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Matau'aina Gwendolyn Toomalatai is the 2017-2018 Miss American Samoa. She was crowned last Friday night, after a 4-hour event that included 5 other contestants. Toomalatai was crowned by First Lady Cynthia Malala Moliga, MASI president Meafou Imo and outgoing Miss American Samoa, Antonina Lilomaiaava. See story in today's Lali section.

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Team American Samoa has arrived in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan for the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games - a first for the territory. Local wrestler Sealiitu Mauga, 19, is one of six local wrestlers who will be competing in various weight categories next week. An employee of the American Samoa Government, Mauga is part of a local delegation that took part in the official opening ceremony for the Games, held yesterday. The Games will feature 21 sporting events, with American Samoa set to compete in two - wrestling and track & field. A welcoming ceremony for the team was held last Friday. (See separate story for details). The Games will extend until Sept. 27 and the first local athlete set to see action is track & field hopeful Isaac Silafau, who will compete in the 60M and the long jump today, Sept. 18, and Wednesday, Sept. 20. Meanwhile, Mauga and the local wrestling team - which includes Daniel Misaalefua, Pita Fanolua, Zena Iese, Iafeta Jeff Vou, and Nolan Puletasi - are scheduled to hit the mat next week, Sept. 25-26. The Games are being hosted in a multi-billion-dollar world class facility, the first of its kind in the Asia region. The environment, as well as the competition level at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, is likened to the World Olympic Games. "It will undoubtedly provide Team American Samoa with a realistic Olympic-like experience," said the folks at the American Samoa National Olympic Committee (ASNOC).

All of the local National Sports Federations with sports competing in the Asian Indoor Games were given an opportunity to send athletes to these games; but it was wrestling and indoor athletics that had athletes ready to compete, according to ASNOC. Samoa News will be providing continuous coverage of the Games, sponsored by Carl's Jr.



Medicaid now covers all facility fees for DOH health centers

by Samoa News staff

The days of paying the \$10 facility fee to obtain services at the Department of Health's community health centers (CHC) in Leone, Tafuna, Amouli, Ofu, and Ta'u are gone.

This ultimately means that all legal residents can now get dental services, mental health services, and primary care services at all community health centers - free of charge.

This does not apply to prescriptions.

A statement from the director of the American Samoa Medicaid Agency, Tofoitaufa Sandra King-Young, said the American Samoa Medicaid Agency will now reimburse the facility fees for all legal residents to the Department of Health's Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and its five Community Health Centers (CHC).

According to Tofoitaufa, the Medicaid office,

under the Lolo Administration, worked closely with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop a payment method for the FQHC community health centers.

"Even though the FQHC could have been a Medicaid provider when it was designated an FQHC, the American Samoa State Plan did not have a payment method or eligible provider provision for the FQHC," Tofoitaufa explained.

"This required significant justification, financial modeling and analysis by the Medicaid agency to justify the payment method for the FQHC before Medicaid could officially submit a request to CMS, to make the DOH FQHC community health centers eligible for Medicaid funding reimbursement."

More information on the changes can be obtained by contacting Tofoitaufa at 258-9221.

Dengue numbers surpass 200

DOH URGING EVERYONE TO DO THEIR PART

by Blue Chen-Fruean

Samoa News Correspondent

In a little less than a year, the number of confirmed dengue fever cases in the territory has climbed to 201, while the confirmed number of Zika cases has reached 93.

This is according to Dept. of Health epidemiologist Scott Anesi who encourages everyone to do their part in ridding the territory of these mosquito-borne diseases.

While the DOH message has always centered around the 3Ds (Drain, DEET, and Dress), a new "D" (Discuss) has been added. Discussions with neighbors, family members, and friends is a critical component in the fight against dengue fever, ZIKA, Chikungunya, and the West Nile Virus; and according to Anesi, the 3Ds does a person little good if they follow it but fail to 'discuss' with a neighbor who lives 12 feet away.

"There's no point cleaning up around your house if your neighbor doesn't do the same," said Anesi. "Everyone needs to be informed, everyone needs to

do their part."

Dengue fever is a disease caused by a family of viruses that are transmitted by mosquitoes. Symptoms include severe joint and muscle pain, swollen lymph nodes, headache, fever, exhaustion, and rash.

According to medicinenet.com, because there is no specific medicine or antibiotic to treat it, dengue fever treatment is directed towards relief of the symptoms, or symptomatic treatment. A vaccine for dengue fever was approved in April 2016 for use in dengue-endemic areas. Like dengue, Zika is also carried by infected mosquitoes and can cause birth defects when it is passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus. Microcephaly is a birth defect that causes babies to be born with small heads. It is a sign of incomplete brain development.

One important detail that local residents need to understand is that Zika can be transmitted through sex. The use of condoms is encouraged.

Anesi said cases of Chikungunya are almost non-existent.

Like dengue and Zika, the disease is transmitted by mosquitoes and the most common symptoms are fever and joint pain. Other symptoms may include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling, or rash.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat chikungunya virus infection.

DOH encourages everyone to clean up around their homes and surrounding areas, drain containers that hold water which can serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and protect yourself with mosquito repellent containing DEET.

Old, unused tires should be disposed of at the Futiga Landfill, and discussions should be a norm to keep family members and the community in the loop, on the importance of keeping the village clean.

DOH has taken the lead, carrying out clean-up in villages including Tafuna, Aoloua, Aasu, Fagasa, Fagamalo, Malaeloa, and Fagaima.

