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In this scene from the ASCC-ACNR Land Grant film "Gestational Diabetes Screening - Mo Lou Lumana'i Manuia," an American Samoan woman tries to find out about the disease named in the title. This film and another titled "The Placemat" were featured during a recent public screening at the College. See story inside for details. [courtesy photo]





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Kruse says failure to send evidence off island after 16 months is "ridiculous"

DRUG CASE WILL BE DISMISSED IF THE GOV'T ISN'T **READY FOR A TRIAL NEXT MONTH**

by Ausage Fausia

Samoa News Reporter

Chief Justice Michael Kruse had a special message for Assistant Attorney General, Woodrow Pengelly last week — the Court will dismiss the case against Danny Mika, without prejudice, if the government cannot move forward with a jury trial next month.

Mika, who is charged with one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), appeared before the High Court last Friday on the government's motion to continue his jury trial that was set for this week.

When Mika's case was called, Pengelly informed the court that they cannot move forward with a jury trial because the evidence in the case is yet to be sent off island for testing.

Kruse shook his head — and with a smile on his face — he asked the government's attorney, "What? The evidence has not been sent off island?" Pengelly responded yes, the evidence is still in the government's evidence room. He said he spoke to the Custodian last week, and she told him the evidence will be sent off island this week for testing. And because of that, Pengelly said the government is not ready for a trial this week.

Kruse, while raising his voice and looking at Pengelly, said the court had set the first trial date for Mika's case, and then there was a first back-up date, followed by the second and now a third. He said the first and second back-up dates are gone, and now the government is asking for another continuance? For a third time?

Kruse told Pengelly that the court's jury calendar is filled — up

Pengelly tried to explain that he was not the attorney on record for Mika's case, and the file was just transferred to him this year, and he has had to review every statement in the file so he could get a good understanding of the case. He asked the Court for one more continuance so the government can put everything together before the trial date.

"That is not the Court's job," Kruse replied. "You do your work while the Court is doing its job. I am going to dismiss this case without prejudice if the government can't go forward. Sixteen months have passed and the evidence is still sitting in the evidence room? It's ridiculous!" Kruse said.

He told Pengelly that "the whole criminal calendar this morning (last Friday) has something to do with meth possession and the possession with the intent to distribute, and now you tell me the government has to wait for 16 months to send their evidence off-island?" Kruse asked.

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US House approves tax reform bill, it extends the AS **Economic Development Credit**

STARKIST STANDS TO BENEFIT THE MOST - NOW NEEDS US SENATE APPROVAL

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

last Thursday a major federal tax reform legislation, which includes a provision extending an economic development tax credit for US companies operating in American Samoa.

extender — an issue that territorial government leaders have been working on since early 2013 is StarKist Co., and its local subsidiary StarKist Samoa cannery. The legislation now goes to the version of the tax reform legislation.

Last Thursday afternoon the US House passed the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, and Congress-The US House of Representatives approved woman Aumua Amata said the bill includes a key provision that extends the American Samoa Economic Development Credit (ASEDC).

"This tax credit is an ongoing priority for American Samoa's economy," said Âumua in a Standing to benefit the most from the tax news release last Friday. "The provision encourages investment and preserving jobs in American Samoa."

The previous economic development credit was valid for two years and expired Dec. 31, US Senate where they are considering their own 2016. The House bill extends the credit for six

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The Faga'itua Vikings coaching staff, led by head coach Sua'ese Pooch Ta'ase, proudly displayed their support of our veterans when they sported their 'Camo' uniform on the sidelines during the ASHSAA football game last week.

Faga'itua lost in the playoff game last Saturday against Samoana who will face Tafuna this Saturday for the 2017-18 ASHSAA championship title. Samoana has already claimed the JV championship for this season. A win this Saturday for them means they sweep both division titles. See today's Sports section for details.



The Samoan Gospel Homecoming Singers

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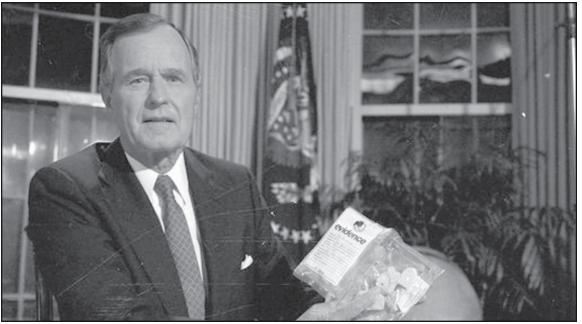


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FILE - In this Sept. 5, 1989 file photo, President George Bush holds up a bag of crack cocaine as he speaks in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. Bush called drugs "the gravest domestic threat facing our nation." (AP Photo/Dennis Cook)

Logistics challenge for Aunu'u is greater than Manu'a, says Utu

by Blue Chen-Fruean Samoa News Correspondent

Executive Director Authority (ASPA) Utu Abe Malae apologizes for the "subthat for Manu'a."

Samoa News request for comments on concerns raised by an showers, and toilet bowls, but Aunu'u resident about ASPA services there. According to the Aunu'u resident, it's been the issue with the internal bateleven months since Aunu'u tery of the RO's operating has had a flatbed for solid waste pick up, and trash pick up is now once a week, although residents still pay regular costs for twoday pick ups, like the residents membranes and spares are on of Tutuila and Manu'a.

Utu explained that the month. flatbed was down and a replacement backhoe was also down. and running as soon as we He added that there is a large receive these membranes from pickup awaiting transporta- off island," Utu shared. "In tion to Aunu'u when the "Ulla the meantime, customers on ole Sami" is able to sail there. Aunu'u can still obtain drinking According to Utu, a trailer and water from the drinking water UTV are available in Aunu'u RO machine."

already.On the issue of the status of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) system that was installed the American Samoa Power last year to eliminate saltiness in the water system, Utu said the Reverse Osmosis machine standard service to Aunu'u at at the water tank "has been out this time" and says he is "looking of commission due to probfor someone who can take care lems with the internal battery of Aunu'u and Manu'a, as the of the operating control system logistics challenge for Aunu'u of the RO."According to the is actually more difficult than Aunu'u resident, "People are still reporting the taste of salt in Utu was responding to a the water, which contributes to damaging the beauty of sinks, mainly people's health."

> Utu explained that while control system has been fixed, "the membranes went bad due to it being out of commission for over a month."He said new order and should arrive next

"The RO Unit will be up

White House: True cost of opioid epidemic tops \$500 billion

cost of the opioid drug epidemic Sunday night. in 2015 was \$504 billion, or roughly half a trillion dollars.

Monday, the Council of Eco-public health emergency. nomic Advisers says the figure tion opioid overdoes, abuse and funding toward the effort. dependence in the U.S. in 2013 with lost productivity.

The council said its estimate problem. is significantly larger because vious studies didn't reflect the and resources. number of fatalities blamed on tive category of painkillers.

illicit opioids, including heroin. address the epidemic.

"Previous estimates of the important component of the opioid like heroin. loss — fatalities resulting from

WASHINGTON (AP) - overdoses," said the report, The White House says the true which the White House released

Last month at the White House, President Donald Trump In an analysis to be released declared opioid abuse a national

Trump announced an adveris more than six times larger tising campaign to combat what than the most recent estimate. he said is the worst drug crisis The council said a 2016 private in the nation's history, but he study estimated that prescrip- did not direct any new federal

Trump's declaration stopped cost \$78.5 billion. Most of that short of the emergency decwas attributed to health care and laration that had been sought criminal justice spending, along by a federal commission the president created to study the

An interim report by the the epidemic has worsened, with commission argued for an overdose deaths doubling in the emergency declaration, saying past decade, and that some pre- it would free additional money

But in its final report earlier opioids, a powerful but addic- this month, the panel called only for more drug courts, more The council also said pre- training for doctors and penvious studies focused exclu- alties for insurers that dodge sively on prescription opioids, covering addiction treatment. while its study also factors in It did not call for new money to

More than 64,000 Amerieconomic cost of the opioid cans died from drug overdoses crisis greatly underestimate last year, most involving a preit by undervaluing the most scription painkiller or an illicit

Living conditions at the TCF are getting worse, say insiders

by Ausage Fausia Samoa News Reporter

Family members of several inmates who are serving time at the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) are lodging complaints against the American cally the Department of Public Safety (DPS), for failing to fulfill their obligation of feeding and taking care of inmates while they are under their care.

Efforts to obtain a comment yesterday from the DPS were duty. unsuccessful. Samoa News also sent an email to Police my son for his crime, and it's Commissioner, Le'i Sonny Thompson who returned home last Friday night but there was no response as of press time.

It has been months since Samoa News started receiving complaints from family members of some inmates, claiming there is a food shortage at the TCF, which has resulted in them having to provide food twice a week or more — depending on requests by family-inmates.

Samoa News was told by some family members that TCF provides 3 meals a day comprising a cup of tea in the morning for breakfast, two scoops of rice and a small piece of fish for lunch; and another cup of tea in the evening for dinner.

An attorney from the Public Defender's Office confirmed to Samoa News that this is true.

During his many visits to the TCF to see his clients, the attorney said he has witnessed how poor the conditions are, with inmates sleeping on the cement and not having enough food.

"How can a grown man be fed two scoops of rice and a small piece of fish almost every day? That's ridiculous and it's criminal. The government must do its job of feeding these people well and taking good care of them, instead of just throwing them behind bars and leaving them there to starve," the attorney said, adding that during interviews with his clients at the prison, he has been told that family members are providing food and necessities twice a week, and these items are being shared with other prisoners who don't have family members visiting them and bringing stuff.

An inmate who appeared in the High Court for a hearing last week told Samoa News that the situation at the prison has gotten worse. He said they only get a cup of tea or a cup of noodles at night, and it's not enough for

A concerned mother of an inmate who is serving a 15-year straight sentence told Samoa News that it's heartbreaking to hear how inmates are being treated in prison, as far as the

food they get and their sleeping arrangements. And for these reasons, her family provides food and other basic necessities twice a week for her son who's serving time at the TCF.

"We provided the pillow, Samoa Government, specifi- sheets, mat, toothbrush and toothpaste for my son, and he shares it with other prisoners who also have a need for such items. This is not our responsibility, to provide food for my son in jail. It's the government's

"The government prosecuted their responsibility to take care of him and all other inmates who are serving time at the prison. They should treat my son and all inmates at the TCF

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The smiling faces of some prisoners after their Samoan Day last year. Attorneys and DPS personnel have confirmed to Samoa News that prisoners are not getting enough to eat, and sleeping arrangements are of a low standard. See story for details.



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Many Christian conservatives are backing **Alabama's Roy Moore**

champion. He has battled federal judges and castigated liberals, big government, gun control, Muslims, homosexuality and anything else that doesn't fit the evangelical mold.

The Republican Senate canof sexual impropriety including the molestation of a 14-year-old

steadfastness shocking to many outside Alabama who wonder how any voter who claims to be Christian can stand with a man accused of such acts. The answer is both complicated and deeply rooted itself on bucking norms.

The state's motto — "We dare defend our rights" — is an upfront acknowledgement of a fighting spirit that has put Alabamians at odds with the rest of Commandments judge," for the nation for generations.

there is a deep-seated trust that in the Supreme Court rotunda. leaves many willing to accept the word of women speaking out weeks before the Dec. 12 silence.

For some, Moore is more like a biblical prophet speaking Moore's accusers is publicly out for God than a politician.

