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## \$110K set aside for KVZK-TV travel expenses

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by Samoa News Staff

The total FY 2018 budget for the Office of Public Information (KVZK-TV) is \$1,901,500 of which \$1,263,00 is local, while \$638,500 is under the CBP grant.

Samoa News obtained a copy of the final budget for the Office of Public Information after many in the public, as well as the Attorney General have said they believe it's perhaps time for the Fono to air their sessions, through television and/ or radio, live. No one has said who would pay for it — KVZK-TV or the Fono or both in a shared endeavor?

For both the Fono and KVZK-TV Fono session coverage would be a new expense under each of their budgets — perhaps redirecting their personnel costs to cover it, converting maintenance personnel and administrative assistants to public information personnel for it?

### OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (KVZK-TV) BUDGET FOR 2017- 18

Currently the Office of Public Information (KVZK-TV) budget document notes that a total of 50 positions are funded under payroll, and

the bulk of expenses is for "personnel services" which amounts to \$1,028,500

"Materials and Supplies" total \$10,000 while \$67,500 is for "contractual services" and another \$44,000 is for equipment. Approximately \$115,500 is for "travel" and \$636,000 goes to "all others".

According to the budget document, nine employees are on contract while the other 41 are all career service.

For the contractors, the director leads the way in compensation with \$65,000 while the deputy director earns \$50,000. The finance manager and the "documentary specialist" each earn \$35,000 while the senior administrative assistant is getting paid \$26,000

The production manager gets a salary of \$29,000 and "TV producer III (Program Prod)" earns \$16,650

Rounding up the contract workers are "Technician II" with a salary of \$20,367 and "TV Technician II" making \$20,000

Altogether the nine contract employees

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Pretty little "Angel" of the Tafuna 3rd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, posing for a Samoa News photo last Friday night during her Ward's Annual Conference, held at the Ottoville LDS Stake Center [photo: FS]

Ghouls and Goblins, Witches and Warlocks, Princes and Princesses and all sorts of supernatural characters, roamed the streets of American Samoa yesterday and last night, hunting Treats while playing Tricks. Pictured are 2 Walking Dead characters that were spotted at Leone High School yesterday. [photo: THA]





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# Puerto Rico's financial crisis is a wake-up call for the Territory, says Utu

**SAYS EDUCATING THE YOUTH ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IS THE KEY TO FUTURE SUCCESS**

by Ausage Fausia

Samoa News Reporter

American Samoa Power Authority CEO, Utu Abe Malae told government leaders during a cabinet meeting last week, that he doesn't want American Samoa to face the same financial problems Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands are facing right now.

And to make sure the territory doesn't duplicate those problems, Utu recommends that ASG give our youth the chance to be educated in the fields of financial management and accounting, so they become fully equipped with the right knowledge and skills that are needed to manage and control government revenues in the future.

Utu said managing and controlling government finances are the main reasons why the two aforementioned US territories find themselves in trouble and he doesn't want these problems to be repeated in American Samoa.

"In order for American Samoa to be successful financially, the government needs to educate our youth in financial management and accounting skills. These are very essential skills that our government needs to have, so it can grow strong financially," Utu said.

Utu was responding to a statement from Human Resources director Eseneiaso Liu, in regards to the lack of people with financial management and accounting skills in American Samoa.

Utu said the problem the US Virgin Islands is having has to do with the pension fund, also known as the retirement fund, where there is an unfunded liability to the tune of about \$2 billion.

He said the problem is "they failed to manage their revenues and financial status properly. There has to be someone with financial management and accounting skills who can address the problem."

For Puerto Rico, Utu said the problem has to do with their power company, whose board of directors and CEO failed to manage their financial situation wisely, and as a result, they ended up over \$9 billion in default on their loan.

Utu said American Samoa should be alert on this issue, and must be cautious on what our leaders do, to ensure ASG never faces the same problem.

Regarding the two territories, Utu said, "Not only did they not have the dual skills, we also found out that the Board of Directors and the CEO of the Puerto Rico Power Company were the ones who created the financial problem. It was the Board and the CEO's decisions

that changed everything for the government. I feel for the employees but at the same time, it's a wake up call for American Samoa."

When problems like this happen in a government, Utu said leaders should not blame the employees, because it isn't they who created the problems, "it's from the people who are in charge of these things, and the management."

He said we can learn a good lesson from these two US territories, "and I know for sure that we don't want to go there. We have to avoid that because I'll be very ashamed if American Samoa faces the same problem. I'm very proud of our island. We're different from other countries of the world."

"We have our own culture and the 'Fa'aSamoa' our people are living everyday. We are not like Hawai'i, where the business community is now running the government. We are very different and I'm so proud of that. I don't want us to be put in the same category with these Caribbean Islands — they are different from us."

Utu told the Cabinet that the reason why he wanted to share this information with them, is because he believes financial and accounting skills are the two most essential things in a government, and our government leaders really need to work on it, so we can have people with these skills making good decisions for the government in the future.

As an example, Utu said that if we talk about taxes, there are some basic things that the government and the people need to fully understand.

"When we talk about taxes, what comes to mind is a tax incident, a tax incident is the effect of applying a tax to something. If we apply a tax on something and the business refuses to pay it, the people will pay it, and they are the ones who will suffer the most."

"If the tax is too high and the business owner cannot afford to pay it, the business owner will either lay-off employees or not pay dividends to it shareholders, and that's an example of a tax incident," Utu said.

He said if the government is charging businesses a tax, "you're really charging the people, not the business itself — and that's the basic thing. So we should be mindful and look at ways to protect our government and our island from these financial problems."

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga echoed Utu's statement about educating local people to do work in the future.

"We have come a long way in terms of developing

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Compiled by Samoa News Staff DEAD FISHERMAN WILL BE TAKEN HOME

The man who died on board a US flagged purse seiner vessel last week will be transported home once all the proper paperwork and arrangements are finalized. The deceased has been identified as a 44-year-old Portugese fisherman who died as a result of an accident caused by a rope.

The fisherman died at sea and when the vessel arrived in the territory, the local marine safety detachment unit of the US Coast Guard and the Dept. of Public Safety had already been informed of the situation.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel were at the dock to await the arrival of the vessel - which is home ported here.

## DISASTER RELIEF DRIVE COLLECTS \$107,366 AND COUNTING

During a fundraising event this past Saturday at the Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium in Utulei, to provide assistance for victims of natural disasters in the United States and its territories, the outpouring of generosity was evident, with the collection of \$107,336.

But pledges and donations are still coming in.

Part of the money that is raised will remain in the territory, and presented to the local Red Cross to aid victims of local disasters.

Responding to Samoa News inquiries, chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Vaito'a Hans Langkilde, said yesterday that they have not gotten to that point yet, adding that financial assistance from the American Red Cross disaster funds off island is what keeps the local Red Cross up and running, as far as providing emergency relief for local disaster victims.

When asked about the significance of a monetary donation from Saturday's Disaster Relief Drive, Vaito'a said, "It'll definitely help, as every time there is a disaster, the local Red Cross is in place to care for the victims."

How exactly the funds will be used, according to Vaito'a, is based on a formula already set up in the system, which indicates exactly what kind of assistance a family needs, when disaster strikes.

"Once everything is in the system, we work things out with the victims, based on what they need, during times of emergency recovery," he continued.

According to Vaito'a, there is a 24-hour period for immediate response, once disaster strikes.

Saturday's event saw an overwhelming response from the community, villages, various religious denominations, businesses, and government departments and agencies.

## A BELOW-NORMAL TROPICAL CYCLONE SEASON FOR 2017-18 IS PREDICTED FOR AS

TAFUNA, AS - Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 - The International Research Institute and the National Weather Service (NWS) Climate Prediction Center predicts a weak La Nina to start off the season before gradually rising to ENSO Neutral in February through April. With this scenario, the South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ) typically develops near and just to the southwest of the Samoan Islands before drifting southwest in February. Tropical Cyclones will have a higher chance of developing within 300 nautical miles of the Samoan Islands from late December through January this season.