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Latest drug case questions motives of police officers

**DEFENDANT WAS PULLED OVER FOR A LOUD
MUFFLER AND A BODY SEARCH NETS DRUGS**

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

A drug case involving an Ili'i man has been bound over to the High Court, after District Court Judge Fiti Sunia found probable cause following a preliminary examination hearing last week.

Sonny "Mu" Kelemete is facing drug charges involving the unlawful possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine - with the intent to distribute. Each count is punishable by not less than 5 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of not less than \$5,000 or both.

The defendant is currently out on a \$30,000 surety bond.

This is one of the few cases the government has filed in court, since the Vice & Narcotics Unit was established by DPS Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson last month, in an effort to combat the local drug problem. Lead investigator Justin Thomsen was the only witness the government called to testify on the stand during last Friday's hearing. According to Thomsen, it was on Sept. 5th while the Vice & Narcotics Unit was conducting traffic patrol in the Iliili area that they saw the defendant's car pulling over in front of Iakina Adventist Academy School. It was the loud noise coming from Kelemete's car muffler that got the attention of police, and caused them to pull Kelemete over for questioning.

According to witness testimony, three police units, seven police officers, and a K-9 dog were at the scene when Kelemete's vehicle was pulled over.

Capt. Lima Togia, head of the Vice & Narcotics Unit approached the defendant while he was sitting inside of his car, and explained to him the reason why he was being stopped - because of the loud noise from his vehicle muffler.

According to Thomsen's testimony, Kelemete seemed unhappy and complained to Capt. Togia that there was nothing wrong with his muffler.

Judge Sunia intervened and asked the witness what specifically about the muffler had caused police to stop Kelemete's vehicle.

Thomsen responded that the unusual sound from the muffler is illegal, under traffic laws, and it seemed like the defendant added an additional piece to the muffler to produce that unusual sound. After the defendant was informed about why he was stopped, he was asked by Capt. Togia to step outside of the vehicle which, according to Thomsen, is a usual police

procedure. 733-0078 699-2120

Assistant Attorney General Christy Dunn asked the witness about the defendant's demeanor when he was told to step outside of his vehicle. Thomsen said Kelemete acted normal, and his behavior did not concern them.

But it was when Det. Paselio touched the defendant's shoulder trying to calm him down, telling him there was nothing to worry about, that Kelemete's behavior changed, moving his shoulder and telling Det. Paselio, "don't touch me."

Thomsen told the court that the change in Kelemete's behavior was quick and became a concern, causing him to tackle the defendant to the ground to stop him from running away. The defendant was then placed under arrest. K-9 units who were present conducted a sniff search of the vehicle, while Capt. Togia was speaking to the defendant. A few moments later, the canine alerted to the driver's side door which gave police probable cause to search the inside of the vehicle and also the defendant.

Sunia intervened and asked the witness why they arrested Kelemete. Thomsen said the arrest was based on the procedure the Vice & Narcotics Unit had followed.

Sunia asked what procedure he was referring to. Thomsen said it was the procedure set by Capt. Togia, the head of the new Unit, and they are to follow it when tracking down those who are suspected of dealing drugs on island. Sunia wanted to know from the witness if the Vice & Narcotics Unit has a different procedure from the Police Department. Thomsen answered 'no,' it is the same procedure.

When police searched the defendant, they allegedly found 9 small baggies that contained a white substance - which tested positive as methamphetamine - inside Kelemete's pant pocket.

Several empty baggies were also found in Kelemete's pocket, including \$90 in cash.

Cross examination of the witness, centered on whether the traffic stop that led to the arrest of the defendant was conducted fairly according to police rules and procedures, and whether the unusual sound of the defendant's vehicle muffler was the main reason that caused police to pull him over.

The government alleges that drugs and money were found in the defendant's possession, which resulted in the charges against him.

During cross-examination,

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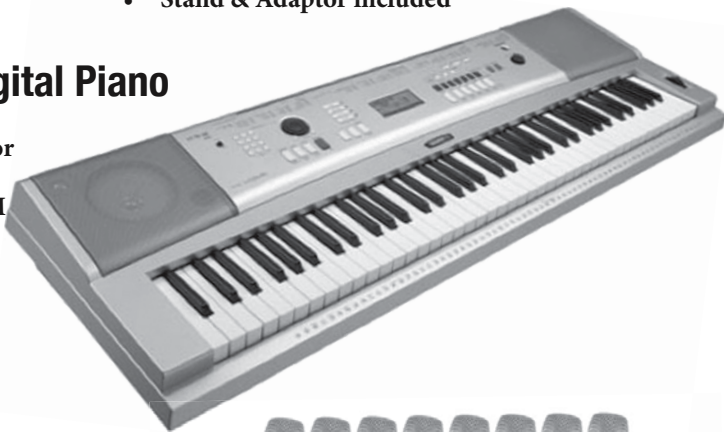


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A glimpse of last week’s joint budget committee hearings

REVIEW FOR SOME ASG ENTITIES LASTED ONLY 5 MINUTES

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The budget review process for ASG entities last week were very brief - some agencies lasted only 5 minutes - as the Fono Joint Budget Committee hearings are only focusing on specific questions regarding the fiscal year 2018 budget.

However, one issue that came up several times for many ASG agencies had to do with expenditures - such as materials and supplies, equipment and the rest of an agency’s personnel costs - being included in the supplemental FY 2018 budget - not yet introduced in the Fono - which is funded with revenue measures pending in the Legislature.

