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Le Lali

On Halloween — Wednesday, Oct. 31st — Congresswoman Aumua Amata offered a special treat for the children of American Samoa, at the Fagatogo Square.

The event brought hundreds of youngsters, dressed up as various characters — including this little boy from Aua who came as Disney's Maui from the blockbuster "Moana" — to the town area to get candies and treats. [photo: LF]



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Galumalemana Bill Satele remembered as an 'exceptional man'

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

Final funeral services for former lawmaker and businessman Galumalemana William "Bill" Guthrie Satele will be held tomorrow at the Vailoatai CCCAS. The longtime government servant passed away on Oct. 13th at Tripler Army Medical Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was 74.

"Our father will always be remembered for his tenacious spirit and his unconditional love for his family. Whether in business, sports, or family, our father was determined to get things done with a bold sense of resiliency to always do better," reflected Galumalemana's daughter, Christa.

Many who knew him have described Galumalemana's life as that of a faithful servant.

He attended St. Theresa (Leone) and Marist Brothers (Atu'u) before moving to Colorado to continue his education. After serving in the US Air Force for 4 years (which included a tour of Vietnam), Galumalemana returned home to American Samoa and in 1966, he ventured into self-employment.

Prior to his passing, he was the president and owner of Samoa

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New Zealand now approved for off-island referrals funded by Medicaid

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

Officials from the Medicaid State Agency, led by Lt. Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga, recently returned from a trip to New Zealand, to assess the health care system and confirm processes for patient referral coordination to the Land of the Long White Cloud.

Director of the American Samoa Medicaid Office, Tofoitaufa Sandra King Young told Samoa News that the health care system in New Zealand "ranks as one of the top health care systems in the world and is more affordable than the United States."

Therefore, "We will be able to stretch more of our limited dollars to send more of our patients for high quality health care services to New Zealand

than we could to the US," she continued.

According to Tofoitaufa, "The Medicaid State Agency worked very hard on this change to the Medicaid State Plan and retained an actuary to conduct and in depth financial analysis - comparing costs to Hawaii and the US mainland."

She said New Zealand provides high quality patient care and is much more affordable.

"The Medicaid State Agency's responsibility is to develop referral procedures pursuant to Medicaid regulations and approved by CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services). Referral procedures must ensure patient access, fairness, transparency, and compliance under the Medicaid State Plan for all Medicaid eligible patients."

The Medicaid agency will publicize procedures in the next few weeks.

Tofoitaufa shared that the purpose of the trip was to "assess patient accommodations and meet the medical providers that the Medicaid program will use for Off Island Medical Referral (OIMR) services."

She reported that the trip was "very successful".

"We came away very confident knowing that our patients will have access to a high performing health care system that is very patient-centered. Our patients will have access to some of the best private providers in New Zealand and state-of-the-art facilities."

As for a time frame of when off island referrals can start traveling to New Zealand, (Continued on page 15)



Former faipule and local businessman Galumalemana William Satele, 74, passed away peacefully on Oct. 13th in Honolulu, Hawai'i. His final funeral services are set for tomorrow in Vailoatai. See story for details.

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Check forger sentenced to 28 months in jail

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Paulo Lauti, 42, made off with more than \$5,000 from his uncle’s bank account by stealing checks and forging his signature; and now, he’s going to jail for it.

Lauti was initially charged with 5 counts of forgery, and 5 counts of stealing — all felonies. Each count is punishable by not more than 7 years imprisonment, and/ or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

Under a plea agreement with the government, the defendant pled guilty to one count of forgery and one count of stealing, both felonies. The remaining charges were dismissed.

According to court documents, it was the victim, Laloulu Tagoilelagi, who reported the case to police on July 11, 2017, after he discovered that a huge amount of money was missing from this Bank of Hawaii

account.

Prosecuting the case was Assistant Attorney General Robert Morris, while Deputy Public Defender Michael White represented Lauti, who has been in custody since his arrest in September, unable to post a \$5,000 surety bond.

During sentencing, Lauti apologized to the court and begged for a second chance to return home to care for his wife and children. He also apologized to his uncle, the victim in this case, for stealing his money. Lauti said he is truly remorseful for what he did, and he has learned his lesson, in the two months he’s spent behind bars.

His wife took the stand and asked the court for a chance to allow her husband to come home to help her with the family and take care of their two little children. She told the court that her husband is a good man who just made a bad decision. She said she’s doing everything in her power to make sure her husband pays restitution to his uncle.

When asked by White about the specifics of arrangements regrading full restitution, the wife said her husband has already submitted his resignation papers to this employer, ASPA, and the money from his resignation and his final paycheck will be used to pay restitution. And if there is a balance, she will see to it that it is paid in full.

White told the court his client made a bad mistake but added that Lauti has no prior criminal record, and he’s a suitable candidate for a probated sentence. He asked the court to sentence Lauti to 7 years probation, with no more jail time.

Prosecutor Morris agreed that Lauti is a suitable candidate for a probated sentence. He said the victim told him he was very upset with his nephew for what he did, and he was concerned, because he had suspicions his nephew is involved in illegal activities, such as drugs, and his drug problem needs to be addressed and resolved.

Morris asked the court that as a condition of Lauti’s probation, he submit himself to drug testing, to ensure he stays clean at all times.

High Court Judge, Elvis Patea, said, that based on information before the court... “an imprisonment term is not warranted in this case, probation is warranted, but given the amount ... taken and the way it was taken, the court feels that your action must be punished.”

Lauti was sentenced to 7 years probation, on the condition that he serves 28 months at the TCF. Twenty-two months will be stayed, and Lauti was ordered to serve only 6 months.

He will be credited the 2 months he has already served at TCF. Lauti was also ordered

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EKALESIA FEAGAIGA FOU MAFUTAGA A TINA LAUMUA I FAGALELE OTTOVILLE, TAFUNA

FA’AFETAI! FA’AFETAI! FA’AFETAI TELE LAVA!

Avea ia lenei avanoa fa’aauro, e momoli atu ai agaga faafetai o lo matou Tina o le Galuega, Faletua ia Matalasi Ta’amu, Tina Ta’ita’i, Ofisa, ma le mamalu o lenei Mafutaga a Tina O Le Ekalesia, Feagaiga Fou. Fa’afetai i le tamaoiga e ala i la outou foa’i tupe sa fesoasoani ai a’o matou fa’atala’uula atu aua le totogiina o Nofoa o lo matou Malumalu Tapua’i. O se miti na oloolo pitovaa ai i le tele o aso ma tausaili se laolao a’o ni mo’omo’oga i le fia fai mea sili mo Le Atua ma lana Galuega. Ua tini lau o le faamoemoe, e pei o Upu i Faiva o Vai. O fa’amanuiaga mai Le Atua Pulepule Tetele e ala i a matou Paaga, Uo, Au Meamamae, aemaise nai Aiga Pele, ua fa’amaeaina ai le totogiina o Nofoa o le Malumalu Tapua’i, a’o se viiga e faafo’i i le Tupu Silisili. O le saafi a Ruta ina ua agalelei se tasi ia te ia, “Ia totogi Le Ali’i i lau galuega, ia tu’uina ai ia te oe se tau’i tele mai Le Ali’i, Le Atua o Isaraelu, ua e sau e fa’atuatua i lalo o ona apaau.” Aua nei ia tei tatou, aua nei ia tei tatou, a ia tuuina atu le viiga i Le Atua e le aunoa.

Ia fa’amanuia le Atua i ou faiva alofilima ma au fatuaiga tausisi o e feagai ai. Ia ola fo’i lenei Mafutaga a Tina, i le alofa o le Atua.