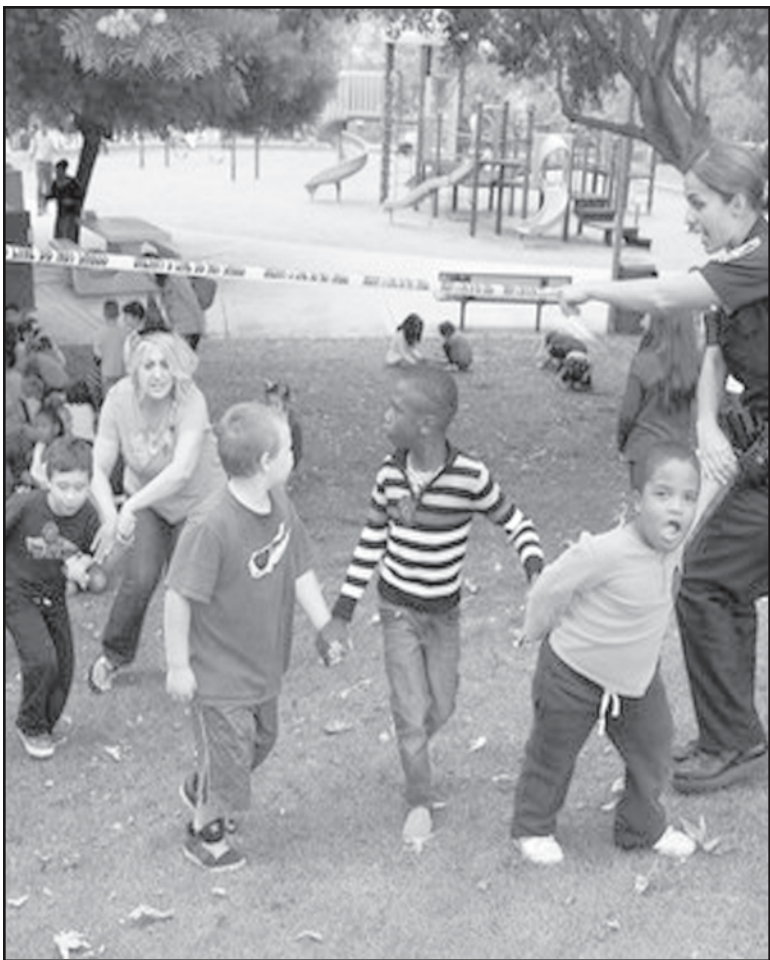
This outlook is a general guide to the overall Tropical

Cyclone season activity near the American Samoa basin (extends to 300 nautical miles from Tutuila) and does not predict whether, or how many, of these systems will directly affect American Samoa. Tropical cyclone season begins November 1 and runs until April 30.

Although La Nina conditions favor below normal tropical cyclone activity near American Samoa, we continue to urge residents and mariners to be fully prepared before the onset of our tropical cyclone season.

"I encourage the general public to be prepared for the upcoming tropical cyclone season. Looking at what has happened in the U.S. with recent hurricanes, the threat of any tropical cyclone can devastate our islands," said Vinnie Atofau, Manager of American

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Police help escort students to a nearby restroom as they wait to be released to parents after a man barricaded himself in a classroom at Castle View Elementary School in Riverside on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017. The school was placed on lockdown, all students were evacuated and are reported to be safe.

(Watchara Phomicinda/The Press-Enterprise via AP)



## American Samoa Government OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

# PROCLAMATION

## MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH IN AMERICAN SAMOA

For generations, brave Soldiers from American Samoa have stepped forward and answered our country's call to serve in our Armed Forces. With honor and distinction, our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen fight to defend the principles upon which our Republic was founded so that we might live in a freer and more prosperous world. Behind these courages Soldiers stand spouses, children and parents who give up precious time with their loved ones, bearing the burden of long deployments and difficult moves, and oftentimes putting their careers on hold. During Military Family Month, we salute the families of those who proudly are a part of our Nation's unbroken chain of patriots for their unwavering devotion, and we renew our sacred vow to uphold our promise to our troops, our veterans and their families.

Our military would not be the greatest in the world without the strength and support of the loved ones who stand alongside our men and women in uniform. While our service members are fighting to secure the values we cherish and defend our homeland, their spouses keep their households running, sometimes through multiple deployments. Spouses of the in the military are often forced to relocate across the country leaving behind and being separated from loved ones. They are our sons, daughters, fellow citizens and neighbors; in their service to their families and the United States of America.

American Samoa has a solemn obligation to support and care for the members of our military and their families - from their first day of training until they conclude their service. Through First Lady Cynthia Malala-Molina and the late Mrs. Pohakalani Mauga's support of Family Programs in american Samoa, we have worked with both the public and private sectors to ensure service members, veterans, Survivors of Fallen Soldiers and their families have the tools they need to succeed throughout their lives.

We must always be there for our service members and their families - just as they are there for us. Through the thickest of fights and the darkest of nights, our extraordinary military American Samoa families - our heroes on the home front - stand alongside our patriots in uniform, and in their example we see the very best of our country's spirit. This month, let us thank them for their tremendous devotion to duty and for their unyielding sacrifice. Let us honor also the families of our Fallen To a o Samoa for their loss, sacrifice, resolve, resiliency and patriotism. Let us uphold our solemn responsibility to honor and appreciate our military families in American Samoa.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lolo Matalasi Moliga**, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim **November 2017** as **Military Family Month**. I encourage all of American Samoa to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in support of our service members and our Nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

*Lolo M. Moliga*

**LOLO M. MOLIGA**  
Governor of American Samoa



## Letter to the Editor

“EOB RESTROOMS ARE DISGUSTING”

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on EOB restrooms. I have worked for ASG at the EOB for about 5 years and it is sad that the EOB bathrooms are in terrible shape. The smell and look are very unsanitary.

The janitors who work for the maintenance office are rude and very loud when informed that there is no toilet tissue for the ladies bathroom. I’ve had one of the ladies embarrass me in public — in front of people who were waiting to take their immigration IDs — telling me loudly that they have no supplies (leai gi pepa ma gi mea faamagogi) and to use a piece of rag to handle my business.

It has gotten to the point where I will not use the restrooms at the EOB and wait until I get home or use the bathroom at the store behind EOB (they never run out of T.P. and are much cleaner than EOB).

And, when our office contacts maintenance we are told by an old man that “ua magava fafage.” I guess we are to hold wanting to use the bathroom from 2p.m. until we get home. How disgusting!

There should be janitorial services for the whole 8 hours of the day 7:30am to 4:00pm. People are still working till 4:00pm.

I come early in the morning to start my work and I see these ladies clean the bathrooms, but I do not understand what they are cleaning? Does the supervisor or whoever they report to even inspect the cleaning? It’s sad. Cause I see the same stains from last year still on the toilet seats.

This needs to be brought up to the governor’s attention. No one seems to want to say anything because his brother is the director. Governor Lolo please do something.

I hear a new EOB in Manu’a has been established (a 2-story big building with everything) let’s focus on the one we have here on Tutuila first before jumping to your island Governor.

With all due respect,

**Disgusted EOB-ASG employee**

*[Editor’s Note: Samoa News does not usually publish letters without verifying the person signing the letter. We don’t run anonymous letters. However, I decided to run this one, because I tried to use the women’s EOB bathroom downstairs next to the Immigration Office and the Disbursing Office last week. And — IT WAS DISGUSTING — IT STANK!]*

*The DoH should close the EOB down just based on this bathroom, alone, never mind the rats that hang out on the ATM machines on the weekend. ra]*

# Fialupe Lutu named official winner of the special election

SHE FILLS THE SEAT LEFT VACANT BY PULELEIITE TUFELE JR.

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

Chief election officer, Uiagalelei Dr. Lealofi Uiagalelei has declared candidate, Fialupe Felila Fiaui Lutu as the “official winner” of the Oct. 24th Special Election for House of Representatives District #5, Sua #1 — comprising Fagaitua, Amaua, Auto, Avaio, Alega, Aumi and Laulii.

Declaring of the official winner followed a 7-day waiting period for electors or candidates to contest — by filing a complaint with the Clerk of the High Court — the results of the special election, under local election laws.

Uiagalelei made the announcement yesterday after nobody contested the election results.

“The election was a successful one for the district,” Uiagalelei said yesterday, adding that a total of 357 votes were cast.

He provided the vote tally for each of the six candidates: Fialupe Felila Fiaui Lutu, 94 votes; Ketesemane Meaole, 20 votes; Laloni P. Maloa, 57 votes; Tuialofi Faalae Lauatuaa Tunu-

popo, 64 votes; Tuifagalilo P. Vele, 72 votes and Uele, Fale S. Uele, 50 votes

“Thus, Fialupe Felila Fiaui Lutu is the official winner and will represent District #5 until the 3rd day of January 2019,” said Uiagalelei.

The Fono is currently in recess and won’t reconvene until the second Monday in January 2018 for the 3rd regular session of the 35th Legislature. It was unclear at press time if Lutu will take the oath of office before the end of this year or when the Fono returns in January.

Once sworn in, Lutu will become the third female lawmaker in the Fono, and the second female faipule in the House, joining Rep. Vui Florence Saulo.

The lone female in the senate is Fonoti Tafaifa Aufata. Lutu, who has served as Chief Clerk of the House for more than a decade, will fill the seat left vacant after Pulele’iite Li’a Tufele, Jr. stepped down to take on his new post as CEO of the American Samoa TeleCommunications Authority (ASTCA).

