to'alua pele, fa'afetai lava, mai le ta'ele o lo'u fatu, i lau tusiga ma lou alofa fa'amaoni ia te a'u, ae maise o Mataniu, ia e alofa

fa'amagalo mai a'u i lo ta va." E fai lava tala ia a Loleta ma maligi ifo ona loimata, ua le mafai ona ma tu. Ua fa'apea Lilo latou, ua pei ua toe fo'i o la olaga i le amataga mai o le mafutaga, i fesoua'iga ma mafatiaga sa o la asaina mai i tausaga e tele. Ua iloa lelei e Lilo, uiga o lona to'alua, fai mai, o se suiga ua matua'i sili ona lelei ia suiga ua i ai nei Loleta.

O a mea o le aiga, e le fa'avaivai ai le lo'omatua, o a mea e tataua ona fai, e fautua ma tu'ualalo Loleta i mea uma o le aiga. O le ta'ita'iga fo'i a Lilo-maiava i totonu o lona aiga, ua matua'i selau pasene, mea uma, ona o le lelei o le fautua, fautua ma le alofa, fautua ma le lima foa'i i so'o se tasi.

Fai mai, o uiga uma o le tina o Lilo, o lea ua maua ai Loleta, ae manatua fo'i, e 'ese le faigata o le olaga o Loleta sa i ai i le amataga o le mafutaga, ae fai mai, ina ua fanau mai Mataniu, o i'ina na suia ai mea uma, i se suiga lelei ma le mautu.

Sa va'aia lava e Loleta le alofa o le aiga o Lilo i a Mataniu, e ui lava ina fa'apea, e le o se afafine o Lilo, ae sa le i fo'i ai le alofa ma le tausiga a le lo'omatua o Malia. E le i fa'alogo fa'atasi taliga o Loleta o fai se tala a se tagata o le aiga o Lilo e uiga i si ana tama o Mataniu. Ae ua sili ona alofa le lo'omatua o Malia i a Mataniu, na lo le la fanau moni ma Lilo.

O uiga ia na liua ai le loto o Loleta, ua le va'ai masae pe va'ava'ai le aiga o Lilo, pe ua ta'u'esea fo'i Mataniu i totonu o le aiga, ua tasi lava i latou uma, o lea fo'i e fanau mai le la fanau ma Lilo, e leai se tasi o iloina lea tulaga, aua ua tanumia i le palapala, ua le toe aliali a'e i luga.

E faia pea...

Expedia CEO Dara Khosrowshahi to lead Uber

DETROIT (AP) — Expedia CEO Dara Khosrowshahi has been named Uber's top executive, taking the difficult job of mending the dysfunctional ride-hailing giant and turning it from money-losing behemoth to a profitable company. Uber's fractured eight-member board voted to hire Khosrowshahi late Sunday, capping three days of meetings and the withdrawal of once-top candidate Jeffery Immelt, former CEO and still chairman of General Electric, two people briefed on the decision said. They didn't want to be identified because the decision had not been officially announced as of Sunday night. Khosrowshahi has been CEO of Expedia since August of 2015. The online booking site is one of the largest travel agencies in the world.

He will replace ousted CEO Travis Kalanick and faces the difficult task of changing Uber's culture that has included sexual harassment and allega-

tions of deceit and corporate espionage. Uber also is losing millions every quarter as it continues to expand and invest in self-driving cars.

The company currently is being run by a 14-person group of managers and is without multiple top executive positions that will be filled by Khosrowshahi.

Khosrowshahi has served as a member of Expedia's board since it was spun off from IAC/InterActiveCorp. two years ago. An engineer who trained at Brown University, Khosrowshahi helped to expand IAC's travel brands which were combined into Expedia, the company's website says. He also serves on the boards of Fanatics Inc. and The New York Times Co.

He immediately will face troubles on many fronts, including having to deal with multiple board factions that had once pushed Immelt and Hewlett Packard Enterprise CEO Meg Whitman.



AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Small Business Development Center

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER COUNSELOR I
Employment Status: Full time 12 months (One Year Contract with Benefits)

General Description:

This position was the Business Development Counselor/Manager but is now being offered as a Business Development Counselor I. The successful applicant will report to the Director of the SBDC.

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

Counseling SBDC clients on:

- Managing a Business
- Marketing
- Business Plan Development
- Business Research
- Customer Relations
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Administrative and Support
- Management of Companies and Enterprises
- Real Estate & Rental & Leasing
- Retail Trade

Minimum Qualifications:

- AA Degree in Business Administration
- Three (3) years of relevant experience in business development with the SBDC and/or ASG Teaching High School Business.
- Skills in word processing and databases. Must have good written and oral communication skills in English and Samoan and be comp

Salary: Salary will be commensurate with degree and experience.

