



Elinor Lutu-McMoore, Pule Ofisa Va'ai Tau Amerika Samoa

Tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

Ua fa'ailoa aloa'ia e le susuga Tom Evans o le National Weather Service Pacific Region i Honolulu, Hawaii, ua tofia fa'apitoa nei le tama'ita'i o Elinor Lutu-McMoore e avea ma Pule o le Ofisa o Va'ai Tau i Amerika Samoa nei, ma ua suia mai ai le tofa Mase Akapo Akapo lea sa ia tau'avea mai lea tofi i tausaga e tele.

O lea se fa'aeaga ua mua'i maua e se tama'ita'i Samoa i lea tofiga, ma ua iloga lava fo'i le tula'i mai o lea tama'ita'i i lona tiute fa'ata'ita'i ina ua ia tau'avea mai le va'aiga atoa o le Ofisa Va'ai Tau talu mai le tausaga ua mavae, ina ua fa'amavae aloa'ia ai le tofa Mase mai le tofi.

O Lutu-McMoore sa soifua a'e i Utulei, a'oa'oina i le teritori, ma fa'au'u mai le a'oga maualuga a Samoa i le tausaga 1996.

Na ulufale i le Kolisi Tu'ufa'atasi ma sa avea o se tasi o le vasega fa'aiuso muamua lava ua amata ai ona faia fa'au'uga ia Tesema 1997 a le tatou Kolisi, ma o ia sa togisilia i le vasega fa'aiuso.

Ina ua mae'a ana a'oa'oga i fafo sa amatalia lona soifua faigaluega i Ofisa o le Malo Tele i lana 'au'aunaga i le Ofisa o le Sui i Uosigitone, le tofa Faleomavaega Eni mai le 2001, lea na soso'o mai loa ma lona tautua o se tasi o Technician i le Ofisa Va'ai Tau i Amerika Samoa nei i le tasuaga e 2005.

O le tausaga e 2008 na fa'auau ai lana tautua lava lea i le National Weather Service Pacific Region ma a'oga loa ia mafai ona avea ma tagata Va'ai Tau i Hawaii. O lea avanoa sa ia maua, e a'oga ma faigaluega lava i le taimi e tasi.

Ina ua mae'a lana a'oga ua maua tusi pasi ona fa'asolo ane ai lava lea e faigaluega i Honolulu se'ia o'o i le tausaga e 2013, ona fa'ato'a toe si'itia mai lea o lana galuega iinei ma fa'auau ai pea lana auunaga. O le fa'ai lenei o tausaga, ae ua fa'aeaina o ia e avea ma Pule o le Ofisa Va'ai Tau a le Malo Tele i le tatou nei teritori.

"O se avanoa ua ou maua, e muamua fa'afetaia le agalelei o le Atua i le tagata e taumafai e fa'atino ona tiute, ma galulue fa'amaoni ma le isi vaega uma o le aufaigaluega ina ia fa'atino tiute. Aua e le faigofie lenei galuega, pe afai e te le faigaluega so'otau'au ma isi uma o tou faigaluega fa'atasi. O le fa'afetai ma le vi'iga e fo'i i le Atua, ae tumau pea le fa'atauva'a ma

le ola taumafai o le tagata e fia fai manuia," o se tala lea a Lutu-McMoore.

"Lona lua o le fa'afetai, e fa'asino lea i le matou aufaigaluega uma lava iinei, ma le Ofisa Ulu i Hawaii, aua a le matou galulue fa'atasi, e le mafai ona faia lenei galuega, aua o ai ea e pule i le Tau a'o le Atua e to'atasi. E taumafai le tagata na te iloa le finagalo o le Atua ma uiga o le Tau, e le mafai se'i vagana lava ua matou auau'afetai ma lagona (Faaauau itulau 26)



Le tamaitai'i Amerika Samoa, Elinor Lutu-McMoore ua avea nei ma Pule o le Ofisa Va'ai Tau i le teritori. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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O le tasi fo'i o aufaipese tele ma le siufofoga malie sa fa'afogaina lo latou sao i Pesega o le Kerisimasi 2017. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Elinor...

Mai itulau 25

lago le fa'atinoga o le galuega, ona tonu lea o se auunaga."

Na fa'afetaia fo'i e ia le galulue fa'atasi mai a le uso a tuaoi, Samoa Tuto'atasi, "Aua e tatou te lutia fa'atasi lava i le tele o fa'alavelave fa'anatura fa'afuase'ia e aofia ai afa ma matagi malolosi, galulolo ma mafui'e, o mea e o'o mai ma tatou tau fai ofo ai i le mata'utia o le Atua foafoa. Fa'afetai i le fa'asoa mai fo'i, ma le talia fo'i o sa matou taumafai atu e ala i uiga eseese o le tau."

O lana toe fa'afetai i nai ona matua, lona tama o Afoa Moega Lutu ma le tina Etenauga ma lona 'au uso ma tuagane, "Aua e tetele lava Pesega, ae matua i le oo, po'o fea lava e tausili i ai, ae tua lava i nai matua ma le aiga e fesoasoani mai. Fa'afetai fautua, fa'amalosi ma le alofa."

E ese mai lea sa ia manatua le sili ona latalata ane lana fesoasoani ia te ia, "Lo'u to'alua David McMoore ma si a ma fanau, Byron, Darius, Daniel ma Kireina-Netanyahu. E matele ina faigaluega i le po atoa, pe a o'o lava ina louloua le tau ma tulaga fa'aletonu mai, e ao ina i ai i le Ofisa e matau ma va'ai, pe tua ma ni a se tala e avatu i le atunu'u. Fa'afetai i lou loto fesoasoani ma lou tau'u ae maise lou onosa'i e fa'amoemoe i ai lenei tina faigaluega."

Mo le lumana'i o le galuega, sa ia fa'ailoa ai, "E leai lava se mana'oga tupito ia te a'u, e ese mai fo'i i nisi sa tau'vea lenei

tofi i le taimi ua te'a, e ao lava ina mataala fa'atasi i matou uma o faigaluega fa'atasi, galulue fa'atasi ina ia sa'o ma agatonu le auunaga ao le'i fa'alauiloa atu i le atunu'u. Ia le nofo popole fo'i le atunu'u i taimi uma, ae ia mau fa'atuatua ina le auunaga. O le matou galulue fa'atasi lava e lualuga i manatu i so'o se taimi, ma o le fa'afetai fo'i lea e fia fa'ailoa lava, o le matou aufaigaluega ia tasi lo matou lotu o le galuega!"

"E fa'afetaia fo'i le pulega a le Ofisa Ulu i Hawaii o le matou Matagaluega o Va'ai Tau i le Pasefika, aua o lo'o va'ai atu, e fa'asolo mai lava e i latou tagata na soifua a'e i lo tatou malo, e avea ma fa'aululuga i le tatou Ofisa o Vaai Tau iinei."

Na mafai fo'i ona mau se avanoa o le tama'ita'i o Christinna Lutu-Sanchez, e fa'auia mai ai lana fa'amalo i laina o feso'ota'iga a le Upega Tafa'ilagi Facebook ma sa ia fa'apea mai, "Fa'amalo ma fa'afetai i le Atua i ana fa'amanuiaga mo oe le uso pele, tau ina ia e iloa lelei, o lena tofi e avea ma au auunaga sili i ou tagata ma lou malo, ae maise si ou aiga. Matou te auau fa'atasi ma le tama o le aiga ma le fanau, e molita'i atu ma le mitamita fa'amanuiaga mo lou tofi fou ua e umia nei. E tatau i le tagata faigaluega fa'amaoni, ona pale i le tofi o le Pule! Aua ne'i galo ia te oe, le lagolagosua a lau aufaigaluega o lo'o outou galulue fa'atasi, o i latou na o lo'o fesoasoani malosi mo oe i taimi uma i la outou galuega faifa'atasi."

