



Former classmates of the late Human Resources director, Taeanafua Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona singing a song as a tribute to Taeanafua during the Family & Friends Service on Tuesday night at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium. (See today's funeral announcement for details.)

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CHRISTMAS LOVE AND CHEER TO SOME SOLDIERS IN IRAQ



Christmas love and cheer reached some soldiers of the A Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment currently deployed in Baghdad, Iraq.

On the far right of the soldiers' photo is one of our own, SPC Tuto'atasi Letoaepulealonaloto Tautalatasi.

SPC Tuto'atasi wrote via Facebook: "It felt good receiving letters from these wonderful students and teachers who took the time to write to us. We're all away from our families and friends this holiday season and some of the soldiers here didn't receive



anything for Christmas really. These letters were a definite motivator and morale booster. Personally, it was a proud feeling for me knowing that these are letters from kids all the way from my home and motherland in American Samoa. I just want to say, on behalf of me and brothers here, Thank you from the bottom of my heart for thinking of us, cheering us on and looking out for us. We appreciate it. God bless you all."

In the photo of students, Aua Elementary's 7th graders are identified as one of the three groups of Elementary School students who sent Christmas love and cheer to soldiers of the A Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment currently deployed in Baghdad, Iraq.

The soldiers would like to thank the teachers and students of the Leone Midkiff Elementary, Tafuna Elementary & Aua Elementary from American Samoa who took the time to write and send them letters for this holiday season.

There were more letters from other teachers and students, but for the students pictured, their teacher's name is Ms. Rocha-Manini.

[Courtesy photos]

Births to mothers under the age of 15 drops to zero in FY2016

LBJ HOSPITAL REPORTED 1,013 BIRTHS AND 280 DEATHS IN FY2016

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The Statistical Yearbook 2016 reports that births to girls "under age 15" dropped to zero in FY2016, a significant decline from 2010 when there were seven.

However, of the total births in the year 2016, 10% of the births were to teenage mothers — ages 15-19, according to information from the LBJ Medical Center, cited in the American Samoa Statistical Yearbook 2016 released late last week.

Over the years, there have always been serious concerns in the community regarding teenaged girls giving birth. And there have been outreach programs from both government and non-government sectors addressing this issue.

Among the sections of the yearbook 2016, one deals with Vital and Health Statistics, which states that LBJ hospital reported 1,013 births and 280 deaths in 2016. Teen births made up 10% of total births. Age groups 20-24 and 25-29 accounted for 29% and 27% of births respectively.

Specific data in the yearbook shows that of the total births in FY2016, 99 were to mothers ages 15-19; 292 to mothers ages 20-24; 271 to mothers ages 25-29; 196 to mothers ages 30-34; 112 to mothers ages 35-39; 41 to mothers ages 40-44; and two to mothers ages 45-49.

The yearbook provides data for the past 10-years — between 2006 and 2016. For example, in 2015, for age group 15-19, there were 107 births; 2014 has 117; 2013 with 135; 2012 with 129; 2011 has 138; and 2010 with 120.

For "under age 15", there were no births reported between 2014 and 2016; however, there

were two in 2013; four in 2012; one in 2011; and seven in 2010, according to data provided by LBJ.

It also states that May 2016 has the highest number of births for that year at 118.

Of the total births in 2016, a total of 500 were males and 513 were females. The data also provides the total number of "legitimate" and "illegitimate" births - both male and female.

An interesting factor shown in the data is that in 2016, there were five sets of twins and two sets of triplets; while there were 8 sets of twins in 2015 but no triplets. The highest number of sets of twins was 20 in 2011 — which is also the same year there was one set of triplets born.

The yearbook also reported — based on LBJ data — that the leading causes of death in 2016 were heart disease (19.3% or 54 deaths), malignant neoplasm (15.7% or 44 deaths), septicemia (12.5% or 35 deaths), influenza/pneumonia (10.7% or 30 deaths), and hypertension (10% or 28 deaths).

All other causes of death including not specified were at 31.8% (or 26 deaths), according to the yearbook, which provides data on deaths for each month, with May the highest number of deaths at 44.

While the passing of anyone's loved ones brings sadness in any family, perhaps a sadder issue for a family is the passing of little children. In 2016, according to the data, 14 infants — under the age of one were among the deaths of that year compared to 11 in 2015. Data provides age and gender of deaths between 2006 and 2016.

OTHER INFORMATION

According to the yearbook, natural population

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Associate Judge Paepae Iosefa Faiai (middle with flower-lei), pictured with family members and friends, including House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale, after he was sworn in Tuesday as the newest associate judge of the High Court.

[photo: Faiai family]

Mormon church president Thomas S. Monson dies at 90

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thomas S. Monson, considered a prophet by nearly 16 million Mormons worldwide, has died at the age of 90 after a nearly a decade as church president. He expanded the church's reach and its transparency and was known for promoting humanitarian causes despite leading a divisive fight against gay marriage.

Monson died Tuesday night at his home in Salt Lake City, according to church spokesman Eric Hawkins.

Monson spent more than five decades serving in top church leadership councils — making him a well-known face and personality to multiple generations of Mormons.

A church bishop at the age of 22, the Salt Lake City native became the youngest church apostle ever in 1963 at the age of 36. He served as a counselor for three church presidents before assuming the role of the top leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February 2008.

As president of the nearly 16 million-member religion, Monson was considered a prophet who led the church through revelation from God in collaboration with two top counselors and members of

the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

The next president was not immediately named, but the job is expected to go to the next longest-tenured member of the church's governing Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Russell M. Nelson, per church protocol.

Monson's presidency was marked by his noticeably low profile during a time of intense publicity for the church, including the 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns of Mormon Mitt Romney. Monson's most public acts were appearances at church conferences and devotionals as well as dedications of church temples.

Monson will also be remembered for his emphasis on humanitarian work; leading the faith's involvement in the passage of gay marriage ban in California in 2008; continuing the church's push to be more transparent about its past; and lowering the minimum age for missionaries.

Mormons considered Monson a warm, caring, endearing and approachable leader, said Patrick Mason, associate professor of religion at Claremont Graduate University in California. He was known for dropping everything to make hospital visits to people in need. His speeches at the faith's twice-yearly conferences often focused on parables of human struggles resolved through faith.

He put an emphasis on the humanitarian ethic of Mormons, evidenced by his expansion of the church's disaster relief programs around the world, said Armand Mauss, a retired professor of sociology and religious studies at Washington State University.

"President Monson always seemed more interested in what we do with our religion rather than in what we believe," Mauss said.

President Donald Trump, religious leaders and well-known Mormons mourned Monson's death Wednesday and remembered his life of service.

Trump said in a statement that Monson "demonstrated wisdom, inspired leadership, and great compassion" and delivered a message of "optimism, forgiveness, and faith."

Romney, entertainer Marie Osmond and conservative talk-show host Glenn Beck were among those tweeting memories and condolences. Romney said in a statement that he'll remember Monson's compassion for the downtrodden. Osmond tweeted a picture of her embracing Monson, saying he was always there for her family. Beck recalled Monson's kindness and humility.

Condolences also came in from Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, who said of Monson, "Service

was his motto and humility his hallmark."

The Mormon church was founded in 1830 in upstate New York by Joseph Smith, who claimed he was visited by God and Jesus while praying in a grove of trees and was called to found the church. Members are known as Mormons because of the faith's keystone scripture, the Book of Mormon.

A World War II veteran, Monson served in the Navy and spent a year overseas before returning to get a business degree at the University of Utah and a master's degree in business administration from the church-owned Brigham Young University.

Before being chosen to join the faith's governing Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Monson worked for the church's secular businesses, primarily in advertising, printing and publishing including the Deseret Morning News.

Monson married Frances Beverly Johnson in 1948. The couple had three children, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Frances died in 2013 at the age of 85.

Throughout his life, Monson was an avid fisherman who also raised homing pigeons, specifically, roller pigeons who twirled as they flew. He was known for his love of show tunes, Boy Scouts and the Utah Jazz.

Monson's legacy will be tied to the church's efforts to hold tight to its opposition of same-sex marriage while encouraging members to be more open and compassionate toward gays and lesbians as acceptance for LGBT people increased across the county.

One of the most memorable moments of Monson's tenure came in October 2012, when he announced at church conference that the minimum age to depart on missions was being lowered to 19 from 21 for women; and to 18 from 19 for men. The change triggered a historic influx of missionaries, and proved a milestone change for women by allowing many more to serve.

The man expected to take Monson's seat, the 93-year-old Nelson, has been a church apostle since April 1984. Out of respect for Monson, his successor will not be officially named until after his funeral services on Jan. 12.

In keeping with tradition, the successor will choose two counselors from the Quorum of the Twelve to join him to form a three-person "presidency" that is the top of the church's governing hierarchy. If he elects not to keep Monson's two counselors, Henry B. Eyring and Dieter Uchtdorf, they would go back to being regular members of the Quorum.

Being one of the president's two counselors doesn't push them to the front of the line

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In this April 4, 2015, file photo, President Thomas S. Monson, of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, during the opening session of the Mormon church conference in Salt Lake City. Monson, the 16th president of the Mormon church, died after nine years in office. He was 90.

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Former Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai (right hand raised and back to camera) was sworn in Tuesday at courtroom two of the High Court as the new Associate Judge. He is accompanied by his wife Mariana (back to camera) and his aunty, Fa'ailoilo Lauvao, holding the Bible.

Chief Justice Michael Kruse presided over the swearing in ceremony while observing from the bench were associate judges.

They are Chief Associate Judge Mamea Sala Jr., along with Associate Judges Su'apaia, Satele, Fa'amausili, Muasau and Tunupopo.

In the courtroom gallery were Paepae's family members including his wife Mariana and their two children along with House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale.

Paepae was a first-term Alataua senator but stepped down from his senatorial post on Nov. 30, 2017, after he was confirmed by the Senate as the newest member of the bench.

Under local law, the Chief Justice recommends and the sitting governor appoints an associate judge to the High Court, subject to confirmation by the Senate only.

Last October, Chief Justice Michael Kruse recommended Paepae. Kruse describes Paepae as a "humble, respectful, cautious and discreet" person— thus, he possesses the disposition and temperament suited for the bench.

The 54-year old Paepae is the Leone High School Class of 1981 valedictorian and after graduation he enlisted in the US Army, serving 21 years with a career emphasis in aviation.

Paepae attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida and in 2002, retired from the Army with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer III. He returned to the territory to serve his family, village and the American Samoa community.

With his military background in aviation and a US Federal Aviation Administration certification as an Airline Transport Pilot, Paepae initially worked with the local inter island airlines as a pilot and chief from 2002 to 2009. He later worked for three years with ASG, managing and flying the ASG 'Segaula' aircraft.

In a statement from the High Court of American Samoa, released Jan. 3, 2018, it says it's "pleased to announce High Chief Paepae Iosefa Faiai of Nua and Se'taga took his oath of office as the Territory's newest High Court associate judge at a special court session held on January 2, 2018. Immediately thereafter, Chief Justice Kruse assigned Associate Judge Paepae to preside over an ongoing jury trial scheduled to take place the same morning."

It noted that the new associate judge appointment comes at "a crucial time when the majority of the High Court's associate judges are scheduled to depart the Territory to receive judicial training and education with the Pacific Judicial Council in Micronesia."

It concludes that "based on his distinguished career of service to the United States and the people of American Samoa, we believe that Associate Judge Paepae will continue serving the people of American Samoa with commitment, dedication, and objectivity as a member of the High Court judiciary."