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US Secretary of State denies Tonga's request for Fletcher's extradition

FLETCHER WANTED IN TONGA FOR ALLEGED MURDER OF HIS WIFE

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Following a decision by the US Secretary of State, the Honolulu federal court has ordered to “immediately” release from US custody, an American citizen wanted in Tonga for the alleged murder of his wife.

As previously reported by Samoa News, Dean Jay Fletcher fled to American Samoa on his yacht, the Sea Oak.

He was arrested in Pago Pago last September for illegally entering the territory without authority. From there, the local charge was dismissed as Fletcher was arrested and taken to Hawai’i on Nov. 22, 2016 by federal agents based on a federal warrant.

Fletcher’s case made international news, as the Government of Tonga sought to extradite him back to the island kingdom for the alleged murder of his American wife onboard the Sea Oak — its whereabouts are unknown after Fletcher was taken to Honolulu.

Tonga sought extradition based on a treaty between the two countries. In January this year, the Honolulu federal court committed the defendant to the Secretary of State to make the final determination on his extradition back Tonga where he is charged with murder with intent, murder by recklessness, manslaughter, and grievous bodily harm.

Fletcher was detained without bail, pending a decision by the Secretary of State, whom under federal law, makes the final determination on extradition requests.

Court documents show that since the Honolulu federal court’s decision, Fletcher has sought to be released from custody. The US Justice Department represented the federal government in this case.

An Oct. 31, 2017 letter to the USDOJ’s Office of International Affairs from US State Department’s Assistant Legal Adviser for Law Enforcement and Intelligence, Tom Heinemann, shows that Secretary of State, Rex W. Tillerson, has exercised discretion afforded to him pursuant to federal law “and denied Tonga’s request for Fletcher’s extradition.”

“In exercising his discretion, the Secretary considers... any materials submitted by a fugitive following” a court decision, according to the letter made public in court records for Fletcher’s case.

“These materials often address humanitarian issues that fall outside the court’s limited role, but are appropriate for the Secretary’s consideration,” Heinemann explained in his letter.

“In this case, if convicted of the most serious charge, Fletcher would have faced a mandatory penalty of death

or life imprisonment under Tongan law,” he said, and noted that Fletcher was provided with free legal representation during his US extradition proceedings due to his lack of funds.

The State Department appears concerned that if extradited back to Tonga, Fletcher may not have sufficient legal representation, nor a fair trial.

According to Heinemann, the State Department determined, among other things, that Tonga does not have a federal public defender system, and neither NGOs nor other private funded sources reliably provide legal representation of indigent defendants.

In light of these circumstances, said Heinemann, the State Department engaged in extensive discussion with the Tonga government in an attempt to address relevant con-

cerns if he were extradited back to Tonga.

“Although the United States does not, as a rule, seek to impose our constitutional framework on legal systems of countries requesting extradition, considering the unique facts of this case and all relevant factors, including the Department’s inability to reach an agreement with Tonga with respect to certain relevant assurances, the Secretary determined that Fletcher could not be guarantee a fair trial in Tonga,” Heinemann wrote.

He also said that it was on Oct. 31, 2017 that the State Department notified the Government of Tonga that “we denied its request for Fletcher’s extradition”.

He asked USDOJ to notify the Honolulu federal court of



Local artist Regina Meredith Fitiao with the winner of this year’s “Best Pe’a” during last weekend’s Tisa’s Tattoo Fest in Alea. [photo: courtesy]

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11 : am	30' Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama "Big Man" (E,R)				00'	2017 K-pop World Festival in Changwon	"Big Man"	
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1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)					Heritage Tomorrow (E,R)		
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Mad Dog Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)				K-RUSH (E,R)	30'
3 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'		Battle Trip (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'
4 : pm	50' Jisook's Table for O'	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R) Final	50'		My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
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6 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Big Man" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)			Witch's Court (E,R)	Mad Dog (E,R)	
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8 : pm	40' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						Hollo Counselor (E,R)	20'
9 : pm	00' Food Odyssey (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Music Bank (Live)			Happy Together (E,R)	2017 K-pop World Festival in Changwon	40'
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
11 : pm	40' Jisook's Table for O'	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)	Heritage Tomorrow (E,R)	20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
12 : 00	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)				Heritage Tomorrow (E,R)				
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3 : am	00' Hollo Counselor (E)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama	30'
4 : am	20' Jisook's Table for O'	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)	"The Return of Superman" Special (E)		Witch's Court (E,R)	Mad Dog (E,R)	
5 : am	Encore Drama "Big Man" (E)								
6 : am	30' Heritage Tomorrow					50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'
7 : am	40' Food Odyssey (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	The Beauty (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	10'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
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Over 4M pounds of commercial fish landed in American Samoa last year

DATA IS INCLUDED IN NOAA'S FISHERY REPORT RELEASED WEDNESDAY

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Over 4 million pounds of commercial fish landed in American Samoa was recorded for 2016, according to a new fishery report by the federal government. American Samoa is noted as currently home to one cannery and several fishing vessels.

American Samoa is included in the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 109-page Fisheries of the United States 2016 Report released Wednesday morning, which was also during a national conference call between NOAA officials and reporters.

Commercial and recreational fisheries remain a strong contributor to the United States economy, according to NOAA Fisheries, which noted that it will release later a detailed look at the economic impact of recreational and commercial fisheries on the US economy in the upcoming "Fisheries Economic of the United States" report.

The 2016 report shows among other things that the average American ate 14.9 pounds of fish and shellfish last year, a decrease from 15.5 pounds in 2015. U.S. dietary guidelines recommend 8-12 ounces of a variety of seafood species per week, or 26 to 39 pounds per person per year.

U.S COMMERCIAL LANDINGS

Commercial landings (edible and industrial) by U.S. fishermen at ports in the 50 states were 9.6 billion pounds valued at \$5.3 billion in 2016 — a decrease of 145.6 million pounds (down 1.5%) and an increase of \$108.7 million (up 2.1%) compared to 2015.

The 2016 average ex-vessel price paid to fishermen was 55 cents per pound compared to 54 cents per pound in 2015.

Additionally, commercial landings by U.S. fishermen at ports outside the 50 states provided an additional 420.4 million pounds valued at \$277 million. This was a decrease of 23

percent, or 128 million pounds in quantity and a decrease of \$7.2 million (2.5%) in value compared with 2015.

Most of these landings consisted of tuna landed in American Samoa and other foreign ports, according to the report which also provides a section breaking down "Domestic Landings" for the US territories of American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.

Overall landing for American Samoa totals over 4.16 million pounds, valued at over \$4.52 million. The highest fish species landing for American Samoa is albacore at 3.05 million pounds, valued at \$3.47 million, according to the report, which shows that total "tuna" — e.g. albacore, big eye, skipjack, yellow fin and other — landing at 3.90 million pounds valued at \$4.06 million.

As reported last year by Samoa News, based on the 2015 fisheries report, in the year 2015 - for comparison - overall landing for American Samoa totals 5.01 million pounds, valued at \$5.51 million. Total tuna landing was at 4.74 million pounds valued at \$5.07 million.

TUNA LANDING

According to the report, landings of tuna by U.S. fishermen at ports in the United States, American Samoa, other U.S. territories, and foreign ports in 2016 were 474.5 million pounds valued at nearly \$432.8 million—a decrease of almost 129.7 million pounds (more than 21 percent), but an increase of \$12.5 million (3 percent) compared with 2015.

Additionally, average ex-vessel price per pound of all species of tuna in 2016 was 91 cents compared with 70 cents in 2015.

