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Deputy Commissioner Falana'ipupu Ta'ase Sagapolupele (left) and two other police officers escorting Police Officer Fa'auma Malo (right) from the DPS Central Station in Fagatogo, to an awaiting police unit, after he was arrested last Friday morning. Malo will make his initial appearance in the District Court today. See story below for details. [photo: courtesy]

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## CID investigation leads to the arrest of a cop

LE'I SAYS NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW, EVEN POLICE OFFICERS

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

A police officer was arrested at the DPS main central station in Fagatogo and taken into custody at the Tafuna Correctional Facility (TCF) in Tafuna last Friday.

His initial appearance in the District Court is scheduled for today. As of press time, it was unclear what Police Officer (PSO) Fa'auma Malo is being accused of.

DPS Deputy Commissioner, Falana'ipupu Ta'ase Sagapolupele declined to go into detail about why Malo was arrested.

"I cannot provide any information about this case," he said. "You can either talk to the Police Commissioner or wait until the officer appears before the court next Monday."

Fa'auma Malo is a member of the 25th Police Academy, part of the crew that was sworn in as police officers earlier this year in June. Prior to that, Malo worked in the DPS Marine Patrol Division. Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson confirmed to Samoa News during an interview last Friday, that an active duty uniformed officer was arrested and taken into custody to await his court appearance.

"After a long investigation by CID, an active duty officer was arrested today (last Friday), and he's now in custody to await his initial before District Court Judge next Monday," Le'i said, adding that the Criminal Investigation Division carried out a complete investigation into the matter — including interviewing witnesses and collecting evidence — and after everything was said and done, "we have sufficient evidence for the charge of a public servant acceding to corruption."

Le'i never identified the detained officer by name.

The Commissioner wants to send a clear message to the public, saying that no one is above the law — even those who are sworn police officers, there's nothing to protect them if they break the law.

According to Le'i, just because they are police officers, does not mean they are exempted in any way.

"This is not accepted in our office," the Police Commissioner said. "Let me make myself clear: no one is above the law. If you're a leader, a citizen, a police officer, or whoever — we all have to obey the law," adding that everyone is under the microscope. The Commissioner said all police officers were trained and educated to abide by the law, meaning everything a police officer does will be scrutinized if it isn't according to the law.

He said there are laws on the books, and they aren't his laws, but laws that have been there for many years, and it's the duty of police officers to enforce them.

"We are police officers, and we have to set an example for everyone to follow. It must begin with us. We are the public mirror, and we need the public to know and see that we're fol-

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## A second tugboat for American Samoa will cost \$1 million

COAST GUARD WAIVER ALLOWING THE USE OF ONE TUG EXPIRES MID-NOVEMBER

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

The US Coast Guard has confirmed that it had issued a waiver to the Port of Pago Pago — allowing the use of one tugboat — as well as an extension for the ASG Port Administration Department to come up with a second tugboat by mid-November this year.

So far Port Administration appears to have identified a possible second tugboat, the 'Signet Courageous' in Louisiana, working with Ocean Marine Brokerage Services, based in Schriever, LA, where an engineer from American Samoa is assessing the tug. During a Senate committee hearing last week, it was confirmed that ASG's older tugboats, Tautua, which had been out of commission for about 15 years, and the Tatoso, which had encountered many mechanical problems, were auctioned off by the Office of Property Management.

Port Administration director Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele informed senators that the Coast Guard has allowed the use of only one tugboat, Sailele, for water traffic in Pago Pago Harbor, with the understanding that ASG is to receive before year's end, a second tugboat.

However, there have been concerns from some lawmakers and others in the community, about the safety in using just one tugboat, especially when large oil tankers and container vessels call into Pago Pago Harbor, which comes under the

jurisdiction of the US Coast Guard Captain of the Port Honolulu, headed by USCG Capt. Michael C. Long. Responding to Samoa News questions, Honolulu-based Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Scott Carr said that Long's original "waiver" to Port Administration was dated Oct. 28, 2016 and then on Sept. 1, 2017 a 10-week extension was granted, permitting single tug operations until Nov. 15th.

"The extension was granted to the Port Administration to allow the additional time requested to identify, purchase, and place in service a second towing vessel in order to meet the Alternate Planning Criteria for American Samoa," Carr said via email from Honolulu last Friday.

In granting the 10-week extension of the waiver, Long stated that in "light of the mechanical issues experienced with the tugboat Sailele" he sought assurances from Port Administration that these issues are being addressed and if additional issues arise that the local Coast Guard office be notified immediately, according to a copy of the Sept. 1, 2017 letter from Long to Taimalelagi, provided by Carr to Samoa News.

"I would like to be notified as soon as you have identified an additional towing vessel that meets your acquisition plans and if the implementation schedule cannot be met," wrote Long, who added that he fully understands the challenges faced by ASG and Port Administration regarding this

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Samoan comedian Tofiga Fepulea'i, surrounded by local residents following a successful benefit dinner fundraiser for the Special Olympics of American Samoa — "Road to Abu Dhabi 2019" — held last Saturday at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium — le fale laumei in Utulei.

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# Six candidates vying in special election for former Rep. Pulele'iite's House seat

**WED., SEPT. 27TH: DEADLINE TO CHALLENGE THE RIGHT OF A CANDIDATE TO RUN**

by *Fili Sagapolutele*  
*Samoa News Correspondent*

Six individuals, including the current House chief clerk, have been determined by Chief Election Officer, Uiagalelei Dr. Uiagalelei Lealofi as eligible candidates for next month's special election for House of Representative District No. 5, Sua No. 1 - which is comprised of Fagaitua, Amaua, Auto, Avaio, Alega, Aumi and Laulii.

Registered voters for District No. 5, Sua No. 1 have before the close of business on Wednesday this week to challenge the eligibility of the individuals seeking public office.

Uiagalelei has already declared Oct. 24th as the date for the special election.

The seat became vacant following the Sept. 1st resignation of Pulele'iite Li'amatua Tufele Jr. who is now concentrating on

his role as interim chief executive officer of the American Samoa TeleCommunications Authority.

Possible candidates for the District No. 5, Sua No. 1 seat had until 4:30p.m. last Friday to file petition and nomination forms for the special election.

Before 5p.m. last Friday, Uiagalelei released the "determination of candidates" directive, saying that based upon the nomination petitions filed and other documents with the Election Officer, he has determined the six individuals who are "eligible to qualify as candidates" for the Oct. 24th Special Election.

