



Students from Pacific Horizons School were among the over 100 people who were at the Tauese P.F. Sunia Ocean Center in Utulei on Friday for the screening of Jean Michel Cousteau's film: "Swains Island: One of the Last Jewels on the Planet".

Cousteau said, "I remember my father telling me that people protect what they love; and I kept saying, 'How can you protect something you don't understand?'"

He said the National Monument of American Samoa can be a destination for learning more about our life support system (the ocean), and this understanding, he says will open minds up to make much better decisions "than I ever did make growing up..." [photo: B. Chen]

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# Samuelu: ASVB budget a "joke"

by Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu, Samoa News Reporter

While the American Samoa Visitors Bureau Director, David Vaeafe announced before the lawmakers last week that Virginia Samuelu was among the board member for the ASVB, Samuelu told Samoa News that's not true, calling the ASVB's \$900,000 budget a "joke".

Samuelu in an email to Samoa News over the weekend stated that she resigned as a member of ASVB last year and she has not attended any board meetings since her resignation.

During the budget hearing last week for ASVB, Senate President Gaoteote Palaie pointed out that Vaeafe travels 17 weeks annually for meetings and asked what does American Samoa get out of these trips.

Samuelu told Samoa News that she was not happy with how things were done within the ASVB board, hence her resignation, and she wonders how the ASVB CEO contract was extended with just Roy Hall Jr and Aleki Sene as board members, whose terms have expired.

During the budget hearing, Ituau faipule Taotasi Archie Soliai pointed out to Vaeafe that according to local statute, the board should have three board members and a chairman to constitute an official board.

Former ASVB board member, Samuelu did not mince words saying "the budget is a joke" and the CEO travels a lot "yet there is no data that substantiates any improvement or economic benefits derived from these off island trips."

"We should be asking ourselves, where is the statistical data? How much does a tourist spend in American Samoa; what is the tourist average length of stay in American Samoa; how much are the hotels earning from tourist revenue; and rental cars?"

Samuelu did note that cruise ship visitors are not categorized as tourist in figures, because they are considered "transit visitors", so has anyone determined how much a cruise ship passenger spends in American Samoa and does the ASVB have verifiable data to substantiate the cruise ship spending here in American Samoa?"

She further raised concerns if the ASVB provides "local product" development for the local tourism industry, through village participation? She notes that while ASVB is concentrating on marketing American Samoa, there is no serious effort by ASVB or funding that has been earmarked, to develop a 'local product' to promote overseas, when tourists do come here.

Samuelu pointed out that Samoa's Teuila Festival is sponsored and implemented by the Samoa Tourism Authority and that's something the ASVB should be concentrating on.

The former board member agreed with Senator Magalei's comment that the ASVB was created so that it is a private sector driven entity, able to sustain itself through legislative approval of taxes for hotels/lodging and rental vehicles and requesting grants, technical assistance, and non profit funding, but that's not happening.

She also notes that Vaeafe's \$80,000 contract "with benefits at \$40,000 provided to Vaeafe's contract is not appropriate (no offense to David)".

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# Fishery Council to Obama — Abandon Marine Monument

### POTENTIALLY CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES FOR U.S FISHING INDUSTRY

by Fili Sagapolutele, Samoa News Correspondent

Top leaders of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council board of directors say continuity of American Samoa as a major fishery port and fishing hub continues to be uncertain while China's domination of Papua New Guinea's canning industry is in direct competition with American Samoa.

This according to a five-page Aug.15th letter addressed to President Barack Obama and signed by Council chairman Arnold Palacio, as well as vice chairman William Sword of American Samoa, Edwin Ebisui of Hawai'i, Michael Duenas of Guam and Richard Seman of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The letter officially requests the Obama Administration "to abandon its plan to expand" the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monuments (PRIMNM) "or, if expansion is inevitable, that commercial fishing be allowed to continue within the PRIMNM beyond the existing 50 nautical miles boundary."

According to the letter, US presence in the region has primarily been through its purse seine fishery via the South Pacific Tuna Treaty, which has been the main conduit of financial aid to the independent Pacific Islands Countries

(PICs), providing \$21 million annually in funds shared by all the independent Pacific Islands Forum countries, which is in addition to the payments made for fishing days.

"However, the US role and influence in the region will be vastly undermined if we voluntarily surrender our rights to fish within our own EEZ waters. Moreover, the US is being surpassed by China in the provision of foreign aid to the region," the letter states. "China now dominates Papua New Guinea's canning industry, an industry that directly competes with the American Samoa canneries."

