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One of a handful of women tasked with peeling green bananas to prepare Samoan food items for the participants of a cooking class being hosted by the Dept. of Youth and Women's Affairs (DYWA).

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Senators differ on when to hold hearings for proposed new rev measures

MAGALEI SAYS AFTER THE BUDGET HEARINGS, TUAOLO SAYS BEFORE

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, chaired by Sen. Magalei Logovi'i, is moving forward with hearings on the administration's new revenue measures, starting tomorrow, while the Senate is awaiting the official introduction of the fiscal year 2018 budget bill and when budget hearings will commence.

The five revenue measures, including the controversial 7% sales tax, was introduced in both the Senate and House before lawmakers took their mid-session recess at the close of business on July 21st.

When the Fono reconvened on Monday, Magalei said during the Senate session that some of his colleagues have asked him when the committee will start reviewing the sales tax, which is part of the governor's legislative agenda.

He said he planned to first review the budget, which is to be officially introduced today, as there is a timeframe for the Fono to approve it. Thereafter the committee will start reviewing the revenue bills.

At yesterday's Senate session Sen. Tualo Manaia Fruean, who is the Budget

Committee vice chair, called for the committee to move forward with hearings on the revenue measures, saying the government needs money at this point, adding that there are many ASG employees whose working hours remain at 70-hours per pay period.

He said there is no need to wait for the budget, and the committee should move forward with the revenue bills.

Magalei said that he hasn't seen the FY 2018 budget, but based on newspaper reports, the basic budget for FY 2018, is 90% and it has been submitted along with the supplemental budget of 10%.

According to the Tualauta senator, who is a former ASG Treasurer and ASG Budget Office director, there is no such thing as a 90% basic budget as the annual budget submission is always 100%; and any other needs of the government is submitted as a supplementary measure.

Magalei said it's pertinent that the FY 2018 budget is reviewed first and once it's passed, they can move on to the revenue bills, which is the funding source for the supplemental budget.

Tualo responded that he

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Falepuipui ali'i 19 tausaga le matua mo le 28 masina

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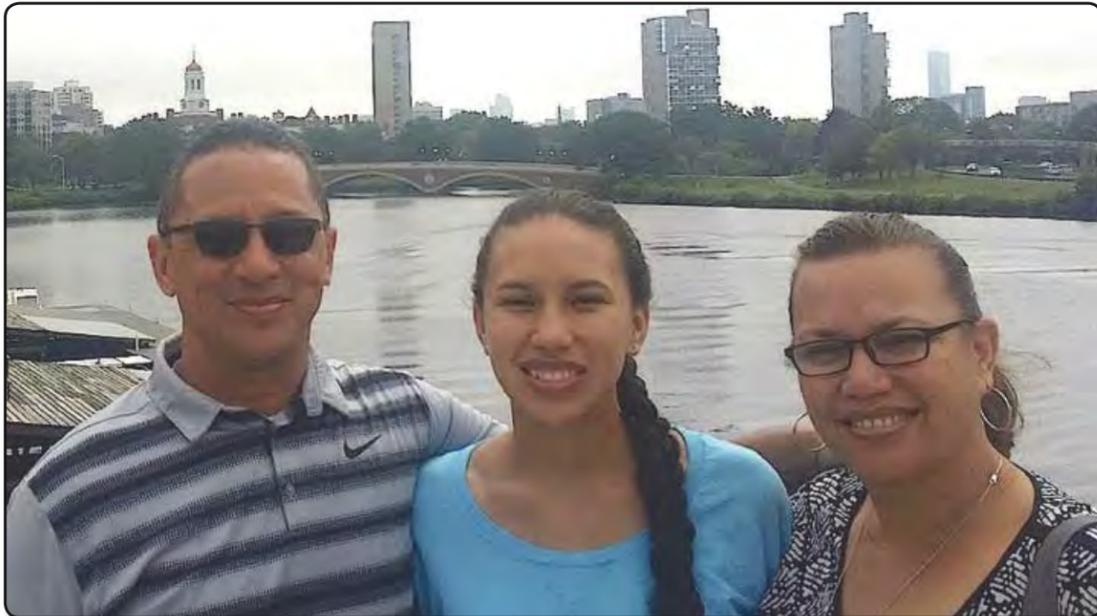
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O Fo'a o lo o tu'uaia e le malo i le tele o moliaga e aofia

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Faasao Marist Class of 2017 valedictorian Gabrielle Langkilde, with her parents Victor and Gwen, in Boston where Gabby will be attending Harvard University, majoring in environmental engineering.

[photo: courtesy]



Lolo says signs of economic recovery are promising

HOWEVER, "AMERICAN SAMOA, UNFORTUNATELY, IS PLACED UNDER THE CLOUD OF UNCERTAINTY"

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga believes the Trump Administration's initiatives, such as the reconsideration of ocean monument expansions will benefit American Samoa.

He said US President Donald Trump is committed to reducing the size of the federal government, and the same is being suggested for the American Samoa Government. The local business community echoes the same sentiment - reduce the size of ASG.

These are some of the governor's observations noted in his cover letter to the Fono leadership, accompanying the submission of the fiscal year 2018 budget proposal, expected to be

introduced this week in both the Senate and House.

ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

With the Executive and Legislative branches working together, Lolo said the government was able to make improvements to American Samoa since Jan. 3, 2013 - when the Lolo Administration took office - defying the status quo by taking "unconventional and unprecedented bold steps to advance our social, economic, and political goals".

For example, the government floated bonds, issued by the American Samoa Economic Development Authority, to supplement limited capital improvement projects funds from the US Department of

interior "to build our social and economic infrastructure."

"We went against conventional wisdom by establishing a second only government owned bank," he said, referring to the ASG owned Territorial Bank of American Samoa, which was officially launched last October but still working on securing a routing number from federal regulators.

Additionally, "We aggressively capitalized on harvesting and harnessing God's gift of the sun to power our Territory and reflecting our share to global efforts to revert the disastrous effects of climate change along with reducing our carbon footprint."

Other developments cited by the governor, through working

together with the Fono, include:

- resolving ocean transportation problems which had plagued Manu'a residents since 1904 -(referring to the multi-million-dollar MV Manu'atele);
- create jobs by transferring traditionally performed government services to the private sector; and

• territory's dilapidated public highway is close to being fully repaired.

"More importantly, we made great strides in making sure we tie our expenses to actual revenue," the governor pointed out.

However, he added, in spite of these success, "we have reached our revenue capacity threshold relative to our ability to continue to do what is necessary to ensure that we grow our economy, improve the lives of our people, and secure a prosperous future for generations to come."

"This is so because existing federal policies continue to tie our hands from building our economy through job creation," he said, adding that the government has "sacrificed sources of revenues because of our commitment to preserve the

financial integrity and competitive advantage of StarKist and Samoa Tuna Processors, although the latter terminated its tuna fish canning operation due to federally imposed costs."

Regarding the annual financial assistance from the federal government, Lolo said American Samoa is "very grateful and thankful" for it.

"Unfortunately, the bulk of federal funds inflow to sustain social programs has short-term impact on building of our economy," the governor said, and noted that proposed cuts in other federal grant programs will further reduce federal funds to American Samoa "thus jeopardizing the quality and sufficiency of services to our people."

The governor shared with the Fono that the "message from the federal government seems to direct us to reduce the size of our government" and the "same sentiments is harbored and often raised by our business community."

"This is not an unreasonable expectation," Lolo said. "However, this demand is very impractical for American Samoa because existing federal policies have effectively hamstrung and have preempted our ability to grow our economy."

ASG is the largest employer on island, with close to 6,000 workers, costing an estimated total locally funded payroll of \$62.2 million, said Lolo, who noted that ASG depends on the federal government for 31% of its total operating budget.

He said DOI currently provides \$21.5 million - which has remained fixed since 1986 - to support the government's operating needs. The territory receives an average of \$9.5 million a year for capital improvement projects, and the rest of ASG's federal financial assistance comes in the form of discretionary formula and com-

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As expected: There's no plan to reimburse for years of overcharging at OMV

LOLO ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES CHANGES TO LAW REGARDING OMV FEES

by Fili Sagapolutele
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Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga is seeking to amend the provision of local law regarding vehicle fee registrations, which sets the annual fees according to the weight of the vehicle.

The proposed amendment was introduced this week in the Fono with the Senate Transportation Committee set to hold a hearing on the matter tomorrow. No hearing date has yet been set for the House.

Witnesses called to testify include Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson, Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale, and the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) manager.

For vehicle license registration fees, according to current law, motor vehicles, including private vehicles, cargo vehicles, buses, motorcycles, taxis, trailers, tractors and rentals, are charged \$32 plus per ton of weight of \$12

The administration seeks to add a phrase in the provision to state: motor vehicles, including private vehicles, cargo vehicles, buses, motorcycles, taxis, trailers, tractors and rentals - \$32 plus per ton of weight, "or fraction thereof" - \$12

The law states that renewal for motor vehicles is \$32; but the administration's bill seeks

to add, in this provision, "plus per ton of weight, or fraction thereof," \$12

Another proposed amendment calls for "half (50%) of tonnage fees collection... be placed in a road maintenance fund to be used for road repair."

According to the Administration, weight was added to registration fees in 1980 and fees based on weight are levied in over 13 states. And "due to increase use of the roads, inflation, costs to run the government, and the cost to repair roads, these fees must be updated".

It notes that heavier vehicles place more wear and tear on the roads; and road repairs and construction come at a huge cost. These fees will help cover a portion of those expenses.

BACKGROUND

Last month, the Senate and House held hearings because of lawmakers' concerns following a startling revelation in the Samoa News column "The Conversation" authored by local resident Benjamin Hampton, and headlined "OMV has been double charging the statutory amount for decades."

The column, first published June 30th with follow-ups later, revealed that vehicle owners renewing their registrations have been overcharged for many years, with the OMV

charging the \$12 per ton weight of the vehicle — when this is not stated in the law.

There is no proposed bill to reimburse the public for years of overcharging, nor is their mention in the current proposed bill of 'reimbursement for overcharges'.

Le'i told lawmakers that OMV had continued to follow the practice, which has been in place for years.

He pointed to local law, which states that it's \$32 for motor vehicle license registration, plus \$12 per ton of weight — at the time of registration.

For motor vehicle renewals it's \$32.

However, in the past, the practice has been to add \$12 as part of the renewal process, Le'i explained;

but the law doesn't say that the \$12 for the tonnage is again to be paid during renewals.

Talauega revealed during the Senate hearing that the Administration will submit legislation to amend the law but insisted that the government was not issuing any reimbursements or refunds to those who have overpaid in past years.

Le'i pointed out that he had never said anything about issuing refunds, or reimbursements, because he has no authority - under the law - to do that.



Andrew Fala, prepping a bag of coconuts to extract coconut milk (pe'epè) for a Samoan feast that was served to the students of the DYWA cooking class yesterday afternoon.

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GONG SHOW

Charlottesville votes to shroud statues after the violence



LOVE THE TRADE WIND

by Rhonda Annesley, Editor

I have a couple of things I would like to Gong off my mind... just a lit-tle rant to top off my two week return to the Rock in the middle of the Pacifica sami... love the trade winds... but not standing down wind.

My question: How can ASG ask for more money, from the private sector, when it won't or can't even support the main source of our economy's revenue stream in the private sector, our one and only cannery?

StarKist Samoa is shutting down production once again due to lack of fish supply. How long is this going to go on? The cannery wants to build more freezer storage, and the government needs to meet its request because right now we have no other horse pulling the cart (economy) — despite the government's best efforts (and I'm being kind...).

As it stands, other than the government itself, which is planning to support itself by taxing us more, there are currently no other irons in the fire — a lot in the clouds maybe, but 'would-a, could-a, should-a,' don't pay the bills.

What's worse is the government even admits that its FY 2018 budget proposal is predicated on "the continued maintenance of StarKist's current production and employment level."

So far this year, we have seen at least 3 extra weeks of down time due to fish-stock shortage. And there's more coming down the pipeline unless the fish storage problem is resolved — never mind other issues. Samoa News understands an additional 5 weeks is on the down time for the only cannery left in the Territory, and this does not have to do with fish-stock shortage.

And then there is that budget for FY 2018 proposal, which begs the question: How do you propose a budget in two separate documents?

Well according to the governor's cover letter on the FY 2018 budget proposal, it's been determined that revenue collections in FY 2018 will be at 90%

of FY 2017 levels and these projected revenues will be sufficient to finance only 90% of FY 2018 planned expenditures.

Therefore, a directive was issued for agencies to prepare budgets at the 90% level (of the FY 2017 budget).

Governor Lolo continued, "Since many of the agencies could not fully cover the cost of their respective operations, the second directive was issued calling for the preparation of supplemental budgets and for a majority of the agencies, the supplemental budget threshold was set at 10% of the FY 2017 budget."

As a result, for FY 2018, two separate budgets have been submitted — the Basic Budget, which is 90% of the approved FY 2017 budget, and the Supplemental, which is 10% of FY 2017, said Lolo — adding that the two budget proposals are submitted concurrently to facilitate for simultaneous consideration and approval by the Fono.

