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Local American Red Cross Disaster Team member Fa'asaei Davenport (back to camera), speaking with members of a family in Ili'ili, who lost their home in an Aug. 28th fire. Remnants of the burnt home are seen behind the family members. Five different fires displaced 5 families — with their homes a total loss, during the last week of August. See story inside.

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Police Commissioner denies  
DPS promotion test was rigged

by Ausage Fausia

Samoa News Reporter

Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson has denied complaints from some local cops that not all police officers were notified about the DPS promotion test that was held last week — and as a result, some of them were unable to take the test.

“That’s not correct,” said Le'i. “As far as I’m concerned, the test that was given was fair and square. These are not new things, it’s in the law and statute — and for someone to be complaining that they need more time to prepare for the test, come on, this is the law (pointing to the law book in front of him). This is the law you’re working on everyday.”

Le'i was off-island for two weeks, attending the 21st Commissioner and Chiefs Pacific Meeting in the mainland. He returned home last Friday.

One of the complaining police officers said that not only should they have been given more time to study for the test, but the test must also be issued and overseen by some people from off-island, or members from some other department of the government — such as the Department of Human Resources (DHR) or the Department of the Homeland Security

(DHS).

Some of the complaints also noted that the notice was just on a plain piece of paper — that said what the tests were for, when, and where.

According to the notice, the test for Sergeants was conducted last Monday, August 28th at the OMV Training room at 1pm; the test for Lieutenants was on Tuesday with the same time and venue. For PSO, five years and plus, their test was conducted on Thursday with the same time and venue. Test for Captains was conducted at the Central Training room on Friday at 1pm.

The notice also specifies that, “On leave or E-leave, call in sick or late is not accepted. Please be on time. Please answer your phone at all times.”

One of the complaining officers also stated that there would be a lot of grievances filed if “this” does not come out right.

“There are Sergeants who deserve to become Lieutenants, and Lieutenants who deserve to become Captains, and Senior Officers who deserve to become Sergeants. It’s too early to say or assume but a lot of officers have an idea who is already lined up for the ranks whether they pass or not (mostly not),” according to one of the officers’ complaints.

A complaining officer pointed out that many of them (officers) love their jobs but they are questioning those with higher positions about what exactly they are trying to do.

“Not all Sergeants and Lieutenants took the test, most likely it will be the same for Senior Officers and Officers 1 & 2, and I feel that this is really unfair. The test was completely conflicted and should not be administered by our own, especially the one who was preparing these tests was one of our own uniformed colleagues who is a Captain,” one of the complaining officers concluded.

In an exclusive interview with Samoa News this week, Le'i said it has been 8 months now since he became DPS Commissioner, and he knows exactly who’s doing what, and their level of job performance, whether satisfactory or unsatisfactory, and whether they really know what they are doing.

“A promotion test is part of the job and as required by law in Title 4 & 7, it’s by the Merit System including your knowledge on how you do your job, how you perform, are you following the law, are you making the right judgment calls, are you communicating effectively to the people, or are you ignoring the law and doing whatever you feel is right,” said Le'i.

The Commish said the job of police officers is to enforce the law everyday, and that’s where their work performance takes place.

When he was appointed to

the post of Police Commissioner, that’s when he informed his supervisors that some time in the future, there would be a promotion test and training for police officers.

“I’ve been talking about this issue ever since I came on board because if you’re looking at the structure of the Police force right now, you can see that not only do they not have sufficient rank to manage each station, they also don’t have the rank to make final and good decisions for the public’s safety and the security of the general public,” he said.

Le'i said that after they have done the promotion and salary adjustments, the whole package will be submitted to the governor for his approval, and also to the Department of Human Resources for their review and clarification.

“No one is trying to find fault on anyone, no — but it happens because if you look at the reports filed and the results, it will go on and on. Secondly, the issue of testing is one part of this development,” he continued.

According to Le'i, there are some officers who have been in the force for a long time but they don’t have ranks, nor professional development, and based on discussion with his supervisors, there’s a need for improvement.

As part of the promotion and evaluation, Le'i told Samoa News that he follows through on each police officer when they report to a call, or summons before the Court. He has also worked together with attorneys from the Attorney General’s Office, who provide him with feedback about which police officers are doing well — how they did their job; did they perform well, and how they communicate.

“The police officer’s performance starts when they are on duty, not when they are on annual or sick leave,” said Le'i.

When asked whether the purpose of the test was to make sure that certain police officers receive their ranks, Le'i said no — the test was for everyone, according to the statute.

“I can assure you that everything is being done according to the regulations and statute. There is no nepotism, no favoritism. All police officers are treated the same — if an officer feels that he or she deserves to receive certain ranks, prove it to me through your work performance in the office and out on the field, and I assure you that you will get what you earn,” the police commissioner said.

About the complaint that police officers should have been given more time to study and prepare themselves for the test, Le'i said cops should understand their job everyday.

