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## JUST ASKING

by Samoa News Staff

Several of our readers have asked Samoa News if there is a breakdown of where the money in the Fono's budget goes? They ask: Why does the Fono need a budget of nearly \$7 million to operate?

With all those revenue bills they passed — it would be interesting to find out how our tax dollars are being spent.

Samoa News responds — first with a breakdown of the Senate budget, to be followed by a breakdown of the House budget:

### SENATE BUDGET

According to the Fono's

budget summary for the final budget of fiscal year 2018 — prepared June 2017 — the current salary for senators is \$25,000 per year, not including the Senate president who earns \$30,000 a year. The total amount allotted for salaries alone is \$455,000, which covers 17 senators and the Senate President.

Other personnel also listed as "contract" workers — 18 total — account for \$601,000 in salaries. (40% of the salary for the "Liaison officer" is paid by the Governor's Office).

### Of interest:

There are four (4) employees

being paid for the position of "special assistant to the president". One of them earns \$55,000, the other gets paid \$45,000, another gets \$35,000 and one other gets paid \$30,000

Samoa News asked several Fono employees to identify the senate president's special assistants and we were basically told to call someone else to find out. In the end, there was no definitive answer of who exactly these individuals are.

The budget document also notes that the president's secretary earns \$25,000, which is the same amount being paid to each

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## Despite governor's remarks, Council again seeks to reduce size of LVPA in our waters

NO SURPRISE: ASG CASTS ONLY "NO" VOTE AGAINST PREFERRED RECOMMENDATION

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council has approved a preferred recommendation that would, again, seek to reduce the size of the Large Vessel Prohibited Area (LVPA) in American Samoa waters, with Council member Va'amua Henry Sesepasara casting the only "no" vote.

The LVPA reduction option was one of the action items the Council voted on yesterday during the final day of its three-day 171st Meeting at the Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium.

The Council says it recognizes the importance of fishing to American Samoa economy, culture, and food security, and supports all forms of fishing associated with the territory.

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FILE - In this May 31, 2016 file photo, Robert Bates, a former Oklahoma volunteer sheriff's deputy who said he mistook his handgun for his stun gun when he fatally shot an unarmed suspect in 2015, is escorted from the courtroom following his sentencing at the courthouse in Tulsa, Okla. Bates has been released from prison after serving less than half of his four-year sentence. Oklahoma Department of Corrections spokesman Matt Elliott said Bates will serve probation for the remainder of his sentence.

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File)

## Medical School Scholarship OPPORTUNITY

LBJTMC in conjunction with ASG is offering a full scholarship to the Fiji School of Medicine at the Fiji National University



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\*Minimum educational requirement is a Bachelor's Degree.

### Application requirements:

- Copy of degree(s) - focus on Sciences
- Copy of degree transcripts
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume
- Two letters of recommendation



Applications must be submitted by November 30, 2017 for 2018 Spring Semester

For more information, please contact LBJ's CMO's Office at 633-1222 ext 480 or Email: akenese.nikolao@lbj.as

## Too many approvals and weak collections mean no more student loan program

PROPOSED POLICY CALLS FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION FROM FORMER STUDENTS WORKING FOR ASG

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa New Reporter

Tualauta faipule, Rep. Samuel Ioka Ale Meleisea strongly advises the ASG Scholarship Board to establish a new policy so they can collect monies owed to the government under the ASG student loan program.

During a hearing called by the House Education & Scholarship Committee with members of the ASG Scholarship Board this week, Meleisea voiced his disappointment with the issue of student loans, saying it is the carelessness of others that has affected students who are seeking financial assistance from the student loan program to pay for schooling off-island.

Meleisea said when he heard that the board had put a stop to the student loan program, he wanted to find out why, as there are a lot of families who need the program to pay for their childrens' education because they can't afford to pay for it outright.

He said he was saddened to learn that the reason why the student loan program was put on hold was because there was no money to fund the program.

According to Meleisea, information he received from the Development Bank president is that since 1997, ASG has spent over \$10 million on the student loan program, but to date, most students have been unable to pay back their loans and because of that, there was little left in the account to fund other student loan applications, which resulted in the board putting a stop to the program.

Meleisea wanted to know if the board has any authority to set up a new policy to ensure that all students who owe money to the program are told to find ways to make their payment, especially those who are working for the government.

He said such a policy would give the ASG Treasurer the authority to deduct payments directly from those students' pay checks to clear what they owe to the government under the student loan program.

ASG Scholarship Board chairman, Sen. Faiivae Iuli Godinet told the committee that after the new board was confirmed, they found out that almost \$11 million was spent by the government to fund the student loan program through DBAS.

What happened was, a lot of student loan applications were approved but repayment was very weak, and there was not enough revenues to generate new student loans, which caused the board to make the decision to hold off on issuing any more student loans until the problem is solved.

Faiivae told the committee

that some students use the loans to pay for school, but after they graduate, they plan to remain in the US and find good paying jobs while others are retuning home but are keeping a low key profile, trying to hide so they won't have to make any payments on what they owe to the government.

He said the new board is trying to monitor those returning students, in an effort to get them to start paying. "We want to help new students who are asking for student loans, but we have to do something to make sure payments will come in," in order to increase the value of the account.

He echoed Meleisea's suggestion about directly cutting payments from former students who are now working for ASG, saying the board is working on setting it up.

Faiivae emphasized that this is their first year as board members "but this problem has been there for almost 10 years now."

He said the board doesn't have the authority to carry out payroll deductions from the former students, but they will work with the treasurer on ways to solve the problem.

"I think there was a lack of a collections policy by the previous board, but we will make sure this board will do something to avoid the issue from growing," Faiivae said.

"It's really sad to think about it, because there are a lot of students who are applying for student loans to pay for school, because they are not eligible for the scholarship program, but the program is now on hold. I think we need to have more awareness programs - on television or also on the radio. It's not about trying to embarrass anyone, but trying to inform them that they have a duty that needs to be fulfilled, and that is, paying back their loans to the government," Meleisea said.

He also recommended that the names of those who refuse to make payments be printed in the newspaper, similar to what a local lending company is doing, "so maybe when they see their names, they will start making payments." Saole faipule, Rep. Kitara Vaiau echoed Meleisea's concerns and said those who don't want to pay back their loans have forgotten the love the government showed them, in supporting their education, because now it's time to pay it back, they are hiding, pretending like nothing's happening. "If the government showed those students love and gave them the opportunity to continue on with school, by approving their student loan applications, these new students who are asking for a loan deserve to have their applications approved," Vaiau said.





Compiled by Samoa News Staff  
**POSSIBLE CAUSE OF  
PURSE SEINER VESSEL  
FIRE REVEALED**

The US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has determined the possible cause of last year’s fire onboard a US flagged purse seiner not far from American Samoa.

No one was injured in the fire, which caused between \$500,000 to \$1 million in damages, according to the NTSB’s 12-page summary report which notes that a fire broke out around 7a.m. local time on Feb. 10, 2016 on board the American Eagle, a commercial fishing vessel, whose port of registry is the Port of Pago Pago.

The fire broke out near several oxygen and acetylene cylinders stored below deck as the vessel was transiting the South Pacific Ocean, about 790 miles northeast of American Samoa.

Crewmembers attempted to fight the fire but were unable to extinguish it so they abandoned the American Eagle into its skiffs and life rafts, leaving the vessel adrift without electrical power.

The crew activated the emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB), prompting the launch of the US Coast Guard C-130 aircraft from Hawaii, while another fishing vessel, the Fong Seong 888 — which was about 5 hours away — was en route to provide assistance.

Several hours later, a few crewmembers re-boarded the vessel and extinguished the remnants of the fire, which didn’t cause any environmental damage. With assistance from an electrician aboard the Fong Seong 888, the American Eagle crew restarted an electrical generator and the main engine and the vessel proceeded under its own power to Pago Pago where it arrived, February 14.

According to the report, the “probable cause of the fire... was the ignition from an undetermined source of acetylene gas mixed with oxygen, most likely leaking from a degraded hose connected to cylinders stored in a working space below deck.

“Contributing to the severity of the fire were the numerous acetylene and oxygen cylinders improperly stowed near the fire, which provided additional fuel and oxygen to the fire,” and “the lack of a common language between all crew members, which hampered firefighting efforts.”

The effectiveness of training on board the American Eagle could not be directly assessed but the reports says, “investigators determined that it was likely insufficient, given the language barriers and the response to the fire.”

**DHLS DIRECTOR SAYS  
PLANS ARE IN PLACE,  
IN CASE OF A MISSILE  
ATTACK**

Department of Homeland Security director, Samana S. Veavea told faipule that if North Korea decides to launch a missile in the Pacific Region, American Samoa has less than 30 minutes to prepare; and in an event of nuclear detonation, the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will receive immediate notification and within two minutes, the local community will be alerted.

Samana appeared before a House committee last week with Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale, and LBJ Medical Center CEO, Faumuina John Faumuina.

Faipule have told government officials that threats by the North Korea leader to fire missiles in the Pacific is something ASG shouldn’t take lightly, because if and when it happens, it will become a reality - not a joke.

Tualauta faipule, Rep. Samuel Ioka Ale Meleisea said this is one of the issues ASG should be discussing during the 2Samoa Talks later this year, to make sure the two Samoan governments will work together to protect its people.

Committee members wanted to know how far the missiles from North Korea will travel before hitting the Pacific, and whether ASG will be able to provide safety equipment - including protective masks, suits, and shelter - to protect people from radiation.

Samana explained that the distance between the territory and North Korea is over 5,500 miles, while the distance to Guam is 2,200 miles.

“We have a plan for the territory. There is also a special plan for all the government leaders. We know where to put the Governor and Lt. Gov. - even senators and representatives. Communication is very important for everyone,” Samana said.

Families are urged to make sure they have enough supplies of water and food at home for 2 weeks. They must also have items like batteries for the radio and a flashlight, in case the power is out.

**ELLIS, LAUINA, NAMED  
STUDENT-ATHLETES OF  
THE MONTH**

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon State Athletics is proud to announce Kayla Ellis and Fred Lauina have been named October Student-Athletes of the Month.