He also said that approval of the Supplemental Budget is dependent on passage of the five revenue measures now before the Fono. However, if the measures are not approved, the supplemental is thereby invalidated.

Okay then... I would GONG this alone on — huh?

Here goes an explanation:

If I understand what's being said:

The Basic budget document only shows revenues supporting 90% of what the government says it needs in FY 2018; and, it can't give you a Basic budget with a 100% of its needs for FY 2018, because its revenue collections don't support it — they're 10% short.

So... it's submitting the Supplemental budget, which lives or dies on whether or not those new proposed revenue measures pass or not — and that would then allow ASG to meet its FY 2018 needs (which the Basic budget does not meet being 10% short).

A bit convoluted, but okay, let's take a look at the numbers the government is trying to cover for FY 2018, according to them:

First, according to ASG, they are currently short by around \$3Mil a month to cover its FY 2017 budget — creating a hole of about \$36Mil at the end of the FY 2017.

To counteract this shortfall, the Administration is saying first: its Basic budget is 10% less of its FY2017 local budget that stands at \$108.16Mil (in FY 2017) — which is around \$10.8Mil.

However, the Supplemental budget then adds back the 10% it took out to adjust for the FY 2017 budget shortfall, but it does so with the understanding that the newly passed rev-

enue measures will fund these expenses.

However, there are a couple of problems with this:

It's estimated that for 2018, the new revenue measures will raise \$21.6Mil, which doesn't cover the balance of the \$36Mil it's touting is its annual shortfall estimate; and in 2019, it's estimating \$32.3Mil from the revenue measures, which is still short of the \$36Mil.

This is dependent of course on the belief that the numbers the administration is saying is their shortfall are actually correct.

I think we need to keep in mind here that these numbers being touted by the Lolo & Lemanu Admin are "unaudited". The Single Audit Report for ASG for FY 2016 prepared by Moss Adams LLP, states in part that its total deficit was only around \$3.1Mil. So what changed? How did the 2017 deficit estimate end up at \$3Mil monthly or possible \$36Mil from the \$3.1Mil for last year?

Is it the bond issue payment? Is it a bloated payroll? Are there expenses happening that are political payouts? Or is the government raising more money to fund its 'cloud projects? Is it all of the above?

And don't forget, the governor 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."

So, until we get some audited numbers, I don't believe we should support these revenue measures proposed by the administration, which we all know ultimately will be paid by the households in American Samoa. Businesses pass on expenses, period. The latest estimate is \$2,000 per household, and that's a huge hit for households.

After all, that's at least 4 faalavelaves or faifeau donations... GONG!

At this stage, I think a cut in expenses funded with local funds — worth around the admin's \$3Mil figure per month is a quick solution, until an audited financial can be done and a 'true figure' obtained.

Guess what government entities are 100% locally funded... yep... the Fono, the Office of Samoan Affairs, certain Governor's Office Special Projects... GONG!

The Charlottesville City Council voted to drape two Confederate statues in black fabric during a chaotic meeting packed with irate residents who screamed and cursed at councilors over the city's response to a white nationalist rally.

The anger at Monday night's meeting, during which three people were arrested, forced the council to abandon its agenda and focus instead on the tragedy that surrounded the rally. Covering the statues is intended to signal the city's mourning for Charlottesville resident Heather Heyer, who was killed when a car slammed into a crowd protesting the rally.

"I think what you saw last night was a traumatized community beginning the process of catharsis," Mayor Mike Signer told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The council meeting was the first since the "Unite the Right" event, which was believed to be the largest gathering of white nationalists in a decade. The demonstrators arrived in Charlottesville partly to protest the city council's vote to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

That removal is in the midst of a legal challenge. A state law passed in 1998 forbids local governments from removing, damaging or defacing war monuments, but there is legal ambiguity about whether that applies to statues such as the Lee monument, which was erected before the law was passed. A judge has issued an injunction preventing the city from removing the Lee statue while the lawsuit plays out. Signer said Tuesday that city staff had begun working to find a way to cover the large statues with a material that can withstand the elements. The council believes doing so would not violate the state law, he said.

At the meeting, many speakers directed their anger at Signer. They expressed frustration that city leaders had granted a permit for the rally and criticized police for allowing the two sides to clash violently before the rally even started. That fighting went on largely uninterrupted by authorities, until the event was declared an unlawful assembly and the crowd was forced to disperse.

"Why did you think that you could walk in here and do

business as usual after what happened on the 12th?" City Council candidate and community activist Nikuyah Walker said.

The mayor tried to restore order, but as tensions escalated, the meeting was temporarily suspended. Video showed protesters chanting "blood on your hands" as Signer stood at the front of the room. Others held signs calling for his resignation.

When the meeting resumed, the agenda was scuttled and the council listened to input from residents.

Three people were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct or obstruction, police said.

The council also voted to take the procedural first steps toward removing a statue of Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. City leaders had initially planned to leave it in place.

"I believe that the removal of the Confederate statues is a necessary part of showing that this community can be truly a community of mutual respect," Councilwoman Kristin Szakos, who proposed covering the statues, said in a statement. "We must do that if we hope to move forward to true justice and equity." Later Tuesday, University of Virginia police said they obtained arrest warrants for a white nationalist in connection with crimes they say were committed on campus a day before the deadly violence. The police statement said Christopher Cantwell of Keene, New Hampshire, was wanted on two felony counts of the illegal use of tear gas or other gases and one felony count of malicious bodily injury with a "caustic substance," explosive or fire.

It said the warrants stem from incidents the evening of Aug. 11, when hundreds of white nationalists marched on campus, chanting anti-Semitic slogans and carrying torches. At one point, the marchers were confronted by a much smaller group of counter-protesters.

Contacted Tuesday evening, Cantwell said he would turn himself in to authorities. He acknowledged he had pepper-sprayed a counter demonstrator during a protest but insisted he was defending himself, telling AP he did it "because my only other option was knocking out his teeth."

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JAWS BACKS END OF POLICE BRIEFINGS

The head of the Journalists Association of Samoa, or JAWS, says the end of weekly police press briefings could be a good thing.

Last week, Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, who is also the police minister, stopped such briefings because he says the media was reporting too many stories about rape and incest and painting Samoa in a negative light.

He also said the media was lazy and wanted to be spoon-fed.

The editor of the Samoa Observer newspaper said the comments were insulting and the cancellation of briefings would impact on the ability of the public to find out news.

But JAWS president Apulu Lance Polu said the comments were not directed at all the media.

Apulu also said police are trying to tidy up their dissemination of information and are looking at creating an official media policy. "I think it will be good for all. Good for the media, good for the police and good for the public as well."

"The police should establish a firm media policy and then perhaps liaise with the media itself, getting some legal advice so that these things would not criss-cross over the legal implications when the cases actually go before the court," he said.

The statement followed the announcement the weekly police press briefings would be cancelled by Tuilaepa, who is also police minister, because the media was reporting too many stories about rape and incest and painting Samoa in a negative light.

The Samoa Observer's Mata'afa Keni Lesa said the latest comments were unfair. "We have processes here. Our reporters are at court. We get the stories from the court. We operate just like any other respectful media organization would," Mata'afa said. "The thing with police press conferences, here at the Observer we get the information and then we go out and do our own investigation.

"We don't just take the police press conference and run it like some of our colleagues do. So to say that all the reporters in Samoa are lazy, I find it abso-

lutely ridiculous," he said.

They are no longer calling weekly news conferences but they are still opening the door for the media to send in questions on whatever matters they have, and the police are always open to respond and give answers to whatever issues or matters are raised by the media.

(Source: RNZI)

MCDONALD'S IN SAMOA TO STAY

(BASED ON A PRESS RELEASE) — The McDonald's Samoa in central downtown Apia is up for an expensive facelift.

And it's the beginning of better things to come for the country as the franchise embarks on a multi-million tala investment in Samoa that will see Ronald and his people expanding to Vaitele, the Faleolo International Airport and eventually the big island of Savaii in Saleleloga.

And the expansion plan says owner and Chief Executive of McDonald's Samoa, Tautolo Agaoleatu Charlie Tautolo, will see the company pouring in \$US3.5 million (\$7.4 million tala) on the expansion.

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Owner and Chief Executive of McDonald's Samoa, Tautolo Agaoleatu Charlie Tautolo speaks of his plans for expansion in Samoa.

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Senators differ...

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fully understands what Magalei is trying to explain, but pointed out that it's very important that the Senate start discussing the revenue measures.

Fellow senators Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr., Fa'iivae Iuli Godinet, and Tuiagamoa Tavai agreed with Tuala and suggested that the committee start reviewing the revenue measures while awaiting the FY 2018 budget.

Magalei asked his colleagues to give the committee a chance to go through the budget first, which has a timeframe during which it needs to be approved, while the revenue bills — if enacted into law — won't become effective until January next year.

He also noted that there are several groups, such as the ASG Revenue Task Force, that need to be called to testify on the revenue measures, like the sales tax.

However, Tuala questioned what will happen if the revenue bills are not passed.

The senator from Pago quickly pointed out that he is the committee vice chair and can therefore take over hearings on the measures, if the chairman's schedule is too busy. Tuala maintained that the revenue measures should move forward, with hearings and testimonies, instead of waiting until after the FY 2018 budget discussions.

Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie informed senators that he is waiting for House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale to return from an off island trip to discuss hearings for the FY 2018 budget along with the chairmen of the Senate and House budget committees.

As for the revenue measures, Gaoteote informed Magalei that senators have made recommendations to the committee and Magalei responded by scheduling the first hearing tomorrow with the ASG Revenue Task Force.

Gaoteote asked the committee to bring in early all witnesses to testify on the revenue measures so that senators have a full understanding, thereby making it easier for them to reach a decision.

Early last month, the Task Force, chaired by Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale, made a presentation to the Fono leaders and some lawmakers on the proposed revenue measures. The Task Force also gave a presentation early this month to the Chamber of Commerce, where several concerns were voiced over the 7% sales tax, despite the repeal of the 2% wage tax.

3 of 10 missing US sailors identified after warship crash

DETROIT (AP) — Sailors with ties to Michigan, Illinois and Ohio are among 10 who are missing after a U.S. warship collided with an oil tanker in Southeast Asia.

U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis said he was informed by Logan Palmer's family that the central Illinois man is missing. In Michigan, April Brandon said the military informed her that her son, Ken Smith, is also missing. The family of Jacob Drake, 21, was told that the western Ohio man was among the missing, the Columbus Dispatch reported Tuesday.

The USS John McCain collided with an oil tanker off Singapore on Monday. Adm. Scott Swift said some bodies have been found in a flooded compartment of the warship. No other details have been released.

Brandon said Smith's father, stepmother and grandfather served in the Navy. She said Smith, 22, grew up in Novi, Michigan, and moved to Norfolk, Virginia, as a teen with his father. "His father and I couldn't be prouder of our son," Brandon said. "He's a great kid. He's a hero."

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ai moliaga mamafa e 9 o le talepe fale i le tulaga muamua, ma moliaga mamafa e 5 o le gaoi. O lo o tu'uia fo'i o ia i moliaga mama e 2 o le fa'aleaga meatotino i le tulaga tolu.

A o le i tu'uina atu le fa'asalaga a le fa'amasinoga mo Aupaau i le aso Faraile na te'a nei, na maua le avanoa e fa'atoese ai lona tama, ma ia talosagaina ai se isi avanoa mo lona atali'i e fo'i atu ai i le aiga latou te mafuta.

A o le i aafia Aupaau i le mataupu e pei ona fa'asala ai o ia i le falepuipui, na taua e lona Tama e fa'apea, o ia o se ali'i usita'i ma fa'alogo, e fiafia fo'i e fesoasoani ia te ia i galuega e atina'e ai le aiga.

Na talosaga le Tama i le fa'amasinoga mo se avanoa e tatala atu ai i tua lona atali'i latou te mafuta, ma se'i toe fesoasoani ai i lona olaga ua a'afia ona o le solitulafono sa ia fa'atinoina.

Na fesili le afioga i le ali'i fa'amasino sili ia Michael Kruse i le Tama, pe na te iloa se mafua'aga ua ala ai ona tupu lenei lagona i lona atali'i e alu i le faleoloa i le leva o le po ma ona foliga o loo fusi, ona fa'alala lea o le fana ae fao fa'amalosi le masini tupe.

"Ou te fia iloa pe aisea na faia ai e lou atali'i lenei solitulafono, pe sa fia 'ai o ia ae e te lei fafagaina," o le fesili lea a Kruse i le Tama.

Na taua e le Tama e fa'apea, ua mafua ona a'afia lona atali'i i lenei solitulafono, ona o fa'aosoosoga uma a lona tausoga o Fo'a, ae o lona atali'i, o se tamaititi e usita'i ma fa'alogo ia te ia.

Ae na toe saunoa Kruse e faapea, ua tau nunumi lona mafaufau i le fa'amatalaga lea fai mai o Aupaau o se atali'i usita'i, a o lea ua alu ma fai nei uiga le manuia, ma ua le iloa la poo ai e usita'i i ai, poo ona matua poo lona tausoga o Fo'a.