Introducing Moore during a "God Save America" rally at the Ten Commandments in a south Alabama church this week, pastor Mike Allison said Facebook live video by Darrel his support wasn't wavering Nelson. Nelson said his father, because Moore never has.

the Constitution of the United States, he has stood for the ually assaulting her as a teen. word of God ... he is against the murder of the unborn by aborof Planned Parenthood. He is and Darrel Nelson. against a redefinition of mar-

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) riage and believes firmly that — Alabama's Christian conser- it is only between a man and a vatives see Roy Moore as their woman. And he is against all threats against the traditional family," Allison said. "He is a fighter and a champion for right

Since the allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced, leading Washington Repubdidate has long stood with them, licans - though not President and now, as he faces accusations Donald Trump - have abandoned him.

At home, polls have shown girl, they are standing with him. a tightening race as some otheris wise loyal GOP voters publicly disavow Moore on social media; GOP Sen. Richard Shelby has said he will write-in someone rather than vote for Moore.

Yet Moore still holds almost magical appeal for many. in the DNA of a state that prides Fearful of angering Moore's supporters, the Alabama GOP has stuck with him, and voters like Larry Gibbs are putting their confidence in the Vietnam veteran long known as the "Ten putting shrines to the command-Perhaps more importantly, ments in his courtroom and then

"He comes up here to the Moore's denials and discount church and he's quoting scripture and he relates to us," said Gibbs, who attended the proelection after decades of public Moore rally where Allison spoke.

Even a relative of one of siding with Moore.

"He fought like hell to keep the damn courthouse," said a John Alan Nelson, is married "He has staunchly defended to Beverly Young Nelson, who publicly accused Moore of sex-

Nelson's lawyer, Gloria Allred, refused comment on any tion. He is for the defunding relationship between her client



University of Guam president, Dr. Robert Underwood presenting Congresswoman Aumua Amata with the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Compiled by Samoa News Staff

3RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GOSPEL CONCERT TO BE HELD AT FALE LAUMEI

BASED ON PRESS RELEASE Tomorrow night at the Gov. Rex H. Lee Auditorium — fale laumei — the Samoan Gospel Homecoming Singers will hold its 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Concert, featuring Gospel artists like Mose Katina, Suva Bohanak, and Toe Tootoo; and families including the Ponausuias and the Paagas. The concert starts at 6:00 p.m.

"Thanksgiving is a special day for families. It's a reminder of God's everlasting grace and a celebration of cultural virtues," said Poe Mageo, music director for the group.

Though there's so much to be thankful for, the singers — through music — would like to offer prayers and hope to the community on what's going on around the world, like the recent shooting in a Texas church, which threatens peace and heightens fear among communities across the nation.

John Marsh will offer an inspirational reading set to the hymn "Redemption Draweth Nigh". The song was composed by Gordon Jensen and taken from Luke 21:28.

"So much is going on around the world, but as Christians, there's no need to be disheartened because God is still in control. And as long as we have faith in His Word, we can overcome these challenges," reassured Mageo. Along the same of my time at the University of Guam. Thank theme, the Strings of Psalms, an advanced strings ensemble from Calvary Temple Assembly of the years, for all you've done to build the Univer-God (AOG) Lepuapua, will perform "Some- sity's excellent reputation throughout the Pacific times Alleluia."

Two timeless Gospel classics Elvis Presley recorded in the early 70s will also be featured: "There Will be Peace in the Valley" featuring Otto Haleck, and "Lead Me, Guide Me" featuring the Ponausuia Family (Eseta Brandt, Vaiola Taala, & Dorothy Marsh) of Aua.

An 'all-sisters' ensemble called Praising Voices (Diana Aitaoto, Aiga Puni, and Meanoa Hand in Hand) composed by Mosie Lister, a Southern Gospel music giant.

Praising Voices will also sing the Samoan translation of the song by their late uncle HTC Mageo Malu Ieti. Mose Katina, on the other hand, will pay tribute to his cousin, Rev. Dr. Tafesilafa'i 'Tony' Mageo, who recently passed away in Vista, CA, with "Faafetai, i le Atua le Tama," a song he co-wrote with Tony.

As concert goers know, they are always in for a

treat. Most of the time, the audience sings along with the choir and have a good time with the

According to Mageo, one song that will get the crowd 'movin' and groovin' tomorrow night is "I Go to the Rock" by Dottie Rambo, a prolific Gospel music songwriter.

The song was featured in The Preacher's Wife (1996). And Whitney Houston won the 1998 Dove Gospel Award when she performed the song in the same film. The song was a hit among local Pentecostal churches when it was recorded by The Laulu Sisters in the early 80s.

(Source: Samoan Gospel Homecoming Singers — Poe Mageo)

AMATA NAMED DISTINGUISHED GRAD-**UATE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata was presented with an award from her alma mater, the University of Guam, naming her among their Distinguished Alumni. The President of the University, the honorable Dr. Robert Underwood, presented the award in person Thursday evening on the occasion of his speech at historic Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Underwood was speaking as part of Georgetown University's Governor Peter Tali Coleman Lecture Series on Pacific Public Policy.

"I'm humbled and grateful," said Aumua Amata. "This brings back many warm memories you, Dr. Underwood, and all the graduates over and beyond. And thank you, most of all, to the people of American Samoa, whom I have the honor to represent."

It was Congresswoman Amata's distinct pleasure to introduce Dr. Underwood for his speech to the combined audiences of the Center for Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Studies, and the Asian Studies Program, at Georgetown University's Intercultural Center. The University's McFall) will perform "The King and I" (Walk Lecture Series on Pacific Public Policy is named for the late Gov. Coleman, who was a John Hay Whitney Fellow at Georgetown University. Following his World War II service, Gov. Coleman graduated Georgetown University in 1949 with his Bachelor's degree in Economics, then a Law degree in 1951.

Background from the UOG announcement: The University of Guam announced the 2017 UOG Distinguished Alumni Awards, following This is the group's sixth public performance. a search for nominees by the UOG Office of

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ASCC-ACNR Land Grant screens new "Edutainment" films

by James Kneubuhl, ASCC press officer

nity and Natural Resources asked the audience to provide (ACNR) Land Grant division of feedback via two brief survey the American Samoa Commu- forms, and through a brief quesnity College (ASCC) recently tion-and-answer segment folheld a special presentation titled lowing his presentation. "See the Change You Want to Be, and Be the Change You piece called "The Placemat", Want to See" which included follows one day in the life of an the premiere screening of two American Samoan family trying new health awareness films pro- to live as healthily as they can duced specifically for American from the land and sea, reflecting Samoa.

evonne Pato gave special of junk food, soda, and sedenremarks at the event, and ASCC- tary lifestyles. The film also ACNR Land Grant Director, shows the family modeling the Aufa'i Apulu Ropeti Areta healthy behaviors messaged on gave the welcoming and closing the placemat. ASCC-ACNR's remarks, as well as opening and HCRM Unit developed the closing prayers. In attendance actual placemat, and Fepulea'i were ASCC and ASCC-ACNR made the film to promote its use faculty, staff and students, as and the health messages on it, well as local Environmental in particular to promote obesity Protection Agency Director Mr. prevention among American Ameko Pato, ASCC-ACNR Samoa's children. This film is partners from the Department currently being screened and of Health and Social Services tested as part of a pilot interven-Women, Infants and Children tion study with ASWIC clients, program, and a number of staff who also receive the placemats

Ryn, Health Communications related to this. Researcher at ASCC-ACNR, recently produced the two films 38-minute work titled "Gestaas part of the Health Commutional Diabetes Screening mo nications Research and Media lou Lumana'i Manuia", focuses (HCRM) Program's efforts to on gestational diabetes (GDM), develop and evaluate effective which affects roughly 30% of health communication, social American Samoa's pregnant marketing strategies and mes- women. The film represents saging using a variety of media the media intervention comto bring about positive health ponent of a study being conoutcomes for the Territory. The ducted in partnership with Dr. HCRM has focused on obesity Nicola Hawley of Yale Univerand non-communicable dis- sity School of Public Health, eases, both largely influenced Dr. Bethel Muasau-Howard, by diet and lifestyle, as a pri- head of LBJ's Prenatal Clinic, mary health concern. A 2004 and Dr. Micahaela Howells of World Health Organization the University of North Carosponsored survey indicated that lina, Wilmington. The study American Samoa's adult obe- addresses a lack of knowledge sity prevalence to be at 68%, of and screening for GDM

stimulating behavioral and birth complications, and may environmental changes that lead to permanent type-2 diapromote well-being and the pre- betes later in the mother's life, vention of disease. The program especially without proper lifedevelops intervention strategies style management. and media products with sensitivity to the target audience's Screening mo lou Lumana'i motivations, cultural values and Manuia" tells the story of a beliefs in relation to health, the pregnant American Samoan body, food, social relationships, woman who learns about the the extended Samoan family disease and wants to get tested, and the land, using a socio-eco- only to face a variety of obstalogical model. Each media and cles. Through the story, the intervention is research-based audience learns about the disand data-driven, with effective- ease, its causes and risks, and ness measured through pre- and the importance of taking charge post-intervention data collec- of one's health and asking question, as well as the use of contions. Fepulea'i noted how trol groups.

point presentation about the messages more effectively HCRM program at ACNR, compared to straight informaand then showed the two films, tion delivery. "Narratives get which represent the first two people's attention and they episodes of a proposed pilot more often remember the inforseries titled, "Alo Faatasi mo

Se Amerika Samoa Maloloina (Row Together for a Healthy The Agriculture, Commu- American Samoa)". He next

The first film, a 10-minute the way things were done in ASCC President Dr. Ros- the past, before the onslaught from the Department of Health. to use at home. Fepulea'i gave Fepulea'i Dr. Micah Van der preliminary results of a survey

The second and Type 2 Diabetes to be 47%. among American Samoan preg-HCRM strategies focus on nant women. GDM can cause

"Gestational Diabetes research has found that narra-Fepulea'i gave a power tive story formats convey health

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PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PIHOA)

JOB TITLE: Project Assistant – American Samoa Lymphatic Filariasis Prevention and Elimination

JOB STATUS: 100% Full-Time, Temporary Consultant JOB PERIOD:

Job commencement date to 30 June 2018, with possible extension

contingent on funding agency approval **DUTY STATION:** American Samoa Department of Health - Office of the Directory

SUMMARY OF DUTIES: Experienced and qualified Project Assistant sought by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) to provide office administrative and project implementation logistical assistance to the Project Coordinator for the planning. coordination and implementation of the American Samoa lymphatic filariasis (LF) prevention and elimination project. The project will be conducted in coordination and consultation with the American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH), US Centers for Disease Control - Center for Global Health (CDC CGH), the World Health Organization (WHO), and PIHOA. The project component in American Samoa is funded by CDC CGH and is subject to US federal guidelines and regulations. WHO will be leading similar work in Western Samoa in consultation with the Western Samoa Ministry of Health (WSMOH). American Samoa and Western Samoa LF prevention and elimination work will be conducted concurrently. As such, the Project Assistant will provide necessary assistance to support the Project Coordinator to liaise and communicate with both WHO and WSMOH officials, as needed, to ensure proper joint coordination and information-sharing between the two project sites for effective LF prevention and elimination.

The primary objective of the project will be to significantly reduce and/or eliminate new and recurring LF infections across American Samoa through mass (whole population) health promotion, LF screening (testing), and administration of WHO-recommended triple-drug regimen, with primary focus on the main island of Tutuila. In the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating the project, the secondary objective will be to strengthen ASDOH systems and capacities for on-going LF prevention, surveillance/monitoring, and control. Consultancy tasks are to be planned and conducted in consultation with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff. assigned PIHOA technical staff. CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors. Additional technical advisory support will be provided by CDC's Regional Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO), co-located at the PIHOA Guam Office. Position will be housed at the ASDOH Office of the Director (or, other location as assigned by ASDOH).