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account for \$322,857 in total salaries (\$297,017 in pay and \$25,840 in ‘fringe benefits’).

For careerservice employees, the highest paid employee is the “program manager I” making \$30,487 followed by “TV Engineer III” earning \$26,660 and “TV Production Manager” getting paid \$26,240.

The ‘administrative assistant’ is noted as making \$24,219 while the ‘senior administrative assistant’ makes \$23,800 (this is aside from the senior administrative assistant on contract making \$26,000 and another one making \$18,210)

But there is yet another administrative assistant who makes \$14,307. Collectively, the TV station has 3 senior administrative assistants and 2 administrative assistants who take home a combined salary of \$106,536.

Six “cameraman technician I” slots are noted on payroll, making between \$10,187 and \$11,656. But there is a “cameraman technician trainee” who makes \$11,227 which is more than four of the technicians.

Also on payroll are 10 “TV Technician” positions, 5 “technician” slots, two TV producers,

a “TV Producer Director”, 3 newscasters, 2 clerks, a janitor and 3 people working as “cameraman”.

Altogether, the total salaries add up to \$887,919 but with fringe benefits including step increments of \$124,521, the total (to the nearest \$500 as noted in the budget) is \$1,012,500

For the “contractual services” category, the budget summary shows that \$15,000 is to pay a consultant “auditor” and another \$15,000 is for maintaining vehicles and air conditioning.

For “travel” the budget document shows that \$2,000 (\$1,000 in airfare and \$1,000 for per diem) is for coverage of “graduations, Manu’a Flag Day, etc.” and \$3,500 is for rotational training/technical training (\$2,000 for airfare and \$1,500 for per diem).

For electricity and water, there is a total of \$181,000 while \$20,000 goes to “telephone & communications” and \$5,000 is for fuel, oil, and maintenance for vehicles.

The only amount noted under “equipment” is \$4,000 for a computer.

### CBP GRANT

Under the CBP grant account, there are no positions noted, although the amount paid for personnel services is \$16,000 which, according to the budget, is for the KVZK-TV crew’s overtime for Flag Day, Christmas holidays, Election Day, and other special functions. The budget doesn’t specify how many employees get a share of the \$16,000 and how much overtime is accrued.

The \$5,000 for materials and supplies is broken down as follows: \$4,000 for office supplies and \$1,000 for postage.

The \$37,500 allotted for contractual services is divided into four expenses: \$6,000 goes to a

local vendor for ‘consultant services’; \$6,000 goes to another local vendor for ‘maintenance and repair services’; \$20,000 is paid to local and off island vendors for ‘staff professional development/tuition assistance/fellowships/trainings’; and \$5,000 is for local vendors for “other” although there are no details provided in the budget summary.

The most interesting expense under the grant is the noted \$110,000 for travel:

\$15,000 is set aside for “TV coverage to and from Manu’a for Manu’a Flag Day, graduation, and special news coverage/faigalotu recordings;”

\$20,000 is for “JPS football and Hawai’i Flag Day coverage in Honolulu;”

\$50,000 is for “Staff TV rotational training/staff visitation in Honolulu;”

Another \$5,000 is for the “Samoa Apia Flag Day coverage;”

\$10,000 each goes to “grantor/ funding body meetings in DC” and “television executives meetings in the US”.

A whopping \$430,000 for “all others” does not provide any specifics, except “PBS program/summer youth participants.”

Samoa News was unable to confirm what this program is, how many participants are covered, and if American Samoa has participated in recent years.

The \$40,000 noted for equipment divvies up to \$5,000 each for ‘equipment’ and ‘camera’, and \$30,000 for “ATC & UTV for travel to transmitter on Mt. Alava, poor road conditions”.


The Office of Public Information has 8 vehicles in its fleet, four of which are labeled as “Local and DOI” vehicles, while the other 4 are listed as “federal grants and other funds” vehicles.

The total value of the vehicles is \$253,120.




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# Leave no Samoan behind, urges PM Tuilaepa

(PRESS SECRETARIAT) — October 30, 2017 — At the reception to acknowledge the arrival of the Tui-Samoa Cable to the country, Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi served notice to the ICT service providers in the country.

He challenged the ICT service providers to prioritize affordable retail broadband internet for the whole of Samoa.

The Prime Minister said, “Broadband Internet is a basic right for all Samoans.

“I have stated previously the Samoan government will leave no Samoans and no village behind and so we must find ways to make affordable broadband internet services available for all our people.”

The Prime Minister noted that affordability is a barrier to rural Samoans who have access to broadband internet, but cannot afford to use it.

To that end, Tuilaepa reminded the ICT sector that Government has invested US\$25 million in the Tui-Samoa cable.

“The Samoa Submarine will provide one of the lowest wholesale internet pricing in the region- the Samoa Government and Samoa Submarine has done their part,” continued the Prime Minister.

“Now, I challenge our licensed telecommunication service providers Bluesky, CSL, Digicel, Le Samoa.net, Netvo and any new ISP to deliver your end of the bargain and ensure all Samoans have access to affordable retail internet as a basic right.” In American Samoa, the system to make broadband internet services available to all villages, including those on the islands of Manu’a is called the BLAST project and was completed in September 2016. The program was funded by the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Community Connect Grant. It is suppose to allow the American Samoa Tele Communications Authority to offer affordable connectivity to all residents of American Samoa.

However, ASTCA has said its problem with the slow internet is directly related to not enough bandwidth, which is why it has signed an agreement with Tui Cable, as well as Hawaiiki Cable.

As previously noted, ASTCA’s Financial Statements and Required Supplemental Information for the Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 report notes that the authority has “substantial losses” from it operations in these two years, and has a “negative working

capital, and negative cash flows from operations, which raise substantial doubt about its ability as an on going concern at April 26, 2017.”

ASTCA has applied for a \$30Million loan from the US federal government, while it currently pays down two loans it made with the American Samoa Government Employees’ Retirement Fund, \$4.2 million and \$10million respectively.

(Source: MPMC)



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through the knowledge and the skills of our leaders. We want to do the same thing for our children. We want to educate them to become good leaders in the future,” Lolo concluded.



ASPA CEO, Utu Abe Malae, seen here during a Fono hearing, told directors at the Cabinet meeting last week that he doesn’t want the territory to face the same financial problems as Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. See story for details. [photo: AF]

## FA’ASILASILAGA Talanoaga lona tolu o le Suafa ASOAU

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Evaga)



## Virgin Air Service License revoked

(BASED ON A PRESS RELEASE) — October 31, 2017 — Virgin Australia has made press statements regarding the decision of the Samoa Government to decline an Auckland - Apia air service under the operating licenses sought by Virgin Australia International (VAI).

This decision should not have come as a surprise to VAI, as the previous license was granted on the basis of the joint venture with the government. That arrangement comes to an end Nov. 13, 2017.

Government officials have previously made efforts to notify Virgin that they should stop selling Auckland - Apia tickets beyond the Nov. 13th date, without the proper approvals.

To date, our government has received no direct response from Virgin to those communications. The efforts to contact Virgin included offers to discuss the license with Virgin officials. This offer has not been taken up to date.

Instead, Samoa was approached by the Australian government officials where it became necessary to make the decision clear to them. This decision emphasized that VAI would be approved to operate scheduled services from points in Australia to Apia and return but with the Auckland to Apia and return services not approved. The necessary approvals were issued to VAI over the past few days.

The hope is that this direct link between Australia and Samoa will be reciprocated when the Samoa Airways application is considered. Samoa Airways is working hard to comply with terms of that application to fly direct from Apia to Australia.

### CONFIRMATION OF LICENSE DECISION

The Government stands by the decision to decline the approval for Auckland and Apia Virgin flights.

It was made clear to Virgin that they are free under the License terms to fly direct from Australia to Samoa and return; but Auckland is no longer accessible.

The Government disagrees with the statement made, that this violates previous Air Service Agreements given that those did not remove Samoa's sovereign rights to consider all applications made to Samoa, and the overall impact that it can have on our people, economy and country.

Further, the spirit of those agreements were to facilitate cooperation such as past code sharing with airlines like Qantas and Polynesian Airlines; not to allow for rippling economic damage to Samoa in favor of a Multinational Airline.

### SAMOA AND FIJI AIRWAYS OFFER TO HELP PASSENGERS

The Government has reached out to both Samoa Airways and Fiji Airways, and is happy to confirm their willingness to offer to assist all passengers that are currently booked on Auckland to Apia, Virgin flights. For a simple migration fee from Virgin Australia, Samoa Airways is willing to assist the passengers affected.

Samoa Airways and Fiji Airways will not impose any fees, or extra costs to passengers seeking a transfer.

The Fiji Airways offer to assist, will include a transit stop-over in Nadi, but there are no plans

to seek extra costs from passengers for that route. Rather it will be discussed between airlines.