While skipjack landings were the highest for 2016, at 377.3 million pounds, the report shows this is a decrease of 121.4 million pounds compared to 2015. The average ex vessel price per pound was 66

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FILE - This Feb. 26, 2016 file photo shows the entrance to St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. The prep school released a report in May 2017 detailing allegations of sexual abuse against a dozen men and one woman who worked at the school between 1947 and 1999. An addendum released late Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, includes five staffers not previously identified, and outlines abuse that occurred up to 2009.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole, File)

Bill introduced allowing Hawaii's foreign fishermen onshore

HONOLULU (AP) — Hundreds of foreign fishermen currently confined to vessels in Honolulu for years at a time would be allowed to come ashore when they dock under legislation introduced Thursday in Congress.

The Sustainable Fishing Workforce Protection Act offers workplace protections a year after an Associated Press investigation found that Hawaii's commercial fishing fleet is crewed by about 700 men who are never allowed off their boats, even when they come into the Honolulu Harbor to unload their catch.

Just a few miles from the sands of Waikiki, they work without visas, some making less than \$1 an hour. Conditions vary — while some of the 140 boats are clean and safe, AP found some fishing crews living in squalor, forced to use buckets instead of toilets and suffering running sores from bed bugs. There have been instances of human trafficking, active tuberculosis and low food supplies.

They lack most basic labor protections during their one or two year stints onboard, catching premium tuna and swordfish sold at some of America's most upscale grocery stores, hotels and restaurants.

Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, who wrote the law, said she worked with a range of stakeholders in drafting the legislation. The Hawaii Longline Association and the Hawaii Seafood Council did not respond to requests for comment.

"This bill provides necessary protections for foreign fishermen and ensures the continued viability of Hawaii's longline fishing fleet, which is important to our culture," Hirono said.

The bill, supported by all four of Hawaii's

representatives in the House and Senate, would close a loophole in the law that has allowed the Hawaii fleet to employ men from impoverished Southeast Asian and Pacific nations for a fraction of the pay an American worker would get, in part by collecting them by boat from Pacific islands.

Under the new law, the fishermen would get their visas in their home countries, just like other immigrants. This would allow them to fly into Honolulu for the fishing jobs, eliminating the two-week trip at sea. They also would be protected by federal labor law at the docks, and labor inspectors would join the Coast Guard for at sea protections. It was unclear whether salaries would be affected.

State Rep. Kaniela Ing said he was glad to see the legislation coming to fruition.

"It's nice to see some action on the federal level. That's really the only place it can be addressed in terms of the visas," he said.

But he said Hawaii should adopt labor protections for the fishermen because the state Department of Land and Natural Resources issues their fishing licenses. In particular, Ing said the state should review the contracts the workers sign.

"We never see what the workers agreed to. So we never know if there's working violations," he said.

Hawaii's Attorney General Douglas Chin, who has ruled the men are lawfully admitted to the state and should be allowed to fish, said he hadn't read the bill.

"But generally, anything that clarifies the visa status of foreign fishermen and protects them from exploitation is something I would support," he said.

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ASDOE October 2017 Most Valuable Teachers of the Month

American Samoa Department of Education Congratulates and Acknowledges the following teachers in their selection as the Most Valuable Teachers for their Respective School.

	TEACHER	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL/ DEPARTMENT
1	Savalivali Vasega	Faleasao Elementary School	L-1
2	Ramona Mata'u	Le'atele Elementary School	L-8
3	Sinatulaga Musa	Fagali'i Elementary School	ECE
4	Ana Saleutogi	Manulele Elementary School	SPED
5	Tolutasi Fale	Masefau Elementary School	L-8
6	Honey Auelua	Mt. Alava Elementary School	L-3
7	Sitagata Malae	Olosega Elementary School	L-1 & L-2
8	Maluelue Toli	Tafuna Elementary School	L-7 Social Studies
9	Faaleagalealaimaota Lotulelei	Lupelele Elementary School	K5

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NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL							
Sikoloni Dolly	Alofau Elementary	L1	Gutu Loia	Masefau Elementary	L7	Paopao-Letalie Therisa	Tafuna Elementary	K5	
Faupusa Taufu'a	Alofau Elementary	L7	Fale Tolutasi	Masefau Elementary	L8	Iti Claire	Tafuna Elementary	K5	
Musa Sinatulaga	Fagali Elementary	ECE	Tulafono Andrea	Mt. Alava Elementary	ECE	Masina Seulata	Tafuna Elementary	L1	
Tuiolemotu Oloa Osooso	Fagali Elementary	L8	Alaelua Honey	Mt. Alava Elementary	L3	Sefo Valelia	Tafuna Elementary	L1	
Vasega Savalivali	Faleasao Elementary	L1	Danielson Motusalaia	Mt. Alava Elementary	L6	Ino Toaiva	Tafuna Elementary	L1	
Eneliko Irae	Faleasao Elementary	L7	Gasolo Lafaele	Mt. Alava Elementary	L7	Sionesini Keneti	Tafuna Elementary	L2	
Lauama James	Le'atele Elementary	L4	West Cathy	Mt. Alava Elementary	SPED	Uale Faiai Daisy	Tafuna Elementary	L2	
Mageo Elijah	Le'atele Elementary	L6	Tauai Vaisala	Olosega Elementary	K5	Poi Lualua New Year	Tafuna Elementary	L2	
Mata'u Ramona	Le'atele Elementary	L8	Malae Sitagata	Olosega Elementary	L1 & L2	Fuimaono Daniel	Tafuna Elementary	L3	
Lotulelei Fa'aleagaialaimaota	Lupelele Elementary	K5	Krishnan Aditi	Olosega Elementary	L6	Savali Athena	Tafuna Elementary	L3	
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Mckenzie Osana	Lupelele Elementary	L1	Fa'i Alo	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Sialega Marieta	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Miles Tina	Lupelele Elementary	L3	Taalafaaluaiaiga Leinati	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Taala Naomi	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Talataina Ilena	Lupelele Elementary	L3	Semau Maewace	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Sami Fegutua'i	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Vai Anamarie	Lupelele Elementary	L3	Taliga Mele	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Falemalama Herbert	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Letalu Asofaafetai	Lupelele Elementary	L4	Faagu Siumalae	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Ameperosa Katerina	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
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Tasila Tasila	Lupelele Elementary	L6	Brown Tuaoitau	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Semou Emmerine	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
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Taatasi Folola	Lupelele Elementary	L8	Mara Safuifatu	Pavaiai Elementary	K5	Ulutu Daru	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
Fepuleai Alieta	Lupelele Elementary	L8	Wanjau Ruta	Pavaiai Elementary	K5	Atafua Poto	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
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Misivila Sophia	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Vine Akenese	Pavaiai Elementary	L1	Chanel Lene	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
Taape Pauline	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Ioanen Ailepata	Pavaiai Elementary	L2	Tuiolemotu Toetu	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
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Moliga-Eli Saiaulama	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Tufele Elizabeth	Pavaiai Elementary	L2	Toli Maluelue	Tafuna Elementary	L7	
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Vaimasanuu Sesilia	Manulele Elementary	K5	Dec Sara	Pavaiai Elementary	L3	Lefotu Dora	Tafuna Elementary	L8	
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GOP tax plan may offer little aid for many in middle class

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans have stressed that the tax plan they unveiled Thursday is tailored to benefit America's middle class. Just how much it would remain uncertain based on the details that have been provided so far.

What is clear is that many of the benefits for the middle class could dwindle over time, even while companies and wealthy individuals could enjoy lasting tax advantages.