Ellis, a junior majoring in kinesiology, is the Beavers’ starting libero for the volleyball team. She leads the squad with 195 digs in 2017 and ranks sixth in the Pac-12 with 3.61 digs per set. Last weekend, the Pocatello, Idaho native registered a season-best 21 digs including the 1,000th dig of her career, becoming just the 14th player in OSU history to achieve the feat. She was a

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**Public Notice Announcing the Availability of an  
Environmental Assessment**

American Samoa Telecommunications Authority: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) of Pago Pago, American Samoa. The proposal is for the installation and operation of a 402-kilometer (250-mile) long submarine fiber optic branch cable and associated infrastructure to provide improved and more affordable broadband services to American Samoa. The “branch cable” would connect American Samoa to the Hawaiki Submarine Cable System “trunk” cable spanning approximately 14,988 kilometers (9,313 miles) from Pacific City, Oregon, USA to Coogee, Australia. The American Samoa Branch Cable consists of optical fibers and an electrical conductor designed to transmit voice and data communications at approximately 1.06 terabits/second. All impacts to land, water and cultural resources or to ambient noise levels or existing air quality from the project are expected to be less than significant with implementation of identified mitigation measures and best management practices (BMPs). ASTCA will submit an application to RUS for funding of the proposed project under the Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steve Polacek, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1510, Rm 5135, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1510, 202-205-9805, Steve.Polacek@wdc.usda.gov.

Ted Leiato, Submarine Cable Project Manager, American Samoa Telecommunications Authority, P.O. Box M, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799, 684-699-1121, ted.leiato@astca.net.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ASTCA proposes laying the American Samoa Branch Cable from Branch Unit 1 on the Hawaiki trunk cable, through the independent Samoa Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ) passing between the islands of Samoa and American Samoa, into the American Samoa EEZ where it will make landfall at Fogagogo located on the southeast coast of the Island of Tutuila. Approximately 105 kilometers (65 miles) of the branch cable is proposed to be located in the American Samoa territorial waters and EEZ, with the remaining 297 kilometers (185 miles) in the Samoan EEZ. The cable will be laid using a specialized cable-laying vessel along a predetermined engineered route. The majority of the cable would occur in water depths between approximately 1,000 to 4,000 meters (3,300 to 13,000 feet). As the cable approaches the shoreline of Tutuila at Fogagogo, it will traverse a shallow reef surf-zone and land on a rocky shoreline near an existing telecommunications conduit currently used to house an existing fiber optic cable. The American Samoa Branch Cable would be installed into a new 102-millimeter (4-inch) steel conduit laid in a trench pipe in volcanic rock parallel to the existing fiber optic steel. The trench would run from the shoreline to an existing beach manhole ([BMH] a concrete chamber situated below ground and above high water) over a distance of approximately 49 m (160 ft). From the BMH, the branch cable would be installed in an existing underground conduit terminating at the existing Iliili Operations Center located on land leased by ASTCA on the Iliili Golf Course. The Center would house the submarine line terminal equipment and the branch cable monitoring system.

The cable laying ship would operate for approximately 5 days. Cable installation is currently scheduled to commence in early 2018, with the project scheduled to start delivering broadband services to American Samoa by the end of June 2018.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Honolulu District has assumed the role of lead federal agency for the proposed project as the project requires a permit from USACE pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401 et seq.). USACE will initiate consultation with NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office pursuant to Section 7 (a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as amended ((16 United States Code [USC] § 1536 [c])), and the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) provision of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act (MSA) (16 USC §1855 (b) (2)). A Biological Assessment and EFH Assessment have been prepared to address potential project impacts to federally listed ESA species and EFH. Inclusive in these document are recommended best management practices, as recommended by NOAA Fisheries to mitigate impacts to ESA protected species and EFH. The outcome of the ESA consultation is expected to be a no effect determination, and the outcome of the EFH consultation is expected to be a no to minimal adverse effect to EFH determination. The USACE will also initiate consultation with the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office (ASHPO) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 USC § 306108) and USACE Procedures for the Protection of Historic Properties (33 CFR 325 Appendix C) to determine if the project has the potential to cause effects to historic properties. Based on desktop analyses in both the onshore and offshore environments, no cultural or historic resources were found. USACE consultations with NOAA Fisheries and ASHPO are intended to be comprehensive and satisfy the Section 7, EFH and Section 106 consultation obligations for both USACE and RUS.

The Draft EA, prepared by ASTCA’s environmental consultant, Tetra Tech, Inc., provides a description of the project, the need for the project, alternatives to the project, an analysis of the affected environment and potential effects to the natural and human environments, mitigation measures, and supporting materials. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, this notice also serves to inform the public of proposed construction within the floodplain and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts. The EA also describes the public involvement process, including governments, organizations, and agencies consulted during the preparation of the EA. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the EA and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

A hardcopy of the EA will be available at ASTCA’s Aleki Sene Sr. Telecommunications Center, P.O. Box M, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 and electronic copies of the EA are available upon request. Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided (email preferred). RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below. Dated: Monday, October 16, 2017







Everyone is excited to welcome the sailing 'alia canoe, 'Apaula' to Tisa's Annual Tattoo Festival 2017.

[courtesy photo]

# Am Samoa's biggest artistic export — Tisa's Tattoo Festival

ALEGA, AS — Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2017 — Are you ready? It's getting closer. Preparations for the 13th Annual Tattoo Festival are well underway to celebrate the Tatau art this year with new designs and exciting ink by renowned local tattoo artists.

"We look forward to seeing everyone at the beach for the October festival celebration. It is a community effort event that helped revive and preserve the art of the Tatau," said Tisa Faamuli who established the Fest in 1993. "Today, we are proud of our accomplishments," says Tisa. "Samoan tattoos are the biggest export of American Samoa, by local artists."

What's new this year?

Everyone is excited to welcome the sailing 'alia canoe, Apaula, to Tisa's Annual Tattoo Festival 2017. Renowned local Master Tufuga Ka Pe'a and 'alia canoe designer/ builder, Su'a Fitiao Wilson of Matu'u invites you to join the fest for public viewing of his latest masterpiece — sailing 'alia — during the four-day fest weekend.

The Apaula will be introduced opening day, Thursday, Oct. 26th with the Legend of Apaula, by the ASCC Arts Department whose members will also perform skits on Saturday afternoon.

Also new this year, is an art exhibition by Tatau Manaia owner/operator Duffy Hudson. Both award winning tattoo artists Duffy and Wilson started out their tattooing career in the early days of Tisa's Tattoo Festival.

The Tattoo Fest offers new opportunities to renew interest in reviving traditional arts and most importantly, to connect new generations with survival skills of our ancestors and sustainable cultural arts that have been kept alive for over 3000 years.

Another highlight this year is a guided tour of the Alega Marine Sanctuary on Friday, with eco-tourism students. Also that day, enjoy weaving, umu making and a dessert tasting.

"Tattooing is eco-tourism, and we want to welcome local businesses and people who may be interested in ecotourism to join the tour of the famous Barefoot Bar venue, and learn secrets of environmentally friendly economic development at the village level.

Meet new eco- tourism developers of Women's Business Center of Pavaia'i.

Their produce and products will be on display at the fest this year. Organic and chemical free food will be available from Food Security 4 U," Tisa told Samoa News.

On Saturday and Sunday, tattooing will be in full swing.

Don't miss out on the 'Best of the Fest' tattoo award competition on Sunday where the new Ms. American Samoa will be on hand, making one of her first public appearances.

Come and don't forget to invite friends and family to support your ink and your artist at one of the most popular events in American Samoa.

Want to know the meaning of patterns in your Samoan tattoo? Meet the author of Tatau translation at the fest. He will be able to help you understand the details of your new Samoan ink.

## TISA'S TATTOO FESTIVAL BACKGROUND

Our mission of safeguarding our culture, and promoting our islands as an eco-friendly destination, is a reflection of our vision; a sustainable and environmentally friendly American Samoa.

We are proud of what we have accomplished together with our sponsors. Please support them by patronizing their businesses. Without them, this enormous undertaking would not have been possible. Samoa News, American Samoa Visitors Bureau, Industrial Gases, Tool Shop, Neil's Ace American Industries, GHC Reid & Company Ltd, South Seas Broadcasting.

Tropik Traders, Skyview, and Fosgrens are longtime business sponsors of Tisa's Tattoo Festival. We welcome back McConnell Dowell, and Harbor Maritime, our newest partners. Your support has made it possible for us to continue promoting our island arts and has built a strong eco-friendly business foundation for Tutuila Island.

"You genuinely and sincerely care about the preservation of our culture, and keeping our arts alive for present and future generations," said Tisa, "and we thank you for your continuous sponsorship."

The 13th Annual Tisa's Tattoo Festival runs from Thursday, Oct. 26 to Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

This is a rain or shine event. General admission is collected at the entrance: \$5 adults, \$2 students. All proceeds benefit the Alega Preservation Institute.

Visit [www.alegamarine-sanctuary.org](http://www.alegamarine-sanctuary.org) or [www.tisas-barefootbar.com](http://www.tisas-barefootbar.com) for more information about us. Call 731-7100 or 770-9266 to book your tattoo appointment.

Samoa News has been a core sponsor of Tisa's Tattoo Festival since its inception, and once again welcomes this year's festival participants.

# Australian car-making ends with last GM plant closing

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The last mass-produced car designed and built in Australia rolled off General Motors Co.'s production line in the industrial city of Adelaide on Friday as the nation reluctantly bid farewell to its auto manufacturing industry.

GM Holden Ltd., an Australian subsidiary of the of a U.S. automotive giant, built its last car almost 70 years after it created Australia's first, the FX Holden, in 1948.

Since then, an array of car-makers including Ford, Toyota, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Chrysler and Leyland have built and closed manufacturing plants in Australia.

After the last gleaming red Holden VF Commodore, a six-cylinder rear-wheel drive sedan, left the plant in the Adelaide suburb of Elizabeth that had grown over decades to provide its workforce, 955 factory workers will clock off the last time

"It's pretty tragic really that we've let go probably one of the best cars around the world," an auto painter who identified himself as Kane told reporters.

The 36 year-old was worked at Holden for 17 years and starts a new job with an air conditioner manufacturer on Monday. But he knows many other former Holden employees won't find jobs so quickly.

Thousands of jobs in businesses that have supplied components and accessories to Australian auto manufacturers are also at risk.

"It's not the easiest thing. Life will go on," Kane said.

Dozens of Holden enthusi-

asts gathered outside the factory, bringing with them generations of Holdens dating back to favored FJ models that were built between 1953 and 1956.

South Australia state Premier Jay Weatherill said car manufacturing was seminal to the state's industrial know-how.

"It has provided the backbone for our manufacturing capability in this state," Weatherill told reporters. "It's given us the ... the capacity to imagine ourselves as an advanced manufacturing state."

Holden is an iconic Australian brand and has been a source of national pride for generations.

The V8 Holden Commodore has sold in the United States since 2013 as the Chevrolet SS.

The brand will survive although Holdens will all now be imported from GM plants around the globe.

Holden retains design and engineering teams, a global design studio, a local testing

ground, 1,000 employees and a 200-strong national dealer network.