Several lawmakers are concerned with departments and offices putting some of these expenses in the supplemental budget, asking the question, “What happens if the supplemental is not approved” by the Fono? But joint budget committee leaders continue to remind lawmakers to focus questions on the basic budget, which is the main focus of the hearings, and not mix them up with the supplemental because it has not yet been introduced in the Fono. Here are some highlights from the budget hearings last week.

AGRICULTURE

One issue raised by the joint budget committee with Agriculture director Filifa’atali Michael Fuiava, is the temporary ban on the importation of taro from Samoa, since June this year, following reports from Apia of an unidentified disease affecting taro in some areas of Upolu.

Samoa had sent samples to Germany for testing and the local Agriculture Department is awaiting those tests results.

Filifa’atali informed lawmakers that he remains in communication with his counterparts in Samoa and he was in Apia two weeks ago for meetings. He returned to Apia last Thursday with two scientists from the ASCC Land Grant Division to look at the disease affecting taro in Upolu and will continue to work with his colleagues in Samoa.

He added that during a recent meeting with local farmers, it was learned that there is a sufficient local taro supply to serve the community. With the temporary ban on taro from Samoa, there have been reports of local farmers hiking their prices, he said, and this was also acknowledged by two lawmakers. (Samoa News has received the same reports, whereby 5 taros used to be sold for \$10 but in the past weeks, this has changed to \$10 for only 3 taros.) Filifa’atali said it appears that many local farmers are depending on the federally funded School Lunch Program to sell their agriculture

products, but he has encouraged them to look at other areas for agriculture development.

SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

Rep. Ve’evalu Meauta Mageo, a member of the ASG Scholarship Board, said that since the new board came in a few months ago, they are compiling for submission to the Fono, a report on the scholarship fund. Ve’evalu was responding to an issue raised by Sen. Galeai M. Tu’ufuli regarding a request submitted several months ago to the Board, on the number of students given scholarship to attend four-year colleges and universities off island, and how much money is spent per semester in the past couple of years for these same students.

Galeai said the scholarship board is given a large sum of money every fiscal year but early this year, they wanted more money, and the question is, how many of these students were able to complete their college education without dropping out of school?

The Manu’a senator suggested that the board encourage students to utilize the American Samoa Community College, for two years, before taking up the last two years with an off island college. He said students from American Samoa heading straight to a 4-year off island college are not used to off island life and this is the reason they drop out before graduating.

The exchange between Ve’evalu and Galeai occurred during the Scholarship Board FY 2018 budget review.

PORT ADMINISTRATION

Among the issues raised during the Port Administration Department budget review is the status of fire trucks for the Airport Division, in which Port director Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele said federal funding is helping with the purchase of a fire truck for Fitiuta Airport, while the fire truck for Ofu Airport is going through maintenance.

She said fire trucks are very expensive and the Federal Aviation Administration helps finance such large expenditures.

Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai pointed to the brand new fire stations at both Ofu and Fitiuta airports, and said they lack proper fire trucks to respond in case of an emergency.

The Airport Division is listed under the Enterprise Fund, which includes ASG entities funded by revenue it collects, as well as semi autonomous government agencies.

In its Profit & Loss Statement, included in the budget document, the Airport Division is projected to collect \$2.71 million in revenues - \$1.5 million in rents & leases at the airport; \$500,000 in airport landing fees; \$200,000 in parking fees; and \$260,000 from the 5% hotel

tax. The airport gets a \$500,000 subsidy from ASG, bringing its total FY 2018 budget to \$3.21 million. Historically, ASG has depended on the FAA to finance major project developments at Pago Pago International Airport, according to the Administration, and to demonstrate a local commitment to this purpose, local resources must be pledged with these funds.

During the budget hearings, questions were asked about revenues collected from MV Sili and MV Manu’atele sails to the Manu’a island group, and Taimalelagi said that between October 2016 and up to early this month, the total is about \$183,000, which is not sufficient to cover the cost of operating ocean transportation service for Manu’a.

The FY 2018 budget category, Special Programs, shows an allocation of \$350,000 for the Water Transportation Division of Port. According to the Administration, these funds will help pay fuel costs for voyages by the MV Sili and MV Manu’atele between Tutuila and Manu’a. Also, it will be used to defray any other pertinent costs associated with trips to Manu’a, including Swains Island.

However, Samoa News notes that in past years, this Water Transportation Division money appears never to be sufficient to cover costs, especially fuel.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

During the Department of Administrative Services budget hearing, Sen. Fonoti Tafa’ifa Aufata suggested installing parking meters at the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei, as this would provide additional revenue for the government. The Tualauta female senator pointed out that there are alot of cars at the parking lot during business hours and it is used to park ASG vehicles over night. Administrative Services, among its responsibilities, oversees the EOB, as well as the ASG housing complex in Tafuna, across from Lions Park, and the ASG Print Shop.



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THE CONVERSATION

by Benjamin Hampton

Hello Conversationalists in American Samoa! It is my honor to be with you once again this week. Much thanks to Mr. Tom Drabble who was the main contributor to our column last week! I know there has been lots of discussion about what he suggested, and I look forward to hearing more from our readers. Remember, none of us is as smart as ALL of us. Only together can we hope to bring effective and positive lasting change. This week I am including another piece that Tom had sent to me with regard to recommendations he made to the Department of Commerce at their request over a year ago at this point. I’m including a portion of that communication below. Sadly, according to Tom there was no reply given to him regarding his recommendations. Here’s an edited email that was sent from the current director of the Department of Commerce in 2016. (Director name omitted.)

