



Health Department director Motusa Tuileama Nua (far left) with DOH staff in front of the McDonald's American Samoa restaurant in Tafuna, yesterday morning, during a 'wave' to promote environmental health services — highlighting its efforts to fight the spread of dengue in the territory, especially now, following last month's Tropical Storm Gita.

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Female faipule says she'll continue to be the voice of her constituents

DESPITE BEING OUTNUMBERED BY HER MALE COUNTERPARTS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

A 'war of words' erupted in the House of Representatives this week, after a male faipule interfered while a female faipule was speaking.

"All faipule are equal and we were selected to voice issues that can benefit our constituents and the people of American Samoa," said Tualauta faipule Rep. Vui Florence Saulo after Rep. Vailoata E. Amituana'i cut her off while she was trying to garner support for a hearing with the Office of Samoan Affairs regarding an additional mayor for her district.

No faipule has the authority to dictate what his/her fellow lawmaker should do, said Vui.

When the floor was hers, Vui voiced two issues. She acknowledged the services of the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA), in reconnecting the electricity in her district after Tropical Storm Gita and she voiced the need for an additional mayor for Tualauta — specifically Tafuna.

Vui said Tualauta doesn't have enough village mayors and this impacts assistance provided for residents who suffered major losses following Gita. She said she has asked for a hearing on this issue in the past, but there has been no response from the Office of Samoan Affairs.

As she was trying to elaborate more on her request, Vailoata interrupted, saying Vui is raising an issue that has been discussed before, and it's taking the House backwards, having to deal with matters that have already been raised.

Vailoata said the issue regarding an additional mayor for Tualauta is something that needs to be dealt with at the district level — it's not an issue for the House to discuss.

Vice Speaker Fetu Fetui Jr. — who led the House sessions this week in the absence of House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale who is off island — supported Vailoata's statement about the Fono having no power to discuss matters regarding mayors; however, if Vui insists on a hearing with Samoan Affairs, he will support it.

Vui however, expressed her disappointment with the way Vailoata interrupted her, saying his statement was out of order. "My request for a discussion about an additional pulenuu was not acted on, and you shouldn't speak like that when your fellow faipule are talking — you have to show some respect."

Her remarks didn't sit well with Vailoata who then stood up

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TCF escapees make their initial appearance in court

TWO OF THE MEN HAVE LENGTHY CRIMINAL RECORDS

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

The three inmates accused of escaping from the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) this year made their initial appearance before District Court Judge Fiti Sunia yesterday morning. They are: Joe Togitogi, Joseph Iosefa Iakopo, and Ryan Pite.

Togitogi and Iakopo are each being charged two counts of escape from confinement and two counts of second degree burglary — all felonies; co-defendant Pite is charged with escape from confinement and burglary.

Prosecuting the case is Assistant Attorney General Bianca Lherisson while Assistant Public Defender Kate Hannaher is representing all three defendants, who were remanded to custody pending their PX next Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

According to the government case, all three defendants escaped twice from TCF and managed to evade an island wide search by several

police officers.

The first incident took place on the second weekend of January this year, when four inmates escaped from confinement. According to the government, the four inmates allegedly managed to walk out of the main entrance of the new prison facility and escape without authority.

Three of the four inmates have been charged.

Charges against the fourth escapee, Timata Naea, are yet to be filed. Naea was re-captured by police two days after the alleged escape, while the three defendants were found five days later.

The government claims that the manhunt for the missing inmates prompted the Department of Public Safety to set up various roadblocks to search vehicles at several locations around the island.

After receiving tips from members of the public, DPS officers focused their search near the canneries and up the mountainous area in

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This past Wednesday evening, Faasao Marist High School in Lepuapua inducted its newest class of National Honor Society members. Pictured are four of the girls who made the cut this year. Congrats!

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

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UPDATE GITA: Territory's State of Emergency extended for 30 days

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has extended for 30-days the current State of Emergency declaration as American Samoa continues to recover following last month's Tropical Storm Gita, while the American Red Cross is planning to complete its local disaster relief operation the middle of next week. In the meantime, Nuuli and Malaeimi registration is set to begin next week Monday through Wednesday.

The governor's initial State of Emergency was issued within hours of Gita, which left behind much devastation on Tutuila. Under local law, the governor has the authority to extend the state of emergency, as needed.

In a Mar. 12th proclamation, the governor ordered the continuation of the state of

emergency for an additional 30-days "to expedite recovery efforts and to provide a setting conducive to rapid and orderly restoration and rehabilitation of persons and property affected" by Gita.

Lolo noted that the storm left behind much devastation, including hundreds of homes that were damaged while many families remain displaced. Additionally, the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just opened their Disaster Recovery Center to start the process of rebuilding the lives of affected individuals, businesses, and public institutions.

Lolo again calls on the government, non-government organizations, the private sector, and residents of the territory "to assist and cooperate with authorities to safeguard lives and property."

He also noted that emergency powers of procurement and hiring, and any other lawful emergency powers remain in effect.

Lolo had issued a Feb. 13th executive order outlining, among other things, emergency procurement and hiring, as the government focuses on post-storm recovery efforts. (See Samoa News Feb. 20th edition for details).

With the extension of the state of emergency, ASG officials told Samoa News that this also means local law pertaining to "price gouging" — or raising by 10% prices on certain goods, after a disaster remains in effect, while allegations have started to surface — again — of hike in prices of certain goods in the past week.

Any consumer who believes they are facing price gouging is asked to contact the AG's Office, at 633-4163 and ask for the Consumer Protection Bureau. (See Samoa News Feb. 13th edition for more details.)

RED CROSS

In a statement Wednesday afternoon, the American Red Cross announced it plans to complete its local Disaster Relief Operations by Mar. 21st.

Since the storm, Red Cross says it has provided assistance to local residents, and caseworkers have already opened more than 1,200 cases for affected families. It says appointment-based casework is planned to continue until the afternoon of March 21, at the Veteran Memorial Center Hall in Tafuna — across from ANZ Bank — to serve remaining families whose homes are categorized as "destroyed" or receiving "major" damage.

Over the past five weeks, Red Cross said it provided 15,337 meals to residents in shelters and hosted 13 points of distribution (PODs) to dis-

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For more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 699-2759 or via email at as.hr@blueskypacificgroup.com.



Two former STP workers— part of success story for United Fishing Agency in Hawai'i



This undated photo provided by United Fishing Agency Ltd., shows Angelo Poutalie, recruited from American Samoa, and working at the Honolulu fishing unloading and receiving operation of United Fishing Agency. Poutalie is one of two former Samoa Tuna Processors cannery workers hired by United Fishing, on a one-year contract.

[photo: United Fishing Agency]

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Two former workers of the closed Samoa Tuna Processors Inc. cannery are now working for United Fishing Agency Ltd. which last year looked at American Samoa's labor force, especially cannery workers, to recruit for its Honolulu-based operation.

STP, owned by US based Tri Marine International, closed cannery operations in December 2016, putting some 800 workers out of jobs. Tri Marine says the future of STP is "uncertain".

UNITED FISHING AGENCY

As Samoa News reported last October, the ASG Department of Human Resources was assisting United Fishing Agency with local applicants. The company's assistant vice president and action manager, Michael K. Goto told Samoa News at the time that they were primarily looking for workers to fill positions in its vessel Unloading and Receiving sections of operation.

"These would involve the direct handling of fresh fish unloaded from docked longline vessels which is then received directly into our facility to be weighed, temperatured, tagged, and iced, prior to sale," he said.

Goto said this week from Honolulu that two former STP workers, Tagaiivasa Tipa and Angelo Poutalie, are now working with United Fishing Agency and both "are very happy with their situation and have adapted nicely to working in Hawai'i."

He explained that he applied for a US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant, which was part of a "fisheries development" as a training

module for former cannery workers.

"A majority of the funds is budgeted for their complementary airfare and housing for the duration of their one year contract. Only American Samoans are eligible at this time since this is a US government grant," Goto told Samoa News via email from Honolulu Wednesday afternoon.