I le fa'atoesega a Aupaau, sa ia taua ai lona matua salamo moni e tusa ai o lana solitulafono sa faia, ma ia talosagaina ai se isi avanoa mo ia.

Sa ia taua lona aoaina o se lesona taua ao i ai i le falepuipui, ma ua ia lagona ai e le o se nofoaga lelei lea mo lona lumana'i.

Na talosaga le loia fautua a Aupaau ia Douglas Fiaui mo se faasalaga faanofovaavaaia mo le ua molia, e aofia ai le maua o lona avanoa e toe fo'i atu ai i lona aiga e tausi ona matua ma saili sona lumana'i.

Na taua e Fiaui e fa'apea, e ui i le matuia o le solitulafono ua ta'usala ai le ua molia, ae o ia o se ali'i talavou lava lona olaga, e na o le 19 ona tausaga, ae na mafua fo'i ona a'afia o ia i lenei solitulafono, ona o faoosoosoga uma a Fo'a, ae le i taitai malamalama lona mafaufau i le faigata ma le leaga o le olaga o le nofo i le falepuipui.

Na taua e le loia a le malo ia Robert Morris e fa'apea, o le vaega e pito sili ona mata'utia o

le mataupu lenei, o le fa'aoga lea o se aupega mata'utia e fa'afefe ai le fa'atauoloa, ae fao fa'amalosi le masini tupe.

Na ioe Morris i le tatau lea ona faasala Aupaau i se fa'asalaga faanofovaavaaia, peita'i i lona talitonuga, e le o le ituaiga olaga lea e tatua ona naunau o ia e mulimuli ai, o le avefa lea ma tagata faomea toe solitulafono mata'utia.

Saunoa Kruse e fa'apea, o lo o faigata pea i le finagalo o le fa'amasinoga ona iloilo se fa'asalaga talafeagai mo le ua molia, ona o isi fo'i mataupu fa'apea ia sa oo mai i luma o le fa'amasinoga, ma faia ai loa le faaiuga a le fa'amasinoga e faa falepuipui i latou ia i le ta'i 40 masina.

O tuutuuga o le nofovaavaaia a Aupaau e 7 tausaga lea ua tuuina atu e le fa'amasinoga, o le tuli o masina e 28 i le falepuipui, totogi le salatupe e \$1,000, ma aua ne'i toe pipii'i i lona tuagane o Fo'a, a ia avefa o ia ma tagata talavou e usita'i i tulafono a le malo i soo se taimi.



Some of the folks who participated in this year's Get Into Your Sanctuary program, hosted in Aunu'u Island by the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa.

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(L-R) SEI President Laeimau and colleagues in the center receiving the \$10,000 corporate sponsorship from SSAB Owner Fiti Leung Wai. [Courtesy photo]

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petitive grants.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

“The future global economic forecast is still guarded even though signs of economic recovery are being experienced and noted,” said Lolo, but didn’t elaborate further.

On the federal level, the Trump Administration’s commitment to “Making America Great Again” is beginning to take hold with the Stock Market reaching record levels, coal jobs being revitalized, and business impeding laws are being eliminated. Additionally, the termination of the Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement (which involves the US and several countries), reconsideration of ocean monument expansions and Trump’s policy “Made in America, Buy America and Hire Americans”, will “benefit American Samoa as the competitive advantage of StarKist is enhanced, and our investment environment will be improved.” “In spite of these positive economic signs,

the Trump Administration is committed to reducing the size of the federal government thus signaling future reduction in federal funds,” he pointed out.

While the signs of economic recovery are promising, Lolo said, “American Samoa, unfortunately, is placed under the cloud of uncertainty” because:

- of the operating status of StarKist being threatened by the removal of federal 30(A) tax credit,
- looming 40 cent federal mandated minimum wage hike which goes into effect in 2018,
- continuing escalation of the cost of fish,
- increased prohibition placed on fishing grounds,
- financial onslaught in the enforcement of environmental regulations; and
- steady departure of fishing vessels from home porting in American Samoa because of the “frivolous and insensitive” enforcement of US Coast Guard rules and regulations,

“These operating impediments, which are all federally imposed, undermine the competitiveness of StarKist with low wage fish products processing countries around the globe,” he noted.

“We have done all we can to develop our economy. Our businesses and our people are being burdened with added tax liabilities and given our confined economies of scale, we have reached the saturation point and the point of diminishing returns,” he continued.

To add another tax above the five new measures the administration has already submitted to the Fono, “will only create a vicious cycle of financial and economic backwash,” the governor wrote. Lolo is hopeful that the change in fiscal and economic policies by the Trump Administration “will reenergize our economic environment”.

He detailed what he believes American Samoa needs right now from the federal government: restore federal tax incentives such as the 30(A) Tax Credit, repeal automatic hikes in federal minimum wage law, grant the territory a waiver under federal Cabotage law, reopen high seas fishing, reduce the size of ocean monuments, and establish more economically sensitive enforcement policies for the US Environmental Protection Agency and US Coast Guard rules and regulations. According to the governor, ASG “will continue its aggressive efforts to establish labor intensive industries to provide needed employment opportunities for our people”.

“Exploration of other sources of venture and investment capital outside the federal realm is being pursued recognizing the financial constraints stymieing our efforts to grow our economy, improve the lives of our people, and secure a prosperous and sustainable economy for our future generations,” Lolo said.



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For the Apia location, the facelift will take seven months but the restaurant will continue to open for business to maintain employment for the current staff of over 70 employees. The Apia location expansion will increase seating capacity to 121 customers and a McCafe inside the restaurant will be added, complemented by a new system for ordering meals known as “Make-for-you” orders. The “Make-for-you” will see meals cooked upon order, allowing customers to receive hot and fresh food every time. The expansion will start in early September.

VAITELE

“Vaitele is booming with new residents and they deserve the taste of McDonald’s,” noted Tautolo. “Vaitele is like Tafuna in American Samoa and as a family restaurant, every family deserves nothing but the best. “And McDonald’s Samoa will serve nothing but the best. “Of course there is no question that new jobs will also be available, which is good for the community and a huge investment in the economy.”

FALEOLO

Also in the company’s strategic plan is a 24-7 restaurant at the Faleolo International Airport to be located where the Polynesian Airlines Cargo warehouse was. “With the help from the Samoa Airport Authority and the Samoa Government, we were able to secure a location just outside the Airport Terminal, as planned, it will be a free-standing restaurant opened 24 hours a day,” elaborated Tautolo. “With the new airport terminals soon to be completed, we feel that strategically the Faleolo location will be ideal and reaffirms our commitment to assist with Samoa’s tourism profile.”

SALEOLOGA

And of course the big island of Savai’i. “The planned Salelologa restaurant is in line with the government’s platform that what’s good for Upolu is also good enough for Savai’i,” noted Tautolo who served as a Member of the House Representative in American Samoa’s Legislature for 22 years, including two terms as Vice Speaker of the House.

It’s also a long overdue personal commitment for Tautolo to recognize his roots in the big island.

Tautolo’s mother, Talaleu Leaitu-Tautolo, is from the Aiono family in Fasitooouta and the Tofa family in Saipipi Savai’i.

EDUCATION

One of the main community outreach assistance endorsed by Tautolo and McDonald’s American Samoa in the US territory is education.

Every year, McDonald’s finances scholarships worth \$US55,0000 equivalent to close to \$140,000 tala a year for students attending the American Samoa Community College and other US colleges and universities.

But unlike the American Samoa Government scholarship program where students who are US nationals born in American Samoa and US citizens are eligible for the government awards, the McDonald’s Scholarship initiative is based on merits. “Our scholarship incentive is also open to students who have attained permanent residence in the territory and the majority are from here in Samoa,” said Tautolo. “We are committed to improving education opportunities for all regardless of nationality and as I stated before I remain firm on my resolve that regardless of our political circumstances the two Samoas are one.”

The success rate of McDonalds Scholarship incentive is 98% with students graduating from Chaminade , Washington State, University of Hawaii and any university in the mainland accepting students from the territory.

Tautolo noted that the scholarship recipient’s success “is the only reward that the McDonald’s family restaurant asks for.” For Samoa, Tautolo says that an identical scholarship program is also in the strategic plan for academically gifted Samoan students, especially students from low-income families.

Tautolo successfully opened the first McDonalds restaurant for American Samoa in September 2000. He now operates the two restaurants in Tafuna and Fagatogo with over 180 employees on the payroll. While in Samoa, new employment opportunities will be available from the three new locations on the planning board. The expansion plan was revealed during the official presentation of \$100,000 tala for the naming rights for the McDonalds’ Miss Samoa Pageant 2017 earlier this month in Apia.

(Source: Samoa Events, Inc.)

TONGA-SAMOA TIES

RE-ESTABLISHED

Competition is expected to heat up before the end of the month on the inter-island flight route between Fagalii and Vavau in Tonga.

Real Tonga Airlines is on the verge of signing an agreement with government to service the route three times a week, says Polynesian Airlines General Manager Tupuivao Seiuli Alvin Tuala. Real Tonga Airlines plans to use one of its 34-seater planes from the northern island of Vavau — which is closer to Samoa than Tonga’s main islands. And test flights have proven successful.

Talofa Airways has also been serving the direct connection between Fagalii and the Kingdom of Tonga with two weekly flights on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The flights will save Tongans and Samoans a trip to Fiji or New Zealand to travel between the two countries.

Elaborated Tupuivao, “With more flights to Samoa from our neighboring islands, it is part of our corporate plan as a lead up to the launching of our national carrier the Samoa Airways in November.

“Samoa Airways and Samoa will be used as a transit by our neighbors to travel to New Zealand and Australia.”

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

SSAB, SEI, MISS SAMOA AND LITERACY

(BASED ON A PRESS RELEASE) — Whoever will be crowned the 2017 McDonald’s Miss Samoa will be a strong advocate to promote literacy in the country. The commitment was made by the Samoa Events Incorporated, (SEI) as part of the partnership sealed this week with a \$10,000 tala corporate sponsorship from the Samoa Stationary and Books Company (SSAB).

SEI has a three-year contract from government, to stage, host and fund the Miss Samoa Pageant. SSAB is at the frontline in promoting literacy countrywide. “SSAB’s banner has always been to promote Literacy, reiterated founder and owner Fiti Leung Wai. “To the future Miss Samoa, you are welcome to join us in carrying that banner and promote Literacy and education in our country,” she continued. “Education can open doors and a vast array of opportunities; breaks barriers to poverty. You can be an inspiration to many young people. Like the theme this year states: “Pageant with a difference & with a purpose”

“So, what’s your purpose?”

She acknowledges that the company also has a strong philanthropic arm and it contributes to a lot of nationwide activities. And supporting SEI to stage and host the McDonald’s Miss Samoa Pageant, elaborated the SSAB owner “is the perfect vehicle and platform for our young women to showcase their talents, skills and their capabilities which will help boost their confidence, self-esteem to build them personally for the future.”

“It’s a stepping stone for the young contestants who want to be great leaders, role models and ambassadors in their own field of expertise. “It will empower women by supporting them to not only see themselves as just a beautiful young lady but as someone who can do so much more in life through the opportunities they will explore and see during this Beauty pageant,” added Leung Wai.

In conclusion, she said that her constant prayer is for our Father in heaven to bless her. “I want God to bless me, so that I can be a blessing to others.

“And I want to send out a message to the future Miss Samoa and also the current one and former Miss Samoas, you have been blessed — please be a blessing to many. It’s either through your work that you are passionate about or through any community work.” SEI President and Pageant Coordinator Laeimau Oketevi Tanuvasa is grateful for the support, noting the Education is also a priority for the SEI.

“Since taking over as host of the pageant, one of our key priorities is empowering the contestants through briefings provided by high level officials in various sectors from education, to health, economy, climate change, tourism and food security during the pre-pageant week activities,” says Laeimau.

“It’s paramount for SEI that whoever wears the crown should lead by example and literacy should be a universal issue for all Samoa.” The McDonald’s Miss Samoa Pageant 2017 will also coincide with Samoa hosting the 49th annual Pacific Forum Leaders Meeting in Apia attended by the 16 Forum Prime Ministers, including Australia and New Zealand. To be staged on September 9th, at the Tuanaimato Gym, the Pageant will be the finale to this year’s Teuila Festival.

(Source: Samoa Events, Inc.)

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IN THE COMMUNITY

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Reg and Carolyne Schwenke, Samoan owners of an Australian company offering two "world firsts". See story for full details. [photo: courtesy]

Samoan owned, Australian based company, announces launch of two "world firsts"

(Based on press release) Rukutai International Pty Ltd., a Queensland-based China product sourcing company owned by Samoans Carolyne and Reg Schwenke, has just announced two new "world firsts" on its new web site – www.Rukutai.com.au

In an exclusive partnership with one of the world's largest China-based product sourcing companies, Rukutai is now the world's only company offering exclusive China business product sourcing group tours of motivated business owners, entrepreneurs and buyers – on individually-personalized, fully-escorted 10-day business excursions to Guangzhou, Yiwu, and Shanghai.