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 4:39 AM
To: Tom Drabble
Subject: Revenue raising ideas for ASG
After some pleasantries were exchanged in the email, this was the request:” ...So can you compile your list of revenue generating ideas and send to me asap. DOC is working on pieces proposed legislation for the upcoming legislative session and this includes the lowering of the top corporate tax rate to its current level in the US. I look forward to your immediate response.
Regards,
Director, Department of Commerce
Government of American Samoa “
FYI.

This e-mail was sent to DOC in June last year. No response received. These are my thoughts only and were not endorsed by the Chamber. --THD

From: Tom Drabble
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:18 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Revenue raising ideas for ASG
To: Director, DOC ---Here is my initial take on your request. The Chamber is taking the liberty of circulating this amongst the Business Community with the hope that additional constructive ideas can be garnered. This is a great opportunity for the private sector to be engaged and supportive (hopefully) of ideas to improve our economy and community. THD

Talofa Director _____, Thanks for the opportunity to discuss revenue generating ideas for ASG. The current tax code has evolved because too many revenue decisions are made in haste. Taxes have been added simply because they are “easy” with little thought as to the true effect. The private sector is your tax collector and as such, government/private sector discussion and co-operation is imperative for any chance of success. Taxes and fees can be either destructive or constructive and every care must be taken to understand the pro’s and con’s of each and every revenue measure contemplated. Massive hardship and destruction of business opportunities or discouraging the development of entrepreneurial ideas and skills are most often the result of poor tax planning. To develop a sound tax plan, the following concepts should be kept in mind:

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1. The more that Government takes out of the community to maintain a bloated bureaucracy, without economic development to support such activity, the more abject poverty that will follow.
 2. Keep as much income in the hands of low-income workers as possible.
 3. Encourage the development of new businesses, especially in the areas of primary production (fisheries, tourism, agriculture, light manufacturing) or import substitution, by adopting a meaningful Tax Exemption plan. This should be designed to increase the tax base over time, and employ such tactics as Accelerated Depreciation or incentives based on increases in employment. Whilst Accelerated Depreciation initially lowers taxable income, the true effect is to DELAY taxation to future years, having given such businesses every opportunity to thrive and grow in their early years, when interest expense and mortgage payments are at their highest levels.
 4. Make it SIMPLE and EASY for any qualified citizen to acquire a Business License. This should be a simple and inexpensive registration process and place the obligation on each business to file employment taxes, file annual returns etc; Instigate high penalties for non-filers. Leave such things as tax obligations, debt collection, zoning considerations and other current restrictions, to those agencies directly to enforce their own statutory requirements and/or debt collection processes.
 5. Keep the cost of doing business as low as possible. In other words, such things as massive business license fees and fees and taxes charged (e.g. Excise taxes collected at the dock or excessive fees on commercial vehicles such as taxis and rental cars) are counter-productive to running a profitable business. As a rule, taxes should be exacted at the end of the business cycle. E.g.: Income taxes and Sales taxes.
 6. Encourage employment OUTSIDE of Government. Privatize operations at any and every opportunity to create a Taxpayer base rather than a burden on Government funds with the resulting inefficiencies inherent in any Government enterprise.
 7. Avoid imposing taxes on previously taxed items. E.g.: Adding a Sales Tax without at the same time removing excise tax provisions. This would be met with fierce objections
 8. Ensure that the Tax Department is fully funded in their Audit Department, i.e. ensure that all current taxes are effectively collected. It is senseless to impose new or revised revenue measures when enforcement is non-existent.
 9. Encourage ASG departments to make economic development opportunities available for private investors. E.g.: PORT ADMINISTRATION. With by far the best harbor in the South Pacific and easy access to USA for repair parts etc, we should be the hub for marine activities in the South Pacific. We should have a viable, revenue generating Marina and be the preferred haven for many of the thousands of pleasure yachts plying the Pacific at any one time. We should have a viable small boat haul-out and repair facility, along with thriving specialty support businesses that would follow.
 10. Maintain accurate statistics to enable an accurate assessment of the effect of any revenue generating idea.
Some ideas:
1. Lowering of the top corporate tax rate to its current level in the US.

I have no idea of the effect of this. Most small businesses file as a Sub-chapter “S” Corporation and will not be affected.

2. Currently the law provides for NO TAX on imports for personal use
This is a ridiculous provision, favors higher income residents and is totally detrimental to local businesses. Low-income workers are forced to buy 100% locally, which currently includes excise tax; wealthier residents, who generally hold credit cards and direct connections regarding shipping etc import a host of goods. Such things as furniture, appliances, building materials, computers and many other high-end items enter entirely tax-free.

RECOMMENDATION: Stipulate tax-free exemption to say \$100 value or \$200 value at the most. Otherwise pay full excise tax (or sales tax if in effect) for personal use imports.
Benefit: Eliminate favored tax treatment available only to wealthier individuals.
Tax Gain: \$500,000 or more.

3. Eliminate 5% General Excise Tax and replace with 5% (or 7%?) Sales Tax:
Whilst a Consumption Tax is not ideal, most States and countries have adopted some form of a Sales Tax or end user Goods and Services Tax (GST) which is basically the same thing. It is certainly preferred, eliminating up-front costs to business and maximizing Government revenues. To have both a General Excise Tax and a GST base is simply double taxation and must be avoided.