The plan promises tax savings next year of \$1,182 for a typical household of four with gross income of \$59,000, leaving their tax bill at \$400.

"We are focused on increasing paychecks in a major way," said Rep. Kevin Brady, the Republican chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

But the proposal's conflicting provisions and phase-outs of certain benefits suggest that taxes could rise for some middle class earners over time. And for many, the income gains being touted by President Donald Trump are unlikely to materialize.

Some of these complications arise because under the budget instructions, the planned tax cuts can't increase the national debt by more than \$1.5 trillion over the next decade. Anything above \$1.5 trillion would force Republicans to amend their plan to generate more revenue — a change that would likely prove difficult.

Trump has frequently said that this would be the biggest tax cut in U.S. history. But outside analyses show that that's not the case.

The tax plan's primary beneficiaries would be wealthier Americans, who would enjoy lower tax rates despite the elimination of some breaks, a repeal of the so-called alternative minimum tax and the termination of the estate tax.

With the details they've presented to us so far, it looks like the tax cut benefits the wealthy and major corporations," said Martin Sullivan, chief economist at Tax Analysts and a former staff economist at the Treasury Department.

"In fact, if you have a large family, given the facts that we have now, that you would pay more in taxes."

Here's why:

A married couple making less than \$90,000 would be taxed at a 12 percent rate, instead of the current 15 percent. The size of their standard deduction would nearly double to \$24,000.

But that same couple would lose personal exemptions — deductions that largely benefit families with multiple children. The child tax credit would rise to \$1,600 from \$1,000 — short of the \$2,000 that Sullivan said would be needed to make many families whole.

The tax plan would also repeal the deduction of substantial medical costs, including what families might spend on nursing home care. Nor could people with student loans deduct the interest paid on the debt anymore.

And the plan would cap the deduction of state and local taxes. It also would use a less generous measure of inflation, so that more middle class taxpayers would creep into a higher bracket over several years.

Over 4M pounds...

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cents in 2016 compared to 51 cents in 2015.

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The pack of canned fishery products in the 50 states, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico was 865.5 million pounds valued at \$1.2 billion—a decrease in volume of 137.8 million pounds and \$286.5 million dollars compared to 2015.

It also says that the 2016 pack included 576.1 million pounds with a value of \$1.0 billion for human consumption and 289.4 million pounds valued at \$215.7 million for bait and animal food.

OTHER INFORMATION

In a national news release, NOAA says that in 2016, the U.S. imported 5.8 billion pounds of seafood (up 1 percent compared to 2015) worth \$19.5 billion (up 3.5 percent). However, a significant portion of this

imported seafood is caught by American fishermen, exported overseas for processing, and then reimported to the United States, it says.

NOAA points out that the U.S. ranks 16th in total aquaculture production around the world—far behind China, Indonesia and India. In 2015, 1.4 billion pounds of aquaculture production was reported in the U.S.

With the US importing billions of pounds of seafood annually, and with so much of that seafood foreign farm-raised, "the numbers in this report underscore the untapped potential of aquaculture here at home," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross.

"Expanding our nation's aquaculture capacity presents an opportunity to reduce America's reliance on imports while creating thousands of new jobs," he said.



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Na fa'ailoa e le afioga i le ali'i Kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga i le fonotaga a le Kape-neta i le vaiaso i ona tua atu, o le ulua'i 4 masina muamua o le tausaga tupe fou lenei, e le o se taimi faigofie lea i le faigamalo, ona o le tele o lu'itau ua fetaia'i ma le malo i le itu tupe tau tupe.

E mafua lea saunoaga mai le Ta'ita'i o le atunu'u, e pei ona taua i lana saunoaga i luma o le Kapeneta, e mafua mai i tulaga lea ua taoto ai pili tupe sa tu'uina atu e le faigamalo i luma o le Fono Faitulafono mo le pasiaina, ae foliga mai ua i ai se fa'aletonu i lenei taumafaiga.

"O ulua'i vaiaso o le Kuata muamua o le tausaga tupe lenei ua mae'a atu, e le o se taimi faigofie lea i le tatou faigamalo, e mafua lea tulaga, e le gata i le

tele o fesuaiga mai le malo tele, a o lea fo'i o loo maitauina ni isi o tulaga le mautu i fuafuaga sa tuuina atu i le Fono Faitulafono e ala i a tatou pili tupe, ae le avea nei fa'afitauli ma lu'itau ma auala tatou te fa'avaivai ai ma solomuli," o le saunoaga fa'alototele lea a le ali'i kovana.

O lagona ma mafaufauga o le atunu'u i fesuaiga ua i ai le fa'atautaiga o gaioiga ma galuega a le malo, o le isi lea itu na taua e le ali'i kovana o lo o mafua mai ai lu'itau ma fa'afitauli, peita'i e le avea ia auala ma itu e faaloto vaivai ai Ta'ita'i o le malo mai lo latou fa'atinoina o galuega lelei e manuia ai le atunu'u.

Na aofia i le saunoaga a le ali'i kovana le va feagai o le faigamalo ma le Fono Faitulafono, aemaise lava i le talanoaina o pili tupe sa fa'amoemoe e maua mai ai se fesoasoani mo le malo.

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Dr. Ernest Alaimalo passed away peacefully on October 26, 2017 at his home in Pearl City, HI, surrounded by a room filled with family and friends. Here in Tutuila, Ernest hails from the village of Auasi, Saole county. He is the son of the late Alaimalo Pepine H. and Foini M. Porter. He is an alumni of Marist Brothers education in Atu'u and Leone, and an advocate for Marist Old Boys functions and gatherings here and in Hawaii. He was a Psychiatrist and Supervisor at the Spark Matsunaga V.A. Medical Center, 3B2 Unit in Hawaii and has travelled to Am. Samoa to work at the local V.A. Medical Center over the past years. He is survived by wife, Dr. Mavis M. Alaimalo; sons, Saunders and Sylas Alaimalo and siblings, Alaimalo Jane Woo, Kenneth Porter, Dr. Jed Alaimalo, Derek Porter, Patrick Porter, Jerome Porter, and Ethlyn Porter-Martin and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



Funeral services for **Dr. Ernest Alaimalo** will be held at
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Pearl City, Hawaii
Friday, November 10, 2017
Visitation Service: 10:00 a.m.
Mass: 11:30 a.m.

Floor floral arrangements welcome (no wreaths please).
Aloha Attire.



O le vaega amata o le fa'atinoga o le Ata Pese Twinderella, sa va'aia ai le vaega lea, o lo'o fia maimoa ma fa'afogoga i le tala'aga o Cinderella ma le tama o Bob, ma o lo'o fa'asoa i latou i le tala na latou fa'alogo muamua ai.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Fautuaina Fa'atonusili ina ia mulimuli i le tulafono

tusia Ausage Fausia

O le alia'e mai ai o ni isi o tulaga fa'aletonu ua a'afia ai meatotino ma le tautua a le malo, ua fautuaina ai e le afioga i le ali'i Kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga afioga i Fa'atonusili o Matagaluga ma Ofisa uma a le malo, ina ia tausisi i le tulafono o lo o fa'atautaia ai galuega a le malo, ina ia taofia ai le tutupu o fa'afitauli o lo o a'afia ai le malo i le tele o taimi.

O lea saunoaga mai le Ta'ita'i o le atunu'u, na tuuina atu lea i le fonotaga a le Kapeneta sa faia i le vaiaso na te'a nei, ae lei tu'u va'a ese atu ai ma le atunu'u i le po o le aso Gafua o le vaiaso nei mo fonotaga o lo o faia i Amerika.

Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, o aitalafu a le malo i pisinisi tua lea ua pagatia ai le malo e totogi, o aitalafu sa faia e tagata faigaluega a le malo e aunoa ma le silafia e a latou Fa'atonusili.

Ona o lea tulaga, ua fa'ateia ai le malo i tusi mai ni isi o kamupani ma pisinisi tua, e talosagaina ai le malo ina ia totogi atu tupe o loo aitalafu ai, e aunoa ma le silafia e le malo o nei aitalafu.

Mo se fa'ata'ita'iga e pei ona saunoa le ali'i kovana, e i ai le aitalafu e \$6,000 a le malo i le kamupani a le Samoa Marketing, lea ua maua mulimuli ane o aitalafu lava na faia e tagata faigaluega a le malo e aunoa ma le silafia e le malo poo le fa'atonusili o lea ofisa.

"O le isi mataupu ua oo mai ia te a'u, o le ink e \$25 na alu le isi tagata faigaluega a le malo fa'atau mai i se tasi o faleoloa, ona tago lea ua saina le pepa ina ia totogi ai e le malo le ink lea, e aunoa ma lona logoina o lana Fa'atonu e uiga i lea aitalafu," o le saunoaga lea a le ali'i kovana.

Saunoa Lolo i Fa'atonusili e fa'apea, e mafua ona tutupu fa'aletonu fa'apenei, e mafua mai i le fa'atamala o Fa'atonusili, i lo latou tu'u tia'i lea o le fa'atautaiga o le Ofisa e fa'agaioi e tagata

faigaluega, ae o le tiute tonu lea na mafua ai ona tofia i latou e fai ma Ta'ita'i.

"O le mafua'aga tonu lava lea na ala ai ona tofia outou e fai ma Fa'atonusili, ina ia outou iloa le mea tonu e tatau ona fai atoa ai ma le fa'amalosia o tulafono e ala i le puleaina o gaioiga uma i totonu o le malo," o le saunoaga lea a Lolo.

"Afai e te tu'u tia'i lau matagaluga e fa'afae e le isi tagata sinia i lou Ofisa, e le mafai ona taofia le aliali mai pea o tulaga fa'aletonu nei i totonu o matagaluga a le malo. O lou tiute o le Fa'atonusili, ia e iloa gaioiga uma o loo tutupu i totonu o lou Ofisa. Ia fautuaina fo'i tagata faigaluega ina ia fa'amaoni i le tausaina o tulafono ma mulimuli i ai."

"E mafua ona tulaga pagatia le malo i aitalafu fa'apenei, ona e le o silafia e oe le Fa'atonusili gaioiga a lau aufaigaluega o lo o faia. O lou tiute o le faia o fa'aiuga e manuia ai lau matagaluga."

Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, ua uma ona ia fautuaina ma le Lutena Kovana ia Lemanu Peleti Mauga pisinisi ma kamupani eseese uma i le atunu'u, ina ia aua ne'i o latou toe taliaina ni aitalafu e faia e tagata faigaluega a le malo, e aunoa ma le silafia e Fa'atonusili poo le malo fo'i. Sa ia taua se tasi o fa'afitauli ua maitauina i le taimi nei, o le taofi atu o malaga a tagata faigaluega mo atunu'u i fafo, ae tulioso tagata faigaluega ua fa'a aitalafu a latou pasese i le kamupani va'alele, ma le fa'amoemoe e fo'i mai ona fa'atoa togi togi atu lea.

Na taua e le ali'i kovana le mae'a fo'i ona fautuaina le kamupani va'alele i tulaga fa'apea, ma ua latou nofouta fo'i, e le toe totogiina e le malo ni isi aitalafu i le lumana'i e alia'e mai ai tulaga fa'apenei.

Sa ia fautuaina lana kapeneta ina ia galulue fa'atasi mo le manuia o le malo, ma ia faia gaioiga uma e fa'aauau ai ona talitonuina e le atunu'u le faigamalo.



tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

TUPE A LE MALO SESE ONA FA'AUIA

Ua matauina le a'afia o le faigamalo a Amerika Samoa i le a'afiaga tau osofa'iga i luga o feso'ota'iga o initeneti ma ua lusi atu ai le \$200,000 sa tatau

ona totogia ai se pili o se tasi kamupani e le Matagaluga o le DHSS.

Peita'i o se tasi o le aufaigaluega a le Vaega o Tupe a le Malo sa talia lea feso'ota'iga ma ua ia auina atu le peimeni na mo'omia mai, ae ua ave sese

aga'i i le teugatupei a le tagata sofa'i, ae le o le vaega na tatau ona totogia sa'o i ai lea pili. Ua fa'aui mai e lena sui le teugatupe e le o le teugatupe a le Ofisa tonu sa fefa'ataua'i ma le DHSS.

(Faaauau itulau 11)

► Tala i Vaifanua...

Mai itulau 10

Ua fa’ailoa mai i tala ua mua’i fa’asalalauina, e to’alua sui o le Matagaluega o Tupe ua fa’amaonia maia, ua mae’a ona avea le tinoitupe ua ta’ua i luga ma le manatu lava o lo’o totogia i lea kamupami.

I le taimi tonu o lea fa’aletonu, e le’i i’inei le teu-tupe a le Malo, Ueligitone Tonumaip’e’a, peita’i o le taimi lea sa tau’avea ai e Tina Va’a le Ofisa o Tupe.

Ina ua fa’auia e le DHSS le talosaga mai le vendor poo le Ofisa sa fefa’ataua’i ma i latou, le talosaga mo se peimeni i le vaega ale Treasury, ua mae’a faauia atu i ai ma le numera o le teugatuope e totogia i ai lea peimeni. O le ala lea ua sasi ai le mataupu mai le Ofisa o Tupe.

E le’i tele ni aso talu ona fa’auia lea peimeni ae toe mata-ituina e le DHSS ua sasi le teugatupe ua ave i ai le totoggi o le tautua.

O lea ua o’o mai le fa’asologa o a’oa’oga fa’apitoa a le Matagaluega o le Puipuiga o le Saogalemu Fa’alotoifale o le tatou Malo i le sailiiliga ma le fa’asaoina o fa’amaumauga taua mai le sofa’ia e ituaiga tagata nei e solitulafono o le ‘ave fa’aga’oi o fa’amaumauga i luga o le Initeneti.

I lea a’oa’oga, sa matauina e tele vaega o le Malo e le’i fa’ao’o atu o latou sui IT mo lea aoaoga fa’apitoa.

“O le ituaiga mea lea e afua mai le feso’ota’i umi o le Komipiuta i luga o laina a le Initeneti. Aua o le umi e mafai ai ona oso ane le tagata sofa’i fa’amaumauga, ma maimoa i fa’amaumauga uma lava o i totonu o lau komipiuta ae ete le o iloa,” o se tala lea mai le a’oa’oga fa’apitoa sa tapena e le TEEX mai Texas o le Kamupani fa’akonekarate e le FEMA latou te faia a’oa’oga esee se mo le tausiga o le saogalemu fa’alotoifale o Amerika atoa.

“O le isi mea, e afua mai ona gaioia fa’apena fa’amaumauga, ona o oe lava i lou tago ma fa’amau pe fe’avea’i au fa’amaumauga i luga o laina

MAUA ATALI’I O SAMOA TAMA TINO LELEI A LE OCEANIA:

O le ali’i Samoa, ia Johnny Afoa, ua ia mauaina le Pine Auro pe togisilia fo’i i le tauvaga Tama Tino Lelei a le Oceania, sa faia i Sydney, Ausetalia i le fa’aiuga o le vaiaso na te’a nei.

