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Cast with producer and director of Tusi Tamasese's Samoan-language drama "One Thousand Ropes" during the World Premiere at the Berlin Film Festival 2017.

(l-r) Nicky Si'ulepa, Uelese Petaia, Frankie Adams, Producer Catherine Fitzgerald, and Writer/Director Tusi Tamasese. The film is set to debut locally at the Fatu-O-Aiga Hall, in Tafuna, Thursday, Oct. 26 & Friday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. — "Ata tifaga Samoa ile gagana Samoa". Tickets are \$10. Contact numbers for more info are: 258-4197 or 258-5800. The movie is proudly presented by Talofa Airways with Up Media in support of Catholic Social Services. [Courtesy photo]



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## How many chauffeurs does a Speaker need?

A LOOK AT HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT BY THE FONO

by Samoa News Staff

This is the second installment of a four-part report on the Fono's budget — which totals nearly \$7 million for FY 2018 — and includes a breakdown of where taxpayer funds are being spent by the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Legislative Finance Office (LFO), and the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB).

Samoa News has obtained a copy of the Fono's final 2018 budget which was prepared earlier this year in June. (See last Friday's Samoa News edition for details on Senate spending).

As with the Senate, the House of Representatives has a set salary for their members — \$25,000 per year for 17 faipule, except for the House Speaker who makes \$30,000. The salaries amount to \$530,000 per year.

And yes, they also have a bi-weekly, tax-free allowance drawn under the 'materials and supplies' category which amounts to \$640,000 (\$30,000 each for 20 faipule and \$40,000 for the Speaker).

The remaining \$46,000 of the total \$686,000 'materials and supplies' category budget is as follows: \$15,00 for office supplies; \$8,000 for photocopy supplies (toners, ink, paper, etc.); \$3,000 for postage (mailing correspondence off island); \$5,000 for toiletries and cleaning supplies; and \$15,000 for office equipment and vehicle supplies.

For travel expenses, there is \$100,000 allocated for airfare, \$43,000 for per diem for "House related meetings and conferences". Another \$30,000 is set aside for airfare — \$12,000 in per diem — for "staff training and development including legislative conferences related meetings and workshops". (Samoa News has been unable to confirm where these training sessions are conducted, or if there have been any in the past years).

Under the "all other costs" category, \$4,500 goes to "printing and reproduction"; \$60,000 is for ASPA utility costs; \$26,500 is for "telephone and communications" (for fax, local, and long distance calls); \$10,000 is for "protocol expenses"; \$10,000 is for "scholarships, grants, subsidies"; and \$50,000 is for "other" (There are no specific details listed) — bringing the total of "all other costs" to \$161,000.

Altogether, there are four vehicles listed as belonging to the House — two trucks and two SUVs — with total price tags of \$125,300. None are listed as being paid with federal grants, as the budget report only notes that all four are "Local and DOI" vehicles.

The budget document also details each job position and how much is being paid for each.

The Chief of Staff gets paid the most — \$40,000 per year, followed by the chief clerk and the property management officer who each earn \$38,000 a year.

The Secretary to the Speaker and the Special Assistant earn \$35,000 a piece.

But the Speaker's secretary also has a secretary, noted in the budget as "assistant secretary to speaker" making \$20,000.

There are three research analysts, two being paid \$25,000 each while the other gets \$22,000.

There are also three liaison officers (two local — getting paid

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## ASG Scholarship Board denies scholarship for aspiring engineer

FAIPULE ASKS FOR RECONSIDERATION

by Ausage Fausia

Samoa News Reporter

Tualauta faipule, Rep. Vui Florence Saulo is asking the ASG Scholarship Board to reconsider their decision made a few months ago to deny a scholarship for a high school graduate who wants to pursue a pre-civil engineering course at the University of Hawaii, Leeward Community College (UH-LCC).

Members of the ASG scholarship board appeared before the House Education & Scholarship Committee last week to answer questions from faipule regarding scholarship issues, which included the matter of the engineering student being denied.

Chairman of the ASG scholarship board, Sen. Faiivae Iuli Godinet told members of the House Committee that the student in question did not meet the requirements to attend a college off island. And for that reason, the board granted him a \$2,000 scholarship to attend ASCC, instead of UH-LCC.

But this is contrary to information presented to the House Committee and also members of the ASG scholarship board, which noted that the student was qualified, as he had an SAT of 1090; ACT of 21; and GPA of 3.91.

The student's mother sent a letter to Faiivae on June 21, 2017 seeking an official decision regarding her son's scholarship — whether or not the ASG scholarship board would allow the \$2,000 scholarship amount to ASCC to be instead for his college of choice — which is UH-LCC.

Copies of the letter were forwarded to Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga, Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peletia Mauga, members of the House committee, attorneys, and also Congresswoman Aumua Amata.

According to the student's parents, they never received any response from Faiivae or the ASG scholarship board.

Based on a copy of the letter obtained by Samoa News, the student's parents asked Faiivae, "Why is my son (and other qualified high school graduates) penalized for his choice of college when he already successfully met the criteria for the off-island scholarship?"

They referred to the American Samoa Code Annotated (ASCA), Title 16 (Educational Institutions) Chapter 25 (Student Financial Aid), that states:

"16.2507 Financial aid - Eligibility. Financial aid may only be awarded to an applicant who: (a) is a United States national or a United States citizen, or an American Samoan as defined in 41.0202(1) (c), or a permanent resident of American Samoa in accordance with 41.0401 et seq., or a person legally adopted in accordance with 45.0401 through 45.0431; and (b) is a legal resident of American Samoa as defined under 6.0212 and in compliance with any applicable immigration laws of the government except that the residence of the parent, parents or legal guardian of a minor shall be presumed to be the legal residence of that minor; and (c) has been accepted to or is attending and educational institute."

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The Special Education Division of Samoana High School was at the Suigaula ole Atuvasa Beach Park in Utulei last Friday, hosting a barbecue for the staff and 'special' students to celebrate Disability and Autism Awareness Month.

Pictured are the SPED teachers and students with their banner that reads: "I choose not to place "DIS" in my "ABILITY". [photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]



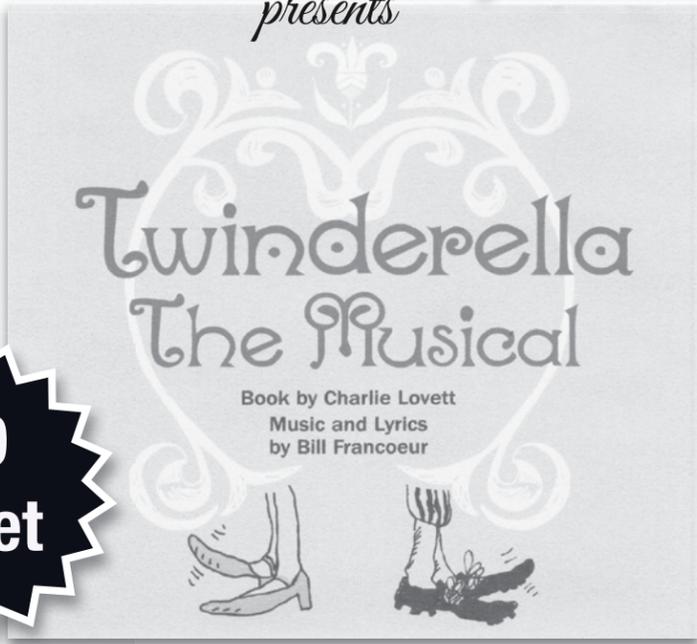
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# AS needs fishing days in order to survive, says tuna industry veteran

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

“For the survival of American Samoa, the US [flag] needs those 3,882 high sea” fishing days, declared William M. Sardinha, a San Diego based tuna vessel manager and consultant. “And let’s be frank, if the tuna industry leaves American Samoa, their future economy will be almost totally dependent on US aid.”