For example: (Assuming 5% Excise tax collected on arrival)

Typical costing for food items:
Suppose the ex-factory cost of an item is \$10.00
Add Excise tax @ 5%..... .50
Add shipping costs (Say 25%)..... \$ 2.50
Add Insurance, trucking, misc costs 5%.... .50
LANDED COST:..... \$13.50
ADD: Wholesale/Retail mark-up say 30%.. \$ 4.05
CALCULATED SELLING PRICE:.. \$17.55

Example: (Assuming 5% Sales Tax)

Typical costing for food items:
Suppose the ex-factory cost of an item is \$10.00
Add shipping costs (Say 25%)..... \$ 2.50
Add Insurance, trucking, misc costs 5%.... .50
LANDED COST:..... \$13.00
ADD: Wholesale/Retail mark-up say 30%.. \$ 3.90
Calculated Selling Price.. \$16.90
Add SALES TAX @ 5%..... .85
CALCULATED SELLING PRICE:.. \$17.75

In the first example the Government has collected 50c vs 85c collected using a sales tax. AND the cost to the consumer has only increased 20c.

Here is another example, more appropriate to clothing, hardware items etc: (Assuming 5% Excise tax collected on arrival)

Typical costing for other retail items:
Suppose the ex-factory cost of an item is \$10.00
Add Excise tax @ 5%..... .50
Add shipping costs (Say 25%)..... \$ 2.50
Add Insurance, trucking, misc costs 5%.... .50
LANDED COST:..... \$13.50
ADD: Wholesale/Retail mark-up say 60%.. \$ 8.10
CALCULATED SELLING PRICE \$21.65

Example: (Assuming 7% Sales Tax)

Typical costing for other retail items:
Suppose the ex-factory cost of an item is \$10.00
Add shipping costs (Say 25%)..... \$ 2.50
Add Insurance, trucking, misc costs 5%.... .50
LANDED COST:..... \$13.00
ADD: Wholesale/Retail mark-up say 60%.. \$ 7.80
Calculated Selling Price.. \$20.80
Add SALES TAX @ 7%..... .. 1.45
CALCULATED SELLING PRICE:.. \$22.25

In this example, ASG has TRIPLED their revenue and sell price has only increased 60c or less than 3%.

If 5% excise tax revenue is currently \$8,000.00, under the above scenario revenues would be more like \$24,000,000. This certainly justifies a reduction in MINIMUM INCOME TAX by 2% which would compensate low income earners to make up for the higher selling prices. This 2% reduction only affects taxpayers who do not reach any part of Tax Tables in effect. I believe that these figures are conservative because:

- a. Services such as legal fees, accounting fees and other labor add-on sales would attract Sales tax
- b. Cigarette and liquor should hold their present import fees PLUS attracting this new Sales Tax.
- c. Restaurants and other high labor cost sales would also attract this Sales tax rather than import tax on raw materials only.
- d. Likewise auto sales would hold their current 10% Import Tax PLUS the new Sales Tax. I will expand further on the advantages/ disadvantages of eliminating the surcharge of 15% on commercial vehicles and replacing it with increased annual user fees.

Regards --Tom

What are your thoughts? Of course this is one man expressing his views and opinions as to what would work here compared to what has been.

Do you agree with what he is saying?
Do you have ideas to add to what he is suggesting?
In our next column, we will look at both Tom’s suggestions this week and last week and try to address some of them specifically. If you have any thoughts to share with me, they may be included in the column next week with your permission if they help people better understand what could be done.
Let’s hear what you have to say!
Until next time, keep The Conversation going, American Samoa.

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Krisean Liuato Tuitele, a student at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, is now a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). The son of Max and Christianera Tuitele, and grandson of Save and Sarah Haleck Tuitele, Krisean is a 2016 graduate of South Pacific Academy, where he served as president of the Dolphins' National Honor Society. He is an ASG scholarship recipient who, along with Fiasili Aga, were the only the two Samoans recently inducted into the UH Manoa Dean's List. Krisean wants to enter the medical field and eventually become a surgeon.

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Top retailers suggest increasing excise tax in lieu of sales tax

AVAMUA: TO MAKE IT EASY, NO SALES TAX

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Top executives of Haleck Enterprises and Neil's ACE Home Center have suggested increasing the 5% excise tax up by 2% or 3%, instead of implementing a 7% sales tax, which they say is too high and would require businesses to spend additional money to upgrade computer software to effectively collect a sales tax, and hire additional personnel.

The comments were made at last Thursday's Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing on three administration tax bills.

Private sector witnesses were Avamua Dave Haleck, president/CEO of Haleck Enterprises Inc. and Ottoville Investments One, Inc. - Tradewinds Hotel; Neil's ACE Home Center president, Ngaire Ho Ching and store manager, Nadine Solofa; and a representative of Aveina Bros.

SALES TAX

The most serious of proposed taxes to impact consumers is the sales tax and so far, members of the private sector who have written to lawmakers or testified in the Senate all share the same views.

Specific points outlined in Avamua's letter were similar to those addressed in his Samoan remarks, saying that his family owned companies, which includes Haleck Motors, support the implementation of a sale tax, but 7% is too high.

"If you look at businesses that trade in high value inventories such as vehicle dealerships, the customers would be paying, in addition to vehicle cost, 10% customs duty and the proposed sales tax," he said.

He added that while most retailers pass the sales tax on to the consumer, "We feel the consumer would not be able to afford a new vehicle" due to the 10% customs duty and a sales tax on top of that.