O ia lea o lo’o kolenia ma fa’aleleia atili le tausiga o lona tino i Ausetalia, ae o lo’o tauva mo Samoa.

Fa’aalia e le Samoa Body Building Association, “O se tasi lea o alo o Samoa o lo’o ua fili-filia e tapena mo se pine a Samoa i le Olimipeka, pe afai lava ae tumau ai i lana taumafaiga se’ia o’o i lea vai tau. Ua iloga fo’i, o lo’o aga’i lava i luma taumafaiga a Johnny Afoa. Fa’amalo fo’i i lona sogasoga aua se ‘ai o Samoa fa’avaomalo uma o le Lalolagi.” O le maua e ia o le Pine Auro i le Oceania, o se mea lelei fo’i lea aua ua fa’amautu ai lona ulufale i le Olimipeka o olioli mai.

Ua tapena Afoa e maimo-aina e le mamalu o le atunu’u ma aiga i le “Mr Samoa” lea e fa’atautaia ia Novema 25, 2017, ae faia i le Tanoa.

TWINDERELLA - ATA O PESEGA, FOA’I MO LE KOLUSE MUMU:

O le ata fa’asolo o le Twinderella, O se Ata o Pesega, sa tapena i ai le Dancing Fingers ma le Silipa’s Playhouse ina ia avea ma se ala e saili tupe ai mo le Koluse Mumu o Amerika Samoa, sa fa’ataunuu i le Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium i Utulei i le afiafi o le aso Lulu o le vaiaso lenei. O lea ata pese ua fa’amatalaina ai le olaga pologa o Cinderella lea sa fa’atino e Heavenly A. Tua’au, fa’atasi ai ma le tama o Bob, o se ali’i fia ta’alo Baseball, sa fa’atinoa lea e Letiunasema Niusila. O le tala ua masani ai tatou, na maua le Perenise e fa’aipoipo i ai Cinderella, ae i’u lelei fo’i le olaga o Bob na alofagia e le Purinise.

Peita’i mai le amataga sa fa’aosofia lagona lelei ona

pese na te tatalaina le sauniga pu’upu’u i lana pese e fiasia ai tele. O le ali’i talavou o Leauma Sambo Mareko, fitu tausaga le matua, sa siitia le tatalo amata e tatala ai lea fa’atinoga a le fanau.

Ua matauina o matua ma aiga, na lolofi atu e maimoa taumafaiga a le fanau. Ma sa auai le tina o le atunu’u, Cynthia Malala Moliga, ma le Sui i le Konekeresi o le tatou Malo, Aumua Amata.

O le a le maua se tala i le aofaiga o le seleni ua tu’ufa’atasia, aua o lo ua toe fa’atino fo’i lenei ata pese i le afiafi ananafi.

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Faasalalaluga o le Suafa ATIULAGI

O lo'o ua to'a le Tai sua, Ae goagoa le tai o To'oto'o, Ua fotupule le faiva o tama. Ina ua manino le taeao filemu i le tausiga alofa a le Atua.

O paia i fale ma paia i fafo. O paia mai anamua, e le toe liua.

Ae tau lava ina ou pa'i i le paia o le au Ositaulaga, o latou o lo'o faapupuna paulia i le fatafaitaulaga ma lea fatafaitaulaga. Aua le nono manu i luma o le Atua i faamoemoega aiga ae maise le atunuu.

Faa'agafua laia o so'u leo vaivai ma le fa'aaloalo, e fai ai a'u ma fofoga tau molimoli o Suli, Gafa o le aiga o le Suafa o le To'oto'o o le “**ATIULAGI**” Luma Ta'u Manua.

O le a toe usuia se tasi fonotaga e saili ai se ua alofa ma agava'a na te tautuaina le aiga i Luma, Ta'u Manua i le **aso 11 o Novema 2017, i le 10 i le taeao**.

Tau ina ia alofa le Atua, faalaoalo peau o le sami ma ia toto'a fo'i ao o le lagi, lafu lemu le lauelele aua le feta'aloloa'i o aiga.

Alofa le Atua ia molio'o lo outou soifua ma si o tatou ola aua lea aso faamoemoeina.

Sainia,

Suli ma e o lo'o tausia le aiga o le “ATIULAGI”

Soifua.

FAASILASILAGA

Ua ou tu nei i le mauga o Ele, ae o'u matamata i le fa'asouga o ao ma ao i le mauga o ao. Ua ou tu fo'i i le Pula ae ou te matamata i le filisama i le mauga o Liulaumea. Ae ou te ui ai nei i ala silia i le mauga o Utumaua aua ua pau le fale-selau ua paia ma mamalu oe Samoa. O ou paia Samoa e afua mai i le ma'a peilua i le Taisamasama o le Tui Manu'a, se'ia pa'ia le ma'a Tala'i mai le Tai 'Ulaula o le Nafanua ou te fa'atulou atu, Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna lava. Nu'unu'u atu ia i le Fetalaiga i To'oto'o o le Faleula, Tama Matua ma Ponao'o, Tumua ma Pule latou te lima-matuaina Paia ma Sa o Samoa.

Paia foi o le Talalelei a le Atua, fa'ata'alolo ae fausaga potopoto i lana Aufaigaluega paia o lo'o tala-fa'auto i itu e fia o Samoa ma le lalolagi atoa. Paia o lau faigamalo Tutuila ma Manu'a, ae tainane le malo tuto'atasi o Samoa, ou te fa'atulou atu, Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna lava.

Mapu ane la ia i le to'o , ae fa'aepa lou sa Talatala Samoa. A'o lenei fa'asalalauga e fa'asino tonu lava i le paia ma le maualuga o lo'u aiga Sa MALAEPULE i le afioaga o Olosega, Manu'a. Aiga o lo'o tapua'i mamao mai i Atunu'u i fafo, aemaise aiga o lo'o papa a'ao i Samoa nei. Ua malo le onosa'i, malo fai o le faiva o le tapua'i. Aua o lea ua tafa manino nei le ata o le ana nai i le Tufamoe. Ua moe malu fo'i le ata i fogalefasa. Aua o lea ua mapu le seuga nai le Fiatele. Ua ifo le fuifui i le na'a, ina ua tasi moemoe le finagalo o Aiga e fai a'u ma auauna e tausia lo tatou aiga. E momoli atu ai le agaga fa'afetai tele i le paia o lo tatou aiga. Susuga i Fa'afeagaiga, Tupu ma Tamali'i, Tama ma Tina matutua o le aiga, aemaise suli uma o le Suafa MALAEPULE sa auai i le fa'amoemoe o Aiga. La outou pule lea ua ou siva ai nei i lagi o tau, ma sa'a ai i le ma'o o malie. Fa'afetai, Fa'afetai, Fa'afetai Tele Lava.

E fa'amalulu atu i le paia o lo tatou aiga ona o le taimi. A ua iai se manatu ia te a'u, o le a o'o i le Nu'u ma le Itumalo i le aso 22, 23 o le masina lenei o Novema.

POLOKALAMA E FA'APEA:

Novema 13 - 16: Feiloa'i ma aiga i Tutuila
Novema 17 Feiloa'i ma Paolo
Novema 21 Malaga le va'a mo Manu'a
Novema 22 I le itula 6 i le afiafi, o le sauniga e fa'apia ai le nofo i le Malumalu lava i Olosega
Novema 23: I le 9:00 i le taeao, feiloa'i ma le Nu'u ma le Itumalo

Tatalo i le Atua ia fa'ataunu'u le fa'amoemoe o le Aiga i le aso ua atofaina. Lagi e mama le paia lasilasi o lo tatou aiga. Manu teleina le tapuaiga i le Atunu'u.