They are: Fialupe Felila Fiaui Lutu; Ketesemane Meaole; Laloni P. Maloa; Tuialofi Faalae Lauatuaa Tunupopo; Tuifagalilo P. Vele; and Uele Fale S. Uele.

(Samoa News notes that the order in which the names are listed in this story, as well as the spelling, are based on the list from the Election Office.)

Pursuant to local statute, Uiagalelei said that any registered qualified elector of District No. 5, Sua No. 1, "may challenge the right" of the above individuals to be a candidate for public office. The challenge shall be in writing, setting forth grounds upon which it is based and signed by the elector making the challenge.

Additionally, the challenge shall be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 4:30p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27th. Upon expiration of the deadline or the determination of any challenges, candidates shall be certified and ballots will be printed, bearing the names of the certified candidates.

Among the six individuals seeking public office is Lutu, who has been serving as Chief Clerk of the House for more than a decade, and former faipule Tuialofi - who has tried unsuccessfully in past elections to return to the House.

During last November's general election, Pulele'iite was challenged Meaole, Tuialofi and Uele. Tuialofi came in second, followed by Uele, with Meaole coming in 4th place. The same three candidates tried unsuccessfully to unseat Pulele'iite during the 2014 general election as well.

Meanwhile, voter registration is now open and will be closed at 4:30p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2nd for the special election.

The Election Office is currently accepting requests for off island absentee ballots for uniformed service voters, overseas voters, and students attending institutions of higher learning outside of American Samoa. The last day to request an off island absentee ballot is 4:30p.m. on Oct. 10th.

For more information call the Election Office at 699-3570 or log on to <[www.americansamoelectionoffice.org](http://www.americansamoelectionoffice.org)>

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# FONO BRIEFS

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

## DPS REQUESTED TO HOLD PUBLIC AWARENESS ON TRAFFIC LAWS

With the increase in public complaints regarding police citing motorists for alleged violations of local traffic laws, Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai has suggested that the Department of Public Safety conduct public awareness programs — involving state run KVZK-TV — to explain to the public, current laws pertaining to vehicles.

Paepae made the suggestion to Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson, during a Senate hearing early last week regarding the recent purchase of two new police vehicles. Paepae used the hearing to share several issues with Le'i, saying he has a copy of the law dealing with mufflers and tinted windows.

The Alataua senator said a public awareness program will give the community a much better understanding of what is prohibited when it comes to their personal vehicles, and an explanation would reduce public complaints — many of which have reached lawmakers.

Paepae's suggestion comes at a time when there have been complaints from motorists about getting a traffic citation for the loud noise coming from their car's muffler, and some motorists are getting ticketed for adding flashing lights to their vehicle's body.

Samoa News has heard from two motorists who plan to challenge their traffic citations over the loud muffler sound. They said they plan to argue that the secondhand car came with the muffler which produces a loud noise. Additionally, their cars have just passed inspection at the Office of Motor Vehicles. Both motorists claim to have been ticketed three times over a span of 10-days for the alleged muffler violations.

Also during the Senate hearing, Paepae asked about eight police officers, who were among the recent graduates of the 25th Police Academy and are now assigned to schools.

These police officers are paid

under a federal grant through the ASG Criminal Justice Planning Agency.

Paepae claimed that none of these officers are at Leone High School, and he knows this because he has checked. He said it's important that these officers are present during school to prevent, among other things, the flow of drugs into the schools, especially LHS.

Le'i acknowledged the grant funded police officers' posts, and explained that DPS is very short on cops and the 8 officers in question are also being utilized for police work in addition to checking on all public and private schools on island.

He said DPS is looking at setting up another police academy to recruit more police officers.

Paepae recommended that DPS comply with all provisions of the federal grant.

## SENATE ENDORSES VEHICLE REGISTRATION BILL

In a unanimous 15-1 vote last Wednesday, the Senate approved its version of an Administration bill seeking to amend provisions of local law regarding vehicle registration fees, by adding \$12 per ton of weight or fraction thereof, when a car is brought in for registration renewal.

Currently the law only states that the renewal for motor vehicles is \$32; but over the years people have also been paying \$12 per ton of weight for renewals — something that is not stated in the statute.

The bill clarifies provisions of the law that were not very clear, said Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale, during a Senate hearing on the bill last month. For everyone who has paid the \$12 per ton of weight for renewals, it appears no one is getting a refund, and this is what Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai declared during the Senate hearing last month after Talauega declined to comment on refunds, saying the matter is not mentioned in the bill so there is no reason to discuss it.

Another proposed amendment in the bill, is for "half (50%) of tonnage fees collec-

tion... be placed in a road maintenance fund to be used for road repairs."

Current law states that a total of \$7 from each fee paid for registration, is earmarked for the Department of Public Safety for law enforcement costs, and maintenance and supplies for the production of driver's licenses and vehicle registrations.

## BILL TO ESTABLISH "LLC" IN AMERICAN SAMOA

The final revenue measure from the Administration was introduced last week in both the Senate and House, and it's a bill that would allow the formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) entities in American Samoa. According to the 115-page English version of the bill, the measure provides owners with advantages of corporate limited liability status and partnership tax treatment, and allows owners — both local and foreign — to register limited liability companies through the Treasury Department.

The Administration said LLCs are one of the most prevalent business entities in the US and all states have legislation permitting their formation in their respective jurisdictions.

The local proposed law is based on the federal Uniform Limited Liability Company Act which has passed in 18 other US jurisdictions. According to the bill, LLCs provide limited liability protections similar to a corporation and the tax benefits of partnerships, which will entice individuals to open more businesses. According to the governor, the bill "aims to increase commerce and business" in the territory, adding that local business entity statutes need updating, and permitting the formation of LLCs "is an important" step.

The "American Samoa Limited Liability Company Act" details, among other things, the registration and formation of an LLC; relations of members and managers to persons dealing with LLCs, as well as relations of members to each other and to the LLC.

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FILE - This file image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows, from left, Taron Egerton, Colin Firth, and Pedro Pascal in "Kingsman: The Golden Circle." The R-rated spy comedy, "Kingsman: The Golden Circle," has taken over the top spot at the North American box office with an estimated \$39 million debut. The 20th Century Fox release pushed the Stephen King sensation, "It," into second place in its third week of release.

