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Leone Lions wide receiver, Ali'itoa Langkilde returning a kick off during practice yesterday morning at the school field, in preparation for the upcoming ASHSAA football season that is scheduled to start next week Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium in Tafuna-Iliili.

Congresswoman Aumua Amata is sponsoring this year's coverage by Samoa News of ASHSAA football with game highlights and photos.

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Miss American Samoa Incorporated (MASI) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and all former Miss American Samoa titleholders will be honored during a slide-show at next month's pageant. The names of the six contestants who will be vying for the title this year have been announced. See story for full details. Last month, MASI, along with the American Samoa Visitors Bureau, provided the fue, tanoa, and ula (pictured) for the 2017 Northwest Tatau Festival, held in Washington state.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

Six contestants to vie for Miss American Samoa title next month

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

Six local beauties will take center stage next month to compete for the coveted Miss American Samoa 2017-18 title.

This year's pageant coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Miss American Samoa Incorporated (MASI), an organization that was founded to assist in the coordination of local pageants, as well as prepare the winner for the Miss South Pacific competition.

Current MASI president Simeafou Imo told Samoa News yesterday that next month's pageant will feature six young ladies who will be judged in various categories.

A panel of judges is yet to be confirmed, although pageant organizers are beginning to feel the heat of a slowing economy and hard times, evident with the lack of corporate sponsorship this year.

A request is being made to the government to help finance the pageant, as it has become difficult to secure adequate financial assistance from local businesses.

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Supplemental budget is more than \$11Mil

MORE THAN HALF IS FOR PERSONNEL

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga's proposed fiscal year 2018 Supplemental Budget totals more than \$11 million and includes some \$6 million in personnel cost.

According to the governor, disapproval of the supplemental means affected agencies will be required to implement "reduction" in workforce.

Summary information on the Supplemental Budget, funded by the Administration's five new revenue measures before the Fono, is included in the governor's cover letter to Fono leaders that also included the Basic FY 2018 budget of \$395.26 million.

The governor points out that the Basic Budget threshold was set at 90% of the approved FY 2017 budget — referring to local revenues. "It

was immediately evident that many of the agencies will not be able to cover all of their operating costs with the established budget threshold," he said, adding that the supplemental is 10% of the approved FY 2017 budget, referring to local revenues.

The FY 2018 supplemental proposal totals \$11.34 million, which the governor says is needed to fund the government's basic operations.

Of the total supplemental: there is \$6.96 million for personnel services; \$869,000 for materials and supplies; \$917,500 for contractual services; \$329,500 for travel; \$1.97 million for "other operational critical needs;" and \$282,500 for equipment.

Lolo points out that some ASG agencies could not fully cover the cost of its workforce, adding

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Tafuna Warriors starting quarterback, Tala Sufia scrambling out of the pocket during their scrimmage against the Wildcats last Saturday – as part of their preparation for the upcoming American Samoa High School Athletics Association football season, set to begin next month.

WITH NO FANFARE: According to ASHSAA, the ban on Tafuna High School's Varsity team from playing in this year's playoffs was lifted earlier this summer, during an ASHSAA meeting. This clears the path for a possible THS tackle for the high school football championship title, which is currently held by Fagaitua High School in a 3-peat run.

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GHC Reid: Proposed changes to port fees and AMBT dis- courage outside investment

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The Lolo Administration's proposed hike in port fees and other charges will be passed on to the consumer, and such increases will further discourage outside investment, according to GHC Reid & Company's Aug. 18th letter to several lawmakers, which outlines the positive and negative impacts of the proposed measure, based on the company's assessment of the Administration's revenue measures already introduced in the Fono.

Samoa News has already reported on what the company has to say about the proposed 7% sales tax, changing the way the excise tax is charged for imported beer, and the new

15-cent hike for non-carbonated drinks.

PORT FEES

The measure gives the Department of Port Administration director the authority to review fees and charges every five years, and if necessary, initiate modification. Among the many proposed hikes, the established license fees for master or engineer of boat carrying passengers, currently at \$5 will increase to \$8.50. (See Samoa News Aug. 10th edition for details).

In its letter to lawmakers, GHC Reid points out that the "Port fees will be passed on to consumers. They will be the ones to suffer and businesses are already struggling to make ends meet and keep people

employed."

Additionally, the proposed fee hikes will "further discourage outside investment" and the Port Administration director "shouldn't be given sole discretion to increase rental rates every 5 years. That's too subjective."

Some business officials have already told Samoa News that the port fee hikes are expected to be passed on to them by the shippers and then it will be passed on to consumers, who "will again be burdened with new or increased taxes."

According to the ASG Revenue Task Force, the government collects over \$4.5 million annually under current Port fees and charges; but under the proposed hikes, the government is looking to collect just over \$7.11 million per year.

**ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS
TAX**

Another revenue measure being proposed by the Administration sets up a 1% alternative minimum business tax (AMBT), which the governor said will ensure that businesses pay their share of taxes and not avoid them through creative accounting and loopholes.

"This will ensure that businesses who are making money pay a minimum amount," said Lolo.

GHC Reid said that while it understands that this tax is "meant to make fraudulent companies pay their fair share in taxes, but why punish companies that file honest returns?"

"If a company truly suffers a loss, how can it pay 1% of its gross receipts? Whether it's been in business for many years or just starting, there are years when the economy is difficult and companies suffer honest losses," GHC Reid said, and suggested that ASG audit the companies that submit 'net loss' returns year after year.

"Don't punish everyone for the dishonest companies that should be audited and prosecuted to the full extent of the law," the company continued.

During the ASG Revenue Task Force presentation on the revenue measures early this month to the Chamber of Commerce, some business representatives had raised the issue of a company, which "truly suffered a loss" but is forced to pay the AMBT.

Over the 3-year period, on average, only 13% of corporate tax filers paid over 1% income tax of gross revenue, leaving 87% paying less than 1% on the adjusted gross income, said Task Force chairman, Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo V. Ale, who added that this means there are many businesses, a lot

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The governor's new nominees to the American Samoa Economic Development Board [l-r] Commerce Department deputy director Uili Leauanae, Chief Procurement Officer, Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton; Public Works director Faleosina Voigt at the conclusion of their Senate confirmation hearing yesterday. See story for full details. [photo: FS]

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The Senate has endorsed Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga's three nominees to the American Samoa Economic Development Authority (ASEDA); while the Fono is prepared to hold soon, committee hearings on an administration bill to amend a single provision of the local sex offender law, to comply with federal requirements.

ASEDA BOARD MEMBERS

The governor nominated to the ASEDA board, Chief Procurement Officer, Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton; Public Works director Faleosina Voigt, and Commerce Department deputy director Uili Leauanae.

During yesterday's session, the Senate handed down its confirmation vote: 15-1 for Crichton; a unanimous 16-0 for Voigt; and 13-3 for Leauanae. The final decision now rests with the House, who has yet to announce a confirmation hearing date.

Prior to the Senate vote, the nominees appeared yesterday morning before the Senate Economic Development/Ways and Means Committee for a confirmation hearing.

Because the nominees had not yet had a chance to meet with the current ASEDA board members, senators didn't pose specific questions pertaining to its current duties and the bonds it sold in 2015 — collecting some \$78 million in new revues — with proceeds earmarked for various infrastructure projects.

Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai called on the nominees to be honest with the duties assigned to them, once confirmed by the Fono, because ASG has accumulated a large debt from the bonds and it will take up to 20

years to repay it. He reminded the nominees to keep in mind that future generations would be burdened with this debt, if there is a problem with repayment.

While each of the nominees' educational background and work history were not questioned, senators who spoke at the hearing said the nominees must be honest at all times when making decisions as part of the Board, decisions that will impact the territory.

Some senators pointed out that the nominees are in charge of large ASG entities and asked if they will have time to not only serve in their capacity as leaders, but also board members. Each of the nominees responded affirmatively.

If fully confirmed by the Fono, the nominees were told to implement projects that are on top of the list of priorities, instead of projects that come later, as this will result in public complaints.

Speaking on behalf of the three nominees, Voigt informed senators that they don't take the appointment lightly, and if they can serve the government and the people of American Samoa in any other way, they will do so for the betterment of the territory.

In his nomination letter to Fono leaders, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga said each of the nominees has the relevant experience to help ASEDA, which plays a vital role in the government's attempt to expedite improvement of the local infrastructure system and establish projects that grow the territory's economy.

According to Lolo, the nominees will serve as a great asset to ASEDA.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The governor has submitted for Fono approval, legislation to amend the American Samoa Sex Offenders Registration and Notification Act, and the measure was introduced last week in both the Senate and House.

The bill allows American Samoa to be in substantial compliance with the requirements of the federal Sex Offender Registration Act (SORNA).

According to the governor, the local law passed in 2014 closed potential gaps and loopholes that existed under prior law and generally strengthens the nationwide network of sex offender registration and notification programs.

Since 2009, said the governor, states and territories receiving Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) awards from the US Justice Department have been required to substantially implement the minimum standards of SORNA.

Under the territory's current law, Tier II offenders may have their registration periods reduced to 10 years if they maintain a clean record for 10 consecutive years, but this provision is not in compliance with SORNA, the governor said.

Lolo said the proposed amendment "will allow the government to continue monitoring individuals who have committed more severe sexual crimes."

Additionally, SORNA "is designed to keep our children safe and the public aware of sex offenders residing within our communities" and the proposed amendment to local law will be in compliance with federal requirements.

As previously reported by Samoa News the local sex offender registry is overseen by

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Letter to the Editor

"INADEQUATE HEALTHCARE FUNDING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS"

PART 2: RECORD KEEPING

by Dr. Jim Marrone

In my initial op-ed, we began with the discussion of LBJ's foray into the world of electronic medical records (EMR) as an example of American Samoa's struggles managing the public funding for the business of healthcare.

It was the early 2000s when this Federal EMR push really started happening, and my clear recollection is that LBJ never came anywhere close to maximizing the full potential of that system.

I also know for a fact that the hospital continued to seriously struggle with funding for even the most basic of its needs, like personnel, the stocking of essential services and supplies, the formulary (inventory of all available medications at the pharmacy), and the off-island referral program — just to name a few.

Of course these issues continued to run pretty much throughout the whole organization at different times and to somewhat different degrees, but they were undeniable. The number of stories in this paper alone on these perennial shortcomings for LBJ over the last 15-20 years is truly massive.

Then about a decade went by, and the LBJ Board found out that its version of that EMR system was not compliant with the latest Federal mandates (these are called "Meaningful Use" criteria). As such, LBJ had to implement a pretty substantial (and not to mention, expensive!) "upgrade" to be able to continue receiving most of the federal funds, which are available for healthcare.

This transition was preliminarily being setup around 2011-2013 I believe, but then it finally got installed in 2015. Again, there was essentially free money to be had from the Feds for taking on this upgrade, and it bought LBJ all kinds of new and badly needed IT equipment at the time, like hardware and wireless capability, plus other improvements as well.

But it also came with serious requirements for rates of usage by our practitioners, with periodic reviews for making sure that enough patients' EMR charts had specific boxes checked and multiple data fields populated. I mean, these are absolutely mandatory and heavily data-driven sorts of measures to be held accountable to! And LBJ's performance with the upgraded EMR system over time would tell whether or not that startup money would have to be paid back.

Again, although I haven't seen first-hand what has been happening down there for about the last 18 months or so, my clear memory is that LBJ was essentially always behind schedule, borderline acceptable in its performance data (at best), and clearly hovering just about constantly "at risk" for the loss of these kinds of funds as well.

Now I ask you, does "at risk" sound familiar to anyone in the Territory?

Which brings me back to Medicare/Medicaid ("CMS," i.e. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services); what an impending disaster the precariousness and possible complete loss of all of that funding remains for LBJ and American Samoa?!

Now under the applicable U.S. and Territorial Regulations (with current Federal Medical Licensing and National Provider Registration Numbers and such), I was one of a fairly small number of physicians at LBJ whose work there was essentially at all times fully billable. I mean not only billable to Medicare and Medicaid of course, but also to Tricare, Champus, and well, pretty much any of the major nationwide health insurance plans, which are out there.