[photo: Faiai family]



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Foreign fishermen settle human trafficking suit

Two Indonesian fishermen who say they were enslaved on an American fishing boat have settled their lawsuit against the vessel's owner seven years after escaping and receiving special U.S. visas as victims of human trafficking, their lawyers told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The attorneys said Sorihin, who uses just one name, and Abdul Fatah settled their lawsuit for an undisclosed sum against Thoai Van Nguyen, the California-based owner and captain of the Sea Queen II.

Nguyen denied all allegations of abuse but agreed to provide a detailed list of rights to anyone fishing on his boats.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. court in San Francisco, claimed the men were trafficked through the Hawaii longline fishing fleet and forced to work on the boat around Hawaii and off the shores of California.

Citing federal and international human trafficking laws, the suit sought an unspecified amount of money for fees they paid and compensation they were promised along with damages for mental anguish and pain.

The lawsuit was being prepared as a 2016 Associated Press investigation revealed the Hawaii fleet operates under a loophole in federal law that allows owners to use foreign laborers with no work visas or the ability to legally enter the United States.

The workers, mostly from impoverished Southeast Asian and Pacific nations, are required to hand over their passports and confined to boats while working in the U.S., even when docked in Honolulu or San Francisco.

Boat owner Jim Cook of the Hawaii Longline Association said Wednesday the settlement wont impact their fleet, made up of about 700 foreign fishermen on about 140 boats. He said they are separately preparing their own documents detailing rights which they will distribute to workers.

Honolulu attorney Lance Collins said it's unlikely more lawsuits will follow — even if they wanted to sue, most of the fishermen in Hawaii can't get a lawyer because they're not allowed to leave the docks when they come to shore.

"Two poor fishermen from another country who were brave enough, or frightened enough, to run from their boat can't be expected to enforce regulations for an entire multimillion industry," said Collins.

A broader solution has been proposed in Washington, where Hawaii's elected officials are backing legislation that would allow foreign fishermen to come onshore when they're not fishing.

Hawaii's foreign fishermen are generally paid a fraction of what other U.S. commercial fishing crews make, some

receiving as little as 70 cents an hour while working up to 20 hours a day.

Conditions on the boats vary. While some vessels are clean and relatively safe, the AP found some crews living in squalor with sores from bed bugs. There also have been cases of active tuberculosis and low food supplies.

Ken Bass, Nguyen's son-in-law who is acting as his attorney, said the dispute between Fatah, Sorihin and Nguyen began with the fishermen getting different contracts from an Indonesian employment firm in 2009.

He said Nguyen never had any direct dealings with the Indonesian firm but used a middleman in Hawaii who knew how to get workers from Indonesia. The contract Nguyen was given from the Hawaii-based recruiter was different than the paperwork given to Fatah and Sorihin, Bass said.

"So, they basically had different contracts but no one at the time knew that, so that's immediately going to lead to misunderstanding," Bass said. "If anybody was culpable, it was the broker in Indonesia."

Lawyers for Fatah and Sorihin say it doesn't matter if there were differences in the contracts.

"The trafficking claims do not rely on the contract provisions," said Agnieszka Fryszman, one of the attorneys. "The trafficking statute provides basic protections that apply regardless."

After the men ran away from the Sea Queen, Bass said Nguyen was forced to pay hefty fines for letting the men escape and that U.S. customs agents threatened to suspend his ability to use foreign workers.

Under the settlement, Nguyen must give fliers to his foreign crew members, written in their native languages, outlining their rights and ways to get help. His crews must have at least 77 hours of rest a week, a access to their passports

"This settlement should be a wakeup call to the commercial fishing industry," Fryszman said. "There's simply no excuse for turning a blind eye to human trafficking, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to hold others in the industry accountable."

Sorihin, who has settled with his family in the San Francisco Bay Area, said in an email that the settlement has given him "a sense of peace."

"I hope it will bring better treatment to seamen on the Sea Queen and in the fishing industry," he said.

"I feel more certainty after the settlement," Fatah said in an email. "I work in retail, and I want to start a new life in San Francisco and create a better future for my family. I hope the captain treats the seamen like what he agreed to."

Am Samoa first responders in line to benefit from national broadband system

20 MHZ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE-SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

Local Homeland Security (ASDHS) director Samana Semo Ve'ave'a has recommended to the governor that American Samoa "opt-in" and participate in the deployment of the nation-wide public safety broadband proposed by the federal First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent entity within the US Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

In March of last year, the USDOC and FirstNet announced the selection of AT&T to build the first nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to America's first responders.

In a news release at the time, the federal agency says that this record-breaking public-private partnership is a significant investment in the communications infrastructure that public safety desperately needs for day-to-day operations, disaster response and recovery, and securing of large events.

Additionally, it will make 20 MHz of prime broadband spectrum available for private-sector development. Furthermore the private-public partnership will built a \$46.5 billion wireless broadband network.

All states, the District of Columbia and US territories were given the deadline of Dec. 28, 2017 to "opt-in" or "opt-out". US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced last Friday that all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have accepted FirstNet and AT&T's proposals to design and build a broadband network for the public safety community.

However, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands have until Mar. 12, 2018 to make their decision.

In a Dec. 22 letter, Samana recommended to Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga that American Samoa "opt-In and to participate in the deployment of the nationwide interoperable broadband network."

Samana explained that a meeting was held

Dec. 20, 2017 with members of the Homeland Security Advisory Council who are also FirstNet Stakeholders, to discuss and gather any feedback and input on this nationwide network.

He said ASDHS "is confident that we have gathered all pertinent concerns" which "have been aggressively addressed to FirstNet and AT&T."

Although concerns have been addressed and documented through the State Portal to AT&T, "we have not yet received an adequate response to our issues," he said, adding that based on the feedback gathered from other states, "it seems unlikely that we will receive any constructive response to our concerns within the 90-day clock."

Despite the lack of response from AT&T, he points out that the American Samoa TeleCommunications Authority — as both the AT&T local partner and an ASG stakeholder partner — "has been more receptive and accommodating to our concerns."

ASDHS concerns were not cited in the letter but more detailed information has already been submitted to the governor for review and consideration.

In announcing the "opt-In" by all states and two territories last Friday, the US Commerce Secretary said, "We are now one step closer to delivering on a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission, and I commend the governors and leaders of these states and territories for demonstrating their commitment to the safety of all Americans."

NTIA Administrator David Redl added, "FirstNet will transform how first responders communicate as they respond to emergencies and protect the public in communities across the country, including rural America."

This week Vermont announced that it has decided to "opt-out" of FirstNet, according to national media.

See additional information on this nationwide project at: www.commerce.gov and click on the "FirstNet" link.



FILE - In this Nov. 6, 2015, file photo, a foreign fishing crew checks for damage on the Sea Queen IIA at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. Two Indonesian fishermen ran away from the vessel, Åös sister ship, the Sea Queen II, which is owned by the same captain, when it was berthed here. Attorneys for the fishermen said they settled their lawsuit against Thoai Van Nguyen, the California-based owner and captain of the ships, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg, File)

Lolo praises local efforts to gain funds for territory from Starkist settlement

UTULEI, American Samoa — As the public comment period opens for the proposed consent decree between the United States, the Territory of American Samoa, and Starkist Co., Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga praises local efforts to garner \$2.6 million dollars of Starkist’s total \$6.5 million dollar civil penalty for American Samoa.

On December 22, 2017, in federal court, the United States and the Territory of American Samoa lodged an amended complaint that includes claims against Starkist for violations of the American Samoa Environmental Quality Act and its implementing regulations. These claims are based on the same facts underlying the United States’ claims for relief.

Along with the amended complaint, a second proposed consent decree signed by the United States, the Territory, and Starkist was also lodged, resolving the alleged violations in the amended complaint. This second decree differs greatly from the first decree filed by the United States on September 12, 2017, before American Samoa became a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit. Most notably, the penalty allocation to the Territory has increased from an \$88,000 dollar supplemental environmental project – to include a \$2.6 million dollar civil penalty.

Gov. Lolo explained, “When the United States filed its first proposed consent decree against Starkist, American Samoa was not a party to the agreement. Only an \$88,000 project was earmarked for the Territory, with the \$6.3 million dollar civil penalty allocated entirely to the United States. I felt this was unjust, as the alleged environmental violations occurred here in American Samoa. I voiced my objection through the public comment process, and instructed our Attorney General to pursue every avenue available to ensure the Territory is properly represented and compensated in this action. I also wrote Congresswoman Aumua Amata to apprise her of the situation and to ask for her help in the matter”

Before the court approves this settlement, the public has 30 days to comment.

After the United States lodged its first complaint and proposed consent decree on September 12, 2017, Governor Lolo, Congresswoman Aumua Amata, and Paramount Chief Mauga Tasi Asuega each responded with public comments expressing their dissatisfaction with the proposed consent decree and the lack of involvement from the Territory. Shortly after these comments were submitted, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) contacted the American Samoa Government (ASG) to

discuss a way forward in this case. The resulting outcome of these efforts is the amended complaint and proposed consent decree filed with the court on December 22, 2017.

Commenting on the settlement process, Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo V. Ale said, “I couldn’t be prouder of our local team of ASG attorneys: Deputy Attorney General Lornalei Meredith, American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) Legal Counsel Marian McGuire, Legal Counsel to the Governor Alema Leota, and former Assistant Attorney General and current LBJ Hospital Counsel Aitofele “Mino” Sunia. They worked tirelessly through nights and holidays to drive this home. This result along with those in our LVPA matter, showcase the talent and work ethic of our local ASG attorneys. I also wish to acknowledge the efforts and professionalism displayed by the attorneys at the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and counsel for Starkist — their support allowed this process to be completed in record time.”

“Governor Lolo Moliga greatly facilitated American Samoa’s inclusion in this amended settlement,” said AS-EPA Director Ameko Pato. “Deputy Director Fa’amao Asalele and Legal Counsel Marian McGuire worked hard for this outcome. AS-EPA is strongly committed to working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and Starkist, to ensure that Pago Pago Harbor is protected against future pollution.”

Under the new proposed consent decree, Starkist will pay a civil penalty of \$6.5 million dollars – this includes an additional \$200,000 for alleged stormwater violations found before the original consent decree was finalized by the court. Of this civil penalty, Starkist will pay \$2.6 million to the Territory and \$3.9 million to the United States. Starkist will also perform major facility upgrades and other environmental compliance measures. The U.S. EPA will partner with AS-EPA to oversee Starkist’s compliance efforts.

Regarding the new proposed consent decree, Lolo stated, “The revised consent decree exemplifies what can happen when there is open communication and honest cooperation between federal and local governments on regulatory enforcement matters. Too many times, federal enforcement efforts ignore local governments and the impact of their decisions on the local communities who end up bearing the brunt of the enforcement action. Here, although it started out as a federal enforcement effort only, American Samoa has been

added to the action and the revised agreement reflects a true joint enforcement effort between the American Samoa Government and federal agencies involved.”

He continued, “I would also like to thank Congresswoman Aumua Amata for her outspoken support and efforts as her public comment and speech on the floor of Congress proved instrumental.”

The public comment period for the new proposed consent decree started on January 2, 2018 and ends February 1, 2018.

A copy of the proposed consent decree is available on the DOJ web site at www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. A summary of the settlement, translated into the Samoan language, is also available on the DOJ web site.



