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Members of the American Samoa Board of Higher Education during their annual retreat last week.
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Members not pictured: Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, DOE Director/Board Ex-Officio; Dr. Moreli J. Niuatoa, Board Trustee and Elena Tavai, Board Trustee/ASCC Student Representative.
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'Special provision' of immigration law prompts Board to deny several apps

NEW REQUIREMENTS CALL FOR CERTIFICATION AND PROOF OF 'SPECIAL SKILLS'

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

While Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has already proposed recommendations to the Immigration Board on additional steps to be taken in the vetting process for foreigners entering the territory, Immigration Board chairwoman Fanene Edda Wyberski told Samoa News that the Board is taking the matter very seriously, and they have denied a lot of applications from several businesses on island, who use the 'special provision' under the Immigration Law to hire foreigners to take jobs in the territory, because they say or believe local people can't fill them.

In an exclusive interview with Samoa News last Friday, Fanene explained that the Board is pressing hard on this issue, because they feel it is their duty to enforce the law and protect

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To'atele ua popole mau lafoga ua fuafua malo faae'e i oloa

tusia Ausage Fausia

Ua fa'aalia e le to'atele o le atunu'u o latou lagona popole, tete'e ma le le fiafia ua i ai, i le tulaga pagatia o le a i ai le tau o le soifua mo aiga lima vaivai, pe afai ae pasia e le Fono Faitulafono pili o lafoga ia ua fa'aulu e le faigamalo a Lolo ma Lemanu mo le fa'amoemoe e maua ai ni ala-tupe fa'aopoopo mo le malo i le lumana'i.

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O le to'atele o i latou na mafai ona valaau mai i le Samoa News ma maua fo'i le avanoa e fesiligia ai e uiga i lenei mataupu, e le gata i tagata palota i totonu o itumalo eseese, ae o o lava fo'i i tagata mai fafo e le palota ae o lo o lafo lo latou sao i le atina'eina o le tamaoaiga o le malo e ala i lafoga o lo o totogi.

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More often than not, during the summer, over the years, Samoa News has employed young adults through the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). This year was no different, however Samoa News did take on a total of four interns, the most it has ever taken on, and also this time around, males outnumbered the females — there were three. The interns were immersed into the world of newspaper publishing, from teaching them how to operate office equipment and small appliances, to customer service, receptionist duties, checking mail, compiling and delivering invoices, taking photographs, reporting, modeling for advertisements, and actually having a hand in printing the newspaper. The interns: Losaline Vaeono, Jeremiah Matafeo (not pictured), Sefo Tone, and Fau Tuifaiga, were put to work not only to help them gain on-the-job training, but also to boost their self confidence and encourage them to have a voice, to stand up and speak articulately in front of an audience, including supervisors, co-workers, and customers. At the end of their month-long service, we can honestly say they came, they learned, and they conquered. We will miss you guys. Thank you for reminding us of how it felt to be young and free, and looking forward to what the world has to offer.

Best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

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The 7,8,9 age group during the reading and coloring session of the “It Takes a Village to Educate a Child- Build a Better World Program” a six-week summer event that was held in Nuuuli and hosted by the Aoelua/Fanene sisters of Nuuuli, Aua and Afonotele.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

Court sentences overstayer to 28 months in jail

KRUSE: WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE 7-DAY PERMITS ANYWAY?

by Samoa News staff

Another overstayer appeared for sentencing before Chief Justice Michael Kruse last Friday. Loimata Mika, 28, traveled to American Samoa on a 7-day permit and according to his statement to the court, he was here to look for a job.

Chief Justice Kruse during sentencing mentioned that the court was surprised by Mika’s explanation that he entered the territory on a 7-day permit in search of employment. He wondered how realistic it is for someone to find a job in such a short period of time.

Kruse asked the Chief Probation Officer and the prosecutor, who has the authority to issue 7-day permits — is it the local Immigration Office or the government of Samoa? No answer was provided by either man to the court.

However, a senior official of the Immigration Office told Samoa News that 7-day permits are usually issued for delegations and groups from Samoa who travel to the territory for the purpose of providing entertainment during special events, like Flag Day.

Mika entered the territory last April and was arrested three months later in August 2016, following an incident whereby he unlawfully entered a home and touched the thigh of a female resident who was asleep.

Mika was initially charged with first degree burglary — a felony — and two misdemeanor charges of third degree assault and trespassing.

However, under a plea agreement with the government, Mika pled guilty to a lesser charge of second degree burglary and the misdemeanor

charges were dismissed.

Mika admitted that on the evening of August 5, 2016, he illegally entered a home and headed straight to the bedroom where the female resident was sleeping. He further admits, under the plea agreement, that he touched the woman in a sexual manner, which caused her to wake up and yell at him to get out, which Mika did.

Prior to being sentenced last Friday, Mika had a chance to address the court, during which time he apologized for his actions and asked for leniency, a chance to return home to Samoa so he can work and help take care of his family.

Mika was unable to find work in the territory, because he has no valid identification card.

The defendant, who has been locked up at the Territorial Correctional Facility for a year, was sentenced to seven years probation, under the condition that he serves 28 months in jail, after which he is to depart the territory and not return anytime during the probationary period.

His pretrial confinement is counted towards his sentence.

Also, in an unprecedented decision, Chief Justice Kruse ordered that Mika is never to be on ‘trustee’ status. This follows the sentencing hearing last week of Joeita Fa’aaliga, who escaped from prison and was charged with two counts of stealing, all while he was held at the TCF as a “trustee”.

During sentencing, Public Defender Douglas Fiaui, who represented Mika, urged the court to sentence his client to probation. Prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General Robert Morris did not object to the request for probation.

Falling tree kills California-based Marine from Iowa

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A Marine from Iowa based at Camp Pendleton has died after a tree fell on him at the Southern California base.

Marine officials said Sunday that Lance Cpl. Cody Haley of Hardin, Iowa, died at the scene Friday.

Marine spokeswoman Capt. Sarah Burns said Haley was doing routine morning physical training when the tree fell.

The 20-year-old Haley was

assigned to the 1st Marine Division.

He deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in March 2016.

His awards include the National Defense Service medal, Global War on Terrorism Service medal, and the Sea Service Deployment ribbon.

A Marine statement says the Corps is heartbroken about Haley’s death.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

by Samoa News Staff

PARENTS URGING SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF BULLYING

The new school year begins later this month and teachers are taking part in workshops and training sessions aimed at helping them address several critical issues that may arise while school is in session.

One of the increasing problems in schools across the nation is bullying. Whether it is physical, mental, emotional, or even via the internet, bullying is becoming much more of an issue than it was a decade ago.

Parents who spoke to Samoa News over the weekend are concerned about the safety of their kids while they are in school. One parent indicated that her child has become depressed, unfocused, and even contemplated suicide because of the way she is treated by others at school.

Just last week, the Associated Press reported that the family of a 12-year-old girl is suing the school district because the young girl committed suicide, after being cyber-bullied by school mates for an extended period of time.

The girl's parents said the matter was reported to school officials but nothing was ever done to address it.

A handful of parents with children — some as young as 9 years old — told Samoa News last week that they fear for their kids' well-being and safety, and this something that needs to be addressed, before it's too late.