Sardinha’s comments were outlined in an 8-page comment letter to the US National Marine Fisheries Service, which sought public comments on its proposed rule of 1,828 fishing days for calendar year 2017 for U.S. purse seine vessels in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and on the high seas — the area known in federal regulations as Effort Limit Area for Purse Seine, or ELAPS.

The comment period closed early this month and NMFS is expected to issue soon a final notice of the proposed rule.

In his letter, Sardinha acknowledged that any comments received by NMFS will not change the intention of the proposal, saying he sees the public comments request as solely an administrative procedure. However, he’s hopeful his comments are taken into consideration when developing any conservation measures at the December 2017 meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission (WCPFC) for years 2018 to 2020.

During his 40-plus years in the tuna business, Sardinha said he has seen the US government “regulate our fishing business with the unintended consequences of diminishing our deep water US tuna purse seine fleet.”

And the “continued limitations of our ELAPS days is another example of good intentions resulting in a disaster for the US tuna fleet,” he said, adding that he disagrees with the 2017 fishing days limitation.

According to him, the US tuna vessels, major stakeholders, were never given a meaningful opportunity for input on this high seas issue.

“Given the chance in a scientific setting, the US tuna industry would have been able to explain that their deep-water fishing vessels do not have an impact on the resource in international waters or in the US EEZ areas,” he said.

Additionally, US government decisions are now showing the damage it has caused the US tuna industry and the American Samoa economy. Further, US boats are being sold and going bankrupt and Tri Marine International’s cannery has stopped operating in American Samoa.

“This has caused a financial hardship to the economy with the loss of jobs and busi-

ness to American Samoa and related supporting companies near and far,” he continued, and provided comments which he hopes will be given meaningful consideration that would allow the US fleet to once again fish in international waters without any high seas and US EEZ limitation days.

He hopes “our future agreements do not end up giving non-US countries an unfair fishing advantage over our US fleet.”

Sardinha provided detailed background information on high seas fishing and US EEZ, and pointed out that US vessels were able to “fish for free according to the International Law of the Sea” from June 1988 up until 2009 — when the US government “against our wishes told us that they are limiting” the number of high seas fishing days to a maximum of 3,882 in a given year.

The fishing days were again changed in 2012 — reducing the fishing days limitation — and again in 2014 down to 1,828, he said, adding that as the US lowered fishing days in the high seas, fees in the EEZ of neighboring countries “accelerated upwards and it is the main reason why a VDS (vessel-day-scheme) day costs \$12,500 today.”

“This is simple economics, supply and demand, with our ability to fish in the High Seas being faded out the Islands simply raised our access fees and if we wanted to fish we had no choice but to pay,” he said, adding that it’s simply “illogical and is not economically sustainable for a US vessel to continue to fish in the waters” of Pacific island states at a rate of \$12,500 a day. “The loss of US flagged vessels and the loss of the Tri Marine cannery substantiates this fact,” he points out.

“It is frustrating for our US fishermen to be accused of being the bad guys with our desire to fish in International Waters,” he added. “We are being accused by people that have no idea of the rules and regulations to which we must comply [with].”

He provided suggestions of what must be done, going forward, for the US purse seiner fleet. At the top of the suggestion list: eliminate any fishing day limitations on fishing in International Waters or I and fishing day limitations for vessels allowed to fish in the EEZs of the US territories.

“The US needs to recapture their ability to fish on the high sea days to their potential,” he said. “The StarKist cannery keeps running out of fish and Tri Marine had to cease operations.”

He said this point was recently brought up by Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga as one of

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# Certification for Bluesky Employees



Now certified, Bluesky Technical staff successfully completed safety and rescue training, allowing for Bluesky to ensure employee safety. [Courtesy photo]

(PRESS RELEASE) — Oct. 24, 2017 — Bluesky Technical staff have successfully completed safety and rescue training, and are now certified in Telecommunications Tower climbing safety, Fall protection and rescue operations. The program evaluates current procedures and provides onsite climbing, rigging, rescue and administrative training to ensure that Bluesky stays up to date with industry standards and safety regulations.

heights.” This is one of several efforts that Bluesky has undertaken to ensure that it’s professionals are equipped with the knowledge, skills and equipment to effectively provide the best communication services to the community.

Bluesky technicians frequently climb towers to service and maintain telecommunications systems that provide mobile services to the Territory, and Bluesky is dedicated to ensuring the safety of its employees.

The week-long training was conducted by Steve Fleming, founder of Technical Rescue Systems, which is an international training company that certifies professionals in safety and rescue techniques that are compliant with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), National Association of Tower Erectors (NATE), and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).



Bluesky Technical staff have successfully completed safety and rescue training, and are now certified in Telecommunications Tower climbing safety, Fall protection and rescue operations. [Courtesy photo]

“Employee safety is our number one priority,” says Bluesky’s Acting Director of Technical Operations Stuart Fong, “and we are here to make sure that our teams are compliant, careful and confident while they are working at

Technical employees at Bluesky have completed training and are now Tower Climber-Rescuer certified.

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Mike Clayton, a US Naval Academy graduate, former West Point Head Assistant Coach, and current Manager, USA Wrestling’s National Coaches Education Program, helps wrestlers set goals, focus, gain confidence, organize and prioritize their training to help them reach their goals.

**Biography**

Born in Brooklyn, Iowa, Mike Clayton started wrestling competitively at an early age, posting his 500th career win by the time he was in 8th grade. Posting a 116-15 high school record at BGM of Brooklyn, he won 79 of his 116 wins by fall (68%), placed 3rd as a senior and won the Iowa Freestyle State Tournament by pinning or tech-falling all 8 opponents.

Clayton moved to Newport, RI in 1990 for a year at the Naval Academy Prep School. He served as team captain before entering Annapolis in 1991. He earned four varsity letters, was a three-time EIWA place-winner, and qualified for the 1995 NCAA Championships at 126 lbs.

Graduating Annapolis in '95, Clayton coached at Navy for six months before training for the 1996 Olympic Trials with the All-Navy team in Pensacola, FL. While there, he earned a silver medal at the Armed Forces Freestyle Championships, placed at the Chattanooga Olympic Regional at 136.5 lbs., and finished in the top 16 at the US Open.

Mike finished the Navy’s business school in 1997 and served in the Navy as a Supply Corps Officer until 2001.

While still in the Navy, he started coaching freestyle with the Peninsula Wrestling Association (Virginia Duals Wrestling Club) in Poquoson, VA and worked closely with PWA through 2004. He spent one year in 1998 as an assistant coach at The Apprentice School trade college in Newport News, VA, then took over as head coach from 1999-2004, coaching 30 All-Americans, including 8 national champions.

Clayton served as the Head Assistant at Division I West Point in NY, where he helped the team earn top 25 NCAA team rankings in 2004-05 and 2005-06. Their 2006 recruiting class was ranked 22nd in the nation by Wrestling USA Magazine which served as the school’s first nationally ranked class in history.