The board members point out that the US fisheries are already the world's most stringently managed and have served globally as icons for management excellence. "This [expansion] proposal will instead turn our fisheries into examples of how to actively discourage development and renewal," they say.

"Further, the continuity of American Samoa as a major fishery port and fishing hub continues to be uncertain. The canneries in American Samoa depend for a large part on the US purse seine fishery for their supply of tuna," according to the letter.

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Renowned World Oceanographer, explorer, author, Marine Biologist, 'Her Deepness' Dr. Sylvia Earle raising up an 'ula' of seaweed that was cut as the ribbon for the unveiling of the new exhibit "Scuba Diver" at the Tauese Sunia Ocean Center. Behind Dr. Earle is Senior World Diver Jean Michel Cousteau, renowned ocean explorer and author who helped cut the seaweed-ribbon. [photo: TG]



# Star★Map By Linda Thistle

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# COURT BRIEFS

by Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu  
Samoa News Reporter

## PLEA DEAL IN BURGLARY CASE SIGNED BY BOTH DEFENDANTS

Semurana Leauamoana and Amosa Ilalio, accused of breaking into the Ulalei sewing shop and Western Union office in Puapua, Leone last year, have signed a plea agreement with the government. The pair are each charged with first-degree burglary, stealing, underage consumption of alcohol and property damage third degree. A third young man, a minor is also involved.

According to the government's case, on Oct. 25, 2013 police were called to the site of a burglary at the Western Union and Ulalei Fashions in Puapua. Upon arrival, police observed that the side door had been forcibly opened and there were footprints near the entry point.

Court filings say the sewing shop and the Western Union Office were ransacked with drawers left open, items scattered all over the floor, and clothes in the sewing shop all over the floor. It appeared that the burglars had tried to open the vault that was inside the shop.

Police spoke to an employee of the sewing shop who said the sewing shop is right next to the Western Union office, and when she entered, she saw both places had been vandalized.

Court filings say the burglars also managed to turn off the video surveillance camera.

One employee told police that there was a young man who was later identified as Amosa who had come to the sewing shop the day before, sat around and asked to use the computer. "While using the computer Amosa was looking all over the shop and "scanning every corner."

The government claims that owners of the sewing shop and the Western Union office reported that roughly \$3,930 worth of items were missing, including \$2,000 in cash and \$200 in coins. Chargers for smart phones were also taken, along with a wireless router, an electric fan, sunglasses, speakers, food items and two donation boxes for Red Cross and the Filipino Community.

Court filings say that later that day, police interviewed Ilalio who said he had consumed beer with Leauamoana on the night in question. After the drinking session with Ilalio, along with "MT" (a juvenile) Leauamoana walked towards the sewing shop/ Western Union. Ilalio said all three of them went into the building and "rummaged through everything and did not find anything useful, so they exited the building and loitered outside before returning home. "MT" told

police that everything started the evening before when a police officer came and argued with Ilalio, who came up with the idea to break into the building and ransack it because of his "hatred towards the police officer."

MT said he watched Ilalio and Leauamoana both trying to carry the safe that was inside the Western Union Office. Court filings say that MT admitted to taking \$3 that was on top of the radio. It's unclear at this time if the government has filed criminal charges against "MT", the juvenile in this case.

The pair will appear in High Court this week for the court to determine whether they will accept or deny the plea deal offered by the government in this case. The plea deal being offered by ASG is unclear at this time.

## MAN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH ASSAULT CASE

The Attorney General's office has charged Talamoa Ationo with second degree assault and public peace disturbance in connection with an assault case that occurred last year November. The court set \$5,000 bail for the defendant, who made his initial appearance in District Court on Friday.

According to the government's case, on Nov. 9, 2013, a man filed a complaint with the police at the Leone Substation alleging assault by Ationo. Court filings say the victim told police he ran into the defendant outside of a pool house in Malaeloa and defendant was blocking cars from driving on the road.

The victim said, he thought because he knew the defendant that Ationo would allow him to pass. However, when he parked at the pool house the defendant approached him with other men and Ationo was carrying a cue stick. It's alleged that when the defendant instructed the victim to leave, he refused and then they argued and the defendant struck the victim and missed.

The second time the defendant struck the victim, it landed on his face and he suffered a one-inch laceration above his left eye brow. Court filings say the victim fell to the ground and the defendant sat on his back and punched him multiple times on the head and back. Bystanders interfered and stopped the fight.