He explained that the one-year contract offered a \$12 hourly rate and medical insurance (typical benefits for any full time worker), in addition to airfare and housing. "At the end of the one year term, they can elect to remain with the company, but must provide their own living accommodations thereafter," he said.

Asked about plans to hire more workers from American Samoa, Goto said he "will continue to recruit American Samoan labor" with the help of ASG, specifically DHR and director Eseneiaso Liu, "as long as there are interested and available American Samoans willing to relocate."

STP, owned by Tri Marine International, still maintains limited operations at the Atu'u plant.

Responding to Samoa News inquiries, Tri Marine chief operations officer, Joe Hamby said Goto had asked if STP could refer any of its former employees to work for United Fishing Agency in Honolulu.

"We were delighted to recommend some of our former staff. I'm very pleased to know that Tagaiivasa Tipa and Angelo Poutalie are working there now," Hamby said yesterday.

During Wednesday's meeting of the Western Pacific

Regional Fishery Management Council in Honolulu, Goto — one of the Hawaii members on the Council — shared an update on his company's recruitment of former STP workers, and the hiring of Tipa and Poutalie.

Goto's presentation also included photos of the two American Samoans at work.

American Samoa members on the Council, Taotasi Archie Soliai and Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources director Va'amua Henry Sesepasara extended appreciation to Goto and his company for recruiting these two workers, with hope of more being hired from here.

Taotasi said United Fishing Agency recruiting former STP workers was discussed early last week. "And to see it come to fruition is really a testimony to the commitment and dedication of you and United Fishing Agency in helping provide some relief assistance, employment assistance to some of those people," Taotasi informed Goto.

Taotasi noted that Poutalie is from his village of Nu'uuli and "it's good to see that this is an opportunity for him and his family. So thank you [Goto] for making that effort."

STP STATUS

Although the STP cannery has been closed for more than a year, there is still a lot of local interest on whether or not it will re-open, to provide employment for the local workforce. While cannery operations are closed, Tri Marine does continue to have limited operations at the STP facility that Tri Marine invested some \$70 million into renovating and expanding the

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Fallen bridge: As victims are found officials seek answers

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON, Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — As Florida authorities work to identify the people who died in Thursday’s catastrophic bridge collapse, state and federal investigators will begin the task of figuring out how and why the five-day-old span failed.

Miami-Dade County Fire Chief Dave Downey said Thursday night that his crew is using high-tech listening devices, trained sniffing dogs and search cameras in a race to find anyone still alive in the rubble. The \$14.2 million pedestrian bridge was supposed to open in 2019 as a safe way for students to cross the busy road. It linked the community of Sweetwater with the campus of Florida International University.

“We have to remove some of this piece by piece. It’s very unstable.” Aerial footage at the site showed a trained dog running atop fallen concrete and sniffing in the crevices for any victims,” he said.

But Miami-Dade Police Director Juan Perez acknowledged the likelihood of finding more victims under the rubble is slim.

“We know that there’s going to be a negative outcome at the end of the day,” Perez said.

Four people were found dead and at least nine others were injured and taken to local hospitals; officials at one point said 10 were injured.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio attended the evening briefing.

Rubio said the public and the families of the dead and injured deserve to know “what went wrong.”

Scott added that an investigation will get to the bottom of “why this happened and what happened.” He said that if anyone did anything wrong, “we will hold them accountable.”

National Transportation Safety Board chairman Robert Sumwalt III said a team of specialists was heading to Miami on Thursday night with plans to begin its investigation Friday morning.

Rubio, who is an adjunct professor at the school, noted the pedestrian bridge was intended to be an innovative and “one-of-a-kind engineering design.”

An accelerated construction method was supposed to reduce risks to workers and pedestrians and minimize traffic disruption, the university said. The school has long been interested in this kind of bridge design; in 2010, it opened “The ABC (accelerated bridge construction) Center,” to help bridge professionals. Other universities around the country partnered with FIU to “provide the transportation industry with the tools needed to effectively and economically utilize the principles of ABC to enhance mobility and safety, and produce safe, environmentally friendly, long-lasting bridges.”

Renderings showed a tall, off-center tower with cables attached to the walkway to support it. When the bridge collapsed, the main tower had not yet been installed, and it was unclear what the builders were using as temporary supports.

The project was a collaboration between MCM Construction, a Miami-based contractor, and Figg Bridge Design, based in Tallahassee. Figg is responsible for the iconic Sunshine Skyway Bridge across Tampa Bay.

Figg issued a statement Thursday saying the company was “stunned” by the collapse and promising to cooperate with investigations.

“In our 40-year history, nothing like this has ever happened before,” the company’s statement said. “Our entire team mourns the loss of life and injuries associated with this devastating tragedy, and our prayers go out to all involved.”

MCM Construction Management, which is building the bridge, posted a message to the company’s Facebook page promising “a full investigation to determine exactly what went wrong.”

Robert Bea, a professor of engineering and construction management at the University of California, Berkeley, said it was too early to know exactly what happened, but the decision to use what the bridge builders called an “innovative installation” was risky, especially because the bridge spanned a heavily traveled thoroughfare. “Innovations take a design firm into an area where they don’t have applicable experience, and then we have another unexpected failure on our hands,” Bea said after reviewing the bridge’s design and photos of the collapse.

The FIU community, along with Sweetwater and county officials, held a “bridge watch party” March 10. That’s when the span was lifted from its temporary supports, rotated 90 degrees across an eight-lane thoroughfare and lowered into its permanent position over the busy road. FIU President Mark Rosenberg said during a news conference that tests were being done on Thursday. Authorities said two construction workers were on the bridge when it collapsed; it’s unclear what the tests were or if they contributed to the failure.

Shriners’ delegation set to arrive in the territory next month

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

Help is on the way for children under 19 years old with orthopedic and burn problems.

Representatives from the Shriners Hospital of Honolulu will be in the territory next month to see patients during the week of April 24-30.

Parents and guardians of children who need medical assistance in these areas are urged to take advantage of this free service by scheduling an appointment with the LBJ Medical Center’s Orthopedic Clinic at 633-1222 ext. 310

Those who have been seen before, including youngsters who have been recommended by a local physician to see a Shriners representative need to confirm that they are on the list.

Shriners has been helping the children of American Samoa for nearly 30 years.

Since 1991, the group has had a hand in providing much needed off island medical assistance for over 800 local young people with orthopedic

problems.

In 2016, Shriners was instrumental in sending 34 kids off island for treatment.

The trips are made possible through the Shriners Children’s Travel Fund, which covers the high cost of airfare. The services, however, are free of charge.

Late last year, a Shriners delegation traveled to the territory to screen youngsters at the LBJ Hospital’s surgical clinic. The visit lured in dozens of parents with kids that have ailments including spina bifida, clubfoot, and aching knees and joints.

During the Shriners’ visits, the lines are out the door and the wait time is long but the service is great - and free - and can make a world of difference for kids with orthopedic problems.

Usually, a crew from Shriners makes a stop in the territory twice a year, around April and November.



This photo provided by DroneBase shows the collapsed pedestrian bridge at Florida International University in the Miami area on Thursday, March 15, 2018. (DroneBase via AP)

Georgia executes man known as the ‘stocking strangler’

By KATE BRUMBACK, Associated Press

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — A man known as the “stocking strangler” was executed Thursday for the rape-slayings of three older women in attacks that terrorized a Georgia city four decades ago.

Carlton Gary, 67, was put to death by injection of compounded pentobarbital, a barbiturate, at the state prison in Jackson. He was the first inmate executed by Georgia this year.

Strapped to a gurney with his eyes closed, Gary didn’t respond when Warden Eric Sellers asked if he wished to make a final statement or have a prayer recited. The warden exited the execution chamber at 10:17 p.m. Records from past executions show the lethal drug generally starts flowing within a couple of minutes of the warden exiting.

Gary took several quick breaths within a few of minutes of the warden exiting and then yawned before becoming still. He died at 10:33 p.m., Sellers told witnesses.