Pulu Ae Ae Jr., representing Congresswoman Aumua Amata, during his very delightful and several times very funny, personal-story telling testimony about the late Human and Social Service director Taeanafua Dr. Meki Solomona, during a Family & Friends Service for Taeanafua at the Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium on Tuesday night.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



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2	MAT 151	02	Intermediate Algebra	TR	09:30-10:50	3	A35	TLEIATO
3	MAT 151	03	Intermediate Algebra	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	A35	LLIUFAU
4	MAT 151	04	Intermediate Algebra	TR	11:00-12:20	3	A35	AFELISE
5	MAT 151	05	Intermediate Algebra	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	A40	AFELISE
6	MAT 151	07	Intermediate Algebra	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	A40	TLEIATO
7	MAT 155	01	Vocational Technical	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	A40	TLEIATO
8	MAT 250	01	College Algebra and Trigonometry	TR	08:00-09:50	4	A35	LLIUFAU
9	MAT 250	02	College Algebra and Trigonometry	TR	11:00-12:50	4	A40	LLIUFAU
10	MAT 250	03	College Algebra and Trigonometry	MWF	02:00-03:10	4	A35	LLIUFAU
11	MAT 250	04	College Algebra and Trigonometry	MWF	01:00-02:10	4	A35	LLIUFAU
12	MAT 260	01	Introduction to Statistics	TR	08:00-09:20	3	A35	AFELISE
NURSING								
1	NUR 155	01	Perspectives in Nursing	M	01:00-02:50	2	N-2	STAUILILI
2	PHM 150	01	Clinical Pharmacology	F	09:00-11:50	3	N-2	STAUILILI
3	NUR 211	151	Community Health Nursing	TW	09:00-01:50	4	N-2	LAHMU
4	NUR 211L	151	Community Health Nursing Clinical Lab	RF	08:00-04:20	2	DOH/N-2	LAHMU
5	NUR 208	251	Mental Health Nursing	TW	09:00-01:50	4	N-1	ALONGNECKER
6	NUR 208L	251	Mental Health Nursing Clinical Lab	RF	08:00-04:20	2	DOH	ALONGNECKER
8	NUR 190	25	Family/Child Nursing	MT	08:00-11:40	5	N-1	LONGNECKER/AHMU
9	NUR 190L	25	Family/Child Nursing Clinical Lab	WR	07:15-02:50	3	LBJ	LONGNECKER/AHMU
PHYSICAL EDUCATION								
1	PED 150M	01	Men's Basketball	TR	09:30-10:50	1	GYM	EIMO
2	PED 151M	01	Men's Weight Training	TR	11:00-12:20	1	GYM	EIMO
3	PED 151W	01	Women's Weight Training	MWF	02:00-02:50	1	GYM	EIMO
4	PED 153	01	Beginning Tae Kwon Do	TR	04:00-05:20	1	GYM	JMARTINEZ
5	PED 154	01	Golf	MWF	08:00-08:50	1	GYM	SSAMOA
6	PED 155W	01	Women's Volleyball	MWF	10:00-10:50	1	GYM	SSAMOA
7	PED 155M	01	Men's Volleyball	MWF	11:00-11:50	1	GYM	EIMO
8	PED 156	01	Introduction to Tennis	TR	02:00-03:20	1	GYM	SSAMOA
RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS								
1	MSL 100	01	Introduction to Physical Fitness	MWF	05:30-06:20	1	GYM	KMOLIGA
2	MSL 102	01	Introduction to Military Science I	TR	08:00-10:20	3	GYM	MOLIGA/STAFF
3	MSL 202	01	Intermediate Military Science II	TR	08:00-10:20	3	GYM	KMOLIGA
STUDIES OF SAMOA & THE PACIFIC								
1	SAM 101A	01	Conversational Samoan I	TR	09:30-10:50	3	M3	TTALAMONI
2	SAM 111	01	Introduction to Samoan Language	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	M4	TTALAMONI
3	SAM 151	01	Freshman Samoan	TR	09:30-10:50	3	M4	ANUUSILA
4	SAM 151L	01	Freshman Samoan Laboratory	TR	11:00-12:20	1	M4	ANUUSILA
5	SAM 151	02	Freshman Samoan	MWF	01:00-01:50	3	M4	TTALAMONI
6	SAM 151L	02	Freshman Samoan Laboratory	MWF	02:00-02:50	1	M4	TTALAMONI
7	SAM 152	01	Introduction to Samoan Culture	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	M4	ANUUSILA
8	SAM 154	01	Introduction to Samoan Literature	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	M3	EFELETI
9	SAM 172	01	Samoan Traditional Political Organ.	MWF	02:00-02:50	3	M3	ANUUSILA
10	SAM 204	01	Samoan Mythology	TR	02:00-03:20	3	M4	ANUUSILA
11	SAM 244	01	Theatrical Arts (Faleaitu)	MWF	12:00-12:50	3	M4	EFELETI
12	SAM 271	01	Samoan Creative Writing	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	M4	EFELETI
13	SAM 281	01	Translation	TR	08:00-09:20	3	M4	EFELETI
SCIENCE								
1	BIO 150	01	Introduction to Biological Science	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	A17	ATAGARINO
2	BIO 150L	01	Introduction to Biological Science Lab	M	01:00-03:50	1	A17	ATAGARINO
3	BIO 155	01	Ecology	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	208	IFAASAVALU
4	BIO 155L	01	Ecology Laboratory	W	12:00-02:50	1	208	IFAASAVALU
5	BIO 180	01	Biology I	TR	09:30-10:50	3	A17	ATAGARINO
6	BIO 180L	01	Biology I Laboratory	T	01:00-03:50	1	A17	ATAGARINO
7	BIO 180	02	Biology I	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	A17	ATAGARINO
8	BIO 180	02	Biology I Laboratory	W	01:00-03:50	1	A17	ATAGARINO
9	BIO 180	01	Biology I	MWF	10:30-10:20	3	A45	MGOPALAN
10	BIO 180L	01	Biology I Laboratory	M	11:30-02:20	1	A45	MGOPALAN
11	BIO 251	01	Anatomy and Physiology II	TR	09:30-10:50	3	A30	RDEWEES
12	BIO 251L	01	Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	TR	11:00-12:20	1	A30	RDEWEES
13	CHM 150	01	Chemistry I	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	A30	RDEWEES
14	CHM 150L	01	Chemistry I Laboratory	W	10:00-12:50	A1	A30	RDEWEES
15	MSC 170	01	Introduction to Marine Biology	TR	11:00-12:20	3	A1	MCURTIS
16	MSC 170L	01	Introduction to Marine Biology Laboratory	F	01:00-03:50	1	A5	MCURTIS
17	MSC 100	01	MOP Seminar	W	11:00-11:50	3	A1	MCURTIS
18	MSC 110/170	01	Swimming	MW	02:00-03:20	1	A1	MCURTIS
19	MSC 220	01	Introduction to Fisheries Management	TR	09:30-10:50	3	A5	KATAGARINO