Manuia le Kerisimasi 2017 - vave maua totogi o le malo

tusia: Fili Sagapolutele

Talu ai ona o le aso Gafua o le vaiaso o lo'o muamua ia Tesema 25 o le aso malolo mo le Kerisimasi o le 2017, o lea ua vave maua ai siaki totogi o tagata faigaluega a le malo o Amerika Samoa, e pei ona fa'amonina mai e le Ofisa o le Teutupe a le malo.

O le aso totogi o le malo e pa'u tonu lava ia Tesema 25, ma ua fa'amonina mai e le susuga ia Keith Gebauer, le sui Teutupe a le malo, e faapea o le aso lenei e maua ai siaki totogi o tagata faigaluega a le malo ona o le aso 25 o Tesema o le aso malolo mo le Kerisimasi.

Peitai ua fa'ailoa mai e nisi o tagata faigaluega, ua latou tatalo ina ia maua uma e tagata faigaluega siaki totogi, ona o nisi o vaitaimi ua te'a, e le o atoa ma e i ai nisi e le maua totogi, fa'atoa maua i le isi aso o i luma.

"Talosia ia, ua manuia le tala o le tupe a le malo, ma ua lelei foi ona faia pepa fa'amaumau mo totogi ina ia maua uma e i matou siaki totogi," o le tala lea a se tasi o tagata faigaluega i le malo.

O le aso ananafi na fa'alauaitele ai se sau-noaga fa'apitoa a le Kovana Sili, Lolo Matalasi Moliga, mo le Aso Kerisimasi.

"O lo'o avea pea le Kerisimasi ma aso e sili ona taua mo le 'au Kerisiano, ona ole aso e fa'amanatu ai le soifua mai ole Ali'i Fa'aola o Iesu Keriso, ma fa'a'ilo ai le fa'amamaina o fanau a le Atua mai le agasala," o se vaega lea o le sau-noaga a Lolo.

"Ma ua talafeagai ma fetui lelei lo tatou fa'afeiloa'i atu i le Kerisimasi ma le lotu olioli atoa ai ma ona fiafiaga uma aua o lo'o afifi mai ai le mealofa sili a le Atua mo le tagata, o le mautinoa lea o lo tatou sao atu i le malo ole lagi."

Sa talosaga foi le kovana ina ia, "Tatou manatua fo'i Toa o Samoa o lo'o tautua i vaega'au a le Malo, o lo'o lamatia le soifua mo le pui-puiga o lo tatou sa'olotoga ae maise o se filemu o le

lalolagi; ma ia sa'oloto mai pulega sau ma le amiotonu."

"E ui lava o le Kerisimasi ua fa'atatau i mealofa, ae ua sili atu ona taua se mea lelei e fai mo lou tua'oi, o se galuega lelei mo se tasi o mo'omia se fesoasoani, o se upu mafanafana mo se tasi o mafatia, po'o le fa'aali fo'i ole agalelei. O le a avea ia faiga lelei e momoli atu ai le agaga fiafia o le Kerisimasi i tagata uma," o le sau-noaga lea a le kovana.

Ona o fa'atauga o aso fiafia, o le a pisi fo'i luga o le alatele, ae maise lava i Nu'uuli i le nofoaga o le Laufou Shopping Center, fa'apea ma le taulaga i Fagatogo. O le a fa'ateleina le pisi o le auala i le aso To'ana'i.

Talu ai ona o le aso malolo le aso Gafua, o lea o le a tapunia ai uma ofisa o le malo ae maise le tele o pisinisi i Amerika Samoa, e aofia ai faletupe.

I le kamupani a le StarKist Samoa, o le a tapunia galuega mo le tolu vaiaso, e amata atu i le fa'aiuga o galuega i lenei aso, Tesema 22, ae fa'ato'a toe amata galuega i le aso 15 o Ianuari, 2018.

O le itula e 6 i le afiafi nei, e amata ai poloka a leoleo aua le pui-puiga o le atunu'u ina ia manuia nei vaitau o aso faifia. O poloka a leoleo e oo atu i le aso 5 o Ianuari 2018.

Ua fautuaina le mamalu lautele ina ia fiafia fa'alelei ae maise lava i latou o lo'o fiafia i le ava malosi ma le pia.

Ma o le po o le aso Lulu o le vaiaso lenei sa fa'amea ai pesepesega o le Kerisimasi i le Fale Laumei i Utulei i lalo o le vaiga a le Ofisa o le Arts Council a le malo.

Ona o le aso 25 o Tesema o le Kerisimasi o le a leai se lomiga a le Samoa News i lea aso faapea ma le aso 26 o Tesema.

Ia Manuia le Kerisimasi ia Amerika Samoa ae maise Toa o Samoa i so'o se itu o le lalolagi.



O nisi o sui siufofoga malie i le fa'afogaina i a latou pesega sa fa'ailo i le pesega o le Kerisimasi 2017 i le Fale Laumei i Utulei. O i latou na tomuli i ai le pesepesega. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O se va'aiga i le aufaipese a le fanua lea sa fa'atino ai le fa'amoemoe Utulei EFKAS, ma sa iloga fo'i ona matagofie lo latou sao i le toe afiafi a tamali'i. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: *Leua Aiono Frost*
GALULUE FA'ATASI TINEIA MA'I SUKA

Ua galulue fa'atasi nei le LBJ Medical Center i lana tautua i le Ma'i Suka fa'atasi ma le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina i lana vaega o le Tobacco & Diabetes Campaign ma le Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika, o le Tausala Lalelei lava lea o Amerika Samoa 2017-2018, Matauaina Gwendolyn Toomalati, ina ia fa'alauiloa auala, e mafai ai ona e gafataulima le mauuluga o lou suka, ina ia le toe a'afia tele lou tagata i lea fa'ama'i ua matua fa'ateleina o tatou tagata e maua ai.

O le taumafaiga fa'apaga lenei, ina ia aoga ma so'o ai le atunu'u. Ona o lea ua o'o mai i vaitau e faia ai 'aiga tetele a aiga ta'itasi, faatasi ai fo'i aiga uma ma fiafia fa'atasi, o le a tele fo'i ina fa'alogogata ai i latou ua gasegase i le Ma'i Suka.

I le taumafaiga fa'apaga lenei ua atina'e, saunoa le Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika, "Lea ua faliu mai le LBJ Diabetes Section ma le DOH Tobacco & Diabetes Campaign ina ia so'otau'au mai i lo'u fa'amoemoe e fa'afaigofie ai. Alofa mai talia se fautuaga e avatu ma le agaga maumalo, o a'u lava o se ugapepe e malolo lava i le agi a le matagi. Tau ina ia aoga sa'u tu'ualalo, e fa'aumiumi ai le mafutaga fa'ale'aiga a outou matua ua a'afia ma fanau o lo'o talavou

pea ma e mana'omia pea ona fo'i atu i le fale i aso ta'itasi ae fa'afeiloa'i mai i lo outou alofa fa'amatua."

Sa ia fa'ailoa fo'i le afuaga ona ia fa'aaoga lea tautua ma auau o lona fa'amoemoe i lana taumafaiga i le sailiga o le Tausala Lalelei o Amerika Samoa, o le auau fo'i lea e tasi na ia toe fa'aaogaina i lana taumafaiga mo le Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika.