I le fa'aaloalo ma le ava tele,

To'oto'o - Malaepule Fuega Saite Moliga

► Tele lu'itau...

Mai itulau 9

faigamalo, i le auala na tuuina atu ai pili tupe i luma o le Fono Faitulafono. E mafua lea tulaga, ona sa ese le vaai a le faigamalo i auala e tatau ona iloiloina ai e Senatoa ma Faipule pili tupe, ese fo’i le silasila a le Fono Faitulafono i le taimi na taunu’u atu ai pili tupe nei. “Sa tatou fa’amoemoe e tatau ona pasia e le Fono Faitulafono le lafoga o oloa e 7% ina ia fesoasoani ai i tupe maua a le malo, peita’i ina ua taunu’u atu a tatou pili tupe, sa ese fo’i le silasila a le Fono Faitulafono, lea ua mafua ai ona faia la latou fa’aiuga. Tatou te le tuuaia le Fono Faitulafono, ae tatau ona tatou toe vaavaai i se auala e fa’aleleia atili ai a tatou pili tupe, a o lei toe tu’uina atu i luma o le Fono Faitulafono i le tausaga fou,” o le saunoaga lea a Lolo.

Ua i ai le fa’amoemoe e pei ona saunoa le ali’i kovana, o le a toe galulue le faigamalo i le toe fa’auaina o ana pili tupe ina ia atoatoa ma lelei, e aofia ai ma le taumafaiga ina ia tu’u fa’atasi ni isi o pili tupe ina ia tasi ai ma faigofie le gagana o le tulafono, a o le i toe tuuina atu i luma o le Fono Faitulafono i le tausaga fou.

Na faamaonia e Lolo i luma o le Kapeneta, le mae’a lea ona latou fonono ma Ta’ita’i o le Fono Faitulafono e uiga i lenei mataupu, ma ua malilie fo’i i laua i le auala lea o le a faia e le faigamalo, o le teena o ni isi o pili tupe ua uma ona pasia e Senatoa ma Faipule, ina ia mafai ai ona toe faia ni isi teu-teuga e fa’aleleia atili ai, a o lumana’i ai le tuuina atu i luma o le Fono Faitulafono.



Level 1

Tafu Fale
Masefau Elementary

Dear Principal Saeu,
I miss you,
I love you.
Fly with angels.

Level 2

Glen To'alepai
A.P.Lutali Elementary School

Catch of the Day
I went fishing on the wharf yesterday. I used hermit crab as bait and I caught a big fish. I took it home and my mom cooked it for dinner. My family loved it. I hope I will catch another big fish some day.

Level 3

Dalisha To'oala
Leone Midkiff Elementary

My Hero
My hero is my brother. His name is Brown. He is so smart. He is my best brother. I love my brother.
My herio is my best friend. I like my hero. He helps me with my homework. He is a brave kid. He helps me pray every night. He stands up for me. He is very special. I like his name. It is like the color brown. He cooks my favorite food. He takes care of me.
I love my brother so much. He loves me. He does whatever I want. He keeps me safe from harm. He is my hero.

Level 4

Sandy Tuivaiti
Fagali'i Elementary School

A Talking Tree
Is there a tree that could talk? My grandmother planted a tree beside my house. It has no name but my grandmother named it a "Talking Tree". Each day she picks up trashes and put under the tree. I thought she was talking to someone. But when I asked her, she told me she's not but praying. This tree brings nice breezing air that gives us fresh air to breathe. My grandma kept on doing this until now. So, I helped my grandmother take care of the tree and it's like a routine for her and I every day. We talk to the tree when we get to it and it is why it's called "The Talking Tree".

Level 6

Juliasosopo Lolomatauama
Matafao Elementary School

Unforgettable Cousin
Although I have many cousins, there is only one person I will always remember and kept her memories in my heart. Her name is Fa'avale and she is my closest cousin. Fa'avale is a very beautiful and charming girl. She is taller

than me, has straight black hair, and deep chestnut brown eyes.
My cousin is a really special person. I don't think I've seen her being mean and angry. Fa'avale's favorite food is salad. Her favorite sports are volleyball and soccer. She gets confused easily and doesn't forget those who caused her harm. I am proud to say that I had a loyal and helpful cousin.
Fa'avale's biggest dream is to become a singer. Truly, I believe that one day she will make her wish come true. However, if only she is still alive, she will be a great singer. She passed away on July 5th, 2017.

Level 8

PrinceCharles Faleagafulu
Fitiuta Elementary School

World Transformation
As the earth orbits around the sun, changes are seen. Such transformations are either positive or negative. On the other hand, such changes also impact the live of the people around the world. We are presently living in a world with technological advances in everything that we do. Differences among the people such as hatred, violence, animosity, and body shaming are common issues that I learned about by watching the news on television and on the Internet. How can we resolve these issues and turn it into a positive and happy world to live in?

Technology has been used and abused in a negative way that has hurt a lot of people. Social media sites are used to live stream suicide, rape, and violence. In addition, technology has also opened a door to body shaming that sadly leads to suicide. People's privacy violated because there is no such thing as privacy when you post your personal information on the Internet. Your identification information is taken away and used by hackers due to the advancement of technology. People hurt others by posting demeaning comments.
When Donald Trump took office, racism has spread like plaque throughout the U.S. Yes, racism has been an ongoing issue in the past unlike what's going on right now. The recent massive shooting in Las Vegas is now known as the deadliest shooting in the history of U.S. In addition, there is also ongoing shooting of black people by cops. Sometimes I wonder and ask myself, "Why is there a lot of hatred in the world?" White Supremacists have struck the U.S. for power. Racism surrounds our daily lives in the community, school, work place, and church.

Violence maybe common, but it is not tolerated. I am fortunate to be educated in a school, which everyone is treated fairly and respected. Have you forgotten about the Columbine high shooting in 1999? I was not born yet, but this shooting has shook America to its core. Peer pressure is on the rise and it needs to be addressed. How is violence resolved? Love, kindness, and passion

could be taught and planted in your heart in order to battle violence.
In conclusion, we are living in a world that is moving forward every second. Someone out there in the world is being bullied, raped, body shamed, being racist against, suicidal, and etc. every minute. Technology has made life easier and yet has also caused others their lives. Racism has stirred an uproar in the community because of the difference in skin color has become a problem. Violence has become a place of refuge for others because they prey on the weak. Could these issues be solved? How? You and I both have a solution to this problem.

Level 9

Olyann Ta'ase
Faga'itua High School

Should students be allowed to have phones in elementary and high schools?

In my own opinion, students should not be allowed to have phones in school, especially in elementary and high schools. There are a couple of reasons that I believe support my opinion. Phones are distracting and are used inappropriately by students. These reasons can cause chaos and create dangerous situations in our school environment.

If students should have phones in school, they will serve as a distraction to not only the owner of the phone, but also other students. Students that have access to the Internet on their phones will most likely search for unimportant things, while pretending to be doing schoolwork. Students nowadays are quite knowledgeable with technology that they know how to get on social media such as Facebook, Messenger, and Snapchat during class time.

Students even use their phones to capture inappropriate incidents such as fights that happen during school time, and they post them online for the whole world to see. Students have also been using phones during tests. They would take photos of tests and send them to their friends. Because of this, some are at risk of being suspended from school causing them to miss out on lessons and assignments.