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lufesoliai Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi will also reach out to the Prime Minister of New Zealand and the Air New Zealand management, to ascertain if they are able to assist with taking on Virgin's Auckland to Apia passengers.

With these airlines willing to assist, it will simply be a step from Virgin to transfer those customers holding tickets that were sold by Virgin without the prior proper license approval from Samoa, and further, to pay the migration fees or other arrangements offered by the airlines, before the ticketed date to allow the passenger to travel.

Government therefore calls on all passengers affected to seek assistance from Virgin to explore the avenues available, to transfer their travel to the alternative carriers that are willing to assist Samoa.

Government were not otherwise aware that Virgin would seek to add costs to those passengers when they revoked their approval as their tickets were said to be subject to direct refunds by the airline if they were not granted proper approval.

### IMPORTANT BACKGROUND POINTS

In May of this year, the Government gave notice to Virgin Australia that the 12 year joint venture was at an end in November 2017.

A key consideration for the decision was Virgin Australia own expressed admissions, that it could no longer afford the flights under the current joint venture, to Samoa.

Virgin then suggested to Samoa that it consider its subsidiary airline Tiger Airways to take over as Samoa's National Carrier, under a renewed joint venture. This was not acceptable to the Government of Samoa.

### DECISION

After consideration of Tiger Airway's and other factors of the proposal, the unanimous Cabinet decision was reached, that the joint venture would now discontinue.

Government then reviewed the gross estimated income of the joint venture over 12 years, made primarily from our people flying between Auckland and Apia, and came to the conclusion that it would take the step to re-start its own national airline's international Jet Service.

To the Government's surprise, given the previous statement that it was no longer affordable, Virgin Australia then announced that it did in fact want to remain in the Pacific and fly to and from Samoa. Despite that, the decision to re-engage Jet Services in Samoa remains.

According to the Hon PM: "We are an island nation attempting to re-start jet services with only a one aircraft airline, and we are being treated in this manner by a multinational company in response. However, steps to start from this humble beginning and aim towards the future are on schedule and will continue. We therefore have no choice but to stand against any efforts to destroy that goal for our people. We are grateful for the assistance of those airlines and governments willing to assist."

(Source: MPMC)



ADVANCE FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 29, 2017, AND THEREAFTER - FILE - In this Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015, file photo, people wait for their lunch orders to be ready at Eatsa in San Francisco. A new survey suggests that Americans vastly prefer dealing with people when they order food at a restaurant, rather than robots, but in most other settings they don't, particularly care. That may partly explain why the small, automated restaurant chain Eatsa, which sells food without cashiers or waiters, had to close five of its seven restaurants in October 2017.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg, File)





Young Women of Tafuna 3rd Ward of the LDS church during their Hawaiian hula performance last Friday night during the Ward's annual conference which was held at the Ottoville LDS Stake Center.

[photo: FS]

In The High Court  
of American Samoa  
FAMILY, DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
COURT DIVISIONS

FDA/JR No. 31-17

In the Matter of the Petition of Tiana  
and Malaki Togiola, in the Interest of a Minor  
Child, for the Termination of Parental Rights  
to a Child,  
Petitioners,

An Concerning Sina Fagaesea, his Mother  
and "John Doe", the Putative Father,  
Respondents.

NOTICE/FA'AALIGA

TO: SINA FAGAESEA  
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austral summer (Dec-Jan- Feb),  
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2 tropical cyclones affecting the  
Samoan Islands this season.

(Source: NOAA)

Halloween parade  
marches on amid  
heavy security  
after attack

NEW YORK (AP) — New  
York City's annual Halloween  
parade is marching on amid  
heavy security following a  
truck attack that killed eight  
people. The parade stepped off  
Tuesday evening about a mile  
(1.6 kilometers) from where a  
truck mowed down pedestrians  
and cyclists on a busy bike path  
hours earlier.

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# 2 Indianapolis officers won't be charged in fatal shooting

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two Indianapolis police officers who fatally shot an unarmed black motorist after he fled a traffic stop won't face criminal charges in the killing, in part because the officers told investigators they believed he was reaching for a gun, a special prosecutor announced Tuesday.

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Kenneth Cotter cited the officers' claims of self-defense in deciding that he wouldn't file charges against them in the June death of 45-year-old Aaron Bailey. He said in his court report that there's "insufficient evidence to refute" their claims "of subjective fear or the objective reasonableness of that fear." Bailey's family sued the city in September, contending that officers Michal Dinnsen and Carlton Howard used excessive force and that Bailey posed no threat to them. Dinnsen is white and Howard is biracial.

Bailey's daughter said during a tearful news conference with the family's attorney that she feels let down by the investigation and believes the decision signals to police officers that it's OK to kill someone when they're scared.

"It's basically like a slap in the face," Erica Bailey said. "It's basically telling me we have no laws."

She said she was stunned when Cotter briefed her and relatives Tuesday on his findings and told them the officers would not be charged in what she called "my dad's murder."

"If cops feel like they should just shoot somebody in a car because they're scared then don't be an officer," she said. "We're supposed to trust the law and right now that's really hard to do." She encouraged people to attend a Tuesday evening rally in downtown Indianapolis to protest the decision, but asked them to keep it peaceful.

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett released a statement offering his prayers for Bailey's family and friends. The Democrat said he asked Police Chief Bryan Roach to gather all evidence from Cotter's investigation and any other available evidence for an expedited internal review of the officers' actions so that "an administrative decision can be rendered as quickly as is responsible."

Roach scheduled a Wednesday news conference to discuss Cotter's findings and the internal review process.

The president of the police union didn't immediately return a message for comment Tuesday.

Authorities say Bailey had been pulled over for a traffic stop about 1:45 a.m. on June 29 when he suddenly drove

off. After a short chase, Bailey crashed into a fence and tree. The officers then approached the vehicle and fired.

Howard fired six shots through the car's back passenger window area, while Dinnsen fired five shots through the back windshield area, according to Cotter's report. An autopsy found that four bullets hit Bailey in the back.

Cotter's report states that a female passenger in Bailey's car told investigators that Bailey, who was on probation for a theft conviction, drove off because he thought he would be going to jail for a malfunction involving the GPS monitoring device he was wearing. But the report states the two officers didn't know Bailey's GPS device was malfunctioning.

In citing support for the officers' self-defense claims, the report states that Bailey turned toward the car's center console after the crash and opened the console. It states that he also placed his hands out of the officers' sight, disregarded their repeated demands that he show his hands and appeared to be searching the console area.

Howard yelled to Dinnsen that Bailey was "digging" — a term officers use to indicate that a person is looking for a weapon, according to the report.

The car's passenger, Shimeka Ward, told investigators that Bailey did not open the center console and she believed the crash impact and air bag deployment had opened the console. Cotter's report states that no firearm was found in Bailey's car. It also says that aside from Ward, investigators found no other people who saw the shooting. A judge from Marion County, where Indianapolis is located, appointed Cotter to oversee the shooting investigation on Aug. 22 after Marion County's prosecutor stepped aside. Several African-American community groups had called for an outside authority to decide whether the officers should face criminal charges. Cotter was elected in 2014 to be prosecutor for northern Indiana's St. Joseph County, which includes South Bend.

Dinnsen and Howard were placed on administrative leave after the shooting and later assigned to administrative duty, according to the police department. In July, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Indianapolis said they were opening a civil rights investigation into Bailey's death. Jay Abbott, special agent in charge, said Tuesday that the FBI in Indianapolis is continuing to work with Justice Department officials to determine whether Bailey's federal civil rights were violated when he was killed by the officers.



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Young Single Adult (YSA) members of the Tafuna 3rd Ward of the LDS church following a Samoan performance last Friday night at the celebration of their Ward Annual Conference which was held at the Ottoville LDS Stake Center.

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# House GOP leaders delay tax plan release amid changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans, straining to make last-minute changes to their far-reaching tax proposal, on Tuesday delayed the rollout by a day after they failed to finalize the details.

The plan pushed by President Donald Trump and Republican leaders in Congress is a top legislative priority. The details originally were to be unveiled on Wednesday, but that was delayed until Thursday, a senior GOP aide said Tuesday night. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the individual wasn't allowed to publicly discuss the schedule.

The tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee had worked throughout the day and evening to produce a plan for the first overhaul of the nation's tax code in three decades.

Although they had settled on some key details — such as a cut in the corporate tax rate to 20 percent and maintaining the top personal income tax rate for the wealthy of 39.6 percent — other elements still had to be resolved. Trump has intensified his lobbying for the nearly \$6 trillion tax overhaul plan, seeking a major legislative achievement after the collapse of the health care repeal. The president predicted a grand signing ceremony before Christmas at “the biggest tax event in the history of our country.” The plan originally unveiled by Trump and congressional Republicans called for shrinking the number of tax brackets from seven to three, with respective tax rates of 12 percent, 25 percent, 35 percent.