"O lo'u fa'aaogaina ai o lea manulauti, ia fa'asao mai nisi o fanau talavou mai le o'o atu i lagona o'otia sa ou ui mai ai, ina ua amia le ola o si o'u tama i lea gasegase o le Ma'i Suka. E tusa ma le 30 tasuaga o soifua si o'u tama ma lea gasegase, ae tusa o le 10 tausaga mulimuli o lona soifua, na avea ai o 'au ma se tasi e tausia fa'apitoo o ia, ma o iina sa ou va'aia ai uiga tiga, o mafatiaga e o'o i le tagata e maua i lenei gasegase. Na i'u ina avea ai lona soifua, ma ua motusia ai le ma'ua mafutaga mafana ma lo'u tama pele. O se toe galuega ou te faia ona o le manumanu i nisi o mafutaga faaleaiga e ono motusia fo'i ona o lenei gasegase, lea ua avea ai ma fa'anaunauga, ia tima'ia lo tatou atunu'u, ia 'aua nei e o'o i ai, oe lea e le'i maua i le ma'i suka."

"Afai ua e gasegase ai, e mafai ona e toe alu ese ai. O le aoga lea o tima'iga e fa'ata'ita'i i ai, ma fa'amaoni i ai, ona toe fo'i lea o oe i le tulaga ua te'a

le ma'i suka ma oe. Peita'i afai ua le mafai, ona mafai lea ona e soifua pea ma le ma'i suka, ae faia lau vaega o le a tima'ia ai oe!"

Mo lana fe'au taua e o'o atu i isi atumotu uma o le Pasefika, o le a ia faaaogaina fa'amaumauga uma tau togafitiga, ae maise o tima'iga ina ia usita'ia e i latou ua gasegase ai, ina ia mafai ona gataulima e le tagata lava ia lona ma'i suka, e le mai le inumia so'o o fuala'au, ae o le mea'ai paleni ma le fa'amalositino i aso ta'itasi.

"O le a fa'auia nei tima'iga uma i luga o ala feso'ota'i o le Initeneti ma fa'afeso'ota'i atu i le Talavai Ma'i Suka i isi malo uma o le Pasefika, ma e taumafai fo'i ina ia asia nei malo i aso fa'ailogaina mo lea gasegase. O se meae ao ina faia, o le tautua fo'i ua fa'ae'e fa'atasi mai ma le tofi lea ua pale ai i lenei tausaga," o se tala lea a Toomalati.

Sa auai le Fa'atonu Sili o le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina, Motusa Tuileama Nua ma sa ia fa'amalosia ia Matauaina ma le vasega o pa'aga ua amatalia, "O le aso lava lenei e fa'atino uma ai le fuafuaga ua outou fa'ataoto e alu ai le taumafaiga lenei. Aua ne'i toe tu'ua, aua e tatau ona o'o lenei fe'au i le mamalu lautele, a'o le'i mafuli le to'atele o aiga e faia latou fiafia, ma e fa'aosofia ai fo'i le solitulafono i mea taumafa o nai sui o lo'o maua i lea

gasegase tumau. Fa'auia ala uma e mafai ona o'o ai i lotoifale o aiga ta'itasi lea fe'au taua, ia fa'autagia mai se lapatai a le tatou alo lenei. A tu'u fo'i lea galuega lelei, e toe fa'aoso atu ua pasi mai le taimi aoga lava lenei."

O le tama'ita'i fo'i o Farrah Lesa, fa'auluulu i ai le Tobacco/Diabetes Campaign a le DOH, sa ia fa'ailoa ai, "O le fa'amoemoe lea na auau i ai le taumafaiga a Matauaina Toomalati, e matua o gatusa lelei ma le taumafaiga tima'i a le matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina faapea ma le falema'i tele LBJ, aua o tima'iga nei, a fa'aaoga e se tasi ua fa'afofoga i ai, e tu'umamaina lona a'afiaga i le Ma'i Suka."

"O le tatou atunu'u ua le mama'i i le oge, po'o le tau le lava o taumafa, ua fa'ateleina tausami, ma ua mama'i ai. O nei fo'i tima'iga o le a lualuagia lava ma le taumafaiga ina ia fa'ao'o atu ni masini i le vasega o matua matutua ua a'afia, e fuaina ai e le tagata lona suka le mauuluga po'o le mauulalo o i ai. Afai e le ausia e le tamaoaiga ona fa'atau se masini, o le a tausaili auala e mafai ai ona maua atu masini e fa'aaoga mai e nai matua e maotua nofoaga e le alaala ai, ia gafataulima ai e le tagata lona gasegase."

AMATA FA'ATELEINA DENGUE MA LE INFLUENZA I LENEI VAITAIMI

Ua le maua tonu mai fa'amaumauga o le aofaiga tonu lava o i latou ua mae'a va'aia le foma'i i falema'i uma e fa'ona o auga o le Dengue ua toe fo'i mai i lenei vaitau.

Saunoa le susuga ia Scott Anesi, o le Soifua Maloloina, "E moni o lo ua to'atele lava i latou ua aga'i atu i le falema'i ma le lagona o i latou ua maua i le Dengue ma ua fesiligia fo'i

pe aisea? Peita'i, o lo'o pepesi nei le Influenza, poo le Flu lava lea e ta'u ai e i tatou uma, i le vaitau lenei o timuga, toe a'asa mai le la, ua fa'afaigofie ai ona maua tagata i le flu, ae toe lualuagia loa ma le o'o mai ai lava o auga o le Dengue."

E le o faigofie fo'i ona toe malolosi mai nisi o e ua taoto i aiga i le Flu/Dengue lea ua a'e mai nei.

"O le fa'ainu lava o le vaiauli ia lava le vai i le tino, ma le fuala'au Tylenol e inu e te'a ai le niniva ma le tiga o le ulu."

O nisi o aiga o lo'o so'ona avatu lava so'o se fuala'au Aleve, Aspirin, Motrin ma isi fa'apena ona o le fuala'au lava ua maua e fa'ate'a ai le tiga, ae ua fautuaina mai, "Alofagia e matua le vasega o tupulaga talavou, aua e masani ona le fesiligia mai e i latou se fesoasoani a Matua, ae o le maua atu lava o le fagufuala'au o maua inumia loa. Ia tautuana, e va'ai lelei lona tulaga, ua avea fo'i ma mea e fa'atutupu mai ai nisi gasegase i le fanau, ae na'o le Tylenol ma le Panadol lea e fa'ataga mai, ma ia lava le inu o le vaiauli.

"O nisi o lo'o togafitia lava i le sua o le niu, a lava niu e inu ma tau fafaga ai le tino o le tagata o lo'o alia'i mai ai auga o le Dengue ma le Flu fa'atasi, e sili atu lona nai lo le vaiauli, aua o lo'o i ai ma se mea'ai i le sua o le niu. Ia siakia le fiva a mauuluga tele e ao ina fa'ao'o mai i le falema'i, ae o le aoga lea o le Tylenol po'o le Panadol, e fa'ate'a ai tiga o le so'oga o ponaivi o le tino ma le ulu."

Ona o lenei vaitau o taimi fiafia, ia tautuana le so'ona ta'e'ele o fanau i ogasami ua fa'ailoa atu o lo'o afaina i siama e afua ai fa'ama'i.



O le aso ananafi sa fa'atulaga ai le fa'atautaiga o galuega fa'atino fa'apaga a le LBJ Diabetes Clinic, DOH Tobacco/Diabetes Campaign ma le Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika Matauaina Toomalati ina ia tima'ia le atunu'u ma le atumotu fo'i o le Pasefika i ala e mafai ai ona gafataulima e le tagata lava latou a'afiaga o lona gasegase Ma'i Suka.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



Taua'ao 'Melvin Jones Fellow Award Kalapu a le Liona' i le pule sili Hawaiian Air

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

O fa'ailoga fa'apitoa a le Melvin Jones a le Kalapu a le Liona i Pago Pago, na taua'oina i le ali'i pule sili o le Hawaiian Airlines, le susuga Mark Dunkerley, i le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso ua te'a.

O lena fa'ailoga fa'apitoa e ao ina tua'oina i se tasi ua agava'a ai, ona o lona sao e fesoasoani ai i le Kalapu a le Liona i ana poloketi fa'atino mo tagata lautele o se atunu'u.