According to the government's case, the police questioned the defendant who stated that he was upset the victim had entered their family land without permission. Defendant stated that victim clenched his fist so he struck the victim with a cue stick. It is alleged that the two then fought and defendant sprained his ankle from the fist fight.

# Earthquake's timing left many Californians fumbling in the dark

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — A powerful earthquake that struck the heart of California's wine country caught many people sound asleep, sending dressers, mirrors and pictures crashing down around them. Scores were injured as the temblor knocked out power to thousands, caused gas and water lines to rupture and sparked fires.

The magnitude 6.0-quake struck at 3:20 a.m. PDT Sunday near the city of Napa, an oasis of Victorian-era buildings nestled in the vineyard-studded hills of Northern California.

The fires also flared in a mobile home park where four homes were destroyed and two others were damaged, officials said.

By midday Sunday, the fires were out and power was starting to be restored, said Mark Ghilarducci, director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

"While it was bad, it wasn't as bad as it could be and it was very manageable from a regional perspective," Ghilarducci said.

The quake struck about six miles south of Napa and lasted 10 to 20 seconds depending on proximity to the epicenter, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was the largest to shake the San Francisco Bay Area since the magnitude-6.9 Loma Prieta quake struck in 1989, collapsing part of the Bay Bridge roadway and killing more than 60 people, most when an Oakland freeway fell.

It was felt widely throughout the region, with people reporting feeling it more than 200 miles south of Napa and as far east as the Nevada border.

For many, the quake struck at the worst time possible, rousing them in the middle of the night and sending them fumbling in darkness to take cover and find loved ones. A number of the injuries were caused by people stepping on broken glass, falling down or being hit by furniture.

The quake's timing was also bad for Napa Valley's famed vineyards, where winemakers were just getting ready to harvest the 2014 crop. The quake broke thousands of bottles of wine and toppled barrels.

Omar Rodriguez, 23, of Napa, was treated for a gash on his forehead in one of the triage tents outside a hospital that handled the victims. "We woke up to the earthquake and I thought I was dreaming because I fell off my bed, you know, it was all dark, and I just got back up. She noticed it was all bleeding," he said, referring to his girlfriend.

Officials were still assessing the damage late Sunday in hopes of getting a cost estimate they could submit for possible federal assistance. But the initial assessment found that dozens of homes and buildings in the region were unsafe to occupy, including an historic Napa County courthouse, where a 10-foot wide hole opened a view of the offices inside.

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# CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals O

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# DOE Director fields questions regarding start of school year

by Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu  
Samoa News Reporter

Department of Education Director, Vaitinasa Salu Hunkin said they are concerned with the chikungunya virus after a report from Department of Health Director Motusa Tuileama Nua stated that of the 500+ people affected, 20% are students. She said if there's an increase, the start of the school year will be postponed. Aside from that — the school year should start on time, and this was revealed during DOE's budget hearing before lawmakers Wednesday late afternoon.

The DOE Director was responding to concerns raised by Senator Soliai Tuipine Fui-maono with regards to the two-week delay of the previous school year when the schools were closed down by the Department of Health due to unsanitary conditions.

In the meantime Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga has tasked the Attorney General's office and DoH to review ASG's policies on travel to determine if any travel and health restrictions should be enforced locally after the DOH Director announced the increase of those affected by the chik virus.

Director of AS-EPA, Ameko Peto pointed out that with the Small Island Developing States

conference due to be held in Samoa next week, there will be numerous passengers that will be transiting through American Samoa.

During the cabinet meeting earlier this month, Motusa noted that more than 500+ of those who visited the health clinics and the Emergency Room have the virus, however, this number does not include those who are affected and treating this illness at home.


He also stated that there has been no deaths from the chik virus, and just seven people have been hospitalized due to the virus.

He also clarified that the young person who was suspected to have died from this virus did not, according to the results of the test — it came back negative.

The Health director pointed out that ASG needs to increase its enforcement in terms of closely monitoring those coming into the territory.

During the cabinet meeting, ASPA CEO Utu Abe Malae said there was a need to issue travel restrictions and that he recalled that in 1918 Samoa suffered from the Spanish flu pandemic, which killed a fifth of the population.

Utu said then Governor John Poyer banned all travel to and from Samoa, and noted Lolo can issue a similar restriction for travelers.