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FILE - In this Feb. 21, 2017 file photo, Milo Yiannopoulos pauses while speaking during a news conference in New York. Yiannopoulos is appearing Tuesday, Oct. 31, at California State University, Fullerton, at the invitation of the school's College Republicans. Other student groups are planning what they call a "Unity Block Party."

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer, File)



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# Protesters, fight pre- cede Yiannopoulos on California campus

FULLERTON, Calif. (AP) — Several dozen protesters have gathered Tuesday night and at least one fight has broken out at a Southern California college before a speech by Milo Yiannopoulos, whose speeches at other campuses have led to violence.

The protesters at the University of California, Fullerton stood outside barricades chanting "Black lives matter," and "Cops and the Klan go hand in hand." Some carried signs that read "immigrants in racists out."

They were mostly peaceful, but a fight broke out between two women and one person set off pepper spray amid the melee, and tensions were growing as the evening event approached.

Dozens of police officers, some of them in riot gear, were outside the venue, where about 800 people were expected to show up and listen to Yiannopoulos.

A "Unity Block Party" was held in opposition to the speech, and about 100 students, some in Halloween costumes, attended.

Courtney Yamagiwa, a fifth-year consumer affairs and German student, said she was at the event "to show that our diversity is our strength. We can come together and show the unity that we have and celebrate our community."

"We tried everything that we could do to get him to not come," Yamagiwa said. "I wish he wasn't here because he puts students in danger. It hurts students from being able to get the most They can out of their education because he's there as kind of a disruption. I don't

think that he should be spewing that hate and putting students in danger."

The event comes after a series of other scheduled speeches by Yiannopoulos have fallen through. He called off a weekend appearance in Arizona after a series of threats, and made a fleeting appearance at the famously liberal University of California, Berkeley last month after a weeklong free speech event he helped organize was called off.

Last February, Cal-Berkeley police canceled Yiannopoulos' scheduled speech on campus just before it was to begin, citing safety concerns. A large crowd had gathered outside and the peaceful demonstration turned violent when dozens of black-clad anarchists appeared and attacked some demonstrators and later vandalized some businesses near the campus.

Cal State Fullerton is a largely commuter campus serving about 40,000 students. Unlike Berkeley, the school isn't known as a hotbed of political activism, though there has been an increase in rallies and demonstrations over the last year, campus police Lt. Scot Willey said.

Yiannopoulos was invited to speak by the College Republicans. Brooke Paz, a spokeswoman for the group, said the goal was to draw attention to free speech and the presence of politically conservative students on campus. "We really just felt left out of the conversations on campus as conservatives and bringing him has really started this conversation about free speech," she said.

# 8 killed by driver on bike path in 'cowardly act of terror'

NEW YORK (AP) — A man in a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along a busy bike path near the World Trade Center memorial on Tuesday, killing at least eight and seriously injuring 11 in what the mayor called "a particularly cowardly act of terror."

The driver was shot in the abdomen by police after jumping out of the truck with what turned out to be a fake gun in each hand and shouting what witnesses said was "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is great," authorities said. The man underwent surgery and was expected to survive.

Officials who were not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on the condition of anonymity identified the attacker as 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov and said he is from Uzbekistan and came to

the U.S. legally in 2010. He has a Florida driver's license but may have been staying in New Jersey, they said.

The driver barreled along the bike path in a rented Home Depot truck for the equivalent of about 14 blocks, or around eight-tenths of a mile, before slamming into a small yellow school bus. The mayhem and the burst of police gunfire set off panic in the lower Manhattan neighborhood and left the pavement strewn with mangled bicycles and bodies that were soon covered with sheets.

"I saw a lot of blood over there. A lot of people on the ground," said Chen Yi, an Uber driver. Eugene Duffy, a chef at a waterfront restaurant, said, "So many police came, and they didn't know what was happening. People were screaming. Females were screaming at the top of their lungs."



Authorities stand near a damaged Home Depot truck after a motorist drove onto a bike path near the World Trade Center memorial, striking and killing several people Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, in New York.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)



# Exxon settles pollution case with US, will upgrade 8 plants

DALLAS (AP) — Exxon Mobil settled violations of the clean-air law with the Trump administration by agreeing to pay a \$2.5 million civil penalty and spend \$300 million on pollution-control technology at plants along the Gulf Coast.

Federal officials said Tuesday that the settlement will prevent thousands of tons of future pollution, including cancer-causing benzene, from eight petrochemical plants in Texas and Louisiana.

Some environmentalists criticized the settlement as insufficient punishment for years of violations by the giant oil company, while others said it addressed excess burning or flaring of gas, a major pollution problem at refineries and chemical plants.

The deal with the U.S. and Louisiana settles allegations that Exxon violated the federal Clean Air Act by releasing excess harmful pollution after modifying flaring systems at five plants in Texas and three in Louisiana. The allegations date back more than a decade.

Exxon said it will install and increase efficiency of the flaring systems and monitor for benzene outside four of the plants. U.S. officials said the deal will cut emissions of toxic pollutants including benzene by 1,500 tons a year and reduce release of other chemicals by thousands of tons.

The Justice Department and the state of Colorado announced a smaller settlement over pollution charges against Denver-based PDC Energy Inc. The company will spend about \$20 million to upgrade equipment and pay a \$2.5 million civil penalty to the federal government and Colorado. Up to \$1 million of the state’s share can be forgiven if the company performs certain environmental projects.

Patrick Traylor, a former energy industry lawyer hired by new EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, said the settlements show that the Trump administration will enforce environmental laws “with prudence and with excellence.”

Traylor said the deals bring “two very well-respected companies” back into compliance with environmental laws. “Now they can continue their work of driving economic growth,” he said.

Environmentalists said the civil penalty against Exxon was far too small size given the duration and seriousness of the violations of the federal Clean Air Act.

“The fossil-fueled Trump administration letting Exxon Mobil off the hook with a slap of the wrist,” said Lindsay Meiman of 350.org, an environmental group that emphasizes lower emissions of greenhouse gases. She said the deal would embolden Exxon and other companies to continue to pollute.

However, the director of a group that successfully sued Exxon praised the deal — even while calling the \$2.5 million penalty “weak” — because it forced Exxon to spend \$300 million on reducing pollution.

“This enforcement case was in the works for many, many years” before the Trump administration, said Luke Metzger of Environment Texas. “It’s a very good settlement” that addresses issues his group raised in a lawsuit over Exxon’s refinery complex in Baytown, Texas, including excessive flaring of natural gas and inadequate monitoring of emissions.

In April, a federal judge ordered Exxon to pay the government nearly \$20 million after Environment Texas and the Sierra Club sued over the release of tons of pollutants at Baytown. Exxon is appealing the ruling.

Exxon spokesman Aaron Stryk said in a statement that the company “worked closely” with EPA “to address concerns about flaring and opportunities to improve flaring efficiency at our U.S. chemical sites.” He said the \$300 million investment would increase flare efficiency at the petrochemical plants, among the biggest in the world.

The plants are in Baytown, Beaumont and Mont Belvieu, Texas, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As part of the settlement, Exxon will spend \$1 million to plant trees in Baytown.

Exxon Mobil Corp., based in Irving, Texas, can afford the investment in technology. The company reported last week that it earned \$11.3 billion in the first nine months of 2017, an 84 percent increase over the same period last year. Its former CEO, Rex Tillerson, is serving in the Trump administration as secretary of state.


The settlement was welcomed by Carlos Caban, pastor of the Temple Emanuel church, which sits two blocks from the Baytown refinery complex.

“Wow, that is good, that is really good news,” Caban said. “I cannot believe how awesome that will be because they were polluting big-time.”



*This Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, photo taken from upper Galveston Bay shows the Exxon Mobil Baytown refinery and chemical plant in Baytown, Texas. On Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, federal officials said that Exxon Mobil settled violations of the clean-air law with the Trump administration by agreeing to pay a \$2.5 million civil penalty and spend \$300 million on pollution-control technology at plants along the Gulf Coast. The plants are in Baytown, Beaumont and Mont Belvieu, Texas, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As part of the settlement, Exxon will spend \$1 million to plant trees in Baytown.*

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

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*FILE - In this Tuesday Oct. 17, 2017, file photo, civil rights activist Tamika Mallory speaks at a news conference in New York. Mallory has accused an American Airlines pilot of racial discrimination in kicking her off a flight. The NAACP is warning African-Americans that if they fly on American Airlines they could be subject to discrimination or even unsafe conditions. American said Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, it's disappointed by the announcement and will invite the civil rights group to meet and talk about the airline.*

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews, File)

## American Airlines CEO meets with NAACP over bias complaints

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines said its CEO had a “positive” meeting Tuesday with civil-rights leaders who accuse the airline of racial bias, but an activist who was kicked off a plane is not backing away from her criticism of the carrier.