Clayton helped train 3X All-American and NCAA Finalist Phillip Simpson and a total of 8 NCAA Division I National Qualifiers while at Army.

In 2007, Mike took the reigns as the Head Coach at Stevens Institute of Technology (NCAA Div III) in Hoboken, NJ. He turned a dormant program into a national power. His teams finished or held rankings in the NCAA’s top 30 poll in all seven years with the program. The roster increase from 13 athletes to over 40 creating a respected program on campus and around the nation. He consistently produced NCAA Qualifiers, All-Americans, Academic All-Americans as well as team top ten academic rankings.

Coach Clayton co-head coached the Team USA Cadet Pan-Am team to double golds in FS and GR in Campeche, Mexico in '11.

In 2014, Clayton took on the role as the Manager of USA Wrestling’s National Coaches Education Program in Colorado Springs, CO. He created the new USA Wrestling bronze course and has travelled the World sharing and learning in this new and exciting role. He directs USA Wrestling camps for Cadet and Junior age groups. Clayton does camps, clinics, and public speaking both for USA Wrestling and for his company, Session 6.

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A banner seen on the east-side of the Island, asks voters who will hit the polls today for a special election for District #5, Sua#1, to vote for a faipule, replacing Puleielite Li'a Tufele, Jr., who left the House seat to take up the position of CEO of the American Samoa Tele Communications Authority.

[photo: courtesy]

# GONG SHOW



## “LET’S DRAIN THE SWAMP”

By Rhonda Annesley, Editor

Fagaitua Forum, Sua District #1 was held on Friday, Oct. 19, 2017 on the Eastside. These were possible questions for students to ask the 6 six candidates; but, they were never asked:

1. Why should we vote for you?
2. If elected, where will your office be located?
3. Will you respond to questions sent by constituents? (email, fax, landline, or cell phone). Do you have a Facebook account?
4. If elected, do you have any idea what committees the Speaker will appoint you to?
5. It is alleged the Speaker does not want House Fono Hearings aired on the Radio or on our government funded Television (KVZK TV). Due to the known fact the Speaker wields a lot of power and influence over all faipule, will you stand up to him and make attempts on behalf of voters to push for coverage of Fono Hearings on radio or TV - or both? Yes or No.
6. What is your highest level of academic education? What work experience do you have to our elected faipule?
7. Every September the Fono reviews the next fiscal

year budget, calling in directors in the Executive Branch to answer questions on funds their department requests for the new fiscal year. Question: Who is ever allowed to question the Fono’s budget?

8. Would you care to comment on all the House employees job titles and salaries list in the Samoa News? (How many ghost employees are there now that there is no Fono building?) Where do the listed employees now allegedly work?
  9. If elected, what is your position on the votes of the territory changing the Constitution, authorizing the Fono to over-ride a governor’s veto?
  10. If elected will you take over committee positions held by Puleielite or will the Speaker possibly appoint you to different Fono committees, if any?
- The special election is being held today; and Samoa News offers the voters of District #1 a ‘once over’ of questions that could make a difference with how they vote.... GONG!
- Let’s stop electing the same mental attitude to the Fono — let’s “DRAIN THE SWAMP”! AND I’M A DEMOCRAT... GONG!

## ▶ ASG Scholarship board...

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“Clearly our son chose UH-LCC instead of University of Hawaii, Manoa (UH-Manoa) based on strong recommendations from his college mentors over two summer engineering programs he attended at UH-Honolulu Community College for 6 to 7 weeks during his freshman and junior years in high school,” the mother wrote. According to the student’s parents, “if the ASG scholarship board decide not to honor the success and college pathway plan” for their son, “there must be a valid reason” and the board must explain to the student why they denied him the “prestigious opportunity to receive an American Samoa government scholarship.” The mother said, “There is a considerable contrast between the two syllabus and available programs offered

at ASCC vs. UH-LCC. As you review the charted courses, the ASCC has limited math and science courses, which gives our son more reason to attend UH-LCC this fall than falling behind track.” Representative Vui, during the hearing, said she was saddened to hear that the letter was sent to the board almost 4 months ago, and the parents are still waiting for an answer. Because of the delay, the parents decided to send their son to the college of his choice, but they are paying out of pocket. Vui told the board it is hard to find a student from American Samoa who wants to take on this field of study, and it is an area the government wants local students to pursue. She added that after talking to the parents, she has learned that the student is willing to

return to the territory and work for ASG once he graduates from college. Faiivae explained that the student was given the opportunity to attend ASCC for 2 years, before selecting an off island school to attend. He said the off-island scholarship is for 4 years only, while ASCC is for 2 years, and students need to have at least a GPA of 3.5 to attend ASCC for 2 years. He said the board is looking at giving a chance to students who want to pursue schooling off-island for special skills such as land surveyors, engineering, etc., so once they graduate, they can return home to serve the government. Faiivae and the board did not answer the question of whether they would review their decision.

## ▶ How many chauffeurs...

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\$22,000 and \$25,000; and one in Hawai’i making \$15,000). There is a position for an “assistant editor clerk” earning \$25,000. Perhaps the most interesting position noted in the budget is the “Speaker’s Chauffeur”. Said position is noted twice in the budget, with one making \$12,000 while the other is getting paid \$20,000. (Samoa News notes that the Speaker is generally seen driving himself around, and usually attends meetings and official government gatherings unescorted by

a ‘chauffeur’). Twelve people are working as a ‘page’ with salaries ranging from \$10,000 to \$16,000. Two “proofreaders” are being paid a total of \$29,000 and there are five under the “watchman” position, making between \$12,000 and \$14,000. There are a handful of “clerks” with one noted as “Clerk IV (Specialize)” who makes \$14,000. Altogether, the total annual salaries for just the House of Representatives alone is

\$1,498,500 but with fringe benefits (16.70%) amounting to \$130,370 — the total personnel costs amount to \$1,628,870. The fiscal year 2018 budget — \$394.76 million — was signed by Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga on Sept. 30th. After he line-item vetoed amendments made by the Fono, Lolo returned the legislature’s budget to the original proposed FY 2018 budget of \$6,916,500 (Read tomorrow’s issue of Samoa News for a breakdown of the LRB budget).



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# Pacific Island News in Brief



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compiled by Samoa News staff

## GRATEFUL TO BE ALIVE

Otto Felise Wulf is "grateful" to be alive. The man whose wife poured boiling water on his head two weeks ago is finally out of the hospital.

Mr. Wulf, a 37-year-old, was hospitalized for eight days at the Surgical Ward in Moto'otua. He spent three days in the Intensive Care Unit. "The near death experience, while an unpleasant experience, is a wake up call to say the least," he said.

"What I mean is, don't take life for granted, you never know what tomorrow may bring."

The father of four sustained severe burns all over his body as a result of what happened. He told the Samoa Observer he was under the influence of alcohol.

"It's a life changing incident and because of what had occurred, I've had to put a lot of things in perspective with my life and especially for my children," said Wulf.

From Vaiusu, Wulf who is a mechanic by profession said what happened was totally unexpected. "I got home and jokingly told my wife to 'boil some hot water to make some noodles for the chief."

"The next thing I fell asleep while sitting. Then I felt this

sharp sensational pain on my scalp. When I jumped up, I found that the hot water had been poured on my head and it spilled on to my face, chest and on my stomach.