Application Deadline: September 6, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 Ext. 403/335/436 or by emailing Silaulelei Saofaigaalii at s.saofaigaalii@amsamoa.edu or ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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FILE- In this July 13, 2012, file photo, Dara Khosrowshahi the CEO of Expedia, Inc., attends the Allen & Company Sun Valley Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho. Two people briefed on the matter said Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, that Khosrowshahi has been named CEO of ride-hailing giant Uber Technologies Inc. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, File)



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8 mountain climbers die in 3 accidents in Europe's Alps

BERLIN (AP) — Eight mountain climbers have died in three different accidents this weekend in the Austrian and Italian Alps.

The Austrian Red Cross said five mountain climbers died Sunday in the Austrian Alps in Wildgerlostal on Mount Gabler, east of Innsbruck, and a sixth climber was severely injured, the Austrian news agency APA reported.

The group of six men from Altoetting in the southern German state of Bavaria was roped together when they fell in a very remote area of the mountain at an altitude of about 2,000 meters (6,562 feet.)

The lone survivor was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Salzburg and is in stable condition, public broadcaster ORF reported.

Apparently one member of the group slipped and fell on a glacier, bringing the others down with him, the head of the rescue teams, Martin Reichholf, said.

The group fell down 200 meters (yards) on a steep slope covered with ice and debris.

German news agency dpa reported the ages of the climbers who died as 34, 56, 65, 69 and 70. It said the survivor is 75 years old. None of the climbers was named in keeping with German privacy law.

Three Italian mountain climbers also died this weekend, two of them on Sunday after falling into a crevasse in the Italian Alps.

The Italian news agency ANSA said one of the crevasse victims was rescued in grave condition, but later died.

The accident involved a group of nine mountaineers roped together while climbing on a glacier in Adamello Brenta Park near Trento in northern Italy. All of the climbers, including two 13-year olds, were injured, ANSA reported.

The group was believed to be made up of two families from northern Italy. What caused the two to fall wasn't immediately known, ANSA said.

Another Italian climber died Saturday after being hit by boulders in the Valtellina Alpine area, further west near the border with Switzerland.



100 police killed in Rio, on pace to be worst year in decade

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Military police on Sunday buried the 100th officer to be killed in Rio de Janeiro state this year, a 39-year-old who was shot multiple times while off duty and visiting his father.

The grim milestone underscores a surge in violence in Rio, Brazil's signature city that just a year ago hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Authorities acknowledged in recent months that drug trafficking organizations and other criminal gangs now control large areas of the city.

Thousands of soldiers have been deployed to help police, but even their presence has not slowed the bloodshed.

A sense of desperation could be felt among the 200 people who attended the funeral for Sgt. Fabio Cavalcante on Sunday afternoon.

Cavalcante's wife was so distraught that she could barely walk during the procession and had to be held up by the fallen officer's brother, himself a part of the force.

Cavalcante, the father of an 8-year-old, was killed Saturday in Baixada Fluminense, one of Rio's most violent districts. Several armed men approached, apparently intending to rob him.

When they learned he was a police officer, he was shot at least 10 times, his father, who Cavalcante was visiting, told local media.

"We were supposed to have a picnic today with the wives and widows of police officers," said Rogeria Quaresma, the wife of an officer in attendance. "How long? How long is this going to keep happening before someone does something?"

Rio has long been the deadliest place for law enforcement in Brazil, which is Latin America's largest nation. Going back to the 1990s, the number of officers slain in the state each year has almost always gone over 100.

What has security experts worried this year is the pace of slayings of military police officers, the force responsible for patrolling and apprehending suspects.

At the current rate, 2017 is on track to be the deadliest year since 2006, when 153 officers died, according to military police data.

That spike is being mirrored in myriad crime data across the board, a surge fueled by rising unemployment in the wake of a major recession, an inability by the broke state government to pay thousands of public employees on time and a political crisis from a mega corruption scandal that has shifted the focus of many lawmakers away from Rio's perennial security

problems.

There is also growing consensus that Brazil's criminal gangs, which are heavily armed and control many of Rio's hundreds of slums, are strengthening. Earlier this year, gang-led slaughters in several Brazil prisons left at least 130 dead.

Many Rio residents, particularly in slums, loathe police, which have long been accused of corruption and excessive force. Every year, several hundred civilians are killed during police operations.