But not once, and I mean, not even ONCE in all of my years working at LBJ did I ever get so much as an inquiry from one of those organizations about anything that I did or did not do, or any document or order or prescription that I signed. There would have been thousands of documents with my name on them over all of those years. And like everyone else, I am certainly not perfect.

So it is reasonable to assume that there should have been at least a few questions here and there about possibly some of the claims being made for my services, right? Unless of course, those claims were just not being submitted... Well, the most likely conclusion that I can make from all of this is that LBJ and/or ASG simply were not properly writing up and submitting anywhere near all of their eligible claims for services rendered.

These kinds of questions finally must be asked of the Territorial leaders: Is American Samoa claiming all that is due to its people from Medicare and Medicaid? We'll discuss this, and more, in my next installment.



Jane Stevens, who lost her son to suicide, says the latest suicide statistics show the system is failing.

[Photo: Supplied to RNZ]

Compiled by Samoa News staff RULES CHANGED FOR MISS SAMOA PAGEANT

The rules have changed.

Today, the Miss Samoa Pageant is now open to any female of Samoan descent. Chairperson of Samoa Events Incorporated (S.E.I), Laeimau Oketevi Tanuvasa confirmed the change.

"This year the government has instructed S.E.I. that part of the invitation for this year's Miss Samoa Pageant is that the rules have changed," she told the media.

"This is how it was before and then the government changed it. Now it's back at it so this is the rule that we are following for this year's pageant.

"It is now open to any Samoan girl or girls of Samoan blood who would like to be part of the Miss Samoa."

There are conditions, however.

"As long as they have a sponsor. They must have a valid business license, or a Trust or a proper NGO and they have to pay a registration fee of \$300.

"Those are the new rules added to all the other rules that are already there when S.E.I. took over."

Laeimau also confirmed that all contestants from Australia are eligible. They include Miss Samoa NSW, Fasi Talimatasi

Liolveave, Miss Samoa Australia, Hopelynn Aiesi Toloa and Miss Samoa Victoria Inc., Adele Faaosofia.

"For the three contestants from Australia, we have checked all that needs to be checked and they are all valid, which means they have met all the rules and regulations that are needed."

Laeimau also highlighted the importance of the Miss Samoa pageant in promoting Samoa.

"Events such as these will benefit our economy," she said.

"I have witnessed in our Miss Samoa Facebook page that there's about 9,000 people who are interested in the event so that is the positive side of this.

"And there will be judges who are experts who will be judging the event on the night so we will leave it to them to make their decision while we do our work in organizing and getting things ready for the day."

Laeimau also clarified the issue about filming rights. She said TV3 holds the rights.

"The pre -pageant program is not exclusive to any certain media outlet so that means all the media will be covering the pre-pageant program but on the night of the main event, TV3 has the filming right to broadcast the event," she said.

"They will be the ones who will be responsible for allo-

cating where the other media outlets should set up.

"There is also a fee to be paid to TV 3 for Broadcasters or Production Companies if they want to film the night of the event. This also applies to those from overseas if they do want to come and film the Miss Samoa Pageant."

Nine contestants have been confirmed for the Pageant.

The overseas-based contestants are scheduled to arrive on 3 September to begin the pre pageant program ahead of the grand finale on Saturday 9 September.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

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General Manager, Sam

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by Barry Markowitz

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Nonetheless, the show will go on, according to the MASI president.

The deadline for applications was August 15th and Imo says they aren't accepting any more.

Representing Nuuuli and Malaemi this year is Salamasina Itu'aumalosi Aumua, who is being sponsored by O&O Inc.

Aua, where reigning Miss American Samoa Antonina Lilomaiaava is from, will be represented this year by two girls: Shalom Moana, sponsored by Paradise Pizza; and Sharane Tofi Smith, 23, sponsored by NAPA Samoa, where she works as a store supervisor.

Hailing from Afonotele, Alao and Ofu, Manu'a is another contestant — Feiloa'i Thompson, who is being sponsored by her family and friends.

Local business Lalelei is sponsoring Matau'aina To'omalatai of Onenoa, while MC's Auto Shop will be sponsoring Annie Masoe of Malaemi and Leone.

The contestants will be briefed on the rules and requirements of being an ambassador for the territory, in the weeks leading up to the Sept. 15th pageant, to be held at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei) in Utulei.

Everyone is invited. "Come out and support your favorite contestant," said Imo.

Themed: "Toe Tepa Tasi", this year's event will be dedicated to all former Miss American Samoa titleholders.

"This year, it's mainly about giving back to the former Miss American Samoa winners," Imo explained, adding that the one-time beauty queens will be recognized throughout the night, highlighted through a slideshow of old snapshots and a 'recognition period'.

They will also be entertaining the crowd that night, and as a bonus, each of them will be given another chance to walk the runway, as they did when they won the title.

Invitations have been sent out to all former titleholders, except for some who have moved off island and cannot be located.

For now, as Lilomaiaava is getting ready to relinquish her crown, the unveiling of her "reading corner" project inside the Pediatric Ward at the LBJ Medical Center will be made once the final touches are complete.

The goal is to get children — who seek medical assistance at LBJ — to find their passion for reading at an early age.



FILE - In this July 26, 2017, file photo, protestors attend a rally in New York City, to protest President Donald Trump's announcement of a ban on transgender troops serving anywhere in the U.S. military. Trump, A's tweets declaring transgender individuals unwelcome in his military has plunged the Pentagon into a legal and moral quagmire, seeing off a flurry of meetings to devise a new policy that could lead to hundreds of service members being discharged.

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II, File)

▶ Supplemental budget...

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that the Education Department, LBJ Medical Center, and Treasury Department represent the three main ASG agencies "lacking sufficient funds to comprehensively fund the salaries of their respective employees."

According to data in the governor's cover letter, the Administration is proposing \$2.21 million for ASDOE; \$900,000 for the Treasury Department; and \$2 million for LBJ as part of the ASG subsidy.

Under the proposed Basic FY 2018 Budget, ASG is allocating \$4 million as LBJ subsidy, which is listed under the Special Programs budget category, overseen by the Governor's Office.

Also requested under the Special Programs for the supplemental budget is \$1 million for subsidy to the Board of Higher Education — the American Samoa Community College — whose subsidy under the Basic FY 2018 budget is \$2 million.

The letter also shows that the governor is proposing \$700,000 under the supplemental for the Legislature, which has a proposed basic FY 2018 budget of \$6.91 million.

If the supplemental is approved that means the Fono's total proposed FY 2018 budget stands at \$7.61 million.

Another entity with a large request, is Public Works

Department seeking \$727,000 under the supplemental budget.

According to the governor, the \$6.99 million is needed to defray existing unfunded personnel costs.

And if the proposed supplemental "is not approved, the affected agencies will be required to implement reduction in force initiatives," he said.

"It should be pointed out that if the agencies are compelled to adopt the reduction in force option, \$6.9 million will automatically be taken out of our economy which will trigger shrinkage in our revenue base and create a financially adverse wave that will further detract our economy and our revenue base," the governor said.

In the Basic Budget proposal, said Lolo, the bulk of the allocated revenues are absorbed by personnel costs, leaving minimal to purchase supplies and materials necessary to support services delivered to the people.

He noted that other operational needs of most of the agencies are presented in the basic budget.

"Denial of the supplemental budget would mean that no materials, supplies, and equipment would be available to conduct services," he continued.

It remains unclear when the supplemental budget will be introduced in both the Senate and House.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO MY COUNTRY AND MY PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA.



After years of schooling and unwavering determination, I am officially a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), passing all four required examinations issued by the National Association State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Surely, this accomplishment would not have been possible without the insurmountable support of my ASG Government and Businesses also families and friends , especially my Heavenly Father. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude and recognize the following individuals and organizations for helping me along the way and for molding me into the person I am today.

- My loving and hardworking parents, Ropeti and Farrah Lesa, and my siblings, Peniamina, Ropeti Jr. , and Katrina Lesa
- My grandparents Dr. Bob and Phyllis Lesa, and Fainu'ulelei and Fa'amanatu Faletoesi Nielsen
- Uncle Utu Malae and Dr. John Tuitele
- Honorable Governor Lolo Moliga and Lt. Governor Sialega Peleti Mauga and his administration
- American Samoa Department of Education Scholarship Board
- Samoana PTA President Henry Sesepasara
- Samoa Packing Scholarship Committee Chairman Alfonso Pete Galeai
- Florence & Saulo Insurance Scholarship Committee
- DOE Director Dr. Salu Hunkin and Deputy Director Fa'au
- Spiritual leaders, seminary and institute teachers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- My principals and teachers at Samoana High School and Aua Elementary School
- Golf coaches John Mitchell and Willie Teleso
- Families and friends in Samoa, New Zealand, Australia, and the United States

E ui lava ina tele le timu, ae le magalo pea le sami.

Fa'afetai, fa'afetai, fa'afetai tele lava mo le tapuaiga lelei!

It is with great hope that I take this achievement and use it for the economic and social development of our territory in the near future. I look forward to building a better tomorrow for our people in American Samoa. Thank you again for all your overwhelming support and guidance!

Tofa Soifua ma ia manuia!

Kenape Lesa, MASTER OF ACCOUNTING, CPA.

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Samoa News is looking for a news writer that has a natural curiosity about our local community and is willing to report accurately for our newspaper readers.

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Call Samoa News at 633-5599 for an appointment to interview.



ASGERF Board: Ho Ching resigns, Gaisoa appointed as replacement

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

Beaver T. Ho Ching, the private sector member of the American Samoa Government Employees Retirement Fund Board of Trustees has tendered his letter of resignation and his replacement has been submitted to the Fono.

In an Aug. 24th letter, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga informed Fono leaders that Ho Ching had recently tendered a letter of resignation from the board and the governor thanked him for his service to the Retirement Fund.

According to the governor, Ho Ching, whose resignation is effective Oct. 31st this year, has taken up a new position in Apia, Samoa with the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Ho Ching is the current private sector member on the Retirement Fund board, and Lolo has nominated local businessman Frank Gaisoa as his replacement. Gaisoa “is a prominent and successful local businessman, having over the years built up the well-known ‘Tautua Mo Oe’ family of companies, operating in the wholesaling and retailing of primarily groceries and building supplies,” Lolo wrote. Additionally, Gaisoa “is an energetic and community-minded man who will bring that energy and community spirit to the Board of Trustees.”

Because Ho Ching’s term as a board member expires in April

2018, Lolo said he is taking this opportunity to nominate Gaisoa for a new, full five-year term to commence Nov. 1, 2017.

Lolo said he looks forward to the Fono’s early confirmation of Gaisoa to the Retirement Fund board. Samoa News notes that Gaisoa had previously served as chairman of the ASG Immigration Board, and was re-appointed in early April this year to the board. However, he does not serve on the board because he was off island when both the Senate and House committees carried out their separate confirmation hearings during the First Regular Session of the 35th Legislature, as well as the 5-day Special Session called by the governor in mid April.



DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE Project Notification & Review System

Legal Notice

PNRS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Sept 6, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Commerce/American Samoa Coastal Management Program has received a Land Use Permit Application from the following individuals.