- Reports to: Project Coordinator, PIHOA Temporary Consultant
- Geographic Areas of Responsibility: American Samoa, Tutuila
- Supervises: None
- Fiscal Responsibilities: Minimal, and limited to the administration of local project expenses in consultation with Project Coordinator and PIHOA finance and administration team in Honolulu
- Signature Authorities: No; all vendor and other contracts will require prior approval and be signed off by the PIHOA Executiv
- Level of Interaction: Must be able to work independently and under the supervision of the Project Coordinator. Shall provide communication, administrative, and other logistical assistance to support the Project Coordinator in the planning and implementation of the project in coordination with other project team members and community stakeholders across ASDOH CDC, WHO, and PIHOA, including American Samoa community and traditional leaders and church leadership.
- Special Requirements: May be exposed to vector-borne diseases and local infectious diseases, rough terrain, inclemen weather conditions, high humidity, intense heat and sun, vicious animals, poisonous plants/sea creatures, and travel in small prop planes and/or small boats over rough seas. Must be willing to travel from duty station for long periods of time, if required. Must be able to work in resource-limited, rural environments with limited public infrastructure and communications/IT

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- · Assist Project Coordinator to set up and maintain LF project office at ASDOH, including on-going procurement and inventory of all required office equipment, materials and supplies
- Assist in the sourcing and procurement of project supplies and equipment, which may include pharmaceuticals and laboratory
- Provide administrative support and daily monitoring of local vendor and other project consultancy contracts. Project Assistant will be required to set up and maintain various project management ledgers to inventory and monitor all project assets and vendor/consultant contracts;
- · Assist the Project Coordinator in the daily administration and monitoring of project spending in accordance with the budget and ensuring compliance of all fiscal transactions in accordance with US federal/CDC project guidelines and regulations and PI HOA's Fiscal Policies and Procedures, including collection, processing, and archiving of vendor and consultant pro formo invoices/quotes, as well as associated payment acquittal documentation (i.e. vendor payment receipts, consultant payment
- Assist PIHOA finance and administrative staff to enter project payment requisition requests and acquittal documentation into PIHOA's payment requisition management system called Microix (PIHOA will train, as needed);
- Provide logistical support and assist Project Coordinator to plan and convene regular stakeholder planning meetings, including minute-taking and maintaining a log of meeting decisions/urgent actions for further follow-up by the Project Coordinator:
- · Provide logistical support and assist Project Coordinator and AS DOH leadership and program staff to conduct health promotion and informational/media mass and community-based campaigns with American Samoa community members and traditional/church leadership to improve community member and leadership knowledge and awareness of LF transmission and prevention, and encourage community member and leadership buy-in, engagement, and support for LF mass screening (testing) and drug therapy administration; and
- Assist in any other duties as assigned by the Project Coordinator and PIHOA in accordance with project objectives.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Equipment and Supply Inventory and Procurement Ledger
- Vendor and Consultant Ledger

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- Education: Minimum of Associate's degree in Public Administration or other relevant degree area in the social and health sciences, including but not limited to Accounting, Finance and Business Administration. May also consider equivalent professional experience in lieu of degree attainment.
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TERM OF POSITION: Temporary Consultancy from time of hire to June 30, 2018, with possibility of renewal/extension pending

APPLICATION: Submit the following electronically with attention to Emi Chutaro (emic@pihoa.org), Executive Director, and cc to Andrea Whitt (andreaw@pihoa.org), Office and Program Support Officer, and Regie Tolentino, Office Administrator (regiet@pihoa.org), no later than 5pm, November 24, 2017, Hawaii Standard Time:

- Letter of Interest that outlines your overall qualifications and professional experience in response to the Primary Qualifications;
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A participant wears a mask as he runs during the Delhi Half Marathon in New Delhi, India, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017. Ethiopia's Birhanu Legese and Almaz Ayana won the men's and women's elite categories, respectively. (AP Photo/Oinam Anand)

New Delhi's polluted air doesn't deter distance runners

NEW DELHI (AP) — train from the city of Jodhpur to People breathing New Delhi's compete, spoke over the blaring acrid air for the past month motivational music, saying he have suffered burning eyes and was thankful the air had gotten rasping throats, so the notion of thousands of distance runners gulping down lungful rain yesterday and over the last after lungful may have seemed 48 hours," he said. "So it's a strange. But even as the polluted air threatens health, India seems to be embracing physical

The Airtel Delhi Half Marathon went ahead Sunday, even after a last-minute attempt by the Indian Medical Association to have it postponed.

dawn, street-dwellers stoked smoking piles of trash to keep warm while race organizers adjusted placards along the

In the start area, runner Sunil Baxi, who traveled 11 hours by

clearer.

"The gods have sent in the blessing for us."

Air pollution was a concern for past races but was brought into sharp focus this month after air-quality readings in New Delhi spiked to 75 times the level considered safe by the World Health Organization.

Three days before the race, In the cool half-light before Delhi's High Court gave race organizer Procam International permission to proceed with the

As runners glided past landmarks like India Gate, they were treated to an unusual peacefulness on the streets. Blaring horns were replaced with slapping feet and enthusiastic drumming from supporters. A Sikh group in matching shirts urged the runners on. Still, many runners remained frustrated. Ashish Shakya said he'd barely been able to train because of the poor air quality. He wore a handmade sign on his back that read, "Running is in the air but the air is highly polluted."

"I feel that as a community we need to stand up and just acknowledge the existence of the pollution," he said. "In most countries, including China, it would be a state of alert. In India, we are running a half marathon."

Shakya, 31, said he loves running and has watched its popularity in New Delhi soar over the past few years. But he also worries about what it's doing to him.

"It's just like smoking a cigarette. If you smoke for a year, you don't die," he said. "But if you do running continuously in this weather, the health risks outweigh the health benefits."

New Delhi's air pollution typically worsens at this time of year as winds die off and the fumes from vehicles and industry stagnate. Farmers also burn spent crops and people build street fires as the night air cools.Race organizers tried to help. They washed down the course with salted water to minimize dust. They used 150 mist fans to try to cleanse the air. They kept vehicles from the route for hours before the race. And they offered refunds to those who wanted to pull out.

Race Director Hugh Jones said he was surprised at the court action and felt it had come too late.

"There comes a point when you're halfway down the springboard and you've just got to keep going," he said. "I think the choice has to be given to people to make their own minds up."











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A Japanese driver's damaged vehicle is placed at a police station in Naha, Okinawa, southern Japan Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017. Police on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa are investigating a fatal traffic accident that occurred Sunday when a truck driven by a U.S. Marine collided with the small truck at an intersection, killing the Japanese driver of the other vehicle.

(Kazuki Sawada/Kyodo News via AP)



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1, 2017, according to Congressional records.

News request for comments, tives to stimulate economic ASG Commerce Department director Keniseli Lafaele said this issue has been "a key topic of discussion among government leaders" since January 2013 — when the Lolo Adminefforts to sustain our fishery challenges from many fronts."

This provision "would help keep StarKist Inc. — the largest private employer on island — in the territory for 6 more years," Lafaele said over the weekend. "Let's hope the US House passage eventuates into Congress passing the much needed extension of the ASEDC."

cial said Friday that Gov. Lolo Samoa's unique economic Matalasi Moliga is being kept needs." abreast of Congressional developments, especially tax benefits of Labor report regarding the to boost the local economy.

"StarKist at this point needs all the help under federal tax benefits, and the latest development with the US House bill passage is very encouraging," said an official who responded to Samoa News questions, only to provide background information but not to be quoted by name.

Early this month, Amata announced the tax extender provision for American Samoa the local economy, which has being included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, in which she worked closely with US Rep. Kevin Brady, who is and Means Committee and also introduced the legislation.

In making this change — tax to invest in American Samoa.

years, retroactive back to Jan. extender for American Samoa — the committee's report states in part that, it "recognizes the Responding to a Samoa importance of providing incendevelopment, create jobs, and fund infrastructure in American Samoa," says Congressional online records.

With the House bill passed, Congresswoman Amata said istration took office — "in the focus now is working on the final outcome, which will result industry in the face of serious from both the Senate and House efforts.

"We're pleased to not only get our request for an extension of the tax credit itself, but also add economic stability by expanding it to six years for better business planning," she said in the news release last Friday. "It's important that our federal tax policy reflects Another senior ASG offi- an understanding of American

> A 2007 US Department impact of federal minimum wage on American Samoa notes that the loss of the economic development credit "would be a damaging blow to the profits of the American Samoa canneries causing possible relocation."

> Lolo has made clear to the federal government, since early this year, that StarKist Samoa is now the only cannery operating in the territory, and the loss of it, would spell devastation for depended on the canneries for many years.

He has urged the federal government to restore the fedchairman of the US House Ways eral 30(A) tax credit, which would further help StarKist as well as other businesses looking

Kruse says...

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Pengelly he suggested before — as he problem on this island." knows the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) does not take contact with some federal agenour territory as a priority when cies about the evidence, and it comes to situations like this. they have promised that testing He said the only way to cure will be made a priority, if the this problem is to let the government have its own chemist and this problem will no longer

chemist who can do the job, and this makes it easier for the government.

to deal with this problem. Why don't we have a forensic chemist on island who can conthe work will be easy for your influence of alcohol.

The Chief Justice reminded side?" Kruse asked. "I want to about something let you know that drugs is a real

> Pengelly said he has been in government sends it over.

Mika, who is out on a \$5,000 on island to deal with testing, surety bond, is being charged with a felony punishable by an imprisonment of not less than Kruse said he believes 5 years and not more than 10 Western Samoa has its own years, and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

The allegations against Mike stem from an incident that "You go figure out how occurred last May when police allegedly found drugs and paraphernalia inside his car when he was pulled over on suspicion nect to the LBJ Hospital lab so that he was driving under the



The Alejandro Guillier, left, of the Nueva Mayoria coalition celebrates with his wife, Maria Cristina Farga, early results that place him second in the presidential election, in Santiago, Chile, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017. Former president Sebastian Pinera who is reported to have come in first will likely face Guillier in a Dec. 17 runoff. (AP Photo/Luis Hidalgo)

Community briefs...

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Development & Alumni Affairs ment member of the island com- service to society munity, and a representative dent for Academic and Student acter and integrity Affairs. Judges' recommenda-President Robert Underwood and concern for a final decision.

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(Source: Congresswoman has the nominee attained a high Aumua Amata's Office, Wash-

Living conditions at TCF...

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like any other human being.

manner, despite being convicted of whatever crimes — they all need to be cared for and loved," the concerned mother said.

echoed the same sentiments.

every weekend when she visits inmates. her husband, he always requests According to him, they are only the week."

served a cup of tea in the morning "They are not animals, they and in the evening, while rice are sons and daughters who are and a piece of fish or rice with loved by their families. They curry mixed with canned fish is deserve to be treated in a loving served during lunch. A security guard at the TCF confirmed to Samoa News the 'horrible' situhave human rights and they ation at the prison. He said their food supply is just not enough, and sometimes when there is A young woman whose no food in the storage room, husband is serving a 5-year the former Warden would use sentence at the TCF for drugs his own money to buy cases of chicken or cases of turkey tail She told Samoa News that with bags of rice to feed the

"This is not new, it's been more food for him and other there for years," the security inmates who are housed with guard said. "Most of the inmates him in the same room. The depend on their families during woman said she feels sorry weekend visitation to bring for husband when he tells her more food for them, and some how they are treated in prison. families bring food throughout

Ex-President Pinera leads Chile vote, but faces runoff

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Billionaire businessman Sebastian Pinera held a big lead late Sunday in returns from Chile's presidential election, buoyed by support from Chileans who hope the former president can resuscitate a flagging economy, though he didn't get enough votes to avoid

With just under 92 percent of ballots counted, Pinera had nearly 37 percent of the vote, against almost 23 percent for Sen. Alejandro Guillier, an independent centerleft candidate, and 20 percent for Beatriz Sanchez, who ran for the leftist Broad Front coalition. Five other candidates shared the remainder.