They are urging DOE Director Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga and officials from the private schools to implement into their workshops, a segment on bullying so teachers and educators are aware of what it is, how to recognize it, and the proper steps needed to handle it.

SYEP CLOSES

The annual Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) officially closed last Friday and the 800 hard working participants were honored with farewell luncheons, congratulatory messages, and for some, monetary gifts from their employers.

Even certificates were presented to the future members of American Samoa's workforce.

For some, the summer experience is a step towards fulfilling goals set for their chosen career paths. For others, the SYEP has been a dream come true, as they have been recommended for permanent positions within the government.

Those who will be approved to work for the American Samoa Government will be employed under a program administered

by the Department of Human Resources, which also oversees the annual SYEP.

There has been no confirmation yet, if any employers from the private sector were impressed enough with the performance by the SYEP participants to hire them permanently.

According to DHR officials, the program ended on a high note, with no serious problems except for some minor misunderstandings amongst some of the youngest participants (the 14-15 age group).

Samoa News said goodbye to our four interns last Friday. They, along with the hundreds of others who successfully completed this year's SYEP, were part of a huge barbecue bash that was held at the Suigaula ole Atuvasa Beach Park in Utulei.

This year, the SYEP employed the highest number of workers since the program was launched - 800 workers disbursed to over 60 worksites within the government and the private sector in both Tutuila and the Manu'a island group.

According to the fiscal year 2017 budget, a total of \$250,000 is allocated for the Summer Youth Employment Program, under the Special Programs budget category which is administered by the Governor's Office.



Samoa News Lali reporter Ausage Fausia congratulating our only female SYEP intern this year, Losaline Vaeono, for a job well done.

[photo: T. Gasu]



Manumalo Academy, a Christian-based WASC accredited institute in Malaeimi, is looking to hire for the following positions:

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About 20 students spent their summer — 6 weeks — studying “Twinderella” as part of the Silipas Playhouse, a children’s theatre, workshop. The theatre is part of Dancing Fingers Learning Center and its founder and director, Poe Mageo used the script to teach basic reading skills and literary elements.

[Courtesy photo]

Silipas Playhouse completes summer program Utah man deported to Samoa, leaving family wondering why

(Based on Press Release) — Besides usual summer camp activities such as fishing or hiking, about 20 students spent six weeks analyzing plot, character, theme, and setting of Twinderella, a musical based on a book by Charlie Lovett and set to lyrics and music by Bill Francouer.

The program started in June 12, and ended on Monday, July 24th. Silipas Playhouse, a children’s theatre is another entity of Dancing Fingers Learning Center (DFLC) at Tafuna Industrial Park.

During its last Christmas concert, Poe Mageo, DFLC founder and director, announced the launching of a children’s theatre, a place where young children and teens could hang out and have fun at the same time.

“My heart breaks when I witnessed young people’s lives being robbed by idleness and drugs...I figure I need to do something to reclaim their self-esteem,” lamented Mageo. Thus, before school got out in June, auditions were announced for those who wanted to try out.

Students, who range from ages 6 to 18, signed-up for the 2-day auditions; however, a handful were able to stay on until the end of the six-long weeks of script reading and acting.

As a professional reading specialist, Mageo took the script and used it to teach basic reading skills and literary elements.

“Communication is a basic skill that needs to be developed at an early age,” said Mageo. “Drama becomes the vehicle for students to engage in a meaningful conversation while appreciating its artistic interpretation.”

Newcomers such as Hanahira Sene, Ida DeWees, Daniel Olo, Macayla Mataese, and Donovan, as well as sisters Fagamalama and Selesa Uiagalelei, have all been assigned major roles in the musical.

The students also got of few acting techniques from Asolelei and Fiona Collins of Samoa. The two are professional playwrights, producers, and actors. They met up with Mageo when they were on island to premier “Alofa”, a play written and directed by Collins herself.

(As a performing arts advocate, Mageo was one of the few sponsors for the play.)

The entire cast of Twindearella is now taking a break. They will return to the center on the third week of August to resume rehearsals. If all goes well, Twinderella, would be staged in October

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compiled by Samoa News staff

The Salt Lake City Tribune reported over the weekend a Samoan man who had lived in the United States since 2002 has been deported under Pres. Donald Trump’s new immigration policies.

His wife is wondering how she came to be a single mother of four children younger than 5 years old. “I have never felt this empty, and I wake up every morning hoping it was a nightmare,” Saelelee Manusina said. “I am now a single parent.

According to the Tribune, Aufanua Manusina had just renewed his work permit in March. Officials called him back into the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcements field office on Decker Lake Drive on June 20, supposedly to update some documents. An officer told his wife, Saelelee, that her husband would not be going home with her.

Three weeks later, on Aug. 1, he was deported to Samoa and she was left to take care of four young children in West Valley City.

“Last week, that was the most heartbreaking day for me to face with my children,” Saelelee Manusina told the Tribune. “There are no better words to fully describe the sadness that I see in my children’s

eyes when I have to explain that their father will not be coming home.”

An immigration official confirmed to Aria Nejad, the family’s lawyer, that a “prior misdemeanor” triggered Aufanua Manusina’s eligibility for deportation, but the officer did not specify the misdemeanor.

According to Nejad, the family thinks the incident in question was a class B misdemeanor assault charge from 2007, filed in 3rd District Court. What Nejad called a “bar scuffle” landed Manusina in front of an immigration judge for removal proceedings. At the time, the judge said the charge was minor enough that he wouldn’t be deported.

But once someone has been in removal proceedings, Nejad said, government officials can reopen closed cases and reconsider deportation. As to why Manusina’s case was brought back up, Nejad doesn’t know, but he said it’s “not uncommon.”

“I just don’t see the public policy benefit to anyone of removing this guy,” Nejad said. A spokesman for ICE did not offer comment Friday afternoon.

Unlike American Samoa — which is a U.S. territory — Samoa is an independent country.

BACKGROUND

Manusina has lived in the states for the past 15 years and has renewed his employment authorization card annually. He paid taxes and worked in a leadership position for a local construction company.

His wife, who served in the U.S. military for a year, can’t petition for a green card for her husband to return because she is from American Samoa, the one U.S. territory that doesn’t grant U.S. citizenship at birth.

Manusina’s mother and sister are U.S. citizens. They can petition for Manusina’s citizenship, but because he is a married adult, the wait time for a visa can be years, Nejad said.

In the meantime, the Tribune reported, Nejad also will appeal to political figures who might be able to use their influence to expedite the visa process.

Since her husband had been the sole signer on all of their bank accounts, Saelelee Manusina is working on getting power of attorney. Now that Aufanua Manusina is in Samoa, Nejad said, she hasn’t been able to get access to the money.

Nejad has set up an online fundraising campaign to help the family.

(Source: Salt Lake City Tribune)



Three of Samoa News’ four SYEP interns who were presented certificates and monetary gifts last Friday, their last day of work. Losaline Vaeono, Sefo Tone, and Fau Tuifaiga learned all they could about media publishing during the month they spent at Samoa News. Not pictured is our 4th intern Jeremiah Matafeo. Congratulations not only to our interns, but to the 800 who participated in this year’s SYEP.