1. **Naomi Nomura** 17-4843-L
Proposal for clearing - Pava'ia'i
2. **Naomi Nomura** 17-4844-L
Proposal for clearing - Pava'ia'i
3. **Violeti Ipinui** 17-4851-L
Proposal for construction of a brick walls/fences - Leone
4. **Pele Tui** 17-4852-LVB
Proposal for new construction of a commercial structure with utilities - Fogagogo
5. **Chuangdong Zhong** 17-4849-LVB
Proposal for container storage - Vaitogi
6. **Kent Lo** 17-4860-LVB & 17-4870-LVB
Proposal for container storage - Nu'uuli
7. **DOE/DPW c/o Faleosina Voigt** 17-4855-L
Federal Consistency Certification, demolition and new construction with utilities - Pago Pago
8. **Afa Tufele** 17-4712-L
Proposal for new construction for a residential structure - Se'etaga

Persons interested in or affected by a proposed project, are invited to review the project file and provide comments based on environmental issues, by contacting Aokusotino Mao at 633-5155, at the Department of Commerce in Utulei during regular ASG working hours. Public comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 05, 2017. Interested individuals are also invited to attend a Public Hearing at **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at DOC Conference Room, on the 2nd Floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.**

O lo'o iai i le Ofisa o Fa'afetauaina ni talosaga mo Pemita e Fa'atagaina ai le Fa'aaogaina o Fanua ma Laueleele e tusa ma ala o le Tulafono. A iai se tasi e fa'asea pe fia tusia se molimau i ni afaina o le si'osi'omaga pe a galueaina nei galuega, telefoni mai ia Aokusotino Mao i le 633-5155. E mafai fo'i ona e auai i le fono a le Komiti Fa'afaoe ia **Setema 06, 2017, ile itula e 9 ile taeao.**

Zoning Board Public Notice

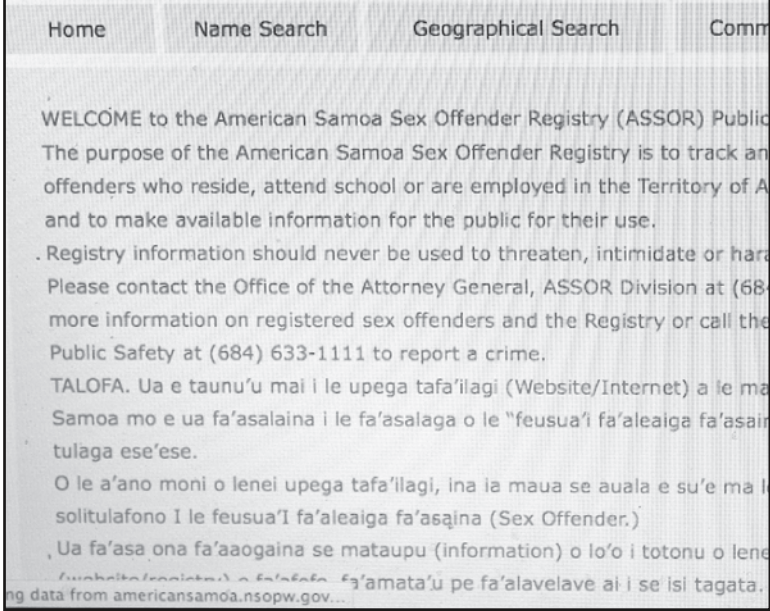
Zoning Board public hearing for **September 14th, 2017**. The notice is hereby given the Zoning Board has received zoning variance applications from the following:

APPLICANT(S)	BUSINESS	LOCATION
1) Sione Kava & Jinxiu Shi	Retail Store	Nu'uuli
2) Sione Kava & Jinxiu Shi	Window Fabrication & Installation	Malaeimi
3) A.S.S., Inc. c/o Tany S. Ma'o, Koreti Letuli & Thi Lam	Fast Food, Retail & Restaurant	Fagaalu
4) Frank Gaisoa	Retail Store	Ilili
5) Leuila & Joseph Ioane	Sewing Shop	Nu'uuli/Avau
6) Mikaele Falaniko	Tire Shop	Nuuuli
7) Anthony Tauvela	Recording Studio	Aoloau
8) Wynel T. Samoa	Fresh Lashes	Nu'uuli/Avau
9) Toa c/o Emanuele Ulberg	Taxi Stand	Tafuna

Public comments and request to speak during public hearing must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Interested individuals are also invited to attend the Zoning Board hearing on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Department of Commerce conference room located on the second floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.

For further information, please contact Aokusotino Mao or Tuulalo Farani at the Department of Commerce, during normal working hours at 633-5155.

American Samoa Sex Offender Registry



A screenshot of the American Samoa Sex Offender Registry Public Website that is a requirement for all states and territories, under provision of the federal Sex Offender Registration Act (SORNA). The Administration has submitted to the Fono an amendment to the local sex offender registry law in order to fully comply with the SORNA. See story for details. [photo: FS]

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the Attorney General’s Office, under the American Samoa Sex Offender Registry (ASSOR) Division, with the American Samoa Sex Offender Registry Public Website:

<americansamoa.nsopw.gov> The purpose of the ASSOR is to track and register sex offenders who reside, attend school or are employed

in American Samoa and to make available information to the public for their use. The website page makes it clear that “registering information should never be used to threaten, intimidate or harass another.” This information is also in the Samoan language and names of sex offenders can be searched at <americansamoa.nsopw.gov>

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of them have been operating in American Samoa for many years, but when they file taxes, they end up paying less than 1% or nothing at all in taxes.

According to the bill, businesses that start up during

a given taxable year will be exempt from the AMBT for the initial taxable year and the following taxable year only. The AMBT does not apply to a non-profit corporation.

No fire or fury, but muted Trump response to NKorea missile

WASHINGTON (AP) — So much for North Korea’s restraint. So much for President Donald Trump’s threats of “fire and fury.”

After Pyongyang’s highly provocative missile test over close American ally Japan, Trump offered a surprisingly subdued response Tuesday, pulling back from his administration’s recent suggestions of a dialogue with the communist country but also avoiding a repeat of his bombastic warnings earlier this month of a potential military confrontation.

Instead, Trump’s terse, written statement reiterating that all U.S. options are being considered pointed to an administration cautiously searching for an effective policy, even as the North’s test risked endangering Japanese civilians. Washington and its allies called an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting for later Tuesday, but looked short on new ideas for stopping the nuclear and missile advances that are increasingly putting the U.S. mainland within range.

“Threatening and destabilizing actions only increase the North Korean regime’s isolation in the region and among all nations of the world,” Trump said after the North’s missile soared almost 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers) into the Pacific Ocean, triggering alert warnings in northern Japan and shudders throughout Northeast Asia. “All options are on the table.” The tone was far more moderate than Trump’s colorful language earlier this month, when he spoke of unleashing “fire, fury and frankly power the likes of which this world has never seen before” if North Korea kept threatening the U.S. There were no indications Trump had any imminent intention to make good on his threat to strike North Korea.

But such has been the speed of the Trump administration’s zigs and zags on North Korea policy. If Tuesday’s statement seemed unusually restrained for Trump, it actually marked a toughening of his administration’s most recent tone.

A senior U.S. official said the restrained nature of the administration’s recent responses was intentional, reflecting an effort by new White House chief of staff John Kelly to prevent a repeat of the rhetorical escalation that occurred earlier this month. But with Trump’s focus diverted to flood-ravaged Texas, it was unclear whether he might ultimately speak or tweet about the launch in greater detail.

Later Tuesday, the United Nations Security Council strongly condemned North Korea’s actions, calling them “outrageous.” The council’s statement doesn’t discuss any potential new sanctions but

calls for strict implementation of existing ones. Three weeks ago, when North Korea responded to Trump’s “fire and fury” warning by threatening to launch multiple missiles near the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam, Trump tweeted that an American military solution to the standoff was “locked and loaded.” Experts warned that the rapid-fire escalation had raised the danger of a miscalculation among the nuclear-armed powers. The administration’s more cautious approach in recent days reflects an effort to preserve modest signs of progress with North Korea that had led Trump and his top diplomat to hint at the possibility of direct talks, said the official, who wasn’t authorized to discuss the deliberations publicly and requested anonymity.



Last week, Dr. Faofua Faatoafe (2nd left) of the Business Department and Tuimalo Elvis Zodiacal (2nd right), Program Director of Library Services, both reached a milestone — 30 years of service to the College and ASG.

Also pictured are ASCC President Dr. Rosevonne Makaiwi-Pato and Sereima Asifoa of the Human Resources Office.

[Photo: M. Ah Kau-Sagapolu]

FA’AFETAI TELE LAVA! *Thank You*

Matu’u & Faganeanea CCCAS Youth

O le a taoto pea ia paia masani o le atunu’u, o paia lava e tumau e o’o i le gata’aga. Ae ua laga se leo fa’atauva’a o lenei mafutaga, se’i fa’aleo ai le agaga fa’afetai tele.

Faafetai i le Atua aua o Lona alofa na ta’ita’iina ai lenei fa’amoemoe, ua fa’atau’uina ai i le saogalemu ma le manuia mea uma. Matou te momoli tele atu fo’i le fa’amalo ma le fa’afetai i nisi o matagaluega a le malo, o le Au Faipisinisi, o Aiga ma Uo ona o lo outou alofa tula’i, ua manuia ma matagofie le faamoemoe o le Autalavou a le Falelua i Matuu ma Faganeanea ona o lo outou aao mafola. Faafetai i le Afioaga ma le Ekalesia, e afio ai i la’ua Matua, Vae o le To’oto’o, ma le fetalaiga i le Laugatausala, aemaise o le mamalu i le Ekalesia i ona matakale e fia. Faafetai le alolofa ma le agalelei i tupulaga talavou o le Afioaga ma le Ekalesia. Ua manuia le faamoemoe ona o la outou tatalo ma la outou tapuaiga.

Ae le mafai ona natia le agaga e tatau ona faailoa pea, nisi o e na agalelei ma alolofa mai i lenei taumafaiga.

Afai ua galo ona ta’ua lou agalele tula’i, faamolemole faamagalo mai lenei Autalavou. A’o a matou tatalo, ia faamanuia sautualasi atu e le Atua, e tusa ma lo outou agalelei ua manuia ai le faamoemoe o tupulaga a lenei Ekalesia ma lenei afioaga o Matu’u ma Faganeanea.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

On behalf of our Church Youth, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your generous support and donations. Our Youth’s Back-To-School Summer Camp was a success, simply because of your kind generosity and your receptive spirit in our time of need. We would like to acknowledge those who kindly contributed in making our event a success.

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| • Rev. Tavita & Patronilla Ma’ilotu | • Aemalo & Belva Malaefono |
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| • Fautua Laolagi | • Loma Sa & Island Funeral Rentals |
| • Iulai & Vinetta Holu | • Ola Malosi– Joe & Leuila |
| • Rebecca Fiaame | • Rona Buses, Inu Salvador |
| • Tupe Pedro | • National Park of American Samoa - PuaTuaua |
| • Tautunu Tuilagi & Family | • LBJ Nursing Staff – Sina Toleafoa & Tulia Lole |
| • Fogaseuga Siatuu | • DPS – Marine Patrol Division |
| • Faatau Peko | • Dept. of Parks & Recreation |
| • Tautinei Sopi | • ASCC – Land Grant |
| • Fa’autuga Autele | • ASPA |
| • Eteuati Savea | • KS Mart |
| • Asalemo & Rosemiller Pula | • Scotland Rentals |
| • Pio & Saua’i Sele | • GHC Reid |
| • Sally Faumuina | • TSM Tafuna |
| • Suaesi Mata’afa | • Ocean Star |
| • Laolagi/Faumuina Family – Malaeimi | |

Fa’afetai le alofa, ma ia fa’amanuia atu le Alii.

**Peresetene ma le Ofisa
Mafutaga Tupulaga Talavou - Matu’u ma Faganeanea**



Consular assistants Ronald Bautista and Rodel Tejada who were assigned to take photographs and input records into the system this past weekend, when a delegation from the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu, HI hosted a three-day outreach program at the Fagatogo Square. See story in yesterday's Samoa News.

[photo: Bea Galzote]



SHIPYARD SERVICE AUTHORITY



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Skilled Carpenter

The American Samoa Shipyard Services Authority (ASSSA) is a semi-autonomous and public Authority, which provides direct services in support of our local fishing and maritime industries via repairs and maintenance of vessels. In that regards, ASSSA represents a critical link to the local economy, which embodies two-thirds of the Territory's private sector economic activities. Thus, ASSSA is seeking to hire a highly skilled Carpenter for work around the Shipyard and offices. Excellent opportunity for energetic, self-motivated and goal oriented individuals.