The airline said CEO Doug Parker and a senior vice president met with NAACP President Derrick Johnson, Women’s March organizer Tamika Mallory and others at the airline’s offices in Washington.

“A good sign is that the CEO came to the table himself for this conversation,” Mallory told The Associated Press, “but one meeting doesn’t solve the problem. Nothing has necessarily been resolved.”

Mallory said there is “a clear problem at American Airlines” judging from the number of videos and emails she has received from women of color since her removal from a flight on Oct. 15. She wants the airline to train employees to overcome “implicit bias,” a term used for subconscious bias caused by stereotyping people.

The NAACP had demanded the meeting when it warned African-Americans last week that they could face discriminatory treatment while traveling on American.

The NAACP’s travel advisory cited four incidents, including Mallory’s, in which it believed African-American passengers were subject to

discrimination.

“We welcomed the opportunity to meet, and had a positive and productive dialogue,” American spokeswoman Shannon Gilson said in a statement. “We look forward to continuing the conversation and working together.” She declined to provide further details.

American has responded cautiously to the criticism, seeking to avoid a confrontation with Mallory or the NAACP.

Mallory, who accused an American pilot of racism when he ordered her removed from a plane in Miami after a dispute over her seat assignment, said American officials apologized Tuesday but did not admit bias in handling her situation. She praised Parker, saying he was “definitely sincere” during the meeting, which lasted over an hour.

Last week, Parker said the airline has a diverse workforce — about 15 percent of its employees are African-American — and his response to the NAACP criticism was, “How can that be true of us?” But, he added, meeting with the group was “a fantastic opportunity” to get better.

Since the start of 2016, American has been the subject of 29 racial-discrimination complaints by passengers.

That is a tiny fraction of the number of passengers the airline carries every day, but it is more complaints than were filed against any other U.S. carrier.

## Defector: Information, not force, can bring change in NKorea

WASHINGTON (AP) — The highest-level North Korean defector in two decades says America should bring change peacefully by challenging the totalitarian regime’s grip on information rather than resorting to military action.

As tensions soar over North Korea’s nuclear weapons development and President Donald Trump prepares for his first trip to Asia, Thae Yong Ho offered rare insight into the reclusive North Korean system and the insecurities he says drove leader Kim Jong Un to ruthlessly purge ranks and accelerate nuclear weapons development.

Speaking Tuesday at a

Washington think tank, Thae said Kim, who was educated in Switzerland, lacked the respect of North Korea’s senior leadership after taking power in 2012 as the little-known, third son of his predecessor and father, Kim Jong Il. To build his legitimacy, Kim Jong Un championed the rapid progress toward a nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile that could threaten the United States — which now puts him on a path to confrontation with Trump. Thae said Kim’s weapons development also reflected anxiety, after Arab Spring uprisings against authoritarian governments in the Mideast, about the pos-

sibility of the U.S. and other Western nations mounting a “humanitarian intervention” bombing campaign as occurred in Libya in 2011 and led to Moammar Gadhafi’s ouster. If there are street protests inside North Korea, Thae said “there is no doubt that Kim Jong Un would stamp it out mercilessly with his forces, even tanks.” He said Kim believes that with a nuclear-tipped missile, “then he can prevent that kind of humanitarian intervention.” Thae, 55, who now lives in South Korea, is making his first visit to Washington since his 2016 defection as deputy chief of mission at the North Korean Embassy.



# US: Poor California planning caused bus crash that killed 13

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A bus that crashed into a big-rig whose driver fell asleep during a freeway closure last year, killing 13 people, had no advance warning because state workers didn't properly plan for the closure, federal officials said Tuesday.

California Highway Patrol officers briefly stopped traffic on Interstate 10 near Palm Springs on Oct. 23, 2016, because of utility work. The truck was in a lane and didn't move again immediately.

A bus carrying people back from a desert casino rear-ended the big-rig at 76 mph, driving the trailer more than a dozen feet into the bus. The bus driver and a dozen passengers died and 30 passengers were injured.

Bruce Guilford, 51, of Georgia was charged earlier this month with 13 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence; 12 counts of felony reckless driving causing injury and 17 misdemeanor counts of reckless driving causing injury.

A CHP investigation concluded that the trucker didn't move for two minutes after traffic resumed flowing because he had fallen asleep after working illegally long hours.

The National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday

released a summary of its upcoming report on the crash.

It said the California Department of Transportation didn't have a proper traffic management plan for the road stoppage, which meant CHP officers didn't realize the truck hadn't begun moving and the bus driver had no advance warning.

In identifying safety issues, the NTSB report said Caltrans, which approves temporary traffic breaks, doesn't require law enforcement to use advance warning devices.

Having such devices and putting a CHP patrol car with flashing lights at the end of the traffic queue "could have alerted the bus driver about the traffic break, possibly increasing his vigilance sufficiently to enable him to detect the stopped truck in time to prevent the crash," according to the report summary.

Caltrans said in a statement that it has worked closely with the NTSB and CHP on their investigations, "which have concluded that the primary cause of the incident was a recurring problem on our nation's highways\_truck driver fatigue."

"The NTSB has indicated that they will be looking into changes to laws and enforce-

ment that will help save lives," the agency said. "Caltrans supports any effort to increase safety on our state's roadways."

The NTSB report noted that the trucker fell asleep during the traffic break but it said both drivers were fatigued.

The trucker had violated regulations about how long he could drive for days before the crash and also may have suffered from undiagnosed sleep apnea while the bus driver had gotten four hours of sleep or less in the day-and-a-half before the crash, the report said.

The bus driver also had untreated and poorly controlled diabetes although it's unclear whether he had blurred vision because of it, the report said.

The report did indicate that despite having no advance warning that the truck was stopped on the road, the bus driver had enough time to avoid an accident.

In both cases, the drivers had successfully completed federal medical examinations for their commercial driver's licenses, the NTSB indicated.

The report recommended better guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which certifies medical examiners for commercial driver's licenses.



Senate Minority Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer of N.Y., left, standing with Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., right, speaks to reporters following the weekly Democratic policy luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## Bill shielding Mueller from Trump unlikely soon in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell exhibited no interest Tuesday in considering legislation shielding the special counsel from Donald Trump, even as Republicans warn the president against interfering with Robert Mueller's investigation.

McConnell's remarks came as Trump has continued using Twitter to complain about the continued focus on "phony Trump/Russia" connections, instead of on Hillary Clinton and Democrats. They also came a day after Mueller's inquiry into Russian meddling during the 2016 presidential race yielded a guilty plea and two indictments of Trump campaign officials.

Two bipartisan bills were introduced months ago that would make it harder for a special counsel to be fired. After an initial flurry of support, the bills have stalled as Trump has softened his public criticism of Mueller.

"We've got plenty of things we have to do between now and the end of the year that will take up floor time," McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday when asked if he'd bring the measures to the Senate floor if Trump impedes Mueller's work.

At one point, Trump's legal team looked into potential conflicts surrounding the team Mueller has hired, including the backgrounds of members and political contributions by some members of his team to Clinton.

McConnell, who has expressed confidence in Mueller's work, said the Senate's role in the investigation is being performed by the chamber's Intelligence committee.

"That's our role in it, and special counsel has his job to do, and we're going to concentrate on what we're doing here," said McConnell.

Senate Minority Leader

Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a brief interview that he'd not asked McConnell to bring the bills protecting Mueller to the Senate floor, saying, "We'll see what happens." On Monday, Schumer called for swift congressional action should Trump interfere with the investigation.

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., would prevent the firing of any special counsel unless the dismissal was first reviewed by a panel of three federal judges. Legislation co-sponsored by Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., would let any Justice Department special counsel challenge their removal in court.

The Senate GOP's No. 2 leader complimented the guilty plea by George Papadopoulos for lying to FBI agents about Russian contacts.

"I think hopefully it will send a message to everybody else to cooperate with the investigation and to answer the FBI's questions and not to lie," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. "So I thought that was a very positive move from that standpoint."

Other Republicans made clear their opposition to any presidential interference in Mueller's work, including Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., another GOP leader. Blunt said he wasn't concerned that Trump might take on Mueller more aggressively but added, "I'm also not for it." He said firing Mueller "would be a big mistake."

"Everybody that I know does not think that's a good idea," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who's clashed with Trump, said of a Mueller firing. "I don't know what the actual reaction would be if it happened. I doubt if it's going to, but I've been wrong almost every time."

Jay Sekulow, Trump's personal lawyer, shot down the possibilities of firing Mueller or the president pardoning people caught up in the probe.