[photo: T. Gasu]

Photograph is among the key evidence in Taylor Swift trial

DENVER (AP) — Jurors deciding whether a radio host groped Taylor Swift during a photo op — and whether she and her team got him fired — will have to determine not just whose story to believe but what to make of a photograph that both sides say proves their case.

The photo shows David Mueller with his right hand behind the singer, just below her waist, before a 2013 concert. It’s inconclusive whether he’s touching her. Both are smiling. Based on court records, here’s a look at that and other key elements in the he-said, she-said civil trial that begins Monday in federal court in Denver.

THE PHOTOGRAPH

Swift’s lawyers called the image “damning” proof that Mueller inappropriately touched her. Mueller argues it shows him trying to jump into the frame. Entertainment news outlet TMZ obtained and published the photo, which has since been sealed by the court. Swift’s business manager, Jesse Schaudies Jr., said her side did not want the picture in the news. “We did not want copycats and one-uppers abounding. And that happens in our world,” he testified last year. “These people all tend to escalate. I’ve watched what happens with these files and individuals.”

THE ENCOUNTER

Swift says: “He took his hand and put it up my dress and grabbed onto my ass cheek.”

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jobs for our own people.

“I confirm that the Board has denied a lot of applications from some of our local businesses who want to hire people from other countries, especially Asian nations, to come and work here; and most of the applications we denied are for those who are brought in to do simple tasks such as cooking, shelf stocking, sewing etc. — but these are not special skills. Most of our own people can do these jobs, so why are we opening the door to foreigners to come in and take jobs and money from us when there are a lot of local intelligent young people who have graduated from high school and college who are still looking for jobs,” said Fanene.

“The Board believes it is our duty to protect jobs for our people, protect our economy, and protect our law and our country,” she continued.

American Samoa is the only US territory that controls its own borders when it comes to immigration and customs.

According to Fanene, the problem with the ‘special provision’ under the Immigration Law has been there for many years but nothing has been done to remedy it. It has been used by some local businesses in the past, as a way to bring their own people to work and develop their families in the territory; but the ‘special provision’ is specifically for those who have special skills that are not found in American Samoa.

“Every time the Board reviewed application files, we found out that most of these people from Asia — whom our local businesses are trying to bring in — will do easy jobs, and a lot of our own people can do these jobs,” said Fanene, adding that the Board is now putting a stop to this practice because they feel it’s about time for everyone to contribute their services and time for our people and the government by doing the right thing.

In order to enforce the law and to make sure that only people with special skills are eligible under the ‘special provision’, the Board is now requiring additional information from each applicant when they apply for a certain job, such as copies of certificates and confirmation letters from their previous employers, to fully support their application and to ensure that this person has special skills for the given job.

“We’re not trying to make things harder for our local businesses or trying to tell everyone that we are the Board and we have the power to accept or deny any applications. All we want is to make sure that everyone is abiding the law, and it is our duty to enforce it, because if we’re not doing our job then who is going to do it? And if we don’t start today, when are we going to?” Fanene asked.

As a business owner herself, Fanene believes that the ‘special

provision’ under local law is a privilege that our government is giving to outside people, a way for them to come to American Samoa and develop their families. Some of the people coming in under the ‘special provision’ have more privileges than locals who were born and raised in the territory.

“While the Board has been really hard on this issue since we were appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Fono, we’re receiving a lot of hits from some of our own people and local businesses whose applications have been denied, accusing us in many ways, while others are calling us names and acting out disrespectfully.

“We’re not in the position of starting a war with them, but as long as we are doing our job and protecting the law of our land, then we’re happy,” Fanene continued.

Although several applications have been denied, Fanene confirmed that the Board has accepted a few applications to bring families of foreigners, who have been working in American Samoa for a long period of time, under contract with their sponsors.

These include doctors and other specialists who are working for the LBJ Hospital under long-term contracts. After reviewing each application, according to Fanene, the Board agreed to approve applications to bring in the families of these people who have been living apart for a long period of time, under the condition that they must all leave the territory when the contract expires.

Last month, Rep. Gafatasi Afalava, who is also a member of the Immigration Board, requested that House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale and his fellow lawmakers look at ways to amend the special provision under local Immigration laws, to help ease the work of the Immigration Board.

As one of the new board members, Afalava told lawmakers that one of his concerns is that some local businesses are using the special provision to bring foreigners and their families to work and live here in the territory.

“We need to do something now to stop this practice, and the only way we can stop this is to amend the law,” said Afalava.

Savali told Afalava that it is the duty of the Board to review all applications and make decisions, and if they feel that something is wrong with the applications, they have to do something to deny it.

“You’re a lawmaker and if you feel that the law needs to be changed, submit a bill to the Fono to amend the law; but it’s really sad to hear that you’re voicing your concerns about this issue after you and the Board made the decision to accept applications to bring outside people with their families under the special provision,”

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Immigration Board chairwoman, Fanene Edda Wyberski, when she appeared before the Fono for confirmation of her appointment to the Immigration Board.

[photo: AF]



Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi displays the new book, Palemia Memoirs.

[courtesy photo M.P.M.C. Press Secretary]

Compiled by Samoa News staff
**AMERICAN PEACE
CORPS CELEBRATES 50
YEARS IN SAMOA**

After decades of running various projects in Samoa, the American Peace Corps program celebrates 50 years in Samoa, proving it’s just as popular today as it was back then. Almost 2000 Americans have volunteered their services, since it was first set up in Samoa back in 1967 after a devastating cyclone.

The United States run volunteer program was first set up by President John F. Kennedy to promote world peace and friendship.

Peace Corp Samoa country director, Sherry Russell said the focus is now on education and promoting English literacy in Samoa primary schools.

But over the years they’ve had a wide focus within communities.

“Some of them were engineers and architects and helped with the construction of the wharf where the ferry departs to the other island, the original airport terminal building, the reclaimed area along the waterfront where the Central Bank is

now, there was some assistance setting up the National Provident Fund,” she said.

“Then over the years there have been many many people who’ve assisted with health and then there have been many teachers.”

Sherry Russell said participants served for two years and lived in a Samoan village, with many becoming fluent in the Samoan language and customs.

“One of the things is building relationships and so Peace Corps volunteers go out and live in the village and live with the people for two years and learn the language. While they provide technical assistance they also build these really strong relationships with Samoans.”

Retired Victoria University academic, Galumalemana Alfred Hunkin, said back in his younger days, he worked as a high school teacher alongside fellow Peace Corps workers.

During that time, he formed a singing group with two American teachers, Karen Wess and Robert Fallon.

The three, known as the Samoan Fiafia Trio, were in tears when they were reunited

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said Savali.

Speaking at the Fono joint session last month, Lolo said he had discussions with local leaders and has come up with possible recommendations to the Attorney General and the Immigration Board on further improving the vetting process for foreigners seeking to enter the territory, and to fully enforce such requirements on foreigners from countries such as the Philippines, China, and

other east Asian nations.

He said the current entry permit law only requires a foreigner to have a round trip ticket to and from American Samoa.

Fanene echoed Lolo’s comments, saying the Board is prepared to present to the Governor new policies they have developed, to strengthen the current entry permit law, and to help control the problem of over-stayers in the territory.