(Giles Keyte/Twentieth Century Fox via AP, File)



## Letter to the Editor

“LEGALIZING DRUGS NOT AS FAR FETCHED...”

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter to the editor in Friday’s paper — Sept. 22 — regarding the comments made by the editor at the end of the column. The suggestion that these drugs be made legal and taxed is not as far fetched as it may sound.

Many of the European countries have done just that, and for a very simple and sound reason. First, they have long since realized that the influx of hard and soft drugs cannot and never have been able to be stopped. As Friday’s letter mentioned, the war on drugs in the U.S. is a lost one. Drugs are cheaper and more plentiful than ever in the history of our country, and why is that?

It’s because the illegal drug trade is the purest form of capitalism at work — demand and supply. The demand is huge, thus the supply is too. And what the Europeans have realized is that by legalizing drugs they have eliminated a huge profit center that the underworld — the mafia and cartels — developed and made enormous fortunes on.

The U.S. gov’t realized this with alcohol during prohibition, that by making alcohol legal again they alone control and reap the benefits of the taxation. Heck, take a look at the states that have legalized “marijuana”.

They are making literally hundreds of millions on the taxes and revenue generated by the sale of legal marijuana. Now understand, I think the meth problem all over the world is a terrible scourge.

But we need to look at this from a realistic point of view. Even the countries that execute dealers have not put a tiny dent in the influx of drugs in their countries.

We here in Am. Samoa are so stuck in a time warp with regards to marijuana that it’s really a joke. Bear in mind that one can be prescribed opioids such as Morphine, Oxycotin, Oxycodone, Vicadin, all of which are far more potent and addictive than cannabis. And let’s be real too:

Cannabis is far less potent than even one beer. I have never heard of fights breaking out from being too stoned on pot, but a friend of mine was beaten to death a couple of years ago during a drinking binge.

Look at the effects that alcohol has on our community. We all know one or more alcoholics in our families and villages, and the affects it’s having on all those around them.

And like the drugs, there is not one venue to address this addiction, no rehab — only a stint in the T.C.F. when things get out of hand. The problem of course lies in the “easy money”: This territory receives a large amount of federal money for the “war on drugs”, so naturally we cannot allow pot to be legalized, eh?

Such short sightedness and shallow thinking prevails as we continue to live in a cloistered world of our own making here.

Put it to a vote — if the Fono has the nerve — which I believe they do not, to legalize marijuana, and watch how fast it becomes legal. It is NOT a gateway drug, as was the conventional thinking for years. It does not lead to stronger drugs.

I am 61 years old, with a chronic spinal condition that allows me to receive strong pain meds monthly, when the reality is that marijuana has been as effective when prescribed by my doctors in the states.

And yet we are so closed minded here that this proven medication is not available to those who would prefer that over powerful opioids.

The scientific facts are valid, the stuff works, is not addictive, and yet we continue to allow our local ‘mafia’ such as those mentioned in the letter to the editor to run and control the supply.

The economy is in tatters, the gov’t is in dire straights with its finances, the bloated monster that is this government is, is on the cusp of crumbling in on itself, as it tries to raise taxes that only hurt the poor working class folks — increasing fees that in turn only stifle growth.

Lord I ask that you show the ignorant the wisdom to see truth, the courage to make the right decisions, and the fortitude to do what is right and just to make our island the better place it can and should be.

signed,  
John Engles

(Editor’s note: If anyone has been listening to US national news about the war on drugs in the US — many users are saying it’s cheaper to buy heroin than purchase the opioids!)

While here locally, it is difficult to support laws that dictate harsh sentences for illegal drug use & possession when there are no rehab programs on the table, and no new jobs because there are no new industries. I agree with Mr. Engles — let’s call for a referendum on marijuana — to make it our new cash crop, along with taro and bananas.

Unlike Mr. Engles, however, I don’t think it will pass, but this way there will be an answer from the people, not just dictates from leaders who want to take more of our money through excise fees, because it’s easier than working for it — GONG! ra)

# National Park Fire Crew heads to California for the second time this year

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa — Families and friends of the fire crew from American Samoa gathered at the airport last Friday to say farewell to their loved ones. A crew of 13 firefighters departed last Friday for the second time this year to fight wildfires in California.

They will be joined by another five Samoan crew members still in Honolulu from their previous deployment. They are scheduled to return home October 9, 2017.

Once in California, the national park’s fire crew will receive their assignment and work side-by-side with fire crews from across the nation.

“This is a very unique situation since the establishment of the Fire Crew in American Samoa back in the year 2000. This is a rare opportunity that our Crew has been deployed

twice this year.” said Acting Superintendent Daniel George.

“The National Park of American Samoa Fire Crew is well known throughout the United States as a dedicated, hardworking and valuable asset to the national wildland fire response team. We are very proud of this crew. These guys would go beyond their normal duties to fully complete a task assigned to them. This deployment is not only an opportunity for them to contribute to the greater good of our country; it is also valuable experience for them. Please join me in wishing them a successful deployment and in looking forward to their safe return,” Mr. George said.

In partnership with Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park, the National Park of American Samoa trains staff and local villagers in the skills required to

fight fires at home and within other areas of the United States.

To become wildland firefighters, this crew had to complete rigorous training and pass a demanding written and physical test. The fire crew is made up of National Park Service employees, American Samoa Government employees, and local businesses.

Local government agencies and businesses have wholeheartedly supported this effort by allowing some of their employees to be a part of the National Park Service fire crew and to be absent for this deployment for the next month.

This year, nine major wildfires in California have destroyed hundreds of homes and burned over two-hundred thousand acres.

(Source: National Park Service of American Samoa)



Families and friends of the fire crew from American Samoa gathered at the airport last Friday to say farewell to their loved ones. A crew of 13 fire fighters departed last Friday for the second time this year to fight wildfires in California.

[photo: NPSAS]

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lowing the law that we’re enforcing — not breaking it,” Le’i said.

He continued, “When things like this happen, people will ask if we are really doing our work, if we are really enforcing the laws. We must be clean and be good examples for everyone to follow.

I have made myself clear — if you do things you shouldn’t be doing, I’ll have you arrested, no questions asked.”

According to Le’i, there are many police officers, new and old timers, who are doing a great job within the department and for the people.

He offers them the same message: Comply with the law.

“The law is to protect the people as well as ourselves. So, I will not hesitate for one moment. I just want to make it clear, that it doesn’t matter to me who you are,” Le’i said.