Pinera needed to get 50 percent of the votes to win outright. He will face the No. 2 finisher, which seemed likely to be Guillier, in a runoff election Dec. 17. Officials said late Sunday that further results would not come until during the day Monday.

Opinion polls had made the conservative Pinera, 67, a strong favorite going into Sunday's election.

After struggling with large protests over inequality and education during his 2010-2014 presidency, Pinera ended his term with low popularity ratings. But the economic slump and overall disenchantment with the current center-left governhim a boost in this election.

Chile is the world's top copper producing country and it has been hurt by a drop-off in international demand and prices for the metal that is the backbone of its economy.

Pinera, a Harvard-educated entrepreneur, has proposed to cut taxes on businesses to promote growth and promises to launch a \$14 billion, four-year spending plan that includes fresh investments in infrastructure.

Bachelet was Chile's most popular president during her first 2006-2010 term, but she is ending her 2014-2018 presidency as the least popular. In addition to economic woes, her image was hurt by a real estate scandal involving her family, though no charges were brought. And many Chileans feel she wavered in her promises of profound social changes in labor and education.

After voting casting his vote, Pinera declared that when a new president takes office in March, "we will need more than ever the unity of all Chileans, faith and hope to get up and kick-start our country."

Guillier, a 64-year-old former journalist, campaigned on promises to continue Bachelet's plan to increase corporate taxes to partly pay for an education overhaul, reform the constitution and improve the pension and health care system. He also called for diversifying Chile's resources and developing alternative sources of energy to lower investment costs.

"The sum of those who are for changes ment of President Michelle Bachelet gave is more than that of those who want to go backwards, and that already gives us strength for the second round," Guillier said after casting his ballot.

The elections also were choosing 155 members of the lower House of Congress and 23 seats in the Senate.

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UCLA basketball player Cody Riley, left, reads his statement as he is joined by teammates LiAngelo Ball, center, and Jalen Hill during a news conference at UCLA Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, in Los Angeles. Three UCLA NCAA college basketball players accused of shoplifting in China admitted to the crime and apologized before coach Steve Alford announced they were being suspended indefi-(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Trump says he should have left **UCLA players in Chinese jail**

WASHINGTON (AP) he should have left three UCLA basketball players accused of shoplifting in China in jail.

Trump's tweet Sunday comes after the father of player LiAngelo Ball minimized Trump's involvement in winning the players' release in comments to ESPN.

"Who?" LaVar Ball told ESPN on Friday, when asked about Trump's involvement in the matter. "What was he over there for? Don't tell me nothing. Everybody wants to make it seem like he helped me out."

Trump has said he raised the players' detention with Chinese President Xi Jinping during the leaders' recent meeting in Beijing.

The players returned to the U.S. last week. They have been indefinitely suspended from the

shoplifting is no big deal. I should have left them in jail!"

President Donald Trump says son out during my next trip to China instead. China told them he was shoplifting and stealing why they were released. Very ungrateful!"

> The younger Ball, along with fellow freshmen Jalen Hill and Cody Riley, aren't with the rest of the No. 23 Bruins, who are in Kansas City to play in the Hall of Fame Classic on Monday and Tuesday. The trio isn't allowed to suit up, be on the bench for home games or travel with the critical of Trump, talked about

The players were arrested and questioned about stealing from high-end stores next to the team's hotel in Hangzhou, where the Bruins stayed before leaving for Shanghai to play Georgia Tech.

UCLA athletic director Dan Guerrero said last week that the players stole from three stores.

"As long as my boy's back here, I'm fine," LaVar Ball told Says Trump: "Now that the ESPN. "I'm happy with how aree basketball players are out things were handled. A lot of of LiAngelo, is unaccepting of there. Like I told him, 'They included his own comment. what I did for his son and that try to make a big deal out of nothing sometimes." I'm from left American students in a foryears in jail), but not to father decision doesn't define him. so small?"

LaVar. Should have gotten his Now if you can go back and say when he was 12 years old cars and going wild, then that's a different thing," he said.

"Everybody gets stuck on the negativity of some things and they get stuck on them too long. That's not me. I handle what's going on and then we go from there."

Steve Kerr, the Golden State Warriors coach who has been the situation Sunday before his team's game in Brooklyn.

"Two people seeking attention and they're both getting it, so I'm sure both guys are really happy," Kerr said. "You know what would help? If all of you just stopped covering both of them. Is that possible? You could probably stop covering LaVar. I don't think you can stop covering the president. I don't think that will work."

Rep. Adam Schiff of Caliornia, the top Democrat on the of China and saved from years people like to say a lot of things House intelligence committee, in jail, LaVar Ball, the father that they thought happened over retweeted Trump's tweet and

"The President would have LA. I've seen a lot worse things eign jail because their families Trump later tweeted: "Shop- happen than a guy taking some didn't lavish sufficient praise on lifting is a very big deal in glasses. My son has built up him," Schiff wrote. "How can China, as it should be (5-10 enough character that one bad someone in such a big office be

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mation," he explained, referencing a developing extended community engagement and educalater this month.

field of educational entertainment or "edutain- tion that is essential to positive developments in ment." "Gestational Diabetes Screening mo lou American Samoa," said Fepulea'i. "We hope to Lumana'i Manuia" is scheduled to be launched develop more health promotion media in Amerat LBJ Tropical Medical Center's Prenatal Clinic ican Samoa specifically designed for local audiences." For more information on this and other "Overall, these projects highlight the ASCC-ACNR health projects, call 699-1575.

Musicians unite at AMAs in wake of tumultuous year

Awards marked a night of Foxx, Berry Gordy, Smokey unison, positive vibes and Robinson and others sang along, award to him, to his memory, to American pride as musicians while some of Ross' grandchilspoke about coming together dren danced onstage near the to his joy," band member Mike in a year dominated by natural end of the performance. disasters, violence and divisive politics.

kicked off the three-hour show her. "This says it all. This is my Sunday with a performance family." Pink was also impres- kidney transplant this year due honoring those affected by sive as she continued to show tragic events of the year, from her athleticism and acrobatic hurricanes to hate crimes. First skills during a second per- floor in a short nightgown. Her responders stood behind Jamie formance at the AMAs, per- knees, hands and forehead cov-Foxx, who gave a heartfelt forming from the side of a highspeech before the pop stars sang rise building alongside aerial R.E.M.'s "Everybody Hurts."

that tested our faith. In these social media following, earned to honor the 25th anniversary moments of crisis, heroes the night's loudest applause of Houston's film, "The Bodyemerged," he said. "As this after they performed their song, guard." The band Portugal. The year comes to a close, we look "DNA." Another highlight of the Man, who sang their pop hit forward to 2018 with hope night came when Linkin Park "Feel It Still," opened their per-... together we can unite as a — whose lead singer Chester formance with the words: "No people and a nation."

"Black-ish" actress Tracee lier this year — won favorite instruments." Ellis Ross said the show taking place in the wake of multiple sexual allegations against powerful men in Hollywood, the media, business and politics — would honor women who "own our experiences, our bodies and our lives."

"This is the country I know, which is of powerful women, talking about our women, talking about empowering our LGBTQ youth," said Dan Reynolds of the band Imagine Dragons, which won favorite pop/rock duo or group. "May we continue to progress as a nation as one of love and equality. No divide. There's been way too much of that this last year."

Before her performance, Demi Lovato said, "There's so much hate in this world. We have to rise above and never say sorry for who you are." And while Lady Gaga performed "The Cure," a song about healing, she told the audience: "Who's gonna be there? We got to be there for each other America. Hands up!"

Gaga sang from her concert in Washington, D.C. Later in the show, she was in tears when she was named favorite female pop/rock artist.

'If you feel different ... don't you dare give up on who you are," she said.

Bruno Mars was also not in attendance at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. Mars, who on tour in South America, picked up seven awards, including artist of the year.

"I wish I could be partying with y'all," said Mars, who appeared in a video.

Iconic entertainer Diana Ross was honored with Lifetime Achievement Award, and she received touching video messages from Barack and Michelle Obama, and Taylor Swift.

The 73-year-old was cheerful and energetic as she ran through well-known songs onstage like a veteran, singing "I'm Coming Out" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," among other

The 2017 American Music hits, with her signature big hair. alternative rock artist.

"This is all about love," said Kelly Clarkson and Pink of her family standing behind This year "was a year who have a feverish and fanatic of Whitney Houston's songs

"We want to dedicate this his talent, to his sense of humor, Shinoda said onstage. "I want you guys to take a moment to Ross, who had several members appreciate what you've got and make Chester proud."

Selena Gomez, who had a to her struggle with lupus, sang "Wolves" while lying on the ered in faux bruises and blood.

Christina Aguilera was dancers. The K-pop group BTS, shaky when she sang a medley Bennington killed himself ear- computers up here, just live



Diana Ross accepts the lifetime achievement award surrounded by friends and family at the American Music Awards at the Microsoft Theater on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, in Los Angeles.

v(Photo by Matt Sayles/Invision/AP)

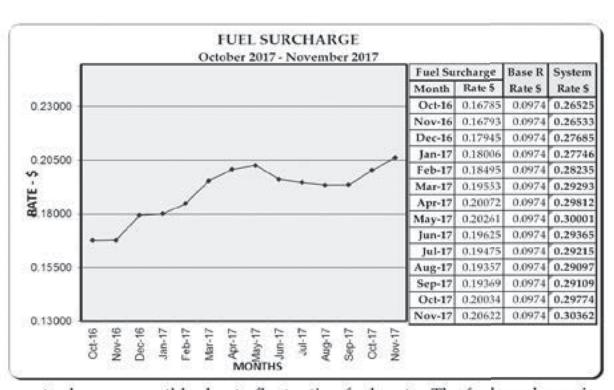
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November 16, 2017

Monthly Fuel Surcharge Notification

The American Samoa Power Authority is informing its customers about the monthly fuel surcharge rate, which is the direct cost of fuel to generate electricity. The charge for each kilowatt hour (kWh) comprises the "base rate" and the "fuel surcharge rate."

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Fixed Electric Base Rate	0.09740	0.10650	0.08960
Electric System Rate (kWh)	0.30362	0.31272	0.29582

Reduction" savings. There are seven active sites, with more sites in progress to increase ASPA's renewable energy portfolio. As ASPA increases renewable energy capacity, more savings will be realized and passed on to customers.

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Tele fesili fa'atatau ali'i sa avea ma Leoleo o loo tau sailia nei

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o tau sailia ai le ali'i lea sa avea le fa'amasinoga. ma Leoleo, lea na toe tatala i tua mai le toese i Tafuna i le mae'a Komesina o Leoleo i le vaiaso ai lea ona taofia o ia e Leoleo i na te'a nei, sa ia fa'amaonia le vaiaso na te'a nei.

Sonny Thompson i le vaiaso latou mataupu. na te'a nei e fa'atatau i lenei mataupu.

ai le mafua'aga na ala ai ona toe Lemalie. tatala i tua Steve Tuatoo mai le toese i Tafuna, ae taofia ai le Samoa News i le vaiaso pea isi ali'i e to'alua na taofia na te'a nei, le fa'aauau pea fa'atasi mai i latou e Leoleo.