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# Michael Brown's family prepares to lay him to rest

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Since Michael Brown was shot and killed by a police officer, protesters have taken to the streets of a St. Louis suburb night after night, calling for change and drawing national attention to issues surrounding race and policing. Monday will be a day for his family and community to finally focus on mourning the 18-year-old who had been eager to start college, as he is laid to rest at a public funeral at a St. Louis church.

His father, Michael Brown Sr., has asked protesters to take a break Monday and observe a "day of silence" so the family can grieve. "Tomorrow all I want is peace," he told hundreds of people in St. Louis' largest city park Sunday during brief remarks at a festival that promotes peace over violence. "That's all I ask."

Brown, who is black, was unarmed when he was shot Aug. 9 by Officer Darren Wilson, who is white. A grand jury is considering evidence in the case and a federal investigation is also underway.

Police have said a scuffle broke out after Wilson asked Brown and a friend he was walking down the street with to move. Police said Wilson was pushed into his squad car and physically assaulted. Some witnesses have reported seeing Brown's arms in the air — an act of surrender. An autopsy found Brown was shot at least six times.

Family members denounced a video police released of an alleged theft by Brown that authorities say shows him snatching some cigars in a convenience store just before he was killed. In the video, the person said to be Brown is shown grabbing a clerk by the shirt and forcefully pushing him into a display rack.

Family and friends say Brown was an aspiring rapper with a gentle, joking manner who dubbed himself "Big Mike." He was good at fixing things, liked computer games, Lil Wayne, Drake, the movie "Grown Ups 2," and the TV show "Family Guy."

Brown's great uncle, pastor Charles Ewing, will deliver the eulogy at Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church, and the Rev. Al Sharpton is also expected to speak.

"We don't want anything tomorrow to happen that might defile the name of Michael Brown," Sharpton said as he stood next to Brown's father on Sunday. "This is not about our rage tomorrow. It's about the legacy and memory of his son."

President Barack Obama is sending three White House aides, and Gov. Jay Nixon said he will attend.

Monday will also mark the first day back at school for students in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Classes were scheduled to begin Aug. 14 but postponed due to safety concerns.

School personnel have received training in how to deal with students who may be experiencing stress related to the shooting and its aftermath.

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## Letter to the Editor

"IN MEMORIAM — HAROLD SI'UFANUA"

### To the editor:

I was very sad to learn that my old friend Harold Si'ufanua passed away Friday morning in San Leandro, CA. His daughter Annika told me his family was glad he was no longer in pain and at peace.

Fortunately, I was able to spend considerable time on the phone with him over the past few months, talking about old times, current national and American Samoan politics, and mutual friends. If you didn't know him, Harold had one of the world's great laughs, literally defining the word "hearty".

He had a great sense of humor, a very good analytical mind about social and political issues (which he generally expressed through humor), was a superb storyteller, and knew how to aptly coin a phrase in English, Samoan, or a combination thereof.

Harold generally tried to "push the envelope" and was "on the edge" at times, but fundamentally had a good heart and tried many ways to take care of his family with the unswerving support of his devoted wife Alisa, a term I do not use lightly. He knew how important she was to him.

I knew Harold for at least 40 years. I knew his parents, he knew my parents, he knew my brothers (who left in '75 and '76), and he was at my wedding at Mauga o Ali'i in '82, and we were good friends.

My point?

Harold was never a saint, but he was a hell of a South Pacific character, and American Samoa and those who knew him will be poorer for his absence. He was an afakasi who had a good grasp of the cultures of the US and Samoa, and could see how either or both could distort the other and tried to find a way, particularly through humor, to deal with, if not resolve, the conflicts involved.

I have told "Harold" stories for decades, and will continue to do so until I join him. I know some of you will too.

PHILIP SWETT, Newport, OR

*(Editor's Note: Harold was a classmate, Samoana HS 1972, and a life-long friend. Indeed, my siblings and I will continue to remember him as one of the defining characters in our lives — "If you can't laugh at it..." Our condolences to Alisa and family. Rest in peace my friend. ra)*



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### TAFUNA HIGH SCHOOL IS OVERCROWDED

During the Department of Education's budget meeting last week Wednesday, Senator Magalei Logovi'i asked the DOE Director why students from Pava'ia'i Elementary School are not being allowed to register to attend Tafuna High School, but instead, they are to attend Leone High School.

Department of Education Director, Vaitinasa Salu Hunkin explained that THS is overcrowded, yet LHS has two new school buildings which will be sufficient for the volume of new students going into high school.

She also told the Fono that DOE needs additional funding to carry out their mandate for the betterment of education for the students — as her budget had been reduced by \$1.4 million.

### SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET TODAY

NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa (NMSAS) is hosting a public meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council today in the Naumati Room of the Tradewinds Hotel in Ottoville from 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Items on the agenda include presentations from Dan Basta, Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, and Joseph Paulin of the NMSAS.

Those who want to speak on agenda items may add their name to the public comment sign-up sheet that will be available in the Naumati Room today.

Oral testimonies may be limited to three minutes per person, depending on time.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Call to Action Joint Statement by the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council's "Destination Marine Protected Areas: Sustaining America's Most Treasured Ocean Places for Recreation and Stewardship," and its relation to recreation, travel and tourism.

### ASG DEPTS. OUT IN FULL FORCE TO CLEAN UP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Last week, dozens of government employees were out and about carrying out much needed work on school buildings across the territory, in line with Governor Lolo Moliga's Adopt-a-School Initiative.

All public schools in Tutuila, Aunu'u and Manu'a are scheduled to begin instruction next Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Last Friday, employees of the Treasury Department and its Customs Division, led by Moetulu'i Sipili Fuiava, were at Aua Elementary School painting the classroom buildings and the cafeteria, and clearing out the school's basketball court which was covered with mud and dirt.

Moetulu'i thanked the residents of Aua for cleaning out the classroom interiors and said the only thing that was delaying their work was the low supply of paint and rollers.

In the central area of Tutuila, over 80 employees of the Dept. of Public Works, led by Building Branch Division Manager Ta'afua Ta'afua Jr., were busy cleaning up the campus of Matafao Elementary School last week. Unlike other departments, Public Works is

tasked with 'adopting' three schools: Matafao, Samoa Baptist Academy (Happy Valley), and the Special Education Program (SPED).

Work at Samoa Baptist is already completed. Currently, DPW employees are carrying out demolition work, landscaping, maintenance, and painting at Matafao - all of which is expected to be fully completed before school starts.

In the west at Tafuna High School, 18 men - two each from the nine divisions under the umbrella of the Dept. of Human and Social Services (DHSS) - were busy power-washing the buildings at Warriorsville.

Work on the different school campuses is expected to be in full swing this week, as students prepare to head back to the classrooms next week.

The Governor's Adopt-a-School Initiative was launched last year after the start of the school year was delayed for weeks, following inspections by Dept. of Health officials who found that the majority of school cafeterias, restrooms, and classroom buildings were filthy and unsafe for kids.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OPENS NEW BUILDING BEHIND THE EOB

A new building was officially opened behind the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei last week. The new building is for the maintenance division of the Department of Administrative Services which oversees the maintenance and security of the EOB.

Deacon Malaki Timu offered the opening prayer and cut the ribbon to officially open the new structure which houses cleaning supplies and everything needed to maintain EOB operations.

DAS Director Malemo Tausaga said construction of the building was made possible after a request was made to Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga.

He said the purpose of the structure is to support EOB operations. The new maintenance storage area was constructed by an employee of the Administrative Services Dept. and it came with a price tag of \$34,000.

### THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMPLETES ORIENTATION FOR TEACHERS

Teachers - both old and new - who work for the Catholic education system completed orientation week and are now ready for the start of the new school year.

An orientation was held at Fatuoatiga last Monday-Wednesday for new teachers to discuss what is expected within the Catholic education system, and the customs they need to be familiar with.

Faasao Marist College Preparatory School was one of the schools that was inspected by the Dept. of Health during the summer. Certain things had to be addressed in the cafeteria area of the school and since then, a follow-up inspection revealed that everything is now up to standard.

In other news, Bishop Peter Hugh Brown celebrated last week the first anniversary since he was ordained to lead the Diocese of Samoa Pago Pago.

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## ASPA lifts Boil Water Notice in parts of the Eastern District

by Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu, Samoa News Reporter

The American Power Authority has lifted the boil water notice (BWN) in some parts of the Eastern District from Pago Pago all the way to the Atu'u, with the exception of some businesses, says ASPA CEO Utu Abe Malae.

He explained that the customers are part of the Central System, which is currently under the BWN because some wells supplying this area have been determined by EPA as GUDI (Groundwater Under Direct Influence of Surface Water).

Utu said the GUDI wells are susceptible to bacterial contamination, so customers are advised to boil their water before consumption. "The wells supplying the Pago Pago Water System (Pago to Atuu) are non-GUDI (with minimal chance of bacterial contamination) and are now isolated from the GUDI water via isolation valves."