According to Avamua, if their company brings in a brand new car - at \$30,000 - the duty of 10% is paid. The company will then add on other costs such as freight, which will further increase the price.

But add on a sales tax, and that will hike the retail price even higher, making it unattractive to the buyer, he said, adding that their customers may opt to purchase vehicles from the mainland and shipping them to the territory, whereby they will not be subjected to the sales tax.

"Our business as well as competing businesses would suffer this loss of sales," he said, and shared what he describes as "inflationary effects".

"The rising prices of goods would see consumer demand

seek alternative substitutes from retailers which could very well result in the importation of goods of lesser quality and may not necessarily meet standards we are accustomed to," he continued.

According to Avamua, the other alternative would see the stifling of consumer purchases - meaning a decline in the level of consumption because consumers refrain from purchasing at pre-sales tax level. "This would result in minimal gains to government revenues from the sales tax."

Avamua said that for businesses, there would be added costs of recording the receipt of the sales tax and its payment to the government. "The

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President/CEO of Haleck Enterprises Inc., Avamua Dave Haleck (right) shaking hands with Sen. Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr., after testifying last Thursday before a Senate committee on three administration revenue measures. [photo: FS]

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This document is available in accessible formats upon request. Paper copies can be retrieved from the Office of the Department of Public Works in Tafuna. An electronic copy can also be emailed upon request. Please forward your comments to the office of Public works before the time requested.

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**LOLO CALLS ON AG TO
DEVELOP ‘DENIED ENTRY
PROTOCOL’**

Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale has been tasked by the governor to work with all stakeholders to develop policies and protocols with regards to “denied entry” to foreign diplomats and other entrants for political asylum or humanitarian reasons.

Such policy should be developed in concert with the local Department of Homeland Security, Department of Treasury, Department of Port Administration, the Governor’s Office, and the Department of Public Safety, according to Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga’s letter last week to Talauega.

“It is apparent that we don’t have ‘denied entry policy’ in place to safeguard us from embarrassing incidents involving diplomats and other humanitarian issues which might necessitate acceptance of visitors into the territory without the appropriate immigration documents,” the governor wrote. Accordingly, “it is necessary that we develop and articulate ‘Denied Entry Protocols’ covering entry of diplomats and individuals seeking political asylum or other humanitarian reasons,” he said.

Lolo wants Talauega to spearhead the development of a “Denied Entry Protocol” documenting clear procedures, which must be followed by frontline officers of the respective government agencies “to ensure that these incidents are handled with dignity and respect regarding those individuals who find themselves on our shores.

“Your prompt response to the completion of this policy for my review and approval is appreciated,” the governor

wrote. Copies of the letter were sent to directors of the appropriate ASG agencies as well as Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga.

Samoa News notes that American Samoa is the only US jurisdiction which controls its own borders - both immigration and customs - while all states and the rest of the US territories follow federal laws enforced by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a law enforcement bureau within the US Department of Homeland Security. The governor’s move to set up local policy and protocol comes at a time when there is political unrest in many parts of the Asia region, with displaced people seeking asylum in neighboring countries, including some countries in the Pacific.

In his Samoan address at a joint Fono session earlier this year in July, Lolo said he was looking at making recommendations to the Immigration Board on additional steps to be taken in the vetting process for foreigners entering the territory.

He was concerned with American Samoa being used as a conduit for extremists to enter the United States. (See Samoa News July 13th edition for details).

**AMATA APPLAUDS CON-
FIRMATION OF ASSIS-
TANT SECRETARY DOUG
DOMENECH**

Washington, DC – Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata welcomed U.S. Senate confirmation of Doug Domenech as the Assistant Secretary of Insular Areas. In July, she had the opportunity to introduce the nominee to the Senate Committee that first considered his nomination, and she is pleased to congratulate Assistant Secre-

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▶ Latest drug case...

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defense attorney Assistant Public Defender Kate Hannaher asked the witness why there were three police units with several police officers and a K-9 unit present, when her client’s vehicle was pulled over.

Thomsen said it was part of their ongoing traffic patrol that day, and the defendant’s vehicle was not the only vehicle they stooped that day.

Hannaher asked the witness about the primary job of the Vice & Narcotics Unit. Thomsen responded their primary job is to track down those who are dealing with drugs around the island.

Hannaher asked the witness again, if the main reason why they pulled over her client’s vehicle was to look for drugs, but not because of the unusual sound of his vehicle’s muffler. Thomsen responded no. He said the unusual noise from the muf-

fler was the main reason why Kelemete’s vehicle was pulled over.

During her final submission before Judge Sunia rendered his decision, prosecutor Dunn argued that the main reason why the defendant’s vehicle was pulled over by police - was because his vehicle’s muffler made an unusual noise that caught the attention of police officers. Hannaher on the other hand told the court that the main reason why her client’s vehicle was stopped was because they suspected he was dealing drugs.

Sunia, in the end, found probable cause to support both counts against the defendant, and the case has been bound over to the High Court, where Kelemete is scheduled to appear for arraignment today at 9 a.m.

In addition to drug charges, Kelemete was also served with several traffic citations.

► **Top retailers suggest...**

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cost would arise in the form of staffing, software, and training of personnel so sales tax reports and remittances are provided accurately to the government.”

As previously reported by Samoa News, Neil’s ACE Home Center has called for specific information to be disseminated to the public and business community on how the sales tax will be collected. Some businesses have more advance cash register computer systems than others, so the 7% separation for these businesses are easily identified.