Gary was convicted in 1986 on three counts each of malice murder, rape and burglary for the 1977 deaths of 89-year-old Florence Scheible, 69-year-old Martha Thurmond and 74-year-old Kathleen Woodruff. Though charged only in those deaths, prosecutors say Gary attacked nine elderly women in the west Georgia city of Columbus from September 1977 to April 1978. Most were choked with stockings, and seven of them died.

Police arrested Gary six years after the last killing, in May 1984. He became a suspect when a gun stolen during a 1977 burglary in the upscale neighborhood where all but one

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This undated image released by the Georgia Department of Corrections shows death-row inmate Carlton Gary in Georgia. Lawyers for Gary set for execution March 15, 2018, are asking Georgia’s parole board to spare his life, arguing that newly discovered evidence raises doubts about their client’s guilt. He was convicted in 1986 on three counts each of malice murder, rape and burglary for crimes committed in 1977. (Georgia Department of



Pacific Island News in Brief

Compiled by Samoa News staff
**VICE PRINCIPAL AND
TEACHER CHARGED**

An incident at Avele College where a student attacked a teacher has taken an interesting twist.

This time, the school's Deputy Principal has been charged for being a party to an offense.

A teacher accused of beating a student has also been charged with assault.

Police Spokesperson, Aua-pau Filipo Logoitino confirmed the developments yesterday.

The vice principal and teacher will appear in court on 3 April 2018.

"We must understand that a law is a law," Auapa'au said. "There are other options to look at when dealing with problems within families, schools, churches and every area of life.

"We must also understand that when it comes to problems like this, we need to have patience so that everything would fall in place at last," he said.

The charges follow a complaint lodged by the families of the two students allegedly assaulted by the teacher.

A family member of the students, who spoke to Samoa Observer, explained the incident erupted as a result of the students reacting to what the teacher had done to them.

"It is alleged one of the students received a beating from the teacher involved because of his uniform while the other student was because of his hair cut," the family member who only wanted to be identified as "Xat" told the Samoa Observer.

"The students told their Village Council that they were embarrassed when they were scolded by the teacher in front of other students during the school assembly.

"It is alleged one of the students was punched in the face by the teacher and he fell on the ground," Xat said.

They told the Village Council that the teacher had cut the other student's hair during the assembly.

"Following this incident, the students caught up with the teacher and attacked him, which involved the throwing of stones.

"When the stone missed the teacher's head, the teacher chased the students and caught one of them. This was when one of the students was beaten."

The school has declined to discuss details of the case.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

**LOLO SAYS AMERICAN
SAMOA'S FLAG DAY
SHOULD GO AHEAD**

American Samoa Governor Lolo Moliga is not wavering on the 2018 Flag Day commemorations despite concerns that the focus should be on dealing with

the impact of Cyclone Gita.

The governor has told local American Samoa radio station KHJ that natural disasters have not led to the cancellation of a Flag Day and he doesn't want it to happen now.

He said senators who want Flag Day to be called off or scaled down should consider the purpose of the annual event.

He said it's to commemorate and thank God for his guidance and show the territory's appreciation to the United States for all the benefits and good fortune that it continues to shower upon American Samoa.

Lolo also said Flag Day is a happy celebration that the territory needs at this time.

(Samoa News notes the latest results of its online — samoanews.com — poll asking the

question: Are you in favor of a low key Flag Day celebration with a flag raising, speech and prayer; or do you favor a bigger celebration that also includes a Fautasi Regatta and marching ASG employees? shows that 80% of our readers are in favor of a low key Flag Day celebration, and 20% for the bigger celebration.)

(Source: ANZI)

**ONE DEAD IN LATEST
NEW CALEDONIA
DENGUE OUTBREAK**

The latest dengue outbreak in New Caledonia has claimed its first life, a 74-year-old woman from near Noumea who died after being admitted to the hospital on Tuesday.

The dengue epidemic was declared in late February after a significant rise in the number of

infections.

Since the start of March, 134 people have been diagnosed with dengue.

Last year's epidemic claimed 11 lives and officially affected 4,500 people.

(Source: RNZI)

**NZ TO PUT MONEY
WHERE MOUTH IS IN
PACIFIC**

New Zealand's Foreign Minister has dismissed claims that the country's aid efforts in the Pacific are encouraging a handout mentality in the islands.

Winston Peters has signaled that the government will invest more time and resources in the economic survival and security of the Pacific.

However his much touted "Pacific re-set" of New Zealand's foreign policy has faced

criticism from some quarters where its benefits for New Zealand have been questioned


Peters said that New Zealand's own future prosperity and security were closely linked to the Pacific.

"Some New Zealanders think that we are maybe wasting money here. They are wrong. This gives us a persona internationally far bigger than the small country we are," said Peters.


"Overseas countries look beyond us, look over our shoulders to see who is backing us. And if the people behind us are an assembly of Pacific nations who look kindly towards us, it makes us a much more important international player."

According to Peters, the new government was going to "put

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OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES



2018 WIOA SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION

(The Department of Human Resources, Employment & Training, Division have available and limited slots for the Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act (WIOA), Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The purpose of the SYEP is to provide academic, occupational skills and work experience for low-income individuals with barriers to employment.

To be eligible for the Summer Youth Employment Program, the applicant must be between the ages of 14-24 years old, unemployed and economically disadvantaged. The WIOA Workforce Center staff will be available to take registration at the Department of Human Resources, Employment & Training Division, A.P. Lutali Executive Bldg., 2nd floor in Utulei, on the following dates.

Ages 18-24 can register from 9am - 4pm	
SCHOOLS	DATE/TIME
Leone HS	March 19-20, 2018
Fa'asao/Marist HS	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Nu'uuli Voc-Tech	March 21-22, 2018
Kanana Fou HS	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Manumalo Baptist	March 23, 2018
Pacific Horizon	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
South Pacific Academy	
Open/All Other Schools	Saturday, March 24, 2018 9am - 4pm
Tafuna HS/ Iakina HS	March 26-27, 2018 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Fagaitua HS	March 28, 2018 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Samoan HS	March 29, 2018 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Open/All Other Schools	Friday (Holiday) & Saturday March 30-31, 2018 - 9:00am-4:00pm

SCHOOLS	DATE/TIME
MANU'A	March 19 - March 29, 2018
TA'U	March 20-23, 2018 (Registration @ Manu'a High School, Contact Person: Ms. Foga Gaoa; Tel: 677-5901)
OFU/OLOSEGA	March 26-29, 2018 (Registration @ Olosega Elementary; Contact Person: Ms. Foga Gara; Tel: 677-5901)

REGISTRATION AT: Department of Human Resources Employment & Training Division, 2nd Floor, AP Lutali Executive Building.


DEADLINE FOR TA'U-MANU'A REGISTRATION: MARCH 29, 2018
DEADLINE FOR TUTUILA REGISTRATION: MARCH 31, 2018

Applicants must bring his/her birth certificate or passport, social security card and a copy of the 2017 Tax Refund of family members currently employed, receiving social security benefit, retirement check, etc, within their household. The required documents should on hand for registration.

For more information regarding the Summer Youth Employment Program Registration, please contact Ms. Grace Uiagalelei or Ms. Michelle Peko-Agaimalo at the WIOA Resource Center, Department of Human Resources at 633-4485.

Sincerely,

Ms. Eseneiaso J. Liu, Director
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Department	Wastewater	Deadline	March 29, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Division	Environmental Services Division	Pay Rate	\$7.28/hr
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation	Job Grade/Status	D/1/A Non-Exempt
Reports To	WW Operator Foreman		

Major Duties & Responsibilities

The primary objective of the position is to perform as an assistant operator within a wastewater treatment plant; to undertake work involved in the pretreatment and primary treatment of sewage; to perform operational custodial duties necessary to keep the plant operating efficiently; to monitor and record the status of various equipment throughout the treatment process including the regular sampling of influent and effluent; to perform mechanical and electrical preventative maintenance work; to ensure the plant operates continuously and in compliance with all environmental regulations and safety standards.