A Human Rights Watch report found that more than 8,000 people were killed by Rio police between 2005 and 2015, the majority young black men. While many were criminals shooting at police, many others were caught in the crossfire or even killed deliberately without provocation.

Adding to the problems is the erosion of a pacification program launched several years ago that aimed at building connections between officers and residents.

Budget cuts have slashed program funds, and today neighborhoods previously lauded as "pacified" are increasingly dangerous.

Paulo Storani, the former captain of an elite squad of military police known by the Portuguese acronym BOPE, says that drugs have long powered the gangs because they provide ample resources while police forces are often working at a "deficit" of funds, training and arms.

What has him most worried of late, however, is the way officers are dying. While some are killed during confrontations, more are falling while off duty.

That can happen because an officer sees a crime being committed and gets involved without the backup of his team, or because his position as officer makes him a target.

"Criminals are motivated to kill police," said Storani.

All of Brazil was able to witness such brazenness in the killing of the 99th officer, Mabel Sampaio, on Thursday.

Street cameras in his neighborhood, obtained by local media and broadcast nationwide, captured the officer pulling into the garage of his home.

Seconds later, a young man carrying a pistol can be seen walking in. Sampaio was shot several times and died en route to the hospital.

"I feared that this would happen, and that day has come," his daughter Giulia wrote on her Facebook page.

"They have destroyed our family. Unfortunately, this world is filled with monsters."



A police officer wipes tears during the burial of Sgt. Fabio Cavalcante, 39, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017. Brazilian police buried the 100th police officer to be killed in the state of Rio de Janeiro this year. The grim milestone underscores a surge in violence that has prompted authorities to deploy Army troops across Rio.

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POSITION SUMMARY
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KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Assist in maintaining the store's product presentation and visual objectives to company standards and floorset direction
- Report all suspicious activity, cash or stock losses to the loss prevention and store management team
- Other related duties as assigned

PRE-REQUISITES/QUALIFICATION

- Associates degree or minimum of high school diploma and a minimum of 2+ years experience in customer service or retail sales
- Must be a team player with a great personality
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills (both English and Samoan)
- Must always have a professional appearance
- Ability to provide to excellent customer service
- Solid organization skills and an ability to execute at a high level
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- Flexibility to work various shifts which include evenings and Saturdays
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Black-clad anarchists storm Berkeley rally, assaulting 5

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Black-clad anarchists on Sunday stormed into what had been a largely peaceful Berkeley protest against hate and attacked at least five people, including the leader of a politically conservative group who canceled an event a day earlier in San Francisco amid fears of violence.

The group of more than 100 hooded protesters, with shields emblazoned with the words “no hate” and waving a flag identifying themselves as anarchists, busted through police lines, avoiding security checks by officers to take away possible weapons.

Then the anarchists blended with a crowd of 2,000 largely peaceful protesters who turned up to demonstrate in a “Rally Against Hate” opposed to a much smaller gathering of right-wing protesters.

Berkeley police chief Andrew Greenwood defended how police handled the protest, saying they made a strategic decision to let the anarchists enter to avoid more violence.

Greenwood said “the potential use of force became very problematic” given the thousands of peaceful protesters in the park. Once anarchists arrived, it was clear there would not be dueling protests between left and right so he ordered his officers out of the park and allowed the anarchists to march in.

There was “no need for a confrontation over a grass patch,” Greenwood said.

Among those assaulted was Joey Gibson, the leader of the Patriot Prayer group, which canceled a Saturday rally and was then prevented from holding a news conference when authorities closed off the public square Gibson planned to use. Gibson has denounced racism and said he launched Patriot Prayer after several supporters of President Donald Trump were beaten at a Trump campaign stop in San Jose, California, last year. Authorities nonetheless feared the group’s event could attract white nationalists, as it has in the past.

After the anarchists spotted Gibson at the Berkeley park, they pepper-sprayed him and chased him out as he backed away with his hands held in the air. Gibson rushed behind a line of police wearing riot gear, who set off a smoke bomb to drive away the anarchists.

Separately, groups of hooded, black-clad protesters attacked at least four other men in or near the park, kicking and punching them until the assaults were stopped by police. The assaults were witnessed by an Associated Press reporter.

Police in the San Francisco area have been braced for violence and trying to prevent protests that draw left-wing and right-wing opponents since the deadly confrontation in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 12 that occurred during a rally of white supremacists.

Berkeley authorities did not issue a permit for Sunday’s gathering of right-wing protesters. Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin had urged counterprotesters to stay away from Civic Center Park.