The Peace Corps director visiting with staff in 2015.

[Photo: Peace Corps Media Library]



**AMERICAN SAMOA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Student Services – Financial Aid Office

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR I
Employment Status: Full Time 12 months (Career Service)
General Description:

The Financial Aid Counselor 1 ensures the application of current federal guidelines while assisting students in their search and application for Student Financial Assistance. This includes counseling, assistance with filing out of forms, as well as academic status counseling. Processes all applications for funding, ensuring that submitted and on-file documents are complete and accurate. Completes year reporting – FISAP, FWS & FSEOG reconciliations to student files. Handles student counseling, assists students with their applications and is able to work independently. Counselor must be able to handle various aspects of financial assistance programs and have a good basic knowledge of all regulatory guidelines including federal and internal policies.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Complies with office policies and procedures to ensure quality and effective management of campus based student files.
- Complies with developed procedures and assists in planning for the administration of the campus based programs.
- Assists in the compilation and reconciliation of end of year reporting: FWS & FSEOG.
- Reviews, evaluates and documents all eligible applicants, and calculates student academic progress
- Records all campus based transactions, including those of transfer students, on counselor spreadsheets for transfer monitoring reports to NSLDS.
- Makes sure ASCC complies with the “Refund” compliance requirements listed in Section II of the Student Federal Aid Guide.
- Maintains current federal updates on all Title IV Programs as well as program-related policy compliance within the Financial Aid Office.
- Assists in enforcing ASCC/FSA Financial Aid Policies and Procedures in the office and throughout campus.
- Conducts student counseling throughout the school year and advises students on a course of action to take regarding FA matters in order to better support their academic endeavors.
- Assists in Financial Aid presentations to high schools and at ASCC orientation for students and parents.
- Communicates with the Financial Aid Administrator in resolving matters on student academic and financial situations and/or appeals submitted by students or parents concerning their Camus Based Award.
- Assists in compiling NSLDS Enrollment Report, collecting IPEDS data for compilation by FA Officer, as well as providing assistance with other federal and institutionally required reports and surveys.
- Performs other tasks and duties assigned by Financial Aid Officer.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Some College, or Associate's Degree or at least (2) years of experience in financial aid.

Salary Level I: GS GS 12/05-07: \$16,373.00 - \$17, 673.00
Level II: GS-13/05-10: \$19, 120.00 - \$23,020.00
Application Deadline: August 10, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College Human Resources Office
699-9155 Ext. 428/441/429, <http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by
emailing ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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SAMOA AIRWAYS REVEALS NEW LOGO

APIA, SAMOA — 06 AUGUST 2017 — Samoa Airways, Samoa’s new international airline, has revealed its new logo as it prepares to launch international jet services. The logo which acknowledges the airline’s origins and links, features an adapted version of the iconic coconut tree which since 1959 has been the symbol of the National Carrier. Samoa’s National Airline was the first and is still the only carrier in the South Pacific to use the coconut tree in its branding. In the past, copra was a key part of Samoa’s economy and today the humble coconut and its numerous value-added by-products together with tourism play a vital role in Samoa’s social and economic development. For Samoans, the coconut tree has its many uses and like the growth trajectory of the ‘tree of life’, it also represents the resilience and versatility of Samoans to punch above their weight and proudly take their place on the global stage. To Visitors, the coconut tree invokes images of warm tropical weather, beautiful beaches and a luxuriant Pacific environment which Samoa has in abundance. Combined with its age-old culture and way of life, it’s these simple pleasures and authentic experiences which draw many visitors to Beautiful Samoa. These key elements provide the basis for Samoa Airways’ aspirations which are to build a solid foundation for the National Airline enabling it to compete successfully on the global stage, to connect the global Samoan diaspora to the ‘motherland’ and to be a major player in driving tourism growth, in collaboration with key partners, through the promotion of Samoa as a premium visitor destination. The airline’s logo prominently features ‘SAMOA’ and uses the three colors of the Samoan flag.



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Pence slams report on possible 2020 presidential groundwork

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence has pushed back against a news report suggesting he is laying groundwork for a possible presidential bid in 2020 if President Donald Trump does not run. In a statement released by the White House, Pence said Sunday’s story in The New York Times “is disgraceful and offensive to me, my family, and our entire team.” He added that “the allegations in this article are categorically false.” The formal rebuttal of a news report by the vice president was an unusual move. In it, Pence also said his team will “focus all our efforts to advance the president’s agenda and see him re-elected in 2020.” The report details efforts of several Republicans looking ahead to 2020, calling it a “shadow campaign.” It notes Pence’s political schedule and active fundraising, though it also says unnamed advisers have signaled that he’d only run if Trump doesn’t. The article noted Pence has set up a fundraising committee. Called the Great America Committee, it can accept checks of up to \$5,000 from individual donors. Pence raised about \$1 million at a Washington fundraiser last month, attended by dozens of lawmakers and featuring remarks from White House adviser Ivanka Trump. Trump has not suggested he won’t seek a second term.





Le Fetuao Samoan Language Center (LFSLC) represented Samoa at the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) that was held in Toronto Canada July 24-28. Le Fetuao SLC was selected from among thousands of presentation requests to share the unique implementation of incorporating technology in teaching the Samoan language at the Aoga Samoa in Hawaii. Close to 4,000 participants from all over the world attended the conference this year. WIPCE takes place every three years. In 2020 it will be held in Adelaide, Australia.

WIPCE's Conference theme was about resilience and was hosted this year by Six Nations Polytechnic of Canada and Tap Resources. The conference developed a space for sharing and networking between Indigenous community members from all over the world. Trinity Naunautaiga Malepeai Silbanuz with her Samoan traditional wear amazed many conference goers during the opening ceremony. Some are not familiar with Samoa and where it's located. For others it was their first time seeing a Samoan taupou. It was quite an amazing sight to see the various Indigenous community members dressed up in traditional wear representing their respective countries.

Le Fetuao presented to the hosts, a Samoan war club representing strength and commitment of the Samoan community as warriors protecting our Samoan language and culture for future generations. Le Fetuao hopes and dreams that in the future, WIPCE will be held on one of our beautiful islands in Samoa.

Pictured are CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Kamana'o Crabbe, LFSLC executive director Elisapeta Tuupo Alaimaleata; host for WIPCE in Canada, Rebecca Jamieson; LFSLC Communications director Alice Malepeai Silbanuz with taupou Trinity Naunautaiga Silbanuz.

Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa

Saturday
August 12

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You're Invited!

What: Explore Aunu'u island and enjoy eco-tours provided by Samriel's Aunu'u Island Getaway. Aunu'u residents will also be selling cold coconuts, local delicacies and other handicraft items on site.

Where: Aunu'u Island

When: Saturday, August 12, 2017

Time: 9 AM to 1 PM

What to Bring: \$4 water-taxi fare, hiking shoes, sunblock, water/drinks, and hat.

Registration is now open! Deadline to register is August 8th. Please call our office at 633-6500 for more information.