Minimum Requirements

Education	High school diploma or equivalent; will be required to undergo training in theory and practical work leading up to mandatory certification examination.
Experience	No additional work experience is required where the minimum educational requirement has been obtained. On-the-job training will be provided to ensure the incumbent is familiar with company policy and procedures regarding the work involved and as a result is effective in their assigned duties.
Ability To:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good planning/organizational skills, attention to detail, ability to prioritize and handle a number of different demands.• Skills in verbal and written communication• Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions including special investigations on request• Required to walk, stoop, bend, lift, or climb depending on the operator's duties and the preventative maintenance work being undertaken• Occasional light to medium heavy lifting is required in conducting preventative maintenance work

Qualified applicants: Please submit a completed ASPA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASPA Human Resources (address listed above) by the deadline. Please attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examination (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on pre-employment drug test. ASPA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary. No phone inquiries accepted.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP 030-2018
Issuance Date: March 16, 2018

Date & Time Due: April 2, 2018
No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide the:

“Department of Education - School Lunch Program: Consultant and Project Management Services for the Water Heater & Repiping Project”

SUBMISSION

Original and five copies of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: “RFP: Department of Education - School Lunch Program: Consultant and Project Management Services for the Water Heater & Repiping Project.” Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), April 2, 2018:

Office of Procurement
American Samoa Government
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO

Any proposal 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 RFP Scope of Work outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

REVIEW

Request for Proposal data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement Officer, Office of Procurement, ASG.

RIGHT OF REJECTION

The American Samoa Government 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 Government or the public. .

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DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer

Interior requests proposals from U.S. territories for Energizing Insular Communities Program funding

(PRESS RELEASE) WASHINGTON — U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary of Insular and International Affairs Doug Domenech is requesting proposals for its Energizing Insular Communities Program for FY2018 funding. Those eligible to apply are local government entities, independent authorities, and educational institutions located in the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The deadline is May 31.

“This program supports the Secretary and the President’s priority to utilize our natural resources by ensuring American energy is available to meet security and economic needs,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. Island communities have a perennial struggle of high costs for fuel. Lowering energy costs to consumers is a key goal of these grants.

The Office of Insular Affairs will use the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

- Estimated size of reduction in a territory’s dependence on off-island fuels;
- Estimated size of reduction in cost of electricity in the territory; and
- Degree to which the proposal is identified and supported in the territory’s Strategic Energy Plan and/or Energy Action Plan.

In addition, multiple project proposals may be submitted, ranging from a minimum of \$150,000 per project to the full \$2,811,000 expected to be available. Satisfactory Ener-

gizing Insular Communities funding proposals will:

- provide a title, detailed narrative description, and budget for each proposed project;
- provide a complete timeline that demonstrates the project can be accomplished within 24 months;
- discuss the applicability of the above three factors to each proposed project; and
- include the applicable SF-424 grant application forms.

Applications should be submitted through the Grants. Gov website. The grant may be found under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance or CFDA number 15.875. For more information and instructions for applying for financial assistance from the OIA, refer to the OIA website.

The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for coordinating federal policy with respect to the territories of the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. Compact federal grants provided to the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. On behalf of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs executes these responsibilities through the Office of Insular Affairs.

(Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary - Insular and International Affairs)

Democrats ponder mid-term choices: Liberals, moderates, both?

By BILL BARROW, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Democratic congressional candidates are wrestling with a thorny question: Is campaigning as a liberal or moderate the best way to take on Republicans in territory won by Donald Trump in 2016?

Alabama Sen. Doug Jones and Pennsylvania congressional candidate Conor Lamb attracted

attention as moderates who emphasized the middle class.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi says it’s “self-evident” some Democratic candidates will have to get Trump voters to win. She’s fine with them focusing more on issues like economics.

House Democrats are targeting up to 75 Republican-held House districts where Trump won.

► Female...

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once again and said that once the leader of the House has spoken, that is the end of all discussions. He then told Vui that she should show some respect to the House’s leader.

Vui did not let the comment slide, replying that she doesn’t like the way Vailoata responded to her request because it’s not right for one faipule to speak up on issues that pertain to another’s district.

She then dropped the issue regarding a hearing with Samoan Affairs and changed the subject to setting up a hearing with Public Works director Faleosina Voigt, to discuss matters pertaining to road conditions during post-Gita.

Among the witnesses she wants present during the hearing are the directors of the Health Department and the Dept. of Commerce.

Two other male faipule, Faimealelei A. Fu’e Allen and Lavea Fatulegae’e P. Mauga, then added their two cents in the war of words between Vailoata and Vui. Both sided with Vailoata.

Lavea said lawmakers must understand that once the House leader responds to an issue that means it’s the end of discussion; while Faimealelei expressed his sadness with Vui, for carrying on and speaking on issues, even after the House leader had voiced his opinion.

“I’m one of the few faipule who talks too much during hearings and sessions; but once our leader gives his final say on

a subject — out of respect — I will never go further,” the Aua faipule said.

Faimealelei told lawmakers that no directors would appear for any committee hearings, as their schedules are tight. He recommended putting a hold on all hearings at this time, and placing focus on other issues pertaining to government development.

Before she took her seat, Vui apologized to the House leader and her fellow faipule if they felt that she had gone too far.

She then emphasized how important the role of a representative is, to fight for things that benefit their constituents and the territory as a whole.

“I have been given the authority to be the voice for my district and I will continue to pursue my responsibilities to make sure I’m serving the people I represent. We are leaders and we need to set good examples for our young generation,” Vui concluded.



Some of the many employees from the Department of Health who were ‘waving’ yesterday morning in front of the McDonald’s American Samoa restaurant in Tafuna, to promote environmental health services, as part of its efforts to fight the spread of dengue in the territory, especially now following last month’s Tropical Storm Gita, with possible increase of breeding grounds for mosquitoes on island.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

“I do”: Queen gives her consent for Harry-Meghan wedding

LONDON (AP) — Well, that’s a relief.

Queen Elizabeth II has given her formal consent to the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

The British monarch has issued a declaration consenting “to a Contract of Matrimony between My Most Dearly Beloved Grandson Prince Henry Charles Albert David of Wales and Rachel Meghan Markle.”

The prince, fifth in line to the British throne, and the American actress are to marry May 19 at Windsor Castle.

Alongside the declaration that was made public Thursday, the queen signed an Instrument of Consent, a formal notice of approval, transcribed in calligraphy and issued under the Great Seal of the Realm.

Harry is among a handful of senior royals who must seek the monarch’s permission to marry or have their descendants disqualified from succession to the crown.

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"Channel 47" KBS WORLD Program of American Samoa