He also confirmed that the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) has approved the lifting of the BWN in this area because ASPA isolated the Pago System from the Central Water System.

Utu also told Samoa News that areas still under the BWN include the village of Aoa, which has a satellite system. He points out that ASPA customers from Iliili — starting at the Antioch Assembly of God going eastward to before ASCO Motors in Malalao — and the customers previously mentioned (Canneries, Shipyard, Pago Way Gas Station, DBAS, TAOA, & Fagasa Falavaa) are still under a Boil Water notice. However all other customers supplied by ASPA no longer need to boil their water.

He explained that for the village of Aoa, ASPA is looking at the option of supplying potable water to Aoa "so we can lift the boil water notice in this satellite system. The main challenge here is the cost to pump water. We are looking at options to supply Aoa without increasing the cost of pumping."

Utu also stated that for the rest of the customers still under the BWN, ASPA is currently drilling new groundwater wells and working to reduce the water losses in the system in order to replace the GUDI wells causing the BWN in these areas.

"Based on the yield from these new wells and the reduction in water losses, we will be able to remove the GUDI wells, which will result in the lifting of the BWN in these areas."

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# Senator tells DPS head, "Before you raise fees, fix your problems at OMV"

by Fili Sagapolutele, Samoa News Correspondent

Before the government implements any plans to increase three-fold the fee for a local driver's license, Sen. Laolagi F.S. Vaeao advised the Department of Public Safety to first address the current problem — which is having drivers use their receipts as proof of license, while waiting to get their license due to a lack of supplies at the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV).

DPS' proposed fee hikes for services provided by OMV surfaced during last Thursday's review of Public Safety's fiscal year 2015 budget, which totals \$8.78 million compared to FY 2014's total of \$11.29 million.

Of the total FY 2015 budget, \$6.49 million comes from local revenues and \$2.28 million from federal grants. Police Commissioner William Haleck told the Joint Fono Budget Committee that the major reduction for the FY 2015 budget is in grant money.

Despite the major decrease in its budget, Haleck told lawmakers that no DPS programs are being cut for FY 2015, instead "we'll watch very closely our spending." He also says DPS is working with the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office on a proposal to hike some of the fees for services provided by OMV. Currently, he said, about 40% of the fees collected at OMV go to the general fund.

One example of a proposed plan for fee hikes cited by Haleck is for a driver's license, increasing the fee from the current \$12 — for a license which is valid for three years — to \$35 for a licensee that will be good for five years. Haleck says that the card used for our driver's licenses are costly because American Samoa needed to be compliance with federal regulations dealing with these forms of ID. He stressed that these are only proposed plans which will need the governor's endorsement before being sent to the Fono for their review and approval.

Laolagi told Haleck that there have been public complaints because drivers are only being issued receipts, due to the fact there is no film — or cards — for the driver's licenses.

"Take care of this problem first," Laolagi said, and pointed out that he is one of those drivers who was given a receipt in April and until now, he is still waiting for his actual driver's license. "So I am one of the individuals still driving, using a receipt."

Responding to committee questions, DPS official Terry Letuli explained that a major decrease in the FY 2015 budget proposal is an incentive grant under the Highway Safety Fund, and when the new federal fiscal year begins (which starts Oct. 1, 2014) DPS can apply for incentive grants which are usually for two to three years.

He also said that these grants pay for police overtime, which is an issue that he noted Haleck has addressed by making sure that overtime is controlled.

Haleck added that any planned overtime requires pre-approval of the Human Resources Department, and this policy is to ensure that past problems, which resulted in a probe by the U.S. Department Labor, doesn't occur again when it comes to unpaid DPS overtime. He also said that grants have money set-aside for overtime, which is something that is very hard for DPS to avoid, given that there are only 142 police officers for a territory with a population of just over 55,000.

Also raised during the hearing was the question as to whether the posts of deputy commissioner and chief of police are both needed — to which Haleck said "yes" and explained that DPS is a large department which includes the Fire Bureau, overseen by the fire chief while the chief of police oversees police service and the warden oversees the Territorial Correctional Facility.

Haleck said the deputy commissioner oversees the entire department when the police commissioner "is not there" or is off-island, and pointed out that police commissioners change with each new administration while the same deputy commissioner remains. (The post of deputy commissioner remains vacant since former deputy commissioner Leseiau Laumoli retired this year).

Regarding pay scale for the chief of police, Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie pointed out that some DPS commanders make more money than the chief of police. For example, based on the budget proposal, one commander gets \$43,000 — which is more than the \$40,000 set for the chief of police.