Get into Your Sanctuary Photo contest

July 1—August 31

Categories:
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sanctuary life
sanctuary portraits

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ACCURACY



PUBLIC HEARING

This is to inform the public of American Samoa that the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) will exercise its powers under American Samoa Code, Sections 16.2002 (12) to implement the following new fees:

Course Administration Fee	\$25.00 per course
300/400 Level Courses	\$175 Tuition Per Credit
300/400 Level Courses	\$8 Technology Fee per credit
Lab Fees	(available at Public Hearing)

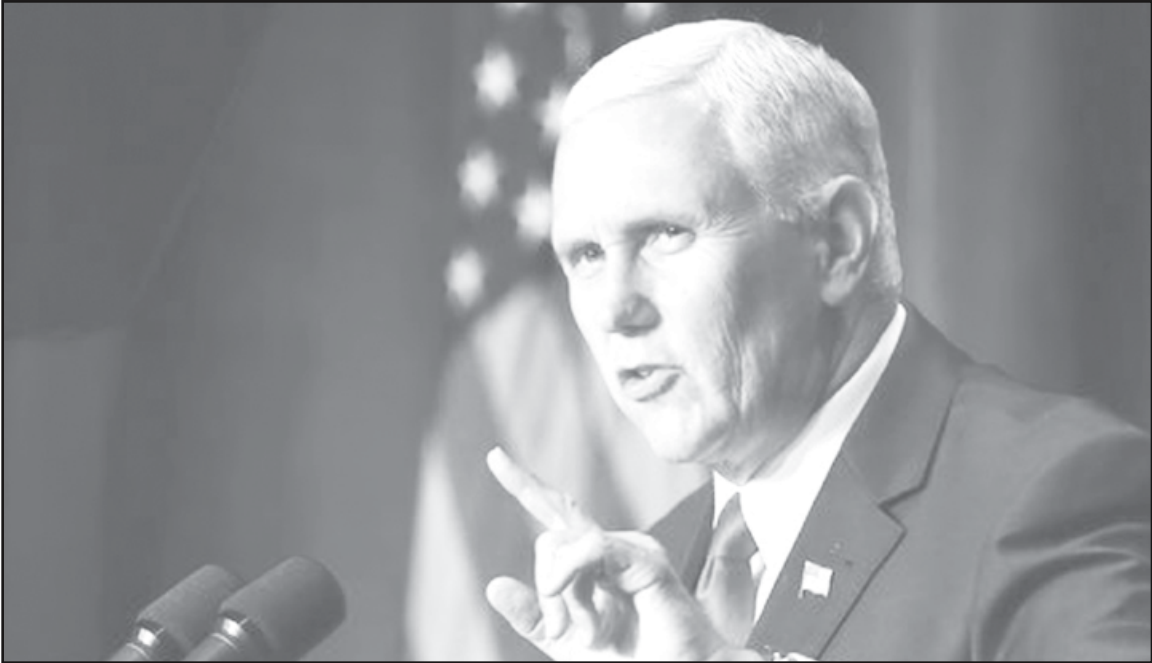
The proposed new Fees are scheduled to be implemented Fall 2017.

The proposed new Fees Public Hearing is to take place on Monday, August 7, 2017 – 4:00p.m. Local Time at the ASCC Lecture Hall.

If any organization or individual wishes to have an oral hearing in accordance to American Samoa Code 16.1005, please send your request to the American Samoa Community College President's Office by July 31, 2017:

PO Box 2609, Pago Pago AS 96799, or hand deliver it to the President's Office at American Samoa Community College campus, in the village of Mapusaga.

Respectfully,
Dr. Rosevonne M. Pato
President
American Samoa Community College (ASCC)



Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the Young America's Foundation's 39th annual National Conservative Student Conference, Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, in Washington. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

► Toatele ua popole...

Mai itulau 1

sii atoa i Tafuna.

“E le na o tagata fa’atau o le a pagatia i lafoga a le malo, ae o o lava foi ia i matou o tagata faipisinisi o le a a’afia fo’i i le suiga o le lafoga e 1% mo le aufaipisinisi, lona uiga o tagata uma lava e aafia i le lafoga ae le na o tagata fa’atau”, o le talitonuga lea a se ali’i faipisinisi Asia e uiga i lafoga. Na taua e se tasi o Tamali’i o le atunu’u, susuga Pulu Ae Ae Jr lona tu’uaia o le faigamalo i le le fa’amaoni e ao lafoga o oloa i luga o le uafu ma soo se itu o loo ui mai ai oloa mai fafo, atoa ai fo’i ma lafoga a pisinisi ina ia mafai ai ona fesoasoani i tupe maua a le malo.

O le saunoaga a le susuga i le Matua ia Pulu, na lagolagoina lea e ni isi o tagata matutua o le atunu’u e le i finagalo e fa’ailoa o latou suafa, ae sa latou manatu e fa’aleo o latou finagalo e tusa ai o le tulaga pagatia o le a oo i ai le malo i le lumana’i, e mafua mai i le mau lafoga lea ua fuafua le malo e fa’ae’e. “Tatou te fiu lava e tau ao mai tupe ma fa’aputu e fa’aleleia ai le malo ae fa’aauau pea ona tula’i mai le tulaga fa’aletonu i le itu tau tupe, ona o lo o tele naua auala o lo o fa’aaoga le tatau ai e vaega o le malo tupe o lafoga a tagata, fa’apea ai tupe lotoifale o lo o ao mai i gaioiga eseese a le malo, ma atili ai lava ona pagatia le malo ma tele ai ma atina’e lelei mo le atunu’u e le fausiaina”, o le saunoaga lea a se tasi o Tamali’i o le atunu’u.

Ae ina ua fesiligia e le Samoa News poo a auala e tele ia e talitonu lona sui o loo soona fa’aalu le aoga ai e le malo tupe o lafoga a tagata, na taua e le molimau le to’atele o tagata faigaluega konekarate i totonu o le malo ua leva na tatau ona fa’amalolo, e le o i ai ma ni galuega o faia ae o lo o fa’aauau pea ona maua totogi.

“Silasila i le Fono Faitu-

lafono mo se fa’ata’itai’ga, to’atele naua tagata o loo i luga o le lisi o tagata totogi (payroll) o lo o fa’aaua pea ona maua totogi, ae leai ma ni galuega o faia, e le o vaaia fo’i latou i le aso atoa mo le fa’atinoina o galuega o loo mafua ai ona totogi i latou”, o le saunoaga lea a lea Tamali’i o le atunu’u.

“E le fesiligia tagata faigaluega a le Fono o loo galulue faamaoni, galulue punoua’i toe galulue filiga i le fa’atinoina o a latou galuega, ae o lo o faapitoa lau molimau i le vaega lea e usu atu i le taeao ona faapotopoto lea i totonu o se tama’ita’i potu e fono ma inu ai ipu kofe, a tauaofia maota e lua ona o atu fo’i lea ua saofafa’i i nofoa i le pito i luga ua pei lava fo’i o isi senatoa ma faipule, a mae’a le tauaofia ona o fo’i lea i o latou aiga ae o loo totogi i latou mo le 8 itula i le aso, o isi na ituaiga tagata ua tatau ona fa’amalolo ae fa’asao mai tupe na e fa’atino ai galuega taua a le malo e pei o le fa’aleleia o auala, fesoasoani ai i le falema’i, poo le ave fo’i e si’i ai totogi o faiaoga”, o le saunoaga lea a se tasi o Tamali’i.