Fa'ailoga e le tama'ita'i Peresetene o le Liona i lena tausaga, Lisa Tuato'o, "Ona ua fa'amaonia le agava'a o le Kamupani a le Hawaiian Air, aua ua pasia mai e le ali'i Pule Sili lena i Hawaii, le fesoasoani e ao ina latou faia mo tagata lautele e ala i le fesoasoani i le Poloketi a le Liona sa fa'atino fa'atasi ma le 20 Foma'i AMEN mo le vaiaso atoa o talavai i Amerika Samoa nei. Ua le gata ai i lena, ae ua tele taimi e talosaga ai lava le Kalapu a le Liona i Pago Pago i le Hawaiian Air i se fesoasoani i ana sailiga tupe, e toina mai lava e i latou nisi o fa'ailoga taua mo le fa'amoemoe. E matele ina aumaia fua le totogi o le Pasese sau ma le toe fo'i mo se fa'ailoga o se'i e faia, po'o tagapolo fo'i i ona fa'ailoga fa'apitoa a'o fa'atutaita e sailiga tupe a le Liona. O lona uiga e le o fa'atasi pe fa'alua, ae ua tele taimi ua fesoasoani mai ai le Hawaiian Air ma lona pulega i a matou taumafaiga."

Na toe fa'amanino atili le meaalofo ma le malaga mai e Foma'i AMEN, sa pa'u o latou pasese toe le totogia le tele o latou uta o mea faigaluega ma vaila'au e fa'aaoga i talavai sa fa'atautaia mo aso e fa i le Gov. Lee Auditorium i Utulei.

Na faia e le Kalapu a le Liona se 'aiga afiafi i le faletalimalo o le Tradewinds e fa'afetaia ai le mamalu o ali'i ma tama'ita'i foma'i fa'atasi ma latou fesoasoani sa latou malaga mai, peita'i, sa taua'oina ai lava le meaalofo mo le Hawaii Air i le latou Ofisa fa'alotoifale ona o le vaega o le fesoasoani, ae o le fa'ailoga fa'apitoa lena, sa faia le fa'ai'uga a le Liona, ina ia taua'ao sa'o lea fa'ailoga ia Dunkerly.

I le mae'a ai le talavai ma ua maua fo'i le avanoa o Tuato'o e malaga ai i Hawaii, lea na ia autova'a atu ai i Hawai'i ma le fa'ailoga mo Dunkerley. O le aso To'ona'i na te'a sa o'o ai loa Tuato'o i le Ofisa autu o le Hawaiian Air i Honolulu ma

ia taua'oina aloa'ia ai lena faailoga.

Fa'ailoga e Dunkerly, "Ou te fa'afetaia lena meaalofo, e taua fo'i ia te a'u le fa'ailoga taua'oina mai e le Kalapu a le Liona, ona o le sao o le Hawaiian Air mo nisi o poloketi o lo'o fa'atautaia e le Liona mo tagata lautele o Amerika Samoa. Ou te iloa na'o le matou kamupani va'alele lea e fela'ua'ia ma tautuaina Amerika Samoa i le tatou va mamao lea, ma e tele fo'i le sao o tagatanu'u o Amerika Samoa i le tamaoaiga maua a le Kamupani e ala i ana femalaga'iga. Tau ina ia manino ia Amerika Samoa ma ona tagatanu'u, e alofofo'i ma toe taumafai le Hawaiian Air e fa'afeta'i atu le manuia ia i latou i nisi lava auala e mafai ai."

"E aumai ma toe avatu fo'i se isi mea e fa'aleleia atili ai le soifua lautele o le atunu'u. Matou te fiafia tele e fa'aaoga nisi ala fa'apenei, e auauna atu ai le Kamupani Va'alele a le Hawaiian mo le manuia lautele o tagata Amerika Samoa. Fa'afetai manatu mai e ala i lena fa'amaufa'ailoga o le taumafaiga ua au ma ua mae'a lelei."

O lena tausaga ua atoa ai le 100 tausaga o le Kalapu a le Liona i le lalolagi atoa. Peita'i o le tausaga nei ua fa'ato'a atoa ai le 35 tausaga o le tatou Kalapu a le Liona Pago Pago. E ui i nei tausaga e le'i leva, ae o se tasi o mea ua iloga atili ai le tautua a le Liona i o tatou tagata, o tatou talavai o Mata ma Va'aiga e taua'oina mai ai. O le aofa'i o talavai Mata na fa'atautaia e le AMEN fa'atasi ai ma le Liona i lena tausaga e tai 100 na lesitala mo siakiga i le aso e tasi mo le fa o aso. O le aofa'iga fo'i lea o Mata Tioata Faitau Tusi ua fa'amau fa'ailogaina, ua aga atu ina maua e le to'atele, ae leai ma se pili e totogia.

I tatou talavai o mata mo va'aiga fa'apitoa e okaina mai, e silia ma le \$500. lona totogi. Peita'i, o lea ua totogia atoa e le Kalapu a le Liona lena tupe tele i le mae'a ai o lena talavai na fa'atautai lua e i latou ma le AMEN mo le 4 aso.

O a latou sailiga tupe na fa'amoemoe e fa'atupe ai lea auaunaga sa fa'atino ai le latou se'i ma le Ta'amilosaga Tapolo. Fa'afetaia fo'i lea Kalapu mo a latou galuega lelei e feso'ota'i sa'o ma i latou e vaivai le tamaoaiga, ina ia gafatia ona totogia a latou va'aiga fa'apitoa.



O le taimi na taua'oina ai le fa'ailoga fa'apitoa a le Kalapu o le Liona i Pago Pago i le susuga Mark Dunkerly o le Hawaiian Air i lona Ofisa i Honolulu, Hawaii, e tama'ita'i Peresetene o le Liona Lisa Tuatoo. [ata: foa'i]



O le aufaipese na tatala ai pesepesega o le toe aso nai Moamoa o le fa'amoemoe o le Malo ina ia fa'atautaia pesega mo le Kerisimasi 2017. O i latou nei o le aufaipese a Futiga Metotisi. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O le aufaipese a Faia'oga uma o le Kanana Fou Elementary i a latou pesega matagofie mo le Kerisimasi 2017. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





In this Nov. 18, 2017, photo, Brian Houston, of Rancho San Diego, center left, and Evelia Reyes, right, of Tijuana, Mexico, look at each other in their wedding at the "Door of Hope," part of the border fence between the U.S. and Mexico. A U.S. citizen, forbidden to enter Mexico, met and wed the love of his life in a brief moment when the gate separating the two countries was opened. Now it turns out the groom is a convicted drug smuggler and border agents are furious that he passed a federal background check and was approved for the "Door of Hope."

(Howard Lipin//The San Diego Union-Tribune via AP)

Groom in rare cross-border wedding is a drug smuggler

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It was a heartwarming scene: A U.S. citizen, forbidden to enter Mexico, wed the love of his life in a brief moment when the gate separating the two countries was opened.

Now a newspaper says the groom is a convicted drug smuggler and border agents are furious that he passed a federal background check and was approved for the "Door of Hope" event last month.

"The agents are upset, feel like they were taken advantage of, feel like they were duped," Joshua Wilson, vice president of the National Border Patrol Council Local 1613, told the San Diego Union-Tribune. "Turns out we provided armed security for a cartel wedding."

On Nov. 18, Brian Houston of San Diego and Evelia Reyes of Mexico signed official Tijuana documents making them husband and wife and then embraced between the doors of a steel border gate that is opened for only an hour or so every year.

It was the first wedding at Border Field State Park during the "Door of Hope" event, which permits people who cannot cross the border to meet for about three minutes each.

"It's a statement that love has no borders," Houston told the Union-Tribune at the time.