The brand that became known as "Australia's own car," accounted for more than half the new cars registered in Australia by 1958.

The reasons behind the demise of Australian auto manufacturing are numerous.

The first Holden cars were built in an era of high Australian tariffs and preferential trade with former colonial master Britain, which encouraged global carmakers to set up local factories to increase market share. Australian import tariffs have since tumbled through bilateral free trade deals with car manufacturing countries like the United States, Japan, China, South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia.

The Holden workers' union blames a lack of government support through subsidies for GM's decision to end manufacturing.



In this Oct. 15, 2017, historic Holden cars parade through the streets of Adelaide, Australia. The Australian auto manufacturing era ends after more than 90 years on Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 when General Motors Co.'s last Holden sedan rolls off the production line in the industrial city of Adelaide. The nation has already begun mourning the demise of a home-grown industry in an increasing crowded and changing global car market.

(David Mariuz/AAP Image/ via AP)





**American Samoa Government  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

# PROCLAMATION

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

### Oketopa 2017

*WHEREAS*, anyone can be a victim of domestic violence regardless of age, sex, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion; and

*WHEREAS*, many victims and survivors of domestic violence find it difficult to report incidences of violence, as victim blaming is extremely prevalent; and

*WHEREAS*, the impact of domestic violence on the family can lead to lifelong trauma for not only victims, but the children who witness domestic abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for the people of American Samoa to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and

*WHEREAS*, advocates, professionals, volunteers and community members concerned with domestic violence will devote the month of October to raising awareness about the causes, interventions and prevention of this devastating crime; and

*WHEREAS*, during the month of October, also known as **NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**, the American Samoa Alliance against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and its partners reaffirm their dedication to lifting the veil of silence on domestic violence in American Samoa.

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that I, Lolo Matalasi Moliga*, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”, and endorse the commitment to ending domestic violence in the community. I call on all citizens of the Territory of American Samoa to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

*In witness thereof*, I have hereunto set my signature on this 27th day of September 2017, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen.

# POLOA'IGA FA'ALAUUA'ITELE

## MASINA E FA'ATAUAINA AI LE TETE'E ATU I SAUAGA FA'ALOTOIFALE

### October 2017

*TALUAI*, so o se tagata lava e mafai ona a'afia i sauaga fa'alotoifale, tusa lava po o le a le tausaga, itupa, agava'a, tagatanu'u, tulaga taualoa o le tamaoaga, po o le ekalesia; ma

*TALUAI*, o le to'atele o tagata Samoa ua sauaina i sauaga fa'alotoifale, e fa'afaigata ona ripotia tulaga tau sauaga, aua e faitioina lava le ua a'afia nai lo o le sa fa'ataunu'uina sauaga; ma

*TALUAI*, ona o a'afiaga o sauaga fa'alotoifale i se aiga, e mafai ona ave ma mafatiaga umi o le olaga, e le gata ia i latou sa a'afia, a'o le fanau sa molimauina sauaga fa'alotoifale; ma

*TALUAI*, o le fa'atauaina o le masina e tete'e atu i sauaga fa'alotoifale, o se avanoa lelei tele mo tagata o Amerika Samoa e a'oa'o atili ai i le fa'aitiitia o sauaga fa'alotoifale aemaise o le lagolagoina o fa'alapotopotoga eseese ma tagata ta'ito'atasi, o e o lo'o faia galuega fa'afaufautua, auaunaga ese'ese ma le fesoasoani i e ua a'afia; ma

*TALUAI*, ua fa'apitoa le masina o Oketopa ia i latou o lo'o ave ma fautua mo nisi, o i latou o lo'o iai tomai fa'apitoa, o i latou o lo'o ofoina fua le latou tautua, faapea ma le lautele o lo'o popo'e i tulaga o sauaga fa'alotoifale, e ave ma masina e fa'atupula'ia ai le silafia o mafua'aga, fofo, ma puipuiga mai leni solitulafono mata'utia; ma

*TALUAI*, i le masina o Oketopa, ua ta'ua o le masina e fa'atupula'ia ai le silafia o tulaga i sauaga fa'alotoifale, o le a fa'apena ona toe fa'amalosia ai taumafaiga a le Mau mo le tete'e atu i sauaga fa'alotoifale ma fa'afeusua'iga, ma o latou pa'aga, ina ia ave'esea le ufimata o lo'o pupunia ma taofiofia le fa'aailoa mai o sauaga i totonu o Amerika Samoa, a'o tatou taumafai e fa'amalosia aia tatau o tagata uma e saoloto mai ai i sauaga ma le fa'atauma'oi.

*O LEA, IA FA'AMAUINA, O A'U O LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA, KOVANA* o le teritori o Amerika Samoa, ua ou poloa'iina ai le **Masina o Oketopa 2017, o le Masina o le fa'atauaina o le tete'e atu i sauaga fa'alotoifale**, ma fa'amaonia le ta'utinoga ina ia fa'amutaina sauaga fa'alotoifale i le tatou atunu'u. Ou te vala'au atu i tagata nu'u uma o Amerika Samoa, ina ia fa'atalanoa, fa'aailoa, ma tete'e atu i sauaga fa'alotoifale, ma sapaapaia uma galuega ma 'au'aunaga ese'ese i totonu o tatou laufanua, o lo'o fa'atinoina e fesoasoani ai ia i latou ua afaina i nei soligatulafono, ina ia latou maua le fesoasoani, to'omaga, ma le fa'amalologa o lo'o latou mana'omia.

*I LE MOLIMAUINA AI*, o lea ua ou fa'amauina la'u saina i le Aso 27 o Setema 2017, i le tausaga o lo tatou Ali'i, Lua Afe Sefulufitu.

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of three administrative assistants. However, there is another administrative assistant making \$18,000, while two more are getting paid \$14,000 each, and the seventh (7th) one is making \$13,000.

And then there is the Senate's chief of staff, who earns \$58,000, while the chief of personnel makes \$30,000.

Aside from the liaison officer whose salary is being paid partially by the Governor's Office, there two other liaison officers noted in the budget summary — one earns \$35,000 and the other gets paid \$18,000.

Samoa News should point out that there are two paid positions for a "senate cook" whose salaries are listed at \$15,000 and \$13,000 — as well as another position "Cook I" listed as making \$12,000.

There are 18 people under the 'page' position, getting paid between \$11,000 and \$14,000.

Altogether, for the Senate side only, approximately \$1,836,000 is for personnel services, \$554,500 for materials & supplies, \$144,000 for travel, and \$50,000 for "all others".

No money is allotted for contractual services or equipment, according to a copy of the budget summary, obtained by Samoa News. Allowances of \$30,000 for each of the 17 sena-

tors and \$40,000 for the Senate president — all tax-free — are listed under the "materials and supplies" category, for a total of \$550,000

Only \$4,500 of the \$554,000 budget under the "materials and supplies" category is for office supplies (\$2,500); janitorial supplies (\$500); and maintenance materials (\$1,500). The rest is for payment of allowances.

The \$144,000 budget for "travel" notes that \$126,000 is for airfare to attend senate related meetings and conferences, etc. with per diems of \$8,500

Staff training and seminars account for another \$8,000 with \$1,500 for per diem.

Under the "all other costs" category for the final FY 2018 budget, the "protocol and entertainment expenses" for the senate president is \$50,000 — up \$20,000 from the approved FY 2017 budget.

Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga, on Sept. 30th, signed the fiscal year 2018 budget — of \$394.76 million — but only after he line-item vetoed amendments made by the Fono, returning the Legislature's budget to the original proposed FY 2018 budget of \$6,916,500.

(Read Monday's issue of Samoa News for a breakdown of the House budget)



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# Despite governor's...

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They also appreciate the public's participation, interest, and comments on the LVPA action.

However, the "Council continues to emphasize the difficult economic conditions facing the American Samoa longline fishery based on public comments and recent data, and the Council further notes that catch rates of albacore are projected to decline across the South Pacific region unless stronger international management measures are adopted."

Taking into account the aforementioned issues, the Council identifies as a preferred recommendation the following option that would provide an exemption for large vessels permitted under the American Samoa longline limited entry program: to fish seaward of 12nm around Tutuila, Manu'a and Swains and 2nm around the offshore banks.

The Council directs staff to prepare a regulatory amendment and associated document that analyzes a range of alternatives for final action at its March meeting.

## DISCUSSION

Before the vote, Va'amua, who is also the director of the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, made known that he would vote "no".

He pointed to Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga's statement that was read at Tuesday's Council meeting, in which the governor said he "would rather wait 'til the dust settles" as the 2016 case has gone to a federal appeal's court.

In the statement, Lolo gave notice to the Council that he would take the legal battle over the LVPA all the way to the highest court in the land if need be. (See Wednesday's edition for details).

At yesterday's discussion, American Samoa Council member Christinna-Lutu Sanchez, said she appreciates the Council's recognition of the "dire situation" the US flagged longline fleet based in American Samoa is facing.

"I wanted to reiterate the importance of this recommendation" she said and "for the record... this is an effort to address the dilemma the local longline fishery is in, but it's not a guarantee." She explained that there are "no fish hiding" in the LVPA zone. "But we have to try... and continue to try, to figure out a way to help the US fishermen ... help us to stay alive," she said, adding that the

Council has to pay attention to the Honolulu federal court's order, in terms of defining cultural fishing.

"I have heard from our fellow recreational fishermen as well as the small boat owners. And for the record, there has been no harm and no prohibitions against any of the other fishermen," she said. "We as American Samoans support all fishermen. We have to, because this is a part of who we are in our livelihood...But that does not address the problem of what the local longliners are facing."

"So again, it is a matter of urgency and hopefully access to these additional waters will help the situation," she continued.

She said she hopes everything is in place when the Council makes a final decision next March "and if that still doesn't work, then we have to try something else."

American Samoa's other Council member, Taotasi Archie Soliai said the LVPA issue "has been a very touchy and sensitive subject. Unfortunately it's created, sort of, a rift, between several parties. It's very sad to say that that's happened."

Based on remarks shared Wednesday by a National Marine Fisheries Service official on the Council, Taotasi said there's nothing prohibiting the Council from continuing action on the LVPA, while the 2016 LVPA rule is on appeal at the federal court. "From the cannery's perspective, we don't take sides on any particular issue," he said. "However, supply is very important to the cannery. The continuous uninterrupted of light meat, which is skipjack, and white meat, which is albacore, must be sustained in order for the cannery operations to continue."

He thanked the Council for taking the recommendations into consideration "to try to provide some relief to boats that direct-supply to... StarKist."

(As previously reported by Samoa News, there were seven LVPA options for the Council to decide on during this week's meeting.)