Ua i ai le fa’amoemoe a maota e lua o le a fa’atulaga iloiloiga mo pili a le faigamalo e faaee ai lafoga, pe a toe tauaofia galuega a le Fono i le isi 2 vaiaso o lo o lumana’i nei, ma ua fautuaina fo’i e ta’ita’i o maota e lua afioga i taitai komiti, ina ia aua ne’i vavevave i le tulaga o le pasiaina o pili e pei ona tu’uina atu e le faigamalo, a ia lava se taimi e fa’atulaga ai iloiloiga ina ia malamalama lelei afioga i senatoa ma faipule i le tulaga tonu o lo o taoto ai nei tulafono, ma afai fo’i e le tatau ona pasia ni isi o nei tulafono i le tauaofia lenei, ona taoto lea mo isi tauaofia o lo o mulimuli mai, e mafai ona toe iloilo auiliili i ai ma fai ai se faaiuga mautu.



About 20 students spent their summer — 6 weeks — studying “Twinderella” as part of the Silipas Playhouse, a children’s theatre, workshop. The theatre is part of Dancing Fingers Learning Center and its founder and director, Poe Mageo used the script to teach basic reading skills and literary elements.

[Courtesy photo]

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in Samoa for the 50th anniversary celebrations this month.

He said back in the old days they sang different songs on the radio and gained a huge following of fans.

“Song about the culture and how important that the changes had to happen as it is natural that people change and cultures change and that we also need to hold on to the things that are good about it,” he said.

“I didn’t realize I was then prophesying my own future career in New Zealand as a Samoan lecturer.”

[Source: Samoa Observer]
BLUESKY SAMOA SOLD — OFFICIALLY

It’s official. Bluesky Samoa Limited is under new ownership.

The Office of the Regulator has approved the sale to a Fiji-government owned company, Amalgamated Telecom Holdings (A.T.H.). This was confirmed by the Regulator, Lefaoali’i Unutoa Auelua-Fonoti in response questions from the Sunday Samoan.

She said the approval was made in June 2017.

“Please be informed that my Office conveyed approval of transfer of control of the current Bluesky Samoa Limited to A.T.H. sometime in June this year,” she said.

“Subsequent to the review of their application with relevant information provided and sought in accordance with section 31 of the Telecommunications Act (“the Act”); with the view of promoting the objectives of the Act enshrined under section 3 of the same Act.”

The approval follows a submission made to the Office of the Regulator last September.

The Sunday Samoan understands that the “acquisition of BlueSky Group is for for \$169Million.”

The approval has also been posted on A.T.H.’s website.

“Following the signing of the Sale and Purchase Agreement (S.P.A.) on 23, September 2016, it has received formal regulatory approval for change of control of BlueSky Samoa Limited from Amper SA to A.T.H.,” the website said.

It further noted, “Formal regulatory approvals and connects for American Samoa and Cook Islands are still in progress and A.T.H. is still waiting these approvals.”

Last month the Unit Trust of Samoa (U.T.O.S.) inked a Memorandum of Understanding with Amalgamated Telecom Holdings (A.T.H.).

(Source: Samoa Observer)
SAMOA PM SAYS WITH QUALITY EDUCATION ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

(BASED ON PRESS RELEASE) — For this first time since Palemia Memoirs — co-authored by Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lufesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi — was launched in Apia last month, Tuilaepa has been coy in talking about his Memoirs and the message

behind it until this week when he was forthcoming in sharing his personal views on his book believed to be the first in a series.

“Perhaps the most valuable message relayed in my travels (in Palemia Memoirs) is that anything is possible if you fortunate to have had a quality education.

“There is no reason why a young boy from kea-back, (rural villages) cannot become a Prime Minister.

“There is every reason for a young street vendor selling ulas and what not on the streets to support his family to become a Prime Minister,” says the Prime Minister remembering the year 1952 when he was living at Saluki.

“We were all street vendors back then including me.

“Electricity was scarce as most families relied on kerosene lamp.

“Times were hard but it helped shaped my character and cemented by resolve to succeed in whatever the Almighty chooses me to do.

“We did not have the luxuries that the generation of today is enjoying and I have no regrets,” he continued.

“In my view, the most important message in Memoirs is for our young people, born in Samoa, and grew up in Samoa. Never give up. Whatever life throws at you take it, deal with it.

“There’s a saying that I use for self-motivation and encouragement.

“It’s better to give up trying than giving up altogether without trying at all.”

Recalling his first years in school while attending the Marist Brothers at Mulivai, Tuilaepa was not ashamed of his first year in school.

“I should hold a gold medal as the first Samoan to repeat Primer 1 four times back in the day.

Who would have thought that someone like me could overcome those challenges.

Politically, Palemia Memoirs is also a public record that Tuilaepa hopes for future Samoan politicians to use as a pathway.

The Prime Minister left for New Zealand this weekend to launch Palemia Memoirs in Wellington and Auckland next week.

Tuilaepa first won election to represent his Lepa district in 1980, after the death of the previous representative. He has been re-elected for Lepa since that time.

He served as finance minister in the Tofilau government of 1991 and 1996. In 1996, he was appointed deputy prime minister.

In 1998, Tofilau retired from parliament (and hence the prime ministership) due to ill-health. Tuilaepa then became the 6th Prime Minister of Samoa. He has successfully led his HRPP party to re-election in the 2001,

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FILE - In this Feb. 28, 2016 file photo, singer Taylor Swift attends the Vanity Fair Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif. The trial of a lawsuit between Swift and David Mueller, a former radio host she accuses of groping her, begins Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, in U.S. District Court in Denver.

(Photo by Evan Agostini/Invision/AP, File)



Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui delivers a speech during a ceremony to mark the 72nd anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing that killed 140,000 people, at the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, western Japan, Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017. "This hell is not a thing of the past," Matsui said in his peace declaration. "As long as nuclear weapons exist and policymakers threaten their use, their horror could leap into our present at any moment. You could find yourself suffering their cruelty." Hiroshima's appeal of "never again" on the 72nd anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack has acquired renewed urgency as North Korea moves ever closer to acquiring nuclear weapons. (Shohei Miyano/Kyodo News via AP)

N. Korean missiles add urgency to Hiroshima A-bomb appeals

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Hiroshima's appeal of "never again" on the 72nd anniversary Sunday of the world's first atomic bomb attack has gained urgency as North Korea accelerates work on its nuclear weapons program, showing its growing prowess with increasingly frequent missile launches.

When the U.S. dropped the bomb on Aug. 6, 1945, Toshiki Fujimori and his mother, carrying him piggyback, were both thrown to the ground by the impact.

"Obviously tensions are growing as North Korea has been pushing ahead with nuclear tests and development," said Fujimori, now 73 and a leader of the Hidankyo, a major group of atomic bomb survivors. "Nuclear weapons just are unacceptable for mankind."

Many Japanese and others

in North Asia seem resigned to North Korea's apparent newfound capacity to launch missiles capable of reaching much of the continental United States. But the threat lends a deeper sense of alarm in Hiroshima, where 140,000 died in that first A-bomb attack, which was followed on Aug. 9, 1945, by another that killed more than 70,000 people in Nagasaki.