Samoa News asked whether Friday’s arrest had anything to do with the ongoing investigations being carried out by the Vice & Narcotics Tactical Unit pertaining to drugs on island, and whether the case has a companion case with a pending investigation.

Le’i said the arrested cop is an individual case investigated by CID, and pointed out that this is not something personal, targeting a specific officer or a group of police officers, or trying to get rid of any of them.

“All I can say is that a uniformed police officer has been arrested for not carrying out his duty.

We’re not hiding anything. Everything is above par and the public has the right to know it — they truly deserve to know what’s going on around the island — and even inside the police force,” he said, adding

that there are things he cannot comment on, because there are ongoing investigations.

He said he salutes all police officers and their families for their service in protecting local residents everyday.

“This is not an easy task. To all the police officers who are patient and work hard in protecting our people, I salute them all and their families.

My heart really breaks because it is not an easy thing to do. Things we do make people mad, frustrated, angry and all — but I think in the long run it benefits those who deserve recognition, it goes a long way for everyone.

“Like I said, I feel bad about it. I really do;

but I do what I have to do. It’s our duty as police officers,” Le’i concluded.





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**SAMOA SIGNS NUCLEAR BAN TREATY**

In New York for the 72 United Nations General Assembly meeting, Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi on behalf of Samoa has endorsed the “Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons”.

“As a signatory to this historic treaty, we wanted to demonstrate unequivocally our aspiration to have a world without nuclear weapons,” the Samoan leader told the United Nations General Assembly in his address. “The conventional narrative that the possession of nuclear weapons will act as deterrent to make the world a safer place to live, is not borne out by the current realities, otherwise the developments in the Korean peninsula would not have happened at all.”

Tuilaepa reiterated that Samoa firmly believes that possessing nuclear weapons and adding new nuclear powers only make our world less safe, less secure, and less peaceful - hence the need to rid our world completely of all nuclear weapons. “No matter the noble goal for having such arsenals, availing them to the wrong and unprincipled hands is a recipe for doom and mayhem, as

people, after all, are human and mere mortals,” he continued.

“We cannot help but watch with trepidation and uneasiness the global dynamics nudging our world perilously close to a potential catastrophe of unimaginable proportions.

“As small island Pacific countries, we are no longer protected by our isolation - we are bystanders but with the greatest to lose in the unfolding power drama being played out in the Korean Peninsula.

“We pray for visionary leadership with sound moral judgment on both sides to ensure we give peace a chance.”

The Treaty – adopted on 7 July this year at a UN conference in New York by a vote of 122 in favor to one against (Netherlands), with one abstention (Singapore) – prohibits a full range of nuclear-weapon-related activities, such as undertaking to develop, test, produce, manufacture, acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, as well as the use or threat of use of these weapons.

42 United Nations member countries have signed the Treaty, with more expected.

The Treaty will enter into force 90 days after it has been ratified by at least 50 countries.

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

**AMERICAN SAMOA FUSION CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED**

PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA, September 22, 2017 – Under the direction of the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security (ASDHS), the American Samoa Fusion Center (Fusion Center) will be established as a collaborative effort on safety and security.

The Fusion Center will be locally-centralized and will provide a mechanism where law enforcement, public safety, and private partners can come together to enhance our territory’s ability to safeguard our homeland and people, and prevent criminal activity within, at, and outside our island’s borders.

The Fusion Center will be a collaborative effort among six key American Samoa Government agencies. They are: (1) Department of Homeland Security; (2) Department of Public Safety; (3) Department of Legal Affairs Immigration Office; (4) Department of Treasury Customs and Excise Division; (5) Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources; and (6) Department of Port Administration.

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## Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title FUIAVA of the village of FALEASAO by BERT FUIAVA of the village of FALEASAO, county of FALEASAO, MANU'A District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title FUIAVA shall be registered in the name of BERT FUIAVA in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: AUGUST 11, 2017 thru OCTOBER 10, 2017  
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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

O le fa'aaliga lenei ua faasalalauina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauina o le suafa matai o FUIAVA o le nu'u o FALEASAO e BERT FUIAVA o FALEASAO faalupega o FALEASAO falelima i MANU'A.

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

A i ai se tasi e faafinagaloina, ia faaulufaleina sana talosaga tete'e, po o sana faalavelave tusitusia i le Ofisa o Resitara i totonu o aso e 60 mai le aso na faalauiloa ai lenei fa'aaliga. Afai o lea leai se talosaga tete'e, po'o se faalavelave foi e faaulufaleina mai i aso e 60 e pei ona taua i luga, o lea faamauina loa lea suafa matai i le igoa o BERT FUIAVA e tusa ai ma aiaiga o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa.

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In The District Court  
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AD Nos. 10-17 & 11-17

IN RE: A CHILD  
TWO MINOR CHILDREN.

NOTICE/FA'AALIGA

TO: TUPE CRICHTON  
Vailoatai Village  
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above-named respondent that petitions have been filed before the District Court of American Samoa to legally adopt a female child born on June 6, 2006, at LBJ Tropical Medical Center, Fagaalu, American Samoa; and also a male child born on June 11, 2007, in San Jose, Santa Clara, California. A hearing will be held after two months and ten days from the date of the first publication of this notice, in which the Court may enter an order legalizing the adoptions of said children by the petitioner. If you have any objection, you must appear within two months and ten days from the date of the first publication of this notice and file an objection or a claim with the Court.

O LE FAAALIGA UA TUUINAATU ia te oe o loo taua lou suafa i luga, ona ua ia ni talosaga ua faauluina ile Faamasinoga Faa-itumalo o Amerika Samoa, e faatamafai ai se teineitiiti faapea sa fanau o ia ile aso 6 o Iuni, 2006, i le falemai i Fagaalu, Amerika Samoa; ma se tamaititi faapea sa fanau o ia i le aso 11 o Iuni, 2007, i San Jose, Kalifonia. O nei talosaga o le a faia pe a tuana'i le lua masina ma aso e sefulu mai le aso ole uluai faasalalauga o lenei faaaliga. Afai e te tete'e, ia faaulu se talosaga tete'e ile Faamasinoga i totonu o le lua masina ma aso e sefulu mai le uluai faasalalauga o lenei faaaliga.