Council member from Hawai'i, Dean Sensui noted the "importance of this fishery, the importance of the operations of the cannery and that the success of American Samoa's fishermen, and all fisherman, is based on the success of American Samoa itself - the economy requires it."

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**CANNABIS REFERENDUM  
PART OF GREENS' DEAL**

New Zealand will have a referendum on legalizing marijuana for personal use as part of the Greens deal with Labor.

An email to party members sets out policies the Greens secured in their confidence and supply agreement.

Drug use will be treated as a health issue and there will be an increase in drug and alcohol treatment funding.

Leader James Shaw said it was time to test public opinion on the question of marijuana for personal use.

"After [the late trade unionist] Helen Kelly's medicinal cannabis campaign and other moves to move towards a more regulated market model in places like Colorado and Hawai'i and some of the states in Canada ... it does seem that the public mood has shifted.

"So we thought well maybe it is time to put that to the test," Mr. Shaw said.

Ms. Kelly, the former Council of Trade Unions leader, was diagnosed with lung cancer and her attempts to manage led to her battle to get medical cannabis legalized.

Shaw said another part of the Greens' deal with Labor is

addressing the gender pay gap in the public service.

"It is time that we deal with it, it is 2017 and actually the gap in the public sector is often worse than it is in the private sector."

He said in some government departments men earn up to 20 percent more than women in the same roles.

The email said there would also be "significant climate action, with a shift towards a net zero carbon emissions economy by 2050."

An independent climate commission will be established and there would be support for a shift in farming to more sustainable land use.

(Source: RNZ)

**LABOR-NZ FIRST GOVERNMENT: WHAT YOU  
NEED TO KNOW**

New Zealand has a new Labor-led government in a coalition with New Zealand First - ending nine years of National governments.

New Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern will head the Labor-New Zealand First government, supported by the Greens.

Ms. Ardern and Green Party leader James Shaw say they're certain the new government will last the full term.

New Zealand First leader

Winston Peters, speaking shortly before 7pm on Thursday, said it had secured policies to advance economic positions and he wanted to address poverty.

"That's why in the end we chose a coalition government of New Zealand First with the New Zealand Labor party."

The new prime minister, Labor leader Jacinda Ardern, will be New Zealand's second youngest leader.

The Green Party has ratified the deal offered by Labor and will get three ministers outside Cabinet and one under-secretary. Its leader Shaw said the ministerial responsibilities would relate to climate change, restoring forests and rivers and ending poverty.

Peters has been offered the deputy prime minister role; NZ First will have four ministerial portfolios and one under-secretary position.

The government was announced shortly before 7p.m. on Thursday, a coalition of Labor and New Zealand First — ending nine years of National governments.

Peters said the government is a coalition between New Zealand First and Labor, which — in turn — has a confidence and supply arrangement with the

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New Zealand will have a referendum on legalizing marijuana for personal use as part of the Greens deal with Labor. [photo: AFP]



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An aerial view of Tisa's Barefoot Bar during the 2016 Tattoo Festival.

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## Community brief...

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Pac-12 All-Academic selection in 2016.

Lauina, who is a senior majoring in sociology, has started on the Beaver football team's offensive line throughout most of his career. A native of Nu'uuli, American Samoa, Lauina has made 25 starts, second-most on the team, in his career at left guard and is currently the Beavers' starting

right tackle. He is a graduate of Tafuna High School.

Student-athletes are selected each month and are coordinated by the Academics for Student-Athletes staff. "Through the power of sport, we help people discover and pursue their passions, talents and purpose in order to live a life of balance and positive contribution."

## Pacific brief...

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Greens.

The final results gave National 56 seats, down two on election night, while Labor and the Greens combined had 54 MPs, up two.

(Source: RNZI)

### NIUE LANGUAGE IN CRISIS

An academic says the Niue language is at crisis levels with New Zealand-born Niueans not speaking the language of their forefathers. Niueans are celebrating their language, culture and heritage this week in New Zealand as part of the Pacific Language weeks. University of Auckland's John McCaffery said he had studied Pacific languages for four decades and believes the Niue language could be gone within five years.

He said less than five per cent of New Zealand-born Niueans could speak their language fluently with youths speaking English at school, work and in

the home.

McCaffery said the number of Niuean speakers was in danger of declining further.

"Given that about 80 percent of all Niuean people in New Zealand were born here, and without bilingual schooling the situation is a bit grim to say the least. But having said that, the Niue community appears to be the most enthusiastic, the most supportive and the most determined to do something about the language." He said while night language classes had their place, the best way to revitalize a language is to incorporate it education curricula from early childhood to secondary school level. New Zealand's department of statistics says Niuean people were the fourth largest Pacific ethnic group living in New Zealand in 2001, comprising 20,100 or nine percent of New Zealand's Pacific population. (Source: RNZI)



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# Study: World pollution deadlier than wars, disasters, hunger

NEW DELHI (AP) — Environmental pollution — from filthy air to contaminated water — is killing more people every year than all war and violence in the world. More than smoking, hunger or natural disasters. More than AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined.

One out of every six premature deaths in the world in 2015 — about 9 million — could be attributed to disease from toxic exposure, according to a major study released Thursday in The Lancet medical journal. The financial cost from pollution-related death, sickness and welfare is equally massive, the report says, costing some \$4.6 trillion in annual losses — or about 6.2 percent of the global economy. “There’s been a lot of study of pollution, but it’s never received the resources or level of attention as, say, AIDS or climate change,” said epidemiologist Philip Landrigan, dean of global health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, and the lead author on the report.

The report marks the first attempt to pull together data on disease and death caused by all forms of pollution combined.

“Pollution is a massive problem that people aren’t seeing because they’re looking at scattered bits of it,” Landrigan said.

Experts say the 9 million premature deaths the study found was just a partial estimate, and the number of people killed by pollution is undoubtedly higher and will be quantified once more research is done and new methods of assessing harmful impacts are developed.

Areas like Sub-Saharan Africa have yet to even set up air pollution monitoring systems. Soil pollution has received scant attention. And there are still plenty of potential toxins still being ignored, with less than half of the 5,000 new chemicals widely dispersed throughout the environment since 1950 having been tested for safety or toxicity.

Asia and Africa are the regions putting the most people at risk, the study found, while India tops the list of individual countries. One out of every four premature deaths in India in 2015, or some 2.5 million, was attributed to pollution, the study found. China’s environment was the second deadliest, with more than 1.8 million premature deaths, or one in five, blamed on pollution-related illness.

Several other countries such Bangladesh, Pakistan, North Korea, South Sudan and Haiti also see nearly a fifth of their premature deaths caused by pollution. To reach its figures, the study’s authors used methods outlined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for assessing field data from soil tests, as well as with air and water pollution data from the Global Burden of Dis-

ease, an ongoing study run by institutions including the World Health Organization and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington.

Even the conservative estimate of 9 million pollution-related deaths is one-and-a-half times higher than the number of people killed by smoking, three times the number killed by AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined, more than six times the number killed in road accidents, and 15 times the number killed in war or other forms of violence, according to GBD tallies. It is most often the world’s poorest who suffer. The vast majority of pollution-related deaths — 92 percent — occur in low- or middle-income developing countries, where policy makers are chiefly concerned with developing their economies, lifting people out of poverty and building basic infrastructure, the study found.



Some members of the Samoa Jazz & Arts Festival Committee during one of their recent fundraisers at the Oasis Nite Club, with the funds raised going toward this year’s festival, set to open in American Samoa on Friday, Nov. 4 thru Sunday, Nov. 6 — and closes in Samoa Friday, Nov. 11 thru Sunday, Nov. 13. The festival seeks to build local partnerships with education, culture, music and art associations in the 2Samoa under the Samoa Festival banner.

Sponsors of this year’s fundraisers included Samoa Sportex- Oasis Nite Club, South Pacific Distributors, Lalelei Boutique, Pago Print Shop, Calument Services, Southseas Broadcasting, Inc., Chande Drabble, FA Designs, SOPAC, and Samoa News. “The Samoa Festival supports and promotes Samoan musicians and artists,” says Festival Director, Peta Si’ulepa.

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# Pili fa'atulaga ai suiga tulafono totoga o ta'avale afi

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Ua i luma nei o le Fono Faitulafono se pili mo le suiga o aiaiga o tulafono tau ta'avale afi, ina ia fa'atulaga ai le mamafa o le ituaiga pepa iila uli (tint) e ufi ai tioata o soo se ta'avale afi i totonu o le atunu'u.

O lenei tulafono tau fa'aofi mai le faigamalo a Lolo ma Lemanu, na taunu'u i luma o le Fono Faitulafono i le vaiaso mulimuli o galuega a maota e lua, ma faia ai loa le fa'aiuga ina ia taofia le iloiloina o nei tulafono seia toe a'e mai galuegaa le Fono i le tauaofiaga lona 3, lea e fa'amoemoe e usuia i le aso Gafua lona 2 o le masina o Iaunari 2018.

Na taua e le afioga i le ali'i kovana ia Lolo M. Moliga i sana tusi i Ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono e fa'apea, o lenei tulafono tau fa'aofi, o le a mafai ai ona fa'a faigofie le fa'atinoina o galuega a Leoleo, e ala i le vaavaaia lea o le malosi o pepa uli o lo o ufi ai tioata o soo se ta'avale.

Sa ia taua i lana tusi e fa'apea, o le tulafono o lo o aiaia ai tulaga o pepa iila e ufi ai tioata o ta'avale, e le i toe faia lava i ai se suiga talu mai le tausaga e 1972. Talu mai lea tausaga, ua tele oloa e teuteu ai ta'avale ua fa'aulufale mai i le atunu'u, ma ua faigata ai ona fa'atonutonu le ituaiga malosi e tatau ona i ai pepa uli nei i luga o tioata o ta'avale.

O se tasi o mafua'aga ua manatu ai le malo ina ia faia se suiga i lenei tulafono, e le gata ia fa'a faigofie ai galuega a Leoleo, ae sili ai lava le tulaga o le saogalemu o Leoleo i le taimi e fa'atino ai a latou galuega i le po.

Saunoa atili le ali'i kovana e fa'apea, o le fa'aopoopo ai o mea teuteu nei i tino ma tioata o ta'avale, e le gata e fa'alavelave ai mo le vaai a le ave ta'avale,

ae atili ai ona faigata i le taimi e fa'atino ai galuega a ali'i ma tama'ita'i leoleo.

O le tioata tele o le ta'avale i le pito i luma, e tatau ona 70% poo lalo ifo fo'i le malosi o le tint e fa'apipii ai. O tioata i autafa o le ta'avale, e tatau ona i lalo ifo o le 32% le malosi o le tint e i ai. Ae mo le tioata i le pito i tua, e tatau ona i lalo ifo o le 35% le malosi o le tint e tatau ona i ai.