Those allowed to take part in the event were supposedly carefully screened.

But it appears the federal background check didn't turn

up the news that Houston is awaiting sentencing after he pleaded guilty to drug smuggling in May in San Diego federal court.

Houston was arrested in February while crossing into the U.S. at the San Ysidro border checkpoint. Prosecutors said 43 pounds of heroin, 47 pounds of methamphetamine and 43 pounds of cocaine were hidden in his car.

Because of his arrest, he is not allowed to enter Mexico.

Because of Houston, the "Door of Hope" event is now under scrutiny.

The nonprofit group Border Angels has organized six such openings since 2013. Executive Director Enrique Morones said the group doesn't vet applicants but provides the Border Patrol with questionnaires filled out by candidates. It leaves background checks to that agency, Morones told the Union-Tribune.

Border Patrol spokesman Takae Michael said Houston was screened through an internal vetting process based on information provided by Morones and a review did not indicate criminal activity.

Morones said he was shocked to learn Houston was a convicted drug smuggler and planned to meet with new San Diego Border Patrol chief Rodney Scott to discuss the case and future events.

"That goes against everything Border Angels stands for," Morones said.

BEACH ADVISORY American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency **AS-EPA**
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Release Date: December 20, 2017
Contact: AS-EPA Water Program at (684) 633-2304
The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) advises the public that on December 19, 2017, the following recreational beaches tested positive for Enterococci bacteria levels that exceed American Samoa Water Quality Standards:

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| Auasi Wharf | Aunuu Wharf |
| Alao Beach | Aua-Pouesi Stream Mouth |
| Tula Beach | Aua Stream Mouth |
| Onenoa Beach | Laulii Stream Mouth |
| Asili Stream Mouth | Alega Beach |
| Leone Pala | Fagaitua Stream Mouth |
| Nuuuli Pala Lagoon | Masausi Stream Mouth |
| Nuuuli Pala Spring | Masefau Stream Mouth |
| Utulei-DDW Beach | Alofau Stream Mouth |
| Fagasa-Fagalea Beach | Amouli Beach |
| Afono Stream Mouth | Aoa Stream Mouth |
| Vatia Stream Mouth | |

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



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Sailele Catholic choir performed Wednesday night at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium during the 4th and final night of the 40th Annual Territorial Holiday Music Festival sponsored by the Arts Council of American Samoa, and funded by the National Endowment of the Arts with additional funding from Special Programs under the Governor's Office. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



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How states are coping with uncertainty of kids' health money

Examples of how states have been reacting to the threat of running out of federal money for the Children's Health Insurance Program. It was unclear how their plans might change with the short-term federal funds Congress approved Thursday.

—Arizona: More than 24,000 children covered. Current funding was expected to run out by the end of December. Could shift children to Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, which reimburses states at a lower rate than the children's health program does. Republican Gov. Doug Ducey hinted he could use state funds to continue coverage, perhaps costing \$80 million.

—California: Plans to shift many of the 1.3 million covered children and pregnant women to Medicaid. Officials say this would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars, could put 32,000 at risk of losing coverage.

—Colorado: Lawmakers approved Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper's request for \$9.6 million in state funds to finance the program through February. Covers almost 75,000 children and pregnant women.

—Connecticut: State has been notifying thousands of families that the program could run out of money by Jan. 31 unless Congress reauthorizes federal funding. Letters urge parents to enroll their children

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E tōalaiti le aufaipese i le numera a'ò pese na latou usuina o pese a aufaipese tetele i fafo, Aleluia! Pago Pago Katoliko.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Chicago police arrest dozens selling drugs, guns on Facebook

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago police say dozens of people have been arrested after officers infiltrated an invitation-only Facebook group where they bought guns and drugs.

Superintendent Eddie Johnson said Thursday that police seized 18 guns and \$46,000 worth of drugs, arrested 50 people and secured arrest warrants for 18 more following a nearly yearlong investigation.

Police say the investigation started when an informant told the department's narcotics division about the Facebook group that couldn't be found through the search function.

Johnson criticized Facebook, saying it took investigators months to infiltrate the group because of the company's unwillingness to cooperate.

A Facebook spokesperson told The Associated Press the company is investigating the matter.

Greece: Explosion damages court complex; no injuries

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A powerful explosion has damaged a court complex in central Athens, causing no injuries.

Police say the blast occurred before dawn Friday, following warning telephone calls to the offices of a daily newspaper and news website.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. It

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Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title SAGAPOLUTELE of the village of ILIILI by AIGAFEALOFANI TUPUTALA FAATAFUNA SAGAPOLUTELE of the village of ILIILI, county of TUALAUTA, WESTERN District.

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

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

POSTED: DECEMBER 19, 2017 thru FEBRUARY 20, 2018
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registra

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

O le fa'aaliga lenei ua faasalalaina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauina o le suafa matai o SAGAPOLUTELE o le nu'u o ILIILI e AIGAFEALOFANI TUPUTALA FAATAFUNA SAGAPOLUTELE o ILIILI faalupega o TUALAUTA, falelima i SISIFO.

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

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

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In India, some fear lawmakers are stoking anti-Muslim fervor

NEW DELHI (AP) — A lawmaker from India's ruling party called the Taj Mahal a blot on Indian culture, saying in October that the famous tourist site had been built by Muslim traitors. In November, another party member offered a bounty for the heads of two people involved in a movie featuring a Muslim sultan. Then, this month, a laborer was hacked to death and set afire while his alleged attacker ranted against Muslims. The series of incidents this fall has reinforced fears that anti-Muslim sentiment has hardened in India in the three years since a Hindu nationalist party led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi swept to power. Some say it has reached a point where Hindu extremists believe they can get away with murder. Others worry that hard-line Hindu leaders want to rewrite the country's rich Muslim history.

The shift in attitudes is happening in a democracy of 1.3 billion people that is often held up as a model for inclusion in the developing world. When former President Barack Obama visited New Delhi earlier this month, he said Muslims were integrated and consider themselves Indian.

Hindus account for 80 percent of the population, compared to Muslims' 14 percent. While there have long been religious tensions, there is a sense the stakes have risen under Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP maintained its hold on Modi's home state of Gujarat in election results tallied Monday, although with a reduced majority.

In a tweet this month, Muslim lawmaker Asaduddin Owaisi questioned whether Modi is a leader for all religions or just Hindus. "Remember that you have taken oath on Consti-

tuition," he wrote.

Muslims in India have had to deal with a certain level of discrimination for decades, historian and writer Mukul Kesavan said, noting they often find it difficult to buy or rent homes.

But Kesavan said Modi and his party have given Hindus a sense of permission to lash out against Muslims. He cited cases of mob violence against Muslims who buy or sell cows for slaughter, which is banned in most of the country because Hindus consider cows sacred.

The mobs have gone unpunished in some cases, while the victims or their families have been charged with illegally possessing beef, Kesavan said.

"There have always been two kinds of justice," he said. "But the notion that people now have a license to kill, that is new. This idea of impunity has taken hold so strongly."

The brutality of the laborer's death in the western state of Rajasthan shocked many. TV showed a video of the alleged attacker ranting while the victim lay on the ground behind him. Police have made an arrest.

But in other cases, investigations have dragged on or gone nowhere. Kesavan said police often await advice from the ruling party before acting.

Modi's BJP rejects the notion it is encouraging violence.

At an office in the Constitution Club of India, party spokesman and former lawmaker Bizay Sonkar Shastri said occasional flare-ups between Hindus and Muslims are a natural part of life and began long before his party came to power.

"Our political agenda is only to develop the nation," he said. "We never prefer to do politics on caste, color, religion, or any such sort of things."

He said that in two decades of power in Gujarat, the BJP has built an interconnected system of roads and ensured every village has electricity.