The right-wing event had been canceled by organizer Amber Cummings, who encouraged supporters to stay away but said she would attend on her own.

By mid-afternoon Cummings had not appeared and left-wing protesters far outnumbered right-wing supporters.

Earlier in the day, police had set up barricades around park and checked people who entered to make sure they did not have prohibited items like baseball bats, dogs, skateboards and scarves or bandanas they could use to cover their faces.

Officers arrested 13 people, most for having prohibited items, Greenwood said.

At one point, an anti-rally protester denounced a Latino man holding a “God Bless Donald Trump” sign.

“You are an immigrant,” Karla Fonseca said. “You should be ashamed of yourself.”

Several other people also yelled at the man, who said he was born in Mexico but supports Trump’s proposal to build a wall along the southern border.

Police pulled one supporter of President Donald Trump out of the park over a wall by his shirt as a crowd of about two dozen counter-demonstrators surrounded him and chanted “Nazi go home” and pushed him toward the edge of the park. At least two people were detained by officers for wearing bandannas covering their faces.

Anti-rally protesters chanted slogans “No Trump. No KKK. No fascist USA” and carried signs that said: “Berkeley Stands United Against Hate.”

A separate group of counter-protesters had assembled earlier Sunday at the nearby University of California, Berkeley campus and then marched park to merge with the anti-rally protesters who had already gathered there.

Both Cummings and Gibson have disavowed racism and say they wanted to hold the rallies to bring conservative voices to the liberal San Francisco Bay Area.

Student activism was born during the 1960s free-speech movement at Berkeley, when thousands of students at the university mobilized to demand that the school drop its ban on political activism.

Demonstrator Joey Gibson, second from left, is chased by anti-fascists during a free speech rally Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Berkeley, Calif. Several thousand people converged in Berkeley Sunday for a “Rally Against Hate” in response to a planned right-wing protest that raised concerns of violence and triggered a massive police presence. Several people were arrested for violating rules against covering their faces or carrying items banned by authorities. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)



AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Student Services – Counseling Services

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: PERSONAL COUNSELOR
Employment Status: Full Time / 12 Months – Career Service

General Description:
The Personal Counselor works in the Division of Student Services (DOSS) Counseling Services Program. The Personal Counselor provides support by assisting traditional, non-traditional and students with disabilities with all aspects of educational planning, as well as the development and implementation of programs to meet the academic and personal needs of the students. This is a non-instructional position that may assist with academic aspects of Counseling Services and its scope of responsibilities.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Report directly to the Program Director of Counseling or other appropriate administrators at ASCC.
- Serve on appropriate department and/or college committees.
- Perform related duties as required or deemed necessary to meet the ASCC mission and goals within the counseling services scope of responsibility.
- Work collaboratively with the DOSS administrators and staff in meeting the academic and personal needs of students.
- Assist with advising students academically regarding ASCC academic general education and / or departmental requirements, appropriate class selection, academic policies and procedures, and campus resources.
- Teach “College and Life Planning” course.
- May report and refer students to other departments, offices or services as required on or off-campus.
- Assist and participate with student registration, student recruitment, retention initiatives and various other activities related to DOSS and the college.
- Maintain Counseling records and confidential student evaluation records.
- Assist in developing and revising counseling activities, regulations and procedures
- Write reports and evaluations on counseling services effectiveness and challenges.
- Assist with low grade period to coordinate counseling efforts between students and teachers.
- Provide community and/or college-wide outreach efforts.
- Perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the immediate Supervisor and or the Dean of Student Services.

Specific Duties and Responsibility:

- Assist students with setting immediate and long term personal goals.
- Identify and develop a plan to help students overcome potential obstacles by finding solutions and options Follow-up and encourage positive progress towards meeting student(s) academic and personal goals.
- Counsel students with social and emotional developmental issues as they attempt to deal with the challenges of achieving their educational goals.
- Provide activities, workshops, training or seminars for students, staff, faculty or stakeholders concerning related issues on suicide prevention, sexual misconduct, college related policies and procedures, resources, etc. to increase awareness and understanding.
- Responsible for “You Are Not Alone” (YANA) program on campus including recruitment and training of peer mentors for the program.
- Assist students with documented disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations related to their disability.
- Provide orientation of policies, processes and procedures, services and resources available on campus to assist students with disabilities in becoming independent students.
- Develop and implement Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) for each course taught.
- Share SLO course data with department and ASCC stakeholders, and provide recommendations for improvement.
- Participate in the different levels of student learning outcome review, program review and student assessment.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively, as well as the ability to work independently

Minimum Qualifications:

- Masters degree in Counseling, Psychology, Sociology or related field
- At least five (5) years of academic counseling experience at the secondary or college level
- Knowledge of academic, career, aptitude, and personal training.
- Ability to engage a diverse group of students, colleagues and stakeholders.
- Effective oral, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Organizational skills and ability to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines.
- Proficiency in Microsoft office programs, including Power Point, Word and Excel with effective internet research skill.