"This hell is not a thing of the past," Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui said in his peace declaration at Sunday's ceremony.

"As long as nuclear weapons exist and policymakers threaten their use, their horror could leap into our present at any moment. You could find yourself suffering their cruelty."

Today, a single bomb can cause greater damage than the two bombs dropped 72 years ago, he said. "Humankind must never commit such an act," Matsui said, urging nuclear states, as well as Japan, to join the nuclear weapons ban treaty adopted by the United Nations in July.

Fujimori said that each Aug. 6, his late mother insisted on retelling the story of the bombing to children in their neighborhood, saying she had to keep reminding them to help prevent the same mistake from happening again.

"We must eradicate nuclear weapons from the earth to make the world a safe place to live," he said in an interview.

"There is still a lot to do and we must keep working on it."

He said the adoption of the U.N. nuclear weapons ban, which was boycotted by all nuclear-armed nations, shows that most of the world supports that cause.

The two Hwasong-14 intercontinental ballistic missiles North Korea test-fired in July appear to have major U.S. cities such as Los Angeles and Chicago within their range. Such missiles could be armed with nuclear, biological or chemical warheads, although many experts say North Korea hasn't fully mastered miniaturizing nuclear warheads and might not have the technology to ensure a warhead would survive re-entry into the atmosphere from space or even hit an intended target.

Such developments draw mixed feelings from Kim Ji Nho, a pro-Pyongyang ethnic Korean who was born in Hiroshima.

Kim, 71, is a "hibakusha," or atomic-bomb survivor, who was exposed to radiation when his mother, pregnant with him, went to the ruins of the city to search for a daughter who went missing in the blast. He grew up in a community of ethnic Koreans in the city and has a relative who had since moved to North Korea.

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10 : am	00' Jisook's Table for O'	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00	Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama
11 : am	10' Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama "The Innocent Man" (E,R)				50	The Return of Superman (E,R)	The Innocent Man
12 NOON	30' Music Bank (E,R)	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)" (E,R)						(E,R)
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		Dwauby Bible 2017 (E,R)	
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30	Battle Trip (E,R)	Daegu Internatio Musical Festival Awards (E,R)
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama The Innocent Man (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Queen for Seven Days (E,R)	Queer's Date (E,R)	50	My Father is Strange Weekend Drama (E,R)	
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama The Innocent Man (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Queen for Seven Days (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	00	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama The Innocent Man (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Queen for Seven Days (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)			
6 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)" (E,R)					Hollo Counselor (E,R)	
7 : pm	40' History of Korea (E)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Daegu Internatio Musical Festival Awards (E)	40	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)
8 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	00	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)
9 : pm	40' Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)" (E)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)				20	Immortal Songs 2 (E)	Two Days and One Night (E)
10 : pm	00' KBS 9 News (Live)	KBS 9 News (Live)					KBS 9 News (Live)	
11 : pm	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E)		20	My Father is Strange (E)	
12 : 00	00' Hollo Counselor (E)	We Like Zines (E)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E)	Happy Together (E)	Battle Trip (E)	30	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)
Next Day	20' Encore Drama "The Innocent Man" (E)	"The Return of Superman" Special (E)						
1 : am	30' KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	2016 Drama Special (E,R)	KBS World E-Today	11th Daegu Internatio Musical Festival Awards (E,R)	50	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)
2 : am	40' History of Korea (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	My Neighbor Charles (E,R)	Daegu Internatio Musical Festival Awards (E,R)	00	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)
3 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)			
4 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		50	My Father is Strange Weekend Drama (E,R)	
5 : am	30' Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines	Sketchbook	Happy Together	Battle Trip	00	The Innocent Man (E,R)	Fried Chicken to The World (E,R)

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Australia’s ruling party meets to resolve gay marriage rift

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia’s ruling party will attempt to resolve bitter internal differences over gay marriage at a special meeting on Monday aimed at containing a rift that threatens the prime minister’s leadership.

Finding policy agreement on the issue is a test of prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull’s authority over his government, which has trailed the center-left opposition Labor Party for months in opinion polls.

The conservative Liberal Party-led coalition was narrowly re-elected at elections in July last year with a promise to let voters decide whether Australia should recognize same-sex marriage through a popular vote.

But the Senate would not allow the so-called plebiscite, which would have cost 160 million Australian dollars (\$127 million) and the result could have been ignored by lawmakers when deciding how to vote on gay marriage legislation in the Parliament.

Liberal Sen. Dean Smith, a gay man who opposed legalizing same-sex marriage when he was appointed to the Senate in 2012, has drafted a bill to allow gay marriage now and wants his fellow Liberal lawmakers to be allowed to vote on it according to their consciences rather than to according to party policy.

“It’s time for the party to put the matter to rest once and for all,” Smith told reporters on Monday.

Gay marriage opponents, including former Prime Minister Tony Abbott who initiated the plebiscite policy two year ago, argue that the government must stick to its election promise that marriage law would not be changed without a national vote.

“The last thing Australia needs is government by opinion poll,” Abbott wrote in The Australian newspaper.

“But neither do we need political parties that believe one thing one minute and the opposite the next,” he added.

Other lawmakers have proposed a postal plebiscite in which voters mailed in their opinions instead of using ballot boxes as a cheaper option that would not need the Senate to approve the expense.

Opponents argue that the postal option would also need Senate approval and have warned of a court challenge.

Gay marriage campaigner Anna Brown said her advocacy group The Equality Campaign would seek a High Court injunction to prevent any postal plebiscite.

“The government needs to think very carefully before it expends up to AU\$100 million of taxpayer dollars when it could resolve this issue in Par-

liament as soon as this week,” Brown said.

Smith’s supporters could present his gay marriage bill to Parliament this week, regardless of his party’s policy decision on Monday.

Turnbull’s coalition has a single-seat majority in the House of Representatives, where the political leader who controls a majority becomes prime minister.

So a few lawmakers deserting the ruling party on gay marriage could leave the government powerless to block the bill.

Liberal lawmaker Eric Abetz, who opposes gay marriage, said that would be a “grave matter” that showed the government had lost control of its legislative priorities.

Opinion polls show most Australians support gay marriage. But most of that support is soft, and gay-rights advocates are concerned that referendums rarely change the status quo in Australia.

Turnbull supports gay marriage and initially opposed the plebiscite concept.

But he agreed to maintain the government’s plebiscite policy in a deal with the most conservative lawmakers in his party when he replaced Abbott as prime minister in September 2015 due to Abbott’s poor opinion polling.

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Marriage equality advocates Alex Greenwich, left, Anna Brown address the media at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, Monday, Aug. 7, 2017. They say their group The Equality Campaign would seek a High Court injunction to prevent any postal plebiscite on gay marriage proposed by the government.

(AP Photo/ Rod McGuirk)

2006, 2011, and 2016 general elections.

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

EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOL TO INCREASE IN SAMOA

Cited as one of the main contributing factors to the surge in violent crimes from murder to rape, and not to mention traffic fatalities and casualties, has forced the government’s hand to increase the excise tax on alcohol.