Yet party member Suraj Pal Amu last month offered 100 million rupees (\$1.6 million) to anybody who would behead the lead actress and director of "Padmavati," a still-unreleased Bollywood movie that is rumored to depict a relationship between a Hindu queen and a Muslim ruler. Amu later resigned from his party leadership post in the northern state of Haryana. Police have said they're investigating.

Shastri said he didn't know much about Amu's threat, but that he should be punished according to the law. Shastri went on to say he had heard about the movie's rumored love sequence, which if accurate, would be "very bad" because it would be twisting the Padmavati story. The movie is based on a 16th-century poem in which a queen chooses to kill herself rather than be captured by a sultan.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved to issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Fa'atili; DBAS President
Date of issuance: Dec 1, 2017
Date & Time Due: December 30, 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

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 Dec 1, 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 December 30, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

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WHAT IS LITTERING?

Littering is placing, throwing, or dropping litter on public, communal, or private real property, or in any waters of the Territory.



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LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that MAGALEI LOGOV'I of MAPUSAGA FOU, American Samoa, has executed a WARRANTY DEED to a certain parcel of land commonly known as FUIALOA which is situated in the village of MAPUSAGA FOU in the County of TUALAUTA, WESTERN District, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa. Said LEASE AGREEMENT is now on file with the Territorial Registrar to be forwarded to the Governor respecting his approval or disapproval thereof according to the laws of American Samoa. Said instrument names THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS as GRANTEE.

Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 9TH day of FEBRUARY, 2018. It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

POSTED: DECEMBER 11, 2017 thru FEBRUARY 9, 2018
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

KOMISI O LAU'ELE'ELE

O LE FAASALALAUAGA lenei ua faia ona o MAGALEI LOGOV'I ole nu'u o MAPUSAGA FOU, Amerika Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA FOAI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o FUIALOA e i le nu'u o MAPUSAGA FOU i le itumalo o TUALAUTA, Falelima i SISIFO ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O le FEAGAIGA FOAI ua i ai nei i teuga pepa ale Resitara o Amerika Samoa e fia auina atu ile Kovana Sili mo sana fa'amaoniga e tusa ai ma le Tulafono a Amerika Samoa. O le mata'upu o lo'o ta'ua ai THE CHURCH OF JESUS OF CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

A iai se tasi e fia fa'atu'iese i le mata'upu, ia fa'aulufaleina mai sa na fa'atu'iesega tusitusia ile Failautusi o le Komisi ae le'i o'o ile aso 9 o FEPUARI, 2018. Ia manatua, o fa'atu'iesega uma lava ia tusitusia manino mai ala uma e fa'atu'iese ai. 12/22/17 & 01/22/18

Second federal judge blocks Trump contraception rules

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California faces potentially “dire” public health and financial consequences from new rules by the Trump administration allowing more employers to opt out of providing women with no-cost birth control, a federal judge said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Hayward Gilliam in Oakland, California, became the second federal judge in the country to block the changes to President Barack Obama’s health care law, saying the Trump administration failed to provide the required notice and public comment period before implementing them.

A federal judge in Philadelphia last week cited similar reasons in her nationwide injunction against the rules. That decision came in a lawsuit brought by the state of Pennsylvania.

Gilliam’s ruling came in a

separate lawsuit brought by the state of California, which was joined by Delaware, Maryland, New York and Virginia. Gilliam’s preliminary injunction will hold while their lawsuit against the rules moves forward.

For a substantial number of women, the new rules “transform contraceptive coverage from a legal entitlement to an essentially gratuitous benefit wholly subject to their employer’s discretion,” Gilliam, an Obama appointee, wrote.

U.S. Department of Justice spokeswoman Lauren Ehrsam said the DOJ was “evaluating next steps.”

The DOJ said in court documents that the rules were about protecting a small group of “sincere religious and moral objectors” from having to violate their beliefs.

“This administration is committed to defending the reli-

gious liberty of all Americans and we look forward to doing so in court,” Ehrsam said in her statement.

President Barack Obama’s health care law required most companies to cover birth control at no additional cost, though it included exemptions for religious organizations. The new policy would allow more categories of employers, including publicly traded companies, to opt out of providing free contraception to women by claiming religious objections. It would allow any company that is not publicly traded to deny coverage on moral grounds.

California argued that the change could result in millions of women in the state losing free birth control services, leading to unintended pregnancies that would tax the state’s health care and other social programs.

A lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice, Ethan Davis, told Gilliam during a Dec. 12 hearing that it was not clear that any women would lose no-cost contraception coverage.

Washington state and Massachusetts have also sued the Trump administration over the rules.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued the new policy in October. It marked another step in the Trump administration’s rollback of Obama’s health care law.



FA'ASILASILAGA

OFISA O LE KONESULA SAMOA: ASO MALOLO KERISIMASI MA LE TAUSAGA FOU

E fa'asilasila atu ma le agaga fa'aaloalo i le mamalu o le atunu'u femalagaa'i e faapea:

O le a tapunia le Ofisa o le Konesula Aoa o Samoa, e afua atu i le **12:00 aoauli o le Aso Faraile, Tesema 22, 2017; seia aulia le itula 8:30 i le taeao o le Aso Lulu, Ianuari 03, 2018;** mo Aso Malolo o le Kerisimasi ma le Tausaga Fou.

E fautuaina ai le mamalu o e fofou malaga i Tumua e mana'omia pemitā, po o nisi auunaga a lo tatou Ofisa nei mo ia aso Malolo, ina ia tapena mamao i ai.

Fa'afeta'i mai lo tatou Ofisa nei i telefoni 633-5919/633-5920; po o le imeli amtpk1@gmail.com, pe a man'omia.

SUI TAIMI TAPUNIA O LE OFISA ASO FAIGALUEGA MASANI

Ina ia fesoaoasani atili mo tapenaga mo aso Malolo, o le a suia ai le taimi tapunia ai le Ofisa mai le 3:00 (o lo'o iai nei) i le 3:30 p.m. i le Aso Faraile, Tesema 01, 2017 se'ia o'o i le Aso Tofi, Tesema 21, 2017.

A O TAPUNIA LE OFISA: TESEMA 25, 2017 - IANUARI 02, 2018

Mo ni Mataupu Le-Ma'alofia/Faanatinati a o tapunia le Ofisa ma aso Malolo ua ta'ua i luga; fa'amolemole fa'afeso'ota'i ane Alii Ofisa ia i Apia:

1. To'alepai Valhalla Siaopo Pese: +685-771-2166
2. Tailaoa Falaniko Lesa: +685-777-4504

E momoli atu le fa'afetai tele i le mamalu o le atunuu femalagaa'i mo lo outou taupati fai-pa'aga i lenei tausaga o le a mavae atu. Malo onosa'i, malo tauapati.

Momoli atu Mo'omo'oga alofa mo se Kerisimasi Fiafia ma le Tausaga Fou Manuia.

OFISA KONESULA-AOAO SAMOA

SAMOA CONSULATE GENERAL:

CLOSURE OF THE OFFICE FOR CHRISTMAS 2017 & NEW YEAR 2018

The general public is hereby advised that the Office of the Samoa Consulate-General will be Closed from **12:00 Noon, Friday, December 22, 2017 until 8:30a.m., Wednesday, January 03, 2018.**

The traveling public is therefore urged to arrange for their needed documentation and permits well before closure, to avoid disappointment.

Contact phone numbers and e-mail address remain the same (i.e. phone: 633-5919/633-5920 and email amtpk1@gmail.com)

CHANGE OF CLOSING TIME

To assist in facilitating the procurement of documents and entry permits, the Consulate will extend its opening hours by Closing at 3:30pm on work days from Friday, December 01, 2017 until Thursday, December 21, 2017.

During closure for Christmas and New Year (December 25, 2017 - January 02, 2018).