Having a phone in school has its advantages, however I believe that it does more damage than good for the students. Having a phone in school not only distracts a student from their purpose in school, but also if used inappropriately, will cause students to miss a lot of school days, causing one to play catch up. Students should not have phones in elementary and high school for these reasons.

Level 10

Henry Fa'apalemata
Tafuna High School

Why do you think high raning officials should spend at least a day in our schools?

The school that you attend is highly influenced by our

government officials. Having the presence of government officials in our schools is a necessity that has been nullified to the point where it has become most improbable. We use this as an excuse for their absence but we really should not. All high-ranking officials need to come and observe the environment and situations our schools are facing right now. We suffer from a lack of resources and supplies and our learning environment needs improvement. Additionally, teachers need to be assessed for they are an essential component in the success of a student's education.

From my own experience, I have sat inside classrooms that lacked resources such as textbooks and computers. For that reason, the teachers had to compromise and develop different learning mechanisms for students to fully grasp the learning content. A lack of supplies is a disadvantage to both students and teachers as they require the teachers to put in an excessive amount of effort to develop lessons that are feasible based on supplies and resources that they have. This can easily be evaded if there was an abundance amount of school supplies and resources available for our use. It is problematic for the students because they are not receiving the best of their education.

Undoubtedly, our classrooms and school buildings need to be improved. In order for a student to become an effective learner, the environment has to be comfortable. The rooms' lack of space and fans actuates excessive heat that can impede on a student's ability to learn. One of the negative effects of a bad learning environment is the hampering of a student's full potential. Students cannot be expected to perform their best ability if necessary renovations to school facilities are continued to be ignored..

Teachers take on a hefty load of responsibility. A student can become accustomed to a teacher's method of teaching. Teachers serve as models for students. If a teacher is lazy, then the students become lazy too. That is why an assessment or an evaluation is crucial. High-ranking officials can assist in creating an assessment for our teachers. Teachers need to have the proper qualifications of what it means to be an educator.

Level 12

Alice Sullivan
Pacific Horizons School

Regret
I look at you with heartache running down my face
I gave you my sun and in exchange you gave me rain
Your rain does not help me grow
It drowns me
Yet somehow I still can't let go
I know better
I do
But the rainbow after the rain makes me stay
Every time

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At the village level, he built a playground in honor of his mother Salamasina Teutusi Satele Molio’o.

Aside from his work in the private sector, Galumalemana dedicated years of service to the American Samoa Government, holding various positions including Chief Revenue Officer, Budget Officer, Director of Parks & Recreation, Historic Preservation Office, and Fono liaison. He also served three terms as faipule for Tualatai District #16.

He was very involved with the Oceania Tennis Federation and the American Samoa Tennis Association (ASTA), for which he served many terms as president. He was a past member of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Democratic Party of American Samoa, Lavalava Golf Club, Chamber of Commerce, and he was part of a group of local business people who brought ANZ Bank and Hawaiian Airlines to the territory. He also helped form the Chamber of Commerce.

“My Dad was an exceptional man and the way he lived his life was admirable,” Christa told Samoa News yesterday. “Everything he did in his life, he did it from his heart - he did it with love. I have the greatest honor of being one of his daughters and witnessing his sleepless nights so that he could give of himself, continuously.”

According to Christa, her father is known throughout the island as a “man of dignity who was extremely outspoken because he believed in a better future and always wanted to do right by our people.”

But, she continued, “No one really knew him quite like us.”

“Dad gave us a great life, he worked effortlessly and tirelessly in order to provide us the very best. He taught us the importance of hard work and he made us work! Whether it was the family businesses or projects he conjured up, he ensured that we were all put to work and understood that if we ever wanted anything in life, we had to put in the labor to achieve it.”

Christa said her dad consoled them through rough patches in their lives and never failed to tell them to “keep going.”

“He was always forthright in his love for us and when we needed tough love, he never failed to give that because he wanted to teach us to be resilient and triumphant - characteristics that he exhibited so well. There is no denying that all that we have as a family was everything that Dad worked for. He put his blood and his sweat building all that we have, because he wanted that not for himself, but for us. He always thought about the future, he planned for it, and executed all strategies to the best of his ability so that everything was in place.”

She concluded, “Although Dad may not be here physically, I still feel his presence. In all that we see, hear, and do, he is present - especially here at home.”

Samoa News extends its sincerest condolences to the Satele family for their loss.

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Tofoitaufa responded, “Medicaid is still finalizing the operational details of the referral services and will announce them as soon as we also receive approval of those procedures from CMS.”

On the issue of which hospitals will accept referrals from American Samoa the Medicaid

office director said, “Which-ever hospital in New Zealand the patient needs to go to for services — but primarily Mercy Ascot Hospital in Auckland, and Braemer Hospital, a couple of New Zealand’s best private hospitals.”

On the question of what is covered by Medicaid and what

has to be forked out by the patient, Tofoitaufa answered, “We are still finalizing that, but Medicaid will at a minimum cover air transport and all medical costs.”

The Medicaid program is a reimbursement program and it has a fundamental requirement mandated by federal law.

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to pay restitution of \$5,100 and he is to submit himself for drug testing to ensure he stays clean while on probation.

According to court documents, \$5,100 was missing from the victim’s bank account, and the victim had a hard time trying to figure out how it happened.

It was when Tagoilelagi received his bank statement that he realized someone had withdrawn money from his bank account without his permission. The victim told investigators that five checks were stolen

from his personal checkbook and all were cashed at Bank of Hawaii — without his consent.

Court documents show that the first check was dated May 23, 2017 in the amount of \$1,600. The second check was dated June 1st, for \$1,200; a third check for \$600 was dated June 5th, followed by a fourth check, dated June 30th for \$1,300. The last check was dated July 3rd for \$400.

Police reviewed records from the bank pertaining to the transactions, and a bank teller told investigators the checks

were paid to the order of an individual named Paulo Lauti: the defendant, who is also the victim’s nephew.

It was revealed through bank records that the defendant forged the victim’s signature, and used his American Samoa driver’s license to cash the checks.

Police were provided with a signed letter that the defendant gave to his uncle, apologizing to him for forging and cashing his checks, with a promise to pay his money back, and begging for forgiveness.

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the Secretary of State’s decision so that Fletcher is released from US custody.

The USDOJ quickly moved with a motion filed with US Magistrate Judge, Kenneth J. Mansfield in Honolulu to dismiss the case, saying the Secretary of State has declined to order Fletcher to surrender to

the Tonga government. USDOJ also requested that the court vacate its order of Fletcher’s detention and “order Fletcher discharged from custody”.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1st, a hearing was held at the Honolulu federal court on the government motion.

And during the hearing, Mansfield granted the motion and ordered Fletcher for release immediately, according to court records.

Samoa News wasn’t able to confirm yesterday morning if Fletcher is released already or in the process of being released from federal custody. Fletcher’s federal appointed attorney in court records didn’t immediately respond to Samoa News’ request for comments.

As of yesterday morning, there has been no official public statement from the Tonga government regarding the Secretary of State’s decision.





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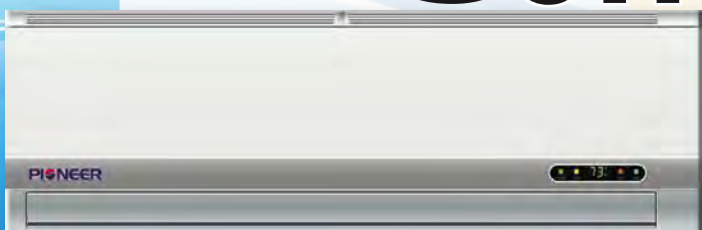
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