"I jumped up. Then left to catch a ride to the hospital, and my nine-year-old daughter followed me to the road.

"I caught a taxi on the road to the hospital and I was admitted into the I.C.U. immediately."

Wulf told the Samoa Observer that after being admitted he went into a deep sleep. "I woke up thinking, it was only a dream, but no it wasn't I was in the hospital," he said.

"So now, all I am focusing on is getting my strength and working even harder to care for my children and I am not bothered with what the rest of the world say. "If anything had happened, who would care for my children... so again this was a wakeup call, and while its under difficult circumstances ...I am just thankful to be alive today," Wulf said.

Wulf declined to discuss what led to the incident.

Last week Police Superintendent, Sala'a Sale Sala'a, confirmed the matter is now with the Police. (Source: Samoa Observer)

## KEA WINS BIRD OF THE YEAR

The kea has been crowned New Zealand's Bird of the Year after two weeks of heated campaigning. It is the first time the endangered, large, green mountain parrots which are known for their curiosity and intelligence, have won the competition.

The kereru came in second with 4572 votes, followed by the kakapo with 2554 votes.

Team Kea co-campaigner Laura Young said: "We literally went out to every single person we knew and asked them to vote kea. We lobbied hard to get votes up on the first day, which I think made a big difference."

She said the competition did not come without surprises for Team Kea, who were on the "campaign trail" while monitoring the birds in Kahurangi National Park, with no reception.

"One day we climbed to the top of Mt Patriarch to get reception and check in on the campaign. We saw that the Green Party had made an official announcement in support of the kereru, so we used what little phone battery we had left to hit back at them with a retaliation video." "We're proud to say we ran a peaceful campaign

compared to many other birds. There were no attack politics from Team Kea, we just did our own thing and went at it hard."

Team Kea hopes the Bird of the Year title will raise awareness for kea and all of New Zealand's birds, many of which are threatened with extinction.

There are only 3000 - 7000 kea remaining.

"Everyone needs to see how vulnerable kea are in the wild. We often hear of them hanging out in car parks, being cheeky and stealing things, but don't realise they are in decline. You can't not love them."

The competition raised over \$10,000 in donations to help protect and restore New Zealand's wildlife and wild places and attracted over 50,000 votes from people who were asked to vote for their favorite species.

(Source: RNZI)

## STARKIST SAMOA GIVES OUT CASES OF TUNA AHEAD OF SHUTDOWN

StarKist Samoa has distributed cases of tuna and tuna pouches to more than 1,500 employees who will be without work for the next five weeks. Friday, Oct. 20 was the last day of work, with Sunday, Nov 26 slated to be the 'return' date for employees. This is a couple of

days after Thanksgiving.

The Satala plant will be closed for installation of equipment and upgrades intended to make the plan environmentally sound and efficient.

Each employee was given four cases of canned tuna and pouches, with some apparently selling their gifts to get some cash, according to KHJ News.

Meanwhile, the Love Thy Neighbor food drive in aid of StarKist Samoa families is gaining strong support from businesses, and schools, both public and private.

Organized by Tapumanaia Galu Satele, colorfully painted and marked 55 gallon drum have been placed at business and school premises to collect canned and dry goods to be distributed to the StarKist employees. Some donors have given money.

The drive ends on October 28. Congresswoman Aumua Amata meanwhile has asked the Department of Justice to consider using part of the \$6.3 million fine by StarKist for violations of waste discharge from the cannery into Pago Pago Harbor to assist employees who will be losing paychecks during the shutdown..

(Source: talanei.com)



**ASOach PRESENTS THE 40TH ANNUAL Holiday Music FESTIVAL**

The American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture, & Humanities will be hosting its  
**40TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
 December 17 - 20, 2017  
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 Museum Compound, Fagatogo. \*NO Registration via telephone.

For More Information, Call  
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This project is supported in part by an award from the  
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Hawai'i Republican Party Gubernatorial candidate Andria Tupuola, husband Tavo and daughters Tabitha and Cumorah were blessed by Hawai'i Kahu Kalehua Featheran at the opening of a campaign fundraising event at a Portlock residence in Hawaii Kai, Hawaii, USA. Tupuola is the daughter of the first US judge of Samoan heritage, Bode Uale.

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the factors for the budget problems in American Samoa.

He added that opening the high seas without fishing day limitations would support and promote the US Tuna Vessels, which benefits the US industry throughout the Pacific with US jobs, business, growth, a food source, and provides the US government with taxes.

"It is particularly helpful and needed in American Samoa, where much of its economy is dependent on tuna," he said, and suggested that the US fleet be given 3,882 fishing days in the high seas.

### JetBlue plane strikes birds, makes safe emergency landing

NEW YORK (AP) — A JetBlue plane from Boston to Las Vegas that struck some birds shortly after takeoff has made a safe emergency landing in New York.

JetBlue Airways Corp. spokeswoman Sharon Jones says Flight 877 landed safely at John F. Kennedy International Airport just before 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Jones says the plane was diverted to JFK "out of an abundance of caution."

She says all passengers will be re-accommodated on another aircraft.

The plane struck the birds late Monday afternoon after taking off from Boston Logan International Airport. It was then diverted to New York.

JetBlue did not say if the plane suffered any damage.





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A sneak peek at the nearly completed Community Swimming Pool at Lions Park.

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Robert Falefine Peresetene/CEO o le JR Prep Sports lea e fa'atautaia le Paradise Classic ua tolu nei tausaga talu ona auai atu i ai 'au fili a Amerika Samoa o le Football, ae o lo ua fuafua e fa'ato'a fa'ao'fi atu i ai ma 'au Volleyball i lenei tausaga i Hawaii. O Ianuari 8-14, 2018 lea ua fuafua e fa'atino ai lea ta'amilosaga. Robert Falefine & Pone Ta'ase - sui o le Komiti JPS i Amerika Samoa. Tagai i Tala Vaifanua i le aso ananafi mo le tala atoa.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



# Tete'e Alo ma Nofoa i tu'uaiga fa'asaga ia te i laua

tusia Ausage Fausia

O le masina fou o Novema lea ua fa'atulaga e faia ai le ulua'i iloiloga o le mataupu a Iosefa Alo ma Galu Nofoa, i le mae'a ai lea ona la teena o le moliaga mamafa e tasi lea ua tu'uaia ai i laua e le malo i le taeao ananafi.

O lo o tu'uaia Alo ma Nofoa i le moliaga o le umia fa'asolitulafono lea o vaega o le pauta fa'asaina o le aisa, ma le fa'amoemoe e tulei ma fa'atau atu isi tagata. O se solitulafono e mafai ona fa'asala ai se tasi i le toese mo le umi e le silia i le 20 tausaga, pe fa'asala fo'i i le salatupe e le silia i le \$2,000, poo fa'asalaga uma fo'i e lua.

O moliaga fa'asaga ia Alo ma Nofoa na alia'e mai i le fa'alavelave lea na tula'i mai i le amataga o le masina nei, ina ua maua e se Leoleo po a le aoga maualuga a Tafuna ni ali'i aoga se to'alua o lo o la umia se paipa o lo o i ai vaega o le pauta fa'asaina o le aisa, ma logoina ai loa Leoleo latou te su'esu'eina lenei mataupu.