For Emergency and extenuating circumstance only: Please contact the following Immigration Officers in Apia:

1. To'alepai Valhalla Siaopo Pese: +685-771-2166
2. Taliaoa Falaniko Lesa: +685-777-4504

We take this opportunity to wish all our clients and the people of American Samoa all the very best for a most happy and joyous Christmas, and a safe and successful New Year.

SAMOA CONSULATE-GENERAL

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in new health coverage for Feb. 1. Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy said more than 17,000 children could be affected.

—Minnesota: Around 125,000 children covered. State will use more of its own money to cover recipients if federal money halts, said state Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper.

—Oregon: Federal money ran out this month for 120,000 children and 1,700 pregnant women, but coverage continued with added state money. One-third of the children would be shifted to Medicaid. The rest would continue in the children’s health program.

—Texas: About 400,000 children covered, expected to have enough money through February. No warning letters sent to families. Christine Mann, spokeswoman of the state health department, says, “We’re hopeful that Congress will renew the program soon.”

—Washington state: 58,000 beneficiaries. Amy Blondin, spokeswoman of state Health Care Authority, said the program has been functioning with money redistributed from other states. “We’re choosing to not send out any notices right now to families.”

Raul Castro confirms he will stay Cuba's president to April

HAVANA (AP) — Raul Castro confirmed Thursday that he will continue as Cuba's president into April, two months longer than expected, as parliament extended the political cycle citing delays made necessary by a damaging hurricane.

"I wish to ratify what has already been expressed ... about limiting to two terms of five years the exercise of the principal offices of the nation," Castro told lawmakers, in comments broadcast on state television.

"When the (new) National Assembly is constituted next April 19, my second and last term will have concluded at the head of the state and the government and Cuba will have a new president," he added.

Castro, 86, had previously said he would step down in February at the end of a months-long political cycle in which voters and government officials pick the members of local, provincial and national assemblies and the members of the powerful council of state.

But earlier Thursday, the National Assembly announced that its current term would run through April 19 instead of ending in February because the impact of Hurricane Irma in September had delayed the start of the cycle. The current council of state is also remaining until then.

Many Cubans and outside observers expect Castro to be replaced as president by First Vice President Miguel Diaz Canel, 57, who has promised to continue Castro's policies.

Those include allowing the slow and limited introduction of private enterprise into Cuba's centrally planned economy, while maintaining a single-party system and tight govern-

ment control of virtually all aspects of life on the island.

Vice President Marino Murillo, who is also the government's economy czar, announced new controls and regulations for the non-state sector that come on the heels of earlier restrictions around the middle of this year.

Murillo said there will be no new approvals for the time being for non-agricultural cooperatives, while their maximum and minimum earnings will be limited to avoid the existence of de-facto private businesses.

Some private-sector license categories will be merged, as in the case of manicurists, barbers and hair dressers all falling under a "beauty" designation. Bars currently operating under restaurant licenses will fall now under a separate regulatory category.

Castro is expected to retain his position as head of the Communist Party, which sets the parameters of government policy and overall direction of the country. Castro took over from his older brother Fidel after the revolutionary leader and founder of the current Cuban system fell ill in 2006. The younger Castro began a series of domestic reforms that included the spread of internet and cellphone access, freedom to travel for most Cubans and the ability to buy and sell cars and houses. He also oversaw the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with the United States, a detente that was shaken by the election of Donald Trump as U.S. president last year.

Trump re-imposed restrictions on Americans' ability to travel to Cuba, cutting into a tourism boom that had helped buffer the island's economy against a decline in trade with

socialist ally Venezuela.

"We have been witness to a serious and irrational deterioration in relations," Castro said.

The Cuban government said Thursday that after a recession in 2016, the economy grew 1.6 percent this year, a better performance than expected due largely to a 4.4 rise in income from tourism, along with smaller increases in transport, communications, agriculture and construction.

Notice for Proposed Registration of Land

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the request which has been received by the Territorial Registrar for the registration of a certain land LALOOLEISU which is situated in or near the village of VAITOGI, County of TUALAUTA Island of TUTUILA, from MATAUTU PETER TINITALI of the village of VAITOGI as a/an COMMUNAL land of FUAMAILA SOA FAMILY.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone claiming an interest in the above named land, may file an objection with the Territorial Registrar's Office within 60 days from the date of posting of this notice. If no objection is filed within 60 days from the date of posting of this notice, the land proposed herein will be registered as such in accordance with the law of American Samoa.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the survey and description of the said land are now on file in the Territorial Registrar's Office where they may be examined at any time prior to the expiration of the said sixty (60) days.

POSTED: DECEMBER 20, 2017 thru FEBRUARY 20, 2017
SIGNED: Taïto S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

Fa'aaliga o le Fia Fa'amauiina o se Fanua

O LE FAAALIGA LENEI ua fa'asalalauina ona o le talosaga ua fa'afulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa ina ia fa'amauiina le fanua o LALOOLEISU, e tu pe latalata ane i le nu'u o VAITOGI, Itumalo o TUALAUTA i le motu o TUTUILA, ina ia fa'amauiina e MATAUTU PETER TINITALI ole fanua FAITELE o LE AIGA SA FUAMAILA SOA.

SO O SE TASI e aia ma fa'atu'iese i le fanua ua ta'ua i luga ia fa'afulufaleina mai sana fa'atu'iesega tusitusia i le Ofisa o le Resitara i totonu o aso e 60 mai le aso na fa'aalia ai lea fa'aaliga. Afai o le a leai se fa'atu'iesega e fa'afulufaleina mai i totonu o aso e 60, o le fanua lenei o le a fa'amauiina e pei ona ta'ua i luga e tusa ai ma aiaiga o le tulafono i Amerika Samoa.

O LE FAAFANUA ma fa'amatalaga e uiga i lenei fanua, ua iai nei i le Ofisa ole Resitara, ma e avanoa mo se iloiloiga i so'o se aso i totonu o le 60 o le faitauiina o aso. 12/22/17 & 01/22/18

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REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)

RFQ No: ASPA18.010.ESD-WTR Closing Date & Time: Thursday, December 28, 2017
Issuance Date: December 14, 2017 No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Power Authority issues a Request For Quotes (RFQ) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written proposals for the:

"Supply of Electro-Mechanical Equipment for the Tramway Tank Project (Re-Bid)"

Submission

An original and one (1) PDF must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFQ No. ASPA 18.010.ESD-WTR Supply of Electro-Mechanical Equipment for the Tramway Tank Project"

Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00pm. (local time), **Thursday, December 28, 2017:**

New Operations Building
American Samoa Power Authority
P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any quotation received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Document

The RFQ package outlining the quotation requirements is available at the New Operations Building at ASPA's Tafuna Compound and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Power Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

Approved for Issuance: **Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director**

Parents: Baby girl attacked by raccoon inside apartment

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Parents of a 4-month-old girl say the child was attacked by a raccoon inside their Philadelphia home.

Ashley Rodgers says the attack happened Wednesday night in the family's first-floor apartment.

Rodgers says she had taken her 6-year-old son to the bathroom while the baby was asleep on a bed. She returned to find her daughter on the floor with blood all over her face. Rodgers

says the raccoon had dragged her across the room.

The baby was taken to a hospital, where she received more than 60 stitches and is recovering.

The Animal Care and Control Team of Philadelphia says an officer responded to the home, but couldn't find the raccoon. Officers have since assessed the building and set traps. Officials say no raccoons have been caught yet.

Greece...

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occurred hours after the parliament approved measures to impose penalties against demonstrators who gather regularly at the court to try and disrupt

weekly auctions of foreclosed homes.

The auctions have put pressure on Greece's left-wing government, which has abandoned tougher protection measures for distressed mortgage holders as part of negotiations with bailout lenders.



