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Local authorities are looking for 10-year old Atina'e Losa Taliva'a, who they say was removed from her school last Friday, by her biological mother, Sara Taliva'a.

Assistant attorney general Terrie H. Bullinger, who handles juvenile cases, said that under a court order, the government has temporary legal custody of Atina'e and she is in the temporary physical custody of a private party, who has cared for her for the past year.

If anyone has information about Atina'e, please contact Julie Mavaega 733-3811, Tafuna Sub-Station/ Officer Mose 699-2911, or Child Protective Services/ Dr. Celestine Nix 633-5952.

Local authorities provided these photos of Atina'e. [courtesy photos]



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Wife of "Sefa" Elia: Live, love, cherish each moment with the ones you love...

by Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu
Samoa News Reporter

Live, love, cherish each and every moment you have with the ones you love, for you may never know what tomorrow brings and it may be their or your last days," was the plea from Leeann Lam Yuen-Elia, who is still trying to come to terms with the passing of her husband, Iosefa "Sefa" Elia.

An employee of Manu'a's, and the second to the oldest of 12 siblings, Sefa died on the scene when there was an electrocution accident at the Manu'a's Store's location at the Tafuna industrial park, and six people were said to be injured, with three dying as a result of their injuries.

(Samoa News notes there is an unconfirmed report that the number of injured was 12, which includes the three men who died from their injuries.)

Mrs. Elia told Samoa News yesterday that her husband was one of a kind — "he was a patient man, had an awesome sense of humor and he was everything to me."

They met through mutual friends in 2012 and they tied the knot in 2014.

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Happier Times: Leeann and her late husband, Iosefa Elia, who died on Saturday, January 14, 2017, when he was electrocuted, while working on a construction project for his employer, Manu'a's Store. He was the first of the three men who died from the tragic accident.

[Courtesy Photo]

Treasurer "postpones indefinitely" 5% excise tax change

SAYS CUSTOMS WAS JUST TRYING "TO ENSURE ADEQUATE TIME FOR FEEDBACK"

by Samoa News staff

In a brief statement yesterday afternoon, Acting ASG Treasurer Ueligitone P. Tonumaiepa has "postponed indefinitely" the effective date of the proposed changes in computing the 5% excise tax it currently levies on all goods for sale or commercial use coming into the Territory.

As previously reported by Samoa News, Chief of Customs Moetului Sipili Fuiava in a Jan. 18 memo to "all concerned" said that effective Feb. 1, 2017, "customs will include freight and insurance costs in calculating excise taxes. Only bulk fuel will be exempted from this edict."

Many businesses didn't get a copy of the memo and some have questioned whether this is just another way ASG is seeking to collect more money for its coffers. (See Samoa News Jan. 20 edition for details.)

Tonumaiepa said the effective date in Moetului's memo was "to ensure adequate time for feedback, to address any concerns" from the general public and business community and to complete any

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Presidential exec order withdrawing from TPP hailed as positive for local fisheries

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

US President Donald J. Trump yesterday morning signed an executive order withdrawing United States participation in the eleven-country Trans

Pacific Partnership agreement, which is described by StarKist Co., as "an erosion of American Samoa's modest trade advantage" related to TPP participating countries.

The Lolo Administration, Congress-

woman Aumua Amata, the two canneries and others have voiced concerns over the TPP, which the US Trade Representative tells the US Government Accountability Office is a free trade agreement that aims to liberalize trade

in goods and services and remove barriers to foreign investment among countries including Australia, Vietnam, New Zealand and Mexico.

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Swim Coach Zero Iaulualo praised athletes with special needs for finishing the swim meet and making it to the finish line. The first adaptive aquatic swim meet was held last Saturday at Utulei Beach. [Photo: Ese Malala]

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Cheyenne Lafaele a former United States Postal Service (Federal) Employee, has been criminally charged by the Attorney General's Office with unlawful possession of controlled substance of methamphetamine, a felony that is punishable between five and 10 years in jail and or a fine between \$5,000 to \$10,000. Lafaele who's bail was set at \$5,000 made her initial appearance in the District Court last week Friday.

According to the government's case, the matter was reported to the police on January 10, 2017 following routine inspection by the Customs on all the parcels that come into the USPS. The government's case claims that police met with Customs officers where one informed the police that a routine inspection by the K9 dug detector "Crittter" alerted near a package address to Chevonne Lafaele, and after the inspection the Customs officers left to get coffee.

They returned not long after and noticed that the package was missing from where it was and then a Custom Supervisor was informed of the situation.

The police also met with the Postmaster who told the

police that she was informed by a USPS employee that a drug bust was about to happen at the Post Office. The postmaster further stated that she was also informed by the Customs Supervisor that Lafaele allegedly removed the package from where it was and left it where USPS employees leave their belongings. It's alleged that the Postmaster then approached Lafaele and reminded her to clear the package with Customs before she leaves with it. During the inspection, Customs discovered four separate plastic packages that were concealed within a speaker unit.

The government's case further claims that Lafaele said she did not have knowledge about the concealed bags and the package was from a friend "Lisa Lafaele" who, she had met on social media.

During the time that the substance was tested, two baggies revealed positive results for methamphetamine, while the other two tested positive with an active chemical in marijuana and each bag weighed one pound each.

As reported earlier by Samoa News, Lafaele has resigned from her job and its been confirmed by Postmaster Tao Suani who said, "The US Postal Service and I are cooperating with, and supporting the investigation by law enforcement agencies. The safety and security of the mail, our employees, and our customers, is of utmost importance to me and the US Postal Service."