Salary Proposed: GS:15/07-12 = (\$27,995.00 - \$33,155.00)

Application Deadline: September 5, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 Ext. 403/335/436 or by emailing Silaufelei Saofaigaalii at s.saofaigaalii@amsamoa.edu or ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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CBS to buy troubled Australian broadcaster Ten Network

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Troubled Australian television broadcaster Ten Network will be sold to U.S. giant CBS Corp. subject to regulatory approval of foreign ownership, the Sydney-based company's administrator said on Monday.

New York-based CBS had "entered into binding transaction documents" to buy the network's owner, Ten Network Holdings Ltd., administrator KordaMentha said in a statement.

CBS is the biggest creditor of Australia's third most popular free-to-air commercial TV network that went into voluntary administration in June.

The sale is subject to conditions including approval by Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board, KordaMentha said. The sale price will be revealed in a report to creditors within days. Armando Nunez, president and chief executive of CBS Studios International, said CBS recognized the significance of Ten to Australian broadcasting.

"We are committed to the efficient, reliable and successful turnaround, operation and development of Ten to support continued growth in Australian media," Nunez said in a statement. Ten chief executive Paul Anderson said his network and CBS had a strong relationship.

"We are very excited about further developing that relationship with CBS as an owner and strength that they will provide to the company at this critical time," Anderson said in a statement. CBS chairman and chief executive Leslie Moonves said the sale added Ten to CBS's global content and distribution portfolios.

"We have been able to acquire it at a valuation that gives us confidence we will grow this asset by applying our programming expertise in a market with which we are already familiar," Moonves said in a statement.

Ten appointed administrators after its billionaire backers, Lachlan Murdoch and Bruce Gordon, refused to guarantee a new 250 million Australian dollar (\$198 million) bank loan when a current AU\$200 million loan is due to expire in December. Murdoch, who co-chairs News Corp. with his father Rupert, and Gordon, who owns regional network WIN Television, want to each buy a 50 percent share in the Ten.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the competition watchdog, said last week it would not oppose the joint bid, saying it was unlikely to result in a "substantial lessening of competition in any relevant market."



Members of the Senate stand and applaud Attorney-General George Brandis who chastised an Australian senator who provoked an angry backlash from lawmakers by wearing a burqa in Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017. Pauline Hanson, leader of the anti-Muslim, anti-immigration One Nation minor party, sat wearing the black head-to-ankle garment for more than 10 minutes before taking it off as she rose to explain that she wanted such outfits banned on national security grounds.

(Jed Cooper/Australian Broadcasting Corp. via AP)

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (8/27)	Monday (8/28)	Tuesday (8/29)	Wednesday (8/30)	Thursday (8/31)	min	Friday (9/1)	Saturday (9/2)	min
10 : am	00' Jisook's Table for O' Battle Trip (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	10' Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama "Sungkyunkwan Scandal" (E,R)				50'	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Sungkyunkwan Scandal	
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1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)							
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)			The Beauty (E,R) K-pop World Festival	30'
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Idol Drama Operation Team (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	Battle Trip (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Manhole (E,R)	Guerilla Date (E,R)	50'	My Father is Strange Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R) # 6, 7, 8.	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Manhole (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama	00'
6 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R) # 10, 11, 12.	My Father is Strange (E,R) # 48, 49, 50.	Manhole (E,R) # 4, 5, 6.	Two Days and One Night (E,R)		School 2017 (E,R)	Manhole (E,R)	
7 : pm	40' History of Korea (E)	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E,R)						Hollo Counselor (E,R)	20'
8 : pm	00' History of Korea (E)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)							
9 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	KBS World News Today (Live)				40'	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	40'
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Music Bank (E)				
11 : pm	40' Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	K-pop World Festival The Beauty	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
Next Day	20' Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)	KBS World E-Today				20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
1 : am	00' KBS 9 News (Live)	KBS 9 News (Live)					KBS 9 News (Live)		00'
2 : am	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E)			My Father is Strange (E) Final		20'
3 : am	00' Hollo Counselor (E)	We Like Zines (E)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E)	Happy Together (E)	Battle Trip (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	30'
4 : am	20' Encore Drama "Sungkyunkwan Scandal" (E)	Encore Drama "Sungkyunkwan Scandal" (E)					"The Return of Superman" Special (E)		
5 : am	30' KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)		50'
6 : am	40' History of Korea (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	The Beauty K-pop World Festival	K-RUSH (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	00'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
7 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R) My Neighbor Charles (E,R)		My Father is Strange Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
8 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)			Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)		00'
9 : am	30' Hollo Counselor(E,R)	We Like Zines	Sketchbook	Happy Together	Battle Trip	50'	Jisook's Table for O'		50'