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (3/18)	Monday (3/19)	Tuesday (3/20)	Wednesday (3/21)	Thursday (3/22)	min	Friday (3/23)	Saturday (3/24)	min
10 : am	00' The Beauty A Week	10' Hello Counselor (E,R)	10' One Night Sleepover Trip (E,R)	10' Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	10' Happy Together (E,R)	00'	00' Music Bank	00' Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	10' Battle Trip (E,R)					00'	00' The Beauty Season2	00' Blade Man	00'
12 NOON	30' The Unit (E,R)					50'	50' The Beauty A Week		
1 : pm	50' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)							(E,R)	
2 : pm									
3 : pm	50' Happy Together (E,R)	50' Hello Counselor (E,R)	50' One Night Sleepover Trip (E,R)	50' Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	50' Happy Together (E,R)	40'	50' Battle Trip (E,R)	50' Music Bank	30'
4 : pm	50' Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)	50' Mon-Tue Drama Radio Romance (E,R)	50' Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	50' Wed-Thu Drama Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	50' Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	50'	50' My Golden Life	50' Marry Me Now?	50'
5 : pm	00' Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)	00' Mon-Tue Drama Radio Romance (E,R)	00' Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	00' Wed-Thu Drama Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	00' My Neighbor Charles (E,R)	00'	00' Mon-Tue Drama	00' Wed-Thu Drama	00'
6 : pm	10' Encore Drama Blade Man (E,R)	10' Mon-Tue Drama Radio Romance (E,R)	10' Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	10' Wed-Thu Drama Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	10' Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)		10' Radio Romance (E,R)	10' Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	10'
7 : pm	20' # 10, 11, 12.	20' # 12, 13, 14.	20' #50, 51, 52 Final.	20' # 4, 5, 6.					
8 : pm	40' Gag Concert							20' Hello Counselor (E,R)	20'
9 : pm	00' The Beauty	00' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	00' Radio Romance Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	00' Music Bank (Live)	00' Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E)	40'	40' Battle Trip (E,R)	40'	40'
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	00' Hello Counselor (E,R)	00' One Night Sleepover Trip (E,R)	00' Hyena on The Keyboard (E,R)	00' K-RUSH Season 3 Danding Beauty(E,R) Office Watch Season The Beauty A Week	00'	00' Gag Concert (E)	00' "The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
11 : pm	40' Daily Drama "Mysterious Personal Shopper"(E,R)					20'	20' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	20' Two Day and One Night (E)	40'
12 : 00	20' Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)								
Next Day									
1 : am	00' KBS 9 News (Live)	00' KBS 9 News (Live)					00' KBS 9 News (Live)	00'	00'
2 : am	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	50' Radio Romance Mon-Tue Drama (E)	50' Queen of Myystery 2 Wed-Thu Drama (E)				20' Marry Me Now? Weekend Drama (E)	20'	20'
3 : am	00' Hello Counselor (E)	00' One Night Sleepover Trip (E)	00' Hyena on The Keyboard (E)	00' Happy Together (E)	00' Music Bank (E,R)	30'	30' Mon-Tue Drama Radio Romance (E,R)	30' Wed-Thu Drama Queen of Myystery 2 (E,R)	30'
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9 : am	30' Hello Counselor	30' One Night Sleepover	30' Hyena on Keyboard	30' Happy Together	30' Music Bank				

*Note: If you need this Schedule, e-mail <hyunhwilee@gmail.com>. and I will send it to you every week!

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Blanche Herrera, one of the newest inductees of the Faasao Marist High School National Honor Society, pictured with family members following a special induction ceremony held at the school campus this past Wednesday.

[photo: BC]

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Afghan baby named Donald Trump proves divisive

By AMIR SHAH, Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — When Asadullah Poya’s wife gave birth to their third child in a tiny village in rural Afghanistan, he immediately thought of Donald Trump.

Not Donald Trump the upstart politician, who at that time was in the thick of the 2016 presidential campaign, but Donald Trump the celebrity businessman. He had just recently read a Dari translation of what appears to be “Trump: How to Get Rich,” published in 2004 by the then-star of “The Apprentice,” and was transfixed.

“I loved his personality. I thought he is the best at economics and he is great at politics,” Poya said. “I thought ‘This is a great man.’ I liked the way he decides he wants something and then he goes and gets it.”

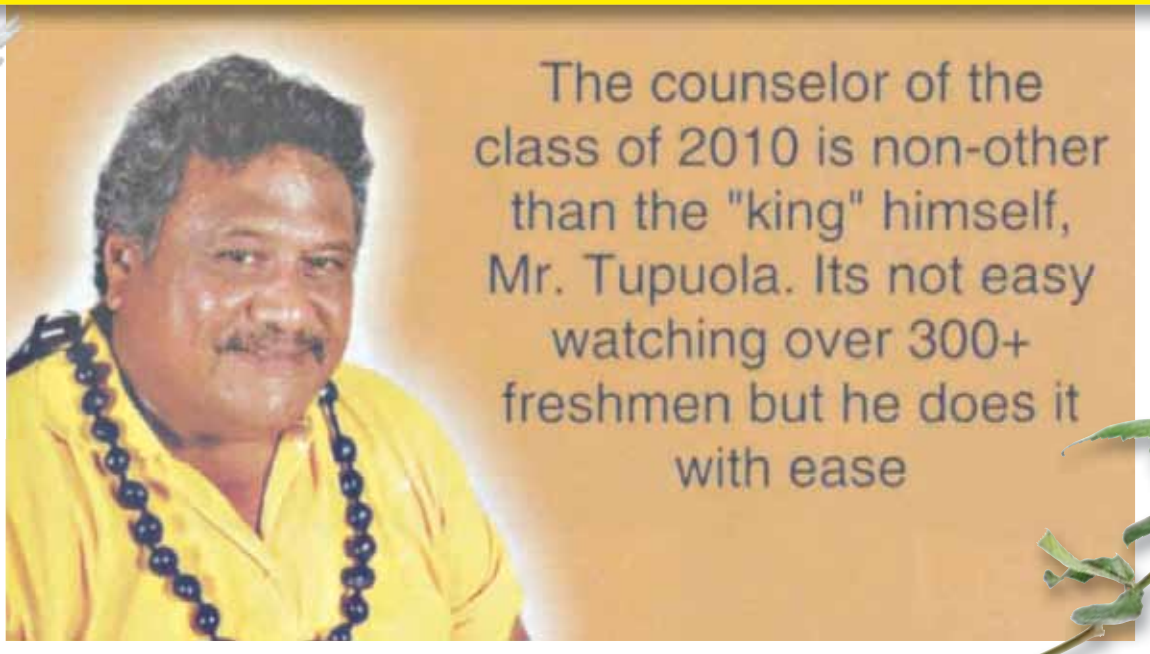
So when his baby came into the world in August 2016, and he saw that the boy had an unusual shock of blond hair, he named him Donald Trump, hoping it would bring him good fortune.

It hasn’t. Poya’s own parents were furious that he had given their grandchild a non-Muslim name. The imam of the village mosque devoted an entire Friday sermon to the matter, calling the name an insult. The opposition doesn’t have much

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ATONIO TUPUOLA



The counselor of the class of 2010 is non-other than the "king" himself, Mr. Tupuola. Its not easy watching over 300+ freshmen but he does it with ease



Ua nōfoa nei ata o le tauafiafi, ma ua laga fōi lepaga i le aloalo e pei o aga a le tautai matapalapala. Ua tau fai sunu'i punavai ola auā o lele ua iso le matega ae fa'ailo i malae le i'a a le tamaloa. E lē tioa a sa'afi le tama'ita'i o le itulagi lea ma fa'apea mai, sa e pese, na ou tapuaia ou faiva, sa e sa'a, na ou aiaiuli, sa e fetalai, na ou tu'ualalo, e lē tioa le sigano a talitali i le savili ona nanamu lea o lona manogi.

Atonio Tupuola, o oe o le lupe sa ulua'i fa'alele ae tapuaia ou faiva e le aiga Salevalasi, e afio ai Tama Aiga, Susū ai le Matua ma Usoalii, Afio ai alo Tutusa o le Mataafa, Afio Tama Pa'a, ae pola puipui e Fonoti ma le Aualuma. O lea sa e fa'aifo ma ua afulelea lau tautua i le Laumua o le Toa.

O oe o se uso, tuagane a'o se tamā i le Laumua o le Toa, sa e tiumasalasala le sosia ma sa e tufa ma fa'asoa lou atamai i alo ma fanau o le Laumua o le Toa i Tafuna.

Lea ua tau le ai, ma ua tu malie le lau e pei o upu i le Taulafoga i lau auaunaga, lea ua manuia ai alo ma fanau o le Toa sa e fa'afailele lo latou atamai.

Ia fa'amaise le agaga o le Atua i le tinā ma le fanau, ma ia tafimala e le Atua lau malaga.

O Alofa'aga ma Sa'afiafiga e lē mavae mo oe mai le Susuga i le Puleaoga, susuga i Sui Pule, Aiga Faia'oga, Faufautua, Tama ma Teine Tuai, Aemaise Alo ma Fanau o le Laumua o le Toa.



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Release Date: March 14th, 2018
Contact: AS-EPA Water Program at (684) 633-2304

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) advises the public that on **March 13, 2018**, the following recreational beaches tested positive for Enterococci bacteria levels that exceed American Samoa Water Quality Standards:

Aua Stream Mouth
Alega Stream Mouth

AS-EPA beach advisories inform the public about current water conditions. When a beach advisory is issued, it is because water samples indicate that the American Samoa Water Quality Standard for Enterococci has been exceeded. This advisory is in effect until further sampling and laboratory analyses indicate that Enterococci concentrations are within acceptable water quality standards.