However, for smaller businesses, it will be difficult to track, said Ho Ching in both her written and verbal testimony before the Senate committee. “As a business owner, I need to know this will be fair for everyone, with specific collection methods and processes in place that gives accountability for all businesses regardless of size,” she said.

She recommends that the 7% be gradually rolled out for consumers, saying the 7% is too high and suggesting 2% as a start, ensuring the collection method works.

“If we already have problems with businesses with questionable and/or fraudulent reporting, then charging the consumer a sales tax is opening up avenues for temptation of additional income for said businesses that will still not be reported correctly,” she added.

Ho Ching agrees with Haleck Enterprise, G.H.C Reid, and TMO to apply the sales tax to online goods - including building materials, lumber, tiles and appliances - imported into the territory.

5% EXCISE TAXES

Avamua commended the government for phasing out the 5% excise tax over a period of time, but “we believe that an immediate repeal of the entire 5% excise tax is more conducive in encouraging consumer spending while a modest sales tax is put in place.”

Otherwise, he said, consumers will have the financial burden of paying the 5% excise tax that remains in force, and paying the sales tax. He said it may be economical for ASG to request the Fono to hike the 5% excise tax by 2%, saying that staffing is already in place at Customs to collect the excise tax and no more staffing would be required and no sophisticated computer system needs to be purchased to keep track of a sales tax.

Ho Ching said their company feels that the sales tax needs to replace the current 5% excise tax, and not be an additional tax on top of it. She offered an option, in which the government review the 5% excise tax and raise it to 7% or 8% as the government has a system already in place to collect this tax at the Port. “There would be minimal changes to a process we already use,” she said.

According to the administration’s proposal, the 5% miscel-

laneous tax will gradually phase out over a five-year period beginning Jan. 1, 2019 while the sales tax is effective Jan, 1, 2018. And this has prompted concerns from the territory’s major businesses, who argue that consumers will be paying 12% in taxes for calendar year 2018 as the 5% excise tax will be passed on to consumers.

QUESTIONS

Responding to questions from Sen. Nuanuaolefeagaiga Saoluaga Nua on the 5% excise tax being gradually phased out over a five-year period, starting in calendar year 2019, Avamua said the 5-year period is too long and suggested phasing it out in two or three years once the sales tax is approved.

Nuanuaolefeagaiga asked the witnesses if they had any suggestions on a best method to collect the sales tax, to which Avamua responded, “to make it easy, no sales tax” but hike the 5% excise tax because the collection process is already in place at Port by Customs.

Avamua recalled public statements by ASG Treasury that they will hire new staff and bring in a new software system to track the sales tax. He said businesses will have to do the same - hire staff and upgrade their computer systems.

He reiterated that “we have a system in place” at the Port to collect the excise tax.

Responding to Nuanuaolefeagaiga’s question on lowering the sales tax percentage, Avamua pointed out that no matter the percentage of the sales tax, businesses will still need to upgrade their computer system - including the purchase of new software - and hire staff.

Sen. Muagututi’a T. Tauoa said he is concerned with all the taxes being proposed, which will result in businesses increasing retail prices which would then make it unaffordable for people to buy a new car or pisupo.

(See tomorrow’s edition on testimonies from Avamua and Ho Ching on the proposed 1% alternative minimum business tax, as well as brief testimony from Aveina’s representative.)

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WHEREAS, the natural resources of the coastal zone are among our most valuable economic resources; and

WHEREAS, the marine environment is of the most valuable resource supporting an active subsistence and commercial industry; and

WHEREAS, through the management, sustainment, and protection of our coastal zone and marine environment, future generations of American Samoa will benefit and prosper; and

WHEREAS, the Coastweeks theme: “A Healthy Coast is a Wealthy Coast” is our responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lolo M. Moliga, Governor of American Samoa do hereby proclaim the period of September 18-30, 2017 as **Coastweeks in American Samoa** and urge all citizens to take notice of these weeks and participate fittingly.

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Congresswoman Aumua Amata with Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech prior to the confirmation hearing in July. See Community Briefs for full details.



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September 11, 2017

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- Assist the Manager with development projects, maintenance and operations
- Responsible for hardware/software updates, repair and technical support type issues
- Implement changes subject to manager's approval in application updates and installation
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Minimum Qualifications/Requirements

- AA Degree or certificate from an accredited institution of study or at least three (3) years of experience in the field of Information Technology or Technical Support Services.
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- Must have the ability to be mobile and walk distances throughout the hospital campus; some activities will involve climbing and crawling through narrow spaces and various areas of the hospital for cabling.

Deadline for filing applications with the LBJ Office of Human Resources will be September 29, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Application forms are available at the Office of Human Resources

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tary Domenech today.

"I want to congratulate Assistant Secretary Domenech, who is a good friend, and highly qualified for the position," Aumua Amata said. "This leadership role is important to American Samoa and all the people of the Insular areas. The Assistant Secretary's knowledge and experience of the mission of the office is unparalleled, and I know that he will be an energetic public servant on behalf of the people in these areas." Assistant Secretary Domenech was already serving as the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior, and is also Secretary Zinke's appointee to the Advisory Council of the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico, where he has lived and from where his family originally hails. Previously, he served as the Secretary of Natural Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and in that role, he had responsibility for overseeing six state environmental, recreation, and historic resource agencies.