The postal worker in question was hired as a PSE or Postal Support Employee in 2011.



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COURT REPORT...

Translated by Samoa News staff
MOSEGI SOLIA JR

The High Court last Friday sentenced Mosegi Solia Jr., to serve 20 years imprisonment for two separate cases.

In the first case, Solia Jr., pled guilty last year to violating a provision of the territory's Medicine and Drug law - under Title 13, Chapter 10 of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

Solia, aka Joe Palagi, was initially charged with one count each of unlawful possession of crystal methamphetamine and resisting arrest — both felonies. But under the plea agreement, the drug possession count was amended, and the defendant pled guilty to violating a provision of the Medicine and Drug law, a felony punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$5,000.

The 25-year-old defendant admitted that on Mar. 23, 2015, when police located him — he was one of the four men accused of the November 2014 shooting of the Leone police substation — he was in possession of methamphetamine.

Solia has been in custody for about 22 months unable to post bail. For the shooting, all four men pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge, but only his co-defendants were released. Solia remained in custody, because of the drug case.

During last Friday's sentencing hearing, Solia got the full 5 years prison term and the 22-days of pre trial confinement was counted towards his jail time.

He was also sentenced Friday for violating conditions of his probation from a 2010 drug case, where he served 30 months in jail; while a 15-year jail sentence was suspended under several conditions, including that he does not violate his probation.

However, the court was able to confirm Solia violated his 2010 drug case probation when he pled guilty to the 2015 charge.

Prior to sentencing, the defendant through a tearful testimony asked the court for leniency saying that the past 22 months behind bars is a lesson for him so that he can turn his life around. He apologized to

the court, which was also asked by the defendant for help in getting him any assistance to address his drug problem.

However, acting Associate Justice Elvis P. Patea said the only help from the court is to put him in jail for a long time to ensure that he is no longer associated or near those who deal with drugs.

The defense called one character witness, who is the defendant's uncle asking the court for leniency. The character witness also said that he was prepared to help ensure that the defendant was not involved in drugs.

Both the defense and prosecutor sought probation, but Patea pointed out that the defendant was once given a chance when he was sentenced the first time for the drug case in 2010. And instead of serving 15 years behind bars, the court sentenced him only to 30 months.

According to the court, the defendant will serve out the 15 years first and then the five years for the 2015 case.

Chief Associate Judge Mamea Sala Jr., and Associate Judge Muasau Tasina Tofili flanked Patea on the bench.

CHRISTINA MALAUULU
A woman who pointed a pistol at three men picking up trash along the roadside in Amouli has been charged with two misdemeanor counts of third degree assault and public peace disturbance.

Christina Malauulu, a.k.a Chrissy, was in District Court late last week during her initial appearance. She was released on her own recognizance and scheduled to return for another hearing on Feb. 9.

Among the conditions of her release is that she makes no direct or indirect contact with the three men (the alleged victims), and is prohibited from possession of any form of firearm and be a law abiding citizen while her case is pending in court.

According to court information the Fagaitua police substation was contacted last Wednesday for assistance, after a woman, later identified as Malauulu pointed a "pistol" towards the three men, who told police that while collecting trash along the roadside, the defendant allegedly stopped her car, rolled down the window

and pointed the gun at them.

The woman, the victims allege, went down the road, turned around and came back, stopped and then pointed the pistol towards them.

Court documents say that the defendant was looking for one of the three men, and when one of them responded that he was that person, the defendant opened the car door and pointed the gun at him asking why he was spreading rumors about her daughter.

The three men also told police that the defendant used profanity yelling at them and that they were scared and feared for their lives.

When police located the woman, she was taken into custody, where her car was searched and a .45 caliber pistol was found. The woman didn't want to make a statement to police at the time, until she spoke with her attorney.

STEPHEN MCRRAW
For taking \$1.75 worth of nails in a bag from a local shop, Stephen McRaw has been charged with misdemeanor stealing, when he appeared in District Court yesterday and is to return for another hearing on Jan. 31.

District Court Judge Fiti A. Sunia set bail at \$200 after the defendant refused to sign government documents, which show why he was arrested and charged.

During yesterday's court proceedings McRaw tried to apologize for his alleged criminal behavior arguing that the bag of nails was only worth \$1.75, but he was stopped by Sunia, who told the defendant that it's best to consult his attorney, assistant public defender Kate Hannaher.

The defense argued for McRaw to be released on his own recognizance, but the government rejected it for the safety of the community as well as the defendant himself. The government argued that the defendant is seen living in areas in Tafuna and it's unclear as to who is the defendant's family.

According to the government, setting bail ensures that the defendant appears at all court proceedings.

(Original Samoan stories published yesterday and today in the Lali section of Samoa News.)



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FA'AALIGA O LE FEAGAIGA MO SE TU'U'ESEINA

I tagata o le aiga sa SOA, ma i latou uma e silasila ma lauiloaina leni faaaliga!
O le faaaliga leni ona o SAMULIMULI TINITALI o le nu'u o VAITOGI ua ia fa'aulufaleina mai i leni ofisa se feagaiga tusitusi e fa'ailoa ai se mana'oga fia tu'u'esaina o se fale ua/po o le a, fa'atua i luga o le fanua o MATAUTU e fa'asino i le aiga sa SOA, o le nu'u o VAITOGI. O leni fanua e totonu pe latalata ane i le nu'u o VAITOGI, itumalo o TUALAUTA, ile motu o TUTUILA, Amerika Samoa.