Na auina atu ali'i aoga e to'alua i le Ofisa o Leoleo i Tafuna mo su'esu'ega, na mafai ai loa ona maua e Leoleo fa'amatalaga e uiga i lenei mataupu, ma i'u ina molia ai loa Alo ma Nofoa. O Alo, o se ali'i faiaoga ae o Nofoa o le unclé lea o le isi ali'i aoga.

Ina ua sailia ali'i aoga e to'alua, sa maua i ai se paipa o lo o tumu ai vaega o le pauta pa'epa'e o le aisa, faatasi ai ma se afi penisini o loo afifi i se ofu lanumumu i totonu o le aoga aoga a le ali'i o C.K.

E tusa ai ma fa'amauga a le fa'amasinoga, o ali'i aoga e to'alua ia C.K ma J.M o lo o tu'uaia e le malo na maua i ai le paipa, ma taumafai ai loa Leoleo e fesiligia i laua pe na fa'afea ona la mauaina le paipa.

Sa fesiligia e Leoleo ia J.M a o i ai lona tuafafine matua, ae o C.K na fesiligia ao i ai lona Tina.

Na taua e J.M i Leoleo e fa'apea, e masani ona maua mai ana mariuana mai lona unclé o Nofoa. I le po o le aso 5 Oketopa, sa tu'u atu ai e Nofoa se sikaleti mariuana ia te ia, ona ia alu lea ma ia i le aoga i le aso na sosoo ai.

Na taua e C.K e fa'apea, i le aso 4 Oketopa, sa la ulaina ai ma le ali'i faiaoga o Alo se paipa o lo o i ai vaega o le aisa

i totonu i tafatafa o le fale o Alo i Lau'i'i. I le aso na sosoo ai ina ua alu i le aoga, sa tu'u atu ai e J.M sikaleti mariuana e 3. Sa ia fa'atauina atu i le isi tamaititi aoga le isi afa sikaleti mariuana, ae o le isi afa sikaleti na totoe ai sa la ulaina ma se tasi o ana uo. Sa ia tuuina atu ia Alo sikaleti mariuana e 2 sa totoe.

I le aso 6 Oketopa, na taua ai e C.K i Leoleo sa tuu atu ai e Alo le paipa o lo o i ai vaega o le pauta o le aisa i totonu, ma fai atu ia te ia e alu e fa'atau i le \$30, pe ave fo'i e maua atu ai ni sikaleti mariuana. O le paipa lea na taua e C.K sa la ulaina ma J.M i tua o le fale'aiga a le aoga, ae maua ai loa i laua e le Leoleo po a le aoga.

Na fa'aalia atili e C.K i Leoleo lona vaaia o J.M o ia nana se sikaleti mariuana i tua o le nofoa o le ta'avale Leoleo lea na momoli atu ai laua i le Ofisa o Leoleo. Na sailia e Leoleo le nofoa o le ta'avale e pei ona taua e C.K ma latou maua i ai se sikaleti mariuana o loo i totonu o se pepa iila, ma mafua ai loa ona toe fesiligia J.M e uiga i le sikaleti mariuana lea.

Sa i ai le Tina o J.M i le taimi na toe fesiligia ai o ia e Leoleo. Sa ia fa'aalia i Leoleo e fa'apea, e tusa nei ua 2 vaiaso talu ona amata ona ia fa'atauina atu sikaleti mariuana sa avatu e lona unclé o Nofoa ia te ia.

Sa ia faamatala i Leoleo e fa'apea, e masani ona avatu e Nofoa lau mamago o le mariuana ia te ia, ona tago lea ua taai fa'a sikaleti ae fa'atau i le aoga. Sa ia taua fo'i i Leoleo, sa amata mai lava ona ia ulaina le mariuana ina ua Vasega 10 o ia.

Ina ua fesiligia e Leoleo ia Nofoa, sa ia ioeina ai lona tuuina atu o mariuana ia J.M. Na taua e Nofoa le alu atu o J.M ma tupe e fa'atau mai ai mariuana ia te ia, ona ia tu'u lea i ai o mariuana e alu e fa'atau e maua ai se tupe. Na taua atili e Nofoa e fa'apea, sa masani fo'i ona ia tulei ma fa'atau atu mariuana i le taimi a o i ai lana laua mariuana sa toto i tafatafa o lona fale i Futiga.

Ina ua fesiligia fo'i e Leoleo ia Alo e uiga i lenei mataupu, sa ia ioeina ai fo'i lona tuuina atu o le paipa ia C.K e alu ma ia i le aoga. O lo o taofia pea Alo ma Nofoa i le toese i Tafuna, se'i vagana ua la tofogi le \$20,000 ona fa'atoa mafai lea ona tatala i laua i tua.



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FULL TIME PROJECT MANAGER

The Empowering Pacific Island Communities, Inc. (EPIC) is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as a full time Project Manager for the American Samoa Youth Offender Reentry Program. EPIC is offering a two year contract (renewable after one year) for a local non-profit organization awarded to provide free civil legal services, behavioral health and transitional support services for youth offenders reintegrating into our community.

### Summary:

The Project Manager is responsible for directing, organizing, and coordinating the daily activities of the federally funded project in accordance with its goals, objectives and timeline. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Project Manager ensures that all milestones are being met in accordance with the Management Plan and is responsible for the preparation of programmatic and financial reports to be submitted to the Executive Director at the end of every quarter and fiscal year.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Conducts client intake and assessment, creates a client profile and works closely with behavioral health services provider(s) to develop and monitor an individualized service plan for all project participants
- Coordinates identified services with health, education, social services, law enforcement, probation officials and other service providers in the community to ensure all participants have access to services and are able to navigate the various service systems
- Maintains and monitors Partnership Agreements with service providers and serves as a liaison with consultants/trainers
- Provides staff support for and coordination of the Multidisciplinary Team and its tasks related to case management, follow up and interagency referrals
- Plans, coordinates and directs all community outreach and education to raise awareness about the project and services available for youth offenders and their families
- Ensures proper tracking, filing, and maintenance of organizational records, both hard copy and electronic
- Administers and coordinates the collection of data, research, analytical studies directly related to the project
- Attends all professional development trainings and/or technical assistance meetings as required

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Excellent management, organizational, communication, project coordination and interpersonal skills including the ability to research and problem solve
- Knowledge and understanding of best practices in case management, care coordination and integrated service planning for at-risk youth and/or youth offender reentry services
- Knowledge of how to ensure all services are culturally responsive to the needs of very low income individuals and families
- Strong technology skills, including use of word-processing, e-mail, database, spreadsheets and power point presentation software
- A high degree of confidentiality, adherence to deadlines and timelines, attention to detail, and flexibility to adapt to change
- Fluent in both English and Samoan
- Inspires, motivates, and guides others toward accomplishing goals. Consistently develops and sustains cooperative working relationships and encourages and facilitates cooperation among partners from the public and private sector

### Education and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or Management or equivalent work experience
- At least three (3) years minimum of supervisory and management capacity or experience

**Applications:** The deadline for applications is October 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. although applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit the following via email to [epic.samoa@gmail.com](mailto:epic.samoa@gmail.com) in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Hard copy submissions will also be accepted at our office located at the Fa'atamali'i Center, Suite 2B (2nd Floor).

### Application requirements:

- Cover Letter addressed to: Toetasi Fue Tuiteleapaga, Executive Director.
- Completed Employment Application (request by email to [epic.samoa@gmail.com](mailto:epic.samoa@gmail.com))
- Resume
- Essay (250 words or less). The essay should describe why you feel you are an ideal candidate for this position and what skills and/or work experience you can provide that will benefit the youth and families we serve.