"I again want to thank the Assistant Secretary for his willingness to serve our great country," continued the Congresswoman. "My friend Doug was always a great choice for this role, and I know he's ready and up to the challenge ahead."

(Source: Congresswoman Aumua Amata's Office)

LOCAL AUXILIARY MEETS CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

On Tuesday, Sept. 5th, the local Auxiliary flotilla met with Captain Michael Long, Commander Sector Honolulu; Master Chief Phillip Kibby, Sector Honolulu Command Master Chief; and Lieutenant Tanner Stiehl, supervisor of the marine Safety Detachment American Samoa.

Sector Honolulu includes Pago Harbor.

Lieutenant Stiehl is new to American Samoa and the two officers from Honolulu were here on familiarization rounds of District 14.

The meeting was held at the Gataivai terminal conference room. Captain Long praised the voluntary spirit of the Auxiliarists and solicited feedback as to how Sector Command can help with the local Auxiliary mission. Several ideas were discussed with a focus on SAR or search and rescue operations.

American Samoa is supported by New Zealand but aircraft and other rescue assets are several hours away. Therefore, it is important to develop local resources. The local flotilla includes people who are familiar with the local geography and surrounding waters and can play a key role in SAR operations.

In addition, the auxiliary assists the local US Coast Guard with vessel safety inspections and pollution detection. The auxiliary holds monthly meetings every third Wednesday and conducts regular coast watch/cleanup events. During the last half of the year, the auxiliary will participate with information and outreach booths

at: Coast Weeks (Sept. 18-26) and the Fisheries Council Fisher's Forum in October.

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Police arrest man who allegedly stole and forged his uncle's checks

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

A man who is accused of stealing more than \$5,000 from his uncle's bank account by stealing his checks and forging his signature was arrested by police last week. Paulo Lauti is being 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.

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 his Bank of Hawaii account. 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 at the end of the month, that he realized someone had withdrew money from his bank account without his permission.

The victim told investigators that five checks were stolen from his personal check book 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 in the amount of \$400.

Police reviewed records from the bank pertaining to the transactions, and a bank teller who provided information to investigators said the checks were paid to the order of an individual named Paulo Lauti, the defendant in this case, who is also the victim's nephew.

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

Police were also 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 his forgiveness.

Lauti made his initial appearance in the District Court last week, but was remanded back to custody, unable to post a \$5,000 surety bond.

His next court appearance, a preliminary examination, is set for this week.

Iraq says may use force if Kurdish referendum turns violent

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq is prepared to intervene militarily if the Kurdish region's planned independence referendum results in violence, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Saturday. If the Iraqi population is "threatened by the use of force outside the law, then we will intervene militarily," he said. Iraq's Kurdish region plans to hold the referendum on support for independence from Iraq on Sept. 25 in three governorates that make up their autonomous region, and in disputed areas controlled by Kurdish forces but which are claimed by Baghdad. "If you challenge the constitution and if you challenge the borders of Iraq and the borders of the region, this is a public invitation to the countries in the region to violate Iraqi borders as well, which is a very dangerous escalation," al-Abadi said. The leaders of Iraq's Kurdish region have said they hope the referendum will push Baghdad to come to the negotiating table and create a path for independence. However, al-Abadi said such negotiations would likely be complicated by the referendum vote. "It will make it harder and more difficult," he said, but added, "I will never close the door to negotiations. Negotiations are always possible." Iraq's Kurds have come under increasing pressure to call off the vote from regional powers and the United States.

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10 : am	00' Jisook's Table for O' 10' Battle Trip (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Nature Concert in Jeju (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	30' Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama "Golden Cross" (E,R)				00'	KBS Special Asia is K-pop World Festival	Golden Cross (E,R)	
12 NOON		Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E,R)							
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Girl's Generation 1979 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)			The Beauty (E,R)	30'
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Nature Concert in Jeju (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	Battle Trip (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R) Final	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	Guerilla Date (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Girls' Generation 2017 (E,R)	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama	00'
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R) # 18, 19, 20.	Mon-Tue Drama Girls' Generation 2017 (E,R) # 1, 2.	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R) # 2, 3, 4..	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R) # 10, 11, 12.	Two Days and One Night (E,R)		Girl's Generation 1979 (E,R)	Manhole (E,R)	
6 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E,R)						Hollo Counselor (E,R)	20'
7 : pm	40' History of Korea (E)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Girl's Generation 1979 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R) Final		Music Bank (E)	40'	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	40'
8 : pm	00' Music Bank in Singapore (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Nature Concert in Jeju (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
9 : pm	20' Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)				20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
10 : pm	40' Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)	KBS 9 News (Live)					KBS 9 News (Live)		00'
11 : pm	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Girl's Generation 1979 Mon-Tue Drama (E)	Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E)		Music Bank (E)	20'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E)		20'
12 : 00	00' Hollo Counselor (E)	Nature Concert in Jeju (E)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama Girl's Generation 1979 (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	30'
Next Day	Encore Drama "Golden Cross" (E)				"The Return of Superman" Special (E)	50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'
1 : am	30' KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	10'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
2 : am	40' History of Korea (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	KBS Special Asia is 20 Years Old (E)	Battle Trip (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
3 : am	40' Music Bank in Singapore (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	00'	Golden Cross (E,R)	KBS Special Asia is 20 Years Old (E,R)	00'
4 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Girl's Generation 1979 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		Music Bank				
5 : am	30' Hollo Counselor(E,R)	Nature Concert	Sketchbook	Happy Together	Music Bank				

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