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FILE - In this Aug. 1, 2017 file photo, Jeremy Piven attends the CBS Summer Soiree during the 2017 Summer TCA's in Studio City, Calif. CBS says it's investigating a sexual harassment allegation against Piven, who currently stars in the CBS series, "Wisdom of the Crowd." Actress and reality star Ariane Bellamar claimed in posts on her Twitter account Monday, Oct. 30, that the Emmy-winning "Entourage" star groped her on two occasions.

(Photo by Richard Shotwell/Invision/AP, File)

# 'House of Cards' filming suspended; new Spacey allegations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood's widening sexual harassment crisis brought forth a second actor's allegation against Kevin Spacey on Tuesday, halted production on his Netflix series "House of Cards" and prompted CBS to check into an actress' claim she was groped by Jeremy Piven.

Mexican actor Robert Cavazos wrote on his Facebook page that he encountered Spacey at the bar of London's Old Vic Theatre, where Spacey was artistic director, and the actor tried to fondle him against his will.

"It was more common for this guy, when he was in the bar of his theater, grabbing whoever caught his attention," Cavazos wrote. "I didn't stand for it, but I know some people who were afraid to stop it."

Cavazos declined an interview request. There was no immediate reply to a request for

comment from representatives for Spacey, who was artistic director from 2004-15.

In a statement Tuesday, the theater expressed "deep dismay" at the allegations and said "inappropriate behavior by anyone working at The Old Vic is completely unacceptable."

In recent days, Hollywood has reacted swiftly to allegations of sexual harassment and assault: Harvey Weinstein was fired from the company he founded within days after initial reports of sexual harassment were published in The New York Times earlier this month.

On Monday, Netflix said it would end "House of Cards" after its upcoming sixth and final season, although the streaming network said the decision was made before the BuzzFeed News report on Spacey last weekend. The network has not commented on plans for a Gore Vidal biopic starring Spacey that is currently in production.

The pause in production Tuesday shadows the fate of the last season.

Also Tuesday, CBS said it is "looking into" a claim by actress and reality star Ariane Bellamar that Emmy-winning "Entourage" star Piven groped her on two occasions.

On her Twitter account Monday, Bellamar alleged that one encounter took place in Piven's trailer on HBO's "Entourage" set and the other occurred at the Playboy Mansion.

CBS airs Piven's new series, "Wisdom of the Crowd."

A representative for Piven didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. In a Monday interview with The Associated Press, Piven said he was glad people had come forward with allegations against Harvey Weinstein and that he had never been in that situation.

HBO, which aired the 2004-11 series, said in a statement that it was unaware of Bellamar's allegations until they were reported by media.

"Everyone at HBO and our productions is aware that zero tolerance for sexual harassment is our policy. Anyone experiencing an unsafe working environment has several avenues for making complaints that we take very seriously," the channel said. Bellamar's credits include "Suicide Squad" and "The Hangover Part III" and the reality series "Beverly Hills Nannies."

Netflix's actions involving "House of Cards" are rare in an industry that puts commerce first.

Shows are infrequently derailed by concerns other than their ratings performance, said TV historian and former network executive Tim Brooks.

"It usually depends on how popular the show is, not to put too fine a point on it," Brooks said Tuesday.

The widespread tumult has

prompted unusual actions, such as Weinstein being booted from industry organizations, and created a climate of uncertainty. But a look back shows that Hollywood has dealt with disruption before, with even beloved shows and actors fighting to keep their balance amid controversy.

During the 1950s "red scare," Brooks said, "I Love Lucy" star Lucille Ball was accused of being a communist sympathizer. The sitcom co-starred her husband, Desi Arnaz, who took action.

"Desi came out before a studio taping and said, 'The only thing red about Lucy is her hair, and even that's not real,'" using humor to effectively defuse the situation, Brooks said. The show's No. 1 status also helped.

Popularity and audience acceptance of a star's personal issues aided "Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer" when lead actor Stacey Keach served six months in jail for a drug-related arrest in England in the mid-1980s.

The 1984-85 season was cut short but the series returned in 1986 with Keach aboard and a revised title, "The New Mike Hammer." It aired until 1987 on CBS.

"Grey's Anatomy" was swamped by controversy in late 2006 when an on-set scuffle broke out between stars Patrick Dempsey and Isaiah Washington over Washington's use of a gay slur regarding another cast member.

After Washington repeated the slur at the 2007 Golden Globes while denying he had used it, ABC rebuked him publicly, as did co-star Katherine Heigl. He was subsequently fired, and the medical drama from TV hitmaker Shonda Rhimes sailed on even as Washington blamed racism for his treatment. Bill Cosby has felt the professional as well as legal brunt of multiple accusations of decades-old sexual offenses.

Three years ago, when multiple women accused Bill Cosby of decades-old sexual offenses, the comedian's ambitious standup comedy tour was dotted with cancellations, NBC dropped development of a new show with him and Netflix pulled the plug on a stand-up special.

An actor's popularity with his cast mates can determine his fate, Brooks said.

"If they like him, if they get along with him, it's easy enough to say, 'If I don't get my career ruined in this, I'll stick with him,'" he said.

How Spacey's cast mates are reacting to the allegations remains to be seen. Robin Wright, who stars opposite Spacey as his wife, hasn't commented publicly, but her Twitter feed includes a number of posts backing social issues including female rights and education.

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*FILE - In this Friday, Sept. 1, 2017, file photo, nurse Alex Wubbels displays video frame grabs from Salt Lake City Police Department body cams of herself being taken into custody, during an interview in Salt Lake City. Wubbels, who was arrested for refusing to let a police officer draw blood from an unconscious patient said Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, that she was settling with Salt Lake City and the university that runs the hospital for \$500,000.*

(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer, File)

# Utah nurse settles over rough arrest caught on video

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah nurse who was arrested for refusing to let a police officer draw blood from an unconscious patient settled Tuesday with Salt Lake City and the university that runs the hospital for \$500,000.

Nurse Alex Wubbels and her lawyer, Karra Porter, announced the move nearly two months after they released police body-camera video showing Detective Jeff Payne handcuffing Wubbels. The footage drew widespread attention online amid the national debate about police use of force.

The settlement covers all possible defendants in a lawsuit, including individual police officers, university police and hospital security guards. The payout will be divided among the city and the University of Utah.

Wubbels plans to use part of the money to fund legal help for others trying to get similar body-camera video. She said that in cases like hers, video is essential to being heard and believed.

“We all deserve to know the truth, and the truth comes when you see the actual raw footage, and that’s what happened in my case,” she said. “No matter how truthful I was in telling my story, it was nothing compared to what people saw and the visceral reaction people experienced when watching the footage of the experience I went through.”

She said she also plans to give a portion of the \$500,000 to a nurse’s union and help lead a campaign to stop physical and verbal abuse of nurses on the job.

University of Utah hospital officials said in a statement they support Wubbels and have changed their procedures and training on how police and health care workers interact to ensure nothing similar happens again.

A spokesman for Salt Lake City didn’t immediately return messages seeking comment.

Wubbel was following hospital policy when

she told Payne he needed a warrant or the consent of the patient to draw blood after a July 26 car crash. The patient was not under arrest or suspected of wrongdoing.

Payne had neither. He eventually dragged Wubbels outside and handcuffed her as she screamed that she had done nothing wrong.

She was released without being charged but has said the incident left her feeling terrified and bullied. In a call for changes, Wubbel and her lawyer released the video they had obtained through a public records request.

Salt Lake City Police Chief Mike Brown has since apologized and fired Payne after an internal investigation found he violated department policies.

Brown said in a disciplinary letter that he was “deeply troubled” by Payne’s conduct, which he said brought “significant disrepute” on the department.

Payne is appealing that decision, saying the firing was an unfair reaction to the negative publicity.

The patient was an off-duty Idaho reserve police officer driving a semitrailer when he was hit by a man fleeing police in a pickup truck. He later died of his injuries.

Lt. James Tracy, a police supervisor who ordered the arrest of the nurse, was demoted to officer and also is appealing. He said he suggested Payne consider handcuffing the nurse and that his superiors had never informed him of the hospital’s blood-draw policy, according to appeal documents.

Wubbels said she was relieved at the discipline and would be disappointed if it’s overturned, though she stressed that decision is out of her control. “The police have to police themselves,” she said. “This is something I never would have expected to happen, but I’m also honored by the weight of it.”

# Police: Parent holding teacher hostage in California school

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A parent who barged into his daughter’s Southern California elementary school held a 70-year-old teacher hostage for hours as police tried to talk him out of a classroom, police and relatives said Tuesday.

Police and federal agents remained at Castle View Ele-

mentary School at dusk, some six hours after they were called there.

A SWAT team and negotiators were on the scene but he was “not responding to our commands for him to come out,” police Officer Ryan Railsback said.It wasn’t known whether the man had a weapon, he said.

The parent scuffled with a staff member who tried to make him sign in at the front office late Tuesday morning, Railsback said.