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internal action as needed with all appropriate agencies.

As such, the Feb. 1 effective date in Moetului's Jan. 18 memo announcing the inclusion of additional costs in the computation of the excise tax "is hereby postponed indefinitely," Tonumaiepa said.

"While I believe there should be additional review of the proposed changes to the excise tax computation... we have determined that given the long-standing existing interpretation of the excise tax statute, the ambiguity of how the excise tax statute is written and the immediate feed back from the business community, we have come to the conclusion" to postpone the proposed change, he said, but didn't reveal some of the feed back from the business community."

In conclusion, Tonumaiepa said, "As always, should you have any additional comments or feedback, we stand ready and are available for your thoughts

and concerns."

Copies of the statement were sent to the governor, lieutenant governor and Moetului.

BACKGROUND

The proposed change to the computation of the 5% excise tax as outlined in the Chief of Custom's memo or letter would have included the cost of insurance and freight onto the value of goods, thereby increasing the amount of the tax levied. Currently, the value of goods on which the 5% excise tax is levied is without the cost of freight and insurance, i.e. FOB value.

Comments from the business community included, "Customs has creatively rewritten the Code by inserting a semi colon where a period exists. The letter (memo) also cites the wrong Code section." While another said, "Now there's a perfect example of "taxation without representation. What happened to the January 11 meeting we were supposed to have with the governor and key staff to address these issues?"



Rep. Su'a Alexander Eli Jennings (far right) and two customers who showed up at his display table last Friday at the Fagatogo Market Place to check on gluten free breadfruit flour and two dried breadfruit that can be used to make hash brown.

[photo: FS]

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"Fuge" research in progress now — as a mosquito repellent

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Rep. Su'a Alexander Eli Jennings have started testing a new breadfruit product that can be used as a mosquito repellent, and its success means more attention focused on American Samoa to provide more products made from breadfruit and possibly new jobs for the local workforce.

The Swains Island Delegate has a small mill operation producing gluten free breadfruit flour using a retrofitted freight container dehydrator prototype. And Su'a has been working for more than two years with off island experts, such as Dr. Fadi Aramouni, Professor of Food Science and Extension Specialist with the Food Science Institute at Kansas State University.

Su'a has also received a lot of support from University of Hawaii Pacific Business Center Program, headed by Papali'i Dr. Failautusi Avegalio, which launched more than two years ago the 'Pacific Regional Breadfruit Initiative' (PRBI) projects.

"Now I've been asked to work on another product, which will come from breadfruit, and that is the 'fuge'," the long seed at the core of the breadfruit, Su'a said in a Samoa News interview last Friday at the Fagatogo Market Place, which markets the uses of gluten free breadfruit flour, including a demonstration of pancake making using the ulu flour.

"In working with Papali'i and other experts, they have associates who are very interested in the fuge, which has to

fall from the breadfruit tree to be used... to be dried and then sent to researchers," Su'a said. "They make DEET out of the it, the DEET in the mosquito repellent."

"I've heard throughout the course of time and discussions that the fuge, people know, if you burn it, drives away mosquitoes," he said. "So now I'm moving forward with this request on the fuge of the breadfruit."

"While the fuge falls to the ground, people throw it away, but they make excellent mosquito repellent - the DEET," he said. "Please don't throw away fuge that falls from the tree, call me up and I'll come clean your yard and collect the fuge, which will be another great product from American Samoa."

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Three athletes with special needs excitedly pose for the camera after racing in one of the heats of the first adaptive aquatic swim meet in American Samoa held last Saturday in Utulei. [Photo: Ese Malala]

Report says territory's population lives paycheck to paycheck

SPENDING 98% OF OUR EARNINGS IMMEDIATELY

by Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu
Samoa News Reporter

The Department of Commerce statistics division has issued the final report on the Household Income and Expenditures Survey (HIES) that was conducted in April 2015. In a statement issued yesterday afternoon, the DOC says the HIES report will be used to devise a new market basket for the revised consumer prices index of American Samoa.

The report covers a variety of topics on population, housing conditions as well as family income and expenditure and information from the survey providing updates on demographic, social and economic characteristics of the territory, including data on household spending and what families spent their money on.

"The HIES survey estimated a total population of American Samoa in April 2015 of 57,346 with 11,034 housing units, compared to the 2010 Census Count of 55,519 with 10,936 housing units. About five years after the 2010 census the population has increased by 1.917 (a gain of 383 persons everyday or an annual growth rate of 70%). This is more reasonable than the 0.3% annual growth rate after the 2010 census."

The statement further says that most families live by pay period, meaning "almost all income received by households is spent immediately." It said all households received a total

of \$362 million and spent \$355 million, leaving only about \$7 million.

"Therefore the American Samoa marginal propensity to consume (MPC) is 98%, leaving only 2% for possible savings," according to the statement. The MPC for many countries is at a 60-70 percentage range.

The statement approved by the DOC Acting Director Keniseli Lafaele, said that of the \$355 million spent, 26% was spent on food (the largest category) followed by Housing with 24%, and other Goods and Services at 20%.

"The other goods/services category included cultural and religious expenses. Other than Alcoholic Beverage (usually under-reported in any expenditure survey) with 0.4%, the smallest spending category is medical care with only 2% preceded by Education/Communications with 6% and recreation at 5%."