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20	MSC 280	01	Marine Science Special Projects	TR	02:00-04:50	2	A1	MCURTIS	13	ENG 081	153	Intermediate Writing	Daily	08:00-09:20	3	E5	EZARRAGA
21	PHSCI 150	01	Physical Science	MWF	10:30-11:20	3	A45	MGOPALAN	14	ENG 081	154	Intermediate Writing	Daily	11:00-12:20	3	E1	EZARRAGA
22	PHSCI 150L	01	Physical Science Laboratory	R	09:30-12:20	1	A45	MGOPALAN	15	ENG 090	155	Intermediate Writing	Daily	09:30-10:50	3	E3	LSAUNI
SOCIAL SCIENCES									16	ENG 090	151	Advanced Reading	Daily	08:00-09:20	3	E3	SROPETI
1	ANT 150	01	Introduction to Anthropology	MWF	08:00-08:50	3	9	BJACKSON	17	ENG 090	152	Advanced Reading	Daily	11:00-12:20	3	E3	ESOKIMI
2	GEO 160	01	Introduction to Geography	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	9	AMOANA	18	ENG 090	153	Advanced Reading	Daily	02:00-03:20	3	E3	ESOKIMI
3	POL 150	01	Introduction to American Government	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7	SSEIGAFO	19	ENG 091	154	Advanced Reading	Daily	08:00-09:20	3	M12	FCALUMPANG
3	POL 151	01	Introduction to ASG	MWF	01:00-01:50	3	8	SSEIGAFO	20	ENG 091	151	Advanced writing	Daily	09:30-10:50	3	E4	SROPETI
4	POL 170	01	Introduction to Public Policy	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	9	SSEIGAFO	21	ENG 091	152	Advanced Writing	Daily	08:00-09:20	3	E4	ESOKIMI
5	POL 250	01	Comparative Politics	TR	08:00-09:20	3	8	SSEIGAFO	22	ENG 091	153	Advanced Writing	Daily	11:00-12:20	3	E4	FCALUMPANG
6	PSY 150	03	Introduction to Psychology	MWF	02:00-02:50	3	19	TLEO	23	ENG 091	154	Advanced Writing	Daily	02:00-03:20	3	E4	FCALUMPANG
7	PSY 150	03	Introduction to Psychology	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	19	TLEO	MATH: First Session								
8	PSY 250	01	Human Development	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	19	TLEO	1	MAT 080	151	Preparatory Math	Daily	10:00-11:50	4	M12C	AMATAUTIA
9	SOC 150	01	Introduction to Sociology	TR	08:00-09:20	3	20	TLEO	2	MAT 080	152	Preparatory Math	Daily	02:00-03:50	4	M12C	AMATAUTIA
TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY									3	MAT 080	153	Preparatory Math	Daily	02:00-03:50	4	A14	SMOSE
1	ABR 100	01	Introduction to Automotive Collision	TR	08:00-09:20	3	ATL C	ATUIOLOSEGA	4	MAT 080	154	Preparatory Math	Daily	08:00-09:50	4	A14	AMOEFIANU
2	ADT 150	01	Architectural Drafting I	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	B18	VTALAMONI	5	MAT 080	155	Preparatory Math	Daily	10:00-11:50	4	M12B	SMOSE
3	ADT 160	01	Introduction to AutoCAD	TR	10:00-11:20	3	B18	VTALAMONI	6	MAT 090	151	Elementary Algebra	Daily	10:00-11:50	4	A14	MPORTER
4	ADT 215	01	Construction Codes	TR	02:00-03:20	3	B18	VTALAMONI	7	MAT 090	152	Elementary Algebra	Daily	02:00-03:50	4	A40	MPORTER
5	ADT 280	01	Elements of Structural Drawing	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	B18	VTALAMONI	8	MAT 090	153	Elementary Algebra	Daily	01:00-02:50	4	TBA	ETOFILAU
6	AUTO 100	01	Fundamentals of Automotive Mechanics	MWF	08:00-08:50	3	ATL C	PNGLAM	9	MAT 090	154	Elementary Algebra	Daily	01:00-02:50	4	M12B	AMOEFIANU
7	AUTO 172	01	Automotive Engine Performance	MWF	10:00-12:30	6	ATL B	FSUISALA	10	MAT 090	155	Elementary Algebra	Daily	08:00-09:50	4	M12C	ETOFILAU
8	AUTO 178	01	Automotive Electrical/Electronic Sys	TR	09:00-12:50	6	ATL B	FSUISALA	ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE: 2ND SESSION								
9	BPR 200	01	Blueprint Reading	MWF	01:00-01:50	3	B18	VTALAMONI	1	ENG 070	251	Beginning Reading	Daily	08:00 - 09:20	3	E1	EFAALAFI
10	CARP 120	01	Plans, Building Codes, and Specification	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	ATL C	DFAUMUI	2	ENG 070	252	Beginning Reading	Daily	09:30 - 10:50	3	E1	PLAFAELE
11	CET 150	01	Plane Surveying I	MW	04:00-05:50	4	ATL C	PIOANE	3	ENG 071	251	Beginning Writing	Daily	09:30 - 10:50	3	E1	EFAALAFI
12	CET 160	01	Introductions to Geographic Info. System	TR	04:00-05:20	3	ATL C	PIOANE	4	ENG 071	252	Beginning Writing	Daily	11:00 - 12:20	3	E2	PLAFAELE
13	CET 265	01	Hydraulics and Hydrology	TR	04:00-05:20	3	TBA	ENOGA	5	ENG 080	251	Intermediate Reading	Daily	08:00 - 09:20	3	E2	PTAVAI
14	CET 299	01	Cooperative Work Internship	MW	08:00-09:50	4	IPW	STAFF	6	ENG 080	252	Intermediate Reading	Daily	09:30 - 10:50	3	TBA	EZARRAGA
15	ETP 100	01	Basic Electrical Theory I	MWF	04:00-04:50	3	B23	RPEAU	7	ENG 080	253	Intermediate Reading	Daily	11:00 - 12:20	3	E5	LSAUNI
16	ETP 120	01	Basic Electrical Theory II	TR	09:00-10:20	3	B23	JMARTINEZ	8	ENG 081	251	Intermediate Writing	Daily	09:30 - 10:50	3	E5	PTAVAI
17	ETP 130	01	National Electrical Code (NEC)	TR	01:00-02:20	3	TBA	STAFF	9	ENG 081	252	Intermediate Writing	Daily	11:00 - 12:20	3	E2	EZARRAGA
18	ETP 299A	01	Cooperative Work Internship	R	03:00-03:50	1	B23	JMARTINEZ	10	ENG 081	253	Intermediate Writing	Daily	08:00 - 09:20	3	E5	LSAUNI
19	ELE 151	01	Electronics	MWF	01:00-02:50	4	B23	JMARTINEZ	11	ENG 090	251	Advanced Reading	Daily	08:00 - 09:20	3	E3	SROPETI
20	ELE 299A	01	Electronics Systems Practicum	F	03:00-03:50	1	B23	JMARTINEZ	12	ENG 090	252	Advanced Reading	Daily	09:30 - 10:50	3	E3	ESOKIMI
				MWF	09:00-12:50	3	OFF	STAFF	13	ENG 090	253	Advanced Reading	Daily	11:00 - 12:20	3	E3	FCALUMPANG
21	ICT 161	01	Networking for Home and Small Business	MWF	09:00-10:50	4	B23	JMARTINEZ	14	ENG 091	251	Advanced Writing	Daily	09:30-10:50	3	E4	SROPETI
22	WLD 100	01	Welding Fundamentals and Metallurgy	TR	10:00-11:20	3	ATL C	DBRANDT	15	ENG 091	252	Advanced Writing	Daily	11:00-12:20	3	E4	ESOKIMI
23	ICT 150	01	Introduction to Computers	MWF	08:00-09:30	3	LAB A	ESEIULI	16	ENG 091	253	Advanced Writing	Daily	08:00-09:20	3	E4	FCALUMPANG
24	ICT 150	02	Introduction to Computers	MWF	10:00-11:30	3	LAB A	ESEIULI	MATH: 2ND SESSION								
25	ICT 150	03	Introduction to Computers	MWF	09:00-10:30	3	LAB B	RLESA	1	MAT 080	251	Preparatory Math	Daily	10:00-11:50	4	M12C	AMATAUTIA
26	ICT 150	04	Introduction to Computers	TR	08:00-10:20	3	LAB B	RLESA	2	MAT 080	252	Preparatory Math	Daily	02:00-03:50	4	M12C	AMATAUTIA
27	ICT 150	05	Introduction to Computers	TR	01:30-03:50	3	LAB B	RLESA	3	MAT 080	253	Preparatory Math	Daily	02:00-03:50	4	A14	MPORTER
28	ICT 150	06	Introduction to Computers	MWF	10:30-12:00	3	LAB B	JFUNGCHENPEN	4	MAT 090	251	Elementary Algebra	Daily	08:00-09:50	4	A14	AMOEFIANU
29	ICT 150	07	Introduction to Computer	MWF	12:00-01:30	3	LAB B	JFUNGCHENPEN	5	MAT 090	252	Elementary Algebra	Daily	10:00-11:50	4	A14	MPORTER
30	ICT 150	08	Introduction to Computer	TR	10:00-12:20	3	LAB	JFUNGCHENPEN	6	MAT 090	253	Elementary Algebra	Daily	10:00 - 11:50	4	M12A	ETOFILAU
TEACHER EDUCATION - 2 YR PROGRAM									7	MAT 090	254	Elementary Algebra	Daily	02:00 - 03:50	4	M12A	ETOFILAU
1	ED 150	01	Introduction to Teaching	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	TED	LGLDOWSKI	8	MAT 090	255	Elementary Algebra	Daily	01:00 - 02:50	4	M12B	AMOEFIANU
2	ED 157	01	Introduction to Elementary Curriculum & Instruction	MWF	02:00-02:50	3	TED 1	TTALAMOA	9	MAT 090	256	Elementary Algebra	Daily	01:00 - 02:50	4	TBA	SMOSE
3	ED 240	01	Introduction to Exceptional Children	TR	11:00-12:20	3	TED 1	MLANGKILDE	10	MAT 090	257	Elementary Algebra	Daily	08:00-09:50	4	TBA	SMOSE
4	ED 240	01	Instructional Technologies	MWF	12:00-01:50	4	10	MLANGKILDE	C.A.P.P. - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 2ND SESSION								
5	ED 257	01	Teaching Language Arts to Elementary	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	M7C	LPURCELL	1	ENG 150	251	Introduction to Literature	Daily	08:00 - 09:20	3	A5	BGOODWIN
6	ED 257	01	Teaching Language Arts to Elementary Practicum	TR	08:00-09:20	1	SS	LPURCELL	2	ENG 150	252	Introduction to Literature	Daily	09:30 - 10:50	3	TED1	JSIOLOGA
7	ED 280	01	Introduction to Bilingual Education	MWF	01:00-01:50	3	TED2	STAFF	3	CLP 150	251	College and Life Planning	Daily	09:30 - 10:50	3	TBA	STINITALI
8	ED 285	01	Teaching Samoan Language and Culture	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	TED2	STAFF	4	CLP 150	252	College and Life Planning	Daily	10:00 - 11:20	3	TBA	LPEREIRA
9	ED 285P	01	Teaching Samoan Language and Culture Practicum	TR	11:00-12:20	1	SS	STAFF	5	CLP 150	253	College and Life Planning	Daily	11:00 - 12:20	3	TBA	STINITALI
TEACHER EDUCATION - 4 YR PROGRAM (300 Course Level)									6	CLP 150	253	College and Life Planning	Daily	11:00 - 12:20	3	TBA	APANAMA
1	ED 300	35	Foundations of Education	MWF	03:00-03:50	3	TED 1	SDELAROSA	10 WEEKS SESSION								
2	ED 301	35	Educational Psychology	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	TED 2	STAFF	1	ED 141	15	Curriculum I in Early Childhood Educ.	MWF	06:30 - 07:50	3	TBA	MLANGKILDE
3	ED 305	35	Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction Elem K-8	TR	03:30-04:50	3	TED 2	LGLDOWSKI	2	ECE 142	15	Curriculum I in Early Childhood Educ.	TR	04:00 - 06:20	3	TBA	MLANGKILDE
4	ED 312	35	Teaching Language Arts to Elementary Teachers II	MWF	01:00-01:50	3	TED 1	LGLDOWSKI	3	ED 150	15	Introduction to Teaching	MWF	04:00 - 05:20	3	TED1	KSUA
5	ED 319	35	Children's Literature	MWF	09:00-09:50	3	TED 2	LGLDOWSKI	4	ED 215	15	Introduction to Exceptional Children	MWF	05:30 - 06:50	3	TED1	VTAAI
6	ED 325	35	Principles of Child Development: The Samoan Child	MWF	03:00-03:50	3	M7 C	LPURCELL	5	ED 240	15	Instructional Technologies	MWF	04:00 - 06:50	4	10	SLEOMITI
7	ED 330	35	Elementary Mathematics Methods	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	TE-2	TTALAMOA	6	ED 257	15	Teaching Language Arts to Elementary School Teachers	TR	04:00 - 06:20	3	TBA	STAFF
8	ED 335	35	Elementary Mathematics Methods	TR	02:00-03:20	3	TED1	TTALAMOA	7	ED 257P	15	Teaching Language Arts to Ele. School Teachers Practicum	TR	08:00 - 09:30	1	SS	STAFF
9	ED 340	35	Test Measurements	MWF	03:00-04:10	4	10	MLANGKILDE	8	ED 280	15	Introduction to Bilingual Education	TR	06:30-08:50	3	TE-1	VTAAI
10	ED 350	35	Heath & Fitness Education for Elem. Education	TR	04:00-05:20	3	TED1	FALAINUUESE	9	ED 285	15	Teaching Samoan Language & Culture	MWF	05:30-06:50	3	TE-2	TTALAMONI
11	ED 391A	35	Field Training I	TR	09:30-12:20	2	SS	TTALAMOA	10	ED 285P	15	Teaching Samoan Language & Culture Practicum	TR	09:30-11:50	1	SS	TTALAMONI
12	ED 391B	35	Field Experience I	MWF	11:00-12:50	2	SS	ALAINUUESE/PURCELL	11	ED 300	15	Foundations in Education	MWF	04:00-05:20	3	TE 1	SDELAROSA
TEACHER EDUCATION - 4 YR PROGRAM (400 Course Level)									12	ED 301	15	Educational Psychology	TR	04:00-06:10	3	TE 1	MLANGKILDE
1	ED 410	35	Elementary Social Studies Methods	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	M7C	LPURCELL	13	ED 305	15	Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction - Ele K-8	MWF	05:30 - 06:50	3	TE 1	SDELAROSA
2	ED 435	35	Creative Dramatics	MWF	01:00-01:50	3	M7C	LPURCELL	14	ED 312	15	Teaching Language to Elementary Teachers II	TR	06:30 - 08:10	3	TED 1	LGLDOWSKI
3	ED 440	35	Elementary Samoan Language Methods	MWF	02:00-02:50	3	TE2	STAFF	15	ED 319	15	Children's Literature	MWF	04:00-05:20	3	TE 2	LGLDSKI
4	ED 490	35	Student Teaching Seminar	MW	03:00-03:50	2	TE2	FALAINUUESE	16	ED 325	15	Principles of Child Development: The Samoan Child	MWF	05:30 - 06:50	3	TBA	STAFF
5	ED 490	35	Field Experience II	TR	09:30-12:20	2	SS	PURCELL/STAFF	17	ED 330	15	Elementary Mathematics Methods	MWF	04:00-05:20	3	TED2	TTALAMOA
6	ED491B	35	Student Teaching Field Word	TR	08:00-02:50	10	SS	FALAINUUESE	18	ED 335	15	Elementary Science Methods	TR	04:00 - 06:10	3	TE 2	TTAL

Arkansas panel stands by proposal to ban disputed herbicide

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas regulators stood by their plan Wednesday to ban an herbicide that farmers in several states say has drifted onto their crops and caused damage, despite a request from lawmakers to reconsider the restriction and a lawsuit by a maker of the weed killer.