Even more significant, the two companies now offer the world's first end-to-end client product sourcing to drop shipping services from China for all e-commerce and conventional businesses globally. Specifically, they will source, purchase, warehouse, pick, pack and send client's China-made products to their customers worldwide from their huge warehouse facility in China.

Rukutai's client target market are business owners looking to source and buy the lowest priced, highest quality factory or wholesale products from China, but don't know who to trust or work with. The main benefit for Rukutai clients is that its group sourcing concept and buying power represents tens of millions of dollars of potential purchasing volume to its China sourcing partner. That translates to maximum cost savings for Rukutai's clients in a classic win-win relationship with its China sourcing partner, which has more than 300 dedicated product sourcing staff in different cities in China.

"We offer a one stop, full stop, seamless single solution services from China at cost sav-

ings they won't find elsewhere else in the world," according to the Rukutai co-founders, who are married business partners.

Rukutai's exclusive worldwide travel supplier, Corporate Travellers Groups, is a member of the Flight Centre Travel Group (FCTG) – one of the world's largest travel agency groups.

Buyers and business owners from anywhere in the world can join any Rukutai China business group tour in Guangzhou at the start date of each tour. The 10-days, 9-nights all-inclusive group tour packages are for November, December and February.

Based in Queensland, Australia, Rukutai has a distinguished China backstory. The married co-founders lived and operated their product sourcing, immigration and education services business from China for years before relocating to Australia in 2014.

In 2007, Rukutai was granted a coveted 20-year Wholly Foreign Owned Enterprise (WFOE) China business license to conduct business in seven different sectors of commerce – International business, Education, Immigration, Travel, Technology, Financial Investments and Environmental Management.

"We've weathered the storms and challenges from years of living in and providing sourcing services from China - and look forward to sharing our wealth of knowledge and expertise," the company co-founders remarked.

"Our overriding goal is to show small-to-mid-sized business owners, entrepreneurs, cottage industry and boutique companies how to develop and elevate their businesses to new heights utilizing our extensive China networks and resources."



Jury refuses to convict 4 in Nevada ranch standoff retrial

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A federal jury in Las Vegas refused Tuesday to convict four defendants who were retried on accusations that they threatened and assaulted federal agents by wielding assault weapons in a 2014 confrontation to stop a cattle roundup near the Nevada ranch of states' rights figure Cliven Bundy.

In a stunning setback to federal prosecutors planning to try the Bundy family patriarch and two adult sons later this year, the jury acquitted Ricky Lovelien and Steven Stewart of all 10 charges, and delivered not-guilty findings on most charges against Scott Drexler and Eric Parker.

More than 30 defendants' supporters in the courtroom broke into applause after Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro ordered Lovelien and Stewart freed immediately and set Wednesday morning hearings to decide if Parker and Drexler should remain jailed pending a government decision whether to seek a third trial.

"Random people off the streets, these jurors, they told the government again that we're not going to put up with tyranny," said a John Lamb, a Montana resident who attended almost all the five weeks of trial, which began with jury selection July 10.

"They've been tried twice and found not guilty," Bundy family matriarch Carol Bundy said outside court. "We the people are not guilty."

A first trial earlier this year lasted two months and ended in April with a different jury finding two defendants — Gregory Burleson of Phoenix and Todd Engel of Idaho — guilty of some charges but failing to reach verdicts against Drexler, Parker, Lovelien and Stewart.

Prosecutors characterized the six as the least culpable of 19 co-defendants arrested in early 2016 and charged in the case, including Bundy family members. With the release of Lovelien and Stewart, 17 are still in federal custody.

The current jury deliberated four full days after more than 20 days of testimony. The six men and six women returned no verdicts on four charges against Parker — assault on a federal officer, threatening a federal officer and two related counts of use of a firearm — and also hung on charges of assault on a

federal officer and brandishing a firearm against Drexler. Navarro declared a mistrial on those counts.

None of the defendants was found guilty of a key conspiracy charge alleging that they plotted with Bundy family members to form a self-styled militia and prevent the lawful enforcement of multiple court orders to remove Bundy cattle from arid desert rangeland in what is now the Gold Butte National Monument.

Bundy stopped paying grazing fees decades ago, saying he refused to recognize federal authority over public land where he said his family grazed cattle since the early 1900s. The dispute has roots a nearly half-century fight over public lands in Nevada and the West, where the federal government controls vast expanses of land.

Acting U.S. Attorney Steven Myhre declined immediate comment on the verdicts. He said he'd make a determination later whether to seek a third trial for Parker and Drexler.

Stewart became emotional and reached for tissues as the jury findings were read. He and Lovelien were later taken with their lawyers, Richard Tanasi and Shawn Perez, to be processed by U.S. marshals for release.

Stewart, 38, lives in Hailey, Idaho. Lovelien, 54, is from Westville, Oklahoma, but he led a militia group called Montana State Defense Force.

All four men were photographed carrying assault-style weapons during the standoff near the Nevada town of Bunkerville, about 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Each had faced the possibility of decades in federal prison if they were convicted. Jurors saw images of Parker and Drexler in prone shooting positions looking down their rifles through slots in the concrete barrier of an Interstate 15 freeway overpass toward heavily armed federal agents guarding a corral of cows below.

Defense attorneys noted that no shots were fired and no one was injured. They cast the tense standoff with more than 100 men, women and children in the potential crossfire as an ultimately peaceful protest involving people upset about aggressive tactics used by federal land managers against Bundy family members.

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Tele fesili a Faipule fa'atatau i pili o lafoga o oloa a le malo



Faipule ma molimau a le malo i le taimi na mae'a ai le iloiloga i totonu o le maota o sui i le taeao ananafi.

[ata AF]

tusia Ausage Fausia

Na tau le mautali sui o le Komiti Faapitoa o le Tamaoaiga a le Kovana (Revenue Task Force) i le taimi na tu'i fesili ai e ni isi o afioga i Faipule, i le mafua'aga o le lafoga lea ua fuafua le malo e fa'ae lafoga o oloa, e aofia ai ma suiga ua faia i pasene o lafoga e totogi mo ni isi o oloa mai fafo e aofia ai le 'ava malosi.

O le iloiloga a le Komiti o le Sailiga o le Tamaoaiga a le maota o sui ananafi, i lalo o le ta'ita'iga a le Ta'ita'i Komiti ia Fatulegae'e P. Mauga, sa fesiligia ai le pili e aiaia ai se lafoga fou mo meainu suamalie e le 'aava, o lo o fa'aulufale mai i totonu o le atunu'u, ma fa'asolosolo atu ai ona soloia le lafoga oloa e 5%.

O isi mataupu sa tele i ai fesili a faipule o le mafuaaga ua sui ai le lafoga mo le 'ava malosi, e pei ona aveese ai le 190% ae sui i le 0.35sene e totogi mo le pusa o oloa (container) o loo aumai ai ia ituaiga oloa mai fafo.

Na fa'amanino e le Teutupe a le malo ia Ueligitone Tonumaipe'a, o le isi lea molimau a le malo i le taimi o le iloiloga e fa'apea, e fa'atolu ona fono le latou Komiti ma le Asosi a le Aufai Pisinisi a le atunu'u e uiga i lafoga fou ua fuafua le malo e fa'ae'e, lea sa lagolagoina e se vaega o le aufai pisinisi, ae fa'atuiese ai se

vaega to'atele o le aufai pisinisi, i le fuafuaga e aveese le lafoga o oloa e 5% ae faaee le lafoga o oloa e 7% (sales tax).

Sa ia taua fo'i le lava o le taimi na faia ai saililiga a le Komiti i tulaga uma lava e uiga i lafoga nei, a o le i tuuina mai a latou pili tupe i luma o le Fono Faitulafono.

Na faamanino e le sui o le Komiti a le malo ia Keith Gebauer e fa'apea, o le suiga ua faia i le lafoga o le 'ava malosi, sa fuafua i le auala e tasi uma ai le lafoga e totogi e le aufai oloa uma lava o lo o aumaia le 'ava malosi i le atunu'u.

Na fesiligia e faipule ia sui o le Komiti a le malo, pe fia se tupe fa'asili o le a mafai e le malo ona maua mai i suiga o le lafoga e pei ona fuafuaina, ae na saunoa Gebauer, e leai se tupe fa'asili a le malo e maua mai ai, pau le agaga ia tasi le auala e totogi uma ai e le aufai oloa o loo aumaia le 'ava malosi le lafoga i le atunu'u.

Sa fautuaina e Faipule molimau a le malo, e le tatau ona latou faia ni fa'aiuga ona o se taumafaiga ia aafia ai se pisinisi se tasi poo se vaega fo'i o tagata faipisinisi, poo le taumafai fo'i e faia ina ia fesoasoani ai i se isi tagata faipisinisi, a ia faia faaiuga uma i auala e manuia ai pisinisi ma le atunu'u.

Saunoa le afioga i le ali'i

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Gaosiga Mea Taumafa Samoa - Kosi Kuka Matagaluega o Tina ma Fanau Talavou

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

Ona ua tulata i le taimi e fa'amae'a ai a'oa'oga a le Matagaluega o Tina ma Tupulaga Talavou (DYWA) a le malo mo le tolu masina talu ai, o lea ua faia ai le aso mo le tapenaga, gaosia ma fa'avela mea taumafa Samoa e ala i le suavai e pusa ma toe taoina ai.

O le taeao o le aso ananafi sa tapena ai le matagaluega mo lea gaioiga, ma sa faia lava e le Vasega Kuka a le DYWA.

O le tama'ita'i Faia'oga i le vasega Kuka, Malia Masalosalo, o ia lava lea sa ia fa'atautaia le gaioiga atoa ae mafuli ane le vasega mo le tapenaga o le gaosiga o mea taumafa nei: Manapua po'o le Keke Pua'a, Faia'i Pilikaki, Faia'i I'a, Lua'i Mamoe po'o le Lu, Lua'i Povi Masima, Palusami, o le Taufolo, ma le umu loa o Ulu, Fa'i ma talo.

O nei mea uma sa pu'ea i ata fa'asolo e le vasega, ia toe faila lelei aua fo'i nisi vasega o le a soloa'i mai e a'oa'oina e ia peita'i, e manatu fo'i ina ia fa'amauina lea ulua'i vasega o mea 'ai taumafa Samoa.

"Ona o lenei vaitau o le tu'uaga o a'oga a le fanau i le tau mafanafana, ua manatu ai e

ao ina faia lea vasega o kukaina o mea'ai Samoa moni, aua o vasega sa faia mai i tausaga ua mavae, o kuka lava i mea tausami e matele ina faatauina i fale'aiga fa'apalalagi. Lea ua suia, ina ia tamau fo'i i mafaufau o le fanau talavou lea e to'atele i ai le vasega o lenei tausaga, le iloa lelei saunia, gaosi ma kuka lelei mea'ai Samoa mo le tausiga lelei o latou matua matutua, aua o latou vaisu nei tausami ua lisia i luga," o se tala lea a Malia.

E le'i faigofie le suavai, ona o le tele o mea taumafa sa tapena, peita'i, ona o le vasega ua mae'a a'oa'oina lelei, na vave ai le ga'o'oga ma na tao le suavai ae ua manogi fa'asoloatoa le nofoaga o DYWA i Pago Pago i le sasala o mea'ai Samoa ua mae'a saunia lelei a'o fa'avela fo'i i le umu lea.

Ina ua fu'e mai, matua fa'afiafiaina i latou uma aua o le ulua'i taimi lea ua gaosia ai e nisi o talavou le Taufolo. "O lea fa'ato'a ou tago lea e fofo'e se ulu tunu e tapena ai mo le taufolo," o se tala lea a le tama'ita'i Senileva Tyrell, ua mae'a pasia le a'oga maualuga i le Nuuuli Voctech.

Ona o le naunau e fia iloa

gaosia le Taufolo, sa matua momoe ai lava talavou fa'atasi ma Tina uma o le vasega Kuka i le Faleta'alo i Pago Pago, ina ia auai i le gasegase o le suavai o mea taumafa Samoa.

O le fa'asoa atu a nei talavou e to'alua, o le au uso fo'i, Mata-lasi ma Senileva Tyrell, o le la'ua a'oa'oina lea o nei tina i le gaosiga o le Manapua fa'a-Hawaii ae fa'aaogaina ai le siu-siupipi mo le a'ano o manufasi e faia ai. E 10 pauna le falaoa mata sa gaosia fa'apitoa ai le pani mo le Manapua, ae tasi fo'i le pusa siu-siupipi sa tapena ai lea taumafa.

O le mea sili ona faigata i le ga'o'oga o le suavai, o le papa tetele lea o ma'a a'asa o le umu, peita'i, na matua fa'ama'ai atili le latou va'ai i le taimi na tu'i ai le taufolo, fofo'ea ulu, le taimi tonu e ave'ese mai ai le ulu ua tatau ona vela, o le gaosiga fo'i o le alava o le laumiu e affi ai le taufolo.