The committee requested during the hearing a copy of the DPS organizational chart, which Haleck said has been pending with the governor for approval since last year, but he can provide what he has at his office.

Gaoteote said the organizational chart helps DPS ensure that people get paid in accordance with their police rank.



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## In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

DR No. 33-13

LI'O TAFAO, Petitioner,

v.

SOONU TUPE TAFAO, Respondent.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

#### TO: SOONU TUPE TAFAO

YOUR ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage ("Petition") that is served herewith has been filed against you before the High Court of American Samoa by Li'o Tafao, the Petitioner. You are required to serve an answer to the Petition on Fiti A. Sunia, Sunia, attorney for the Petitioner, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 6778, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799, not later than two (2) months and ten (10) days after the date on which you receive this notice. You must also serve a copy of your Answer to the Clerk of the High Court. If you fail to serve an Answer as required above, a judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

#### FA'AALIGA O SE TAGI E TATALA AI LE FA'AIPOPOGA

#### MO: SOONU TUPE TAFAO

UA LOGOINA NEI OE e tusa ai ma se tagi ua taua'aoina atu nei ia te oe sa faauluina mai i le Faamasinoga Mauuluga o Amerika Samoa e Li'o Tafao e talosagaina ai le tatalaina o lau lua faaipopoga. Ua poloa'iina nei oe e molia sau tali tusitusia i le Fa'amasinoga Mauuluga o Amerika Samoa i Fagatogo, ma le Ofisa Loia of Fiti A. Sunia, o lona tuatusi o le pusa meli 6778, Pago Pago, Amerika Samoa 96799, e tusa ai ma lea tagi a o le i atoa le lua (2) masina ma aso e sefulu (10) mai le aso na logo alo'ia ai oe i lea mataupu. O lou le tali i lenei tagi o le a mafai ona faia ai se fa'aiuga e fofu'ia ai lea mataupu e tusa ma le talosaga ua i le tagi e aunoa ma lou 'auai ai.

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## 10 DEAD IN INDIA TEMPLE STAMPEDE, POLICE SAY

NEW DELHI (AP) — A pre-dawn stampede killed 10 people Monday at a Hindu temple in central India, a top police official said.

The stampede happened in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh after a live electrical wire shocked a woman, setting off a panic, said S.R. Yadav, Satna's deputy superintendent of police.

The devotees were marking Somvati Amavasya, a holy day in honor of Lord Shiva.

Deadly stampedes are fairly common during India's often-chaotic religious gatherings and festivals, where large crowds gather in small areas with few safety or crowd control measures.

In October 2013, another stampede in Madhya Pradesh state killed more than 110 people, mostly women and children.

## JAPAN PM VISITS SLIDE SITE, AS COMPLAINTS SWIRL

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited Hiroshima on Monday as rescuers expanded their search for dozens still missing from landslides around the western Japanese city that killed at least 50 people.

Rain showers were raising risks of more slides and hampering the search effort, and also triggering slides in other parts of Japan. The Fire and Disaster Management Agency said Monday that two women died after a hill collapsed on their home on the northern island of Hokkaido on Sunday.

In Hiroshima, 38 people were still missing after rain-soaked slopes swept through several neighborhoods on Aug. 20. Authorities announced the names of those believed missing on Monday, appealing for information, as the search was extended for bodies that might have been swept further away as the slides rushed through.

About 3,300 rescue workers were combing through debris with picks, shovels and chain saws. Abe postponed an inspection visit Sunday to avoid interfering with disaster relief operations, but met with a disaster task force Monday in Hiroshima.

## CHINA IDS TEEN AS MASTER-MIND OF IMAM SLAYING

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities say an 18-year-old man who used what they called terrorist videos and other multimedia to enlist followers masterminded the slaying of a pro-government Muslim leader.

The state-controlled Xinjiang Daily reported Monday that Aini Aishan organized the July 30 attack on Jume Tahir in the western region of Xinjiang. The victim was the state-appointed imam of China's biggest mosque and often spoke in support of government policies. The report said police arrested Aini two days after the attack in the city of Hotan, also in Xinjiang.

Members of China's ethnic Uighur (pronounced WEE'-gur) minority, who are Muslims, have long chafed against Chinese government rule in Xinjiang. Chinese officials have recently cracked down on the use of video and social media to stoke opposition to Chinese policies in the region.