Dated/Aso: April 18, 2017

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Published: 8/25 & 9/25



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# Cool Stuff: Catalyst, iPhone protection

by Barry Markowitz

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## 7 charged with rioting after protest in St. Louis County

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Protesters who were arrested at an unruly demonstration at a suburban St. Louis shopping mall were released from jail Sunday amid cheers from demonstrators.

An estimated 200 people gathered at the St. Louis County Justice Center Sunday afternoon, a day after 22 protesters were arrested at the St. Louis Galleria in Richmond Heights. Among those released Sunday was the Rev. Karla Frye. Protesters claim Frye was choked by police. Frye was charged with assault, rioting and two counts of resisting arrest. A court document accused her of jumping on the back of a police officer, injuring the officer.

Six other protesters were charged with rioting and resisting arrest. The 15 others will be referred to Richmond Heights Municipal Court for local charges.

The protest was one of several since mid-September, when a judge acquitted former police officer Jason Stockley of first-degree murder in the death of a black drug suspect. Nearly 200 people have been arrested in demonstrations since the ruling.





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As the only U.S. territory without a fusion center, it is high time that American Samoa establishes a locally-operated and managed fusion center. The Fusion Center will serve as the territorial hub with the federal government, through which to coordinate the sharing of intelligence and the gathering, processing, analysis, and dissemination of terrorism, criminal activity, and law enforcement information. The Fusion Center will be structured to empower front-line law enforcement, public safety, fire service, emergency response, and private sector security personnel to understand local implications of national intelligence. This will enable local officials to better protect our community.

In addition to local government and community backing, the Fusion Center will also involve the support of ASDHS federal partners, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Fusion Center will be a major contribution to the Pacific Region, specifically the Hawai'i State Fusion Center and the Marianas Regional Fusion Center in Guam.

(Source: ASDHS)

**PM TUILAEPA CALLS ON WORLD LEADERS TO PRIORITIZE CLIMATE CHANGE**

NEW YORK — September

21, 2017 —Addressing the 72nd annual general debate at the United Nations General Assembly, leaders from Pacific small Island developing states highlighted the growing impact of climate change on the lives of their people and called for concerted action to address the threat. “As small island Pacific countries, we are no longer protected by our isolation,” said Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, the Prime Minister of Samoa, adding: “Climate change, like other global challenges, cross borders seamlessly. It has no respect for sovereignty and does not discriminate countries between rich or poor.” “Its dire consequences are real including [for] those who remain in denial,” he underscored, urging global leaders to collectively prioritize the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change. Also in his address, Prime Minister Malielegaoi, spoke of the importance of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and highlighted that, for small island development States, the 2014 ‘Samoa Pathway’ is their sustainable development roadmap which highlights their key tasks and priorities and links closely with the 2030 Agenda.

The Samoa leader also noted the escalating crisis in the Korean Peninsula and called for visionary leadership to ensure that peace is given a chance. Concluding his remarks, he also informed the General Assembly of the Summit of Leaders of discussions and outcomes at the

Pacific Island Forum, which Samoa hosted earlier this year.

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

**AMATA WELCOMES \$250,000 IN LITERACY SUPPORT**

Washington, D.C. – Friday, Congresswoman Aumua Amata was pleased to welcome a \$250,000 federal literacy grant for the American Samoa Department of Education. “I welcome these funds to help our educators in American Samoa as they develop reading skills in our students,” said Aumua Amata. “High literacy skills are essential for students as they look forward to graduating and pursuing their goals.” Specifically, this grant of \$250,447 from the U.S. Department of Education is designated for the American Samoa Department of Education under the Striving Readers Comprehensive Grant Program. This program was authorized by Congress to promote literacy skills for students from beginning school through their senior year of high school, and each state and territory then created their Comprehensive Literacy Plan.

“Encouraging the next generation of readers is important work,” continued Congresswoman Amata. “Congratulations to Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, along with Netini Sene, and everyone involved at the American Samoa Department of Education on obtaining this grant for literacy efforts.”

(Source: Congresswoman Aumua Amata’s Office, Washington D.C.)



Samoaan entertainer Tofiga Fepulea'i, standing next to a board featuring his photo and the \$100,000 goal of the Special Olympics of American Samoa. The first benefit dinner fundraiser for the “Road to Abu Dhabi 2019” was hosted this past Saturday at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium, in Utulei.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF AMERICAN SAMOA

The Secretary of American Samoa wishes to inform the residents interested in obtaining a notary public commission, or in renewing a commission, that the next course on notary law and ethics will be offered on September 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2017 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 5:30pm – 7:30pm, at the American Samoa Community College. As is required by the Notary Act of 2007, Public Law 30-18, as amended, anyone who wishes to obtain a Notary Public Commission must undergo and successfully complete a course on Notary law, procedure and ethics.

Please contact Melesete Haleck or Sally Faumuina at the Office of the Governor at 633-4116 to register and for more information, or visit the website [www.americansamoa.gov](http://www.americansamoa.gov), and click on the “Secretary of American Samoa” hyperlink to find out more.



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### PUBLIC JOB POSTING

Position Title	Welder I	Posting Date	September 25, 2017
Department	Power Generation	Deadline	4:00 PM, October 6, 2017
Division	Electric	Starting Rate	\$18,486 - \$19,237 per year \$8.89 - \$9.25 per hour
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation		
Reports To	Mechanical Supervisor	Job Grade/Status	D/6/A - D/7/A; Non-Exempt

#### Major Duties & Responsibilities

The primary objective of the position is to perform welding and fabrication services for the Electric Division. The journeyman welder shall weld/fabricate auxiliary pieces, frames and pipework for – generator sets, mechanical/ electrical equipment, building frames, steel tanks for power generation and other company operations; shall rebuild and/or weld components; shall ensure all work is conducted safely in accordance with established standards; shall work to enhance the productivity, reliability and efficiency of the generation division and other utility services.