News e fa'apea na mafua ona fa'amaumauga i femalagaaiga a toe tatala i tua Tuatoo, ona ua Tuatoo, ina ia mafai ai ona tau mae'a le 48 itula na taofia ai o manino poo fea tonu o lo o aga'i ia, peita'i e o o atu fo'i i le taimi i ai o ia. na mae'a ai le 48 itula, e le i fa'asaga ia te ia.

vaiaso na te'a nei, ina ua osolaau fa'asaina.

Na taua e se molimau i le i le aso Faraile na te'a nei. Samoa News e faapea, o le taeao o le aso Toona'i o le emoe e fa'ataunu'uina ai le vaiaso i ona tua atu ina ua tatala ulua'i iloiloga faapitoa a Wood Tuatoo i tua mai le toese, o le i luma o le Fa'amasinoga taeao lava fo'i lea o lo o masa- Fa'aitumalo, e iloilo ai e le ae malaga atu i Samoa.

tutula'i ai na o Wood ma Lemalie E tele naua fesili e le o i luma o le fa'amasinoga mo mafai ona taliina i le taimi nei a laua mataupu, se'i vagana ai e fa'atatau i le mataupu lea o lo Tuatoo e le i tula'i o ia i luma o

I se feiloaiga ma le Sui mai ai le mae'a lea ona faila E le i manuia taumafaiga a o moliaga fa'asaga i ali'i uma le Samoa News mo le tau sai- nei e to'atolu, ma ua fa'atulaga liina mai lea o se finagalo mai fo'i tupe e tatala ai i latou e le Komesina o Leoleo, tofa Le'i fa'atalitali ai taualumaga o a

E \$200,000 lea ua fa'atulaga e tatala ai i tua Wood, \$25,000 Ae o ni isi o ia fesili e aofia mo Tuatoo ae \$5,000 mo

Na taua e se molimau i lea ona taumafai le Ofisa o O ripoti ua maua e le Samoa Leoleo a le atunu'u e tau saili

O le osofaiga na mafua ai mae'a ona fa'amautu moliaga ona taofia i latou nei e to'atolu, na fa'atinoina lea e le Vaega a O Tuatoo, lea sa avea o se le Vice & Narcotics Units a le Leoleo a le malo mo le tusa ma Ofisa o Leoleo, ma latou maua le 20 tausaga, na to'atolu i ai i ai se vaega tele o fualaau ali'i na taofia mai e Leoleo i le fa'asaina, a'upega ma pulufana, taeao sesegi o le aso Tofi o le faapea ai se vaega tupe tele e silia ma le \$50,000, atoa ai ma faia lona fale i Alofau fa'apea ai le tele o meatotino a tagata sa ma se fale i Taputimu, i lalo o se ave fa'agaoi e fa'atau ai fualaau poloaiga mai le Fa'amasinoga, i fa'asaina.O le masina o Ianuari le tau sailia lea o tulaga i fua- o le tausaga fou 2018 lea ua faatulaga e toe tula'i ai Lemalie O isi alii e to'alua e aofia ai i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Mau-Cody Christian Wood ma Taisia aluga, i le mae'a ai lea ona ia Lemalie, o ia o se ali'i ave taxi. teena o tu'uaiga fa'asaga ia te ia

O le taeao nei lea ua faamo-





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FA'AVAE MAMONA

upui i le toese i Tafuna, ina ua nofosala ai o ia. fa'amaonia e se vaega iloilo ia fesoasoani atu i le tau tu'u fa'atasiga o lana talosaga e apili na tu'uaia ai o ia, i lona faaooai le faaiuga e pei ona ia nofosala ai.

Sili ia Michael Kruse ma lona soatau ia Muasau Tasina Tofili le talosaga a le ua molia.

sa faia i le amataga o le tausaga nofoaga faitele. nei, e aunoa ma se tupe na te totogiina i le fa'amasinoga.

ia Douglas Fiaui e fa'apea, e Lologa ma le ali'i na a'afia, ina taugata le tupe e totogi e le ua ua ia fa'aaoga ona lima e ta tu'i molia mo kopi o fa'amaumauga ai foliga o le ali'i na a'afia ma uma o lana fa'amasinoga autu manu'a ai o ia. Sa ia folafola foi sa faia. O le fa'afitauli o lo o i ai, i ai ni folafolaga e fa'amata'u ai e le o i ai sana galuega e maua le saogalemu o lea ali'i. ai se tupe, ona o loo taofia o ia i le toese mo le tuliina o lana ia Lologa e fa'apea, e le o le fa'asalaga.

fa'amasinoga aia tatau e fesoasoani mai le malo. O le tali agava'a ai le ua molia, atoa o le tagata na te fa'aaoga lona ai ma le avanoa e mafai malosi e foia ai ni fa'afitauli, ai e le Fa'amasinoga ona o le taofia lea i le toese mo se fa'aagafua ni tau e totogi mo ia taimi umi. fa'amaumauga.

e fa'apea, o le mataupu a tausi le filemu i le va o lona aiga Mamona sa iloiloina e le vaega

iloilo iuga, o i latou fo'i ia sa fa'afofoga toto'a i molimau O le ali'i lea o lo o tuli uma o le mataupu, ma latou sana fa'asalaga fa'a falepui- tuuina mai ai loa le fa'aiuga e

E 30 tausaga lea o lo o iuga tu'uaiga fa'asaga ia te ia tuliina nei e Mamona i le toese i le fa'alavelave lea na maliu i Tafuna, ina ua ta'usala o ia i ai lona to'alua, ua ia talosaga i le moliaga o le faaoolima i le le fa'amasinoga maualuga ina tulaga muamua. O lea moliaga na afua mai i le fa'alavelave lea lima lea i lona to'alua i totonu o le potu, e ala i lona titina o lona Ua taoto atu nei i se fa'aiuga ua a o matamata atu i ai lona a le afioga i le Fa'amasino atali'i e 9 tausaga i se pu sa i le 'au o le faitoto'a o le potu.

VIALI LOLOGA

E 45 aso lea ua faasala ai O le vaiaso na te'a nei na toe e le fa'amasinoga faaitumalo oo atu ai Mataupu Mamona ma le ali'i o Viali Lologa e taofia lanaloiailuma o le fa'amasinoga ai i le toese i Tafuna, o se tasi maualuga, ona o se talosaga lea o tuutuuga o lana nofoa le ua molia e fa'ataga ai e le vaavaaia e 12 masina le umi, fa'amasinoga ona ia mauaina ina ua ta'usala o ia i le moliaga kopi o fa'amaumauga tusitusia o le faaoolima i le tulaga tolu, uma o lana fa'amasinoga autu atoa ai ma le fa'atupu vevesi i

O se vevesi na tula'i mai i le va o aiga e lua, na mafua ai loa Na taua e le loia a Mamona ona tula'i mai i le misa i le va o

Na faailoa e le Fa'amasinoga fa'aaogaina o le malosi e foia ai Na fa'ailoa e Fiaui i le sefa'afitauli, ae tatau ona saili se

Ua fautuaina fo'i e le Na fa'ailoa e Kruse ia Fiaui Fa'amasinoga ia Lologa ina ia

(Faaauau itulau 15)



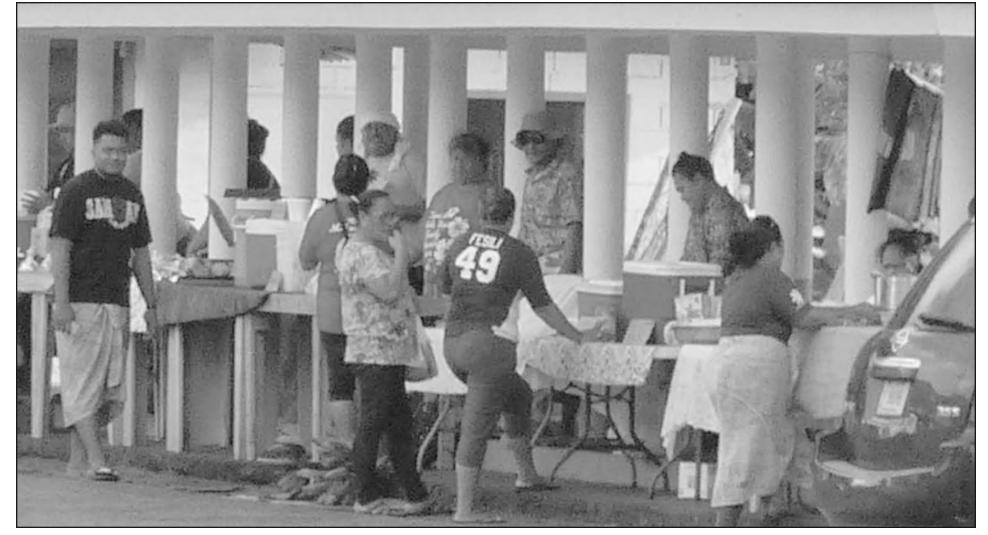
Tiakono ia Uale Mulipola mai le Ekalesia CCJS i Pago Pago fa'amanuiaina ma lona faletua o Agamalu Mulipola i le tufatufaga o pusa mea'ai mai le latou Ekalesia ina ia fesoasoani mo lenei vaitau fita i le fa'asoa i le fatuaiga tausi. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O se tasi o tina galue i le Kamupani StarKist Samoa lea ua fa'amanuiaina fo'i i tufatufaga o meaalofa a lana ekalesia CCJS Pago Pago ananafi. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



Nisi o sui o le CCJS Pago Pago sa auai i le tufatufaina o atigipusa o oloa eseese e aoga mo le 'aiga fa'apea ma meataumafa i le taeao o le aso Sa ina ua mae'a le sauniga taeao ananafi. Taga'i lomiga o le Lali a taeao mo le tala atoa. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O se va'aiga i le maota o Malufau i Faleniu ua fa'atutu ai nisi o fale'aiga Samoa ma umu o so'o se ituaiga ua fa'atau atu ai i le mamalu o le atunu'u fegasoloai.

Tala o faamasinoga...

Mai itulau 14

ma le aiga o le ali'i na a'afia, fa'asaina, o le a faia fo'i ni

Ua faasa ona ia toe tagofia fa'asaina. 'ava malosi poo fualaau

pe afai ae magalo mai i tua i le suega i lona tino ina ia faamaonia ai na te le o tagofia fualaau

Border agent dies after being injured in Texas

tection agent was fatally injured tweets." responding to activity there.

the agent's injuries or what led the U.S. border with Mexico. to them. Spokesman Carlos tinez had been a border agent Mexico.

VAN HORN, Texas (AP) since August 2013 and was - Authorities are searching from El Paso. President Donald Texas' Big Bend area for poten- Trump commented about the tial suspects and witnesses after incident on Twitter Sunday a U.S. Customs and Border Pro-night amid a series of unrelated

We will seek out and bring Border Patrol spokesmen to justice those responsible,' said they could not provide any Trump's tweet read. He also details Sunday on what caused reiterated his call for a wall at

Border Patrol records show Diaz said the FBI has taken Big Bend accounted for about 1 over the investigation. Another percent of the more than 61,000 spokesman, Douglas Mosier, apprehensions its agents made said Agent Rogelio Martinez, along the Southwest border 36, and his partner were trans- between October 2016 and May ported to a local hospital, where 2017. The region's mountains Martinez died. Martinez's and the Rio Grande make it a partner is in serious condition. difficult area for people to cross His name wasn't released. Mar- illegally into the U.S. from

Senator AI Franken cut from PBS David Letterman tribute

LOS ANGELES (AP) -PBS and WETA say Minne- the inclusion of Franken in the in David Letterman's Mark tion of American humor. Twain Prize special airing the end of the show when the differently. cast joins Letterman on stage.