The statement further notes that culture and religion including remittances amounted to about \$50 million and about 82% of all families contributed to churches and religions valued at \$16.5million.

Funerals alone amounted to \$20 million, with about 64% of all households having funeral expenses. "About 77% of household remitted money valued at about \$7 million, other family events and feasts as well as weddings to another \$7 million."



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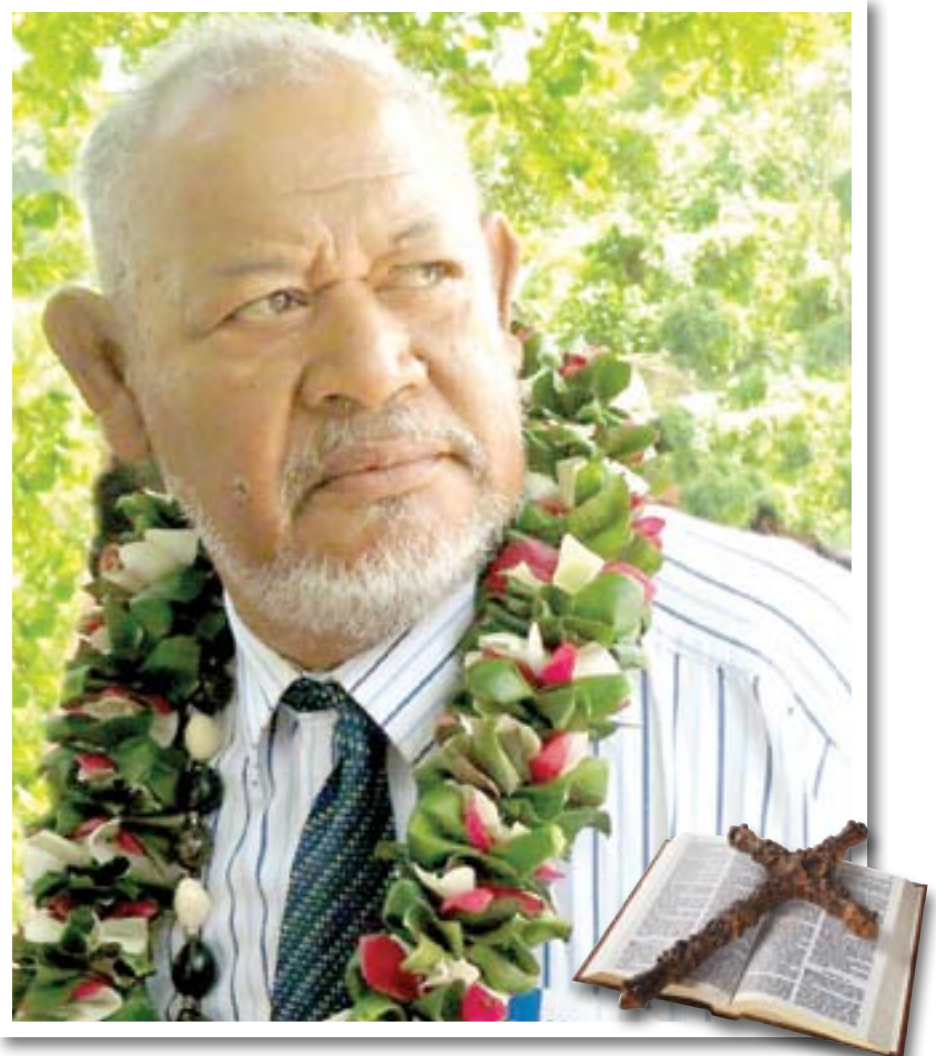
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E! ua ta le fia nofo i ‘ele’ele o Leifitoto ma le faga’alo i Vaovai, talu tiga matuitui o le oti. Ae sili i lo’u loto Faga’alu, aua o le malaga tuusa’o ma fa’aaauau i le ola Fa’avaavau. Ou te mapuea ma alaga ai “Le Ali’i e, tini o!, tini o!, tini o!, ua malo pule! Ua malo fale o! Le Atua i Lau pule ua toto tetele, talu ai Lautogia la’u pele!!

Tulouna ou paia Samoa. O le fale tulutulu i tao ua so’o ou ta’iao, a o le atumu’u tofi. E afua mai Malaetele se ia paia Fili ma Puletu’u.

Tulouna le mamalu o le Faleagafulu. Ia Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Sa’ole ma le Launiu Saelua, to’oto’o o le Faleula ma Tama a le Manu’atele.

Tulouna le paia i Aiga ma latou Tama, Tama fo’i ma Aiga, Pule ma Tumua, Itua’au ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai male Va’a o Fonoti. Ua lafalafa tuga ma ua titilogoia ai aiga faanoanoa talu le tuumalo o le afioga ia:



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I le aso 16 o Ianuari, 2017, i le maota gasegase i Faga’alu.

Talofa ua lagia mulivai, o le malae o Tofiga e afio ai Asomua, e afio o Sa Asomua ma aiga e lua. A o le usuia o le fono ia Tu’u’u ma le aiga Sa Tu’u’u, susu foi le Fofoga o le Alataua Li’o, maliu mai le Falelua o Tulafale, Maliu ma Uta’ileuo ma le Faletolu.