The state Plant Board again voted in favor of its proposal to ban the use of dicamba from April 16 through Oct. 31. The proposed ban is scheduled to go before a legislative panel later this month.

Lawmakers in December delayed considering the ban and asked the board to consider a new cutoff date based on scientific evidence and potentially a dividing line based on geography in the state. The 11-3 vote in favor of the ban Wednesday came after the board’s pesticide committee discussed the reasons for the cutoff dates and recommended sticking with the proposal.

Republican Sen. Bill Sample, who had called for delaying a vote on the ban last month, said he backed the ban after hearing the committee discuss the reasons behind it.

“They did exactly what I asked them to and I will stick by them in their decision,” Sample said.

Dicamba has been around for decades, but problems arose over the past couple of years as farmers began to use it on soybean and cotton fields where they planted new seeds engineered to be resistant to the herbicide. Because it can easily evaporate after being applied, the chemical sometimes settles on neighboring fields planted with seeds that are not resistant to dicamba. The state last year approved a temporary ban on the herbicide’s sale and use, and has received nearly 1,000 complaints about dicamba. Farmers have also complained about dicamba causing damage to their crops in other states, including Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota and Tennessee.

Monsanto, which makes dicamba, has filed a lawsuit in Pulaski County Circuit Court challenging the ban and claiming the Plant Board exceeded its authority in prohibiting the weed killer. The Missouri-based company has asked a judge to block the state from enforcing the ban.

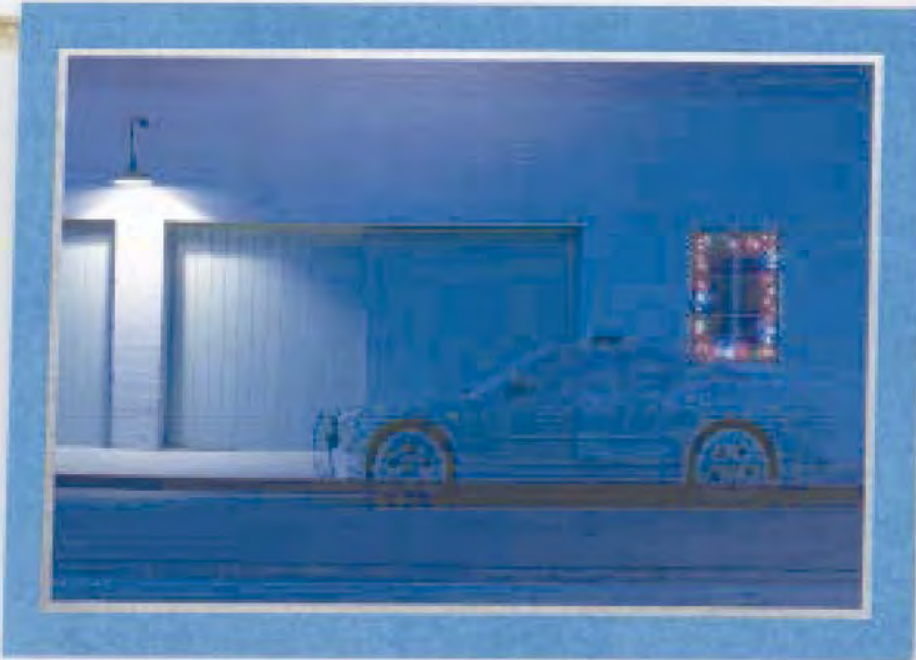


Samoa’s Member of Parliament, Fonotoe Lauofo Meredith (far right) with his wife (middle) and Leutu Soliai on Tuesday night at Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium during the Family & Friends Service for the late Human and Social director Taeaoafua Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona. (See today’s funeral announcement for details.)


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Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga (third from right), representing the governor and ASG, pictured with other VIPs during Tuesday night's Family & Friends Service for the late Human Resources director, Taeaofua Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium.
Taeaofua's two-day funeral service starts today and he will be laid to rest tomorrow at his home at Tafeta Hills. (See today's funeral announcement for details.)
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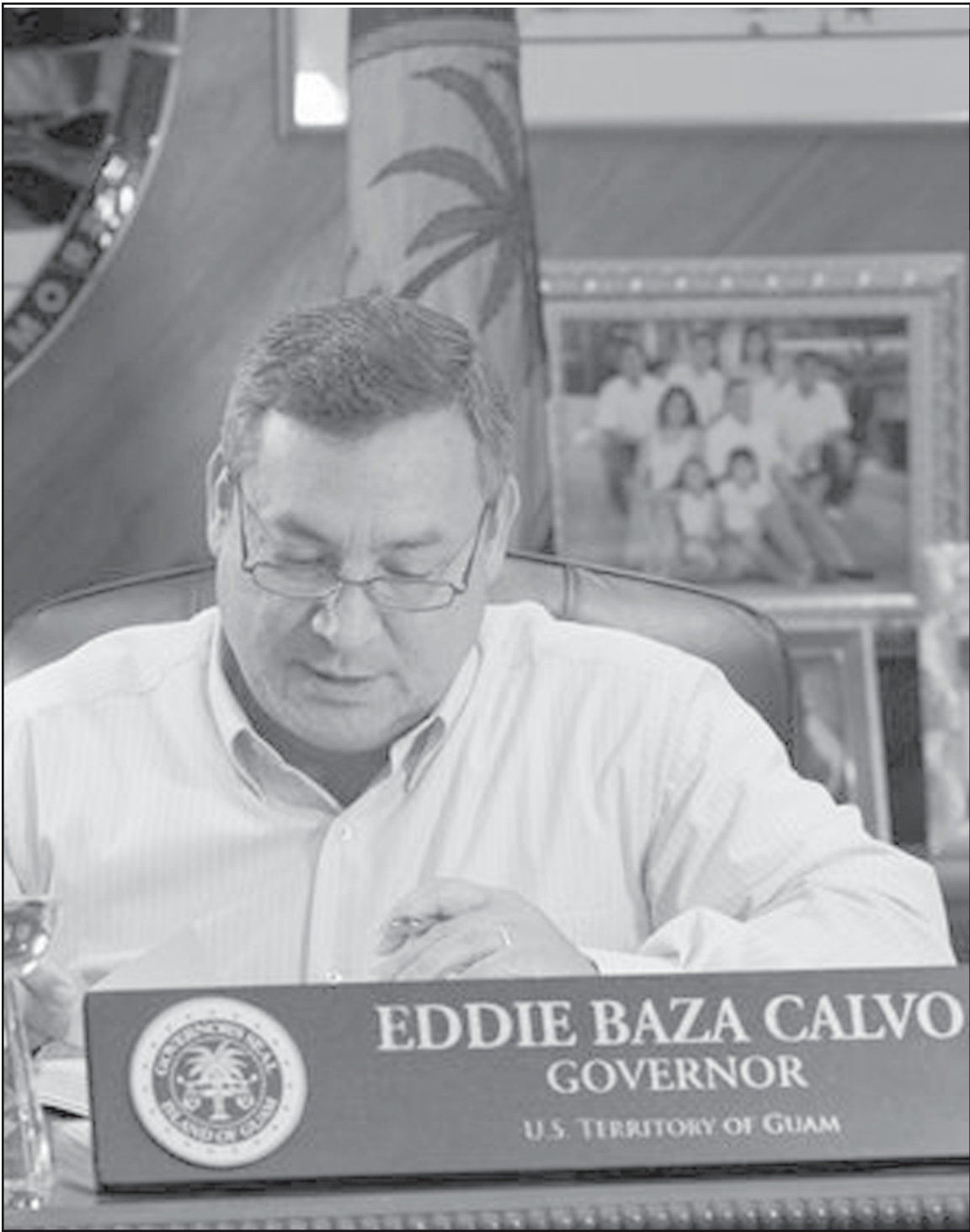
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Guam’s governor, Eddie Calvo.

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BABY TIARA SAMOA’S FIRST FOR 2018

Mother Chara Fatu welcomed her newborn baby, Tiara New Year-Fatu, with family and hospital staff sharing in on the joy. Baby Tiara was Samoa’s first baby of 2018, born at the stroke of midnight.

And because Samoa is among the first countries to welcome the new year, the baby boy could possibly be the world’s first baby in 2018.

The parents of the baby, Chara and Fiaula Fatu, hail from the village of Satapuala.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

GUAM LOOKS FOR GREATER VOICE IN WASHINGTON DC

Guam’s Governor says the island enters the year with an economy which now stands at \$US5.8 billion, but it is still in need of a greater voice in Washington DC. Eddie Calvo said Guam had seen its economy improve with more businesses, more jobs, and an increased GDP. Calvo said his Administration had repaved roads, started construction on a shelter for foster children and a new Guam Police Department precinct, and had worked with the community to safeguard families and remove illegal drugs from the island. However as the Marianas Variety reports, Calvo sees there are many issues that require more attention from national leaders.

Citing the need for Guam to have ‘a constant and consistent presence’ in Washington DC, the governor wants to hire a lobbying firm that will advocate for the territory’s issues and concerns.

Besides a non-voting delegate to Congress, Guam also has a liaison office in Washington, but Calvo said the island’s issues had not been given much attention.

He said Guam is at a disadvantage as they didn’t have a vote in Congress and it had become more apparent that a greater presence is needed.

(Source: RNZI)

LAWYER CALLS ON SAMOA GOVT. TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

A Senior Lawyer, Unasa Iuni Sapolu, has called on the government to consider legalizing marijuana. In her view, it will help Samoa’s economy through the export of medicinal marijuana, especially coconut oil and marijuana fusion. She also believes this will help reduce the number of inmates housed at Tafa’igata Prison. “Furthermore it will save costs to Samoa when all those imprisoned for possession of marijuana etc. are no longer fed in jail, no longer accommodated in jail and there are no more criminal offenses relating to marijuana,” she said.

“For health reasons, those with cystic fibrosis, epilepsy,

cancer, depression and other health problems can be treated with marijuana.”

She told the Samoa Observer the government is wasting money and the Court’s time.

“Stop listening to white agendas, colonized minds, it’s just a plant, legalize and reduce government indebtedness,” she said. According to Unasa, there is a need to legalize marijuana for medicinal and recreational use. “Boost revenue from tourism by recreational use of marijuana and it will help cure some illnesses through using marijuana,” she said.

As reported last year, opium is the only legal drug that is allowed under Samoa’s Narcotic Act. It is classified as a Class B narcotic together with marijuana and it’s considered an illegal drug.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

KING OFFICIALLY APPOINTS POHIVA TONGA’S PM

King Tupou VI has officially appointed ‘Akilisi Pohiva as Prime Minister of Tonga. Mr Pohiva was re-elected as Prime Minister in November.

Tonga’s constitution states the King has to appoint the Prime Minister-Designate for the election to come into effect.

Mr Pohiva was re-elected by the Legislative Assembly in a 14 to 12 vote following the snap election in November.

He served as Tonga’s 16th Prime Minister from 2015-2017 before the King dissolved Parliament following concerns about the government’s conduct. The long-time democracy campaigner is Tonga’s longest-serving active Member of Parliament and first took a seat in 1987. The Prime Minister is expected to formally announce his Cabinet line-up in the coming week.