The presence of Enterococci in the water indicates contamination by human and/or animal wastes. Swimming in water with high levels of Enterococci may cause stomach problems, skin rashes, and ear, eye, and wound infections. To reduce your risk: avoid swallowing beach water, be sure to rinse or towel off after a swim, and shower once at home. If you are ill, or think you may be ill, AS-EPA advises that you consult a physician before making any water contact in the beaches cited above.

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.

► TCF...

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DPS police officer escorting prison escapees Joseph Iosefa Iakopo and Ryan Pite outside the District Court after their initial appearance yesterday morning.

[photo: AF]

Leloaloe, where they found Togitogi and Pite.

Iakopo was captured in Nuuli.

During the time of the alleged escape, the government claims the three inmates were involved in an incident, in which they allegedly broke into a house in the Tafuna area.

The men burglarized the home but didn't take any items, according to the government's case.

On Feb. 05, 2018, Togitogi and Iakopo again escaped from the TCF. According to the government, the two were caught on surveillance inside the new prison facility, cutting the bars in their cell, and escaping by climbing into the ceiling.

For the second incident, the government claims that Togitogi and Iakopo broke into a house in the Tualata area. Again, nothing was reported missing from the home.

A manhunt for the two missing inmates prompted the DPS to again set up roadblocks around the island. After receiving a lead that the pair was sighted in the Tualata area, police officers focused their search on the west side of the island where Togitogi and Iakopo were captured and taken into custody.

All three defendants were served a copy of their arrest warrant signed by Judge Sunia, noting a 'no bail' status.

BACKGROUND

According to Samoa News archives, Togitogi has a criminal record that dates back to 2013 when he was convicted of assaulting a homeless man in Nuuli, and was ordered to serve 20 months at the TCF as a condition of his 5-year probation sentence.

A few weeks after he was released from prison in 2015, Togitogi was arrested again for assaulting a man in front of a restaurant in Nuuli.

Togitogi was convicted of second-degree assault and



Former TCF warden, Foifua Foifua escorting prison escapee Joe Togitogi to the District Court yesterday morning for his initial appearance.

[photo: AF]

ordered to serve a 5-year straight sentence. On Apr. 16, 2016 while serving that sentence, Togitogi escaped from prison and he was charged accordingly. Last week, the High Court ordered him to serve 3 years for that escape conviction.

During his sentencing last week, Togitogi told the court that police brutality and inhumane treatment inside the prison walls are some of the reasons why prisoners escape from the Territorial Correctional Facility

(TCF) in Tafuna. (See story Mar. 03, 2018 for details)

Iakopo was sentenced in 2014 to 16 years in jail after he was convicted of 14 burglaries involving six stores, a church, two restaurants, and five homes.

While serving time for a previous conviction, Pite and another inmate escaped from the TCF and burglarized the Bank of Hawaii, KFC and Pizza Hut in 2012.

▶ UPDATE...

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tribute supplies including nearly 600 “Jumpstart to Recovery” kits, more than 1,200 cleanup kits, and more than 2,300 comfort kits. Several thousand emergency supplies including mosquito nets, tarps, flashlights, and more were also distributed to families affected by the storm.

More than 220 Red Cross workers have been involved in the American Samoa disaster relief operation, including staff and volunteers deployed from across the United States, local residents, and Red Cross disaster workers supporting the operation remotely.

In addition to the relief operation, Red Cross provided training to several new volunteers and initiated the Sound the Alarm program in American Samoa. Working with the local fire authorities, the Red Cross identified areas with the highest risk for home fires and installed more than 600 free smoke alarms in 234 homes. Red Cross volunteers also helped residents create emergency escape plans for family members.

To help people affected by disasters big and small, like floods, landslides and countless other crises, make a donation to support Red Cross Disaster Relief online <redcross.org>

DRC REGISTRATION NEXT WEEK

Residents of Nu’uuli and Malaeimi are scheduled for registration next week Monday to Wednesday at the Disaster Recovery Center at the DYWA Pago Pago Community Youth Center.

- Monday, Mar. 19 residents of Nu’uuli, Numbers 0001 – 0250
- Tuesday, Mar. 20 residents of Nu’uuli, Numbers 0251 – 0369
- Tuesday, Mar. 20 residents of Nu’uuli, Numbers 0501 – 0633
- Wednesday, Mar. 21 residents of Nu’uuli, Numbers 0634 – 0731
- Wednesday, Mar. 21 resi-

dents of Malaeimi, Numbers 0001 – 0143

The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only heads of household need to attend.

Reminder: applicants should have the following information on hand:

- Social Security number.
- Address of the damaged primary residence.
- Description of the damage.
- Information about insurance coverage if applicable.
- A current contact telephone number.
- An address where they can receive mail.
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

American Samoa and FEMA will announce a schedule soon for other villages to register at the DRC for federal assistance.

OTHER ISSUES

According to the ASG Emergency Operations Center, today’s post-storm activities include:

- Public Assistance Applicant briefing at the Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium at 10a.m for all government entities and nonprofit businesses, and at 2pm for churches and other businesses that want to attend.
 - Pre-registration moves to: Pago Pago West at Mauga’s guest house; Pago Pago East at Vaivao’s guest house; Taputimu at Tulifua’s guest house, and Vailoa at Satele’s guest house. For more information, call 699-0411.
 - Registration at the Disaster Recovery Center for Kokoland numbers 0001–0121.
- All those who were scheduled for the DRC this week but didn’t are asked to visit the DRC between 8:00am – 4p.m. tomorrow, Saturday. Only head of household needs to attend. The public will be advised of the schedule of villages, dates and times to register at the DRC.

▶ Georgia...

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of the victims lived was traced to him.

At trial, prosecutors introduced evidence from all nine attacks, arguing that common factors established a pattern. The victims were all older white women who lived alone and were sexually assaulted and choked, usually with stockings. They were attacked at home, usually in the evening, by someone who forced his way inside. All but one of the Georgia victims lived in the Wynnnton neighborhood, and all lived near where Gary lived at the time of the crimes.

Prosecutors also presented evidence that they said connected Gary to similar crimes in New York state.

In a clemency petition and in filings before state and fed-

eral courts, Gary’s lawyers had argued that evidence not available to his trial attorney — either because the necessary testing didn’t exist yet or because it wasn’t disclosed by the state — proved he wasn’t the “stocking strangler.”

The state countered in court filings that the evidence Gary’s lawyers cited had already been considered by the courts and that his convictions and sentence had repeatedly been upheld by state and federal courts over the past three decades.

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the only authority in Georgia with the power to commute a death sentence, declined Wednesday to spare his life after holding a closed-door hearing to listen to arguments for and against clemency.

Appeals filed by Gary’s attorneys with state and federal courts were also rejected.



American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-2474-18

Issuance Date: March 09, 2018

Closing Date: March 22, 2018

No later than 2:00p.m. (local time)

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are being solicited to provide **Tech Equipment** for the Department Education-C.A.P. Project.

2. RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799, until 10:00a.m. (local time), Thursday, March 22, 2018 at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. BID DOCUMENTS

Bid documents, including Specifications, may be examined at the Office of Procurement or obtained there from free of charge during normal hours of operation.

4. CONDITIONSa

The American Samoa Government reserves the right to:

- not accept the lowest or any bid.
- reject all bids and reissue and amended IFB.
- request additional information from any bidder submitting a bid.
- waive any informalities in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

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DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer



American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP 029-2018

Issuance Date: March 16, 2018

Date & Time Due: April 2, 2018

No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide the:

“Department of Education - School Lunch Program: Consultant and Project Management Services for the Electrical Transformer Relocation Project”

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Original and five copies of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: **“RFP: Department of Education - School Lunch Program: Consultant and Project Management Services for the Relocation of Electrical Transformer.”** Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), April 2, 2018:

Office of Procurement
American Samoa Government
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO

Any proposal 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

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REVIEW

Request for Proposal data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement Officer, Office of Procurement, ASG.