O le susunuina o le suka ina ia fa'alana ma fa'asuamalie ai le Taufolo, ua ese fo'i lenei gaioiga, ae maise o le vanega ese o fatu ma se'i ese le fune o le Ulu a'o le'i tu'ia le ulu mo le taufolo. Na ofu fo'i e i latou o lua'u uma

(Faaauau itulau 16)



O se va'iga i tina laufofoga fiafia ma sa la'ua vavalua ulu o le suavai.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



Onosa'i I Mea Tiga

► Tele fesili a Faipule...

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Alo maia, o le a toe fa'aaupu atu la tatou tala. Na muta mai la tatou tala, ina ua feiloa'i i le manuia Roger ma lona to'alua o Filipina. Fai mai, ua pei o timuga ua afu to ifo mai le lagi loimata o Filipina, ua fa'apea fo'i le tamaloa lona to'alua o Roger.

O se feiloa'iga ua lofia i loimata maligi o le fiafia ma le olioli. O lea lava la e fai fusi-fusiga a Roger ma Filipina, ae ua fetagisi atu ai lava Lilo, Vesi ma lona afafine o Samala'ulu. Fai mai, ua o'o lava i tagata faigaluega ua na o le tilotilo ane nei ma le alolofa ae o lo'o pogisa pea i o latou mafaufau le mea o lo'o tupu. Ua u'ulima nei Roger ma Filipina ma savavali loa i totonu o le ofisa, fai mai, o lea lava e mulimuli atu ai Lilo ma Vesi. Ua fai nei le fa'atonuga a le tama'ita'i o Samala'ulu i tagata faigaluega i totonu o le ofisa, e o i fafo, se i ai se taimi ona toe vala'au atu lea e toe o ane e fa'auma a latou galuega. Ua fa'apea lava ona fai, fai mai, ua le mafai ona tu'u 'ese e Roger si ona to'alua i lea taimi, ua mana'o lava ia pa'i atu ia Filipina.

Ua tele e suiga ua va'ai nei i ai Roger i a Filipina, ua la

matutua fo'i, ua feiloa'i atu nei Roger ia Lilo ma Vesi. Fai mai, ua na o le tagi o le tamaloa ma fusi mai Lilo e o'o fo'i ia Vesi. Ua va'aia ma ua iloa e Roger ua matutua fo'i i la'ua ia, ua fa'apea fo'i ma ia.

Na o le fusi mau nei e Roger i a Lilo, ua toe mafaufau le tamaloa i uiga lelei ma le tausaga o Lilo, o lea lava e tumau pea e o'o mai i lea taimi. Na fai nei le tonu a Lilo ma Vesi, e sili pe a tu'umuli la'ua, ae se i fai se talatalanoaga a Roger ma Filipina, ua fa'apea lava ona fai. Ua tu'umuli uma i latou sa i totonu ma ua tu'u nei le avanoa e talatalanoa ai Roger ma Filipina. O le fesili muamua lava a le tamaloa, o lona fia iloa po'o le a le la tama. Ua 'ata Filipina ma fusi mai si ona to'alua, ua fia tausaga o mavae, "Roger, your son Ali'ioaiga Alfred, is in the Military now, he left about three months ago, he is doing well, he keep asking about you, but i sort of calm him down, by telling him to work hard, and aim high."

Ua le tautala le tamaloa i lea taimi, ae ua na o le punou ma ona loimata. Ua toe fesili Roger i a Filipina, po'o a la ana mea o lo'o fai i totonu o lea faleoloa tele, na tali ane i ai Filipina, o le faleoloa a la'ua ma si a la tama.

Ua atili ai ona maligi ifo loimata o Roger ma fusi mai Filipina.

Ua fa'ate'ia Filipina, ina ua to'atuli nei Roger ma fai lana fa'ato'esega, ua a'apa atu nei Filipina ma fa'atu a'e i luga. Ae, ua le utufia loimata o le tamaloa i lea taimi. Na pau le tali na tu'u i ai e Filipina, ua lagona le fiafia o lona loto, ina ua toe fo'i mai, pau lava lea o le mea sa ia tatalo ma talosia i aso uma, ia ona maua le malosi ma e i ai lava se aso e toe fo'i mai ai ia te ia ma si ana tama.

Ua fa'a'iloa nei e Filipina i a Roger, talu ona alu 'ese atu, e le i toe i ai lava se isi ona mafaufau e toe fai sona to'alua, ua lava Ali'ioaiga ma sa avea lava si a la tama ma fa'amama avega ia te ia i aso uma. Na tonu nei i le mafaufau o Filipina, ua tatau ona tu'umuli i lo la fale, se fai se fa'amalosi tino ma se fa'aaupu ai le la talanoaga.

O le taimi lea, o lo'o fa'atali pea Semo, mo le totogi o lana ta'avale, ua le toe alu 'ese, o le ua maua nei le 'au o le paipa, o le to'alua lea o Filipina. Na fa'apea nei mafaufau o le ave ta'avale, letioa lava a 'ese a uiga o le lo'omatua, lea o lo'o i ai se tasi o fa'atalitali i ai, tago i ai Filipina, ua e manumalo i lou onosa'i ma lou fa'apalepale.

E faia pea...

faipule ia Veevalu M. Mageo e fa'apea, sa tatau ona ova atu i le fa'a 10 ona fono le Komiti ma le aufai pisinisi a le atunu'u, ina ia mafai ai ona aumai manatu o le aufai pisinisi e fa'atatau i itu lelei ma aafiaga o nei mau lafoga.

"E i ai lo'u talitonuga e le i lava le taimi na tapena ai le malo aemaise la outou Komiti i le fuafuaina o lafoga nei," o le saunoaga lea a Veevalu. "E le mafai ona tatou taunu'u i se taunuuga lelei pe afai fa'atopetope a tatou fa'aiuga e uiga i tulafono tupe nei."

"Sa tatou ona outou silasila toto'a poo a a'afiaga o le atunu'u i le isi 5, 10, pe 15 fo'i tausaga o lo o lumana'i, pe afai ae tu'u atu lafoga o oloa nei i tagata lautele."

Saunoa atili Veevalu e fa'apea, e sili atu ona pagatia tagata fa'atau i suiga o le tulafono lea ua fuafua le malo e fa'ae, ae o itu uma nei sa tatau i le malo ona vaavaai i ai.

Na taua e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Samuel Meleisea e fa'apea, o se tasi o atugaluga ua maua mai i le atunu'u, e faigata atu ona ao e le malo tupe e maua mai i le lafoga o oloa e 7%, nai lo le lafoga o oloa e 5%.

Saunoa le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Fagaoatua D. Salave'a e fa'apea, e le faigofie i le atunu'u ona talia lafoga nei, ma o se tulaga fo'i e ono aafia ai atina'e tau pisinisi.

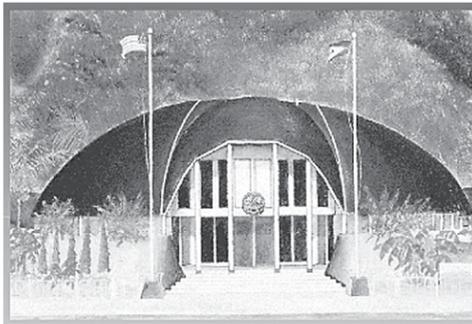
Na faamanino e le Teutupe e fa'apea, o se tasi o mafua'aga ua ala ai ona a'e se manatu e sui le lafoga o le pia, sa i ai se alii faipisinisi i le atunu'u o lo

o ia fa'a'aulufaleina maia le pia i le atunu'u, sa masalomia lona faia o ni lisiti pepelo e fa'a'iloa mai ai le atunu'u o lo o aumai ai lana sapalai o le pia, ae iloa mulimuli ane e ese le atunu'u sa aumai sa'o ai le uta atoa o le pia.

Na vave ona fesiligia e Faipule le Teutupe i lana molimau lea, pe i ai ni fa'amaoniga o nei tu'uiga, peita'i na saunoa Tonumaipe'a, e leai ni fa'amaoniga, ae o ni isi ia o tulaga sa mafai ona masalomia i le taimi o a latou suesuega.

Ae na toe faamanino atili e Gebauer e fa'apea, o suesuega sa faia i oloa uma o lo o ulufale mai i le atunu'u, na iloa ai, e na o le pia lava lea e ese le auala lea o lo o fa'a lafoga ai uta o oloa mai fafo, ma mafua ai loa ona a'e se manatu e sili pe a sui le tulafono, ae totogi uma e le aufai pisinisi o loo aumaia le pia le lafoga 0.35 i le mamafa e 12 aunese, nai lo le eseese uma o ituaiga lafoga sa totogi i ituaiga pia eseese. Saunoa le sui fofoga fetalai o le maota ia Fetui Fetu Jr e fa'apea, e le faigofie ona talia e le atunu'u lenei mataupu, ona o le to'atele o aiga ma tagata faigaluega e lima vaivai, latou te le gafatia fo'i suiga ua fuafua le malo e fa'a taoto.

"O loo manino mafua'aga o taumafaiga a le malo i lafoga nei, ina ia saili ni alaga tupe malolosi e fesoasoani ai i lona atina'e, ae tatau fo'i ona tatou vaavaai i auala e maua ai e le atunu'u le fiafia ma le saolotoga, nai lo le ola pologa ma avea ma avega mamafa nei mau lafoga," o le saunoaga lea a Fetui Jr.



TALA MAI LE FONONO

tusia Ausage Fausia

IUGAFONO E ALOAIA AI LE TAUTUA ACE TAGO

O le taeao ananafi na pasia ai e le maota o sui se iugafono malilie faatasi, e faaoo atu ai aamaisega ma faamafanafanaga a le Fono mo tagata o Amerika Samoa, i le faletua ia Catherine Jamentz-Tago ma le paia o le aiga Sa Tago, ona o le valaau paia a le Atua i le susuga ia Ace AGaese Tago, ma faaaloa-logia ai lana tautua mo le malo, atunu'u ma lona aiga.

O Tago na soifua mai i le aso 29 Ianuari 1939 i lona aiga i Nu'uuli i Amerika Samoa, ae na faamanavaina e le Atua ana galuega i le so 8 Aokuso 2017 i lona aiga i San Mateo, Kalefonia ina ua 78 tausaga o lona soifua.

O lona soifua aoaoina na amata atu i Amerika Samoa nei, ma faai'u mai ai i Iunivesite i Amerika, e aofia ai le Iunivesite a Western Carolina i Cullowhee lea na fa'au'u mai ai ma lana faailoga BA.

O Tago le uluai Samoa na faa faigaluega i lalo o le faiga fou na amata e Kovana Hayden, o le aumaia lea o Samoa e galulue i le fausiaina o le malo i le 1969, ma i'u ina avea ai o ia ma Tausi Tusi, sosoo ai loa ma le filifilia o ia e avea ma Faatonusili lagoon o le Ofisa o le Tupe a le

malo i le 1970.

Sa tautua o ia i le nofoaiga lona 15 a le Fono Faitulafono, ma avea ai o ia ma taitaifono o le Komiti o le Atina'e, ae sui taitai i le Komiti o le Paketi ma le Komiti o le Sailiga o Alamanuia o le malo.

O le tausaga e 1978 na toe fo'i ai Tago i totonu o le faigamalo ma filifilia ai ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o Paka ma Malaetaaalo, ae o le tausaga e 1989 e oo atu i le 1993 na avea ai o ia ma Teutupe a le malo o Amerika Samoa.

E tele itu lelei e manatua ai lana auunaga i le atunu'u, o lona aiga faapea ai soo se tasi. E tele fo'i tausaga na tautua ai o ia i le malo o Amerika Samoa i soo se vaega. E ui ua malolo litaea o ia, ae sa faailoa pea lona naunau e tautua le malo i soo se vaega. E le o se tagata sa fia iloa ni ana mea fai.

O lo o soifua mai pea lona faletua ma ona alo, faapea ai fanau a lana fanau. Ua mae'a ona tauaoo atu lenei iugafono i le faletua o Tago, lea na fai ai le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Vailoata Amituana'i ma sui o le Fono Faitulafono, lea fo'i na auai atu i ai ma faipule o le itumalo o Ituau i ona toe sauniga i lona aiga i Kalefonia.

AMATA ILOILOGA A LE SENATE MO PILI TUPE A

LE MALO

O le aso Tofi o le vaiaso nei lea ua fa'atulaga e amata aloaia ai iloilogia a le Senate, mo le talanoaina lea o pili tupe a le malo lea ua mae'a ona taoto i luma o maota e lua a le Fono Faitulafono.