(Source: RNZI)

CHINA BACKS MAJOR PROJECTS IN SAMOA

Samoa’s prime minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi says Chinese aid to the region this year will allow his country to undertake major developments.

Tuilaepa quoted a figure of \$US4 billion and told local media several projects would be funded from grants and loans provided by the Chinese.

He said two new bridges would be built including a replacement for the Vaisigano bridge on Beach Road, next to Sheraton Aggie Greys hotel.

The other bridge would span the Mali’oli’o river at Samalaeulu in Savai’i.

Meanwhile, the Japanese government-funded reconstruction of the Apia wharf is due to be completed in June.

A new domestic airport is also planned in the Aleipata district in the east of Upolu island, which would bring the number of domestic airports to four.

(Source: RNZI)



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REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)

RFQ No: ASPA18.013.ESD-WTR Closing Date & Time: Friday, January 5, 2018
Issuance Date: December 18, 2017 No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Power Authority issues a Request For Quotes (RFQ) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written quotes for the:

“Water Project Vehicle”

Submission

An original and one PDF of the Quote must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: **“RFQ No. ASPA 18.013.ESD-WTR Water Project Vehicle”**.

Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00pm. (local time), **Friday, January 5, 2018:**

Procurement Office
American Samoa Power Authority
P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any quote received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Document

The RFQ package outlining the quote requirements is available at the New Procurement Office at AS-PA’s Tafuna Compound, New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Power Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all quotes and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted quotes that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

Approved for Issuance: Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director

Trump barrels into 2018 with fresh foreign fights on Twitter

WASHINGTON (AP) — You thought President Donald Trump might mellow out in 2018? Refrain from taunting world leaders tweet by tweet? Think again.

Trump is storming into the new year in exceptionally aggressive fashion, picking fresh fights on Twitter with such speed that his aides, international partners and the public are struggling to catch up. If he was brash on the global stage in Year 1, the first days of Year 2 suggest he was just warming up.

Pakistan? Liars and swindlers who enable terrorists, the president tweeted just hours after the world celebrated the arrival of a new year.

The Palestinians? No more U.S. aid until they get their act together and agree to peace talks with Israel.

Iran? “Failing at every level,” Trump tweeted as he declared full-throated U.S. support for protesters there opposing the government.

And North Korea? Leader Kim Jong Un may have a figurative “nuclear button” on his desk, but Trump’s is “much bigger,” the president quipped, flippantly tossing off a threat to launch the world’s first nuclear strike in more than 70 years.

To Trump’s supporters, and even to his critics, it may seem business as usual. After all, in his inaugural year Trump relentlessly pushed presidential boundaries with provocative declarations that often weren’t fulfilled.

Yet for foreign nations trying anxiously to interpret the U.S. leader, such statements can have real-world consequences. Pakistan is livid at Trump’s remarks, summoning

the U.S. ambassador in Islamabad to explain the disparagement of a key U.S. security partner. Iran’s United Nations ambassador, citing “numerous absurd tweets” by Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, accused the administration of “flagrant acts of intervention.” North Korea experts worry Trump’s taunting of Pyongyang could lead the two countries to stumble into war.

“I think he should stop. It’s dangerous. It’s dangerous bravado,” former Vice President Joe Biden told The Associated Press on Tuesday. During a visit to the U.S. Capitol, Biden also said Trump needed to learn that it’s not a game and that “words matter” when uttered by the commander in chief.

The White House played down the furor.

Spokeswoman Sarah Sanders insisted Trump wasn’t “taunting” Kim Jong Un, merely “standing up for the people of this country.” What would be dangerous, Sanders said, would be for Trump to stay silent.

“This is a president who is not going to cower down and is not going to be weak,” she said.

Trump’s rapid-fire spate of new pronouncements on foreign policy came as the president, fresh off his holiday vacation, made clear the second year of his presidency would be no less of a rollercoaster than the first.

On Wednesday, much of official Washington gasped as Trump, responding to a new book filled with criticism and insider gossip about his administration, issued a statement blasting his former chief strategist Steve Bannon as “out of his mind.”

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to become the next president. That is always reserved for the longest-tenured member of the Quorum. Once Nelson assumes the presidency, that distinction will fall to 85-year-old Dallin H. Oaks, a former Utah Supreme Court Justice who was named to the quorum in May 1984, one

month after Nelson.

Monson’s death also means there are now two openings on the Quorum, which will likely be filled at the next church conference in April. The other opening was created when leader Robert D. Hales died last October.

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growth (not counting immigration) is defined as total births minus deaths.

It explains that the natural growth of the population in 2016 was 733 a 6.7% decrease from the previous year. Natural growth prior to 2011 registered above 1,000 persons added to the local population each year.

Regarding hospital visits, the number of out-patient visits in 2016 was 112,653 a significant

drop from the previous year. It also states that most out-patient clinic visits dropped in 2016.

The Vital Statistics Office of the local Department of Homeland Security reported 253 marriage licenses were issued in 2016 a drop from 2015, which reported 264 marriages. Data in the yearbook also provides the number of marriage license issued for each month between 2006 and 2016.



Department of Human and Social Service employees, who are also members of the DHSS choir, at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium on Tuesday night for the Family & Friends Service for the late DHSS director Taeaofua Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona. (See today’s funeral announcement for details.)

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB No: 1221-2018

Issuance Date: December 21, 2017 **Closing Date: Friday, January 19, 2018**
No later than 2:00 PM local time

Notice is hereby given that the Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa, by and through the General Secretariat, will receive sealed bid packets from qualified contractors for the **CCCAS 'UA TAUNUU' ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

Submission:
All bids submissions are to be sent to the following address:
EFKAS Main Office Building
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P.O. BOX 1537, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: Rev. loelu Onesemo

Sealed bids will be received by the General Secretary of CCCAS no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time), Friday, January 19, 2018 at which time and place the sealed bids will be open and read by the CCCAS Executive and the General Purpose Committee Board.

Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Pre-bid Conference:
There will be NO pre-bid conference required for this project. However, we strongly advise all interested contractors to do their own assessment of the site, existing roof of the Church Building and come up with an estimate to renovate interior of the building, remove and replace the roof of the present building.

For more information about this project, please contact the following person (s):
Rev. loelu Onesemo (General Secretary CCCAS, Acting) 699-9810
Rev. Letalitonu Tagaloa (Chairman General Purposes Committee) 770-8515

Note: Documents and blueprint of the NEW ROOF can be picked up at the CCCAS Main Office, Kanana Fou (9am-4pm) and additional information regarding the project.

The Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted bids that are not in the best interest of the CCCAS.

Approved for Issuance: **Rev. Elder Eveni Mamoe, Jr., CCCAS Moderator**



IN THE COMMUNITY

Photos by Esther



Tyler Barriss appears for an extradition hearing at Los Angeles Superior Court on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, in Los Angeles. Barriss, accused of making a hoax emergency call that led to the fatal police shooting of a Kansas man, told a judge Wednesday he would not fight efforts to send him to Wichita to face charges.

(Irfan Khan /Los Angeles Times via AP, Pool)

Suspect in deadly 911 hoax has history of making phony calls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles man suspected of making a hoax emergency call that led to the fatal police shooting of a Kansas man told a judge Wednesday he would not fight efforts to send him to Wichita to face charges.

Tyler Barriss, 25, was held without bail after waiving his right to an extradition hearing in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Barriss stood behind a glass wall dressed in black with his hands cuffed at his waist and provided brief answers to a judge’s questions, acknowledging he was the wanted man and had voluntarily signed the waiver.

Police have said Andrew Finch, 28, was shot after a prankster called 911 last week with a fake story about a shooting and kidnapping at Finch’s Wichita home.

Barriss has been charged in Kansas with making a false alarm, according to court papers. The charge for calling police or a fire department and knowingly giving false information is a low-level felony in Kansas that carries a maximum of 34 months in prison.

Other charges could be filed after Wichita prosecutors review the results of a police investigation.

A more serious potential state charge would be second-degree murder for unintentionally causing a death by reckless actions, said Elizabeth Cateforis, a law professor at the University

of Kansas. That can carry a sentence of up to about 20 years.

Another option may be an involuntary manslaughter charge in which a death is caused by a person acting recklessly or in the commission of another felony. That carries a maximum sentence of a little over 10 years.

Barriss has a history of making bogus calls to authorities. He was released from the Los Angeles County jail last year after serving less than half of a two-year and eight month sentence for phoning in two fake bomb threats in 2015 that cleared out the KABC-TV studio in nearby Glendale.

Glendale police who investigated the bomb scare found about 20 other incidents where Barriss had phoned in threats to universities and media outlets around the country, Sgt. Dan Suttles said Wednesday. The FBI assisted those investigations, but deferred to state prosecutors, spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

In the Wichita case, police have characterized the phony call as a case of “swatting” in which callers try to get a SWAT team to respond to a bogus report. The caller who phoned Wichita police said in a relatively calm voice that he had shot his father in the head and was holding his mother and a sibling at gunpoint, according to the 911 recording. He said he poured gasoline inside the home and “might just set it on fire.

California driver charged with single-punch murder of deputy

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — A 70-year-old, off-duty sheriff’s deputy braked to avoid two dogs and was rear-ended by a driver who then got out and delivered a fatal punch, police said Wednesday in announcing a murder charge against the man.

The attack occurred on New Year’s Eve and San Bernardino County sheriff’s Deputy Lawrence Falce was taken off life support two days later.

Surveillance video from a nearby store captured the encounter, which lasted only about a minute.

After the fender-bender,

Falce and a man police identified as Alonzo Leron Smith got out of their cars, exchanged words and motioned at each other. Smith then delivered a single punch to the face and Falce fell backward, his head hitting the pavement.

“We believe that he was knocked unconscious almost immediately and he never did regain consciousness,” San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said at a news conference.

Smith got back in his Ford Explorer and the video showed a truck ramming it to try to keep him from driving off. Smith

managed to drive away but was arrested hours later, police said.

The 30-year-old San Bernardino man pleaded not guilty on Wednesday to murder with special circumstances.

Smith is a gang member who has spent much of his adult life in and out of lockups. In 2015, he was released after serving two years of a 12-year sentence for selling marijuana, San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos said.

“This person needs to spend the rest of his life in prison,” Ramos said.

Falce worked 36 years as a deputy sheriff.



In this Dec. 26, 2017 photo, people line-up at the Town of Hempstead tax receiver's office to pay their real estate taxes before the end of the year, hoping for one last chance to take advantage of a major tax deduction before it is wiped out in the new year. The tax overhaul signed last week by President Donald Trump puts a new \$10,000 limit on the amount of state and local taxes people can deduct from their income when calculating their federal tax liability. (Howard Schnapp/Newsday via AP)

California looks for ways around federal tax changes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Democratic California lawmakers are exploring ways to blunt the impact of the new federal tax law on the state's taxpayers.

Federal law has long allowed people to deduct their state and local taxes from their federal tax bill, but the tax overhaul signed last month by President Donald Trump caps that deduction at \$10,000.

That change will be especially notable in high-tax states like California, where more than a third of taxpayers claimed the deduction for an average of \$18,438 in 2015 — the third highest after New York and Connecticut, according to IRS data.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon plans to introduce legislation allowing people to make a donation to the state in lieu of income taxes. That would allow them to claim the federal charitable deduction, at least partially getting around the change.

De Leon, of Los Angeles, is running for U.S. Senate. His legislation could be introduced as soon as Thursday, when lawmakers return to Sacramento after a three-month break.