Ua i ai fo'i le fuafuaga a le faigamalo, o le a tu'uina atu fo'i isi tulafono e fuafua ai suiga i isi vaega o totoga o ta'avale afi, e pei o le lautetele o pa'u e tatau ona fa'aaoga e ta'avale i luga o le alatele, atoa ai ma le malosi poo le leotele o le pao o le mafa o le ta'avale e tatau ona i ai.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na solofua ai e le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo ni pepa sala tau ta'avale afi se 2 sa tu'uia ai e Leoleo se tagatanu'u, e mafua mai i le malosi o le tint atoa ai ma le pao leotele o le mafa o lana ta'avale.

E le i mafai e le Leoleo sa ia tuuina atu pepa sala i le tagatanu'u na a'afia ona oo atu i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo, e fa'amanino le mafua'aga na ala ai ona tuuina atu pepa sala i lenei ali'i.

Ae na taua e le ali'i i sana tusitusiga sa tuuina atu i le Fa'amasinoga, lea fo'i na maua ai le kopi a le Samoa News, o le auala na ala ai ona maua ana pepa sala e 2 mai Leoleo, na tuuina atu lea ina ua mae'a ona saili e Leoleo lana ta'avale ma lona tagata e le maua i ai ni fualaau fa'asaina.

E fa'alua ona taofia e Leoleo mai le Vaega Faapitoa a Leoleo o loo sailia fualaau fa'asaina le ta'avale a lenei ali'i, ma latou sailia ai pe maua i lona tino ma lana taavale ni fualaau fa'asaina, peita'i e aunoa ma ni fualaau fa'asaina sa maua i ai.



O le va'aiga i le tina matua o Poiva Reid [lona lua mai le tauagavale] sa fa'atasi ma ana uo mamae o le 50+ Tausaga le matutua, ina ia fa'amanuia lona aso soifua. Ua atoa lelei le 93 tausaga o lona soifua. L-R Papalii Litara Alaimo [alaala i lalo] Uso Yalewa Fiti, Poiva Reid, Cinta ma Maggie Craddick.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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AS-EPA

**Release Date: October 17, 2017**  
**Contact: AS-EPA Water Program at (684) 633-2304**

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) advises the public that on October 17, 2017, the following recreational beaches tested positive for Enterococci bacteria levels that exceed American Samoa Water Quality Standards:

**Fagasa-Fagatele Stream Mouth**  
**Utulei-DDW Beach**  
**Gataivai Beach**  
**Fagaalu Beach**  
**Nuuuli Coconut Point Beach**  
**Nuuuli Pala Lagoon**  
**Nuuuli Pala Spring**

**Aua Stream Mouth**  
**Laulii Stream Mouth**  
**Alega Stream Mouth**  
**Masefau Stream Mouth**  
**Alofau Stream Mouth**  
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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.

# Amata fausia le auivi e fa'amautu ai le “ESSA”

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

Taluai sa sainia e Peresetene Obama le tulafono ia Tesema 2015 e suia ai le faiga sa sau a'i a'oa'oga a le Iunaite Setete mai le “NO Child Left Behind” i le faiga fou ua fa'aofi mai nei - ESSA po'o le “Every Student Succeed Act” lea e tataui ai ona manuia tutusa taumafaiga a tamaiti a'oga uma, ua tataui fo'i la ona fa'atautaia e le Matagaluega o Aoga a le malo o Amerika Samoa le fa'agasologa o galuega e tusa o le fa'atulagaga o lea faiga fou.

Ua tu'uina mai le avanoa ina ia fa'ataoto le auivi e fai ma ta'iala o le latou galulue fa'atasi e tusa o aiaiga o le ESSA, ae maise ia fai le sao o vaega ta'itasi o le Matagaluega o A'oga, ina ia tamau le autu ma le agavaa ai o le Matagaluega e tusa o le usita'ia o le ESSA lea ua mataituina.

“O lenei fa'amoemoe, e tataui ma e mafai ona vave tu'ufa'atasia. E le tele na'ua ni mea e suia i le faiga sa sau a'i le matagaluega, peita'i a galulue fa'atasi vaega uma o le matagaluega, e mafai ona vave mae'a tu'ufa'atasia le auivi e avea ma ta'iala e toe siakia ai sao o vaega ta'itasi o le matagaluega, ia ausia le agavaa o le ESSA,” o se saunoaga lea a Lisa Peau, Ofisa o Tautua Eseese mo Fanau A'oga a le Matagaluega o A'oga a malo. O fonotaga i aso e lua - Oketopa 18-19 - na amata fono ai ta'ita'i o vaega ta'itasi o le ASDOE, ina ia fa'aailoa ia i latou soalaupule i suiga e ao ina faia, ala e fa'atino ai, ma le aotelega o le sao o vaega ta'itasi

i le suiga e ao ina faia e maua'a ai le ESSA e fa'atautaia ai le matagaluega.

I le taimi muamua e le'i i ai se auala e siakia ai sao o vaega ta'itasi ina ia tautuaina fanau a'oga ma a'oga ina ia mae'a a'oa'oga a fanau uma o le atunu'u, ae ua agava'a mo se galuega e galue ai. Peita'i o le faiga fou a le ESSA, ua fa'ataoto ai nei lea faiga e tu'ufa'atasia ai sao o vaega ta'itasi o le Matagaluega, po'o faia, po'o vaivai, pe o fea fo'i e ao ina fa'aulu i ai ni suiga e fa'aleleia atili ai ia ausia le sini o le ESSA, ia manuia tutusa taumafaiga fanau a'oga uma.

O tautua mo fanau fa'apea ma a'oga ina ia ausia lea sini mauuluga, o le ala lea o le soalaupule o fa'aululuga o vaega ta'itasi o le ASDOE, fa'atasi ai ma le fonotaga a Pule A'oga uma i le aso lona lua o le fonotaga, aua o i latou nei e fa'auluina le suiga lenei ua fa'atulafonoina.

“Ua matauina e ta'ita'i o vaega eseese o le Matagaluega o A'oga e le tele ni suiga i nisi o vaega o le polokalama taoto, ae o nisi vaega e feololo suiga e faia i ai, ae o nisi fo'i vaega e tetele suiga e faia i ai, ae o le fa'afetai, e leai ma se vaega o le polokalama fou ua fia fa'aulu e fa'aaoga, o ela mai sao o vaega ta'itasi o le Matagaluega,” o se tala lea a Peau.

O le gafatia ona fa'atula'ia o lenei aotelega o sao o vaega uma o le matagaluega ina ia tautuaina le fanau a'oga fa'atasi ma a'oga i le atunu'u e agava'a ai i le ESSA, o se mea fou, a'o se mea lelei fo'i mo le mataga-

luega ma ana tupe maua mai tupe toina mai le USDOE mo le Matagaluega o A'oga.

I le ulua'i fonotaga ma ta'ita'i o vaega eseese o le ASDOE, na tofua fa'aalia manatu ina ia fa'afaigofie atili ona fa'aulufale ma fa'amautu le ESSA i totonu o a'oga. Ua matauina, o le a tele le sao e fa'atino e pule a'oga ma o o latou sui pule.

E fa'amaumau uma galuega patino i faia'oga i totonu o potu a'oga, lo latou taimi fa'aalu i le aoaoga o fanau, ia o gatusa ma le fa'atulagaga o a'oa'oga a fanau ua mae'a fa'ataoto ai e le Matagaluega mo i latou e ausia i lea aso ma lea aso.

Ua mae'a ausia nei le tulaga a'oa'oga mo faia'oga ina ia mafai ona fa'atino le galuega tau faia'oga, peita'i, o lo'o i ai pea lava le fa'afitauli, omiga i le va o le tu'ua e le tamaititi a'oga o a'oga tulaga muamua ae ulufale i a'oga mauululuga, ma le va fo'i o a'oga mauululuga i lona ulufale atu i le kolisi. O lo'o toe tau'avea e le fanau a'oga mauululuga ua papasi kosi ELI i le kolisi, po'o Igilisi mauulalo sa tataui ona pasia e i latou i a'oga mauululuga. Aisea?

O mea na e toe siakia i le faiga fou lenei, ia tu'ua e le tama'ititi le a'oga mauuluga, ae ua agava'a i se galuega, po'o le fa'aaauu o a'oga i le Kolisi ma Iunivesite. E i ai i latou o lo'o ausia, ae to'atele atu i latou e le o ausia ma o se fua lena e fa'atatau i ai le galuega o lo'o faia nei. Ua togia fa'atasi le fanau a'oga fapaea ma a'oga uma, po'o ausia matati'a mo'omia a le ESSA.

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O le ali'i lea na tu'uia i lona ave fa'agaoi o se ta'aiga manoa e fa'aaoga mo fagotaga mai se kamupani i le atunu'u, ua poloaina e le fa'amasinoga maua luga o ia na te totogi le salatupe e \$1,000, o se tasi lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e 7 tausaga.

O isi tuutuuga o le nofovaavaaia a Tavita Fouiletuala Jr, e aofia ai le fa'asa lea ona ia toe taumafai e fa'afesootai i latou na a'afia i lenei mataupu, pe na te toe soliina se tulafono, a ia avea o ia ma tagatanu'u e tausisi i tulafono a le malo i taimi uma.

I lalo o se malilie na sainia e le ua molia ma le malo, sa ia tali ioe ai i le moliaga mamafa o le gaioi, ae solofua e le fa'amasinoga isi moliaga sa totoa ai i le pepa o le tagi sa fa'aulu e le malo.

Na fa'atoese le ua molia e tusa ai o lana solitulafono sa faia, ma ia talosagaina ai se isi avanoa mo ia e fa'aaui ai pea lana tausiga i lona aiga. Sa ia fa'atoese fo'i i le kamupani na a'afia i lana solitulafono, le Samoa Fishing Management Company.

Na talosaga le loia a le ua molia ia Michael White i le fa'amasinoga maua luga, mo se avanoa e fa'anofovaavaaia ai le ua molia. Na taua e White e fa'apea, e ui i le solitulafono mamafa e pei ona ta'usala ai e le fa'amasinoga le ua molia, ae talu lava ona tuana'i lenei fa'alavelave, e le toe a'afia lava le ua molia i se isi solitulafono.

Na lagolagoina e le loia a le malo ia Robert Morris le fa'afinauga a le itu tete'e mo se fa'asalaga nofovaavaaia. Na faamaonia fo'i e Morris i luma o le fa'amasinoga maua luga, le mae'a lea ona totogi e le ua molia o le tupe mo le ta'aiga manoa sa ia gaioia.