O le lagia fo’i lea o Ainiutea ma tupapa, Afifio ai Lualemaga o le Tama a Aitu ma tagata. O ou Tafaiifa na leiloa, o lou nofoa vaeavaeloloa. Susu ai le Falefa o Aiga. Susu ai le Falefia o Taupolo. Susu ai Tupua o le Aloalii. Susu ai le sa’o o Leasiolagi. Mamalu mai le la outou fetalaiga Satoafaiga, ma upu ia te oulua Aituilagi.

Ia ua lagia foi Lepa o le malae o le totoa. Afio ai Faolotoi. Afio ai Maoputaulagi. Afio ai Tupua o le Aloalii. Afio ai Sagapolutele o le ao o Faleupolu. Afio ai Alalamalae. Afio Tupuola ma le matua o Tago/Usolii. Mamalu mai oulua o le Punefu, Fatialofa, ma Auelua. Maliu mai Malielegaoi ma le Faleatua ma Salefao. Amuia le o maua mai e lona matai, o lo’o galue pea.

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2:30 i le aoauali *Tu’ua ai le Maota Gasegase i Faga’aalu
Molimoli atu lona tino maliu i le malumalu Sagato Paulo i Iliili*

3:00 i le aoauli *Sauniga Fa’aleaiga (Family Service)*

5:00 i le afiafi *Molimoli atu lona tino maliu i lona maota i Tafuna e malolo ai*

ASO TO’ONA’I, IANUARI 28, 2017

O ona toe sauniga o le a faia lea i le Malumalu a le Ekalesia Sagato Paulo i Iliili i le itula e 10 i le taeao. A mae’a ona molimoli atu lea mo lona falelauasiga i lona oliolisaga i lona maota i Tafuna lava.

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“Ua ou fai atu nei mea ia te outou, inaia outou maua le manuia ia te a’u, e maua fo’i outou e le puapuaga i le lalolagi a ia outou loto tetele, ua ‘ou manumalo i le lalolagi.”

“Ia manuia lau malaga”

Nu’ufou Tapusalaia Lautogia Taula ma le fanau



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It was in August 2016 they found out they were expecting. Fighting back her tears, Mrs. Elia said, “My husband was overjoyed when we found out we were expecting a baby and that changed our lives, our unborn child was the center of everything, especially him, who wanted so bad to hold his son right then and there... that’s the hardest part because he was so looking forward to seeing our son.” She said they had plans to move off island at one time, but that didn’t happen.

Son of Sui and Peato Elia of Aua, Sefa 26 was a football player while attending Fagaitua High School “Home of the Vikings”. He was an athlete during his high school years, said Mrs. Elia.

Leeann said it never crossed her mind that day, Saturday, Jan. 14, was her husband’s last day and she still in shock about it.

According to Mrs. Elia, she has not taken leave yet from work as she’s keeping herself occupied. “I’m overwhelmed with the support from my family, friends, my colleagues, House Speaker (Savali Talavou Ale), lawmakers, my husband’s classmates, Father Sefo and our Catechist at our parish in A’asu. Thanks for the love and prayers.”

Mrs. Elia was accompanied by her sister and father during the interview at Samoa News and was unable to discuss anything regarding her husband’s funeral, noting that it’s the most painful thing to consider “his funeral arrangements.”

She also did not wish to comment on the incident, as she was there when they were trying to resuscitate her husband before heading to the hospital.

Mrs. Elia also confirmed with Samoa News that their family has since retained an attorney, Sharron Rancourt; and, that one of the owner’s of Manu’a’s Store, Mrs. Jane Chen has reached out to her and the Chen family visited her husband’s family in Aua last week.

Spokesperson for the Chen Family, Ben Sauvao told Samoa News last week that they are trying to reach out to the families of their employees who were affected in this unfortunate event.

Meanwhile efforts to get a comment from the owner of Asian Pacific Engineering & Construction Services (APECS) Company in Malaeimi who was contracted by Manu’a’s Store for their crane services to build their warehouse has been unsuccessful. Unconfirmed reports say the crane operator was also injured during the electrocution incident.



The Sea Princess, carrying an estimated 3,000 passengers and crew members docked at the Fagatogo wharf for several hours last Thursday. Pictured is the cruise ship as it made its way into the Pago Pago Harbor at 7:30a.m. In the background is beautiful Matafao Mountain.

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Fagaitua High School alumni in Hawai'i joined the crowd at the inaugural Polynesian Bowl in Hawai'i, cheering on many sons of Samoa. L-R: Christopher Glaser, Sega Aga (FHS c/o 2003), Susan Sevaaetasi (c/o 1979), Penu Alaimaleata (c/o 1985), Evalani Maneafaigā (c/o 1986), Lahine Ierome (c/o 1986), Alotasi Ierome (c/o 1985), & Elisapeta Alaimaleata (FHS c/o 1988).

[Photo: Amber Salamasi Ierome]

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The GAO report last December on federally mandated minimum wage in American Samoa cites concerns raised by StarKist Co., and Tri Marine International on US free trade agreements with other countries.

For example, they cited the possibility that the TPP agreement, which includes one tuna-producing country, Vietnam, would result in additional competition to the American Samoa tuna industry if Vietnam is granted tariff-free access to the US market.

Responding to Samoa News inquiries after Trump withdrew the US from the TPP, StarKist corporate spokesperson Michelle Faist said that like other multilateral trade agreements, the "TPP was an erosion of American Samoa's modest trade advantage related to TPP participating countries."