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former COS Samoa Packing plant.

Asked for a status update on STP, Hamby told Samoa News on Wednesday that the company continues to operate, unloading boats and using the cold storage. “All I can tell you is that the future of STP is uncertain,” he said.

The status of STP was also cited in the American Samoa Community Activities and Issues Report, submitted ahead of this week’s Council meeting, which closes today in Honolulu.

The report cites briefly a letter to the Council from Hamby, who stressed that locally-based tuna processors must find ways to offset the cost disadvantage it has in competing with other canneries in Asia that can pay more for raw materials than the plants in American Samoa.

Tri Marine also cited that the loss of fishing grounds of American Samoa based fishing vessels was a detriment to supplying the territory’s canneries and increased the risk of costly production interruptions.

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to do with President Trump’s politics, but with the decision to break with tradition and name the boy for a non-Muslim.

“Every day the situation got worse,” Poya said. “Every day in the house, when I was calling my son Trump, my father got angrier and angrier, until finally my father couldn’t tolerate it anymore.”It was then that Poya decided to pack up his family, leave his teaching job and the family farm, and move to the Kabul.Poya and his children — Donald Trump, his older sister Fatima and brother Karim — now live in a simple one-story house that they share with their landlord.But Donald Trump isn’t liked in the capital either.

On Thursday, five neighbors approached the landlord and demanded he throw Poya out, calling him an “infidel” for not giving his son a Muslim name.

Others have accused Poya of naming his son Donald Trump in order to improve his chances of gaining asylum in the United States. On the campaign trail, Trump had called for a ban on Muslims entering the U.S., but what about a Muslim refugee named Donald Trump?Poya insists he does not want to leave the country, and that he never intended his son’s name to be in the news. He says a local government official in the district where he registered his son’s name posted the identity card on Facebook.Donald Trump set social media ablaze.Poya said he and his wife had to block their Facebook pages after they received a deluge of angry comments and threats. One user said four men were coming to kill him, while others called him an infidel or an atheist, a potentially fatal accusation.



This undated photo provided by United Fishing Agency Ltd., shows Tagaiivasa Tipa, recruited from American Samoa, and now working at the Honolulu fishing unloading and receiving operation of United Fishing Agency. Tipa is one of two former Samoa Tuna Processors cannery workers hired by United Fishing, on a one-year contract.

[photo: United Fishing Agency]



**American Samoa Government
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Request for Public Comment on
Special Education Funding Application**

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education.

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3 - 21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who have a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievements. As a condition for granting the funds, each State or Territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 14, 2018. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference Room in Utulei at 2:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education Office located in Faga’alu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faauifono Vaitautolu at faauitolu@yahoo.com or Dr. Teresa Le’iato Atuatasi at atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Dr. Teresa Le’iato Atuatasi, Assistant Director Special Education Division, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

**Talosagaina Finagalo Lautele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo
Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A’oga Fa’apitoa**

Ua tu’uina mai e le Matagaluega o A’oga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A’oga Fa’apitoa (SPED) se avanoa e fa’alia ai finagalo fa’alau’itele a le mamalu o le atunu’u mo le alagatupe talosaga i lalo o le Maga B Tulafono mo Tagata o iai Manaoga Fa’apitoa (IDEA) ofisa o A’oga Fa’apitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o A’oga a le Malo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

O ia alagatupe ua fuafuaina e fa’atino ai a’oa’oga fa’apitoa tu’uina atu mo tamaiti a’oga uma, e amata mai i le 3 - 21 tausaga, i totonu o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa o lo’o iai manaoga fa’apitoa ua fa’afaigata ai taumafaiga taua’oa’oga i totonu o potu a’oga. O se tasi aiaiga mo le taliaina o le talosaga, e tatau i Setete ma Teritori uma o lo’o talosagaina ia alagatupe ona fa’asalalau a latou tusi talosaga mo se finagalo fa’aalia o tagata lautele. E tatau ona lava se avanoa e silasila lelei ai le atunu’u mo le silafia ma tu’uina mai so latou finagalo fa’aalia e tusa e 30 aso ae le’i tu’uina atu le tusi talosaga ia Me 14, 2018. O le a faia se fono fa’alau’itele ia Aperila 12, 2018 i le potu fonotaga i le Ofisa ASDOE Early Childhood Education i Utulei i le itula e 2:00pm. O le a iloiloina e le Matagaluega a A’oga Amerika Samoa finagalo ma manatu fa’aalia a le lautele ma tu’uina atu ni fautuaga ae le’i o’o i le aso fa’atapula’aina o tusi talosaga.

O lo’o maua kopi o lenei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A’oga Fa’apitoa i Faga’alu. Mo i latou e mana’omia se kopi o le tusi talosaga, e avanoa le ofisa mai le itula 8:00am i le 4:00pm. O manatu fa’aalia e tauala mai i tusitusiga e mafai ona tu’uina mai i taimi ua fa’atulagaina. A iai nisi manatu ma fautuaga, e mafai ona imeli mai ia Fa’auifono Vaitautolu faauitolu@yahoo.com po’o Teresa Le’iato Atuatasi atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com pe tusi mai ia Teresa Le’iato Atuatasi, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Evaga)



UN gets \$100M in new funds for Palestinian aid after US cuts



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres delivers his speech during an United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, UNRWA, conference, in Rome, Thursday, March 15, 2018. Guterres addressed an emergency funding conference in Rome after the U.S. administration this year slashed tens of millions to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, prompting the greatest funding crisis in its 68-year history. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

ROME (AP) — The United Nations received pledges Thursday of nearly \$100 million in new funding for the U.N. relief agency for Palestinians after the U.S. slashed its aid, but it is still facing a nearly \$350 million shortfall this year.

A dozen countries announced new funding during an emergency donor conference called as the U.N. Relief and Works Agency experiences the worst funding crisis in its 68-year history. Stepping up were Qatar, Canada, Switzerland, Turkey, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Mexico, Slovakia, India and France, U.N. officials said.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said “an important first step was reached” with the new pledges. But he said “a long way is in front of us” to fully fund the agency, which went into the conference facing a \$446 million gap in financing this year after the U.S., which has pro-

vided a third of the agency’s budget, announced it was withholding aid.

“If UNRWA would not exist, if these services were not provided, the security of region would be severely undermined,” Guterres told reporters. “Now it is very clear, it is absolutely essential, that the extraordinary unanimity in political support to UNRWA and its activities translates itself into cash.”

The agency, the oldest and largest U.N. relief program in the Middle East, provides health care, education and social services to an estimated 5 million Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians either fled or were forced from their homes during the war that led to Israel’s establishment in 1948.

Guterres told the conference that cutting sanitation, health care and medical services in already poverty-racked and conflict-ridden areas “would have severe impact — a cascade

of problems that could push the suffering in disastrous and unpredictable directions.”

The Trump administration announced in January it was withholding \$65 million of a planned \$125 million funding installment. It released \$60 million so the agency wouldn’t shut down but made clear that additional U.S. donations would be contingent on major reforms at the agency.

Agency spokesman Christopher Gunness said the actual cut was around \$300 million because the U.S. had led the agency to believe it would provide \$365 million in 2018. He said the agency went into 2018 with a \$146 million shortfall that ballooned to \$446 million without the anticipated U.S. funds.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, who co-hosted the meeting with Jordan and Sweden, was hopeful the U.S. would continue to support the agency and the creation of a viable Palestinian state that can care for its own people.

“We recognize the important contributions of the United States in the past and look forward that it continues to play its fundamental role in support of UNRWA and in also support of the peace process to enable the establishment of the Palestinian state,” he said.

The U.S. had been UNRWA’s largest donor, supplying nearly 30 percent of its budget. In announcing the cuts in January, the U.S. State Department said it wanted reforms at the agency, which Israel has strongly criticized.

Shoukry said the agency had already streamlined some of its activities but said “there is a limit to its ability to do so” given the enormous needs faced by 5 million people.

► Pacific...