E tusa ai o fa'amauga a le fa'amasinoga o lo o taua ai e fa'apea, o le ta'aiga manoa fagota lea na gaioia e le ua molia mai le Kamupani na a'afia, sa

ia alu ma fa'atau i le isi tagata. Ina ua sailia e Leoleo le ta'aiga manoa, sa alu ai loa le tagata na fa'atau i ai e le ua molia le manoa ma toe fa'afo'i le ta'aiga manoa i le Kamupani.

E 28 masina na manatu le fa'amasinoga e faasala ai Fouiletuala Jr i le toese i Tafuna, o se tasi lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e 7 tausaga, peita'i ua manatu ali'i fa'amasino, ua lava aso e 69 lea na taofia ai le ua molia i le toese ina ua fa'atoa alia'e mai lana mataupu i le tausaga na te'a nei e fai ma ana fa'asalaga, ae o le umi o lo o totoa ai o le a fa'amalumalu lona tuliina.

O le afoia i le ali'i fa'amasino ia Elvis P. Patea na taulimaina le mataupu a Fouiletuala Jr, ae lagolagosua i ai afoia i ali'i Fa'amasino Lagolago ia Fa'amausili Pomele ma Muasau T. Tofili.

## VINCENT LOMIGA

Ua molia nei e le malo se ali'i e 35 tausaga le matua, i lona fa'ao'olima lea i se isi ali'i e ala i lona fa'aaoga o se a'upega malo e fa'aoo ai manu'a ia te ia. O moliaga ua faila e le malo fa'asaga ia Vincent Lomiga e aofia ai le moliaga mamafa o le fa'aoolima i le tulaga lua, faapea ai ma le moliaga mama e tasi o le fa'aleaga meatotino i le tulaga tolu.

O le fa'alavelave na mafua mai ina ua masalomia e Lomiga le ali'i na a'afia, o ia lea na gaioia mea faigaluega sa i tua o le ta'avale a lona uncle. Ina ua fetauti Lomiga ma le ali'i na a'afia i luma o se faleoloa i Nu'uuli, na tu'uia ai loa lona fa'aoolima ia te ia ao moli-mauina e tagata sa i ai i totonu o le faleoloa, ma latou viliina ai loa Leoleo mo se fesoasoani.

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Ua mata'i mai nei e Lilo le solo lea, fai mai, a savavali savavali atu, ua tu tu, ua fa'asinosino le lima o Filipina aga'i i le sami, ae o lo'u lu lu ane i ai le ulu o lona uso. Ua tau mafaufau nei Lilo, po'o le a fo'i se mataupu faigata ua o'o ane ai i lo la fale i lea afiafi, aua fai mai ua tolu aso ua tuana'i, o lea fa'atoa toe o'o ane lo'omatutua e asi ane la'ua. Na ona tu tu lava i luma o le fale, ae matala loa ma le faitoto'a, "Afifio maia oulua tina faigata, pe i ai se mea ua sasi a lenei aiga ua si'i mai ai le fala si'igata o a oulua afioga." Ua to e, lo'omatutua ma savavali mai ua feiloa'i i lo la tuagane, a'o le taimi lea, ua fa'agasolo nei e Loleta le faiga o le ti e inu ai sa latou iputi i lea afiafi.

"Malo le soifua i lau afioga Lilomaiaava, afio ia lau afioga i le Sa'o, ia fa'apea fo'i lou faletua faigata." Na fa'alologo atu nei lo'omatutua, o sau le 'ata a Loleta mai tua o le umukuka i lea taimi. Na toe fa'apea ane le lo'omatua o Filipina, "Se Loleta, 'aua le faia na mea 'ai, o le a e tigaina, ne i ma o fo'i, ae toe tomumu atu lou to'alua i a te oe, ua uma mea'ai ona ma a'ia."

Ua 'ata Lilo ma tilotilo ane i lona tuafafine lea, fai mai, a ta nei le faleaitu a Filipina, na o le 'ata o Luisa ma fa'apea ona mafaufauga, "E leai se mea o l o matou tina e aveesea i lenei tagata, e alu alu fo'i, o ta tau maasiasi i ana mea e fai."

Ua saofafa'i ifo nei, ae fa'alogo atu lava o 'ata mai Loleta i tua. Ua lagona le fiasia o le lo'omatua, ina ua asiasi ane tuafafine o Lilo i lo la fale, o lona uiga, e alu le po atoa o fai talata-

lanoaga, na muamua talanoa i mea o le aiga, ae mulimuli ane, ua tami ane i Aikupito, oso ane i Ierusalem, ta'amilo ane i Aleipata, ae fa'ai'u i Manono Tai.

Fai mai, na tu a'e nei i luga Luisa ua savali mai i tua i le umukuka lea e tapena atu ai e Loleta le latou ti o le afiafi. Ae fa'alogo mai, o alu atu le tali e, a Lilo ma Filipina, "Lilo, e 'ese le manaia o lau sau lea na e sau nei, na ou fa'alologologo atu lava, ia o lea fo'i na fa'alologologo i ai Luisa, malo lava le taumafai i lau afioga, se o mea lelei lava na mea uma." "Ia fa'afetai atu fo'i ia te oulua tuafafine, fa'afetai i le lua tapua'iga, ia fa'apea fo'i si o'u to'alua o Loleta, fa'afetai atu i a te outou, o upu lava a le atunu'u, e le sili le ta'i, na i lo le tapua'i, ia o lea fo'i ua fai le malologa a le Fono mo le masina atoa, ia ua ta fiasia fo'i, o le a maua ai le taimi e fai ai mea o le aiga."

Na fesili nei Filipina i lona tuagane, pe na afe ane e asi le Fa'afeagaiga ma lona Faletua, na tali i ai Lilo, ioe, ae o lo'o i ai lava mea fa'aletonu o lo'o tutupu i totonu o le aulotu, ua uma fo'i ona talatalanoa ane ai si ona afafine ia te ia.

Fai mai, e le i uma ane tala a Lilo ae oso a'e Filipina "Oi se ta fe fe ali'i, o se aulotu ina a mata'utia tele, ailoga ua o'o i ai le malamalama i na tagata, fa'atoa uma atu fo'i le isi mea na tupu mai ai, a'o le na fo'i ua toe fai, se na o lo'u fia tagolima lava i se tagata, ai fo'i o fafine, o fafine lava e 'ese le faitatala, e le o e fai ni mea aoga mo aiga, ae o'o ane fai tala o lea, fai tala o lea, e leai lava se mea lelei e maua ai."

Fai mai, ua musumusu ane nei Luisa i a Loleta, "Loleta, o ai fo'i na kiina le leo o le la'au, ua malomalo ai fa'apela.?" Ua tali e nei Luisa ma Loleta, ae na lagona ane e le lo'omatua o Filipina, "La lea, la lea, e te lu fiu lava e fai o'u tala, ou te le mafo'e ai lava, e lo ta fatu e, o le a malepe."

E faia pea...

Kobe Steel's President Hiroya Kawasaki, left, bows to Akihiro Tada, right, director of the ministry's Manufacturing Industries Bureau, at the ministry of economy, trade and industry in Tokyo, Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017. Steel maker Kobe Steel apologized Thursday after finding wider problems, dating back to 2011, with faked inspections data for metals used in many products, including cars, bullet trains, aircraft and appliances. President Kawasaki bowed deeply in a formal apology, lamenting that "Trust in our company has dropped to zero." (Akiko Matsushita/Kyodo News via AP)

## Toyota, Honda confirm safety of some Kobe Steel products

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese automakers have confirmed use of Kobe Steel products affected by fake inspection data, but say they have found no safety concerns so far.

Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Corp. issued statements late Thursday outlining preliminary findings from checks of materials and parts from Kobe Steel. Japanese media cited officials from other automakers making similar announcements.

The investigations by automakers, aircraft manufacturers and other customers of Kobe Steel follow the company's disclosure that inspections data on a slew of products was faked or

manipulated. The extend of the problem is unclear because both Kobe Steel has not identified the customers affected by name, and it is still investigating the problem.

However, it has said data on aluminum plates, copper pipes and molds and steel wire rods used in vehicle tires and engines are among the products whose data did not match specifications or was false or insufficient. The problem had persisted for a decade, possibly much longer, Japanese media have reported, citing unnamed former Kobe Steel employees. Toyota said in a statement that it had confirmed that aluminum plates used in hoods, rear hatches and

other components of its vehicles from Kobe Steel met requirements for strength and durability based on data from the company that was "furthest outside of Toyota's specifications."

It said it was still investigating non-aluminum products from Kobe Steel.

Honda said aluminum panels were the only products bought directly from Kobe Steel. It found they met all of its safety standards. It said it was still checking on other parts obtained through suppliers.

Many Kobe Steel customers have said they are checking into the problem. So far, none have confirmed any specific safety risks.



# Ryan jabs Trump in comedy routine for NY elite

NEW YORK (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan poked fun at himself, the Senate’s top Democrat and even the Catholic church on Thursday night. But the top target of the speaker’s ribbing, as he faced hundreds of New York’s elite at a charity dinner that celebrates irreverence, was President Donald Trump himself.

Ryan quickly reminded the audience that Trump offended some people when he addressed the same crowd the year before.

“Some said it was unbecoming of a public figure and they said that his comments were offensive. Well, thank God he’s learned his lesson,” Ryan deadpanned as he delivered the keynote address for the 72nd annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner, an event, according to the program, that encourages speakers to “poke fun at a political issue, an opponent, or themselves.”

Ryan later jabbed Trump’s lack of accomplishments, the White House’s ties to Wall Street and, of course, the president’s overactive Twitter account. The event, hosted by New York Archbishop Cardinal Timothy Dolan, drew leaders of finance and politics to a hotel ballroom in Manhattan, where an estimated 815 guests in tuxedos and dinner gowns dined on lobster and black radish salad, tournedo of beef with lacinto kale and “berries of the forest” cake.

“I don’t think I’ve seen this many New York liberals, this many Wall Street CEOs in one room since my last visit to the

White House,” Ryan chuckled as he turned his attention briefly to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. “I know why Chuck has been so hard on President Trump. It’s not ideological; Chuck is just mad he lost his top donor.”

Trump attended last year’s Al Smith dinner as a featured speaker, and others before than as a prominent New York business leader who donated money to Democrats and Republicans alike.

Even with Ryan’s light-hearted jabs, this year’s affair was decidedly more cordial than last year’s, when Trump and Democratic rival Hillary Clinton traded caustic barbs at the charity event meant to raise money for impoverished children. At the time, Trump drew boos when he said of Clinton, “Here she is tonight, in public, pretending not to hate Catholics.”