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Full time position and salary commensurate with education & experience credentials

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- Must follow established safety rules and regulations and maintaining a safe and clean environment.
- Must be able to study specifications in blueprints, sketches, or building plans to prepare project layout and determine dimensions and materials required.

Job Requirements:

- 4 year experience in commercial carpentry.
- Ability to comprehend schematic diagrams, blueprints, sketches and building plans.
- Well organized.
- Able to write detailed reports when required.
- Strong working knowledge of job site safety
- Adhere to Shipyard Regulations and Policies.
- Skilled Carpenters must have physical strength, hand-eye coordination, and endurance

Interested Applicants can contact Adrian Alama Povalu , Acting Human Resource Technician @ 684-644-4123 for details. Email: shipyardservicesauthority@gmail.com *Website: <http://www.americansamoashipyard.com>

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Fulton, told the Samoa Observer they are looking at starting in November.

"It's our goal to be employing 200 staff within 24 months," he said.

"There's a bit of dependency on the amount of work that we can secure for the plant and we'll be looking towards the Australian market for that."

Fulton spoke with the Samoa Observer about Fero's plans.

He said one of advantages of the Samoa move is that they "were very impressed with the level of knowledge and skill demonstrated by the Yazaki staff and felt that this was a very good opportunity for us and to assist with keeping the skills and knowledge in Samoa and to be able to satisfy our customers' demands."

According to Fulton, the company has been approved by the Government as a qualifying project under the customs regulations 2010 as per F.K. (17) Faapitoa 08; they have an agreement to lease approximately 8500sqm of space in the current Yazaki building in Vaitele; and they have established jobs for 60 of the current employees, on the same rate that they are currently being paid at Yazaki. They also have orders from their customers for products that are to be made in the Fero Samoa factory.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

'THE TOUGHEN-UP CULTURE IS COSTING A LOT OF LIVES'

A mother who lost a child to suicide is calling for urgent change after it was revealed more than 600 New Zealanders took their own lives in the year to June.

Figures released today by Chief Coroner Deborah Marshall show the highest annual number of suicide deaths since the statistics were first recorded in 2007.

The suicide toll has now risen for three years in a row, up by 27 on the previous year and 42 on the year before that to 606.

Nicky Stevens, 21, took his own life after being let out on an unsupervised smoke break at a mental health facility in Waikato in March 2015.

Now his mother, Jane Stevens, is taking part in a campaign run by the group 'Yes We Care', which is trying to shed light on the issue by taking 606 shoes around the country, each pair representing a life lost to suicide.

"All these mothers, fathers, uncles, aunties, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, cousins, they're all gone.

"All these empty shoes representing these lives that are ruined, and families whose lives are turned upside down, and we're one of them and we don't want to see this happen to anyone else, but... it keeps happening and it keeps getting worse," she said.

"We're talking about more

than the road toll here, how can people just sit back and allow that to happen. It gobsmacks me, and it's got to change."

Mrs. Stevens said the figures highlighted problems with the current approach to preventing suicide.

"Whatever the government and all of us are doing is not working and we have to look at new ways of approaching this terrible, terrible epidemic of suicide. We need to start working with the communities and start talking to the families."

An urgent inquiry into New Zealand's mental health crisis was needed.

"If the current government and the Minister [of Health] is not prepared to have an inquiry, given what's happened with the statistics today, then he should resign immediately ... we cannot keep living in denial about this problem."

Bary Neal's son Matt, a football-loving 22-year-old, took his own life in October last year.

He agreed something needed to change, but it largely came down to changing the attitude around asking for help.

Matt was one of 79 people aged between 20 and 24 who took their lives in the year to June, the age group with the most suicide deaths.

The rate among men in that age group was particularly high with 61 deaths.

"That age group is the age group where they're cool, they're tough.

They don't want to sit there and tell other people what their problems are, they prefer to try and nut it out themselves, but that kind of culture, the 'toughen up' culture, is costing a lot of lives," he said.

"My boy was at my house two nights before he took his life and I had absolutely no idea whatsoever.

"We were joking away, we were playing table tennis together we were talking about sports and all sorts of stuff and I didn't have a clue ... and two days later he takes his life.

"When you didn't actually have an idea of what was eating him up inside, it's a tough one to swallow."

Mental Health Foundation chief executive Shaun Robinson said the figures were only the tip of the iceberg when it came to mental health issues.

"We need to remember the hidden statistics too, that young women tend to self-harm. Self-harm is all part of this bigger picture.

Around about 20,000 people a year on top of the number who take their own lives, attempt to."

Mr. Robinson said the increase in suicides showed the lack of a unified suicide prevention strategy.

Maori continue to have the highest suicide rate of all ethnic groups, with 130 lives lost.

(Source: RNZ)

Police ID teen suspect in fatal New Mexico library shooting

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Authorities on Tuesday identified the gunman accused of opening fire inside a New Mexico public library as a 16-year-old high school student who they say killed a youth librarian and a second employee while wounding four people, including a 10-year-old boy. Witnesses said the teen seemed to fire randomly during the rampage.

Nathaniel Jouett will face two counts of first-degree murder, four counts of assault with intent to commit a violent felony, four counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and one count of child abuse, said Clovis Police Chief Douglas Ward. Investigators had not uncovered evidence that Jouett knew the victims, he said.

The Associated Press generally does not identify juveniles accused of crimes but is identifying Jouett because of the seriousness of the crime and because authorities said they plan to file a motion requesting the case's transfer from the juvenile system to adult court.

Ford said it was not immediately clear how Jouett obtained the weapons. The chief also said it is still unclear what prompted the violence Monday afternoon at the Clovis-Carver Public Library, saying investigators are still gathering evidence and conducting interviews to piece together what happened.

"Right now there are of course a lot of questions that we want answers to," Gov. Susana Martinez told reporters at a news conference with Clovis officials.

Gunfire erupted inside the library about 4 p.m. Monday. It was unclear how many people were inside at the time, but witnesses reported that parents, children and other patrons were hiding under tables and behind closed doors as the shots rang out.

Police stormed the building with their guns drawn and found Jouett, who immediately surrendered.

The two library workers killed were circulation assistant Wanda Walters, 61, and youth services librarian Kristina Carter, 48.

Another circulation assistant, Jessica Thron, 30, was injured and authorities identified the wounded library patrons as 10-year Noah Molina, his 20-year-old sister Alexis Molina and 53-year-old Howard Jones.

The three adults were in serious condition and the boy was in stable condition Tuesday at University Medical Center in Texas, across the state-line from Clovis, said chief medical officer Mike Ragain. He declined to provide details about their injuries.

Jouett was a sophomore at Clovis High School and appeared to be turning his life around after a troubled period,

said the youth's pastor, Living Word Church of God Pastor David Stevens

He started attending the church three months ago and never gave any indication anything was wrong. Stevens said the teen, who was dating his daughter, had been searching for "inner peace."

The pastor said Jouett was on a two-day suspension because of a fight at school when the shooting happened. Jouett had said he fought back after another boy hit him but there was nothing to indicate the suspect was overly upset about it, Stevens said.

The boy about two weeks ago helped Stevens' congregation sell popcorn at the Curry County Fair in Clovis to raise money for a youth camp.

"It's just more than we can comprehend. I don't know what happened," Stevens said. "His mind had to snap. I don't know any other way to explain it. He was a good kid. He had straightened his life out."

The pastor also said the teen had contemplated suicide a few months before joining the church but that he appeared to be doing well recently and his father had started coming to church with him.

The teen, Stevens said, was not known to be a regular at the library.

Library patron Nessa Aguirre said in an interview that she and her 11-year-old son were at the circulation desk when they heard a popping sound.

"I looked over and this guy shot into the ceiling, then in every direction," she said. "I put my son in front of me, bent down and slid across the front circulation desk."

After hiding in an office and being led by a library worker to a hallway, Aguirre and her son found a door and fled.

Her husband, Lupe Aguirre, went inside to search for his wife when he heard the shots. He saw smoke clearing from gunfire, shell casings on the floor and parents and children hiding under tables.

Lupe Aguirre said he found himself cornered by the gunman.

"He was happy," Aguirre told the Albuquerque Journal (<http://bit.ly/2wQkPGS>). "He was just laughing, smiling the whole time until he came up real close to me, and then he put on that mean look."

The gunman ordered Aguirre to get on the ground. As Aguirre kneeled, he told the shooter someone was looking for him in an attempt to distract him.

Aguirre told the newspaper the shooter then turned around, saw a mother and child on the floor and told them to stay there or he would kill them. Then the shooter walked away in the direction that Aguirre had pointed, he said.

Lisa Baird told The Eastern


New Mexico News (<http://bit.ly/2wdMWOQ>) that she was about 20 feet (6 meters) from the gunman as he opened fire.

"Run!" he yelled at her. "Why aren't you running? I'm shooting at you! Run!"

The governor called the attack horrific and asked for strength and support as Clovis seeks to recover. Martinez also visited the wounded victims in Lubbock on Tuesday.

City Manager Tom Phelps said the community of about 40,000 is in shock.


"You hear about this in other communities but not Clovis," he said.



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A group of six representatives from Washington State University (WSU), including its President Dr. Kirk Schulz (3rd left) gave a presentation to ASCC faculty, staff and students last week, then toured the College's campus.

Pictured are (l-r) ASCC-ACNR Director Aufa'i Apulu Ropeti Areta, ASCC President Dr. Rosevonne Makaiwi Pato, Dr. Schulz, ASCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Lina Galea'i Scanlan, renowned football personality and WSU alumnus Jack Thompson, and City of Pullman, WA Chief of Police Gary Jenkins.

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Fautuaina afioga Faipule ina ia vave fai fa'aiuga i pili tupe a le malo



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I le toe talia mai ai i fanua o le afioga i le Fofoga Fetalai o le maota o sui i le atunu'u i le vaiaso nei, sa ia fautuaina ai loa ta'ita'ifono o Komiti a le maota o lo o iloiloina pili tupe a le faigamalo, ina ia amata loa ona faia a latou fa'aiuga i pili ua mae'a ona iloilo ma fesiligia ai molimau a le malo, ina ia vave ai ona maua e le malo se fesoasoani tau tupe.

Na fesili le afioga Savali Talavou Ale i le afioga i le ali'i Faipule ia Fatulegae'e Palepoi Mauga, poo le a se tulaga ua i ai pili tupe a le faigamalo sa tu'uina atu i lana komiti, ae na saunoa le ali'i faipule, "O lo o tauivi atu pea ma pili".

Na fesili Savali pe aisea ua tauivi ai fua ma tulafono a le faigamalo, ae na saunoa Legae'e, "O lo o i ai ni isi o afioga i sui mamalu o lo o finau mai e tataua ona faia isi tulaga e pei o iloiloga fa'alaua'itele ma le atunu'u (public hearing), ina ia malamalama ai le atunu'u i le agaga o le malo ua mafua ai ona manatu e fa'ae nei mau lafoga".

Ae na saunoa Savali e fa'apea, "E leai se mea o le a tauivi ai fua i tulaga o tulafono ua uma ona tuuina mai i luma

o le maota, e le mafai ona gaioi le malo pe a le maua ni tupe e fa'atino ai le tautua".

O le afioga a Legae'e, o ia lea o le taitaifono o le Komiti o le Sailiga o le Tamaoaiga o le malo, lea o lo o galulue fa'atasi ma le Komiti o le Paketi o lo o taitai ai le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Vailiua S. Leasiolagi, mo le fa'atulagaina o iloiloga mo pili tupe a le malo.

Na fa'amanino e Vailiua e fa'apea, o lo o tulaga lelei tapenaga o pili tupe a le maota, e 2 pili ua mae'a ona faia i ai iloiloga, ma ua sauni fo'i e tuuina atu i luma o le maota mo le palotaina.

Saunoa atili Viliuama e fa'apea, o le aso Lua, aso Lulu ma le aso Tofi o le vaiaso fou lea ua fa'atulaga e faia ai isi iloiloga mo pili tupe a le faigamalo, ina ia vave ona mae'a ma faia i ai se fa'aiuga a le maota, ao le i amata aloaia iloiloga o le paketi a le Fono Faitulafono.