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our money where our mouth is” in terms of aid to the Pacific.

He said this was the big difference between his government’s aid policy in the region compared to the previous government.

“I can recall years when the previous government underspent its overseas aid by 92 million dollars,” said the minister.

“Now, that tells me they got up on budget day and said one thing, with no intention of spending the money in the first place. That’s shorthand for deceit.

“In a Pacific basin where there was desperation everywhere, I don’t think that’s an honest way to go about things.”

Asked whether there would be more funding made available for the work of NGOs and research groups in the Pacific, Peters said he believed there would be but couldn’t “be too premature” about it.

He stressed that the government would invest more time and resources in being a “true partner” to Pacific Islands’ countries, which entailed working with them as equals.

Working to protect the islands’ social, economic and environmental wellbeing did not always mean expensive programs, he explained. And in some cases, it also required global efforts,

such as the goal of curbing inundation of plastic waste in the Pacific.

New Zealand’s government recently joined the UN-led CleanSeas campaign, which aims to rid the seas of plastic waste.

Peters said it was important to reduce the amount of damaging waste in the Pacific arising from New Zealand’s use of plastic.

“We have to...back home here ... begin to ensure that the damage that plastic does is not as a consequence of our careless use of it, or failure to treat it properly in our country.”

Peters said the lack of adequate waste management systems was sorely evident throughout the Pacific. He explained that New Zealand was looking to assist Pacific Island countries with better waste management systems.

“We could use best practice, best knowledge, best industrial advances to help these populations out,” he said.

“And that is the reason why we want other nations around the world to join so we don’t carry the can exclusively, in terms of our foreign aid, a whole lot of other countries do as well. Because the products the plastic is coming in is not our product, it’s frequently a product from some other part of the world.”

(Source: RNZI)

Sheriff: Vet shot self after killing 3 mental health workers

YOUNTVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A combat veteran killed himself after fatally shooting three mental health workers last week at a California veterans home, authorities said Thursday.

The Napa County Sheriff’s Office said Albert Wong, 36, shot the three workers in the head with a rifle at the California Veterans Home in Yountville. The sheriff didn’t release the type of rifle used. The sheriff also serves as the county’s coroner.

The sheriff’s office said that Wong then used a shotgun to shoot himself in the head Friday at The Pathway Home building. Pathway home was a nonprofit organization that treated combat veterans for post-traumatic stress syndrome and other mental health disorders.

Wong, whose military records show he served in Afghanistan from April 2011 to March 2012, was enrolled in The Pathway Home’s veteran treatment program until he was recently expelled, according to a relative of one of the women he killed.

Law enforcement officials did not respond to questions about what led to Wong being dis-

missed from the program.

Wong killed program director Christine Loeber and psychologists Jennifer Golick, and Jennifer Gonzales Shushereba, who was also pregnant.

Napa County Sheriff’s Capt. Steven Blower said neither the victims nor Wong was shot by a deputy who exchanged gunfire with Wong when he first arrived at the veterans home Friday morning.

The deputy was responding to a 10:20 a.m. report of shots fired. Wong ran into a room and closed the door during the gunfight no further shots were heard.

Officers weren’t sure if Wong and the victims were still alive and they surrounded the building for seven hours and attempted to contact Wong. Shortly before 6 p.m., a robot with a video camera showed all four people appearing to be dead, which officers soon confirmed.

The Pathway board of directors announced Wednesday that the program was suspending operations “indefinitely.”

Video: Deputy never entered building during school massacre



This Feb. 14, 2018 frame from security video provided by the Broward County Sheriff’s Office shows deputy Scot Peterson, right, outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. The video released Thursday, March 15, shows Peterson going toward the high school building while a gunman massacred 17 students and staff members, but stayed outside with his handgun drawn.

(Courtesy of the Broward County Sheriff’s Office via AP)

By **TERRY SPENCER**, Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Security video shows a Florida sheriff’s deputy going toward the high school building while a gunman massacred 17 students and staff members, but he then backed away and stayed outside with his handgun drawn.

The Broward County Sheriff’s Office released the video Thursday showing Deputy Scot Peterson’s actions during the Feb. 14 shooting. It shows him and two staff members rushing in a cart toward the three-story freshman building where the shootings happened. When they arrive, Peterson pulls his weapon and goes forward but then retreats and takes up a position outside the building.

During most of the six minutes of shooting, the camera’s view of Peterson is blocked by a light pole but parts of him occasionally appear. He never went

inside. There is no sound on the video.

About 11 minutes after the 19-year-old suspect Nikolas Cruz began shooting, the video shows a glimpse of Coral Springs police officers who have arrived at the school rushing toward the building. By then, Cruz had fled. He was arrested an hour later about a mile from the school.

Sheriff Scott Israel blasted Peterson eight days after the shooting, saying the deputy should have entered the building immediately, “addressed the killer, killed the killer.”

The 54-year-old deputy retired rather than accept a suspension. He is still being investigated by internal affairs.

Peterson has denied wrongdoing. In a statement issued through his lawyer shortly after his retirement, he said he thought the shots were being fired from outside the school.

But in radio transmissions

released last week it appears the 32-year veteran deputy knew almost immediately the shots were coming from inside the freshman building.

Peterson’s attorney, Joseph DiRuzzo, did not return a call and email Thursday seeking comment.

John Bostain, an independent police trainer, reviewed the video at the request of The Associated Press. He said it confirms that Peterson should have entered the building: that is an almost-universal response in police training after the 1999 Columbine High and 2012 Sandy Hook school shootings. He said the question is why he didn’t: was it because of Peterson’s individual character or something about the culture in the Broward Sheriff’s Office that made him avoid a deadly force situation?

The sheriff’s office has said Peterson underwent active shooter training in 2016 where he was taught to confront and take down the suspect. The sheriff’s office said in a statement Thursday, “The video speaks for itself.”

Cruz faces 34 murder and attempted murder charges in the attack and a judge entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf Wednesday. Prosecutors say they will seek the death penalty. Cruz’s public defenders have said he would plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence.

A Florida judge earlier this week agreed with news outlets including the AP that the video should be released.

Police and school officials had resisted the release, saying it was evidence in an active investigation. Video of what happened inside the school was not released.

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LAND COMMISSION

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Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 13TH day of APRIL, 2018. It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

POSTED: FEBRUARY 12, 2018 thru APRIL 13, 2018

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

KOMISI O LAU'ELE'ELE

O LE FAASALALAUAGA lenei ua faia ona o IULOGOLOGO, JOSEPH PEREIRA ole nu'u o LELOALOA, Amerika Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA LISI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o MALAEPALA e i le nu'u o LELOALOA i le itumalo o MAOPUTASI, Falelima i SASAE ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O lea FEAGAIGA LISI ua i ai nei i teuga pepa ale Resitara o Amerika Samoa e fia auina atu ile Kovana Sili mo sana fa'amaoniga e tusa ai ma le Tulafono a Amerika Samoa. O lea mata'upu o lo'o ta'ua ai LIONA THOMPSON & RUSE MELEISEA WILEY.

A iai se tasi e fia fa'atu'iese i lea mata'upu, ia fa'aulufaleina mai sa na fa'atu'iesega tusitusia ile Failautusi o lea Komisi ae le'i oo ile aso 13 o APERILA, 2018. Ia manatua, o fa'atu'iesega uma lava ia tusitusia manino mai ala uma e fa'atu'iese ai.

02/16/18 & 03/16/18

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 NIU of the village of TULA by IAKOPO IEROME JR. of the village of TULA county of VAIFANUA, EASTERN 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 NIU shall be registered in the name of IAKOPO IEROME JR. in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: MARCH 9, 2018 thru MAY 8, 2018

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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

O le fa'aaliga lenei ua faasalalauina 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 NIU o le nu'u o TULA e IAKOPO IEROME JR. o TULA faalupega o VAIFANUA, falelima i SASAE.

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

A i ai se tasi e faafinagaloia, 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 leai 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 IAKOPO IEROME JR. e tusa ai ma aiaiga o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa.

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Psalm 107: 29-32

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