#### Minimum Requirements

Education	Trade Certificate in welding or equivalent discipline.
Experience	Five (5) years related work experience in welding and fabrication required in addition to the minimum educational requirement having been obtained Seven (7) years related work experience in welding and fabrication will be considered in place of the minimum educational requirement.
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	Must be knowledgeable and have experience with the operation of the arc-weld, tig-weld, mig-weld, gas-weld and welding of various metal materials (e.g. aluminum, stainless steel, steel, iron, etc.) Display a working knowledge of rules and safety practices. Determine dimensional specifications, set up, and operating requirements for each job. Respond with sound judgment to unusual and hazardous circumstances. Maintain information on dimensional specifications for future reference. Maintain records of all work undertaken and parts/materials used. Refer to service guides where required in order to obtain additional information. Skills to fabricate and weld metal materials according to required specifications and standards. Skills to manufacture/fabricate pieces, frames, columns, beams, tanks and pipework for power generation or other company operations Ability to communicate with other workers to coordinate the preparation and completion of work assignments. Ability to liaise with warehouse personnel and mechanics with regards to ordering of spare parts for welding equipment, welding materials and specialist tools etc.
Physical Demands:	Ability to use hand and power tools when required. Inspect progress using required tools and instruments of the welding trade. Assist coworkers in solving work related problems. Refer to service guides where required in order to obtain additional information. Perform other duties as required. Work involves standing, walking, stooping, bending, climbing and kneeling; Medium to heavy lifting is required. Good physical fitness is a requirement. Candidate will be subject to working under bad/unclear weather conditions in order to complete tasks.

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issue, and thanked Taimalelagi for her continued partnership in “managing the inherent risks associated with port operations”. At last week’s Senate committee hearing, Taimalelagi said engineers from port are currently in Louisiana and working with the Coast Guard on securing a second tugboat, which will be purchased using an estimated \$1 million funded by federal Capital Improvement Project (CIP) money.

Based on assessment by the engineers from the ASG shipyard, she said it would have cost about \$1 million for repairs to the tugboat Tatoso, but Port can use the \$1 million to purchase a used tugboat (not a ‘new tugboat’ as initially reported by Samoa News). Taimalelagi told Samoa News last Thursday that Port has Capt. Michael Pulu — who was the engineer on the tugboat Sailele when it sailed from Hawai’i to Pago Pago — in Louisiana looking for a tugboat.

“We also paid for Henry Ledoux, who is an engineer at a shipyard in Seattle, inspecting tugboats in Louisiana. We are making progress and plan to have another tugboat here in Pago by November, 2017,” she said, adding that Coast Guard officials from Honolulu have reiterated to the governor during a meeting last month the need for Pago Pago to have two tugboats. Port Administration has been working with the ASG shipyard since early April this year to address issues pertaining to the tugboats and have kept the governor abreast, according to exchanged emails between Taimalelagi and the local Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Unit (MSDU).

In one email, Taimalelagi informed Lt. Kevin P. Whalen, who was MSDU supervisor at the time that, “We are considering the possibility of acquiring a used tugboat that far exceeds the Tatoso and Sailele capabilities.”

“We take this issue of tugboats and the safety of Port operations very seriously. We are very aware and appreciative of the one-tug waiver and do not plan to continue with this practice for long,” Taimalelagi wrote. “However, should the Tatoso require the intense repairs that could take up to 6-12 months we would like to have another tugboat aside from the Sailele available within six months.”

In response, Whalen noted with concern that the one-tugboat waiver was put in place at the end of October 2016 and “there still has been no forward progress on getting either of the tugs up in the dry-dock.”

“In this time period we have already had a period of two days where vessels over 400gt could not enter the Port of Pago Pago due to high winds,” said Whalen, who requested to have “a concrete plan in place.”

When asked about the safety of having only one tugboat, Carr said last Friday, “Safety is always a primary concern of the US Coast Guard and the requirement to have two tugs operating in a port greatly reduces the likelihood of a maritime accident. He added that the “Coast Guard Captain of the Port understands how vital the Port of Pago Pago is to the residents of American Samoa so he developed four operational risk management mitigation strategies to allow port operations to continue for a limited period of time while Port Administration acquires a second tug to meet the Alternate Planning Criteria”.

Those “mitigation strategies”, he said, were put in place October 28, 2016 and are:

- Vessels entering/ departing port must conduct forward and astern propulsion tests and the results must be communicated to the harbor master;

- Vessels entering/ departing port must be manned and ready to immediately deploy the vessels anchor in the event the vessel loses propulsion;

- Vessels entering/ departing port must be manned and ready to immediately assume steerage from an alternate location in the event the vessel loses primary steering capability; and

- Arrival and departure transits shall not be conducted during periods of reduced visibility, to include darkness or when winds exceed 25 knots.

Both Taimalelagi and Carr provided to Samoa News copies of the Coast Guard letter from October last year, that outlined the “mitigation strategies”, in an effort to keep the public — especially port users and others — abreast of what both sides have put in place to ensure safety at Pago Pago Harbor.

Meanwhile, other tugboat issues, including the sale of the Tatoso, which is now operating in Samoa waters, will be the subject of a Senate Transportation/ Port Committee hearing today. Witnesses being called to testify are Taimalelagi as well as officials from the ASG shipyard and the Coast Guard.





# Church stoked tithing with unemployment scam, ex-members say

SPINDALE, North Carolina (AP) — When Randy Fields’ construction company faced potential ruin because of the cratering economy, he pleaded with his pastor at Word of Faith Fellowship church to reduce the amount of money he was required to tithe every week.

To his shock, Fields said church founder Jane Whaley proposed a divine plan that would allow him to continue tithing at least 10 percent of his income to the secretive evangelical church while helping his company survive: He would file fraudulent unemployment claims on behalf of his employees. She called it, he said, “God’s plan.”

Fields and 10 other former congregants told The Associated Press that they and dozens of employees who were church members filed bogus claims at Word of Faith Fellowship leaders’ direction, and said they had been interviewed at length about the false claims by investigators with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The unemployment allegations were uncovered as part of the AP’s ongoing investigation into Word of Faith, which has about 750 congregants in rural North Carolina and a total of nearly 2,000 members in its branches in Brazil and Ghana and its affiliations in Sweden, Scotland and other countries.

The former members estimated the fraudulent claims — some filed by the business owners’ wives and other family members — would have drawn payments totaling in the hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of six years.

The Department of Homeland Security referred questions to the U.S. attorney’s office in Charlotte, which cited an “ongoing investigation into allegations against Word of Faith Fellowship” and would not elaborate. The State Bureau of Investigation said the agency would not comment “due to the overall investigation” involving the church. Whaley and church attorney Josh Farmer did not respond to numerous requests for comment. In February, the AP cited more than three dozen former Word of Faith Fellowship members who said congregants were regularly punched and choked in an effort to beat out devils. The AP also revealed how, over the course of two decades, followers were ordered by church leaders to lie to authorities investigating reports of abuse. Last month, the AP outlined how Word of Faith created a pipeline of young laborers from its two Brazilian congregations who say they were brought to the U.S. and forced to work at busi-

nesses owned by church leaders for little or no pay. The AP’s stories have triggered investigations in both the United States and Brazil. Over the years, church leaders have owned and operated more than two dozen businesses. The interviews with former followers, along with documents reviewed by the AP, indicate at least six companies owned by leaders were involved with filing fraudulent unemployment claims between 2008 and 2013. Most of those businesses’ employees are congregants, the AP found.