Na taua e le tamaitai faipule ia Vui Florence Saulo lona agaga faanoanoa, ina ua le taliaina e le afioga a Legae'e lana talosaga, mo se avanoa e faia ai iloiloga o le pili e fa'ae ai le lafoga e 1% mo pisinisi i le vaiaso nei, ona e le avanoa o ia

(Faaauau itulau 15)

Tele polokalame e agava'a ai Fitafita Tuai e le o maua i AS

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Na manino i le molimau a le Fa'atonusili o le Ofisa o Fitafita Tuai a le malo ia Rosie Fualau Tago-Lancaster i luma o le maota o sui i le taeao ananafi, e tele naua polokalame mo fitafita tuai o lo o maua i setete uma e 50 o Amerika, e le o mafai ona maua i Amerika Samoa nei.

O ni isi o ia auunaga e aofia ai tulaga o tautua i le falema'i, ma ua tataua ai ona moomia se falema'i fou mo fitafita tuai i Amerika Samoa nei, ina ia mafai ai ona agava'a i latou i polokalame uma nei o lo o agava'a ai fitafita tuai uma i isi setete o Amerika.

O le fesili la pe fa'apefea ona maua e fitafita tuai a Amerika Samoa polokalame esee se uma nei, na taua ai e Tago-Lancaster le tataua lea ona galulue fa'atasi le malo ina ia saili se auala e mafai ai ona aumai i le atunu'u nei polokalame.

O le iloiloga e pei ona

fa'atautaia i le taeao ananafi a le maota o sui ma le tamaitai Fa'atonu, na talosagaina e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Vesi Talalelei Fautanu Jr, ina ia fa'amanino ai e le tama'ita'i Fa'atonu auala e mafai ona fesoasoani ai lona Ofisa i fitafita tuai a le atunu'u o lo o autova'a atu i Hawaii mo talavai, atoa ai ma isi auunaga e fa'atatau i lo latou soifua maloloina.

Na manino i le saunoaga a Vesi, o ia fo'i lea na taitaia le iloiloga, o le ulua'i taimi lena ua valaaulia ai e le Fono Faitulafono se sui mai le Ofisa o Fitafita Tuai a le malo e oo atu latou te fetufaa'i ma fa'asoa i mataupu e fa'aleleia ai le tautua mo fitafita tuai.

O le fa'afitauli e pei ona saunoa le afioga a Vesi, e le o i ai se vaega tupe o fa'atino ai le auunaga a le Ofisa mo fitafita tuai, sei vagana ai le tupe lea ua faapaketi e tofogi ai tagata

(Faaauau itulau 15)



Le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Timusa Tini Lam Yuen ma le Loia Fautua a le maota o sui, susuga Nathaniel Savali.

[ata AF]



Le fa'atinoga a Ipu Avegalio Lefiti lea ua amata ona to'esea mai le mamalu o le tamaititi ma lona olaga fiafia e faia e ia ana fa'aiuga i lona olaga talavou, o aga ia e iloga ai, ua amata aafia le fanau i sauaga. Le fanau sa lalalei ma atoatoa o latou fa'alagona.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





O se va'aiga i le tumu o faia'oga, aofia ai ma le Faatonusili o Aoga, Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, i le Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium mo le fa'alologo i folasaga o mea ua tutupu ma o lo'o tutupu i totonu o a'oga ma aiga fo'i o fanau a'oga, ma e tatau lava ona mataituina e tagata uma

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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FESILIGIA TUPE A LE MALO MAI ISI LAFOGA UA MAE'A ONA PASIA

A o vavao ai le fono faitulafono e tau fuafua ma fa'atulaga aso e fa'ataunu'u ai iloiloga fa'atatau i pili tupe a le faigamalo, ua talosagaina e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Timusa Tini Lam Yuen le tatau lea ona fesiligia se ripoti a le malo e fa'atatau i tupe na maua mai i isi lafoga ia e le i leva atu ona pasia e le Fono Faitulafono ma sainia e le ali'i kovana.

O ia lafoga e aofia ai le lafoga mo potu o fale talimalo, fa'apea ai le lafoga o le pia ma le sikaleti.

Saunoa Timusa e fa'apea, e tatau ona malamalama lelei le Fono i le aofa'i o le tupe na mafai e le malo ona ao mai i lafoga nei, ae poo fa'amaoni fo'i le malo i le aoina mai i totonu o tupe mai lafoga nei.

Sa ia saunoa atili e fa'apea, e le o faigofie le mataupu e fa'atatau i le mau pili tupe a le faigamalo lea ua i luma o le Fono, e tatau fo'i ona silafia e afioga i Faipule tulaga pagatia o lo o i ai le atunu'u i le taimi nei.

FA'AMAVAE BEAVER T. HO CHING MAI LE KOMITI FA'AFOE LITAE

Ua fa'aalia e le afioga i le ali'i kovana ia Lolo M. Moliga i sana tusi i Ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono, lona talia aloaia o le fa'amavaega a le susuga ia Beaver T. Ho Ching mai le avea ma totino o le Komiti Fa'afoe o le Litaea a le malo, ona o ni isi o tofiga fou a le Ekalesia ua filifilia ai o ia i Samoa.

O le aso 31 Oketopa lea ua

fa'atulaga e fa'amuta aloaia ai le tautua a Ho Ching mai le Komiti Fa'afoe o le Litaea a le malo.

I le taliaina ai e le ali'i kovana o le fa'amavaega a Ho Ching, ua ia tofia ai loa le susuga ia Frank Gaisoa e sui tulaga ia te ia.

O le susuga a Gaisoa e pei ona taua e Lolo i lana tusi, o se tasi o ali'i faipisinisi lauiloa i le atunu'u, ma ua iloa lana auunaga e ala i lana kamupani o le Tautua Mo Oe, lea o lo o tufatufaina atu oloa sii atoa mo pisinisi laiti i le atunu'u.

O le aso 1 Novema lea ua fa'amoemoe e amata aloaia ai le tautua a Gaisoa i le komiti o le Litaea mo le umi e 5 tausaga.

Na faaiu le tusi a Lolo i lona fa'aailoa lea i ta'ita'i o le Fono, le sauni o Gaisoa mo le taimi o lana iloiloga e fa'amaonia ai o ia i luma o le Fono Faitulafono.

FAAMAONIA SENATE SIU FOU KOMITI TAMAOAIGA O LE MALO

Ua pasia e le maota maua-luga i le taeao ananafi sui fou e to'atolu na tofia e le afioga i le ali'i kovana ia Lolo M. Moliga, e avea ma totino o le Komiti o le Tamaoaiga o le malo, e sui tulaga i sui tuai e to'atolu ua tofia i latou e galulue i isi tofiga a le malo.

O sui e to'atolu e aofia ai Faleosina Voigt e 16-0 lana palota, ma Dr. Oreta Crichton e 15-1 lana palota, o i lau ia o lo o umia tofi Fa'atonusili i le kape-neta a le kovana, le matagaluega o Galuega Lautele fa'apea ai ma le Ofisa e Pulea Oloa a le malo, ma Uili Leauanae e 13-3 lana

(Faaauau itulau 16)



tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

FA'AILOA I FAIA'OGA & PULE A'OGA FA'AFITAU LI A'AFIA AI FANAU A'OGA

“Ua le aoga ona tatou na’o na talanoa i nei fa’afitauli, ua tatau ona faia i ai se galuega ia mafai ona fa’afo’ia, aua o lo’o afaina ai olaga o fanau i totonu o aiga, i totonu fo’i o a’oga ma isi fa’alapopotogota o lo’o fa’atasi i ai fanau,” o se saunoaga amata lea a le tama’ita’i Fa’atonusili o A’oga, Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, na ia tima’ia ai le aotelega o faia’oga, pulega o a’oga ma aufaigaluega uma i totonu o a’oga uma i le itu i sisifo o le atunu, lea sa potu i le Lee Auditorium i le aso atoa ananafi.

O tautua eseese a le Malo o lo’o puipuia mai ai olaga o le fanau, sa o’o latou sui iloga ina ia faia folasaga e tusa o afaina uma nei o o’otia ma fa’ataumaia ai soifua o le fanau, ma e ao ina lipotia pe a va’aia pe matauina e faia’oga ma pulega o a’oga, o lo’o afaina lilo se tamaititi a’oga.

Na tatala folasaga i le sao o le tama’ita’i o Ipu Avegalio Lefiti ma na matua maofa fo’i i le va’aiga na fa’atino ai e lea tina tima’i mo le lautele, le fa’ataumaia o fanau ona o sauaga fa’aleituaga, sauaga o lagona ma sauaga tau le tino.

Na fa’atutula’i e ia le fanau talavou ua mae’a la’eia teuga fa’asamoa moni o le toga, palefuiono, sei fulumoa, titi fulumoa ma ua lalelei lava i la’ua le tausala ma le manaia. Peita’i na amata ona to’ese ta’itasi mai e i latou o fa’atauma’oia fanau o latou teuga fa’aletino sa fa’amama’i ai o latou lagona fiafia, ma tapuia ai lo latou saogalemu i le li’o o latou aiga, ae maise fo’i i totonu o a’oga sa a’oa’oina ai.

“Afai ae toe galulue fa’atasi uma i tatou e tautuaina fanau i ala eseese ua tapena i ai le malo ma ekalesia ae maise o A’oga, e mafai ona toe fa’atulaga ta’itasi mai nei mea uma sa ia misia, ma toe folau lona Sa i lagima, ma toe faia ana filifiliga lelei, e tapena ai lona lumana’i manuia,” o le toe fa’atinoga lea sa toe va’aia ai lona matagofie ae ua a’oa’oina lelei fo’i, ina ia le faia e ia nei uiga mataga sa o’o ia te ia i lona taimi ua avea ai o ia ma tagata matua.

I lea folasaga sa le natia se mea i le silafia e ali’i ma tama’ita’i faia’oga, aua o i latou e amata fa’atumu ai le avanoa ua sola ese mai le fanau faataumaia. “O oe le faia’oga ia avea oe ma latou uo e fia talatalanoa ma fa’asoa i ai lagona o le fanau, o oe lava o le matua lona lua i le olaga o fanauiti, ua tu’ua e i latou o latou lotoifale, ae o’o atu i lou potu a’oga e soso’o ai le latou olaga fa’aleaiga ma le fa’alea’oa’oga.”

Ua fa’aailoa fo’i uiga o le sui ua mana’o ia fa’ao’o se leaga i

le fanau. “E mana’o ina ia avea o ia o se tasi e fa’alagolago ma fa’amoemoe i ai le fanau e sulufa’i atu ia te ia e fesoasoani ane i ana fautuaga, ae maise o se tupe e fa’atau ai mea e fa’afiafia ai le fanau. O uiga ia ua masani ai i latou ina ia fai atu lava i le fanau ma latou faia e tusa o lona mana’o. E o’o lava ina faia e i latou nisi uiga e le talafeagai ona ua fa’alogo i ai le fanau i a latou tala ma ona manatu,” o se folasaga sa matua fa’afiafiaina le aofia fa’afofoga i ai, ma patipatia e i latou ina ua mae’a.

Na fa’aailoa fo’i e Lefiti le vala o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa e ao ina lagona ai e so’o se tasi, e tatau ona ia fa’aailoa pe lipotia atu se mea ua ia va’aia pe ua matauina, ina ia va’ai toto’a i ai le vasega o leoleo, ia mautinoa ua faia le galuega fesoasoani mo le fanau.

Na soso’o lea ma le vaega o Tautua mo le Fanau a le Matagaluega o Tautua ma Alagamanuia mo Tagata Lautele sa ta’ita’i e Celestine Faumuina-Nix ma lana vaega e fa’apupula atili le tulafono e tausia lelei ai fanau, atoa ai ma le aia tatau ua i ai i faia’oga ma so’o se tasi o le a’oga e lipotia atu ai i le latou Ofisa ni fanau ua fia va’ai toto’a i ai i latou ma fautuaina fo’i o latou aiga, ina ia suia ai le latou iloa o le tausiga lelei o fanau.