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THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title FAUMUINA shall be registered in the name of FAUMUINA, JOHN JR. in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: AUGUST 18, 2017 thru OCTOBER 17, 2017
 SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

Fa'aaliga o le Fa'amauina o se Suafa Matai

O le fa'aaliga leni ua faasalalaina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauina o le suafa matai o FAUMUINA o le nu'u o LELOALOA e FAUMUINA, JOHN JR. o LELOALOA faalupega o MAOPUTASI, falelima i SASAE.

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08/28 & 09/28/17



A protester holds a sign showing Ivan Velasquez, head of a U.N. anti-corruption commission, with the Spanish message: "Thank you for committing yourself to the fight against corruption and impunity!" at the National Palace of Culture in Guatemala City, Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017. Guatemala's President Jimmy Morales stood firm on his decision to expel Velasquez, after the commission announced on Friday it was seeking the removal of Morales' immunity to pursue an investigation into campaign finance violations.

(AP Photo/Luis Soto)

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THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title AIONO shall be registered in the name of URSULA FITIMALEAFA TE'O-MARTIN in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

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Ua taliaina e le Resitara lea talosaga, faatasi ma le talosaga a le aiga faapea ma le tusi faamaonia mai matai o lea nu'u, ma ua i ai nei i teuga pepa a lea ofisa.

A i ai se tasi e faafinagaloina, ia faaulufaleina sana talosaga tete'e, po o sana faalavelave tusitusia i le Ofisa o Resitara i totonu o aso e 60 mai le aso na faalauiloa ai leni fa'aaliga. Afai o lea lea se talosaga tete'e, po'o se faalavelave foi e faaulufaleina mai i aso e 60 e pei ona taua i luga, o lea faamauina loa lea suafa matai i le igoa o URSULA FITIMALEAFA TE'O-MARTIN e tusa ai ma aiaiga o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa.

08/28 & 09/28/17

Guatemala president moves to expel UN anti-corruption chief

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — President Jimmy Morales announced Sunday he was expelling the head of a U.N. anti-corruption commission that is investigating his campaign's financing — only to have the order quickly blocked by Guatemala's top court.

Morales' move also drew criticism from the international community, including the United States, and at least two protests sprang up in the capital to decry the order.

A video posted on the government's Twitter site early Sunday showed Morales declaring Ivan Velasquez "non grata" and ordering him to leave the country immediately. The president also announced he was firing Foreign Minister Carlos Raul Morales for failing to carry out the expulsion.

Morales said nothing of kicking out the entire commission of foreign experts, but the expulsion would leave its future unclear. The decade-old panel has worked with Guatemalan prosecutors to root out corruption and was key to bringing down former President Otto Perez Molina, who was forced to resign in 2015 and remains in prison. Within hours, Francisco de Mata Vela, head of Guatemala's Constitutional Court, said that body had issued a temporary injunction blocking the order to expel Velasquez. The court will now analyze the case before reaching a definitive decision. It was not clear how long that would take.

Morales released another video at midafternoon affirming his decision to boot Velasquez. He said Velasquez overstepped his authority by improperly pressuring the country's legislative process and making public accusations against Guatemalans in spite of a presumption of innocence and guarantee of due process. Chief prosecutor Thelma Aldana, working with the U.N. commission, announced Friday that she was asking the Supreme Court to recommend stripping Morales of his immunity from prosecution in order to investigate financing of his 2015 campaign, when he ran on the slogan "Neither corrupt nor a crook." If the court agrees, the decision on immunity would be made by Congress.

The prosecutor said Morales had refused to account for more than \$800,000 in campaign financing and had hidden his own party's accounts. Velasquez said at the joint news conference with Aldana that financing of some campaign expenditures could not be explained. Morales has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. The embassies of international donor countries that support the U.N. commission — United States, Germany, Canada, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Sweden and Switzerland as well as the European Union — issued a joint statement regretting Morales' decision. The commission "has played a vital role in the fight against impunity and corruption that undermine security and prosperity in Guatemala. The decision to expel Commissioner Ivan Velasquez harms the ability of CICIG to achieve its mandate," the statement said.