People at the scene told news organizations that the staffer appeared to have a bloody or broken nose as he was taken to an ambulance.

The man then barricaded himself inside a classroom with a teacher identified by relatives as 70-year-old Linda Montgomery.

## NOTICE FOR SEPARATION AGREEMENT

TO Members of the SAVUSA Family and to all whom these present may come!  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FA'ALEAOGA & ITUAU SEMAIA of NU'UULI has offered for recording in this office an instrument in writing which seeks to separate a certain structure which is or to be erected, on land SAUINO allegedly belonging to SAVUSA FAMILY of the village of NUUULI. Said land SAUINO is situated in or near the village of NUUULI in the County of ITUAU MALOSI, Island of TUTUILA, American Samoa.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested person may object to the recording of such instrument by filing in the Territorial Registrar's Office in Fagatogo, a written objection to the recording of said instrument. Any objections thereto must be filed with in 30 days from the date of posting of this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if no such objections are filed within the said 30 day period, the instrument will be recorded and shall be valid and binding on all persons. The said instrument may be examined at any time at the Territorial Registrar's Office.

POSTED: OCTOBER 25, 2017 thru NOVEMBER 24, 2017

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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

I tagata o le aiga sa SAVUSA, ma i latou uma e silasila ma lauiloaina lenei faaaliga!  
O le faaaliga lenei ona o FA'ALEAOGA & ITUAU SEMAIA o le nu'u o NUUULI ua ia faaulufaleina mai i lenei ofisa se feagaiga tusitusi e faailoa ai se manaoga fia tu'ueseina o se fale ua/po o le a, faatua i luga o le fanua o SAUINO e faasino i le aiga sa SAVUSA, o le nu'u o NUUULI. O lenei fanua e totonu pe latalata ane i le nu'u o NUUULI, itumalo o ITUAU MALOSI, ile motu o TUTUILA, Amerika Samoa.

O le faaaliga fo'i e faapea, so o se tasi e iai sona aia i lenei mataupu e mafai ona faatu'iese ile fa'amauna o lenei feagaiga pe a auina mai i le ofisa ole Resitara o le Teritori of Amerika Samoa i Fagatogo, sana faatutese tusitusia. O faatu'iesega uma lava e ao ona faaulufaleina mai i totonu o aso e 30 faitauna mai i le aso na faiaalia ai lenei faaaliga.

Afai ole a leai se faatu'iesega e faaulufaleina i totonu o aso 30 e pei ona ta'ua i luga, o le a fa'amauna loa lenei feagaiga e taualoaina ma 'afia ai tagata uma.

11/01 & 11/15/17

## Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title TUFONO of the village of FAGATOGO by PHILIP LANGFORD of the village of FAGATOGO, county of MAOPUTASI, EASTERN District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title TUFONO shall be registered in the name of PHILIP LANGFORD in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: OCTOBER 18, 2017 thru DECEMBER 18, 2017

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registra

## Fa'aaliga o le Fa'amauna o se Suafa Matai

O le faaaliga lenei ua faasalalauina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauna o le suafa matai o TUFONO o le nu'u o FAGATOGO e PHILIP LANGFORD o FAGATOGO faalupega o MAOPUTASI, falelima i SASA'E.

Ua taliaina e le Resitara lea talosaga, faatasi ma le talosaga a le aiga faapea ma le tusi faamaonia mai matai o lea nu'u, ma ua i ai nei i teuga pepa a lea ofisa.

A i ai se tasi e faafinagaloina, ia faaulufaleina sana talosaga tete'e, po o sana faalavelave tusitusia i le Ofisa o Resitara i totonu o aso e 60 mai le aso na faalauiloa ai lenei faaaliga. Afai o lea leai se talosaga tete'e, po'o se faalavelave foi e faaulufaleina mai i aso e 60 e pei ona taua i luga, o lea faamauna loa lea suafa matai i le igoa o PHILIP LANGFORD e tusa ai ma aiaiga o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa.

11/01 & 12/01/17

## NOTICE FOR SEPARATION AGREEMENT

TO Members of the MALUFAU Family and to all whom these present may come!  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FA'ALEAOGA SEMAIA & MANOA N. SEMAIA of FALENIU has offered for recording in this office an instrument in writing which seeks to separate a certain structure which is or to be erected, on land MULIMAUGA allegedly belonging to MALUFAU FAMILY of the village of FALENIU. Said land MULIMAUGA is situated in or near the village of FALENIU in the County of TUALAUTA, Island of TUTUILA, American Samoa.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested person may object to the recording of such instrument by filing in the Territorial Registrar's Office in Fagatogo, a written objection to the recording of said instrument. Any objections thereto must be filed with in 30 days from the date of posting of this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if no such objections are filed within the said 30 day period, the instrument will be recorded and shall be valid and binding on all persons. The said instrument may be examined at any time at the Territorial Registrar's Office.

POSTED: OCTOBER 24, 2017 thru NOVEMBER 23, 2017

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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

I tagata o le aiga sa MALUFAU, ma i latou uma e silasila ma lauiloaina lenei faaaliga!  
O le faaaliga lenei ona o FA'ALEAOGA SEMAIA & MANOA N. SEMAIA o le nu'u o FALENIU ua ia faaulufaleina mai i lenei ofisa se feagaiga tusitusi e faailoa ai se manaoga fia tu'ueseina o se fale ua/po o le a, faatua i luga o le fanua o MULIMAUGA e faasino i le aiga sa MALUFAU, o le nu'u o FALENIU. O lenei fanua e totonu pe latalata ane i le nu'u o FALENIU, itumalo o TUALAUTA, ile motu o TUTUILA, Amerika Samoa.

O le faaaliga fo'i e faapea, so o se tasi e iai sona aia i lenei mataupu e mafai ona faatu'iese ile fa'amauna o lenei feagaiga pe a auina mai i le ofisa ole Resitara o le Teritori of Amerika Samoa i Fagatogo, sana faatutese tusitusia. O faatu'iesega uma lava e ao ona faaulufaleina mai i totonu o aso e 30 faitauna mai i le aso na faiaalia ai lenei faaaliga.

Afai ole a leai se faatu'iesega e faaulufaleina i totonu o aso 30 e pei ona ta'ua i luga, o le a fa'amauna loa lenei feagaiga e taualoaina ma 'afia ai tagata uma.

11/01 & 11/15/17

## LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that TE'O PUIA'I MANUMA TUFELE of PAGO PAGO, American Samoa, has executed a LEASE AGREEMENT to a certain parcel of land commonly known as ALAFA which is situated in the village of PAGO PAGO, in the County of MAOPUTASI, EASTERN District, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa. Said LEASE AGREEMENT is now on file with the Territorial Registrar to be forwarded to the Governor respecting his approval or disapproval thereof according to the laws of American Samoa. Said instrument names AILEEN E. SOLAITA as LESSEE.

Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 15TH day of DECEMBER, 2017. It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

POSTED: OCTOBER 16, 2017 thru DECEMBER 15, 2017

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

## KOMISI O LAU'ELE'ELE

O LE FAASALALAUGA lenei ua faia ona o TE'O PUIA'I MANUMA TUFELE ole nu'u o PAGO PAGO, Amerika Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA LISI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o ALAFA e i le nu'u o PAGO PAGO i le itumalo o MAOPUTASI, Falelima i SASA'E ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O lea FEAGAIGA LISI ua i ai nei i teuga pepa ale Resitara o Amerika Samoa e fia auina atu ile Kovana Sili mo sana fa'amaoniga e tusa ai ma le Tulafono a Amerika Samoa. O lea mataupu o lo'o ta'ua ai AILEEN E. SOLAITA

A iai se tasi e fia faatu'iese i lea mataupu, ia faaulufaleina mai sa na faatu'iesega tusitusia ile Failautusi o lea Komisi ae le'i oo ile aso 15 o TESEMA, 2017. Ia manatua, o faatu'iesega uma lava ia tusitusia manino mai ala uma e faatu'iese ai.

11/01 & 12/01/17





IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
A BELOVED SON, HUSBAND, FATHER, AND GRANDFATHER  
**GALUMALEMANA**  
**WILLIAM GUTHRIE SATELE**  
SUNRISE: MAY 13, 1943 - SUNSET: OCTOBER 13, 2017



"I THANK MY GOD UPON EVERY  
REMEMBRANCE OF YOU."  
PHILIPPIANS 1:3

**FAMILY SERVICE:**  
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2017 - 5:00PM**  
**TAPUTIMU FARM - GALUMALEMANA & NANCY SATELE'S RESIDENCE**

**FINAL SERVICE:**  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2017 10:00AM**  
**CCCAS VAILOATAI**  
**- BURIAL SERVICE TO FOLLOW AT TAPUTIMU FARM -**  
**GALUMALEMANA & NANCY SATELE'S RESIDENCE -**