“I lenei tautua, matou te muamua lava fa’atalanoa le mataupu ua va’aia ma afaina o le lotoifale fa’aleaiga ina ia toe fa’aleleia ma saogalemu le ola o fanau ua iloga o afaina i so’o se ituaiga o sauaga e pei ona ta’ua i luga. Peita’i, afai lava e le suia, ona fa’ato’a ave’esea lea o lau fanau mo sina taimi e a’oa’o lelei ai i latou ma fa’atalatalanoa, talanoa fo’i i matua ma va’ai toto’a ai po’o le a tonu le afuaga o le fa’aletonu, ona fa’ato’a toe soso’o ai lea o le mafutaga pe ua i ai se suiga i itu na lua o le fa’afitauli,” o le fa’amatalaga lea a Faumuina-Nix.

Na fa’aailoa mai vala o tulafono o le tausiga lelei ma aia tatau foi a fanau, ua mae’a fa’amalosia mo totonu o aiga Samoa, ma ua i ai nei fa’afitauli i totonu o le atunu’u.

O le vasega o Leoleo sa latou folasaga o fuala’au fa’asaina ma vaila’au o’ona e aofia ai le aisa ma le marijuana, avao’ona ma le sikaleti, o nei mea uma ua tofua o’o ai ali’i leoleo i lotoa a’oga maua-luga i Leone, Samoana, Tafuna ma Fagaitua.

“Ua i totonu o lotoa a a’oga nei fa’afitauli, e le’i mae’a le tele o sutesuega o isi lava mataupu, ae o ua mae’a faia fa’aiuga i nisi. Ua tatou le toe mafai ona fai ane, e le’i o’o mai, ua leva na o’o i ai i tatou, ma ua vaogata amioga a le fanau a’oga i a’oga maua-luga uma. Ia malosi le tatou puipuga o fanau, ma ia alofagia, fai fa’atasi mai la tatou vaega, ia mafai ona tatou puipuia le toe a’afia atu o nisi

fanau a’oga,” o se tala lea a Det. Vaofanua, Savelio Jr.

“O la tatou aia tatau, e lipotia ai so’o se mea ua tatou iloa o tupu, ona o uiga fa’aalia ma foliga va’aia atoa ai ma le va’aia e foliga fefe pe le fia fa’aau ma masani i nisi fanau a’oga, e iloga ai o afaina i latou, ua tatau loa ona matua e mataituina ia fanau a’oga, ma e fesoasoani i ai, avea oe ma se tasi e fesoasoani atu,” o se isi vaega o le saunoaga a le ta’ita’i leoleo sutesue Pouu’amea Sipako.

SUIA FAIGAMALO TONGA - FA'ATONUINA PALOTA IA NOVEMA 16

Fa’alauiloa e le Matangi Tonga, le nusipepa i le malo o Tonga, ua mae’a soloia nei e le afioga le Tupu o Tonga, le faigamalo a le ali’i Palemia o tula’i i le faigamalo talu mai le 2014 Akilisi Pohiva.

O lona uiga o le faigamalo fa’atemokalasi a Pohiva, o le a fa’aauau pea ona fa’atautaia le malo o Tonga i le taimi nei, ae na’o se faigamalo e tausia le malo mo le taimi nei, ae ua fa’atonuina e le Tupu Tonga ia toe faia le palotaga e le silia ia Novema 16, 2017.

Mai lea faiga,ua vave ai ona faia le palotaga a lea malo, aua sa tatau ona tula’i pea lea faigamalo se’ia mae’a le fa tausaga lea e fa’atoa uma ia Novema 25, 2018, e tatau ai ona toe faia le isi palotaga. O le fa’aiuga ua faia e le Tupu o Tonga, ua fa’aailoa ae e le Loia Sili Aminiasi Kefu, “Ua fa’ato’a fa’aaogaina ai lea o le malosia’aga o le Tupu Tonga e faia ai se fa’aiuga fa’apenei i se faigamalo ua ia silafia ua tele ni mea e sasi ese mai ai le fa’avave o le Malo.”

“O lea fo’i malosia’aga a fa’aaogaina e le Tupu Tonga, e na te le tau fa’aailoa maia i le mamalu o le atunu’u se mafuaga ua ia faia ai lea fa’aiuga,” o se fa’apupulaga a le ali’i Loia sili.

O le malo o Tonga o lo’o nonofo ai le to’a 100,000 o tagata, ma e le to’atele fo’i nisi mai atunu’u i fafo ua ala-lata’i tumau ai.

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i iloilogia ia ua fa’atulaga mo le vaiaso fou.

I le faaiuga o felafolafoaiga a le maota e faatatau i pili tupe a le faigamalo, na toe talosagaina ai e Savali le tatau lea ona fa’agasolo galuega mo le iloiloina atoa ai ma le tuuina atu o pili tupe e palota i ai le maota.

“E le o toe po se lilo i le Fono, ua mafua ona oo mai nei mau tulafono tupe, ona o tau-mafai e saili se fesoasoani i le tau fa’agaioiina o le malo,” o le saunoaga lea a Savali.

“A tatou talanoa loa i tulaga o faigamalo, ona tatou iloa

lea, e manaomia e le malo le tamaoaiga e fesoasoani ai i le tau fa’agaioiina o lana tautua ma le auaunaga i le atunu’u. E tofu lava tatou ma eseesega i tulafono tupe nei a le malo, ae o tulaga na e mafai ona tatou talatalanoa ai mulimuli, o a fo’i tulaga tatou te fa’asoa ma talanoa i ai, pau le agaga maua-luga, ia manino tulaga uma i suiga e pei ona fuafuaina, ae o le fautuaga, ua tatau ona amata ona faia a tatou fa’aiuga i pili tupe ua mae’a ona tu’uina mai e le faigamalo,” o le isi lea saunoaga a Savali.

► Tele polokalame...

Mai itulau 13

faigaluega.

Na talosagaina e le afioga i le ali’i faipule ia Gafatasi Afa-lava le tama’ita’i Fa’atonu, ina ia silasila i se auala e mafai ai ona fesoasoani i fitafita tuai i taimi o feoaiga mo talavai ma isi tulaga faapena i le atunu’u, ina ia i ai se Van e momoli ai i latou i le falema’i ma toe ave i o latou aiga.

Na fesili le afioga i le tamaitai faipule ia Vui Florence Saulo pe aisea e le maua mai ai se vaega tupe mai le feterale e fesoasoani ai i le ofisa a fitafita tuai, ae na saunoa le Fa’atonsili, e mafai ona maua lea fesoasoani pe afai ae galulue i ai le malo ma le Ofisa e saili se fautuaga mai le ofisa o le Initeria, poo i latou o lo o auala mai ai alagatupe.

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Sa ia fa’afetaia fitafita tuai uma e tusa ai o le latou tautua i le malo o Amerika, faapea ai ma le malo o Amerika Samoa.

Saunoa le tama’ita’i Faatonu e fa’apea, o lo o mafai lava e le Ofisa ona ofo atu la latou fesoasoani i le to’atele o fitafita tuai e sulu atu i le Ofisa, e le gata o fitafita tuai i Amerika Samoa nei, ae faapena foi ma Samoa.

E silia i le 3,300 le aofa’i o fitafita tuai ua mae’a ona lesitalaina i le atunu’u i le taimi nei, e pei ona fa’amaonia e Tago-Lancaster i lana molimau.

O se tasi o moemitiga tupito i le taimi nei, o le faia lea o ni talanoaga ma le Initeria mo se alaga tupe e fausia ai se falema’i mo fitafita tuai, ina ia mautinoa e lelei auaunaga tau falema’i latou te maua. Saunoa atili le tama’ita’i Faatonusili e fa’apea, e tutusa uma lava penefiti e agava’a ai fitafita tuai uma i lalo o le fu’a a Amerika, poo fea lava e nofo ma aumai ai le fitafita tuai, e tasi lava le tulafono o lo o pupuia ai i latou.



Ina ua mae’a to’esea uma e tagata sa latou fa’ao’o atu sauaga i le fanau, ua maua i latou i se olaga ua manatu e le o toe aoga, ua maasiasi ma ua le fia auai i mea sa masani ai le tupulaga, ua alo ese i mafutaga ma isi ae ua ola fa’anoanoa ma ua lagona e ia na’o ia ua fa’aletonu.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Alo maia, o le a toe fa’auau atu la tatou tala. Fai mai, ua te’i lava ua toe talatalanoa Lilo ma Loleta i lea aso, ai ona ua o la iloa ma ua mautinoa fo’i, o le tulaga lea o lo’o faia e Filipina ma Roger.

Na i’u lava ina fai le fa’atonuga a Lilo i tama o lo’o galulue i le fa’amautuina o fa’atoaga ma lafu manu, e sauni se suavai mo le alalafaga a Faifeau mo le toe fo’i mai o le to’alua o Filipina. Fai mai, e le o iloa e Filipina, ua liliu lona tuagane e fa’amautu mea ia, o lea lava e fai le talatalanoaga a Filipina ma si ona to’alua ua tele ma tele tausaga o valavala.

Fai mai, ua fa’apea lava ona fai, ua galulue nei tama mo le gao’oina o le suavai, ae ua alo ane nei tama’ita’i faigaluega mo le fa’atinoina o mea tausami. Fai mai, o tagata faigaluega uma nei, e leai se tasi e lagona le fa’avaivai, ona ua mautinoa lelei, e ‘ese le lelei o le faiga o i latou e Lilo ma Loleta. O ai lava le tagaga e mo’omia se fesoasoani, e le mafai ona fa’afiti Lilo ma Loleta, e tu’u atu i ai le fesoasoani i so’o se itu.

O le mea fo’i lea e galulue malosi ai e fa’amautu ma fa’alelei mea uma, aua e le mafai ona sasi Lilo i a latou totogi. Ua iloa lelei e Lilo ma Loleta, o lo’o fa’auau pea le talatala-

noaga a Filipina ma Roger, o le ala lea na tu’u atu i ai le avanoa mo i la’ua, ae ua liliu nei Lilo ma Loleta e fa’atino mea uma, aua le alalafaga a Faifeau i le afiafi.

Fai mai, e le i umi, ae taunu’u ane loa Mataniu, ua fa’ate’ia ai fo’i Lilo ma Loleta, o le isi itu, ona o lea o lo’o taofiofi e Loleta le tama a Mataniu, o lea la ua maua le avanoa e alu ane ai e asi ona matua ma va’ai si ana tama.

O le isi lea itu ua iloa nei e Lilo, e ‘ese le auau o Mataniu i a i la’ua, e le mafai ona ‘aso le vaiaso ma alu ane e asi i la’ua. O a fo’i mea e mo’omia e Lilo ma Loleta, fai mai e tu malosi Mataniu e fa’atino mea uma. O lea la e taunu’u ane i lea aso, ua pisi tagata faigaluega mo le alalafaga i a Roger.

Na fa’apea ifo mafaufauga o Lilo, “Talofa e, i si o’u afafine, e le mafai ona tu’ua e Mataniu i ma’ua, e mo’i lava o lona tina, ae o ia, e tasi lava lana upu, e le fa’atali Mataniu, e fa’atino e Mataniu mea uma.”

Ua toe manatua nei e Lilo si ona tina, ae maise fo’i o si ona tama, fa’atasi ai ma o na mafafauga, ma’imau e, pe ana fa’apea o lo’o soifua mai pea, se i o la va’ai i le tulaga ua i ai nei si o latou aiga, ua mautu mea uma, ua leai se mea e toe popole ai. Ae o lo’o manatua pea e Lilo ia fautuaga ma tima’iga a si ona tina, ina ia fai lelei tagata, ia

alolofa ma tausi i Fa’afeagaiga o le nu’u, ‘aua ne i fuatasi i se to’atasi, ae ia alolofa ma tausi i Fa’afeagaiga o so’o se Ekalesia.