Fields, who spent 24 years in the church before leaving in 2015, said his employees kept working without pay while collecting unemployment benefits. “Basically, their unemployment checks would become their paychecks,” he said.



## LBJ TROPICAL MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

September 11, 2017

The Department of Human Resources is accepting applications for the following position.

**Job Title:** (2) MIS Technician / (1) MIS Helpdesk Support  
**Department:** Management Information System (MIS)  
**Reports to:** Supervisor/Manager  
**Salary:** \$ 15,800.00 - \$ 23,000.00  
**Employment status:** Full Time (Career Service)

### Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide support for Mainframe components and PC applications widely used in LBJ operations
- Provide an on-going support to staff, observing and maintaining the LBJ computers
- Work collaboratively with the MIS team in the delivery of IT services across all users
- Perform system wide help desk functions in Microsoft Network environment, Open VISTA/CareVue Clinical Application, Insight support and software Support.
- Aid in providing support and setup for video conferencing session request
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- Aid in providing support and setup for presentations and network setup for this request
- Answer the phone calls pertaining to technical and user issues, log and input tickets
- 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
- Responsible for day to day help desk tasks to improve workflow.

### 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.
- Wide range experience in Microsoft Windows 7,8,10 Pro, Server 2003-2012 environments, MS suite of products, Network experiences (CAT5/CAT6 cabling/termination, LAN support), PC Hardware knowledge and troubleshooting skills. Communications and training ability. Experience with various software for PC’s and servers, support experience, ability to adapt and be very flexible to demands of the positions.
- 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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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**RFP:** Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019  
**Approved to issuance by:** Ruth Matagi-Fa’atili; DBAS President  
**Date of issuance:** August 16, 2017  
**Date & Time Due:** October 30, 2017  
**No later than 2:00 pm local time**

DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

### DOCUMENT

Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday August 18, 2017 or emailing [charmaine@dbas.as](mailto:charmaine@dbas.as) for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: [www.dbas.as](http://www.dbas.as) (click public notice)

The Request for Proposals (RFP) describes the specifications for the services to be provided in sufficient details to permit competition and allow the interested party to properly respond to the RFP.

This RFP is issued under Title 28, Chapter 1, of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

DBAS invites the submission of proposals to include pricing and other details as indicated in the specifications. Attachments will be provided as an aid in presenting a comprehensive proposal consistent with the requirements of DBAS.

DBAS will select a contractor who best meets the needs of DBAS. The factors for selection will include, but not be limited to the following: understanding of the requirements of the financial and single auditors; verifiable ability to perform well; good reputation; flexibility, including ability to respond quickly to needs of a small client in a remote location and throughout the year; and reasonability of costs.

The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from DBAS management and board. The committee may request interviews with potential contractors after reviewing the proposals before the final selection is made.

Submission: Proposals must be received by DBAS no later than 2:00pm local time on October 30, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Development Bank of American Samoa  
PO BOX 9  
Attention: Charmaine Faleaana  
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

They may also be emailed to [charmaine@dbas.as](mailto:charmaine@dbas.as), as an attachment in Word Format with a confirming email required to confirm receipt; or faxed to DBAS at (684) 633-1163 with a confirming fax to confirm receipt. The original is to follow by airmail first class.



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### PUBLIC JOB POSTING

Position Title	Lineman I	Posting Date	September 25, 2017
Department	Transmission & Distribution	Deadline	4:00 PM, October 6, 2017
Division	Electric	Starting Rate	\$18,486 - \$19,237 per year \$8.89 - \$9.25 per hour
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation		
Reports To	Lineman Lead	Job Grade/Status	D/6/A - D/7/A; Non-Exempt

#### Major Duties & Responsibilities

The incumbent will construct, operate and maintain ASPA's transmission / distribution lines and equipment in accordance with code and industry standards. Ensure REA Standards are met and ASPA's PM programs are accomplished. Incumbent must learn and apply information from technical manuals in the completion of duties and must be able to complete reports and other paperwork as well as mathematical calculations.

#### Minimum Requirements

Education	Technical certification or Associate's degree in Electrical Field or related field. Computer skills a plus.
Experience	Must complete three to four years of apprenticeship training, first-aid and other lifesaving training, heavy equipment, and report writing. Must have at least two years of lineman helper.
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	Ability to climb 30 feet poles to install service or secondary lines. Ability to climb 40 to 45 feet poles to install primary, single phase and 3-phase transformers. Must be able to pull, install and splice 0.48KV to 34.5 KV cables for underground services. Must be able to dig 4 to 7 foot holes to erect power poles. Skills to provide on-the-job training for lineman apprentices and trainees. Must be knowledgeable to install residential and commercial meters, inspect and recommend appropriate action to customers regarding ground rods, meter socket wiring and panels meter location, etc. Must be knowledgeable to assist/recommend appropriate action to Inspectors regarding pole transformers, insulators; ability to carry out PM work order system, maintenance and repair work. Skills to operate bucket and boom trucks to erect poles; pull lines, hookup transformers and work on hot line on power poles. Must be knowledgeable to prepare written reports for work performed, job order statuses, emergencies, outages, new installations, etc. , gather and prepare tools, equipment and materials each morning to completely perform their daily assigned tasks. Ability to enforce safety practices and calibrate electric meters.

Physical Demands:	Work involves standing, walking, stooping, bending, climbing and kneeling; Medium to heavy lifting is required. Good physical fitness is a requirement. Candidate will be subject to working under bad/unclear weather conditions in order to complete tasks.
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**Qualified applicants:** Please submit a completed ASPA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASPA (address listed above) by the deadline listed above. Please attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examinations (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on employment drug test. ASPA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary.  
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# Some Trump supporters grumble in battleground Michigan

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. (AP) — Republicans in Michigan, where Donald Trump triumphantly stamped the election last year, are giving the president mixed reviews nine months into his term in light of the all-but-dead effort to undo the Obama-era health care law.