"Our hard-earned tax dollars should not be subject to double-taxation, especially not to line the pockets of the Trump family, hedge fund managers and private jet owners," de Leon said in a statement last week.

De Leon said he is working with law professors from University of California, Los Angeles; UC Davis and the University of Chicago on his plan.

Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association that lobbies for lower taxes, said he is skeptical that the proposal is legal and suspects it would be quickly overturned

by Congress.

"I think it's clever but I'm not sure it's going to fly," Coupal said.

The proposal is modeled on an existing law that allows people to get a partial tax credit for contributions to the CalGrant program, which provides college scholarships. Other states use similar policies to offer tax credits for private school vouchers.

Darien Shanske, a UC Davis law professor who is consulting with the Senate on the proposal, said there's little doubt it's allowed under current IRS regulations. There's a risk that the IRS or Congress could change the rules, but Shanske said that's unlikely in part because the private school tuition benefits are popular in Republican-leaning states.

De Leon's measure would not affect property taxes, which are paid to local governments.

Some aspects of the proposal remain to be resolved.

Crafting laws in response to the federal tax overhaul has been especially challenging in California, where voters have enshrined much of the tax code in the constitution, placing them off-limits to lawmakers, Shanske said.

Many changes would require support from two-thirds of lawmakers.

The charity proposal has garnered most of the early attention because it can pass with a simple majority.

Among other potential responses, the state could shift some of the income tax burden from individual taxpayers to businesses, which would be able to deduct their state taxes from their federal bill. The state also could raise tax rates on pass-through businesses, a type of business that will see a substantial tax cut under the federal bill.

Wisconsin girl's father says Slender Man movie in poor taste

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Sony Pictures is trying to capitalize on a tragedy by releasing a movie starring horror character Slender Man, according to the father of one of two Wisconsin girls who attacked their classmate to please the fictional boogeyman.

Bill Weier, father of Anissa Weier, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Wednesday that he hopes local theaters won't show the movie when it's released in May.

"It's absurd they want to make a movie like this," Bill Weier said. "It's popularizing a tragedy is what it's doing. I'm not surprised but in my opinion it's extremely distasteful. All we're doing is extending the pain all three of these families have gone through."

Sony Pictures media relations officials didn't reply to two emails left in the company's general inbox for reporter's inquiries.

Weier and Morgan Geyser lured classmate Payton Leutner in 2014 to a wooded park in Waukesha, a Milwaukee suburb. There, Geyser stabbed Leutner 19 times, narrowly missing her heart, while Weier urged her on. Leutner managed to crawl out of the woods to a path where a passing bicyclist found her. She survived the attack.

Weier and Geyser told detectives they had to kill Leutner to prove to Slender Man that they were worthy of being his servants as well as protect their families from him. All three girls were 12 years old at the time of the attack.

Geyser, now 15, pleaded guilty to attempted first-degree intentional homicide in a deal with prosecutors, who have asked she get at least 40 years in a mental hospital when she's sentenced in February. Weier, now 16, was sentenced to 25 years in a mental institution last month after pleading guilty to attempted second-degree intentional homicide.

Slender Man was created online by Eric Knudson in 2009 as a mysterious specter photo-edited into everyday images of children at play. He's typically depicted as a slim, spidery figure in a black suit with a featureless white face that preys on children. He has grown into a popular boogeyman and has appeared in video games and online stories.

The Sony production, entitled "Slender Man," marks the first full-length feature built around the character. The picture is directed by Sylvain White, who also helmed 2007's "Stomp the Yard," and stars Javier Botet as Slender Man.

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Iran says Trump's 'absurd tweets' have incited disruption

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iran says the U.S. "has crossed every limit" in international relations by expressing support for the anti-government protests roiling the Islamic Republic.

Iran's ambassador to the United Nations complained in a letter Wednesday to the Security Council president.

Ambassador Gholamali Khoshroo says U.S. President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have issued "numerous absurd tweets" that "incited Iranians to engage in disruptive acts."The U.S. hasn't immediately responded to the letter accusing it of intervening

"in a grotesque way in Iran's internal affairs."

Trump has unleashed a series of tweets backing the protesters and referring to Iran as corrupt and failing. At least 21 people have been killed and hundreds arrested amid protests fueled by economic grievances. Meanwhile.





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Storm slaps coastal South with most snow in nearly 3 decades

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — A brutal winter storm smacked the coastal Southeast with a rare blast of snow and ice Wednesday, hitting parts of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina with their heaviest snowfall in nearly three decades.

Forecasters warned that the same system could soon strengthen into a “bomb cyclone” as it rolls up the East Coast, bringing hurricane-force winds, coastal flooding and up to a foot of snow.

At least 17 deaths were blamed on dangerously cold temperatures that for days have gripped wide swaths of the U.S. from Texas to New England.

A winter storm warning extended from the Gulf Coast of Florida’s “Big Bend” region all the way up the Atlantic coast. Forecasters said hurricane-force winds blowing offshore on Thursday could generate 24-foot (7-meter) seas.

Schools in the Southeast called off classes just months after being shut down because of hurricane threats, and police urged drivers to stay off the roads in a region little accustomed to the kind of winter woes common to the Northeast.

In Savannah, snow blanketed the city’s lush downtown squares and collected on branches of burly oaks for the first time in nearly eight years. William Shaw, a Savannah native, used baby steps to shuffle along a frozen road from his home to the post office.

Donaven built a snowman 6 inches (15 centimeters) tall. The city tweeted that snow fell there for the first time in 28 years.

“I made a snowball and threw it at my dad,” said Donaven, a 41-year-old hair salon owner.

The weather service said the winter storm will probably intensify into a “bomb cyclone” that could dump more than 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow on the Boston area on Thursday and at least half a foot (15 centimeters) of snow in the New York City region.

Meteorologists have been using the term “bomb” for storms for decades, but the phrase went viral on social media on Wednesday. A storm is a bomb — or bombogenesis happens — when it drops 24 millibars of pressure in 24 hours. This storm looks like it will intensify twice that rate, said Bob Oravec, lead forecaster at the National Weather Service’s Weather Prediction Center.

Mississippi’s largest city said record cold is breaking water mains, leaving some customers with little or no water flow. Jackson city spokeswoman Kai Williams said Wednesday evening that the city knew of 37 separate water main breaks that it attributed to cold. The city has declared an emergency and is hiring outside contractors to help repair water main breaks.

Blizzard warnings were issued from Rhode Island to Maine. Oravec said he expects they could be extended as far south as parts of New York.

“It’s sort of akin to a hurricane traveling up the coast,” says Ryan Maue, a meteorologist at the private firm Weather. US.Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal declared a state of emergency through Friday for 28 counties. School systems on the Alabama coast waived uniform requirements so students could bundle up. Florida’s largest theme parks announced that water attractions such as Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon, Universal Orlando’s Volcano Bay and SeaWorld’s Aquatica were closed. Temperatures were running well below normal for this time of year, and the lows are expected to hover right around freezing.

In Prairieville, Louisiana, Valerie Anne Broussard struggled overnight to keep warm in a house that is being rebuilt after the 2016 floods that hit the small community southeast of Baton Rouge. Her home has exterior walls and floors but no insulation, no central heating and only a few working electrical outlets. Eggs that she left on the kitchen counter froze and broke open.

“It’s like a camping trip that I didn’t sign up for,” said Broussard, who’s been huddling with her 8-year-old daughter, newborn baby and boyfriend in a bedroom warmed by space heaters.

“It almost seems the town is deserted just like in the last hurricane,” said Shaw, 65. “There’s no one on the street. It’s got a little eerie feeling.”

Dump trucks spread sand on major streets in Savannah ahead of the storm and police closed several bridges, overpasses and a major causeway because of ice.

By the time the morning’s dreary sleet and rain turned to fluffy snow, Savannah came out to play. Families with children flocked to Forsyth Park near the downtown historic district for snowball fights. The National Weather Service recorded 1.2 inches (3 centimeters) of snow — Savannah’s first measurable snowfall since February 2010 and the first that exceeded an inch (2.5 centimeters) in 28 years.

Across the Georgia-South Carolina line in Charleston, the weather service reported 5 inches (12.7 centimeters) as the snow was winding down at 5 p.m. That’s the most snowfall in Charleston since December 1989, and plenty for Chris Monoc’s sons, ages 4 and 2, to go sledding outside their home near the city’s iconic Ravenel Bridge.

“They probably will be teenagers the next time something like this happens, and that’s kind of sad,” Monoc said. “But we’ll enjoy it while it is here.”

Airports shut down in Savannah, Charleston and elsewhere as airlines cancelled 500 flights Wednesday, and at least 1,700 more were cancelled Thursday. Interstate 95 was nearly an icy parking lot for almost all of its 200 miles (322 kilometers) in South Carolina. Troopers couldn’t keep up with the number of reported wrecks which numbered in the hundreds.

In Tallahassee, Florida, Michigan transplant Laura



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E matou te faatulou atu ai i le paia o Suli ma feoi oi le Suafa FAUMUINA i le afioaga o Alofau, o loo alaala ma papa’a’ao i itu e fia o Samoa.

Ole paia lava lea o Aloitafuna e afio ai le afioga le Tupufia ia Faumuina, susu ai Anoalo tutusa o Toia ma Ufagafa. Susu ai foi Aiga ma Usoalii. Susu ai foi le afioga tamaitai ia Tauaa, ae puipuimalu ele fetalaiga Tumalele ia Tuatoo ma Muafono, ae maise le nofo a Saole.

Ua tasi moemoe le finagalo o aiga i le maota i Aloitafuna, e Afio ai le afioga ia Faumuina. O le a faia ai le tatou talatalaga aua se tasi e ta’ita’ia lo tatou aiga i le:

ASO: Ianuari 13, 2018

Nofoaga: Maota i Aloitafuna, Alofau

Taimi: 10:00am i le taeao

O lou le auai mai ole a le taofia ai le talanoaga. O le tatalo i le Atua ina ia o tatou maua le fealofani ma tatou toeseinuupotopoto aua lea faamoemoe ua tuupoina. Ia mamao ni ao taulia i le soifua o le aufaigaluega a le Atua, maua le soifua mania aua tupu ma ee o le atunuu faapea le tapuaiga ia Samoa ae matou ola i le alofa o le Atua.

Sainia,

Suli ma feoi o le Aiga o Faumuina i Alofau



Trump signs order disbanding voter fraud commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump signed an executive order Wednesday disbanding his controversial voter fraud commission amid infighting, lawsuits and state officials’ refusal to cooperate.

Trump convened the commission to investigate the 2016 presidential election, after alleging repeatedly and without evidence that voting fraud cost him the popular vote. Trump won the electoral college.

The White House blamed the decision to end the panel on more than a dozen states that have refused to comply with the commission’s demand for reams of personal voter data, including names, partial Social Security numbers, voting histories and party affiliations.

“Rather than engage in endless legal battles at taxpayer expense, today President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order to dissolve the Commission, and he has asked the Department of Homeland Security to review its initial findings and determine next courses of action,” White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement.