However, as recently outlined in the GAO report, there are other production models available that take advantage of low-wage rates in other countries, she said yesterday, adding that it's difficult for American Samoa to compete with other manufacturing locations, where labor costs and other expenses are substantially lower.

"We are trying to sustain a business on U.S. soil and are being penalized with increased costs. In addition, we are continuing to have issues with expanding our operations at the local level," she said. "Limited freezer capability and the lack of space to expand the freezer have negatively impacted the company's operational efficiency over the years."

In a news release yesterday morning Amata voiced her support of Trump's decision, saying the TPP was signed by then President Barack Obama last February and had yet to be ratified by Congress.

She pointed out that the TPP would have placed the tuna canning industry in American Samoa "at great risk by allowing those countries like Thailand, where they pay their workers a fraction of what ours make to have the same access to markets in the United States without any of the fees associated with it."

"The fact that our canneries are American companies, allows them free access to the markets here," she said; however, the "TPP would have completely erased this small but significant benefit, which allows our canneries to compete with those companies whose wages border on the equivalent of servitude."

Getting the US out of the TPP "has been one of the cornerstones of my policy to keep our canneries competitive, and I could not be happier to know that the TPP will no longer be of concern," Amata said, adding that Trump's "decision not only makes sense economically, but also morally, and I want to thank him for keeping

his word, and withdrawing the United States from what would have been an economic disaster especially in American Samoa."

"I will continue to push for policies and legislation that allows our local industry to thrive, such as returning the ability to set local wages back to the local government," the Congresswoman said.

Responding to Samoa News inquiries, Commerce Department acting director Keniseli Lafaele said Trump's action "breathes new life and hope into our much embattled fisheries."

"We're hopeful... that this protection — of our fishery exports to the US — can be sustained long term," Lafaele said. "Other factors such as the minimum wage issue and access to fishing on the high seas need to be [also] resolved in order to leverage the aforementioned protection... to keep our fishery industry alive for many years to come."

Lafaele noted that Trump's position on protecting American businesses and the expansion of marine monuments and sanctuaries "may play in our favor" by letting American Samoa determine a minimum wage that's appropriate for the territory, and not be tethered to the US minimum wage law in its current form; re-opening the aforementioned bodies of water for fishing; and influencing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fishery Service "to lessen restrictions in fishing on the high seas for boats based in American Samoa."

Prior to taking office, Trump was quoted by national media as opposing the expansion of marine monuments and sanctuaries. Some are hoping that the President will make a stand on these issues, now that he is in the White House.

In a letter last October to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, Tri Marine chief operation officer Joe Hamby said free trade agreements, like TPP, "are a serious threat to the American Samoa tuna industry."

Trump's decision "will not provide any immediate benefit to the American Samoa tuna industry," Hamby said late yesterday afternoon responding to Samoa News inquiries. "Rather, it eliminates a future threat."

"The American Samoa tuna industry needs duty free access to the all-important U.S. market to survive. Obviously, if lower cost tuna canning countries have duty free access to the U.S. market, this eliminates any advantage of American Samoa having duty free access," he said.

Tri Marine on Dec. 16, 2016 closed indefinitely its Samoa Tuna Processors Inc., cannery operation.



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These ladies were some of the several residents who had a chance to taste pancakes made from gluten free breadfruit flour during a demonstration by Rep. Su'a Alexander Eli Jennings at the Fagatogo Market Place. [photo: FS]

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TO: Mother/Monalisa Misi Unnamed Father/ Mo le Tama o le Teineitiiti
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS FOR MINOR has been filed in the High Court of American Samoa by Line Olo and Faleupolu Olo, residents of Amaluia American Samoa, for a minor female child allegedly born to you on August 20, 2009 at the LBJ Tropical Medical Center, Faga'alu, American Samoa. You have two months and ten days from the first publication of this Notice to answer or otherwise respond to this Petition by filing such response with the Clerk of the High Court of American Samoa at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa, or by serving such a response upon attorney Fainu'ulelei L.P.F. Ala'ilima-Utu, at American Samoa Legal Aid Inc., at the Leatialua Building in Pago Pago, or by mail at PO Box 5984, Pago Pago AS 96799. Your failure to respond within the time set forth above may result in granting by default the relief prayed for in the PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS FOR MINOR.

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Su'a explains that the DEET is a chemical in the mosquito repellent but “that’s a natural in the fuge.”

Asked as to when he will officially kick off the “fuge project,” Su'a said, “as soon as I can get some. I've already dried some and sent them off for research and they want more. So I'll be drying fuge for the researcher.”

“And there’s so many other things that the researchers want to do, and I think, the fuge is even worth more than breadfruit,” he said.

Su'a again encourages farmers and non-farmers with breadfruit that they don't use to share it with his operation. “And don't forget the fuge — at the time it falls from the tree — it is something I can also use,” and noted that there is also another product that can be made from the ulu, but opted to discuss that matter sometime in the future as soon as things are set to move forward.

A Nov. 15, 2013 published by US Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) says breadfruit, is used as a folk remedy in Pacific regions to control mosquitoes and is an effective mosquito repellent.

Additionally, ARS scientists and their collaborates at the University of British Columbia in Canada, identified three breadfruit compounds — capric, undecanoic and lauric acids — that act as insect repellents.