“I don’t give you any time to study, that’s your job... and if you have a question, look at the

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# Fono review of FY2018 budget begins today

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

The Fono's review of the government's proposed \$395.26 million budget for the new fiscal year 2018 begins today and it will be a joint hearing of both the Senate and House committees on Budget and Appropriations, held at the Senate's current chambers — the fale Samoa next to the site of the old Fono building that was torn down two weeks ago.

Based on the Fono's schedule, budget hearings begin at 9:30a.m., starting today with the usual overall testimonies from ASG Treasurer Uelinitone Tonumaie'a and Budget and Planning Office director, Catherine Aigamaua Saelua on the proposed budget. Among the issues covered are revenue projections and collections — and the Senate has already requested several financial reports.

Thereafter, Tonumaiepa and Saelua will be questioned by the joint committee about the budgets for the Treasury Department and Budget Office.

All afternoon budget hearings start at 1p.m., and for today, it's the Governor's Office, or Executive Office, with the final day of budget hearings, on Sept. 15th for the Legislature. Any changes made to hearings for any ASG entities will be amended during the 8 days of the FY 2018 budget review.

While the schedule for budget hearings shows that each chamber's regular session will begin at 8:30a.m., Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie informed senators yesterday that the Senate session will begin at 9a.m. while budget hearings are ongoing.

He said this would allow any committee hearings on other pending bills to be carried out at 8a.m. He also encouraged committees with any bills to use this time for hearings.

With budget hearings set, the Fono has again informed the Governor's Office per norm that only the director of an agency or office, and the CEO or president of an authority can testify during budget hearings.

At last week's emergency cabinet meeting, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga again emphasized the policy of personal appearance by the director, not the deputy or anyone else, at the budget hearings.

He also warned the directors that they should know their budgets inside out so they

can respond intelligently to any question that is asked. The governor encouraged cabinet directors to be forthright in their responses to questions and to tell the truth.

"Don't try to evade the questions," he said.

## OTHER ISSUES

In the Senate, two bills have been approved in third and final reading, including one of the Administration's revenue measures, which gradually updates the local individual income tax table to mirror the US Internal Revenue Service tax code.

This bill, which was unanimously approved yesterday, would update the income tax table for standard deductions and dependent exemptions. American Samoa has used the year 2000 tax table for these deductions since 2001.

The Administration updates the local tax table starting in tax year 2018, by adopting the IRS tax table for standard deductions and dependent exemptions for the year 2004. By tax year 2022, the local income tax table will mirror the 2022 IRS tax table.

Last Thursday, senators also unanimously approved a bill, sponsored by Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie, which mandates a minimum five-year imprisonment for those convicted of delivering, dispensing, distributing, possession with intent to deliver, dispense or distribute, produce or manufacture a controlled substance.

Both bills now go to the House for their consideration. The House has its own identical version of the Administration bill amending the individual tax table, pending in committee.

In the House last Wednesday, the House Election Committee opted to table a Senate bill, which seeks to clarify the distance a candidate's campaign tent should be located from the official polling station on Election Day, because it's not clearly set by law. The bill, sponsored by three senators, sets the area as "200 yards or 600 feet" from the polling station.

One major issue that became the focus of many questions from lawmakers during the House committee hearing is how the proposed law would be enforced when there are several villages on island, where homes are so close to each other.

Rep. Vailuama Steve Leas-iolagi said that if the bill is enacted into law, there would

be serious issues within his village of Fagatogo, where it's very narrow and homes and businesses are so close to each other, leaving no room for the required 200 yards.

House Vice Speaker Fetu Fetui Jr., also pointed out that the usual polling station on Tutuila for Ta'u residents is a church hall in Tafuna, which sits on a small compound, surrounded by bushes. And if this measure is approved that means a candidate's tent would end up either being set up in the bushes or inside the church facility.

In the end, committee members agreed to table the bill at this time, while it sought more information including input from senators who sponsored the bill as to the reason behind the proposed change.

During a Senate committee hearing on July 21st, one of the bill's sponsors, Sen. Magalei Logovi'i said the reason for the proposed change is to prevent problems like those that were reported during the 2016 general election from villages including Fagatogo, Leone, and his own village of Faleniu — where there were concerns regarding campaign tents being so close to the polling station.

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# Utu delivers keynote address during Workforce Appreciation Day

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

Speaking at last Friday's Workforce Appreciation Day, American Samoa Power Authority executive director Utu Abe Malae called for investment for an excellent healthcare system that would also attract back home retirees and "we must invest" in subdivision development in Tualauta County.

Utu, the keynote speaker for this year's celebration under the theme, 'Commitment to Selfless Service', also suggested diversification of the local economy, which has depended solely on government and the canneries for many years.

In his Samoan speech, Utu expressed appreciation to the local workforce — including church groups and organizations - who have worked diligently, whether rain or shine, to clean up the environment, as well as cleaning up schools under the Governor's Adopt a School program.

He recited part of a well-known old Samoan song, "Ua tofia nei e le Atua Samoa ina ia pulea e matai, aua o lona suafa ua vaelua i ai" — meaning, God has chosen Samoa to be governed by chiefs because God's title is shared with them (chiefs).