O mafaufauga ia o Lilo na te’i lava ua maligi ifo ona loimata, ae taunu’u ane loa ma Matanifuagaimaleata. “Papa, e i ai se mea o e tiga ai, tautala mai ia te a’u, e i ai se mea o tupu.?” Ua punou ifo Lilo i lea taimi ma ua toe ea a’e i luga, “Mataniu, ua ou toe mafaufau i si lo’omatua ma si toeaina, ma’imau e, pe ana fa’apea o lea lava e soifua mai, ae soia ia, o lenei olaga e le tumau, e sau taimi tatou te mavae ai i le oti.”

Ua punou ifo nei le teine o Mataniu, ma fa’apea ane, “Papa, ua lagona lava lo’u fiasia mo Filipina, fa’afetai i le Atua, ua toe fo’i mai si tamaloa, ia fa’afetai fo’i ia te oe, i lou onosa’i, ona o lou alofa i si ou tuafafine, ae tautala mai, o a ni mea e mo’omia ae o le a fo’i le mea ua pisi solo ai tagata faigaluega.”

“Mataniu, o lea ua uma ona fai la’u fa’atonuga, e tapena se suavai e fai ai le alalafaga mo Roger, ma o le a auai uma Fa’afeagaiga.” Ua te’i Mataniu i lea tala, ae sa lagona lona loto fiasia, ona ua va’ai atu i si ona tama, ua ‘ese lava i lea taimi, ua ia iloa fo’i, ua maua e Lilo le fiasia mo si ona tuafafine o Filipina.

E faia pea...



Le Faatonusili o le Ofisa mo Fitafita Tuai a le malo, ia Rosie Fualaau Tago-Lancaster i le taimi na molimau ai i luma o le maota o sui i le taeao ananafi.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Bea)



Crippled Houston watches dams, levees; forecast offers hope

HOUSTON (AP) — With its flood defenses strained, the crippled city of Houston anxiously watched dams and levees Tuesday to see if they would hold until the rain stops, and meteorologists offered the first reason for hope — a forecast with less than an inch of rain and even a chance for sunshine.

The human toll continued to mount, both in deaths and in the ever-swelling number of scared people made homeless by the catastrophic storm that is now the heaviest tropical downpour in U.S. history.

The city's largest shelter was overflowing when the mayor announced plans to create space for thousands of extra people by opening two and possibly three more mega-shelters.

"We are not turning anyone away. But it does mean we need to expand our capabilities and our capacity," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "Relief is coming."

The rescues went on. Federal and local agencies said they had lifted more than 13,000 people out of the floodwaters in the Houston area and surrounding cities and counties.

Louisiana's governor offered to take in Harvey victims from Texas, and televangelist Joel Osteen opened his

Houston megachurch, a 16,000-seat former arena, after critics blasted him on social media for not acting to help families displaced by the storm.

Meteorologists said the sprawling city would soon get a chance to dry out.

When Harvey returns to land Wednesday, "it's the end of the beginning," National Hurricane Center meteorologist Dennis Feltgen said.

Harvey will spend much of Wednesday dropping rain on Louisiana before moving on to Arkansas, Tennessee and parts of Missouri, which could also see flooding.

But Feltgen cautioned: "We're not done with this. There's still an awful lot of real estate and a lot of people who are going to feel the impacts of the storm."

The National Weather Service predicted less of an inch of rain for Houston on Wednesday and only a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms for Thursday. Friday's forecast called for mostly sunny skies with a high near 94.

In all, more than 17,000 people have sought refuge in Texas shelters, and that number seemed certain to increase, the American Red Cross said.

The city's largest shelter, the George R. Brown Convention Center, held more than 9,000 people, almost twice the number officials originally planned to house there. The crowds included many from outside Houston.

By the end of the day, the Toyota Center, home of the NBA's Rockets, had begun accepting people who could not find space at the convention center.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said he expected Texas officials to decide within 48 hours whether to accept his offer, which comes as Louisiana deals with its own flooding. About 500 people were evacuated from flooded neighborhoods in southwest Louisiana, Edwards said.

The city has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for more supplies, including cots and food, for an additional 10,000 people, said the mayor, who hoped to get the supplies no later than Wednesday.

In an apparent response to scattered reports of looting, the mayor also imposed a curfew. Police Chief Art Acevedo said violators would be questioned, searched and arrested.



O se va'aiga i foliga o Faia'oga ao fa'atino folasaga ina ia nofouta i latou i uiga masani e vaaia e i latou i fanau ua sauaina, ia taofia le sauaga, lipotia i latou ua fa'atinoa ni uiga fa'ataumaioia i fanau.
[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Tala o le Fono...

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palota, o ia lea o le sui fa'atonusili o le Matagaluega o Fefa'atauaga ma Alamanuia a le malo.

O le fa'aiuga a le senate e pasia ai suafa o i latou nei, na faia lea ina ua mae'a se iloilogaga sa fa'atautaia e le Komiti o le Sailiga o le Tamaoaiga a le malo, lea na ta'ita'ia e le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Tilo Vasaga.

O sui tuia o le Komiti o le Tamaoaiga a le malo ua tofia i isi galuega e aofia ai le afioga i le matua ia Utu Abe Malae, o ia lea o le Taitaifono o le Komiti o le Faletupe Fa'ateritori a Amerika Samoa (TBAS), o le susuga ia Keniseli Lafaele, o le Fa'atonusili lea o le Matagaluega o Fefa'atauaga ma Alamanuia a le malo, ma le

susuga a Steven Watson, o le loia fautua mo le ali'i kovana.

O isi sui tuai o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o le Tamaoaiga a le malo e aofia ai le Teutupe a le malo ia Uelinitone Tonumaipe'a, o ia fo'i lea o le ta'ita'ifono, afioga Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Pumele, o le Fa'atonusili o le Pulega o Taulaga ma Malaeva'alele, susuga Talauega Eleasalo Ale, o le Loia Sili a le malo, ma le tofa Iulogologo J. Pereira, o le fesoasoani fa'apitoa lea i le kovana.

O le vaiaso fou lea ua toe fa'atulaga i ai le iloilogaga a le maota o sui, e fa'amaonia ai suafa o i latou e pei ona tofia a le kovana e avefa ma sui fou o le Komiti o le Tamaoaiga a le malo.



American Samoa
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP-002-2017
Issuance Date: August 30, 2017

Date & Time: September 22, 2107
No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide:

“LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES”

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DOCUMENT

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NKorea leader urges more missile launches targeting Pacific

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for more weapons launches targeting the Pacific Ocean to advance his country’s ability to contain Guam, state media said Wednesday, a day after Pyongyang for the first time flew a ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload over Japan.

Tuesday’s aggressive missile launch — likely the longest ever from North Korea — over a close U.S. ally sends a clear message of defiance as Washington and Seoul conduct annual military drills. The Korean Central News Agency said the launch was a “muscle-flexing” countermeasure to the Ulchi Freedom Guardian joint exercises that conclude Thursday. Pyongyang views the drills as invasion rehearsals and often conducts weapons tests and escalates its rhetoric when they are held.

The KCNA report said the missile was an intermediate-range Hwasong-12, which the North first successfully tested in May and threatened to fire into waters near Guam earlier this month.

Kim expressed “great satisfaction” over the launch that he

called a “meaningful prelude” to containing Guam and said North Korea would continue to watch the U.S. demeanor before it decides future actions, KCNA said. The U.S. territory is home to key U.S. military bases that North Korea finds threatening.

Kim also said it’s “necessary to positively push forward the work for putting the strategic force on a modern basis by conducting more ballistic rocket launching drills with the Pacific as a target in the future.”

The launch seemed designed to show that North Korea can back up a threat to target Guam, if it chooses to do so, while also establishing a potentially dangerous precedent that could see future missiles flying over Japan.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile traveled around 2,700 kilometers (1,677 miles) and reached a maximum height of 550 kilometers (341 miles) as it flew over the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

President Donald Trump said North Korea had signaled its “contempt for its neighbors” and that “all options are on the table” in terms of a

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This Aug. 29, 2017 photo distributed on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, by the North Korean government shows what was said to be the test launch of a Hwasong-12 intermediate range missile in Pyongyang, North Korea. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for more ballistic missile tests targeting the Pacific Ocean, Pyongyang announced Wednesday, a day after his nation for the first time flew a ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload over Japan. Independent journalists were not given access to cover the event depicted in this image distributed by the Korean Central News Agency via Korea News Service.

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Haunted by Katrina's memory, Louisiana now faces Harvey

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Twelve years to the day after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, another deadly storm forced the rescue of hundreds of people from floodwaters in southwestern Louisiana and prompted New Orleans to shut down its schools and other key institutions as a precaution.

Tropical Storm Harvey flooded neighborhoods overnight with chest-deep water in the Lake Charles area, near the Texas line, although water abated in some places Tuesday as rain slackened.

In New Orleans, Mayor Mitch Landrieu urged residents to stay home Tuesday because of the threat of potential flooding. Many appeared to be heeding his call.

Meanwhile, Gov. John Bel Edwards said Louisiana is offering to shelter storm victims from Texas.

"We have offered to stand up shelters specifically for individuals who would be transported out of Texas, so that they could be housed in shelters in Louisiana, particularly in north Louisiana, in the Shreveport area," he said at a news conference in Baton Rouge. Edwards said

he expects Texas officials to decide within 48 hours whether to accept the offer.

Later, in Lake Charles, Edwards urged people to remain alert but said the state is responding well to less severe conditions in its own borders.

"You never know what Mother Nature is going to throw at us, but with the people in this room, I'm confident we can handle it," he told local and state officials.

Some New Orleans neighborhoods flooded earlier this month during a deluge that exposed problems with the city's pump and drainage system. On Tuesday, rains flooded a few of the city's streets.

The city's public schools were closed, along with six universities and a medical school. A ceremony and march in New Orleans to commemorate the deadly 2005 storm was postponed until Sunday.

For many others, it was largely business as usual.

"I can't afford not to open," said Jerry Roppolo, 65, owner of a popular coffee house where water often creeps over the sidewalk and up to the threshold

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A volunteer loads sand bags on a pallet as others fill them for resident distribution, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, at the Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, La. Each pallet was loaded with 20 sand bags.

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In this Monday, Aug. 28, 2017 photo, police take a man into custody after a shooting at a public library in the eastern New Mexico community of Clovis. Authorities on Tuesday identified the gunman accused of opening fire inside the library as a Nathaniel Jouett, 16-year-old high school student who they say killed a youth librarian and a second employee while wounding four others. The Associated Press generally does not identify juveniles accused of crimes, but is identifying Jouett because of the seriousness of the crime and because authorities said they plan to file a motion requesting the case's transfer from the juvenile system to adult court.

(Tony Bullocks/Eastern New Mexico News via AP)

UN Security Council 'strongly condemns' NKorea missile test

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council strongly condemned North Korea's launch of a ballistic missile over Japan on Tuesday, reiterating demands that Pyongyang halt its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs.

After an emergency meeting on the missile test, the U.N.'s most powerful body called North Korea's actions "outrageous," saying it was deliberately undermining peace and stability in the region. The council called for North Korea to take "immediate, concrete actions" to "reduce tensions in the Korean Peninsula and beyond."

The missile flight came less than a month after the council imposed its toughest-yet sanctions on North Korea, and it's not immediately clear whether any further actions could follow.

"We'll be talking about next steps starting now," Japanese Ambassador Koro Bessho said after the meeting.

For now, he said, the statement sends the North a strong message "that the international community will not accept its reckless behavior."

North Korea isn't on the 15-member council. While the was meeting was underway in New York, Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said leader Kim Jong Un expressed "great satisfaction" with the launch and called for more ballistic missile tests targeting the Pacific Ocean.

Going into a closed session that evolved into an open meeting, ambassadors from several countries said they wanted to discuss how to respond, but first of all to show that the international community was united in firmly rebuking the missile test. The missile — designed to carry a nuclear payload — traveled almost 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers) into the Pacific and triggered alert warnings as it soared over northern Japan.