U.S. Rep. Eliot Engel, ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, expressed disappointment in Morales' decision. In a statement, he said the U.S. government would examine the future of its foreign assistance to Guatemala.

Later Sunday, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement that the U.S. was "deeply concerned" by Morales' decision. She said Velasquez has been an effective leader of the commission and "it remains crucial that (the commission) be permitted to work free from interference by the Guatemalan government."

Guatemala's human rights prosecutor, Jordan Rodas, joined in one of the demonstrations at which people shouted support for Velasquez. He also spent time with Velasquez to guarantee his safety and said Velasquez stressed that he continued to lead the commission.

"The commissioner was doing well and is very appreciative of the support," Rodas said. Health Minister Lucrecia Hernandez Mack and her deputies resigned, saying that by expelling Velasquez, Morales had taken a position in favor of impunity and the corrupt sectors of the country. The president's action Sunday capped days of speculation that Morales would move against Velasquez. The president travelled to the U.N. last week to meet with U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the government said topics included circumscribing the mandate of the anti-corruption commission led by Velasquez. Mike Allison, a political science professor at the University of Scranton, said that by the time Morales arrived in New York, the international community had made clear Velasquez had its full backing. That left Morales in a difficult position of either waiting for the commission's investigation to proceed and potentially force him from office or be proactive and push Velasquez.



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In a deal, remains of Lebanon soldiers held by IS located

BEIRUT (AP) — The remains of eight Lebanese soldiers kidnapped by the Islamic State group three years ago were located Sunday, a senior Lebanese official said, in a negotiated deal that followed a military offensive to drive the militants out of the border area with Syria.

Abbas Ibrahim, the chief of Lebanese General Security, said six bodies buried in Lebanon near the border with Syria were removed. He said the operation continued to pull out two more bodies but the fate of a ninth soldier remained unknown.

The soldiers' remains were transported later Sunday to Beirut's military hospital for DNA tests to determine their identities.

Locating the soldiers' remains was part of a deal that comes a week after the Lebanese military launched a campaign to drive out IS militants from some 120 square kilometers (46 square miles) in a rugged mountainous area that straddles the Lebanese-Syrian border. Separately but simultaneously, the Lebanese Hezbollah militia, in cooperation with the Syrian army, launched another offensive to pressure the IS militants in Syrian territories along the same border area.

The U.S-backed Lebanese army denies it coordinated with the Syrian government.

The deal also entails the transfer of remaining IS militants on both sides of the border to eastern Syria's Deir el-Zour province, which is mostly controlled by the extremist group. The Syrian government, backed by Russian air power and Iranian-organized militias, is preparing an offensive to recapture the oil-rich province.

After a week of fighting, cease-fires were announced on both sides of the border earlier Sunday. The Lebanese army said the halt in fighting, which came after 100 square kilometers (38 square kilometers) were cleared of militants, was to allow for negotiations to determine the fate of the soldiers.

Hezbollah and Syrian media said the cease-fire was to allow for the comprehensive deal.

Hezbollah, which Western nations view as a terrorist organization, has been fighting alongside President Bashar Assad's forces inside Syria since 2013.

Lebanon's main political factions are bitterly divided over the war in neighboring Syria, and many would fiercely object to any direct cooperation with Assad's government. Lebanese were also divided over the outcome of the deal, some taking to social media to criticize the negotiations with the militants. Others hailed the deal and evacuation of the militants as a victory.

Ibrahim said after IS militants were driven into Syria

under pressure from the Lebanese military, the deal became possible. He said detained militants revealed the location of the soldiers' remains. They were still wearing their military uniforms, he said.

Ibrahim said he was part of the negotiations over the fate of the soldiers, but Hezbollah and Syria sorted out the larger deal.

"The first article in this deal was (determining) the fate of the soldiers," Ibrahim told reporters from outside the tents set up for years by the families of the missing soldiers looking for their relatives.

"This case ... has regrettably been closed on a dark note." Relatives of the soldiers broke down in tears and declined to talk to the media.

The soldiers were among more than 20 kidnapped in 2014 when militants linked to al-Qaida and IS overran the border town, Arsal. Most of those kidnapped were later released. It was the most serious spillover into Lebanon from the six-year Syrian war. Al-Qaida-linked militants were evacuated from the area earlier this month, following a Hezbollah offensive there.