He shared this verse of the song, said Utu, because "us, who are matai", who are leaders in villages and communities, should set examples, for residents including children so they have the spirit of working hard for the development, for the betterment of the territory.

Utu believes chiefs shouldn't think of what rewards they would receive for their service, because they are serving their families, villages, communities and government.

It is "commitment to selfless service", he added.

As part of his English address, Utu pointed to "jobs", saying that "we can all agree... that it is a blessing to be gainfully employed, to have a job, to earn a living, to support your family, to have meaning in life, to serve others, [and] to make

the community a better place." "There is dignity in working," he said and thanked the local workforce "for what you do for our beloved American Samoa, for what we all do as workers. Thank you for your service. I am especially thankful to those of you who work with your hands, laina ma timu'ia (rain and shine)."

Utu shared with the audience visiting Manu'a for the first time as a child, waking up at the crack of dawn to the shush-shush sound of the salu tu (Samoan tall broom) sweeping the sandy yard.

He said the village was a beehive of activity and "I thought to myself, 'this is really a tough place, getting up so early to work six days a week and half a day on Sunday.' That is what our forefathers did... hard physical labor on a daily basis."

At a recent meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Hawai'i, Utu said he listened to the president of a New Zealand company "praise the effectiveness of Samoan construction workers. His company had hired at least three dozen Samoan cement workers to help build hotels in Guam." (Utu didn't reveal the name of the Kiwi-based company).

"There are Samoan net repairmen training and working in [the state of] Mississippi today. The managers remarked on the hard work and respect — they underscore 'respect' — the workers display towards their supervisors," he said, adding that the human resource manager "wants to hire more Samoans."

Utu also said that the Apia-based Samoa Observer newspaper regularly "features the stories of men and women who are working hard but struggling to make a living in the rural areas of Samoa."

"You cannot help but admire them," he said.

Utu went on to "seriously answer" the question posed earlier in his English address, about where jobs come from.

"Jobs are created as a result of economic activity," he said and noted that everyone is well

aware of the importance of fisheries and government services as the two major "industries" in the territory. "Tourism is developing, incrementally, in small baby steps."

"May I suggest that we develop another industry?" he said and gave three examples of development.

"We must invest in excellent healthcare. Help our hospital become one of the best in the region in order to attract retirees back home from the states," said Utu.

"This is one of the important issues facing prospective returning retirees from the states. They want to make sure, that their healthcare is taken care of."

He went on to say that American Samoa "must invest in our education and training, including vocational education and revamp the way the education system is organized. We're already working on that."

"Thirdly, we must invest in subdivision development in Tualauta County.

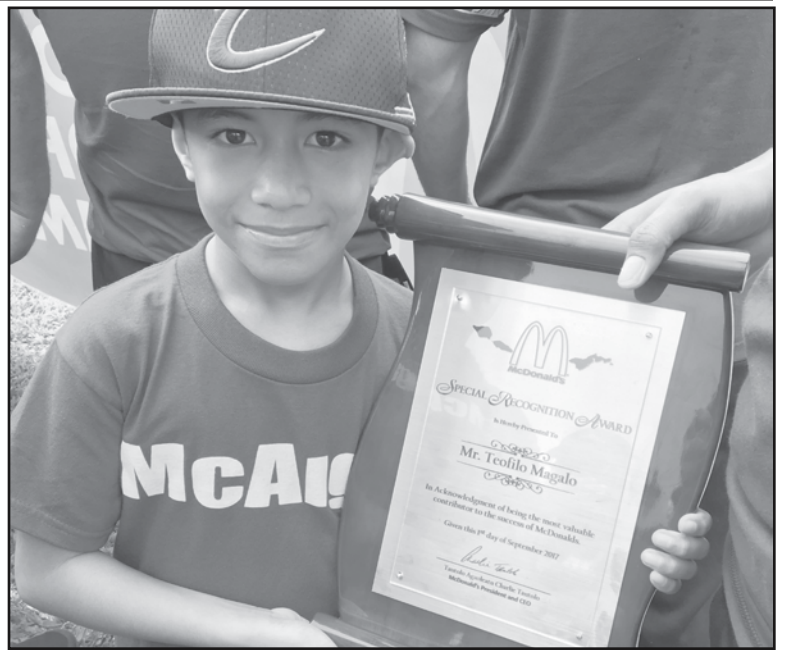
I'm compelled to say this, on behalf of the civil engineering profession," he said. "For one, should you have an emergency in Kokoland, you will pray that the EMS will be able to find you."

"Take some time, drive around Tualauta County and you'll understand what I mean, how important this is.

This is a great project for planners, civil engineers and our political leaders. And it will create lots of jobs," he continued.

In closing, Utu urged the community to remember their duties, which include the protection and preservation "of our land" gifted by God, and he encouraged "Commitment to Selfless Service".

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga, in his special remarks, called for a moment of silence to remember and pray for the victims and survivors of Hurricane Harvey, which devastated many parts of Texas. (See Samoa News online Sept. 3rd, for details including other events at the stadium.)