“That is an affirmative,” says Minister of Revenue also in charge of the Liquor Control Board, (LCB) Tialavea Fea Leniu Tionisio Hunt acknowledging the government’s support to the Samoa Law Reform Commission recommendation.

After extensive review which included public hearings to garner the viewpoints from stakeholders, the Commission has also recommended for the price of alcohol to be increased through excise tax.

“However, care should also be taken so that the increase does not render it unsustainable for businesses in the alcohol industry to operate,” continued the recommendation.

“Most notably, the Commission has recommended for the percentage increase of excise

tax to correspond with the percentage increase of alcohol content in an alcoholic beverage.

“Therefore, the higher the alcohol content, the higher the excise tax imposed.

“The Commission also recommended for the excise tax on low volume alcohol to be reduced to encourage the production of low strength/volume alcohol.”

Tialavea agrees, noting that information received by the LCB indicates that certain local manufacturers of liquor are not playing by the rules by processing liquor over and above the legal alcohol content.

“The liquor bottle call Maso is one,” he added.

“Information has it that Maso vodka is selling at under \$10 tala for a 7mil bottle.

“And the contents are extremely potent and can get four or five adults completely intoxicated.

”The Attorney General’s Office is presently drafting the Alcohol Control Bill 2017 for Cabinet approval before it’s tabled in Parliament.

It contains the new amendment to increase excise tax as recommended.

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



Myanmar Vice President Myint Swe, center, chairman of Maungdaw Investigation Commission, walks along with commission members upon arrival for a press conference of their final report on Rakhine state investigation at a government guest house Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, in Yangon, Myanmar. The Myanmar government's inquiry into violence in northern Rakhine state last year that forced tens of thousands of Muslim Rohingya to flee to Bangladesh and led to U.N. accusations of crimes against humanity by the army has concluded that no such crimes happened.

(AP Photo/Thein Zaw)

Myanmar says no crimes against humanity in Rakhine violence

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — The Myanmar government's inquiry into violence in northern Rakhine state last year that forced tens of thousands of Muslim Rohingya to flee to Bangladesh and led to U.N. accusations of crimes against humanity by the army has concluded that no such crimes happened.

Speaking at the release of the Rakhine Investigative Commission's final report, Vice President Myint Swe — a former general — told reporters Sunday that "there is no evidence of crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights claimed."

He also denied charges that there had been gang rapes by the military as it swept through Rohingya villages in a security clearance operation.

The army was reacting to deadly attacks against border police posts by a previously unknown insurgent group in October 2016 in the Maungdaw area of Rakhine.

The commission's report did accept that some things might have happened that broke the law, attributing it to excessive action on the part of individual members of the security forces.

Rights groups have previously expressed their doubts over the commission's work, saying it lacked outside experts, had poor research methodologies and lacked credibility because it was not independent.

The U.N. has mandated its own fact-finding mission to travel to the Maungdaw area to conduct its own inquiry, but the government has said its members will not be allowed to go.

Zaw Myint Pe, a senior member of the government commission, said the report released by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Of in early February, which included accusations of rights abuses by security forces, had failed to take into consideration violent acts committed by Muslim groups.

"The report does not contain forward-looking constructive recommendations but instead accuses Myanmar of committing genocide and ethnic cleansing by killing Muslims and it is terribly affecting our country's image," said Zaw Myint Pe.

The government has shut down northern Rakhine, where the allegations of right abuses are ongoing, to independent journalists, rights experts and humanitarian workers for almost nine months.

The security forces launched an aggressive clearance operation in Rakhine in October 2016 after shadowy insurgents killed nine border guard police officers.

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Welcome boost from China to global pressure on North Korea

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A global pressure campaign on North Korea propelled by sharp new U.N. sanctions received a welcome boost Sunday from China, the North’s economic lifeline, as Beijing called on its neighbor to halt its missile and nuclear tests.

The Trump administration cautiously embraced China’s apparent newfound cooperation, while putting it on notice that the U.S. would be watching closely to ensure it didn’t ease up on North Korea if and when the world’s attention is diverted elsewhere. But there were no signs the U.S. would acquiesce to China’s call for a quick return to negotiations.

The diplomatic wrangling sought to build on the sweeping new North Korea sanctions passed by the U.N. Security Council a day earlier — the strongest in a generation, the U.S. said.

As diplomats gathered in the Philippines for an annual regional meeting, President Donald Trump was cheering the move. He cited the “very big financial impact” of the sanctions and noted optimistically that both China and Russia had joined in the unanimous vote. On Sunday, following a late-night conversation with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Trump tweeted: “Just completed call with President Moon of South Korea. Very happy and impressed with 15-0 United Nations vote on North Korea sanctions.”

In characteristically understated fashion, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said, “It was a good outcome.”

For the U.S., it was a long-awaited sign of progress for Trump’s strategy of trying to enlist Beijing’s help to squeeze North Korea diplomatically and economically. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, meeting with North Korea’s top diplomat during the gathering in Manila, urged the North to “maintain calm” despite the U.N. vote.

“Do not violate the U.N.’s decision or provoke international society’s goodwill by conducting missile launching or nuclear tests,” Wang said, in an unusually direct admonition.

Tillerson did not meet with North Korea’s envoy, Ri Yong Ho. In fact, on his first day in Manila, Tillerson appeared to go out of his way to avoid crossing paths with Ri.

Though Beijing repeated its call for the United States and North Korea to resume talks, the U.S. said that was still premature, and rejected yet again a Chinese call for the U.S. to freeze joint military exercises with South Korea in exchange for the North halting nuclear development. Pyongyang views the military exercises as rehearsals for an invasion.

The U.S. also warned it planned to rigorously monitor China’s compliance with the new penalties. Susan Thornton, the top U.S. diplomat for Asia, said Beijing had historically cooperated with sanctions after flagrant North Korean violations but then slipped back over time.

“We want to make sure China is continuing to implement fully the sanctions regime,” Thornton told reporters in Manila. “Not this kind of episodic back and forth that we’ve seen.”

Infusing the diplomatic gathering with dramatic intrigue was the presence of Ri, the odd man out at a meeting dominated by concerns about his nation’s nuclear proliferation. Indeed, the U.S. was floating a proposal to temporarily kick North Korea out of the 27-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum, although other member nations are divided about that idea.

Would Tillerson interact with his North Korean counterpart, even informally, if they crossed paths in Manila? It was a question driving the hallway chatter at the gathering, but the U.S. shot down that prospect and said Tillerson had no plans to interact with Ri.

Tillerson, who was scheduled to attend a gala dinner Sunday, skipped it. Ri did not. The North Korean was spotted at the gala smiling and toasting with the other foreign ministers.

Tillerson aide R.C. Hammond said that after a productive first day, Tillerson spent several hours preparing for Day 2. Instead, the U.S. was represented at the dinner by Thornton, whose official title is acting assistant secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs.

Though Tillerson has emphasized the Trump administration’s willingness to sit down with North Korea for negotiations, he’s said that won’t happen until the North agrees to abandon its nuclear aspirations.

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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi , right, and US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson pose for a photograph during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the 50th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF) in Pasay City southeast of Manila, Philippines, Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017.

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