"It is time for the North Korean regime to recognize the danger they are putting themselves in," said U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley, whose country has traded threats with North Korea in recent weeks. "The United States will not allow their lawlessness to con-

tinue, and the rest of the world is with us."

Still, the discussion was a reminder that members have different approaches to the issue.

Chinese Ambassador Liu Jieyi called on all parties to "avoid any rhetoric or action that might exacerbate tension" on the Korean Peninsula.

Both he and his Russian counterpart noted their countries had previously proposed a suspension of both North Korean nuclear and missile development and of joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises, which are currently underway.

"The exercises being conducted must be scaled down," Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said. "There is an urgent need to create an atmosphere of trust among states in the region."

The Pyongyang news agency said Tuesday's missile launch was a "muscle-flexing" response to the war games, which the North views as rehearsals for an invasion. North Korea had requested a Security Council meeting about the exercises last week.

The U.S. says the decades-old drills' only purpose is to improve readiness to defend South Korea and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula.

This year, the exercises come weeks after U.S. President Donald Trump warned he could unleash "fire and fury" if North Korea continued threatening the United States, and the North then said it was considering firing missiles into waters near the U.S. territory of Guam.

The Security Council said Tuesday it was committed to a peaceful, diplomatic and political solution to the situation and called for strict implementation of its existing sanctions.

The latest sanctions include a ban on North Korean exports of coal, iron, lead and seafood products, together worth over \$1 billion for a country with total exports valued at just \$3 billion last year. The U.S. had suggested in July that the council could do more, including restricting oil to the North Korean military and boosting air and maritime restrictions.



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New Jersey to US Supreme Court: Strike down sports bet ban

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey officials say the U.S. Supreme Court should strike down a ban on sports betting in all but four states because it wrongly forces states to enforce a regulation that Congress wants.

The high court will hear New Jersey’s argument this fall that the ban is not legal because it exceeds the authority of Congress.

The state has been trying for nearly a decade to legalize sports betting and grab a share of the estimated \$150 billion that is bet illegally on sports each year.

After being rebuffed in its efforts to regulate legal sports betting, New Jersey tried a different tactic: repealing its regulations regarding sports betting, leaving no law in place at all.

The question to be decided by the justices is this:

Does a federal statute that prohibits modification or repeal of state-law prohibitions on private conduct impermissibly usurp the regulatory power of states?

Major professional and collegiate sports leagues oppose New Jersey’s effort to legalize sports betting, saying it would threaten the perceived integrity of the games.

In filings with the high court made Tuesday evening, New Jersey took aim at a law called the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 that forbids state-authorized sports gambling in all but four states that met a 1991 deadline to legalize it: Delaware, Montana, Nevada and Oregon. Nevada is the only state to allow single-game wagering.

“To meet Congress’s objective of forestalling further legalization of sports wagering, PASPA directs States to maintain in effect their state-law prohibitions on the activity,” New Jersey wrote in its filing.

“Our constitutional structure does not permit Congress to regulate interstate commerce in that manner.

Under our Constitution, if Congress wishes for sports wagering to be illegal, it must make the activity unlawful itself. It cannot compel states to

do so.”

Daniel Wallach, an attorney in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and an expert in sports law, predicted New Jersey stands a decent chance of success before the high court.



Evacuees are helped as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, in Houston.

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Volunteers Brenda Tcoc, right, and Hugo Wilson help sort bags of donated clothes for victims of the flooding from Tropical Storm Harvey after a shelter opened at the Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017.

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during heavy rains.

The shop in the Carrollton neighborhood is usually bustling but was slow Tuesday. Roppolo attributed that to the school closures. "A lot of the parents come in on the way to school, on the way from school," he said.

About 500 people were evacuated in southwest Louisiana's most populous parish overnight, as a heavy band of rain pushed waterways out of their banks, Calcasieu Parish spokesman Tom Hoefer said. He said as many as 5,000 parish residents are affected by the flooding, but not all of those people have flooded homes. Some are just cut off by flooded roads.

A lull in the heavy rains allowed water to recede Tuesday morning, enabling some who fled their homes to return, survey damage and remove possessions.

"I wanted to get my mother's Bible out of the house and there were some things we needed — our medicine, we're both on medications," said David Wells, 65. "I got a feeling it's going to get worse before it gets any better."

Evacuations continued Tuesday in some rural areas outside Lake Charles, with authorities working to empty a flood-prone subdivision near the town of Iowa. Officials in Acadia Parish advised residents near the Mermentau River and Bayou Nezpique to leave.

Authorities and family members have reported more than a dozen deaths from Harvey in Texas. No Harvey-related deaths were immediately reported in Louisiana, according to a spokesman for Edwards.

The high water in Calcasieu

Parish surprised residents of some neighborhoods not known for flooding. The Kayouche Coulee spilled over when heavy rain hit the area after sunset, and people began calling for rescue.

Residents rode out of neighborhoods in National Guard trucks, wildlife agents' boats, jacked-up pickups and clinging to the cab of a semi-truck. They carried belongings in suitcases, trash bags or even soggy cardboard boxes.

"We all got stuck back there," said Andrea Boutte, who rode out on the big rig. "Those boats took forever."

National Weather Service meteorologists said Tuesday that officials expect Harvey will make another landfall in Cameron Parish early Wednesday, after hitting Texas and meandering back into the Gulf of Mexico.

As much as 6 to 12 more inches of rain (15 to 30 centimeters) could fall in western Louisiana.

"We are starting to get down to the end of the tunnel of all this rain," National Weather Service meteorologist Roger Erickson said. Harvey is projected to bring gusts up to 50 mph (80 kph) in coastal areas and gusts of up to 40 mph (65 kph) in Lake Charles and along the Interstate 10 corridor.

Erickson warned that some coastal rivers won't be able to drain rains effectively because Harvey's winds are pushing storm surge into coastal waters, aggravating flooding of areas that have already received more than 20 inches (51 centimeters) of rain. Images of flood devastation in Houston revived painful memories for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, which made landfall in the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005.

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U.S. response. Trump said in his statement that “threatening and destabilizing actions only increase the North Korean regime’s isolation in the region and among all nations of the world.”

The U.N. Security Council strongly condemned the launch, which came less than a month after the council imposed its toughest-yet sanctions on North Korea. The statement released after a meeting Tuesday evening in New York doesn’t mention any potential new sanctions but calls for strict implementation of existing ones.

Any new test worries Washington and its allies because it presumably puts North Korea a step closer to its goal of an arsenal of nuclear missiles that can reliably target the United States. Tuesday’s test, however, looks especially aggressive to Washington, Seoul and Tokyo.

North Korea has conducted launches at an unusually fast pace this year — 13 times, Seoul says — and some analysts believe it could have viable long-range nuclear missiles before the end of Trump’s first term in early 2021.

Seoul says that while North Korea has twice before fired rockets it said were carrying satellites over Japan — in 1998 and 2009 — it has never before used a ballistic missile, which is unambiguously designed for military strikes.

North Korea also chose not to fire its most recent missile at a lofted angle, as it did in previous launches to avoid other countries, and Seoul’s spy service said the North launched from an unusual spot: the international airport in its capital, Pyongyang. The North still claimed on Wednesday that its recent launch “had no impact on the security of the neighboring countries.”

Some outside observers said launching a road-mobile missile from an airport runway could demonstrate the North’s ability to fire its missiles from anywhere in the country.

The launch is also another rebuke to Trump, who suggested last week that his tough approach to North Korea, which

included threats to unleash “fire and fury,” meant Kim “is starting to respect us.”

Tuesday’s missile landed nowhere near Guam, but firing a Hwasong-12 so soon after the threat may be a way for North Korea to show it could follow through if it chose to do so. Guam is 3,400 kilometers (2,110 miles) away from North Korea, but South Korea’s military said the North may have fired the missile at a shorter range.

Guam’s civil defense office said the missile was determined to not be a threat. Residents said they were not worried, for now. Eddie Cruz, 60, said he is concerned that with each missile launch, North Korea is getting better. “They’re practicing, and that’s exactly what I’m worried about,” he said.

North Korea will no doubt be watching the world’s reaction to see if it can use the same flight path for future launches.

Japanese officials made their usual strongly worded condemnations of the launch.

“We will do our utmost to protect people’s lives,” Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said. “This reckless act of launching a missile that flies over our country is an unprecedented, serious and important threat.”

Tokyo said there was no reported damage from the missile. Residents on Hokkaido were warned by loudspeakers, phone alerts and an email that told them to stay indoors.

The launch was also condemned by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Britain, France, Germany, Russia, and a number of other countries.

Tuesday’s launch came days after North Korea fired what was assessed as three short-range ballistic missiles into the sea, and a month after its second test of an intercontinental ballistic missile, which analysts say could reach deep into the U.S. mainland when perfected.

In an unusual move, the South Korean military released videos of missile tests it conducted last week. They showed two types of new missiles with ranges of 800 kilometers (500 miles) and 500 kilometers (310 miles) being fired from truck-mounted launchers.

South Korea’s Agency for Defense Development said the launches represented the last flight test for the longer-range missile before it is operationally deployed. Such missiles, which would be the latest additions to South Korea’s Hyunmoo family of missiles, are considered key components of the so-called “kill chain” pre-emptive strike capability that South Korea is pursuing to counter North Korea’s nuclear and missile threat.

South Korea also said its air force conducted a live-fire drill involving four F-15 fighter jets dropping eight MK-84 bombs that accurately hit targets at a military field near the country’s eastern coast.



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An oil refinery's lights illuminate rainfall as Hurricane Harvey makes landfall in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday, Aug. 25, 2017. Hurricane Harvey smashed into Texas late Friday, lashing a wide swath of the Gulf Coast with strong winds and torrential rain from the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade.

(Nick Wagner/Austin American-Statesman via AP)

Shell, Exxon say some pollution released as storm hits Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Pollutants have been released from refineries operated by Exxon, Shell and other companies as torrential rains damaged storage tanks and other industrial facilities on the Texas Coast.

Shell told state regulators this week that a floating roof over a tank at its oil refinery in Deer Park, Texas, partially sank during the heavy rainfall. The company said 100 pounds of benzene and 100 pounds of toluene were released.

A similar event happened at Exxon Mobil Corp.'s refinery in Baytown, Texas. David Gray, a spokesman for the Environmental Protection Agency, said the company reported the release of 15 pounds of benzene. The EPA classifies benzene as a carcinogen. Toluene, a solvent, is less toxic.

A Shell spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

"This is an unprecedented storm, and we have taken every effort to minimize emissions and safely shut down equipment," said Exxon spokeswoman Charlotte Huffaker. She said the Irving, Texas-based company was monitoring emission levels and was committed to complying with environmental laws.

Other refinery and chemical plant operators have reported releases due to Harvey, which came ashore as a hurricane but was later downgraded to a tropical storm.

The disclosures highlight the danger posed by flooding in a refinery-rich section of the Gulf Coast that stretches from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Louisiana.

The flooding has caused the shutdown of about 15 percent of the nation's refining capacity, sending gasoline prices higher.

Gasoline futures rose 6 cents, or 4.1 percent, to \$1.78 a gallon in trading Tuesday. Retail prices have gained more slowly — up 4 cents in the last week to \$2.38 a gallon, according to auto club AAA.

Earlier Tuesday, Motiva Enterprises said that its refinery in Port Arthur, Texas — the biggest in the nation — had cut output to just 40 percent. Motiva, which is owned by Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil company of Saudi Arabia, said it was dealing with restrictions in the flow of crude oil coming in and products like gasoline going out through pipelines and ports.

Group protests Ai Weiwei art installation in New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei (eye way-way) is getting some local opposition to his planned public art project in New York City.

The New York Times (<http://nyti.ms/2wmgpVm>) reports the Washington Square Association is protesting Ai's proposed installation in the park's archway.

The association's president says the "installation sets a dangerous precedent that one of New York City's most recognized monuments and pieces of art can be decorated and co-opted for four months at a time."

Community members say it will disrupt the annual holiday tree lighting.





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