Sofe Magalo, pictured with the McDonald's American Samoa "Special Recognition Award" that his father, Teofilo Magalo, received last Friday during Workforce Appreciation Day at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The Workforce Celebration Committee, headed by the HR Director gave the private sector an opportunity to present a single award during the event, to recognize an employee. McDonald's CEO and President Tautolo Agaoleatu Charlie Tautolo selected Teofilo Magalo as the recipient of the special award for his valuable contribution to the success of McDonald's. According to company management, Magalo has been employed by McDonald's since 2007 and started as a crew member, as a cook on the grill. He worked his way up and is now the Tafuna Restaurant Manager and Assistant to Operations.

Magalo is the son of Talalelei and Matagi Magalo of Fagalii & Aleipata. He is married to Joyce and the couple lives in Aoloau with their two kids: Ita and Sofe Sanele. A grateful Magalo dedicates the award to his McAIGA and especially his family - his parents Tala and Matagi and siblings, his wife Joyce and kids, and also his in-laws Matagofie and Alfred Peters. The award, signed by Tautolo was for "Most Valuable Contributor To The Success Of McDonald's". The award presentation was part of the program, and McDonald's was the only company that made presentations recognizing their employees' years of service. [Courtesy photo]

## Puleleiitee fully commits to role as ASTCA CEO/ Executive Director

PRESS RELEASE  
Friday, Sept. 1, 2017  
— Representative for Sua 1 District No. 5, Honorable Puleleiitee Li'amatua Tufele Junior has officially resigned from his role as a member of the elected House of Representatives to fully commit himself to his role as Chief Executive Officer/ Executive Director of the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA).

The CEO stated, "I take this decision to serve my country and to continue to serve my constituents without whose loyal support I would have this opportunity. Ultimately, I believe that I have a contribution to make in re-building ASTCA for the betterment of our community, and territory as a whole, and it requires my full attention. Further, my constituents deserve the full attention of their representative. I am fortu-

nate and grateful for their support in my decision and I will continue to serve them, in any role I have including this one."

Regarding the future, the Chairman says there is a lot of work ahead but he is confident positive changes are in the making. "I and the ASTCA Board, Management and staff remain focused on the job we have at hand, which is to improve the services provided by the company to the people and to make the authority economically strong for the future of the territory." Puleleiitee has served as a member of House of Representatives for 4 full terms and a partial one, since Year 2009. He will take up the role of CEO/Executive Director for ASTCA officially in a full time capacity over a three-year term until September 1, 2020.

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# Lolo admin putting together fundraising event for victims of Hurricane Harvey

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

The Lolo Administration is working on putting together a fundraising event for the victims of Hurricane Harvey that has so far claimed more than 30 lives in Texas, while the local American Red Cross office is awaiting “official word” from the national level for deployment of volunteers to hurricane damaged areas in Texas and Louisiana. At an emergency cabinet meeting last week, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga informed cabinet directors that a territorial wide fundraising activity will be conducted to help displaced families in Texas.

Lolo said he has appointed a committee to organize the fundraising in collaboration with the local Red Cross office.

During his special remarks last Friday at the annual Workforce Appreciation Day at the Veterans Memorial Stadium, the governor publicly announced that the administration will hold in the very near future a fundraising event for those displaced by Hurricane Harvey, and he called on the community for support.

He said that American Samoa has had its shares of natural disasters over the years and therefore local residents fully understand the impact of such disasters on people.

A moment of silence, called by the governor, was held at the stadium for Harvey’s victims and survivors.

Yesterday morning, the Associated Press quoted Texas authorities saying that the hurricane is to be blamed for at least 60 deaths. Harvey first made landfall near Rockport, Texas, the evening of Aug. 25th, with national news media reporting that it had stalled off the US Gulf Coast for five days and then, for the second time, made landfall sometime last Wednesday, as a Tropical Storm, heading up to Louisiana. As previously reported by Samoa News, the local Red Cross office had received a “general request” for volunteers to areas of Texas and Louisiana. Responding to Samoa News inquiries for an update on the deployment of local Red Cross volunteers, local American Red Cross office manager, Val Tuilefano said over the weekend that, it is “still on hold until official clearance from the national level.”

“So the official word on local volunteers in American Samoa is we await word from San Diego that put a request into the national office handling and approving the requests from the various Red Cross Chapters/Regions throughout the U.S., including San Diego/Imperial Counties/ American Samoa,” Tuilefano explained.

“American Samoa, of course, logistically deploying outside of the continental U.S.

is a bit more of a challenge than from deploying a team residing in California or neighboring states,” he said, adding that “our local office awaits patiently if and when the call is received, we have a well trained team to deploy, representing American Samoa.” As for ASG organizing a fundraising event, Tuilefano applauds the governor and his administration for taking such action to help others, saying that the government had spearheaded similar efforts in the past — in the aftermath of natural disasters in Tonga, the Philippines and Samoa. He noted that the local Red Cross office cannot lead such fundraising events as “we continue to make our priority our local disasters.” (See separate story in today’s edition on latest Red Cross response to local disasters).