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# TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: *Leua Aiono Frost*  
**TOE FO'I I AIGA**  
**- PUNAVAI O**  
**FA'AMANUIAGA - PAGO**  
**PAGO**

Ua tau fa'ai'ui'u le polokalama o le "Toe fo'i i Aiga - Punavai o Fa'amanuiaga" lea o lo'o fa'atautaia i le Maota o le Galuega, Ekalesia Katoliko i Pago Pago, ua tu'ufa'atasia ai aiga e 12 ina ia maua le agaga, galulue fa'atasi ma fefa'asoa'i lagona ina ia le o'o fanau i fa'apopotoga o lo'o tagofia sikaleti o'ona, vaila'au ma fua'alau fa'asaina, atoa ma le Inuva'a malosi.

O lenei polokalama o lo'o fa'amalosia mai e le vaega o le feterale o lo'o toina mai ai le vaega tupe fa'atupea ai tautua lautele mo fanau talavou, lea e fa'auia mai i le Matagaluega o Tautua ma Alamanuia mo Tagata Lautele [DHSS].

Ua taua'oina lea polokalama e fa'atautaia e le vasega o Koalisi a Itumalo, ma o lo'o i lalo le polokalama i Pago Pago i le va'ava'aiga ma le fa'atautaiga a le Koalisi a le Itumalo o le Ma'oputasi, lea e i ai lo latou Ofisa autu i le fogafalelua o le McDonalds i Fagatogo.

O le fa'aiuga o le polokalama sa fa'atautaia mai le 7 vaiaso, o le aso To'ona'i o le vaiaso nei, ma o le a auai nisi o le Ofisa ulu o le DHSS i lea polokalama, latou te fa'afoga aloa'ia a'o molimau nisi o matua ma fanau, e tusa o le latou a'oa'oga fa'apitoa, ina ia mafai ona faia fa'atasi galuega ma tiute i totonu o le li'o o le aiga.

"O le tele o matua, ua le mailoa le aso na gata ai ona ia fusi mai i lana tama, ma fai se la'ua talanoaga vavalalata, e fa'ailoa ia e ia se filifiliga ua sasi ona faia e le tamaititi, ma e i ai fo'i a'afiaga mulimuli mai i lona soifuaga, ona ua sasi sana fa'ai'uga fai," o se tala lea a Ramona Hisatake, o le Ofisa a le Koalisi a le Ma'oputasi.

"O na ituaiga o mea e tutupu i aiga, ua molimauina e nisi o matua, e moni lelei. Ua na'o le ote lava i le fanau, ae le tu'ua se taimi ia i latou e fa'ailoa mai ai so latou iloa na ala ai ona faia fa'aiuga ua latou fa'atino," o a Hisatake lea.

"Mai polokalama uma lava e fa'ataoto ma fa'atautaia e le Koalisi a le Ma'oputasi, o le Toe Foi i Aiga - Punavai o Fa'amanuiaga o se polokalama lea ua sili ona aoga. Ua avea ma mea e matou e asiasi uma ai i aiga o fanau talavou lea e i le va o le 10-14 tausaga le matutua. Ua iloga lelei aiga e ao ina galulue fa'atasi ma i matou, ina ia suia le va'ai a matua i fanau, ma le fa'amoemoe fo'i o fanau i o latou matua!"

O aiga e 12 ua auai i le polokalama, na fili fa'apitoa lava ona o fanau. Ua aoga tele i ai le polokalama, ma ua va'aia fo'i suiga tetele ma le lelei talu mai ona auai fa'atasi le aiga atoa i vasega e 7 e ta'i tolu itula ma

fa'atautaia i vaiaso e fitu ua mae'a lelei nei.

Ua i ai vaega o le polokalama ia e fa'atino fa'atasi ai se galuega e le aiga atoa. O le polokalama ua fa'aauu ina ia so'ofa'atasi lagona o matua ma fanau.

"O le faiga lenei ua mafai ai ona fa'asoa mai fanau i mea o mamafa i o latou lagona, ua fa'apalepale fo'i lava ma fa'ailoa atu i ai le tulaga e ao ina fa'aleleia ai latou lagona, aua le alu i le isi uo tama po'o teine e talavou fo'i e fa'asoa i ai, ae fa'asoa mai ia i matou o latou matua," o se tala lea a Kaiva Silao e tusa o lenei polokalama sa auai.

"O le fesili tele lava e muamua fa'ao'o i matua, 'O e iloa lelei lau tama?' Ae o le fesili fo'i i le fanau, O e iloa lelei lou matua? E i ai taimi ua maligi ai loimata o le tina, ae ua le mafai ona latou talia le fesili,"  
*(Faaauau itulau 10)*



O nisi o le Ofisa autu o le Koalisi a le Ma'oputasi - Ramona Hisatake Program Director ma le Tama'ita'i Peresetene o le Koalisi, Muaiavaona Fofoga Pila.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



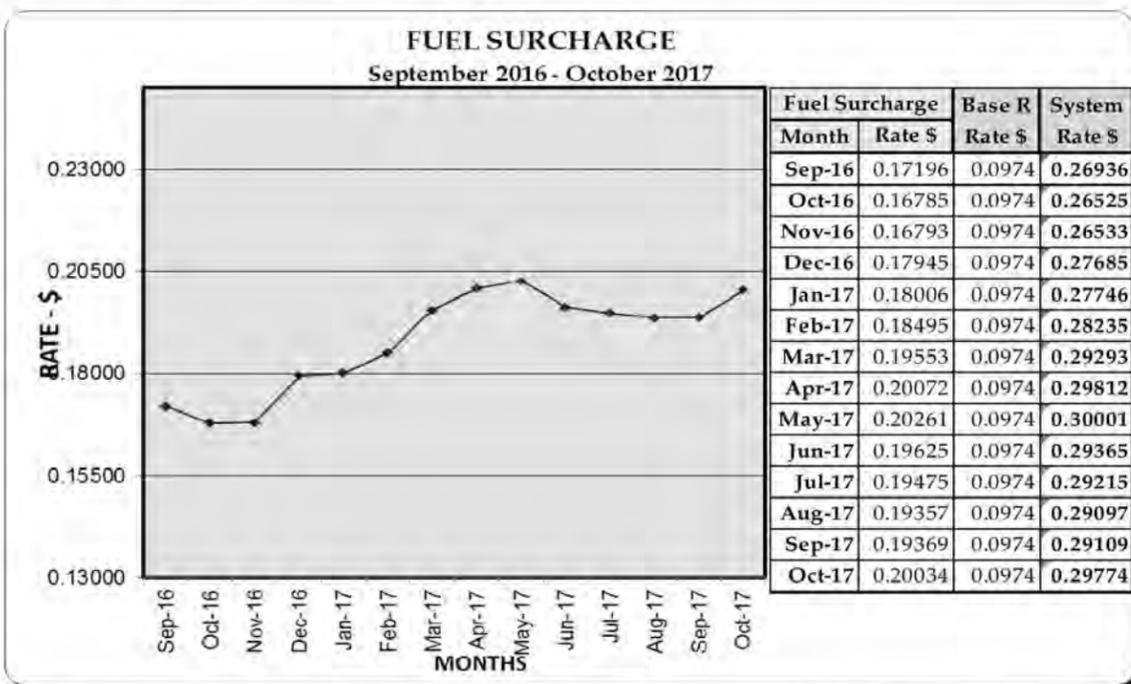
**American Samoa Power Authority**

October 12, 2017

## Monthly Fuel Surcharge Notification

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

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



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

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

Fuel Surcharge and System Rate for October 2017			
Rate - \$	Residential	Small General	Large General
Calculated Fuel Surcharge	0.20939	0.20939	0.20939
Renewable Reduction	-0.00905	-0.00905	-0.00905
Fuel Surcharge	0.20034	0.20034	0.20034
Fixed Electric Base Rate	0.09740	0.10650	0.08960
Electric System Rate (kWh)	0.29774	0.30684	0.28994

Reduction" savings. There are seven active sites, with more sites in progress to increase ASPA's renewable energy portfolio. As ASPA increases renewable energy capacity, more savings will be realized and passed on to customers.