Capric, undecanoic and lauric acids, which are saturated fatty acids, were found to be significantly more effective at repelling mosquitoes than DEET, the primary insect repellent used against biting insects. ARS is the chief intramural scientific research agency of USDA. Details of the story on: www.ars.usda.gov

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"We attend LDS church in Magruder Avenue in Fort Jackson South Carolina. We love you all our parents, sisters and brothers and especially our friends and relatives...we miss and love you always — remain in prayers to get us all together!"

[Courtesy photo]

LaBeouf-led livestream says 'He Will Not Divide Us'

NEW YORK (AP) — Shia LaBeouf wants you to know: "He will not divide us."

For the first few days of Donald Trump's presidency, the actor has been repeating that sentence into a live camera mounted on a wall outside a New York City museum, usually with a backdrop of everyday New Yorkers chanting and singing along. The livestream from outside the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens is for a participatory public art project LaBeouf and two collaborators intend to have running for the duration of Trump's presidency.

The camera went live the morning of the inauguration, along with a website inviting the public to show up and repeat the phrase, "He will not divide us," any time of the day or night.

The scene in front of the livecam has ranged from lively — with scores of young people dancing and clapping — to lonely late at night.

LaBeouf has been a frequent, though not constant presence, wearing the same blue jacket and red hat. "Trying to keep the conversation going. Trying to keep the fire stoked," he said Monday after agreeing to be interviewed by an Associated Press reporter, but only in front of the livestream camera. He interspersed responses to interview questions with repetitions of the chant.

The site is around the corner from a New York City performing arts high school and a couple of students were there Monday, singing into the camera. On Inauguration Day, actor Jaden Smith,

the son of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, led the crowd reciting the chant.

At off hours, the livestream has captured puzzled dog walkers checking out the camera up close, people showing up to play music, a man and woman delivering the message and then kissing and quiet debates between visitors about what it all means. People were out in heavy rain chanting Monday night.

Technically, the project from LaBeouf and his performance art partners Nastja Säde Rönkkö and Luke Turner isn't about opposition to Trump.

The project website says the meaning of the mantra "He will not divide us" should be "guided by the spirit of each individual participant."

"We're anti-division out here. Everyone's invited," LaBeouf said, rocking back and forth. "I'm just saying, 'Be nice to each other.'"

Tax-exempt public charities, like the museum, are prohibited from engaging in partisan political activity. The line as to what constitutes partisan politicking is a blurry one, but IRS rules say charities are barred from "intervening in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office."

Jason Eppink, curator of digital media at the museum, said the project wasn't partisan because those who take part can express themselves any way they like.

People have shown up periodically to flash "Make America Great Again" signs.

Pet pigeons take flight in Iraq's Mosul as militants retreat

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — For the first time in over two years, flocks of white and grey pigeons can be seen circling Mosul's rooftops.

Among the many rules imposed by the Islamic State group when it seized the northern Iraqi city was a ban on breeding or flying the birds, which many Iraqis keep as pets or raise for food. The extremists feared young men practicing the hobby would neglect their religious studies or spy on female neighbors from the rooftops.

Many Mosul residents slaughtered their flocks or confined them to cages, fearing detention or death if they were found out — but 17-year-old Mustafa Othman couldn't bring himself to do it.

"I couldn't bear locking them up, my heart wouldn't allow me to do it," he said. "They were created to fly."

Othman would sneak upstairs to feed his birds. He couldn't clap or yell to fly them in formation, but he left the hatches open so they could come and go.

"Every time he came up here, he risked his life," said his brother, Afan. "It's crazy, but he loves them."

Othman's father gave him his first birds when he was just 11 years old. He always loved animals, and the pigeons were one of the few pets his family allowed him to have in their small home.

Their rooftop and the balconies betrayed other secrets kept from Islamic State militants, who overran Mosul in the summer of 2014 and imposed their harsh version of Islamic

law. The Othmans threw a blanket over a satellite dish near the pigeon coop, so they could keep up with the news. They hung thick curtains across balconies so that women in the family could water plants and hang laundry without wearing the all-encompassing veils mandated by the extremist group.

When Iraqi forces at last drove IS from the neighborhood earlier this month, Othman celebrated their liberation by releasing his birds into the smoke-filled sky. "All I felt was happiness," he said.

Today, the birds share the skies with U.S.-led warplanes and Iraqi helicopters, as Iraqi forces work to drive IS out of the remainder of the city. Over the last three months, they have fought their way from the east to the Tigris River, which divides the city in two, but IS still rules western Mosul.

"Sometimes, birds we don't know land on our roof and they have cigarettes tied to their ankles," said Younis Fathi, Othman's uncle. He assumes the birds are used by smugglers to reach IS-ruled neighborhoods, where smoking is forbidden.

The streets below Othman's rooftop betray the heavy toll the war has taken on the city. Buildings are flattened, walls are pockmarked and bridges destroyed. Just across the street, the bodies of two IS militants have been left to rot in a building destroyed by an airstrike.

But Othman mostly looks upward where the birds wheel overhead in formation.

"I would have died for them," he says. "But we survived."



FILE -- In this Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017 file photo, Mustafa Othman feeds his pigeons on the roof of his family's house, in a neighborhood recently liberated from Islamic State militants, in eastern Mosul, Iraq. For the first time in over two years, flocks of white and grey pigeons can be seen circling Mosul's rooftops. Among the many strict rules imposed by the Islamic State group in the northern Iraqi city was a ban on breeding or flying the birds. Many Mosul residents killed off their flocks or confined them to cages, but 17-year-old Mustafa Othman couldn't bring himself to do it.

(AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed, File)



FILE - In this July 31, 2014, file photo, a customer walks past a statue of Ronald McDonald on display outside a McDonald's restaurant in Beijing. Fast food giant McDonald's said in a statement Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 it is selling a controlling stake in its China business to a group of investors led by state-owned Chinese conglomerate Citic in a deal worth up to \$2.1 billion.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong, File)

China, Philippines to roll out \$3.7B in cooperation projects

BEIJING (AP) — China and the Philippines have agreed on \$3.7 billion worth of projects to boost cooperation, state media cited a senior Chinese official as saying, highlighting the improvement in their formerly frosty relations.

Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng said after a Monday meeting with a Cabinet delegation from the Philippines that the projects are aimed at “improving people’s living standards,” the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

No specific details on the projects were released, though Xinhua cites Gao as saying a formal agreement on how to implement the projects would be signed before the Philippine delegation left Beijing.

Under Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who took office in June, the Asian neighbors have seen ties that had been tense over longstanding South China Sea territorial disputes undergo rapid improvement.

Duterte visited Beijing in October, during which he repeatedly criticized former colonial power and traditional ally the United States, while praising China as an Asian nation that respects Philippine sovereignty, shared its values and understood its development needs. Philippine officials said during the visit that the two sides would sign \$13.5 billion of deals and that Xi had committed more than \$9 billion in low-interest loans to the country.

Duterte is planning another China trip in May to attend an international conference on China’s project to revitalize the ancient Silk Road trade routes through vast investments in infrastructure.

Tensions ran high last year after the Philippines won an arbitration ruling in July declaring China’s maritime claims in the South China Sea invalid. China has refused to recognize the arbitration decision and has warned the United States and other countries not involved in the territorial row not to meddle in the disputes, which Beijing wants to settle through one-on-one negotiations.

In seeking to improve ties, Duterte has largely avoided mentioning the ruling and expressed his desire cooperate with China on projects in the area.

Still, the Philippine foreign secretary recently filed a rare verbal protest to China over Beijing’s placing of anti-aircraft and anti-missile weapons on its man-made islands in the South China Sea.

Beijing says the artificial islands are intended to boost maritime safety in the region while downplaying their military utility. They also buttress China’s claim to ownership of practically the entire South China Sea.

The two sides on Monday also agreed to a “speedy resumption” of a dialogue on economic and trade cooperation, according to China Daily, a state-run newspaper. That and other bilateral talks had been frozen since 2012 amid rising tensions.

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I tagata o le aiga sa TITIALI' I, ma i latou uma e silasila ma lauiloaina leni fa'aaliga!
 O le fa'aaliga leni ona o LAGILELEI & TAFAOVALE ANOA o le nu'u o ALOFAU ua ia fa'aulufaleina mai i leni ofisa se feagaiga tusitusi e fa'ailoa ai se mana'oga fia tu'u'eseina o se fale ua/po o le a, fa'atuuina i luga o le fanua o SIUFAGA, e fa'asino i le aiga sa TITIALI' I, o le nu'u o ALOFAU. O leni fanua e totonu pe latalata ane i le nu'u o ALOFAU, itumalo o SAOLE, ile motu o TUTUILA, Amerika Samoa.
 O le fa'aaliga fo'i e fa'apea, so o se tasi e iai sona aia i leni mata'upu e mafai ona fa'atu'iese ile fa'amauna o leni feagaiga pe a auina mai i le ofisa ole Resitara o le Teritori of Amerika Samoa i Fagatogo, sana fa'atu'ese tusitusia. O fa'atu'iesega uma lava e ao ona fa'aulufaleina mai i totonu o aso e 30 faitauna mai i le aso na fa'aaalia ai leni fa'aaliga.
 Afai ole a leai se fa'atu'iesega e fa'aulufaleina i totonu o aso 30 e pei ona ta'ua i luga, o le a fa'amauna loa leni feagaiga e taualoaina ma 'a'afia ai tagata uma.

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Tulou ia ou pa'ia Samoa, auā o paia o le Atunu'u o le ma'a e fa'afuagalu e iloa ai le vaeluaga o le tai. Auā e ui ina maualuluga mauga ma tagutugutu vanu, ua iloa ala tu'i ma alā fua. E ui fo'i ina loloto ma uliuli le moana sausau, ua iloga ogasami o penina tautele. Nu'unu'u atu laia paia o Samoa i le au fueloloa ma le au puputoa, auā o la latou matafaioi tausii lea. O paia o le talalelei, o le a fa'ata'alolo atu i le Aufaigaluega tofofi a le Atua, o lo'o talafaaauto ma nōnō manū i pito e fā o le lalolagi auā se manuia lautele o ona tagata. O paia o le tafatolu o le faigamalalo a Tutuila ma Manu'a, taoto atu i ona Ta'ita'i tofia.

Ae avea lenei avanoa tāua e momoli atu ai le agaga o le fa'amalō ma le fa'afetai tele i le Aufaigaluega paia a le Atua, o le Susuga i le Kovana Sili o Amerika Samoa, o matua ma aiga, ae maise le tapuaiga a Tutuila ma Manu'a. Malo le nofo tatalo, fa'afetai fo'i le nofo tapua'i. A lea ua toe taliu mai i fanua ma le manuia le faigamalaga, tatou viia la'ia o le alofa ma le agalelei o le Atua.

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Fa'afetai,

Komiti Fa'afaoe



Thank You!

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