PBS and WETA said that sota U.S. Senator Al Franken broadcast would distract from will not appear substantially the show's purpose as a celebra-

Leeann Tweeden accused Monday night.Representatives Franken of forcibly kissing her said Sunday that PBS will air and groping her during a 2006 an updated version of the pre- USO tour. Franken has since viously filmed event in which apologized to her and said that Franken will only be visible at he remembers their encounter

Martin Truex Jr. caps career season with 1st NASCAR title

NASCAR's newest champion manufacturer Toyota. wouldn't take his helmet off.

He couldn't.

would see Martin Truex Jr. cry.

Truex capped the most successful season of his jourchampion Sunday, then strugwas mobbed on the frontstretch the finale. by his Furniture Row Racing team, and after his girlfriend pushed through the crowd to get to him, he finally pulled the helmet and black visor off to show his face.

Truex was sobbing.

"I was a mess. I couldn't a wreck thinking about all the tough days, the bad days, the I didn't think anyone believed September. in me, but the guys, the people who mattered did, my fans, my

this team ... they resurrected my career and made me a champion."Truex won his first Cup title by winning the finale, Harvick and Brad Keselowski for the championship. The other three were former champions. Truex was the favorite.

He thrived in that role, didn't flinch when fellow Toyota driver Busch tried to use a different pit strategy to steal the race and then held off a hardcharging Busch over the final 12 laps to capture the title.

It was the eighth win of the season for Truex and first championship for Denver-based Furniture Row Racing. It was the through."

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — second title in three years for

tonight."

Busch finished second for neyman career as NASCAR's Joe Gibbs Racing as Toyota, onship on television. the most dominant manufacgled to start the celebration. He turer this season, went 1-2 in statistical category this year,

Kyle Larson, who was elimimonth, finished third in a Chevrolet for Chip Ganassi Racing. Haas Racing Ford.

Keselowski wound up seveven talk," Truex said. "I was enth and was stopped short in trying to give Team Penske

Ford its third win of the Chevrolet will catch up with its "Then when I got with the Truck Series race and the no plans for a redesign. Xfinity Series race. The manusince 2004.

> it was for (Pollex). A lot of it was for me. A lot of it was for this team," Truex said. "I've time drivers for Dale Earnkid. Just never give up on your NASCAR, as well as Danica

Missing from the celebration party was Furniture Row "Just a dream season. I was team owner Barney Visser. going to be gutted if we didn't He suffered a heart attack two If he did, then everyone win," Truex said. "We gave weeks ago and is sidelined in it our all, and it was enough Colorado. After pouring millions into his race team, Visser watched it win its first champi-

Truex led nearly every including wins, laps led and stage victories. Heading into nated from the playoffs last Homestead, six of Truex's wins came on 1 1/2-mile tracks, the same layout as Homestead. Harvick, seeking his second Now seven of his career-best title, was fourth in a Stewart- eight wins are on those sized tracks.

"I mean, yeah, they've had the fastest car all year, so it was good to see him win," said a season sweep of the two Harvick. Keselowski reiterated times where I thought my career top American racing series. that he believed the redesigned was over with, the times when Penske won the IndyCar title in Toyota Camry has had an advantage over the competition Truex's victory also denied since it debuted this season, and weekend. Ford drivers won new Camaro next year. Ford has

"I don't think anyone really facturer has not won a Cup title ever had a shot this year the second that (Camry) got put on But it may not have even the racetrack and approved," beating Kyle Busch, Kevin had a chance Sunday because Keselowski said. "It kind of felt that's how strong Truex has like Formula 1 where you had been all year. Through his one car that made it through tears, he tried to express what the gates heads and tails above this season — a year in which everyone and your hands are longtime partner Sherry Pollex tied because you're not allowed suffered a recurrence of ovarian to do anything to the cars in cancer — has meant."A lot of those categories that NASCAR approves to really catch up."

It was the final race as fullwanted this since I was a little hardt Jr., the most popular in dreams no matter what happens Patrick and Matt Kenseth. Earnand what kind of crap you go hardt retired after his 25th-place





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The chairman of the German Liberals, Christian Lindner, right, leaves after exploratory talks on a coalition of the Liberals, the Green Party, the Christian Democrats and the Christian Social Union, in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017. (AP Photo/Michael Sohn)

German government talks collapse; Merkel seeks to reassure

pledged early Monday to maintain stability after the Free Dem-

Chancellor Angela Merkel on forming a new government with her conservative bloc and the left-leaning Greens, raising the possibility of new elections.

> Merkel told reporters that the parties had been close to reaching a consensus on how to proceed with formal coalition talks but that the Free Democrats decided abruptly to pull out just before midnight Sunday a move she said she respected, but found "regrettable."

She said she would consult with Germany's president later in the day to brief him on the economic competitiveness. negotiations and discuss what

Democrats back to the table, Merkel will be forced to try to continue her current governing coalition with the Social Demo- join them. crats, although that center-left was seen as unlikely. Otherwise decided to pull out. Germany will have to hold new elections.

"It is at least a day of deep reflection on how to go forward in Germany," Merkel said. "But I will do everything possible to ensure that this country will be well led through these difficult weeks."Merkel's conservative Christian Democrats and sister Bavaria-only Christian Social Union, the pro-business Free Democrats and the left-leaning Greens had already blown past Merkel's own deadline of opening formal negotiations on a coalition of all four parties, a configuration that has never

Key sticking points were the larly difficult.

BERLIN (AP) — German ocratic Party pulled out of talks issues of migration and climate change.

Among other things the Greens were pushing for Germany to end its use of coal and combustion engines by 2030, though they had signaled they were open to some compromise.

The other parties are also committed to reducing carbon emissions, but Merkel's bloc hadn't put a date on when to phase out coal. The Free Democrats also expressed concern about what the moves would mean for jobs and Germany's

On migration, the Christian Social Union wanted an annual Without bringing the Free cap on refugees, while the Greens sought to allow more categories of recent migrants to bring their closest relatives to

Merkel said that "we thought party has said it will not do we were on a path where we so, or she could try to form a could have reached agreement," minority government, which when that the Free Democrats

Free Democrat leader Christian Lindner told reporters that his party decided to withdraw rather than further compromise its principles and sign on to policies the party was not convinced of."It is better not to govern, than to govern falsely," he said. Greens politician Reinhard Buetikofer criticized Lindner's decision, saying on Twitter that the Free Democrat had chosen "a kind of populist agitation instead of governmental responsibility."Looking Thursday to agree on a basis for ahead, if it comes to a new election, polls currently suggest it would produce a very similar parliament to the current one, been tried at a national level in which would make efforts to form a new government simi-



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FILE - In this July 18, 2017, file photo, Indonesian House Speaker Setya Novanto pauses during a press conference in Jakarta, Indonesia. Indonesia's anti-graft commission said Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 it will declare Novanto a fugitive if he doesn't turn himself in after being accused of involvement in the theft of \$170 million of public funds.

(AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana, File)

Indonesia graft suspect detained after doctors clear health

of the country's Parliament who introduction of a \$440 million for weeks evaded questioning electronic identity card system over his alleged role in the in 2011 and 2012 to steal more theft of \$170 million of public than a third of the funds. money.

twist on Thursday night when denied any wrongdoing. he was involved in a car crash arrest in a police raid on his investigation.

was badly injured in the crash, nesia with some seeing it as an but Corruption Eradication outrageous move to stymie the Commission spokesman Febri investigation. Diansyah said Monday that an

orange vest for prisoners.

He is accused of being things for the U.S.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) among 80 people, mostly offi-- Indonesia's anti-graft com- cials and politicians, and sevmission has arrested the speaker eral companies who used the

Novanto, also chairman of Attempts to question Setya Golkar, a major party in Indo-Novanto took an unexpected nesia's governing coalition, has

Diansyah said Novanto and admitted to hospital. The will be detained for 20 days to previous day he had evaded assist with the commission's

The car accident unleashed Novanto's lawyer said he a wave of incredulity in Indo-

A Donald Trump admirer, independent panel of doctors Novanto made an unexpected concluded there was no need for appearance at the future presihis continued hospitalization. dent's news conference at Diansyah said Novanto was Trump Tower in New York in moved to a detention center September 2015 along with around midnight Sunday. another Indonesian lawmaker. Photos showed him in a wheel- Trump introduced Novanto as chair wearing the commission's one of Indonesia's most powerful men who would do great



PACIFIC ISLAND HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PIHOA)

JOB STATUS:

JOB TITLE: Project Coordinator - American Samoa Lymphatic Filariasis Prevention and Elimination

100% Full-Time, Temporary Consultant

JOB PERIOD: Job commencement date to 30 June 2018, with possible extension contingent on funding agency approval

American Samoa Department of Health - Office of the Director **DUTY STATION:** SUMMARY OF DUTIES: Experienced and qualified Project Coordinator sought by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) to manage and coordinate lymphatic filariasis (LF) prevention and elimination work in American Samoa in coordination and consultation with the American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH), US Centers for Disease Control - Center for Global Health (CDC CGH), the World Health Organization (WHO), and PIHOA. The project component in American Samoa is funded by CDC CGH and is subject to US federal guidelines and regulations. WHO will be leading similar work in Western Samoa in consultation

with the Western Samoa Ministry of Health (WSMOH). American Samoa and Western Samoa LF prevention and elimination work will be conducted concurrently. As such, the Project Coordinator, will also need to liaise and communicate with both WHO and WSMOH officials, as needed, to ensure proper joint coordination and information-sharing between the two project sites for effective

LF prevention and elimination. The primary objective of the project will be to significantly reduce and/or eliminate new and recurring LF infections across American Samoa through mass (whole population) health promotion, LF screening (testing), and administration of WHO-recommended triple-drug regimen, with primary focus on the main island of Tutuila. In the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating the project, the secondary objective will be to strengthen ASDOH systems and capacities for on-going LF prevention, surveillance/monitoring, and control. Consultancy tasks are to be planned and conducted in consultation with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors. Additional technical advisory support will be provided by CDC's Regional Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO), co-located at the PIHOA Guam Office. Position will be housed at the ASDOH Office of the Director (or, other location as assigned by ASDOH).