Maliu o

FATUIVA ALLEN SALAVE'A TE'O AUMOEUALOGO FUAVAI



Ua logo le nā itea, ua logo fo'i le nā i ama, ina ua mapu i Niafane le va'a o le Sanalala, ae lalafo le taula i malolo i vasa. Ua fefe vale ai nei le tauta auā ua ulifaō le tau-fa'anu'u, ua oso fo'i peau vale, ae felavasa'i peau lagava'a ina ua sopoutu peau ta tagata ma fulifaō e pei o matagi to fa'ata'uta'u. Ua gausia nei le tautali sa tapa apoapo ai manū, ina ua mafati lona sasaga sa silimea ai le oloa e tua iai aiga ma le ekalesia, auā ua lia'i le poutū ma ua le tatali poulalo, sa tapatautali ai le 'au'au ole maota i Ana-o-le-i'a. Ua po ai nei le nu'u, auā ua le pupula le ia, ua puaoa fo'i le masina, ina ua agi fa'asulusulu le la'i, auē! Ua foa lua le Pulou o le Ola, ina ua gasolosolo ao ae ta'ape pāpā, ina ua tifatō ma atafasaina fa'afuga o la'au e to'ulu le tupua ma le la'o'ai i Lalotavai auā ua lagia le afioaga e susū ai le Aumoeualogo, afio le Anavaotaua Te'o ma le Matua ia Mamea. Ua lagia le Aloali'i, tainane le susū o Afusia ma Samoa. Ua gausia fo'i le atipouniu ma lalafo le fa'asau o le upega lauga a le pa'ia maualuga ile To'afa ma le fetalaiga iā Maui'a ma 'upu ile Atimanutui e fa. Ole motusia fo'i lea o le asoa iā Fa'asilitamaita'i ma le to'ulu o 'autā iā Lea'ana ma le 'aumaga. Ua solo nei le falute ma lagia ai Laloifi ma Falesau, o le Fale o Mavaega, auā ua puaoa le maota i Avetonu, ina ua 'i le manu tulu'ia I le si'u 'a'au o Faga-o-atua. O le lagia lea o le afio'aga e afio ai le Fa'atui ole Motu, susū ai le Malu ole Fale, ae o le lagi e faasino i Ati Ma'opu ma le Maava. Talofa, ua tafefea pulu ile vai i le lauga a Tama Matua, ina ua sosofa le ta'ui-sa I le fa'autaga o'oo'o i lau fetalaiga Salave'a ma Salave'a ma 'upu iā te oe Fofō. Ua motu ai nei le 'asoa iā Iliganoa ma to'ulu'auta iā Ilaoa ma To'omata. Ua tupoupou nei Gagamoe, ina ua agi salulululu le Si'amouli, auā ua lagia le afio'aga e afio ai le Ma'oputasi, o le Tama na fa'asasau ma fa'asausau iai Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofō ma Aitulagi, Itu'au ma Alataua. O le lagia fo'i lea o Tei ma Anoalo, le Matua ma le Nofo fanau, tainane Anoaloifale. Ua gausia le to'oto'o ole feofeo ma tai loloto ile lauga a lē na Falesefulu ai le Motu, lau fetalaiga Tuāolo, tainane fofoga o le Falefa ma oe le Launiu-na-saelua. Ua fatitoto ai nei āuma o le gataifale e pei ole tala ia



Fulu'ulalematoto ma lofia ai le malae i Laloniu ma Falemalama, auā ua lagia le afio'aga e afio ai Lealaisalanoa, o le tama a malili e fa. O le lagi e fa'asino i le 'Autapa'au, a'o le susū ai le Ma'ava a Sua ma le Vaifanua. Talofa i le fa'autaga a Tama Matua lea ua segia e le savili, ma ua tafea fo'i le utu i le fetalaiga i le Atisua ma 'upu i le Alataua. Ua matagitogaina nei le malae i Nu'uuli ma Paepaeuli, ina ua ite le papa osofia ae tu'utu'u mai le va'aloa ma amia ai le agaga i le fāfā. Ua lagia ai nei le afio'aga o Ma'opu. O le lagi e fa'asino i Usoali'i ma Taumafaalofi. Talofa i le fa'a'autaga a le 'autalaia ma tolo popoto o le To'afa lele ua faleseu le 'ainā, ae ua mafuli fo'i fa'ala'au oia 'upu i le Atimanea ma oe le Itu'au malosi. Ua masofa ai nei le fa ma ua mamate vaiagia, ua le susua fo'i vaieli ma ua matūtū vaipapa ina ua mumutu vanu i le malae i Togalei. O le lagia lea o le afio'aga afio ai le Fa'atui. O le lagi e fa'asino i le Tamafa'alagia. O le lagia lea o maota o le Usoali'i. Ua usu fo'i le fono ma motu le tuive'eve'e o le lauga iā te oulua To'oto'o ma 'upu iā te oe le Ofu. Ua fa'atau ata nei le la ma le masina ina ua lagona le leo i Rama i Malaetele. Ua peia le taualuga o Manu'a, ina ua fa'apōpō a o ni aso ua, auā ua lagia ai nei le afio'aga o le Tui Manu'a, le la'au na amotasi. O le lagi e faasino ile Fa'atui, tainane le Vaimagalo-o le tama a le malo. O le lagia lea o le suafa o Lefiti ma le Pupuali'i. Talofa ile fa'autaga iā te outou to'oto'o lea ua masoe ma nuti e pei ole kate i le ala ma 'upu iā te oe le Faletolu. O pa'ia ia o le lagi lea mai le Tai Samasama ma le vai sa o le Tui Manu'a se 'ia pa'ia le Tai 'ula'ula o Nafanua ma le vai salia i Tūlāfasā, o le a nu'unu'u atu i to'oto'o au a Samoa, auā o lo latou faiva alofilima lea e tausi va'atele i pa'ia ia. E! ua maliu le toa, ua maumau ai a'upega o le taua, auā ua goto le fetū o leapai ma o le a le toe va'aia, ua lilo fo'i le fetū o le aniva i lona nofoaga mau, ae mapu malolo le fetū o tapuite'a e lē toe susulu, ina ua to le fa'auli o le soifua tautua ma faamanavaina e le Atua galuega a lō matou tinā peleina. E fa'anoanoa lava e faasilasila atu ma le fa'aloalo tele, i aiga tupu, aiga o e'e, aiga o nofo, ma aiga o ao, paolo ma gafa na sausausema ma ni mulivai na fetafea'i a'o ni taupega 'afa matou te malu ai i itu e fia o Samoa, uo ma aumeamamae, le tu'ua o le malō i le afioga i le Faletua, o lē sa pele ma mamae i loto ma agaga, o Fatuiva Allen Salave'a Te'o Aumoeualogo Fuavai, ile Maota Gasegase i Faga'alu, i le aso 11 o Tesema, 2017.

O le Polokalama lenei:

Masina o le Toetaumafa (Tesema 28,2017), i le Fa'aitula (10 i le taeao), o le a 'aveeseina lona tino maliu mai le Fanaega ma le Maota Fa'atausau i Faga'alu

Fa'aitula i le soliata o le la (11:30 i le taeao) o le a faia lona ulua'i sauniga i le malumalu Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa i le afio'aga i Aoa. A mae'a ona molimoli lea o lona tino maliu i le maota o Ana-o-le-i'a

Masina o le Toetaumafa (Tesema 29,2017), i le Fanaafi e fa'amalama (6:00 i le taeao), fesilafa'iga o aiga ma paolo tu

Soliata o le la (12:00 i le aoauli) sauniga Paia o le Misasa, o le faia ile malumalu o le Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa i Aoa lava, ma molimoli ai loa i lona oliolisaga tumau ma falelauasi ai i lona aiga i Asofitu i Nu'uuli, i le maota o Aumoeualogo Te'o J. Fuavai.

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava