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## Amerika Samoa

Tulouna le fale tulutulu i tao ma le fale tulutulu i moana, tulouna Samoa ma lou fale atoa, tulou. Ae taoto ia faaia o tai loloto ia o outou sa ma mamamlu le avea. O ou paia le popo ma ou pa le solo, o ou papa le gae ma ou luma fatu toto. O le a nuunuu atu faatini o tausala i le puipuiga ia te oe Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Ituau ma Alataua, Sa'ole ma le Launiu na Saelua. Afio le Laau na Amotasi i le afio o Faatui ma le auvaa o Tootoo o le Faleula, ma upu i le Manu'atele. Noga la ia o paia o le Malo o Amerika Samoa i la na Sa-seetolu ma lou malae faa lotoifale ia Tutuila ma Manu'a. Paia ia Pule ma Tumua, i Aiga ma a latou Tama o Tama foi ma o latou Aiga, Aiga i le tai ma le too o le fua. E le faagaloina foi Tae-o-Atua, i le susu i Faafegaiga Totofi a le Atua, o Feoi o le Talalelei o lo o molimoli lapalapa o malo, ae a se manuia mo le Faleagafulu ma le Motusa, tolou, tolouna lava.

O le tala a le Tusi, sa ou fia ai ma ou fia inu, sa outou aumai le vai ma mea'ai mo au, sa ou le lavalava ma mafatia ae sa outou faapea foi ona outou agalelei mai. Ae o le upu o le Itulagi a le Alataua i le Aiga malosi ma le Aitu tagata, “Afai sa e iloa au i Togamau, oute manatua oe i Siulepa”. O le upu foi a Tui-Manu'a i lana fanau; “Sole po o oulua manatua ea le agalelei a Leuteleleite ia te oulua, o mai la ia e momoli le vai lea e fai ma faailoga o lona agalelei ia te oulua”.

Talofa e Amerika Samoa, ua ulufia lo outou aao ona o lo matou naumati mai i le ala o le mativa, ae o le ea se mea matou te tali atu ai lo outou alofa. Ioe ua le o se vai e pei ona saunao le Tui-Manu'a, ae tau ia ina alofagia e le Atua se tatalo faatauanau a le Komiti Faafae a le SHS Booster Club ma le mamalu i Matua, ina ia saga faatutumu atu e lana Afio ia te outou ona o lo o outou foi paia mo le aoga Mauauga a Samoana. Ia le tasi, a ia atulasi, aua ua malie le Faga i Gagamoe, ua malie le Faga i Malefono ma Avagafono, ua malie le Faga e Sa i lau teu faatupu ma lau teu faaloalo, ua malie o ua malie malo. Ua o matou foi ma le malie o le loto, a ua tau le gagana foi le tamaitai nai Paia, ua faafetai ua faafetai, ua malie mata e vaai. Aua e tasi lava oe Amerika Samoa.

E faafetai faapitoa atu i le mamalu lautele o le atunuu, sa gapatia ma maosiasia ona o so matou vaivai mo fanau taaalo a le Laumua o le Malie i Samoana. Ae faapito augafa ai so matou piiola atu i le saogalemu ma le faamama avega mai o pisinisi tumaoti ma le Matagaluega o le Saogalemu Lautele i lau Afioga le Komisina. FAAFETAI, FAAFETAI TELE LAVA!

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Members of a family in Fagasa, who lost their home in an Aug. 30th fire, carry out of a local American Red Cross vehicle, packages of emergency supplies from the Red Cross. Supplies included folding cots and clean up kits. [photo: local Red Cross]



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statute, it's been provided for you," he said.

Despite the complaints from some police officers, Le'i thanked them and their families for their service to the people of American Samoa, making sure that local residents are safe on the road, at their workplace, and even at home.

"I appreciate the work our police officers are doing for the country. It's not an easy job but they work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to make sure the whole country is safe and secure, and that's our job," Le'i concluded.

## Dog helps sniff out invasive ants on California Island

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists assessing long-term efforts to eradicate invasive ants on the Channel Islands off the Southern California coast have enlisted a four-legged expert to make sure a project to kill off the destructive pests has succeeded.

A yellow Labrador named Tobias has lived for three months with a handler on Santa Cruz Island. The specially trained dog keeps its snout to the ground, rooting through more than 1.6 square miles (4.1 square kilometers) of underbrush, searching for nests of Argentine ants that threatened the ecosystem after they were introduced decades ago.

Christina Boser, an ecologist with the Nature Conservancy group, said Tuesday that Tobias has not yet discovered any new ant populations — a sign that a project started in 2009 to wipe out the unwanted insects has probably worked. "The ants are very hard to find," said Boser.







A look at some of the singers who provided hymns during the annual ASG Workforce Appreciation Day celebration, held last Friday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. [photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]



The faculty and staff of Manumalo Academy took part in last Friday's ASG Workforce Day, delivering beautiful hymns for the ceremony. Pictured are teachers and principals from the school (l-r) La'auli, Tiana, Angel, and Pua. [photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]



Passengers waited to board a 6:20a.m. flight from LAX to Houston on United Airlines on September 2, 2017. Whether it's to travel to provide assistance or care for relatives, Houston is back in the loop. [Photo: Barry Markowitz]



Some senior citizens and TAOA staff, who arrived early at the Veterans Memorial Stadium last Friday, long before the start of the ASG Workforce Appreciation Day, during which the group provided entertainment. [photo: FS]

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Reigning Miss American Samoa, Antonina Lilomaiaava (far right sitting), along with five of the six contestants vying for the 2017-2018 Miss American Samoa title, are pictured with police officers of the DPS Honor Guard last Friday morning before the start of the ASG Workforce Appreciation Day celebration.

[photo: FS]

# DHSS ANNOUNCES ONE-TIME \$80 BONUS PAYMENT FOR ALL FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

(PRESS RELEASE) PAGO PAGO, AS - September 5, 2017 - Acting Director Muavaefa'atasi John E. Suisala of the Department of Human and Social Services (DHSS) is pleased to announce that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service, has just approved today a one-time bonus payment for all recipients of the American Samoa Nutrition Assistance Program (ASNAP) - generally known as the Food Stamp Program. In making this announcement, Acting Director Muavaefa'atasi said, "Although this is a one-time payment, I am extremely happy that we are able to once again provide this bonus to help our vulnerable population put healthy food on their tables during these hard economic times". He continued, "This bonus will be paid from unused funds that were

approved for ASNAP benefits for Fiscal Year 2017 and I am grateful to the USDA for their understanding of the need of our people". The \$80 bonus payment will be included in their monthly benefits beginning Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Since this was just approved late this morning, those who picked up their benefits Tuesday are kindly asked to come back to the ASNAP Office any day after mass issuance ends on September 12, 2017 to pick up their \$80 bonus. As a reminder, ASNAP benefits for September including the one-time bonus payment MUST be spent before September 30, 2017.

The ASNAP is currently serving over 4,100 low income elderly, blind and disabled individuals in American Samoa. Applicants who are eligible for ASNAP benefits are issued monthly food coupons in the amounts of \$56, \$71, \$89, \$111 and \$139 depending on their monthly gross income. Almost 50% of recipients are receiving the full benefit level each month.

The ASNAP provides supplemental nutrition assistance in the form of nutrition education and food coupons to purchase nutritious and healthy foods. The issuance schedule for the month of September follows:

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 - Last names beginning with the letters T & U

Thursday, September 7, 2017 - Last names beginning with the letters A, B, C, D, E, F

Friday, September 8, 2015 - Last names beginning with the letters G, H, I, J, K, L

Monday, September 11, 2017 - Last names beginning with letters M, N, O, P, Q, R

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - Last names beginning with letters S, V, W, X, Y, Z



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019  
Approved issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Faatili, President.  
Date of issuance: August 16, 2017  
Date & Time Due: September 15, 2017  
No later than 2:00 pm local time

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submission: Proposals must be received by DBAS no later than 2:00pm local time on September 15, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

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





Members of the DPS police honor guard pose for a Samoa News photo before the start of last Friday's Workforce Appreciation Day at Veterans Memorial Stadium at Tafuna. [photo: FS]

# Powerful Hurricane Irma bears down on Caribbean islands

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) — The most powerful Atlantic Ocean hurricane in recorded history bore down on the islands of the northeast Caribbean late Tuesday, following a path predicted to then rake Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba before possibly heading for Florida over the weekend.

At the far northeastern edge of the Caribbean, authorities on the Leeward Islands of Antigua and Barbuda cut power and urged residents to shelter indoors as they braced for Hurricane Irma's first contact with land early Wednesday.

Officials warned people to seek protection from Irma's "onslaught" in a statement that closed with: "May God protect us all."

The Category 5 storm had maximum sustained winds of 185 mph (295 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

"I hear it's a Cat 5 now and I'm terrified," Antigua resident Carol Joseph said as she finished her last trip to the supermarket before seeking shelter. "I had to come back for more batteries because I don't know how long the current will be off." Other islands in the path of the storm included the U.S. and British Virgin Islands and Anguilla, a small, low-lying British island territory of about 15,000 people. U.S. President Donald Trump declared emergencies in Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and authorities in the Bahamas said they would evacuate the residents of six islands at the southern end of the island chain.

Warm water is fuel for hurricanes and Irma is over water that is 1.8 degrees (1 degree Celsius) warmer than normal. The 79

degree (26 Celsius) water that hurricanes need goes about 250 feet deep (80 meters), said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private forecasting service Weather Underground.

Four other storms have had winds as strong in the overall Atlantic region but they were in the Caribbean Sea or the Gulf of Mexico, which are usually home to warmer waters that fuel cyclones. Hurricane Allen hit 190 mph in 1980, while 2005's Wilma, 1988's Gilbert and a 1935 great Florida Key storm all had 185 mph winds.

The storm's eye was expected to pass about 50 miles (85 kilometers) from Puerto Rico late Wednesday. Hurricane-force winds extended outward up to 50 miles (85 kilometers) from Irma's center and tropical storm-force winds extended outward up to 175 miles (280 kilometers).

The northern Leeward Islands were expected to see waves as high as 11 feet, while the Turks and Caicos Islands and southeastern Bahamas could see towering 20-foot waves later in the week, forecasters said.

"This is not an opportunity to go outside and try to have fun with a hurricane," U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Kenneth Mapp warned. "It's not time to get on a surfboard."

Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said his government was evacuating the six islands in the south because authorities would not be able to help anyone caught in the "potentially catastrophic" wind, flooding and storm surge. People there would be flown to Nassau starting Wednesday in what he called the largest storm evacuation in the country's history.



## AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Student Services – Library Services

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Position Title:** LIBRARY CLERK  
**Employment Status:** Full Time 12 months (Career Service)

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- Responsibilities and Duties:**
- Become familiar with the library collections and bibliographic records in MARC format.
  - Perform basic circulation services, including checking in and checking out library materials, filing daily statistics, and providing Xerox copies for library users.
  - File library materials, keeps shelves in order, and do shelf-reading.
  - Keep records of periodicals, journals, and magazines.
  - Perform basic reference services, and work by turns at the circulation and reference desk.
  - Perform preliminary filing of catalog cards.
  - When necessary, bind pamphlets and other library materials.
  - Keep track of lost and damaged library materials in the reference collection area.
  - Compile library reference collection statistics for Director's biweekly and quarterly reports.
  - Maintain a positive work relationship with library staff and users.
  - Participate in library meetings and/or workshops for the professional development of library personnel.
  - Read book review and publishers' catalogs to keep up with current publications mainly in the reference collection area.
  - Keep all collection areas updated, and weed-out obsolete, soiled, or broken materials.
  - Performs other duties as assigned by Director.

- Job Qualifications:**
- Associate degree or high school diploma
  - Have experience working in public service. Must be punctual and be able to work independently
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**Salary:** GS 11/ 03; 13,169.00 per annum

**Application Deadline:** September 12, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 Ext. 397/401/428/429/441 or by emailing Silaulelei Saofaigaalii at s.saofaigaalii@amsamoa.edu or ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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McDonald's American Samoa was among the local businesses that participated in last Friday's 5th annual Workforce Appreciation Day. This year, in conjunction with Workforce Appreciation Day and the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 4th, McDonald's American Samoa recognized Seleue Tausaga for 17 years of service. Tausaga has been employed at the local fast-food chain franchise since it opened in the territory in 2000 at their Tafuna location. Also this year, McDonald's recognized employees with over 10 years of service to the company: Evelyn Gebauer, Futisale Leilua, Stephen Samuelu, Talaleu Samuelu, Malia Sililo, Lili Meleisea, Lillian Saua, Dolores Tautolo, Tavo Wooching, according to information provided to Samoa News by McDonald's over the weekend.

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (9/3)	Monday (9/4)	Tuesday (9/5)	Wednesday (9/6)	Thursday (9/7)	min	Friday (9/8)	Saturday (9/9)	min
10 : am	00' Jisook's Table for O'	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	10' Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama "Sungkyunkwan Scandal" (E,R)				00'	My Neighbor Charles	Sungkyunkwan Scandal	
12 NOON	30' Music Bank (E,R)	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E,R)				50'	K-pop World Festival	(E,R)	
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)							
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		The Beauty (E,R)		30'
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Idol Drama Operation Team (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	Battle Trip (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	Guerilla Date (E,R)	50'	My Father is Strange (E,R)	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R)	50'
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama	00'
6 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)		School 2017 (E,R)	Manhole (E,R)	
7 : pm	40' History of Korea (E)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R) Final	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Jisook's Table for O'				
8 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
9 : pm	40' Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)"(E)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)				20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
10 : pm	00' KBS 9 News (Live)	KBS 9 News (Live)				20'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E)		00'
11 : pm	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E)		30'	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	30'
12 : 00	00' Hollo Counselor (E)	We Like Zines (E)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)				
Next Day	20' Encore Drama "Sungkyunkwan Scandal" (E)	"The Return of Superman" Special (E)				50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'
1 : am	30' KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	KBS World E-Today	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	00'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
2 : am	40' History of Korea (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	My Neighbor Charles	Battle Trip (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
3 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	00'	Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	My Neighbor Charles	00'
4 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)					
5 : am	30' Hollo Counselor(E,R)	We Like Zines	Sketchbook	Happy Together	Music Bank	50'			50'

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## Appeals court stays injunction against Texas voter ID law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal appeals court panel on Tuesday stayed a permanent injunction to throw out the Texas law requiring voters to present an accepted photo identification card.

By a 2-1 vote, the three-judge panel in New Orleans left in the injunction's place a previous order by U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos. That order allows those without an accepted ID to vote by signing a sworn declaration stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one.

Gonzales Ramos had issued the permanent injunction against a subsequent voter ID law on Aug. 23, calling it a "poll tax" on minority voters. The stay suspends that order until the appeals court can hear the merits for and against the state's appeal.

The U.S. Justice Department participated in the fight to dispose of the law until President Donald Trump took office this year, when it reversed position and supported the Texas voter ID law. In the six-page majority opinion, Circuit Judges Jerry Smith and Jennifer Walker Elrod suggested the state's showing was strong enough that they appeared likely to succeed on the merits of its appeal.

"A temporary stay here, while the court can consider arguments on the merits, will minimize confusion among both voters and trained election officials," the majority opinion stated.

In his five-page dissent, Circuit Judge James Graves Jr. argued that any stay "should be comprehensive."

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# Trump’s traveled from fiery to conflicted on dreamers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The calls began in the hours before Donald Trump took the oath of office.

The president-elect was attending a morning prayer service and many in the party were celebrating a long-awaited return to power. But incoming chief of staff Reince Priebus was in a van, parked outside St. John’s Episcopal Church, fielding phone calls from anxious Republicans all asking the same question:

What was the new president going to do about DACA?

The Inauguration Day worries about Trump’s campaign promise to “immediately terminate” the program that protects some young immigrants from deportation would soon turn into a quiet lobbying push from powerful Trump advisers, public pressure from business groups, a deadline from Republican state officials and a tug-of-war within the West Wing. After months of wrestling with a decision, Trump on Tuesday declared he would slowly unwind the program — while he hoped Congress would do “something.”

Trump’s compromise was a public recognition of the political perils involved in scraping the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which had been instituted by outgoing President Barack Obama and protects nearly 800,000 young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. While the tough talk of abolishing an “amnesty” program may have fired up parts of the GOP base, the reality of potentially deporting young people proved deeply uncomfortable for a new president who has repeatedly insisted he wanted to show “heart.” That political pain was part of what led lawmakers to dial Priebus on January 20. They wanted to know if Trump would address the program in his inaugural address. Some asked for Trump to re-evaluate, or at least delay, his decision, according to two people familiar with the contents of the calls.

Priebus didn’t make a firm commitment that day. But Trump would ultimately bow to the request.

The president’s second thoughts on DACA were surprising. Since his inflammatory campaign kickoff speech at Trump Tower in June 2015, Trump had repeatedly vowed to eliminate the “illegal” program. It became a favorite talking point at his rallies, at times paired with his pledge to build an impenetrable border wall. And last August, he laid out his full immigration plan with a fiery speech in Phoenix in which he denounced DACA again. Trump’s promise was backed firmly by chief strategist Steve Bannon and powerful policy guru Stephen Miller. And it was cheered by some conservatives and hard right news outlets such as Breitbart News.

After the election, Miller, Bannon and Attorney General Jeff Sessions pushed the president to move on DACA soon after taking office.

But Trump seemed to be drifting in the other direction. He started telling associates he was unsure how to proceed. He talked of wanting to put off a decision. He spoke publicly about being torn and seemed uncomfortable with the idea of being viewed as unsympathetic.

In an interview with ABC that aired five days after he took office, Trump said DACA recipients “shouldn’t be very worried.” During his first full-fledged solo White House news conference, he acknowledged the decision was “very difficult.”

“I love these kids, I love kids, I have kids and grandkids and I find it very, very hard doing what the law says exactly to do and, you know, the law is rough,” he said. “It’s rough — very, very rough.”

But even as Trump publicly agonized, the promise to terminate the program was not forgotten: It remained scribbled on a white board in Bannon’s office, on a list of the campaign promises-turned-policy goals.

A deadline would soon force the issue. In June, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Republican attorneys general from nine other states threatened to sue the federal government if it did not rescind DACA by September 5.

The lawsuit was always likely to be the turning point. In choosing Sessions as his attorney general, Trump put one of Washington’s strongest critics of illegal immigration at the helm of the Justice Department. It was highly unlikely that Sessions would ever defend the program’s constitutionality in court. As the deadline approached, Sessions made that clear to Trump. In recent weeks, he told the president he did not believe the Justice Department could successfully argue the program was constitutional, a view also championed by his former Senate aide, Miller, according to two people familiar with their conversations with the president. Like others interviewed for this story, those people demanded anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private conversations.

There was pressure on the other side. Jared Kushner, Trump’s senior adviser and son-in-law, as well as economic adviser Gary Cohn lobbied Trump to keep DACA intact, although Cohn’s influence in the White House had waned after he criticized the president’s response to racial violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. Business leaders, including longtime Trump ally Rupert Murdoch, warned Trump that rescinding the program would hurt the nation’s economy and international reputation.

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O le a tafa’ima’a ia le tamaloa na liu fatu i le Alatau i sa ma pa’ia le ‘avea o lo tatou aiga **Sa-Aso’au**. Fata foi i Mauga o Ao ma tovine o le Talalelei, mamalu maualuga o le ‘Aufaigaluega, o taulaga soifua ia a lo tatou aiga, a’o ni lupe fa’alele na fa’ia mai le fuifui, ae a le Atua ma Lona finagalo. E le vaea le fala o’oto i le salafa a’i o le aiga i ona tulaga faalupe, i so’o se tafa o le atunu’u ma le lalolagi, o lo’o e’e ma papa a’ao ai, ona o le sa’iliga manuia mo aiga o lo’o tu’i maio le mulipapaga ma tapua’ia o outou faiva alofilima i lo tatou aiga i Faleasao.

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