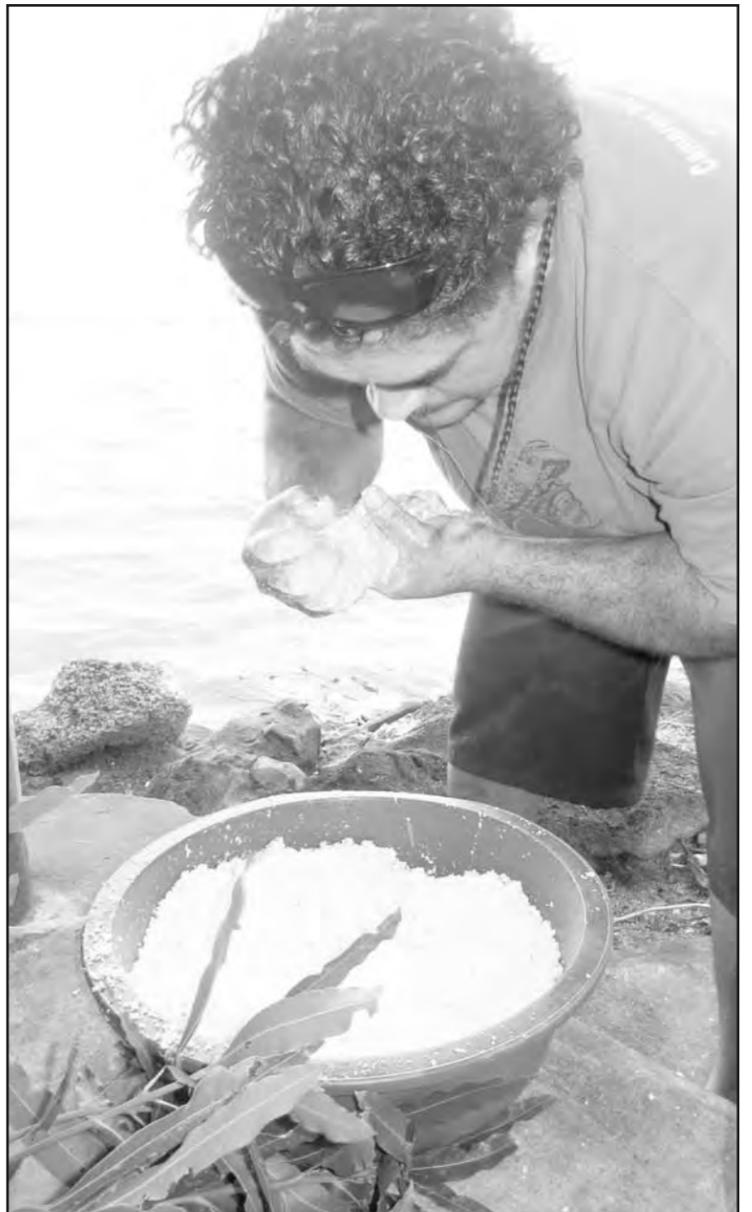
I le toe tauaofia ai o galuega a le fono i le vaiaso nei, na fa'alauiloa ai e le afioga i le ali'i sentaoa ia Magalei Logovi'i o ia fo'i lea o le taitai o le Komiti o le Paketi a le Senate le fuafuaga ua i ai, i le ave lea o le fa'amuumua a le Senate i iloilogia o le paketi, fa'atoa faia ai iloilogia i pili tupe a le malo mo lafoga o oloa.

Ae i le mae'a ai o se fautuaga na tuuina atu e le afioga i le ali'i Senatoa ia Tualo M. Fruean i le taeao ananafi, atoa ai ma le tuu alalo atu a le afioga i le ali'i peresetene o le Senate ia Gao-teote Palaie Tofau, na taua ai loa e Magalei le amata aloaia o iloilogia mo pili tupe a le malo i le taeao o le aso Tofi o le vaiaso nei.

O sui o le Komiti Faapitoa sa iloiloaina lafoga o oloa a le malo (Revenue Task Force), lea ua fa'amoemoe e fesiligia e le komiti a le Senate e uiga i le agaga o nei mau lafoga.

E pei ona faamanino e le Komiti i luma o le Fono i le masina na te'a nei, o le agaga

(Faaauau itulau 15)



O se tasi o ali'i o le vasega o kuka Samoa a le DYWA ua ia tatauina le pe'pe'e.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





Sui o le Task Force a le malo, susuga ia Keith Gebauer ma le teutupe a le malo ia Uiligitone Tonumaip'e'a.

[ata AF]

► Fono...

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autu o lafoga tupe nei, ia maua ai e le malo se alagatupe mautu ma malosi e fa'atupe ai atina'e ma galuega fai a le malo i le lumana'i.

Na tauae le afioga i le ali'i kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga e fa'apea, e le gata e manuia le malo i pili tupe nei, ae manuia ai fo'i pisinisi ma tagata o le atunu'u, e ala i le fuafuaga a le malo e taofia ai loa le lafoga o totogi e 2%, pe afai ae pasia le lafoga 7% mo oloa, ma fa'asolosolo malie ai le aveeseina mai o le lafoga o oloa e 5% a le malo ua leva ona i ai.

FIA ILOA PE FIA SE TUPE O LE PONE A LE MALO O LO O TOTOE

I le taeao o le aso Tofi o le vaiaso nei lea ua fa'atulaga ai le iloiloga a le maota o sui ma sui o le Komiti Faafoe o le Tamaoaiga a le malo o Amerika Samoa (ASEDA), mo le faamaninoina o mataupu o lo o fia malamalama i ai afioga i faipule, aemaise lava i le fesili e pei ona fa'atula'i e le ali'i faipule ia Timusa Tini Lam Yuen e fa'ataua i tupe o le Pone a le malo.

O le mae'a ai o le feiloaiga a le maota o sui ma sui o le Komiti Fa'afaoe i le itula e 8:30 i le taeao, ona sosoo ai loa lea ma le iloiloga i le 11:00, e fa'amaonia ai totino fou o le Komiti Fa'afaoe lea fa'atoa mae'a ona tofia e le Kovana e sui tulaga i sui tuai ua toe tofia i isi galuega a le malo.

Saunoa le afioga a Timusa e fa'apea, e taua tele le malamalama o le maota i le tulaga o le Pone a le malo, pe fia se tupe o totoe e le i fa'aaogaina, a o lumana'i ai le faia o se faaiuga i pili a le malo e fa'ae ai lafoga i oloa. Sa ia taua foi le tatau lea ona faamanino e le Komiti Faafoe le aofa'i o le tupe ua mae'a ona totogi e le malo mo le Pone, atoa ai ma isi faamatalaga e tatau ona fa'ailoa mai i le maota mo lo latou silafia.

Na taua e ni isi o afioga i faipule e fa'apea, e taua tele le mataupu i le Pone ina ia silafia ai e le maota le tulaga tonu o lo o taoto ai le tamaoaiga o le malo. O se tasi o itu o lo o fia malamalama i ai faipule, poo i ai se faaletonu i le totogiina atu o le Pone, atoa ai ma tupe lotofale o lo o ao mai e le malo, ina ne'i avea ma se tasi o fa'afitauli i le taumafaiga e totogi aitalafu toe fa'atupe auaunaga a le malo i le taimi e tasi.



O se alii e auai i se faalapopotoga ua faaigoaina o le "John Brown Gun Club" faapea le "Red-neck Revolt" i fafo o se nofoaga sa lauga ai le alii peresetene o Amerika i le aso ananafi i Phoenix, Arizona. Sa le gata i le faatumulia o lea nofoaga i tagata sa lagolagoina Trump, ae faapea foi i latou o lo'o tete'e i faaiuga faia a le alii peresetene o Amerika.

[ata: AP/Matt York]



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: PERSONAL COUNSELOR
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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 Sitaulelei Saofaigaalii at s.saofaigaalii@amsamoa.edu or ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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Trump speech in Phoenix draws big crowd, protests

JACQUES BILLEAUD, PHOENIX (AP) — Minor scuffles and shouting matches erupted between protesters and President Donald Trump's supporters on Tuesday with authorities on high alert as thousands of people lined up in the triple-digit heat to attend his first political rally since the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The scene was noisy, but largely peaceful as Phoenix police kept most members of the two opposing groups behind barricades and apart on separate sides of the street. As a police helicopter hovered overhead, officers wearing riot gear and carrying rifles sauntered through the lane between the sides. Authorities said no one was arrested, though a few were treated for heat exhaustion.

Local authorities were vigilant in the aftermath of the deadly protests in Virginia and the president's comments last week about both sides having blame for violence at the white supremacist rally. Mayor Greg Stanton had unsuccessfully called on the president to not hold the rally here so soon after the trouble in Charlottesville.

"Toxic Trump," read one protest sign held up to the president's supporters streaming into the Phoenix Convention Center downtown. "Lock Him Up!" read another, a reference to earlier campaign chants by Trump and his backers about his election rival Hillary Clinton.

Dillon Scott of Phoenix, who voted for Clinton, said he came out to express dissatisfaction with how long Trump took to denounce racism after the Charlottesville violence.

"No one should be allowed to get away with what he gets away with, especially in political office," Scott said.

Meanwhile, a group of protesters chanted, "Wrong side of history! Wrong side of history!"

Trump backer Randy Hutson, a retired Phoenix police officer, began standing in line more than seven hours before the speech was to start. "He is the first president I feel in my lifetime that speaks his mind and speaks from the heart," Hutson said. "He says what needs to be said."

A number of opposition signs showed drawings or photos of Trump with a small, Hitler-style mustache. Three Trump supporters taunted Latino protesters with offensive comments about immigrants and held anti-Muslim and Black Lives Matter signs.

As the line to get in the venue moved ahead, the two groups shouted at each other and some skirmishes broke out. At one point, a Trump supporter and protester shoved each other.

John Brown, of an anti-Trump group calling itself the Redneck Revolt, wore military fatigues and had an AK-47 rifle strapped to his chest as he and a half dozen others from the group stood about 30 feet behind the barricade for protesters. He said they were there to protect Trump opponents and stand up to fascism. "He's offensive to me in every way," Brown said.

The outdoor temperature remained over 100 degrees as the rally began.

Capt. Rob McDade, spokesman for Phoenix Fire Department, says that as of 6 p.m. they had treated 26 people for heat-related problems, most of them for dehydration.



O Senileva Tyrell ua ia fofòe fai o le umu, e ok lava ia i lena tiute.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

► Gaosiga Mea Taumafa...

Mai itulau 13

lava, e amata mai lua'u mamoe, lua'u povimasina, lua'u pilitati.

"Fa'ato'a ou ofua lava lea o se palusami, e fa'apea lava e faigofie, ae o lea e leai ma se faigofie o le gaosiga o mea taumasami Samoa," o se tala lea a le tama'ita'i o Matalasi. O taulele'a lava e to'alua sa auai, o i la'ua nei ma se tama e to'atasi sa latou valuaina muamua popo, peita'i e fesuia'i mai lava ina ia o'o ina tatau le niu mo nei mea taumafa uma, ua fa'asolo mai tina i le valupopo, ae o'o ane taulele'a i le tatau o le niu.

Ua iloa e le fanau oso tatau, "O le mea a leiloa le taimi e faia ai lea fe'au ma lea fe'au, e le tatau fo'i ona sau e fai umu, e tiga fo'i taliga i le tau fa'atonu so'o." O upu masani ia e fa'alogoia, ae mafua mai ona e le'i mua'i faiumu.

O le susua o le tausami i le lua'u mamoe, e le tutusa ma le tigaina e gaosia mai le amataga. A le vave fo'i le 'alo, e maua lava e le papa o ma'a a'asa o le umu, sola i le aiga ua le fia i ai!. Ina ua fu'e le suavai, sa fa'asoa lelei mai le Fa'atonu ma ona sui, se'ia tofusua atoa le matagaluega, ae maisie o nai sui a'o'oga i o latou aiga, ina ia talamasine ai le taumafaiga a le Vasega Kuka a le Dywa i taumafa Samoa.

"O se taufolo sili lea ona matagofie, leaga sa ou auai i lona gasesega mai, se'ia o'o ia tunu ma fofoe ulu, auau ese fatu ma le fune, tu'i ma fifi fa'atasi ma lona sua suamalie, ua atoa mea uma, e matagofie tele lona tofo," o se tala 'ata lea a le tama'ita'i o Senileva, lea ua fuafua e fai lana taufolo e fa'atali ai lona tama pe a toe talii mai Utah.

Trump blames media for condemnation of comments on Virginia



People protest outside the Phoenix Convention Center, Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, in Phoenix. Protests were held against President Donald Trump as planned to host a rally inside the convention center.

(AP Photo/Matt York)

PHOENIX (AP) — President Donald Trump is blaming the media for the widespread condemnation of his response to a Charlottesville, Virginia, protest organized by white supremacists that led to the killing of a counter-protester.

Trump opened his political rally in Phoenix with a call for unity, saying, “What happened in Charlottesville strikes at the core of America and tonight, this entire arena stands united in forceful condemnation of the thugs that perpetrated hatred and violence.”

But he quickly trained his ire on the media, shouting that he “openly called for healing unity and love” in the immediate aftermath of Charlottesville and claiming the media had misrepresented him. He read from his three responses to the violence — getting more animated with each one.

Democrats and fellow Republicans had denounced Trump for placing blame for the Charlottesville violence on “both sides.” Trump spoke after Vice President Mike Pence and others called repeatedly for unity.

Housing Secretary Ben Carson and Dr. Alveda King, the niece of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., were among the openers.