The Syrian official news agency SANA said the area along the border would be declared free of IS militants soon. A Syrian military official told the agency that the evacuation of IS militants, negotiated by Hezbollah, has been approved.

Al-Ikhbariya quoted an unnamed Syrian field commander as saying the militants have been driven out of some 200 square kilometers (77 square miles) in Syria. Syrian media say around 400 militants and their families are expected to be evacuated toward Deir el-Zour, though it was not clear when that would take place.

The Central Military Media, an outlet run jointly by Hezbollah and the Syrian army, said according to the cease-fire deal, buses will transport IS members and their families to Boukamal, the Syrian town in Deir el-Zour, along the Iraqi border.

The bodies of five Hezbollah fighters were also brought back to Lebanon as part of the deal.

As negotiations for the evacuation of IS militants to Deir el-Zour were underway, Syrian troops backed by Russian air power and Iranian-backed militias pushed their way into the province from Sukhna in the country's center.

The government troops and its allied militias have been moving toward Deir el-Zour from three different angles — in central, northern and southern Syria. The new advances bring the pro-government troops about 65 kilometers (40 miles) from the provincial capital, where IS militants have besieged government troops for years. IS controls most of the

oil-rich province.

Russian officials have said the priority is now to aid government troops in recapturing Deir el-Zour, which is south-east of Raqqa and where U.S-backed Syrian opposition forces are battling Islamic state group militants.

U.S-backed forces, known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, are also making a bid for Deir el-Zour province, raising concerns of a potential friction with the Syrian troops.

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Abuse in nursing homes unreported despite law

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1 in 4 cases of possible sexual and physical abuse against nursing home patients apparently went unreported to police, says a government audit that faults Medicare for failing to enforce a federal law requiring immediate notification.

The Health and Human Services inspector general's office was issuing an "early alert" Monday on its findings from a large sampling of cases in 33 states. Investigators say Medicare needs to take corrective action right away.

"We hope that we can stop this from happening to anybody else," said Curtis Roy, an audit manager with the inspector general's office, which investigates fraud, waste and abuse in the health care system. The audit is part of a larger ongoing probe, and additional findings are expected, he said.

With some 1.4 million people living in U.S. nursing

homes, quality is an ongoing concern. Despite greater awareness, egregious incidents still occur.

Using investigative data analysis techniques, auditors from the inspector general's office identified 134 cases in which hospital emergency room records indicated possible sexual or physical abuse, or neglect, of nursing home residents. The incidents spanned a two-year period from 2015-2016. Illinois had the largest number of incidents overall, with 17. It was followed by Michigan (13), Texas (9), and California (8).

In 38 of the total cases (28 percent), investigators could find no evidence in hospital records that the incident had been reported to local law enforcement, despite a federal law requiring prompt reporting by nursing homes, as well as similar state and local requirements.

"Based on the records we had available to us, we could not determine that they had been reported to law enforcement," said Roy.

The federal statute has been on the books more than five years, but investigators found that Medicare has not enforced its requirement to report incidents to police and other agencies, or risk fines of up to \$300,000.

Nursing home personnel must immediately report incidents that involve a suspected crime, within a two-hour window if there's serious bodily injury. Otherwise, authorities must be notified within 24 hours.

Medicare "has inadequate procedures to ensure that incidents of potential abuse or neglect of Medicare beneficiaries residing in (nursing homes) are identified and reported," the inspector general's report said.

In a statement, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said "nursing home resident safety is our priority and primary focus," and it is committed "to ensure these vulnerable people are properly cared for, and that all viable or alleged instances involving abuse or neglect are fully investigated and resolved." The agency said it has long required nursing homes to immediately report abuse and neglect to state officials, and it will have a formal response to the inspector general's findings once the audit is complete. The inspector general is urging Medicare to start systematically scouring computerized billing records for tell-tale signs of possible abuse of nursing home residents. Investigators used that approach to find the cases, matching emergency room and nursing home records.

Of the 38 unreported cases, 31 involved alleged or suspected rape or sexual abuse, or about 4 out of 5.

In this Wednesday, June 21, 2017 photo, Larry Robinson holds a childhood photo of his son, Jason Robinson, during an interview at his home in Killeen, Texas. Earlier in the year, Robinson broke down in tears as he told a legislative committee all the things that weren't considered when his son, Jason, was sentenced to automatic life with the possibility of parole: nightmares about Larry's deployment during Operation Desert Storm, physical abuse from a relative, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, and trips to three psychologists. "The sentencing ... was the worst day. It's like the life just came out of me," Robinson said recently. "I just kept blaming myself, saying that it was my fault."

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