Asiasiga a le vasega 12 mai Nuuuli VocTech High na latou asia ai le itu o lo'o gaosia ai le nusipepa a le Samoa News i le vaiaso ua te'a. Pe a maea ona tusia tala ma tu'ufa'atasia fa'asalalaua fa'alaua'itele ua fuafua mo aso ta'itasi, ona lolomia lea. Faia'oga o Elenoa Tagiilima Esau lea o lo'o ia talanoa i le fanau a'oga.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost.



## Feleti Barstow Public Library

Utulei Village • 633-5816 (ph) • 633-5823 (fax)

### 10 Month Employment Opportunity (November 2017 – September 2018) 2 Full-Time Library Assistants (Polynesian Photo Archives)

#### DUTIES:

*Primarily will be working with Polynesian Photo Archive Collections:*

- Sorting, numbering, and scanning photographs.
- Shelves cataloged photos, processes and repairs photos as needed, and participates in inventory of photo collections.
- Works with patron inquiries and assists in locating photos using the OPAC.

*May be asked to perform a variety of library support duties as:*

- Assists library staff at circulation desk, children's room, computer room, information desk, technical services, or other areas of the library. May travel to schools for outreach programs with Assistant Librarian.
- Shelves library materials, processes and repairs library materials, and participates in shelf reading and inventory of library collection.
- Works with library users and assists in locating materials, implementing programs, using the OPAC, and learning to use the library effectively.
- Provides telephone contact to callers in a pleasant and professional manner, and relays written messages to library staff when needed.
- Reports to Assistant Librarian in charge of immediate area of work, and reports ultimately to Territorial Librarian.
- Other duties as assigned.

#### REQUIRED:

- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Fluent in both English and Samoan languages.
- Attention to detail.

#### PREFERRED:

- High school diploma, GED, or combined work experience and education.
- Prior experience in library work.
- Customer service experience.

#### SALARY RANGE:

ASG GS 5 (\$5.12-\$6.06 / \$10,657-\$12,607)

#### To Apply:

Pick up Employment Application at Feleti Barstow Public Library. Completed applications and resume must be returned to the library by **November 7, 2017**.

## Tala i vaifanua...

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o se fa'asoa lea a Hisatake.

O le mau lava a le Koalisi a le Ma'oputasi, "O le La o le Fa'amoemoe" e auga mea uma, ina ia faia le galuega tima'i ma faufautua i fanau talavou a le itumalo a'o i ai pea se malamalama itiiti o le fa'amoemoe maualuga e le tagofia e fanau talavou e le'i uma pule fa'aletulafono a matua le 'ava o'ona, tapa'a o'ona, vaila'au oona ma fuala'au fa'asaina.

O le a soso'o le a'oga lenei i Pago Pago ua mae'a, ma se a'oga fo'i e fa'atautaia i Utulei po'o Fagatogo a'o le'i mae'a lava lenei tausaga.

### FAIAOGA JR PREP SPORTS - FA'ATEA SAU-AINA FANAU TA'ALO

I se lipoti mai Hawai'i o lo'o taua ai se faia'oga o le Au Ta'a'alo a le Rock Solid Crusaders mai Kalihi, Ionatana Alualu, ua fa'ate'a tumau mai le ave ma se faia'oga i au ta'a'alo a le Polokalama o le "Jr Prep Sports" ona ua ia fa'ao'olima i se tasi o tamaititi ta'alo mai le 'au a le Wahiawa Lancers.

Na loka Alualu i le malae na faia ai lea ta'alogaga, aua na moli-mauina e le to'atele o matua ma e fo'i sa maimoaina lea ta'alogaga, le mea atoa na tupu. Ina ua ili le fa'a'aila a le Laufali e taofia le ta'alogaga, sa matauina le tamaititi na fa'ao'olima i ai Alualu o lo'o tau vaovao mai ma se tasi o le 'au a le Rock Solid Crusaders.

Ua fa'a'ailoa e le Peresetene/ CEO o le JPS, Robert Faleafine, "O Ionatana Alualu ua fa'ate'a ma ua le toe i ai se mea lava o le Polokalama a le JPS ua toe aofia ai le igoa po'o lea sui i ana liki, ta'aloga ma 'au ta'a'alo."

"E le o le fa'ao'olima i se tama ta'alo, se a'oa'oga lelei mo i latou ia lelei ai latou ta'a'alo, ma e le o se mau fo'i lea e sapaia e le JPS. O le 'auga o le Polokalama a le JPS, ia a'oa'olelei fanau a'oga i ta'aloga Football ina ia sologa lelei lo latou tau-mafai i lea fa'agatama ina ia fa'aleleia atili le latou ta'alo, ma maua ai avanoa lelei e a'o'oga ai i Kolisi ma Iunivesite ma manuia ai latou lumana'i ona o lo latou iloa o le ta'aloga, ma ta'alo tausa'afia," o a Faleafine lea.

O le JPS lea ua silia nei ma le 800 fanau a'oga ua ta'a'alo fa'atauva ai i le ta'aloga Football ae o lo ua fa'auluina i ai ma le fanau a'oga ua a'oa'o'ina lelei e ta'a'alo i le Volley Ball ma le Basketball i le fa'ai'uga o lenei tausaga.

Ua fa'a'ailoa e Faleafine, "Ua mae'a ona soalaupule atoa lea fa'aletonu, sa uia lava ala o le tulafono ina ia sa'o ma lelei le usita'ia o tulafono uma tau ta'aloga e fa'atauva ai fanau a'oga talavou e lei uma pule a matua fa'aletulafono."