SCOPE OF POSITION:

- Reports to: PIHOA Executive Director and/or assigned PIHOA Technical Staff
- Geographic Areas of Responsibility: American Samoa, Tutuila
- Supervises: LF Project Assistant
- Fiscal Responsibilities: Yes, but no approval authority; any and all fiscal transactions must have prior approval from the PIHOA ED Signature Authorities: No; all vendor and other contracts will require prior approval and be signed off by the PIHOA Executive
- Level of Interaction: Must be able to work independently and in collaboration with other team members and diverse project stakeholders across ASDOH, CDC, WHO, and PIHOA, including American Samoa community and traditional leaders and church
- Special Requirements: May be exposed to vector-borne diseases and local infectious diseases, rough terrain, inclement weather conditions, high humidity, intense heat and sun, vicious animals, poisonous plants/sea creatures, and travel in small prop planes and/or small boats over rough seas. Must be willing to travel from duty station for long periods of time, as required. Must be able to work in resource-limited, rural environments with limited public infrastructure and communications/IT capabilities

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Set up of LF project office at ASDOH, including local procurement of all required office furniture and materials and supplies, as required/needed:
- Manage project budget as approved by CDC CGH, including management and monitoring of project spending in accordance with the budget, ensuring compliance of all fiscal transactions/budgetary actions in accordance with US federal/CDC project guidelines and regulations and PIHOA's Fiscal Policies and Procedures, procurement of project supplies and equipment, and sourcing and management of local vendor and other project consultancy contracts;
- Assist in the local recruitment, selection, and supervision of a Project Assistant for the LF project. The Project Assistant will assist in all project tasks as directed by the Project Coordinator, including, but not limited to: the daily administration of office and project administrative functions, assistance with coordination/implementation of project activities and stakeholder planning meetings, administrative monitoring and support for local vendor contracts/consultancies, procurement of project supplies/equipment, and
- Work closely with AS DOH leadership and assigned staff, assigned PIHOA technical staff, CDC CGH technical advisor and project officer, and WHO technical advisors to plan, implement, monitor and report on all project tasks to ensure project objectives, activity timelines, and LF prevention/elimination milestones are met in a timely and quality manner. This includes the development of a project implementation plan and performance monitoring framework and
- coordination of regular stakeholder planning meetings;

 5. Work closely with assigned AS DOH leadership and program staff to plan and conduct mass health promotion and informational/media campaigns with American Samoa community members and traditional/church leadership to improve community member and leadership knowledge and awareness of LF transmission and prevention, and encourage community
- member and leadership buy-in, engagement, and support for LF mass screening (testing) and drug therapy administration; Gather and disseminate current/best-practice LF research and other relevant resources and information that enhance local
- knowledge of LF transmission and prevention Collate and submit periodic reports to ASDOH leadership, PIHOA and CDC to provide qualitative and quantitative summary
- progress against agreed project tasks, timelines, and milestones; As needed, may be required to travel to the Honolulu PIHOA office to work with PIHOA management, finance and technical staff in support of the project, including presenting LF project to PIHOA's Governing Board at PIHOA Executive Board Meetings (next meeting will be in American Samoa in March 2018);
- 9. Plan and coordinate mid- and end-of-project evaluation/after-action review efforts in consultation with AS DOH, CDC and PIHOA;
- 10. Any other duties as assigned in accordance with project objectives.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Submission of monthly invoices for consultancy payment that provides full detail and status of times and activities/outputs
- completed/achieved/in progress at the end of each calendar month.

 2. If position travels, invoices to also include Travel/Trip Reports and other supporting documentation.
- Submission of allowable travel reimbursable receipts (calling/internet cards, airport tax, excess luggage, car rental fuel, etc.).
- When completed, submission of all final and approved deliverables and reports to be uploaded to PIHOA's Shared Archives.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES):

- Periodic LF Project Progress Reports LF Project Implementation Plan and Performance Monitoring Framework
- Final LF Project Report
- Final LF Project Evaluation Report Standard PIHOA trip reports

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education: Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or other relevant degree area in the social and health sciences, preferably in health services administration (equivalent professional experience will also be assessed). A Master's in Public Health is a plus.

 Job Experience: Minimum of one year of project management experience, preferably with US federally-funded, health-related
- projects/programs implemented in American Samoa.
- 3. Job Knowledge: Knowledge of project management and administration, including project-based planning and coordination, implementation, budgeting and finance, and monitoring and evaluation; understanding of US federal guidelines and regulations is
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TERM OF POSITION: Temporary Consultancy from time of hire to June 30, 2018, with possibility of renewal/extension pending

APPLICATION: Submit the following electronically with attention to Emi Chutaro (emic@pihoa.org), Executive Director, and cc to Andrea Whitt (andreaw@pihoa.org), Office and Program Support Officer, and Regie Tolentino, Office Administrator

- (regiet@pihoa.org), no later than 5pm, November 22, 2017, Hawaii Standard Time: 1) Letter of Interest that outlines your overall qualifications and professional experience in response to the Primary Qualifications;
- 2) Curriculum Vitae or Resume; and
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FILE - In this Nov. 15, 2017, file photo, President Donald Trump speaks in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House in Washington. Trump is expressing more doubts about a new policy allowing trophies of African elephants shot for sport to be imported.

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Trump voices doubt about trophy hunting policy

announced Thursday that it and December 2018. would allow such importation,

WASHINGTON (AP) - rights advocates, environmental President Donald Trump on groups and some GOP law-Sunday expressed more doubts makers. Trump decided Friday about a new policy allowing to delay the policy until he could trophies of African elephants review it with Interior Secreshot for sport to be imported, tary Ryan Zinke. However, on appearing to question whether Sunday night, Trump tweeted "this horror show" would actu- that he would announce a decially aid in the conservation of sion in the coming days "but any animal. The trophy policy will be very hard pressed to was among issues Trump cited change my mind that this horror in a series of tweets. He also show in any way helps conserinsulted Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., vation of Elephants or any other and branded as ungrateful the animal."The Fish and Wildlife father of one of the UCLA bas- Service said in a written notice ketball players jailed in China issued Thursday that permitbut freed after Trump's inter- ting parts of elephants from vention. The death of a Customs Zimbabwe and Zambia to be and Border Protection agent brought back as trophies will in Texas brought a message of raise money for conservation condolence. The U.S. Fish and programs. The change would Wildlife Service has argued that override a 2014 ban imposed encouraging wealthy big-game by the Obama administration. hunters to kill the threatened The new policy applies to the species would help raise money remains of African elephants for conservation programs. It killed between January 2016

In another tweet Sunday, drawing criticism from animal Trump said he thinks Flake won't support the Republican tax overhaul in Congress as he insulted the Arizona Republican two days after Flake criticized him. Flake's spokesman responded that the senator was "still reviewing the tax reform bill on its merits. How he votes on it will have nothing to do with the President."Flake, who announced last month that he was not seeking re-election, was caught on an open microphone Friday saying the GOP is "toast" if the party follows Trump and Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore. It was not a surprising sentiment given Flake's previous criticism of Trump. Moore's refusal to drop out of a special Senate race in the wake of allegations of sexual misconduct with teenage girls has divided Republicans.

> In the Sunday tweet, Trump fired back: "Sen. Jeff Flake(y), who is unelectable in the Great State of Arizona (quit race, anemic polls) was caught (purposely) on "mike" saying bad things about your favorite President. He'll be a NO on tax cuts because his political career anyway is 'toast."

Trump also tweeted Sunday that he should have left three UCLA basketball players accused of shoplifting in China in jail. That remark came after the father of player LiAngelo Ball minimized the president's involvement in winning the players' release in comments to ESPN.Trump tweeted: "Now that the three basketball players are out of China and saved from years in jail, LaVar Ball, the father of LiAngelo, is unaccepting of what I did for his son and that shoplifting is no big deal. I should have left them in jail!"He revisited the matter in another tweet: "Shoplifting is a very big deal in China, as it should be (5-10 years in jail), but not to father LaVar. Should have gotten his son out during my next trip to China instead. China told them why they were released. Very ungrateful!"



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In this March 24, 2017, photo, workers stand at a seaside construction site with the pier of a container terminal in the background in Tokyo. Japan's trade surplus fell more than 40 percent in October from a year earlier, despite strong growth in exports to China, the U.S. and the EU, as costs for imports of oil, gas and coal surged. Customs figures released Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, showed imports rose almost 19 percent from the same month a year ear-

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lier in October to 6.41 trillion yen (\$57 billion) while exports were up 14 percent at 6.7 trillion yen (\$59 billion).

Japan exports climb on surging demand for cars, machinery

exports grew 14 percent over a 26 percent to 1.35 trillion yen year earlier in October on strong (\$12 billion). Its imports from demand for vehicles, electronics China rose 14 percent to 1.62 and machinery. However, custrillion yen (\$14 billion). toms data released Monday showed even faster growth jumped 11 percent to 644.7 in imports of oil, gas and coal billion yen (\$5.75 billion) on that caused the trade surplus exports of 1.28 trillion yen (\$11 to fall more than 40 percent billion), led by chemicals and from the year before. As China machinery. Imports from the recovers momentum following U.S. climbed 3.1 percent to 637 a slowdown, demand from the billion yen (\$5.7 billion), with region's biggest economy is the biggest growth in imports helping to breathe fresh life into of fish, soybeans, coal, liquid its neighbors' economies.

Exports are helping to drive a facturing equipment.

other commodities: surging 19

in October, as shipments to cent in 2018."

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Asia's biggest economy jumped

Japan's surplus with the U.S. petroleum gas and iron ore.

Imports of crude oil, gas, moderate recovery in Japan, the coal and other fuels surged 37.5 world's third-largest economy, percent from a year earlier to as its factories struggle to keep 1.24 trillion yen (\$11 billion). up with demand for cars, elec- Rising prices and the weaktronic components and manu- ening of the Japanese yen over the past year contributed to that At the same time, Japan's increase."Looking ahead, the imports have risen thanks to export climate index remains higher costs for crude oil and elevated and suggests that export growth will continue at a percent from the same month a similar pace as the 6.4 percent year earlier in October to 6.41 year-on-year increase recorded trillion yen (\$57 billion) versus last quarter," Marcel Thieliant exports of 6.7 trillion yen (\$59 of Capital Economics said in billion). The resulting surplus of a commentary. But the econo-285.4 billion yen (\$2.54 billion) mies of Japan's major trading compared with a 481.2 billion partners are likely to slow in yen surplus a year earlier and the next year, he said. "We 667.7 billion yen in September. therefore we expect real export China displaced the U.S. as growth to slow from 6 percent Japan's biggest export market year-on-year this year to 3 per-

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European Union foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, center in green, visits the Kutupalong Rohingya refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, Sunday, Nov.19, 2017. More than 600,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled Rakhine for neighboring Bangladesh since late August, when the military launched what it called "clearance operations" in response to insurgent attacks.

EU diplomat encourages stabilizing troubled Myanmar state

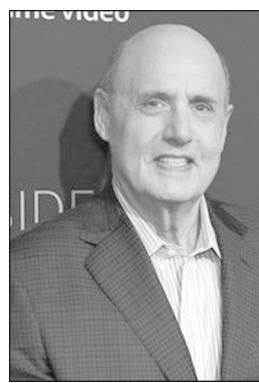
NAYPYITAW, Myanmar menting the recommendations. (AP) — The European Union's Rakhine state.

top diplomat says she is encour- established last year at Suu Asia meeting Monday in Nayaging Myanmar leader Aung Kyi's behest, issued its report San Suu Kyi's willingness to the day before deadly insurgent implement the recommenda- attacks on multiple police posts believed stopping the violence tions of an expert panel on in Rakhine state on Aug. 25. was necessary, as well as a ensuring stability in troubled The subsequent military crackdown on Rohingya Muslims Federica Mogherini said sparked a major refugee exodus the refugees. work still was needed on imple- and widespread condemnation.

Mogherini is among the for-The Rakhine Commission, eign ministers from Europe and pyitaw, the capital of Myanmar.

She said the European Union guarantee of full humanitarian access and safe repatriation of

Tambor doesn't see how he can return to 'Transparent'



LOS ANGELES (AP) -Following two allegations of sexual harassment against him, actor Jeffrey Tambor says he doesn't see how he can return to the Amazon series "Transparent."

In an ambiguous statement

implies, doesn't confirm, an atmosphere" has afflicted the set. He said that this is 'no longer the job signed up for four years ago."

come forward over future in jeopardy. the past few weeks to accuse Tambor of sexual harassment, including "Transparent" actress Trace Lysette and his former assistant, who Tambor said was

disgruntled.