Franklin Graham, son of the evangelist Billy Graham, led the rally-goers in prayer, saying, “We’re divided racially, and we’re adrift morally.”

Outside the Phoenix convention center, shouting matches and minor scuffles erupted between Trump supporters and protesters gathered near the site of his latest campaign rally. Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton had asked Trump to delay his political event to allow for more time of national healing after Charlottesville.

Eager to capitalize on his hard-line stance on immigration, Trump had teased the politically inflammatory possibility of pardoning former sheriff Joe Arpaio while in town.

The former Maricopa County sheriff is awaiting sentencing after his conviction in federal court for disobeying court orders to stop his immigration patrols.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump wouldn’t discuss or take action on a pardon “at any point today,” even though the president had told Fox News he was considering it.

In the comfort of his most fervent fans, Trump often resurrects his free-wheeling 2016 campaign style, pinging insults at perceived enemies such as the media and meandering from topic to topic without a clear theme.

Neither of Arizona’s two Republican senators appeared with Trump.

Republican Sen. Jeff Flake, a conservative, has been a frequent target of Trump’s wrath.

The president tweeted last week: “Great to see that Dr. Kelli Ward is running against Flake Jeff Flake, who is WEAK on borders, crime and a non-factor in Senate. He’s toxic!” Flake has been on tour promoting his book that says the Republican Party’s embrace of Trump has left conservatism withering.

Ward planned to attend Trump’s rally, sparking talk that the president could take the politically extraordinary step of endorsing her from the stage over an incumbent Republican senator.



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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:

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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.



Kansas congressman in district Trump lost faces town hall

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Republican congressman in Kansas sought Tuesday night to sound bipartisan, centrist notes while defending the GOP's approach on health care and other issues during a town hall meeting in a district that President Trump narrowly lost last year and with national Democrats already targeting him.

Rep. Kevin Yoder told about 100 people at the city hall in the Kansas City suburb of Olathe that he's willing to break with Trump, citing what he saw as the president's inadequate response to a white nationalist gathering and violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. But he drew boos from many audience members when he also said he believes Trump genuinely wants to make the U.S. better.

His 3rd Congressional District marries Democratic neighborhoods in Kansas City, Kansas, with perpetually expanding acres of subdivisions and shopping centers in GOP-leaning suburbs to the south. Four of the five representatives in the past 50 years have been Republicans, but the district was centrist enough for GOP moderates and Democrats to elect Democrat Dennis Moore for 12 years before Yoder captured the seat in 2010.

Yoder mixed his defense of orthodox GOP positions, such as support for gun rights or opposition to moving the U.S. toward universal government health insurance coverage, with calls for greater bipartisanship in Congress. He touted his ability to work with Democrats on issues such as protecting individuals' email privacy.

"Of course, I'd be happy to work with anybody that wants to work towards a solution," he said. Democrats smell an opportunity in Yoder's district because Trump struggled in this corner of an otherwise safe state, and Yoder voted for the House GOP's plan for overhauling health care. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee included Yoder's district on its first list of 23 targets in January.

The event was Yoder's first face-to-face town hall meeting with constituents since Trump's election in November, though he's done four telephone-conference forums. The Kansas City Star's editorial board sponsored the event and picked audience members randomly from people who registered.

Dan Ferguson, a Prairie Village resident who does communications for an engineering firm, said Yoder showed he's out of step with the district when he remarked that both the Obama and Trump presidencies had their flaws. The comments drew boos from the room.

"I love to hear the talk of bipartisanship out of Congressman Yoder, but I have yet to see a lot of production out of that," said Ferguson, a Democrat.

Many in the crowd also clapped at the mention of universal, government-run health coverage. But outside before the event, as about 80 people gathered to hold signs quietly outside the event, the majority appeared to support Yoder.

"They were more representative of the district," said Mary Kay Culp, executive director of the anti-abortion group Kansans for Life.

Yoder also is by Kansas standards a prodigious fundraiser and entered July with nearly \$1.1 million in campaign funds.

U.S. Rep. Kevin Yoder, R-Kan., answers questions about health care and other issues during a town hall meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, at the city hall in Olathe, Kan. National Democrats already are targeting Yoder for next year's election in a district that President Donald Trump narrowly lost last year.

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Judge: Racism behind Arizona ban on Mexican-American studies

PHOENIX (AP) — Racism was behind an Arizona ban on ethnic studies that shuttered a popular Mexican-American Studies program, a federal judge said Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge A. Wallace Tashima found that the state enacted the ban with discriminatory intent.

He had previously upheld most of the law in a civil lawsuit filed by students in the Tucson Unified School District. But a federal appeals court, while upholding most of his ruling, sent the case back to trial to determine if the ban was enacted with racist intent.

The new trial was held in July. The law prohibits courses that promote resentment toward a race or a class of people or advocate ethnic solidarity instead of treating people as individuals. A portion of the law that banned courses designed primarily for students of a particular ethnic group was struck down.

The state violated students' constitutional rights "because both enactment and enforcement were motivated by racial animus," Tashima said in the

ruling Tuesday.

However, Tashima said he doesn't know a remedy for the violation and has not issued a final judgment. Plaintiffs' attorneys hoped he would throw out the law, which was enacted in 2010, the same year Arizona approved its landmark immigration law known as SB1070. They have not responded to calls for comment Tuesday evening. Tashima was critical in his ruling of former state education leaders Tom Horne and John Huppenthal, who railed against the program and helped pass the law that ended it.

"Additional evidence shows that defendants were pursuing these discriminatory ends in order to make political gains. Horne and Huppenthal repeatedly pointed to their efforts against the MAS program in their respective 2011 political campaigns, including in speeches and radio advertisements. The issue was a political boon to the candidates," Tashima wrote.

Huppenthal said Tuesday he was not surprised by the ruling and said it was meaningless because the law is not likely to

be enforced in the future.

"The concern about what was going on in those classes was very real," Huppenthal said.

His new concern "would be if they crank up all that stuff of teaching students that Caucasians are oppressors of Hispanics," Huppenthal said.

The Tucson Unified School District dismantled its program in 2012 to avoid losing state funding. The district hasn't responded to questions from The Associated Press about whether it would revive the program if the law is thrown out.

Horne, the former state attorney general and former leader of Arizona's public schools, testified in July that he was troubled by what he described as radical instructors teaching students to be disruptive. But he insisted he targeted all ethnic studies programs equally.

Horne testified that battle against the program began in part after he visited a Tucson high school to watch an aide rebut prior statements by guest speaker Dolores Huerta, a well-known national labor and civil rights activist, that Republicans

"hate Latinos."

Some students taped their mouths and turned their back to Horne's aide, later walking out of the event with their fists in the air, "which is a pretty extremist thing to do," he said.

Horne never visited a Mexican-American studies classroom. He drafted the law as superintendent of public schools and later defended it as state attorney general.

Horne said of the ruling Tuesday that Tashima's decision promotes a program that "divides students by race and promotes ethnic chauvinism."

"I believe it is a fundamental American ideal that we are all individuals, entitled to be judged by our knowledge and character, and not by what race we happen to have been born into," Horne said in a statement.

The Tucson program began in 1998 and focused on Mexican-American history, literature and art in an effort to keep Mexican-American students in school and engaged. Students who participated outperformed their peers in grades and standardized tests, advocates said.

The board of the Tucson

school district officially dismantled the program in January 2012 to keep from losing state funding.

By 2015, the Tucson district was expanding a "culturally relevant" curriculum developed in the wake of a separate racial desegregation lawsuit. Those courses are now taught at all district high schools, Superintendent Gabriel Trujillo said.



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To E or not to E - USC didn't in spelling Shakespeare's name

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Visitors to the University of Southern California might well be muttering, "What fools these mortals be" as they stroll past a statue of the legendary queen of Troy and notice William Shakespeare's name seemingly misspelled at its base.

To USC officials, it's much ado about nothing.

"To E, or not to E, that is the question," the school responded in a statement Tuesday when asked why Shakespeare's name is missing the last letter E in a quotation attributed to him.

The school noted Shakespeare has been spelled nearly two dozen different ways over the years. Officials say they settled on Shakespear, a spelling popular in the 18th century, because of the "ancient feel" sculptor Christopher Slatoff brought to his larger-than-life bronze work of Queen Hecuba.

The bard himself was known to switch up the spelling of his last name during his lifetime, although he did spell it Shakespeare on the last page of his will, filed shortly before his death in 1616.

He referenced Hecuba in several of his works, most prominently in "Hamlet," in which Hamlet asks how the legendary queen of Troy grieved over the death of her husband, King Priam.

Her statue was unveiled to great fanfare at Thursday's opening of the school's new USC Village.

The \$700 million project brings new restaurants, retail stores and other amenities to both students and the general public, as well as 2,500 new units of student housing. It represents the largest expansion in USC's history.

Hecuba was commissioned as a female counterpart to Tommy Trojan, the popular life-size bronze of a Trojan warrior that stands in the center of campus. Unveiled in 1930, Tommy Trojan has become a mascot of sorts to a school whose sports teams are the Trojans.

"This is our commitment to all of the women of the Trojan family," USC President C. L. Max Nikias said at Hecuba's unveiling.

103-year-old Cambodian woman becomes US citizen

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 103-year-old Cambodian woman who survived starvation, suffering and war in her native land beamed and waved a tiny American flag on Tuesday as she became a United States citizen.

Hong Inh was the oldest of more than 10,000 people who took the oath of allegiance in a cavernous room at the downtown Convention Center in Los Angeles. She came to the United States when she was about 97 years old to join a daughter and other relatives.

Three generations of her family, from her 80-year-old daughter Hieng Meng to 13-year-old great-granddaughter Melissa Tea were on hand for the ceremonies.

She has 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in the U.S. and Cambodia. Her relatives helped Hong Inh up from a wheelchair and she stood with a flag in her raised hand to receive the oath. Her grandson spoke the words but she joined in the roar of applause at its conclusion.

"She says she's so excited and happy," said her granddaughter, Siv Taing, 40, of Orange.

Later, Hong Inh stood again,

with her hand over her heart, for the Pledge of Allegiance and a singer's rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner"

Hong Inh survived years of war and violence under the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime of the 1970s.

"During that time she was so suffering. They didn't have anything to eat," her granddaughter said. She always wanted to come to America. It was "just a dream because she wished to live in a peaceful country," said her grandson, Kim Ngoun Taing, 36.

Relatives were able to bring her to the U.S. 5 1/2 years ago. She had to be a legal permanent resident for at least five years to apply for citizenship.

"Our family is so proud and amazed. It's so unbelievable that my great-grandma achieved one of her dreams," 15-year-old Melissa Tea said.

"She really likes it," she said. "She likes how she can do a lot of things freely. ... She can watch Chinese dramas by herself."

Hong Inh was presented with her naturalization certificate by Donna Campagnolo, director of the Los Angeles district office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.



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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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Jammed: Eclipse crowds may have doubled Wyoming's population

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The least populated state in the nation has seen total eclipses before but likely never as many people.

The amount of traffic during Monday's eclipse suggests Wyoming may have temporarily doubled its population of 585,000 — as some predicted it would.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation counted 536,000 more vehicles than usual on Wyoming's roads and highways — a 68 percent increase.

"I have no doubt that we had hundreds of thousands of visitors," department spokesman Doug McGee said Tuesday. "I would guess that yesterday was the most people that ever have been in Wyoming at one time."

The coast-to-coast total eclipse crossed a strip of Wyoming from the majestic Teton Range to the Torrington feedlots near Nebraska.

If the traffic count did indeed top the estimated 1.1 million vehicles, the state for a time would have surpassed Vermont, Alaska, the Dakotas, Delaware, Montana and Rhode Island to rank 43rd in population.

Traffic began picking up over the weekend and turned into a northbound tidal wave early Monday before the eclipse.

In the Cheyenne area, folks often complain about the traffic in Colorado. Suddenly that traffic was upon them.

The Colorado Front Range has a population of about 5 million — 10 times the number of people in Wyoming. Traffic from that area gave the typically desolate lanes of Interstate 25 the look of an urban freeway.

After the morning eclipse, the southbound lanes got hit with people heading home.

Smartphones used to document the eclipse soon buzzed with calls from friends and family members stuck for hours in bumper-to-bumper traffic in remote areas. Decisions were made: Head home immediately and hope for the best, or wait for traffic to ease up.

Either choice meant slow going. From minutes after the eclipse until well past midnight, traffic was bad from Casper to Loveland, Colorado, according to McGee.

"What really caused a lot of congestion issues, our post-eclipse traffic hit the end-of-workday traffic in Colorado and those combined to create a pretty lengthy logjam," McGee said.

Few accidents were reported, however, and people lined up at gas stations seemed more cheerful than aggravated.

The bump to tourism — Wyoming's second-largest industry after fossil-fuel extraction — is being tallied by the Wyoming Office of Tourism, agency spokeswoman Tia Troy said.



Marwin McHenry and his attorney Wolfe Mueller stand during a hearing at Court of Claims, Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, in Detroit. McHenry spent close to five years in prison and was convicted based on conflicting eyewitness testimony, for which different man later confessed to the crime. He was freed earlier this year.