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## OCTOBER 26 - 29, 2017



### Thursday, 10-26-2017

11:00 A.M. WELCOME  
 11:30 A.M. WELCOMING of Apaula and Crew  
 12:00 BREAK  
 1:00 P.M. TOUR OF Apaula with Tufuga Su'a Fitiao Wilson  
 4:00 P.M. CLOSE FOR THE DAY

### Friday, 10-27-2017

11:00 A.M. OPEN  
 11:30 A.M. Cooking tour with breadfruit, taro dessert and organic drinks.  
 12:00 P.M. BREAK  
 1:00 P.M. LOCAL FOOD & DESSERT TASTING  
 Book for Tisa's weaving class and Umu preparation.  
 Guided Tour of Alega Marine sanctuary

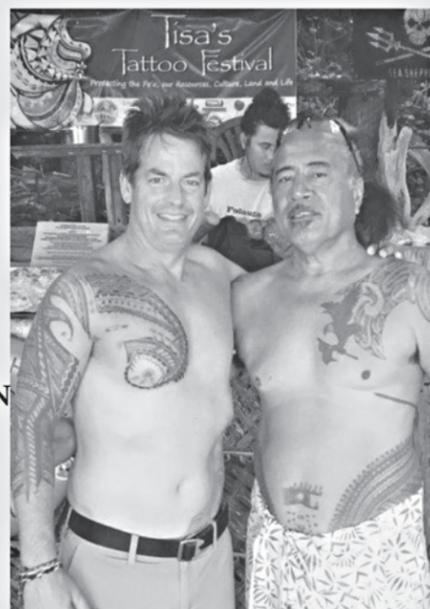
### Saturday, 10-28-2017

11:00 A.M. OPEN  
 Tattooing  
 1:00 P.M. WELCOMING OF Ms. American Samoa  
 Ava ceremony  
 2:00 P.M. Skits by ASCC Fine Arts department  
 2:30 P.M. FAALIGA PE'A & MALU COMPETITION  
 4:00 P.M. CLOSE FOR THE DAY

### Sunday, 10-29-2017

11:00 Tattooing begins  
 Entertainment  
 Tattoo Ink fashion parade of 2017.  
 International Ink competition  
 Award winning ceremony  
 5:00 P.M. Tattoo Fest comes to a closure with an After-Hour Bash!!

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by Sam - Vaega 91

Na oo lava fo'i i matua o le tama'ita'i meauli o Ianeta, ua la tutu fo'i ma faasasaga atu i le itu o loo tu mai ai si a laua tama, ona pati pati fo'i lea o la lima e fa'ailoa atu ai o la agaga fa'agaetia ma le fiafia i le faaeaea ua fa'aali e le aofia aemaise ai le mamalu o le vasega fa'auu aso ia Ianeta. A o le tama'ita'i o Ianeta i le taimi lea, ua na o le tu ma ia talotalo atu i le mamalu o le aofia e fa'ailoa atu ai lona fa'afetaia o le amanaiaina o lona taunu'u ane. Ua amata le sauniga o le fa'auuga, ma ua molimauina fo'i le matagofie o pesega ma taleni eseese a le vasega fa'auu i lea aso, ma o se tulaga na matua fa'afiafiaina ai matua na lolofi atu e molimauina taumafaiga a latou fanau. O luga o nofoa o le au valaaulia, o loo o vaaia ai le avanoa o nofoa e 2 e le o nofoia. Ua oo i le taimi o le saunoaga faapitoa o le sauniga o le faauuga, ona vaaia lea o le Fofoga o le aso ua tula'i i luga ma fa'alauiloa le Failauga Faapitoa mo le vasega fa'auu, o le susuga ia Laneselota. Ua tau fai pati pati uma le aofia, o isi ua tutula'i i luga

ma tau fai autilo solo poo fea o loo i ai le Failauga Faapitoa, ona e le o saofa'i mai o ia i luga o nofoa o loo o i ai le au valaaulia faapitoa e pei ona masani ai sauniga tetele faapenei o fa'auuga a le aoga lenei. E lei umi ae vaaia loa e le aofia le savali mai o Laneselota mai le isi tulimanu o le fale, ma aga'i atu loa i luga o le pulela'a mo lana lauga fa'apitoa.

Ua leai se isi e toe pisa, poo se leo fo'i e toe gase, ae ua na o le sa-ouma o tagata ma fa'alologo poo le a se feau o le a momoli atu e le ali'i o Laneselota i lana lauga. Ua lauiloa le ali'i o Laneselota i totonu o le aai ma le aoga lenei, ona o ia lea na fa'auluulu i ai le latou tausaga fa'au'u, o ia fo'i o se tagata o ali'i ua lauiloa i totonu o le aai i tusi ua uma ona ia tusia, lea fo'i o loo fa'aaogaina i aoaoga i totonu o le aoga maualuga. Ina ua mae'a ona fa'afeiloa'i e Laneselota le aofia ma fa'afetai mo le avanoa ua mafai ai ona filifilia o ia e fai ma Failauga Faapitoa, na ia fa'alauiloa aloaia ai loa lea o se tagata ua ia filifilia la te to'alua i luga o le pulela'a i le taimi o lana lauga faapitoa, o ia lea

o Ianeta. Na toetoe a pau i lalo le faalo o le fale i le tau fai pati pati o tagata ma autilo solo poo fea le itu lea o loo tula'i a'e ai i luga Ianeta. I le pito lava i tua o le aofia ma matua, na vaaia ai le tula'i a'e i luga o Ianeta, ma savali punou aga'i i luma ma le fa'ateia o lona loto i lenei faaeaea ua faia e lenei ali'i ia te ia. E ui i le fa'ateia tele o le tama'ita'i, ae sa ia taumafai e fa'ailoa atu i le aofia e ala i ona foliga lona to'a pea ma le leai o se mea o tupu. Na atili ai ona toe pati pati le aofia ina ua taunu'u Ianeta i luma o le pulelaa o loo tu ai Laneselota, ona savali ane lea o le ali'i ma fa'afeiloa'i le tama'ita'i ona la tutu fa'atasi mai ai lea i luma o le aofia.

E lei toe fa'aali Laneselota i le taimi lea, ae ua ia fa'alauiloa aloaia matati'a ua mafai ona ausia e Ianeta, e le gata o ia o se tama'ita'i tusitala, ae o se tasi o tusitala ua matua iloga le ta'uta'ua o le tusi sa ia tusia, le tusi e fa'atatau i lona olaga ma le auala na tupu tupu a'e ai o ia o se tama'ita'i pologa, seia oo lava ina fa'aeaina o ia ma avea loa ma tagata ua aloaia ma fa'aaloogia e le to'atele o tagata i le aai o loo latou tuaoi. Na fa'ateia le auvalaaulia ma le aofia ina ua faapea atu Laneselota, "O le mea ou te fiafia ai e fa'alauiloa aloaia la tatou failauga faapitoa mo lenei aso, o le tama'ita'i Tusitala ia Ianeta." Ua fa'alologo uma le aofia ma tau fai tulimata'i la latou vaai i gaioiga uma a le tama'ita'i i lea taimi. E lei se leo poo se mea na toe gase. Na matua fa'amanuiaina matua ma le fanau fa'au'u i le matagofie o le lauga filifilia o le aso, lea na fa'aaoga ai e Ianeta upu fa'amalosi ma upu fa'alototele na te lu'iina ai loto ma mafau-fau o tamaiti aoga uma o le vasega fa'au'u, ina ia finau latou te ausia sini e sili ona maualuluga i le lumana'i, ina ia mafai ai ona avea i latou o ta'ita'i o le malo i le lumana'i.

During a candlelight vigil Jacqueline Melendez, left, and her husband Jose Melendez mourn the death of three victims who were killed in the recent shootings in the Seminole Heights neighborhood in Tampa on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The deaths, which took place in the same neighborhood over the past 10 days, prompted Tampa police to warn residents in the Seminole Heights neighborhood not to walk alone at night.

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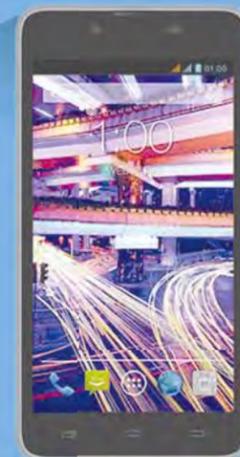
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