This year, Trump was the star again, in absentia.

Ryan said he checks Twitter every morning “to see which tweets I will have to pretend that I didn’t see later” — a not-so-subtle reference to the president’s overactive social media account. He also addressed Trump’s frequent complaint that he’s not getting enough credit.

“The truth is, the press absolutely misunderstands and never records the big accomplishments of the White House,” Ryan said. “Look at all the new jobs the president has created — just among the White House staff.”

# Organizer of Castile fundraiser has plans for nonprofit

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The organizer of a fundraising campaign in honor of Philando Castile has plans to make it a self-sustaining nonprofit to help feed children.

Castile was an elementary school cafeteria supervisor who was fatally shot by a police officer last year in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota.

Philando Feeds the Children has already wiped out the \$60,000 school lunch debt for the entire St. Paul school district with more than \$80,000 raised.

The online fundraiser had an original goal of \$5,000 to pay the lunch debt at J.J. Hill Montessori Magnet where students affectionately called Castile “Mr. Phil.”

The lunch debt accumulates when students can’t pay for their meals.

Minnesota Public Radio News reports that organizer Pam Fergus wants to raise enough money to extend the lunch debt donations beyond St. Paul.



Cardinal Timothy Dolan, right, shakes hands with former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, left, looks on during the 72nd Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation dinner Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, in New York. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

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Randy Furniss, of Idaho, gets punched in the face as he walks through a crowd of protesters outside a University of Florida auditorium where white nationalist Richard Spencer was preparing to speak, Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017 in Gainesville, Fla.

(Bob Self/The Florida Times-Union via AP)

# White nationalist Spencer drowned out by protesters

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Counter demonstrators greatly outnumbered white nationalist Richard Spencer’s supporters on Thursday at the University of Florida, their chants drowning Spencer out during his speech.

Outside, hundreds more people protested with signs and anti-Nazi chants alongside hundreds of police officers there to prevent violence.

Anti-Spencer protesters shouted, “Not in our town! Not in our state! We don’t want your Nazi hate!” and “Let’s go Gators” during his speech, frustrating the head of the National Policy Institute.

Three or four skirmishes occurred during the long afternoon after single Spencer supporters confronted the counter demonstrators, trying to speak and rile the crowds up. One man, wearing a white shirt with swastikas drawn on, was punched and chased out of the

area. At least three others were quickly surrounded by crowds that shouted them down, chanting “Whose streets? Our streets!” and pushed them until they left the area or were chased behind police lines.

The Alachua County Sheriff said two people were arrested. Sean Brijmohan, 28, was charged with possession of a firearm on school property. The office said in a tweet that he had brought a gun onto the campus after being hired by a media organization as security. David Notte, 34, was charged with resisting an officer without violence.

Five people had minor injuries and were immediately treated by fire rescue teams, authorities said.

The school estimated it would spend \$600,000 on security to ensure no repeat of violent clashes connected to a white nationalist gathering in Charlottesville, Virginia, that left one dead in August.

School officials cited the Charlottesville violence in rejecting an initial request from Spencer to speak at the university. They later relented on free speech grounds.

Florida’s governor had declared a state of emergency for the event.

## Judge won’t throw out ruling explaining Arpaio’s conviction

PHOENIX (AP) — The judge in former Sheriff Joe Arpaio’s now-pardoned criminal case has refused the retired lawman’s request to throw out all rulings in the case, including a blistering decision that explained her reasoning in finding him guilty of a crime.

The request denied Thursday by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton was aimed at clearing Arpaio’s name and barring the ruling’s use in future court cases as an example of a prior bad act. Bolton said pardons don’t erase convictions or the facts of cases. She said the pardon issued by President Donald Trump only mooted Arpaio’s possible punishments.

“The pardon undoubtedly spared defendant from any punishment that might otherwise have been imposed,” Bolton wrote. “It did not, however, ‘revise the historical facts’ of this case.” Arpaio’s attorneys appealed Thursday’s decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The conviction stemmed from Arpaio’s disobedience of a 2011 court order that barred his traffic patrols that targeted immigrants. Prosecutors had accused Arpaio of prolonging the patrols for 17 months so that he could promote his immigration enforcement efforts in a bid.



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# Trucker arrested for California bus crash that killed 13

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — A trucker charged with killing 13 people after a Southern California tour bus rear-ended his big-rig on a freeway last year was arrested Thursday in Georgia. Bruce Guilford, 51, of Georgia was taken into custody by a U.S. Marshals Service fugitive task force, the Riverside County district attorney's office announced.

A day earlier, Guilford was charged with 13 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence; 12 counts of felony reckless driving causing injury and 17 misdemeanor counts of reckless driving causing injury.

It was unclear whether Guilford had a lawyer or when he would be extradited to California.

Guilford was arrested only days before the anniversary of the Oct. 23 crash near Palm Springs. He was behind the wheel of a tractor-trailer rig that had stopped on Interstate 10 about 100 miles east of Los Angeles because of utility work but prosecutors said he failed to move after the road was reopened. A tour bus carrying gamblers back from a desert casino in Thermal to Los Angeles plowed into the rear of the truck. A California Highway Patrol investigation determined that the bus was doing 76 mph.

The impact was so great that the truck trailer ended up about 15 feet into the bus, CHP officials said at the time.

The crash killed the bus driver and a dozen passengers and injured about 30 other people, including Guilford.

The CHP investigation determined that Guilford had fallen asleep after working illegally long hours, prosecutors contend.

According to Riverside County prosecutors, CHP investigators determined that in the four days before the crash, Guilford had driven well over the permitted maximum number of hours, tried to hide the violations by falsifying his daily log and had, at best, only seven possible hours of sleep in the 24 hours before the crash.

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FILE - This July 17, 2015, file photo shows flowers and a portrait of Kate Steinle displayed at a memorial site on Pier 14 in San Francisco, Calif. The man charged with her murder is Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, which is what his attorney says is the birth name of the man who has been known by a number of aliases, including Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez. A jury has been selected for the murder trial of Zarate. Opening arguments are set for Monday, Oct. 23, 2017.

(Paul Chinn /San Francisco Chronicle via AP, File)

# Jury picked in murder case that stoked immigration debate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A jury has been selected for the murder trial of a Mexican man whose case set off a national debate over U.S. sanctuary cities and immigration during last year’s presidential campaign after he was accused of shooting and killing a woman on a popular San Francisco pier. Six women and six men were selected Wednesday for the trial of Jose Ines Garcia Zarate after jury candidates answered a 14-page questionnaire that probed their views about Latinos, immigration and guns.

Zarate, 54, is charged with murder in the shooting death of office worker Kate Steinle, 32, in July 2015. Opening arguments in the case are scheduled for Monday.

Steinle was on a summer

evening’s stroll with her father on the pier crowded with pedestrians when she was shot. She collapsed into her father’s arm, whimpering “help me, Dad.” The bullet struck her heart and she died in her father’s arms.

Zarate had been deported five times and was homeless in San Francisco when he said he found a gun wrapped in a t-shirt underneath the bench he was sitting on.

He said the gun fired when he picked it up. A ballistic expert testified that the bullet ricocheted off the concrete pavement before fatally striking Steinle in the back.

The shooting touched off a political furor during the presidential campaign, with President Donald Trump referring to Steinle’s death in his campaign as a reason to toughen U.S. immigration policies.

The judge has prohibited the politics of gun control and immigration from Zarate’s trial.

Zarate acknowledged shooting Steinle but said the gun he was playing with on the pier accidentally discharged. The gun had been stolen from the car of a Bureau of Land Management ranger several days before the July 1, 2015 shooting.

Trump since being elected president has threatened to withhold federal funding to so-called sanctuary cities such as San Francisco, several of which have filed lawsuits to prevent the move.

The jurors who were selected said they did not have negative experiences or views of Latinos or people who have entered the country illegally that would prevent them from keeping an open mind.

“If you learned that a person had illegally entered the country, would you believe he was entitled to the same due process rights as a U.S. citizen?” asked one of the 62 questions posed to the jurors. Responses to the questionnaire were not made public.

Five jury alternates were also seated after being asked their opinion of San Francisco’s sanctuary city policy, which prohibits city officials from cooperating with federal immigration officials.

The jurors were also quizzed about their gun ownership and political views of firearms.

“We are very pleased with the jury,” said Matt Gonzalez, Zarate’s attorney. “We have such great diversity built in in San Francisco and I think we have a jury that understands a lot of the concerns about the defendant receiving a fair trial.”

San Francisco Assistant District Attorney Diana Garcia declined comment.



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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:** August 16, 2017  
**Date & Time Due:** October 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

Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday August 18, 2017 or emailing [charmaine@dbas.as](mailto:charmaine@dbas.as) for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: [www.dbas.as](http://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 October 30, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

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# Witness: Workplace shooter was increasingly angry, hostile

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP) — A witness to the deadly rampage inside a Maryland granite company said Thursday that the suspect, Radee Prince, had gathered a small group of his co-workers together by saying “come with me, I want to say something to everybody.” Without another word, he opened fire.

The witness, a man who worked at the countertop making company for a year and a half, said when Prince arrived on Wednesday morning he responded to a polite greeting with harsh language describing Advanced Granite Solutions and its workers. Then he tried to talk individually to a few employees. “He talked to me first,” said the man, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because he was afraid of retaliation and worried about his family’s immigration status. “Then I saw him talk to another friend. Nobody listened to him, because his reaction was to start a fight.”

The employee said Prince had approached him a month ago and angrily accused him of gossiping. Since then, the man had been even more worried about Prince.

Prince had a history of violence with co-workers, especially when he believed people were talking behind his back, according to court documents. Authorities have not released a motive, but the witness said Prince’s aggressiveness had been escalating recently.

Prince is accused of fatally shooting three colleagues and critically wounding two others. Authorities said he then drove to Wilmington, Delaware, and shot an acquaintance at a used car lot. He was captured after a 10-hour manhunt.

Prince faces charges of murder, attempted murder, assault and use of a firearm to commit a felony. At his arraignment Thursday in Delaware, he pleaded not guilty.

According to an affidavit, officers found a .380-caliber semi-automatic they saw Prince throw away while running from them, and they found the same size shells at the Wilmington shooting scene. Police think it’s the same gun he used in the Maryland shooting. The granite company employee said he worked on a small fabrication team, and that several of his colleagues had complained before Wednesday to supervisors about Prince’s behavior.

Just before the shooting, Prince walked out to his SUV and put on a black jacket, the witness said. Then he walked back inside and stood near a machine with an odd look on his face. Prince then called the man’s name, and asked him and his colleagues to come toward him.