While Trump still remains popular with the Michigan GOP's base, a number of state party loyalists attending a weekend conference expressed disappointment in the president's administration and his demeanor.

Some who criticize Trump struggled to excuse his bluster comments and stalled legislative record, masking their disappointment by faulting leaders in the GOP-controlled Congress for stymieing the man they backed last year as a take-charge leader.

And while Trump's name draws applause from large audiences, some say privately his first year isn't what they had hoped for when he rolled to victory through their state and nearby Midwestern battlegrounds in November.

"It's not going as well as it should," Paul McClorey said of the Trump administration.

McClorey, a construction company owner from near Lansing, and his wife, Alison, were among about 2,000 Michigan Republicans attending the Mackinac Leadership Conference, a biennial gathering on the scenic island off the Upper Peninsula.

Though the two-day event's public speakers have praised Trump from the podium in the Grand Hotel's opulent dining room, in conversations next door in the windowed parlor overlooking Lake Huron a more nuanced theme has emerged: We like him, but not everything we've seen from him.

"There are things he says that I just don't like," said Linda Kolich, a nurse from Kalamazoo.

She said Trump's vow during a speech to the United Nations this past week to "totally destroy North Korea" scared her. And his reference to North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un as "Rocket Man" she found "unbecoming to the office of the president." Her husband, Greg, suggested that a better approach would be "to speak softly and carry a big stick."

He said Trump is engaging in "playground B.S.," by publicly disparaging fellow Republicans such as Arizona Sen. John McCain, who again appears to have blocked the Senate's attempt to repeal the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

Trump "just won't play nice with some people," said Greg Kolich, a machinist.

To be sure, there was no love lost on McCain in this group of die-hard Republicans. "That bugger makes me so mad," said Marilyn Mackie of Sault Ste. Marie.

But it isn't just Trump's words that are getting to some of his supporters.

Some, like McClorey, said it was wrong to run at health care again after it had failed during the summer. The episodes leave yet another bruise on Trump's relationship with Congress, they said.

For others, like Mackie, it's the overdue promise of a major federal infrastructure program, which Trump talked up earlier in the year but has mentioned less often as the summer fight over health care has dragged into the fall.

Trump promised last year in Michigan, she said, to see through the decades-old reconstruction project on a Great Lakes lock system near her town.

"We need a new lock," she said. "He promised us a new lock." Specifically, the Poe Lock, the only one capable of handling standard barges, is at a critical point in an aging shipping complex that moves cargo between lakes Superior and Huron.

If the lock fails, the economic impact would be devastating, Gov. Rick Snyder said.

"They haven't come out with their infrastructure package yet," Snyder said Saturday, though it's on the list of projects he submitted when Trump sought input shortly after his January inauguration.

Granted, Snyder and a number of other Republicans in the Michigan party establishment were cool to Trump as the presidential nominee. And the late-summer conference attracts those who can afford to travel to the pricey resort, not so much the blue-collar conservatives who helped Trump carry Maccomb County, a tract of suburban Detroit recovering from what was double-digit unemployment less than a decade ago.

Former Rep. Candice Miller, from Maccomb County, was unfazed by her fellow Republicans' critiques of Trump.

"We are listening to him say 'Rocket Man' and want him to knock the guy's block off," Miller said. And Republicans who voted against the GOP health care bills? "They are going to be reminded of those votes," Miller said.

Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel, a former Michigan GOP chairwoman and granddaughter of a former governor, blamed Democrats for the inaction during her speech Friday evening.



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May the grace and peace of our Lord be with you.

This year marks the 30th Jubilee of the Nazareth House now renamed Hope House since its dedication in January 1987.

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As part of the 30th Jubilee program, the Hope House board has organized a week of events beginning with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 24th at 4:00 pm. There will also be a Fiafia Night program for our residents on the evening of Monday, September 25th at 6:00 pm at the Fatuoaga Malae.

Concluding the week long celebrations will be our annual fundraising golf tournament and raffle on September 30th, 2017 to raise the needed funds that help maintain Hope House.

We would be honored and look forward to your participation and support of Hope House 30th Jubilee celebrations. Please contact the following organizing committee members if you have any questions: Larry Sanitoa @ 733-3501, Ta'afano Joe Tavale @ 256-0362 or Teri Steffany @ 258-2981.

On behalf of the Diocese of Samoa Pago Pago and the Hope House board, I thank you for the tremendous support extended to Hope House these past 30 years.

*Sincerely in the Lord,*

**Most Reverend Peter Brown**

Bishop of the Diocese of Samoa Pago Pago

## *30th Jubilee Celebrations* **SEPTEMBER 24TH – 30TH, 2017**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 2017, 4:00 PM**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING – DIOCESE OF SAMOA PAGO PAGO,  
HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 2017, 6:00 PM**

HOPE HOUSE FIAFIA NIGHT @ FATUOAGA MALAE  
– Next to Holy Family Cathedral

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 2017, 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

HOPE HOUSE ROADSIDE WAVE – “THANK YOU AMERICAN SAMOA”  
– In front of Island Pizza & Tropical Chicken

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH 2017, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

HOPE HOUSE FACILITY TOUR – Confirmed & Scheduled Tours

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 2017, 12:00 PM**

HOPE HOUSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

– 1ST Group of Confirmed Teams

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 2017, 6:30 AM**

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– All Teams & Individual Players

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## Defense attorney for Oklahoma City bomber dead at 57

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Rob Nigh, a defense attorney who represented Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and witnessed his 2001 execution, died Sunday after a battle with cancer, former colleagues said. He was 57. Known for his encyclopedic legal knowledge, work ethic and intense preparation on every case he handled, Nigh also defended those accused of committing some of the state's most egregious crimes. Nigh died about three months after stepping down as Tulsa County's chief public defender for serious health issues.

Stephen Jones, McVeigh's lead defense attorney, told The Associated Press Sunday that he asked Nigh to be his assistant on the McVeigh case and recommended him to serve as the former soldier's appellate attorney because he thought of his colleague as "a zealous advocate" for clients.

Jones said his instinct to take Nigh on didn't disappoint.

"He was methodical," Jones recalled. "He prepared the basic outline of the defense of Mr. McVeigh, which was about 50 pages. He cross-examined many of the witnesses that were at trial, and I entrusted a great amount of responsibility to him." After joining the McVeigh defense team, Jones noticed that Nigh had forged a unique relationship with McVeigh.