(Tanya Moutzalias/The Ann Arbor News-MLive.com Detroit via AP)



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) has developed the AS-EPA Nearshore Marine Water Quality Monitoring Plan that addresses the need to monitor for nonpoint source pollution in American Samoa. A main group of pollutants that cause water quality impairments in American Samoa are pathogen indicators, specifically enterococcus in coastal recreation waters. Two objectives of the AS-EPA Nearshore Marine Water Quality Monitoring Plan are to determine whether nearshore marine water quality meets the American Samoa Water Quality Standards (ASWQS) for enterococcus, and to inform the public when coastal recreation waters do not meet ASWQS for enterococcus, as well as the potential risks associated with the polluted waters.

The AS-EPA has created a file that contains the AS-EPA Nearshore Marine Water Quality Monitoring Plan, a summary of historical bacteriological data of coastal recreation waters, the American Samoa Water Quality standards, and the advisory format used to give notice to the public that the coastal recreation waters are not meeting or are not expected to meet applicable water quality standards for enterococci. These documents are available to the public at the AS-EPA office in Utulei. AS-EPA invites public comments concerning the monitoring and public notification program regarding: (1) The beach evaluation and classification process, including a list of waters to be monitored and beach ranking; (2) the sampling design and monitoring plan, including sampling location and sampling frequency; and (3) the public notification and risk communication plan, including methods to notify the public of a beach advisory. Comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the published date of this notice. Submit comments to the AS-EPA office or by mail to AS-EPA Water Program, P.O. Box PPA, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799. For more information, please contact Christianera Title at 633-2304 or christianera.tuitele@epa.as.gov.

AMEKO PATO
AS-EPA Director
July 25, 2017



American Samoa
Telecommunications Authority
(ASTCA)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title	CORPORATE SALES EXECUTIVE	Posting Date	August 21, 2017
Position Type	Career Service	Deadline	August 25, 2017/4:00 pm
Job Opening	Two (1)	Starting Salary	GS: 8/1 \$12,878.00 to GS:8/12 \$20,869.00
Report to:	Sales Manager	FLSA	Non-Exempt

Major Responsibilities:

This position is located in the Commercial Department of the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA). Work is generally performed in a standard office environment, but also includes activities that occur in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings. Some exposure to varied weather conditions may be required.

Minimum Requirements & Qualifications

Education/Experience:	Must possess an AA degree from an accredited college or university or (2) years of related experience in sales, market, trends, and current campaigns. Attention to details, time management, planning and organizing.
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Skills & Qualifications	Presentation Skills, Client Relationship, Emphasizing excellence, energy level, Negotiation, Prospecting Skills, Meeting Sales Goals, Creativity, Sales Planning, Independence, Motivation for Sales.

Qualified applicants: Please submit a completed ASTCA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASTCA (address listed below) by the deadline listed above. Please attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examinations (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on pre-employment drug test. ASTCA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary.

Qualified Applicants Apply To:	Human Resources Division American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (A.S.T.C.A.) P.O. Box M Tafuna, American Samoa 96799	Tel: (684) 699-1121 ext. 408 Fax: (684) 699-9026 Email inquiries:hr@astca.net astca@gmail.com
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OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB-085-2017

Issuance Date: August 17, 2017

Closing Date: August 31, 2017
No later than 2:00p.m (local time)

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms for the "Construction of the New Coleman Elementary 2-Story Classroom Building", located in the village of Pago Pago, American Samoa.

2. RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799, until 2:00 p.m. (local time), August 31, 2017 at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. MANDATORY- PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on August 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Procurement located in the village of Tafuna. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who are not present at the pre-bid meeting.

4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Electronic copies of contract documents, including Plans and Scope of Work can be examined or obtained from the Office of Procurement during regular business hours free of charge.

5. The American Samoa Government reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any bid.

6. The American Samoa Government reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

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Suspect says imam planned to blow himself up in Barcelona

MADRID (AP) — An extremist cell was preparing bombs for an imam who planned to blow himself up at a Barcelona monument, a key suspect in the attacks that killed 15 people in northeastern Spain told a judge Tuesday, according to a judicial official.

The suspect, Mohamed Houli Chemlal, was one of four men taken before Spain's National Court in Madrid to testify about the Islamic cell that attacked pedestrians in Barcelona and the nearby seaside town of Cambrils last week.

National Court Judge Fernando Andreu questioned the four about the vehicle attacks as well as the fatal explosion at a bomb-making workshop that police said scuttled the group's plot to carry out a more deadly attack at unspecified Barcelona monuments. After the session, the judge ordered two of the surviving suspects held without bail, another detained for 72 more hours and one freed with restrictions.

A Spanish judicial official said Houli Chemlal, 21, and suspect Driss Oukabir, 28, identified imam Abdelbaki Es Satty as the ideological leader of the 12-man cell. Oukabir and the other two surviving suspects who testified, Mohamed Aalla and Sahal El Karib, denied being part of the cell, said the court official, who was not authorized to discuss the case and insisted on speaking anonymously.

The cell's other eight members are dead. Police shot five during an attack Friday and one more Monday after a manhunt. Es Satty and another accidentally blew themselves up while preparing explosives in a house in the coastal town of Alcanar, south of Barcelona.

Es Satty preached in a mosque in the northeastern town of Ripoll, home to most of the 12 pointed to by police as suspected members of the cell. Police identified his remains amid the rubble of the Aug. 16 explosion that destroyed the house in Alcanar.

Police found in the house over 100 tanks of butane gas and materials to make TATP, an explosive frequently used in attacks by Islamic State militants. The group has claimed responsibility for both attacks on pedestrians — one Thursday by a van that mowed down people on Barcelona's famed Las Ramblas promenade and another early Friday in Cambrils. The attacks and a bloody getaway in which a man was stabbed to death left 15 dead and over 120 wounded.

Houli Chemlal, the only survivor of the Alcanar blast, told the court Tuesday that he is alive because he was on the ground floor of the house washing dishes after dinner.

He testified from a wheelchair without lifting his eyes up from the ground, according to the court official. He has been hospitalized under guard since his arrest Thursday.

The second suspect interrogated, Oukabir, testified he rented the vans used in the attacks on pedestrians but said he thought they were going to be used for a house move. His brother Moussa was one of the five radicals shot dead Friday by police in Cambrils.

According to another person who attended Tuesday's interrogation, Oukabir told the prosecutor that his first version of events — telling police his documents were stolen by his brother — was something he had done out of fear. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the hearing.

The third suspect, Aalla, said an Audi A3 used in last week's attack in Cambrils was registered under his name but used by another sibling, the judicial official said. Police say one of Aalla's younger brothers died in Cambrils and another one is believed to be the second casualty in the Alcanar house blast where the imam died.

The last surviving suspect, El Karib, the owner of a cybercafe in Ripoll, told the judge that he was only trying to make a profit when he bought at least two plane tickets for two alleged members of the cell.

Police later Tuesday raided the cybercafe in Ripoll as well as a house in Vilafranca del Penedes, searching for more evidence. After the questioning, the judge said there was enough evidence to hold Houli Chemlal and Oukabir on preliminary charges of causing homicides and injuries of a terrorist nature and of belonging to a terrorism organization. Houli Chemlal also has an additional charge of dealing with explosives.

However, the judge ruled the evidence was "not solid enough" to keep holding Aalla, who was freed on condition he appear in court weekly, relinquish his passport and not leave Spain. El Karib will remain in custody for at least 72 more hours while police inquiries continue, the judge said.

The lone fugitive from the initial attack, 22-year-old Younes Abouyaaqoub, was shot to death Monday west of Barcelona after a big, dayslong manhunt. Police say he flashed what turned out to be a fake suicide belt at two officers who confronted him in a vineyard.

Police said they had "scientific evidence" that Abouyaaqoub drove the van that barreled through Barcelona's crowded Las Ramblas promenade and that he hijacked a car and fatally stabbed its driver while making his getaway.

Tillerson says US could punish Pakistan if no cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's plan to end America's longest war and eliminate Afghanistan's rising extremist threat involves sending up to 3,900 additional U.S. troops, senior officials said Tuesday. The first deployments could take place within days.

In a national address Monday night, Trump reversed his past calls for a speedy exit and recommitted the United States to the 16-year-old conflict, saying U.S. troops must "fight to win."

He warned against repeating what he said were mistakes in Iraq, where an American military withdrawal led to a vacuum that the Islamic State group quickly filled.

Trump would not confirm how many more service members he plans to send to Afghanistan, which may be the public's most pressing question about his strategy.

In interviews with television networks Tuesday, Vice President Mike Pence similarly wouldn't give any clear answer, but he cited Pentagon plans from June calling for 3,900 more troops.

"The troop levels are significant, and we'll listen to our military commanders about that," Pence said.

Although the Pentagon's plans are based on 3,900 additional troops, the exact number will vary as conditions change, senior U.S. officials said. Those officials weren't authorized to speak publicly on the figures and demanded anonymity.

They said the Pentagon has told Trump it needs the increase, on top of the roughly 8,400 Americans now in the country, to accomplish Trump's objectives. Those goals, he said Monday night, include "obliterating ISIS, crushing al-Qaida, preventing the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan and stopping mass terror attacks against America before they emerge."

Speaking to reporters in Iraq, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis declined to confirm a precise number Tuesday, saying he was waiting for more input from Gen. Joseph Dunford, America's top military official. Mattis said he will "reorganize" some U.S. troops in Afghanistan to reflect the new strategy.

Meanwhile, the top U.S. commander for the Middle East said he expects the first reinforcements to arrive "pretty quickly," within days or weeks.

"What's most important for us now is to get some capabilities in to have an impact on the current fighting season," Gen. Joseph Votel, who spent last weekend in Afghanistan, told reporters traveling with him to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

Most of the new forces will train and advise Afghan forces to improve their combat abilities, or provide security for

American adviser teams in the field, Votel said. U.S. counterterrorism forces will make up a smaller portion, as will other support forces and medical personnel.

About 460 of the total troops will help the U.S. train more Afghan special commandos in more locations, said U.S. Maj. Gen. James Linder, commander of U.S. and NATO special operations forces in Afghanistan.

Before he was a presidential candidate, Trump argued for a quick withdrawal from Afghanistan and called the war a massive waste of U.S. "blood and treasure." On Monday, he suggested an open-ended commitment rather than a "time-based" approach.

"Conditions on the ground — not arbitrary timetables — will guide our strategy from now on," Trump said.

At its peak involvement in 2010-2011, the U.S. had roughly 100,000 troops in Afghanistan. President Barack Obama then started bringing them home, drawing criticism for the public timetables he provided for his planned drawdown and ultimate withdrawal of forces.

Trump was among those who argued that Obama was aiding the enemy by telegraphing U.S. intentions. On Monday, Trump said he wouldn't discuss troop numbers, military tactics or timetables. "America's enemies must never know our plans or believe they can wait us out," he said.

However, the American public may insist on knowing how many of its citizens are waging a war overseas.

The administration invariably will have to provide updates to Congress, which pays the military's bills, and to key U.S. allies, whose troop contributions it seeks.

Obama, too, had reversed himself on withdrawing from Afghanistan as security worsened.

Taliban militants have made gains, and the fractious Afghan government currently controls about half the country.

Afghanistan's U.S.-backed government welcomed Trump's strategy, with President Ashraf Ghani saying it will help stabilize the region.

Allies responded positively, too.

Germany, which contributes 950 troops in northern Afghanistan, approved the U.S. readiness for a "long-term commitment" and agreed the military's continued deployment should be "linked to the conditions on the ground."

Trump offered few specifics of how his strategy would be implemented. He didn't say how the U.S. would get Pakistan to crack down on militant sanctuaries on its soil — long a point of contention that has led Washington to restrict aid to the country.

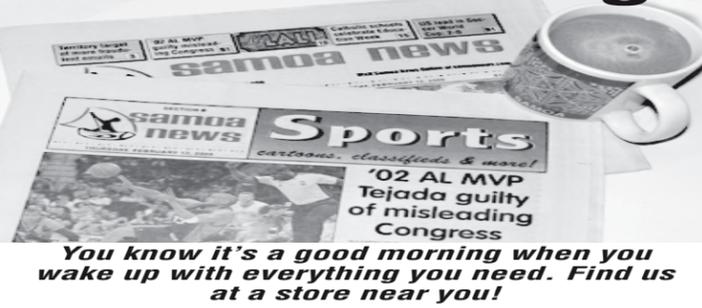
Insisting that the U.S. was intent on "killing terrorists" rather than "nation building," Trump gave little indication of how the U.S. would use other instruments of American power to end the conflict.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said that after an effective military effort, a political settlement including some Taliban might be possible, echoing language of the Obama years. He said the U.S. would support peace talks with the Taliban "without preconditions."

On Pakistan, Tillerson said Tuesday that the U.S. could consider sanctions or cutting off Pakistan's status as a major non-NATO ally if it doesn't crack down on the Taliban and other extremist groups.

U.S. lawmakers reflected the division among Americans about whether to press on with the Afghan conflict or pull back.

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