“I was nervous,” the witness said, adding that he believes he was the one Prince was trying to target.

The man said once the group gathered around, Prince shot Enis Mrvoljak, 48, of Dundalk. Then, Bayarsaikhan Tudev, 53, of Arlington, Virginia. He also killed Jose Hidalgo Romero, 34, of Aberdeen, authorities said.

Tudev’s widow told AP that her husband was so worried about Prince’s temper that he prayed about him.

“He was always angry,” Gerelmaa Dolgorsuren said her husband told her about Prince.

Tudev, 53, was a native of Mongolia who came to the U.S. in 2005. He and his wife settled in Arlington, which has a large Mongolian-American community.

Prince also shot at the witness as he ran away; he lost a boot while trying to flee, he said.

Ron Cherry, an attorney for the company, said he could not answer questions about what happened.

But Cristie Kahler, a spokeswoman for the Harford County Sheriff’s Office, confirmed that video surveillance footage at the company showed Prince seeming to call a meeting before the shooting. She could not provide further details.

Kahler also said that investigators were aware that employees had complained about Prince’s behavior at Advanced Granite Solutions, as well as at prior workplaces.

Prince had 43 arrests in Delaware. He has faced charges of being a felon in possession of a gun, was habitually late paying his rent, was repeatedly cited for traffic violations, and was ordered to undergo drug and alcohol counseling in recent years.

He had at least two other violent run-ins with co-workers. In 2014, he put a colleague in a chokehold because he thought he was talking about Prince, a manager told police. Prince dragged the co-worker outside and slammed him to the ground, causing him to lose consciousness.

Prince was charged with offensive touching, but the case was dismissed last year. It’s not clear why.

Earlier this year, Prince was fired from JPS Marble and Granite after he punched a co-worker and threatened other colleagues, according to court documents. His former boss became so scared of Prince after he was fired that he tried to take out a restraining order on him. A judge didn’t grant it.

Late Thursday, authorities identified the wounded in Maryland as Enoc Villegas Sosa, 38, and Jose Roberto Flores Gillen, 37. They remain in critical condition.

Police in Delaware have not updated the condition of the victim there, but have said he is expected to survive. Prince was accused last year of punching that man and trying to rob him, said Nicole Magnusson, a spokeswoman for the Delaware Department of Justice.



Workers from the Advanced Granite Solutions company console each other as police and Emergency Medical Services respond to a shooting at a business park in the Edgewood area of Harford County, Md., Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017. A gunman opened fire at the office park killing several co-workers and wounded others, authorities said.

(Matt Button/The Baltimore Sun via AP)

# Alabama executes man who killed police officer 20 years ago

ATMORE, Ala. (AP) — A man convicted of killing a police officer in 1997 was put to death Thursday by lethal injection, despite his claims that the state’s execution method was cruel and unusual.

Torrey Twane McNabb, 40, used his last statement to tell his mother and sister that he was unafraid and he cursed at the state, saying “I hate you ... I hate you.”

As the procedure began, he raised his middle fingers before becoming still. He was pronounced dead at 9:38 p.m. CDT, authorities said.

McNabb was convicted of killing Montgomery police officer Anderson Gordon in 1997. Prosecutors say McNabb shot Gordon five times as the

officer sat in his patrol car after arriving at a traffic accident McNabb caused while fleeing a bail bondsmen.

The U.S. Supreme Court delayed the execution for several hours to consider McNabb’s request for a stay, but ruled that the execution could go forward.

“Mom, sis, look at my eyes. I got no tears. I am unafraid. To the state of Alabama, I hate you ... I hate you. I hate you,” McNabb said in his final statement. McNabb’s attorneys had unsuccessfully sought to stop the execution since he is one of several inmates in an ongoing lawsuit challenging the humaneness of the state’s lethal injection procedure. The plaintiffs have argued that the sedative midazolam does not

reliably render a person unconscious before subsequent drugs stop their lungs and heart. They point to an execution last December during which an Alabama inmate coughed and heaved for the first 13 minutes of the procedure.

A lawyer for McNabb has argued that it would be wrong to carry out the execution while proceedings continue in McNabb’s lawsuit.

The state argued that the inmates are unlikely to prevail in their claims since the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed other executions, including four in Alabama, to proceed using midazolam. The attorney general’s office argued McNabb had presented nothing new to justify a stay.



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# Oroville Dam repair costs will top \$500 million

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — The costs to repair the nation’s tallest dam after a nearly catastrophic failure of the spillways will top \$500 million, nearly double the original estimate of \$275 million, a California Department of Water Resources official said Thursday.

The \$500 million figure reflects only the work by the main construction contractor, Kiewit Corp., to repair the spillways at the 770-foot Oroville Dam, said Erin Mellon, a spokeswoman for the state water agency. It excludes the costs of other contractors and the emergency response in the immediate aftermath of the spillway failure, which prompted fears of massive flooding. Nearly 200,000 were ordered to evacuate, but disaster was averted.

Construction crews are excavating unstable soil, replacing it with concrete and topping it with slabs of rebar-reinforced concrete that is anchored into the bedrock.

The project has required far more excavation and concrete than expected, said Jeff Petersen, a Kiewit vice president who is directing the project. The state has also revised plans to shore up the emergency spillway, doubling the amount of concrete it will require.

Barring a major storm or equipment failure, Kiewit’s 700 workers and subcontractors are on track to finish pouring concrete on the main spillway by Nov. 1, Petersen said. That will give the surface a month to cure and be ready for use in December.

“I don’t want to jinx it, but we’re ahead of schedule,”

Petersen told reporters during a tour of the jobsite Thursday.

The cost for emergency response during the evacuation and its immediate aftermath is estimated between \$140 million and \$160 million, Mellon said.

State officials hope the Federal Emergency Management Agency will foot up to 75 percent of the repair bill, while the rest would likely be borne by State Water Project customers. FEMA has already reimbursed some costs for emergency response, but it’s unclear if the agency will fund the permanent repair work.

The trouble at Oroville Dam began in early February, when a massive crater opened up in the main spillway, a 3,000-foot concrete chute that releases water from Lake Oroville, California’s second-largest reservoir. Crews shut down the spillway to inspect just as a major storm dumped a torrent of rain in the Feather River basin. With the main spillway damaged, the lake quickly filled to capacity and water began flowing over a concrete weir that serves as an emergency spillway. It had never before been used.

The water eroded the barren hillside beneath the concrete, leading to fears the weir would collapse and release a 40-foot wall of water that would swamp communities and destroy levees for miles downstream.

Kiewit was hired in April to lead the repair work through Jan. 1, 2019. The company will rebuild the main spillway, place a 65-foot underground wall to stop erosion on the emergency spillway and lay concrete at least 10 feet thick between the

cutoff wall the concrete weir that holds water in the lake. When the work is done next year, about a third of the 3,000-foot hillside will be lined in concrete — twice as much as originally planned.

Plans call for the entire main spillway to be demolished and reconstructed by 2019 with 2.5 feet of erosion-resistant, rebar-reinforced concrete on top of five to 13 feet of leveling concrete. About 1,200 feet of the 3,000-foot spillway will be fully reconstructed this year with the rest rebuilt next year.

Compared to the original 1960s design, the new spillway will have more rebar, stronger and thicker concrete, vinyl water stops inside of joints and a heartier drainage system — all with the concrete anchored into bedrock, Petersen said.

The scale of the project is massive, with more than 1 million cubic yards of concrete used between the main and emergency spillways. Two concrete plants were built on site. The main spillway is as wide as a 12-lane highway with side-walls ranging from 22 feet to 30 feet tall. Two deep crevices that were carved out by rushing water have been filled with up to 80 feet of concrete.

Mellon said the lake has been drained about 80 feet below its typical level for this time of year to provide extra storage for runoff. Since the dam was dedicated in 1969, the main spillway has only been used before Jan. 1 four times. In dryer years it’s never used at all. “There’s a pretty significant chance we won’t even use the spillway this year,” she said.

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## Senate backs GOP budget in step forward for tax revamp

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans on Thursday muscled a \$4 trillion budget through the Senate in a major step forward for President Donald Trump’s ambitious promise of “massive tax cuts and reform.”

The 51-49 vote sets the stage for debate later this year to dramatically overhaul the U.S. tax code for the first time in three decades, cutting rates for individuals and corporations while eliminating trillions of dollars of deductions and special interest tax breaks.

The tax cuts would add up to \$1.5 trillion to the deficit over the coming decade, however, as Republicans have shelved fears about the growing budget deficit in favor of a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rewrite tax laws.

“These are reforms that change incentives and drive growth, and we’ve never done that before,” said Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa.

The White House hailed the bill’s passage, saying it “creates a pathway to unleash the potential of the American economy through tax reform and tax cuts.” Divisions within the GOP indicate the process won’t be easy despite the political imperative.

The upcoming tax measure, always a top item on the GOP agenda, has taken on even greater urgency with the failure of the party to carry out its longstanding promise to dismantle former President Barack Obama’s signature health care law. Republicans have said failure on taxes would be politically devastating in next year’s midterm elections, when control of the House and Senate are at stake.

When reconciled with the House budget plan, the non-

binding measure would set up special procedures to pass follow-up tax legislation without the threat of a filibuster by Senate Democrats. Pressure is mounting, however, on the House to simply adopt the Senate budget plan rather than risk lengthy negotiations that could delay the tax measure.

The House measure calls for a tax plan that wouldn’t add to the deficit, as well as \$200 billion worth of cuts to benefit programs that the Senate has rejected.

Democrats blasted the GOP budget, warning voters that the upcoming tax measure will shower benefits on top-bracket earners, corporations, business partnerships and people inheriting multimillion-dollar estates. Trump promises that the tax plan — still under development — is aimed at the middle class, but previous versions have seen upper-income individuals benefiting the most.

“The bottom line on this budget is that it’s a right-wing fantasy document that paves the way for a hyper-partisan process on tax reform and trillions of dollars in handouts to big corporations and the wealthy,” said Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, the top Democrat on the tax-writing Finance Committee.

“The more people learn about this tax bill, the less they will like it,” said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. “That’s what led to the demise of health care, ultimately, is that it was unpopular with the American people.”

Only one Republican, Rand Paul of Kentucky, voted against the budget. He said the measure permits too much spending and abandons the GOP drive to repeal the Obama health law.



Work continues to repair the damaged main spillway of the Oroville Dam on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, in Oroville, Calif. California officials say repair costs at the nation’s tallest dam will be nearly double the original estimate of \$275 million. The main spillway and emergency spillway suffered significant damage during storms last February, prompting fears of massive flooding.

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