"I've already made clear my deep regret if any action of mine was ever misinterpreted by anyone as being aggressive, but the idea that I would deliberately harass anyone is simply

Sunday that heavily and utterly untrue," Tambor though said Sunday.

He has repeatedly denied the imminent departure allegations made against him, from the Emmy-win- which are both under invesning series, Tambor tigation by Amazon Studios. referenced what he Representatives for Amazon calls a "politicized did not immediately respond to that requests seeking comment.

Tambor has won two Emmys for portraying Maura Pfefferman in the highly regarded show, which is now in its fourth season. The allegations made Two women have against Tambor have put its

Should Tambor part ways with "Transparent," it would be the latest professional casualty of the anti-sexual harassment movement that is upending Hollywood at all levels. Over the past few weeks, Kevin Spacey was fired from "House of Cards" and cut out of the film "All the Money in the World," and Louis C.K. had a Netflix standup special axed and was removed from Saturday's HBO benefit "A Night of Too Many Stars."

Asian shares fall in muted trading ahead of Thanksgiving

Monday ahead of the Thanks- surplus a year earlier. giving holidays in the U.S., as from China and the U.S.

Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell index of smaller and more U.S.-0.2 percent to 5,946.60. South Korea's Kospi dipped nearly 0.2 percent to 2,529.40. Hong Kong's Hang Seng was down 0.1 percent at 29,186.16, while the Shanghai Composite index

JAPAN TRADE: Japan's trade surplus fell more than 40 The resulting surplus of 285.4 to overhaul the tax code.

TOKYO (AP) — Asian billion yen (\$2.54 billion) comshares fell in muted trading pared with a 481.2 billion yen

WALL STREET: The Stangloom carried over from Fri- dard & Poor's 500 index fell day's retreat on Wall Street. 0.3 percent to finish the week Japan reported its exports rose at 2,578.85, while the Dow 14 percent in October from a Jones industrial average gave year earlier on strong demand up 0.4 percent to 23,358.24. The Nasdag composite dipped KEEPING SCORE: Japan's 0.2 percent to 6,782.79 after benchmark Nikkei 225 index it closed at a record high lost 0.6 percent to 22,271.35. Thursday. The Russell 2000 focused stocks climbed 0.4 percent to 1,492.82. Most of the companies on the New York Stock Exchange rose, but the S&P 500 finished slightly lower for the second week in a row dropped 1.2 percent to 3,341.96. after an eight-week winning

TAX WATCH: The U.S. percent in October from a year Congress is due to vote on a earlier, despite strong growth in \$1.5 trillion measure to overhaul exports to China, the U.S. and business and personal income the EU, as costs for imports of taxes after Thanksgiving. The oil, gas and coal surged. Cus- provision to repeal a requiretoms figures released Monday ment that everyone in the U.S. showed imports rose almost 19 have insurance has emerged percent from the same month a as a major sticking point with year earlier in October to 6.41 those who say that issue should trillion yen (\$57 billion) while be dealt with separately from exports were up 14 percent at the push by President Donald 6.7 trillion yen (\$59 billion). Trump and fellow Republicans



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FILE - In this Wednesday Feb, 10, 2016 file photo, Zimbabwean vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa greets party supporters at the ZANU-PF headquarters in Harare. The ruling party's Central Committee confirmed Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 that President Robert Mugabe has been fired as party leader and will be replaced by Mnangagwa. (AP Photo/Tsvangirayi Mukwazhi, File)

Figure known as 'Crocodile' could replace Zimbabwe president

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Emmerson Mnangagwa, elected Sunday as the new leader of Zimbabwe's ruling political party and positioned to take has engineered a remarkable in Zimbabwe. comeback using skills he no doubt learned from his longtime mentor, President Robert Mugabe.

Mnangagwa served for decades as Mugabe's enforcer — a role that gave him a reputation for being astute, ruthless and effective at manipulating the levers of power. Among the population, he is more feared than popular, but he has strategically fostered a loyal support base within the military and security forces.

A leading government figure since Zimbabwe's independence in 1980, he became vice president in 2014 and is so widely known as the "Crocodile" that his supporters are ation," Pigou said. "The demoncalled Team Lacoste for the stration was orchestrated." brand's crocodile logo.

panacea for Zimbabwe's problems? Will he bring good governance and economic management? We'll have to watch this space," said Piers Pigou, southern Africa expert for the International Crisis Group.

Mugabe unwittingly set in motion the events that led to his own downfall, firing his vice president on Nov. 6. Mnangagwa fled the country to avoid arrest while issuing a ringing statement saying he would return to lead Zimbabwe.

"Let us bury our differences and rebuild a new and prosperous Zimbabwe, a country that is tolerant to divergent views, a country that respects opinions of others, a country that does note isolate itself from the rest of the world because of

one stubborn individual who victed of blowing up a locomobelieves he is entitled to rule tive in 1965. this country until death," he said in the Nov. 8 statement.

over as the country's leader, public but is believed to be back was commuted to 10 years

For weeks, Mnangagwa had been publicly demonized by Mugabe and his wife. Grace, so he had time to prepare his strategy. Within days of the vice president's dismissal, his supporters in the military put Mugabe and his wife under house arrest.

When Mugabe refused to resign, a massive demonstration Saturday brought thousands of people into the streets of the capital, Harare. It was not a spontaneous uprising. Thousands of professionally produced posters praising Mnangagwa and the military had been printed ahead of time.

"It was not a last-minute oper-

At the same time, Mnan-The 75-year-old "is smart gagwa's allies in the ruling and skillful, but will he be a ZANU-PF party lobbied for the removal of Mugabe as the party meeting Sunday, Mnangagwa was voted in as the new leader of the party, which had been led by Mugabe since 1977.

In an interview with The Associated Press years ago, Mnangagwa was terse and stone-faced, backing up his reputation for saying little but acting decisively. Party insiders say that he can be charming and has friends of all colors.

Mnangagwa joined the fight against white minority rule in Rhodesia while still a teen in the 1960s. In 1963, he received military training in Egypt and China. As one of the earliest was captured, tortured and con-

Sentenced to death by hanging, he was found to be He has not been seen in under 21, and his punishment in prison. He was jailed with other prominent nationalists including Mugabe.

> While imprisoned, Mnangagwa studied through a correspondence school. After his release in 1975, he went to Zambia, where he completed a law degree and started practicing. Soon he went to newly independent Marxist Mozambique, where he became Mugabe's assistant and bodyguard. In 1979, he accompanied Mugabe to the Lancaster House talks in London that led to the end of Rhodesia and the birth of Zimbabwe.

"Our relationship has over the years blossomed beyond that of master and servant to father and son," Mnangagwa wrote this month of his relationship with Mugabe.

When Zimbabwe achieved independence in 1980, Mnangagwa was appointed minister leader. At a Central Committee of security. He directed the merger of the Rhodesian army with Mugabe's guerrilla forces and the forces of rival nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo. Ever since, he has kept close ties with the military and security forces.

> In 1983, Mugabe launched a brutal campaign against Nkomo's supporters that became known as the Matabeleland massacres for the deaths of 10,000 to 20,000 Ndebele people in Zimbabwe's southern provinces.

Mnangagwa was widely blamed for planning the campaign of the army's North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade guerrilla fighters against Ian on their deadly mission into the Smith's Rhodesian regime, he Matabeleland provinces. Mnangagwa denies this.



People attend the Gay Pride Parade at Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, Nov.

Cross-border wedding held as California 'Door of Hope' opens

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A the fence." United States man and a Mexor so every year.

of Hope.

white wedding dress with noon for an hour, allowing train and veil, embraced Brian waiting family members from Houston of San Diego after the U.S. to walk partly through signing documents that made and meet and embrace relatives them husband and wife.

love each other on both sides of legally cross the border to visit

ican woman have wed between he couldn't go into Tijuana for but not touch through the steel the doors of a steel border gate reasons he declined to explain that is opened for only an hour but spoke daily with his bride. The couple has an attorney who couple worked with Enrique Saturday's wedding at is trying to obtain a green card Border Field State Park in San for Reyes to join Houston in the Diego was a first for an opening U.S., Houston said, although of the gate known as the Door that could take more than a year.

Evelia Reyes, wearing a the gate in the border wall at in Mexico for a scant three min-"It's a statement that love utes each before tearfully saying has no borders," Houston told goodbye. It was the sixth time the San Diego Union-Tribune. that the gate has opened since "Even though we are divided by 2013, allowing people from the a giant fence here, we can still U.S. and Mexico who cannot

without fear of deportation. At Houston, a U.S. citizen, said other times, families can talk fencing.

> To arrange the wedding, the Morones, executive director of the Border Angels group that organizes the gate openings.

The group takes meeting Border Patrol agents opened requests from families and forwards the names to the State Department, which conducts checks and makes the final decision on who will be allowed to briefly reunite, Morones said.

The gate opening took place about 15 miles west of where the eight prototypes for President Donald Trump's wall have been built.v"While some people want to build walls, we want to open doors," Morones said.

tampons on her roommate's backpack and putting her roommate's toothbrush "where the sun doesn't shine." Her roommate, Chennel Rowe, said she developed severe throat pain.

Officials say Brochu no longer attends the university.

Brochu told the Republican-The 18-year-old Harwinton American newspaper that she acted foolishly, but she is not a bigot.

Thousands celebrate in Rio's gay pride parade on Copacabana

on Copacabana beach Sunday to celebrate Rio de Janeiro's annual gay pride parade despite deep funding cuts by the city.

Mayor Marcelo Crivella offered no city funding this year, but organizers said they were able to finance festivities with the support of private businesses and organizations.

In 2016, the city funded 50

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - percent of the parade, which Thousands of revelers danced costs around \$200,000 to put

> Sunday's celebration featured dozens of Brazilian artists performing on trucks traveling down Copacabana beach.

> Despite its reputation as a liberal country, Brazil has some of Latin America's highest rates of violence against gay and transgender people.



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O lou le 'auai e le taofia ai le filifiliga a lo tatou aiga. Ia alofa le Atua tatou aulia manuia lenei aso ua atofaina. I le ava ma le fa'aaloalo tele,

O suli uma o le suafa Sagapolutele o lo'o tausia ma nonofo i le aiga.

Ex-student to face judge in body fluids contamination

lege student is facing arraign- hate crime charge. ment on allegations she smeared body fluids on her roommate's resident, who is white, is belongings.Brianna Brochu is accused of contaminating her scheduled to appear Tuesday in black roommate's belongings at Hartford Superior Court. She's the University of Hartford. charged with misdemeanor

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) peace. Prosecutors say they're — A former Connecticut col- determining whether to add a

Police say Brochu wrote on criminal mischief and breach of Instagram about rubbing used

15 dead, 10 hurt in a stampede for food aid in Morocco

local association was handing statement said. out food at a local weekly ince, which abuts the Atlantic \$16 per person.

MARRAKECH, Morocco coast southwest of Casablanca. (AP) — A stampede erupted King Mohammed VI has given while food aid was being dis- instructions that "all measures tributed in a Moroccan village be taken to help the victims Sunday and at least 15 people and their families," the ministry died and 10 were injured, said. The king will pay for the authorities said. The crush took hospitalization of the injured place in Sidi Boulalam as a and burials of the dead, the

Alyaoum24.com, a reliable "souk," or market, the Interior local news website, reported Ministry said in a statement. that people were rushing for the The town is in Essaouira prov- food aid whose value was about





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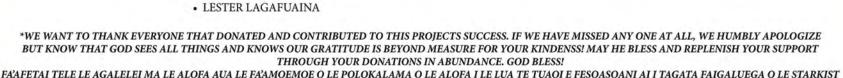












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