Critics saw the commission as part of a conservative campaign to make it harder for poor people and minority voters to access the ballot box, and to justify Trump’s claims of voter fraud. Trump has repeatedly alleged, without evidence, that 3 million to 5 million people voted illegally in the 2016 election, delivering the popular vote to his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton. Clinton received 2.8 million more votes than Trump nationwide. While there have been isolated cases of voter fraud in the U.S., past studies have found it to be exceptionally rare. Critics also viewed the commission as part of an attempt to distract from the ongoing investigations into Russian election meddling and potential collusion between Moscow and Trump campaign aides. The intelligence community concluded that the Russian government mounted a campaign to help Trump win, hacking email accounts and spreading false stories.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, the commission’s vice chairman, characterized the decision to dissolve the bipartisan group as a “tactical change” and argued DHS can pursue an investigation of election fraud more quickly and efficiently. “The Democrats, both on and off the commission, made very clear that they were not interested in determining the scope and extent of voter fraud and, indeed, they were trying to stop the commission in its tracks,” Kobach said. “The

Democrats lost their opportunity, lost their seat at the table, by stonewalling.”

Kobach, a conservative Republican and vocal supporter of tough voter ID laws, alleged Democrats wanted no investigation. “Their motto is, ‘Nothing to see here,’” he said.

One of the members of the commission, Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, sued the commission in federal court, alleging it had violated federal law by refusing to provide him documents available to other members, among other charges.

Three Democratic senators — Michael Bennet of Colorado, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota — had also asked the U.S. Government Accountability Office to investigate the commission, which it agreed to do in October. Kobach said he intends to work closely with DHS and the White House, and expects the bulk of the DHS investigation to be done by midsummer.

More than a dozen states, as well as the District of Columbia, had rebuffed the commission’s request for voter data, citing privacy concerns and a fear that complying would legitimize the idea that voter fraud is widespread. While there have been isolated cases of people voting illegally, and many voter rolls contain outdated data, there is no evidence voter fraud is a widespread problem in the United States or has impacted election results.

A study by a Loyola Law School professor found that out of 1 billion votes cast in all American elections between 2000 and 2014, there were only 31 known cases of impersonation fraud. During the commission’s first meeting, Trump had questioned the motives of states that refused to comply with the commission’s request, suggesting they had something to hide. Voter advocacy groups and Democrats applauded Wednesday’s decision.

“It is no surprise that a commission founded on a lie of widespread voter fraud proved to be a fraud itself,” said California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, a Democrat, who had refused to comply with the commission’s request for voter data. “No taxpayer dollars should have been wasted on Mr. Trump’s voter suppression crusade.” Dale Ho, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Voting Rights Project, accused the commission of engaging in “a wild-goose chase for voter fraud, demonizing the very American voters whom we should all be helping to participate — with the not-so-secret goal of making voting harder with unnecessary barriers.



Vaofu'a S. Solomona along with her family members singing on Tuesday night during a Family & Friends Service for the late Human and Social Service director Taeaoafua Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona. Vaofu'a S. Solomona is Taeaoafua's wife.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

Republican Senate candidates sign unity pledge

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Divisions between Wisconsin Republicans vying for the U.S. Senate flared Wednesday just hours after they signed a unity pledge put forward by GOP Sen. Ron Johnson and the state party. State Sen. Leah Vukmir, of Brookfield, and political newcomer Kevin Nicholson, a Delafield-based consultant for Fortune 500 companies, are facing each other in the August primary. The winner will take on Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin in November.

Both said they had no problem signing the first-of-its-kind pledge in Wisconsin requiring the loser of the primary to endorse the winner. They also pledged to conduct their campaign in a way that is “respectful” of fellow Republicans. But hours later on Wednesday, Vukmir and Nicholson were squabbling yet again. Vukmir called on Nicholson to disavow his endorsement from former White House strategist Steve Bannon because of comments attributed to Bannon in a new book. According to excerpts of Michael Wolff’s book released Wednesday, Bannon said he thought President Donald Trump’s son’s contact with a Russian lawyer during the campaign was “treasonous” and “unpatriotic.”

Vukmir’s campaign manager, Jess Ward, called Bannon’s comments a “vicious attack” against the president and his family.

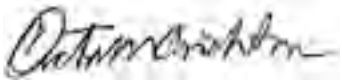


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INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-025-2018

Issuance Date: January 3, 2018
Closing Date: January 10, 2018
No later than 2:00p.m. (local time)

- 1. INVITATION**
Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms to provide “Department of Public Safety Building Repairs” located in the Village of Fagatogo, Territory of American Samoa.
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Sealed bids will received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799, until 2:00 p.m. (local time), Wednesday January 10, 2018 at which time and place the sealed bids will publicly opened and read.
- 3. PRE-BID CONFERENCE**
A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Office of Procurement Conference Room. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who are not present at the Pre-Bid Conference.
- 4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**
- Electronic copies of contract documents, including Plans and Specifications may be examined or obtained at the Office of Procurement free of charge.
- The American Samoa Government reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any bid.
- The American Samoa Government reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding as may be in the best interest of American Samoa.


DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer



“Le Auauna lelei e, ma le faamaoni; Ulufale mai i le fiafia o lou Alii”

Taeaoafua Dr. Meki Solomona

Taoto ia i le Faga ua Sa le tiuga nai Avaloa ma mapu i ti'asa i ulupaaga lau matematega Samoa. Aua o oe o le Maota e faamatafauloagatā mai lona ulua'i Papatea i Malaetele, se'ia taia ona si'upapa na ma'ape i Analega. Tulou! Ae tau ia ina o'u so'a le loto, aua le masina na faga-talia, ma lilo i ona atalua. O lea ua isilā nei le ata o le tama na moe i le aga, ae faamalele le ata o le teine na moe i luga o le papa, a'o le upu e fai i le Aigailletai, “vaai i le vai, maua le ao tausila, sili lana pae ae mapu i siliga. Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna Lava!

Leone

Ua masofa ai nei le fa i le maota i Tia o Pouono, e Afio ai Faiivae o le Maluolefale. Susu ai le Matua o Usoalii, Usoalii ma Tamapaa. Lau fetalaiaga Tuiloma faapea le aiga Sa-Faiivae. Aua o lea ua usuia le fono ma lalafo le upega lauga i le Tofa ia Taeaoafua Meki Solomona le upega lauga I le Tofa ia Taeaoafua Meki Tavita Solomona, O le lupe sa olo tu I Asoma'auga ma o le alo e fa'asino I le Taeleifi ma ona falemagafa e fia. Ua tulolo ai nei ao o le lagi, ae taalili peau o le sami. Aua ua lagia Laloifi ma Falesau o le Fale o Mavaega. O le lagi lava lea aua le Afio o le Faatuiolemotu, Susu ai le Maluolefale. A'o le gausia o le atipouniu i le fetalaiaga ia te oulua Tama Matua, Olo ma Leoso. Lagi aua Avegalio ma Tuiteleleapaga ma Afioa i Maava. A'o le goto o le fetū i Avalua i le fetaliga tumalele ia te oulua Matua o Salave'a ma Salave'a. Vae o le tootoo ia Fiu ma Maiava, ma upu i le Alataua. Tulou.

Faigamalo Amerika Samoa

Ua to'ulu ai nei autā ma malepe le asoa tautua i le Faigamalo o Tutuila ma Manu'a. E afio ai lau Afioa i le Kovana Sili Lolo Matalasi Moliga, afioa i le Lutena Kovana Lemanu Peleti Mauga faapea le paia o le kapineta mamalu i ona tulaga faalupelupeina. Aua o lea ua tuua le malo i lana Afioa i le Faatonusili o le Matagaluega o Tagata, Tautua ma Alaga Manuia Lautele, i lana Afioa i le Foma'i o le Tofa Manino, Taeaoafua Dr. Meki Solomona. Tulou!

Fitiuta

Ua tau fai sunu'i ai nei pito ao o le lagi i le maota i Puleinuutu ma le malaefono i Faleula. Aua o lea ua lagia le la'oai ma le tupuasā e Afio ai Galea'i o lē na Muamua i Ao. Susu ai le Faleifa ma Ma'opu. Malii mai Suafanuu, o Sa Matuafaiga o e na ulua'i tu'ia upu o le maota. Susu ai Usoalii. A'o le tafea o le fuesina i le vagaga maualuga ia te outou Tootoo o le Faleula Tau Aitu. Tulou!

Taftoala

Ua malepe ai nei le tao ma le uatogi sa tatamu i Malae, o le tua o Togamau. Aua ua to le timu i le Tama a le Falelua i lau Afioa Ale. Susu ai Te'o ma Matai'a faapea i la'ua na pitolua ai le aiga o Satunumafono. Susu mai ē na alala maota, Usoalii ma le Matua o Fata. A'o le taape o le faasolo i le fetalaiaga i lo oulua To'alua o Pepe ma Tuivaifale, faapea le mamalu ia te oe Fagailesau o le Alataua. Tulou!

Saleimoa

Ua fili ai nei i ulufanua i Fu'afu'a, Lotoso'a ma Aveavai ae talatala i le atuvasa i Falesoa, Niuvai ma Mata'ale le agi o le matagi na tō faata'uta'u. Aua ua lagia maota e fia e Afio ai aiga e tolu (Puletele, Tilialo ma Luatuanuu). A'o le tulolo fo'i o le upega lauga i lau fetalaiaga Luatua ma lou Gautaala, ma upu ia te oe le Faletolu. Tulou!

Ona o'u faalupetū ai lea i le vainiut i le Liana, ma o'u seu tutu'u i liu o va'a e pei o le fetalaiaga ia Tulia Moeva'a, ma tātā efu o le fau e pei o le fetalaiaga i le tolu lele nai figao. Aua e faigata oe so matou paolo tupu, ma ni o matou gafa na saili i malo. O oe o lo matou paolo o paolo, o lo matou malu o malu. E afua ai ona o'u se'e i le vaigalu, fai fo'i o ulugalu o le 'auma, a'o si'u o le galu sa nofo ai Saveasi'uleo, aua o oe e malu ai lenei aiga ia Samoa ma le Lalolagi atoa.

Nuuuli

O lea ua peia ai nei le taualuga o le maota i Lotoā o Alii, e Afio ai le Maopu ia Soliai ma lona aiga Sa-Soliai. Ua utuutu salefu ai nei le malaefono i Nuuli ma Paepaenui. Aua o lea ua lagia le afioaga e Afio ai Alii Maopu. Susu ai Usoalii ma Taumafaalofo. A'o le gausia o le tootoo i le fetalaiaga i lo outou to'afa ma upu i le Itua Malosi. Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna Lava!

O le porokalama e faapea.....

Aso Tofi, Ianuari 4, 2018

9:00amSauniga Pu'upu'u I le Malumalu I le Falema'I Fagaalu
11:00amUlua'I Sauniga o lona malii I “Siona, Le Mauga Paia”
1:00pm.....Momoli atu lona tino malii I le faletalimālō a lona aiga “Pouono le Maotafono o Alataua”
6:00pm.....O ona faigāleo & leoleoga I le po, “Siona, Le Mauga Paia”.
A mae'a ona taota lea I “Pouono” mo mafutaga & Lona Aiga Pele

Aso Faraile, Ianuari 5, 2018

5:00am.....Faigalotu a le Faifeau
9:00am.....Fa'amavaega & le u'uina o lona tino malii
11:00am.....Sauniga Lotu mulimuli “Siona, Le Mauga Paia”
2:00pm.....Falelauasiga I le lā aiga I Tafeta Hills
3:00pm.....Fa'aaloaloga mo le mamalu ua auai atu & Aiga Pele I le “Pouono”

Ma le āva tele ma le fa'aaloalo afioa ile Maluolefale o Alataua, Faiivae Iuli Alex Godinet,
Tofa Taeleifi Amos Galea'i, Tausi ia Vaofu'a Soliai Solomona
ma le Fanau pele, ma le aiga potopoto