## JAPAN READY TO OFFER FLU DRUG FOR EBOLA TREATMENT

TOKYO (AP) — Japan says it is ready to provide a Japanese-developed anti-influenza drug as potential treatment to fight the rapidly expanding Ebola outbreak.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Monday that Japan can offer the anti-influenza tablet favipiravir, developed by a subsidiary of Fujifilm Holdings Corp., any time at the request of the World Health Organization. The drug, developed by a Fujifilm subsidiary Toyama Chemical Co., was approved by the Japanese health ministry in March.

Fujifilm said it has favipiravir stock for more than 20,000 patients.

The company is also in talks with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on clinical testing of the drug in treating Ebola.

Ebola has killed more than 1,400 people in West Africa in the latest outbreak.

## UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONDEMNS JAMES FOLEY'S KILLING

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council condemned the "heinous and cowardly" killing of American journalist James Foley and said the Islamic State militant group "must be defeated."

In a statement, the council called the killing "a tragic reminder of the increasing dangers journalists face every day in Syria."

"It once again demonstrates the brutality of ISIL, which is responsible for thousands of abuses against the Syrian and Iraqi people," the council said, using one of the acronyms by which the Islamic State militants are known.

"The members of the Security Council stressed that ISIL must be defeated and that the intolerance, violence and hatred it espouses must be stamped out," the council said.

The council called for "a common effort amongst governments and institutions" to confront "ISIL, Al-Nusra Front and all other individuals, group, undertakings and entities associated with al-Qaida."

## ST. LOUIS OFFICER SUSPENDED AFTER VIDEO COMMENTS

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis County Police chief says an officer who had been assigned to patrols in Ferguson has been suspended while the department reviews a 2012 video in which the officer calls himself "a killer" and makes incendiary comments about religion and U.S. political leaders.

Police Chief Jon Belmar told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Friday that an internal review will start next week into the video of Officer Dan Page, a 35-year veteran of the department.

Belmar called the comments in the video first reported by CNN disturbing and "beyond the scope of acceptable police conduct."

Belmar says that the officer was assigned to day patrols in Ferguson, where 18-year-old Michael Brown was killed by a police officer.

A phone number for Page couldn't immediately be found.

## WOMAN TACKLES MAN FLEEING POLICE, THEN TAUNTS HIM

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — A 40-year-old woman tackled a 20-year-old man fleeing from police in Washington state, then taunted him about being taken down by a grandmother.

Richland police Capt. Mike Cobb tells the Tri-City Herald that Becky Powell was driving by Wednesday when she saw the man run from officers. She told her husband to speed ahead of the fleeing man, and got out to confront him.

Powell says the man tried to stiff-arm her, but she felled him, pulling down his shorts in the process.

She says she got help pinning the man down and asked him how it felt to be taken down by a mother of five and a grandmother of three.

Cobb says police appreciated Powell's actions but warned people not to get involved in police matters. Cobb says the man ran because he had an outstanding warrant.

## THOUSANDS GATHER IN NEPAL FOR HUMAN FLAG RECORD

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Tens of thousands of people holding colored boards gathered in Nepal's capital on Saturday in an attempt to break the record for the largest human national flag. The crowd comprised mostly students, but other participants included doctors, government workers, politicians and business executives — all of whom stood for hours in an open area in the heart of Katmandu.

One of the event's organizers, Ashish Chaulagai, said more than 38,000 people were estimated to have formed Nepal's flag, shaped as two red triangles with a blue border. Nepal is the only country whose flag is not quadrilateral.

Chaulagai said photographs of the event and a detailed report would be sent to Guinness World Records.

The last record was set in Pakistan by 28,957 people.

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## 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 LAUTI of the village of VATIA by FA'AFETAI LAUTI of the village of VATIA, county of VAIFANUA, 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 LAUTI shall be registered in the name of FA'AFETAI LAUTI in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: JULY 18, 2014 thru SEPTEMBER 16, 2014  
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

## FA'AALIGA O LE FIA FAAMAUINA O SE SUAFA MATAI

O le fa'aaliga 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 faamauina o le suafa matai o LAUTI o le nu'u o VATIA e FA'AFETAI LAUTI o VATIA faalupega o VAIFANUA, falelima i SASA'E.

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# Proclamation

**“NATIONAL PASSENGER CARRIER STRIKE FORCE”**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of passengers and motorists in our Territory is a critical part of our government’s public safety mission ; and

**WHEREAS**, Law Enforcement Officers, Motor Carrier Inspectors and Public Safety Officials throughout the United States and its Territories, will join forces to increase awareness of transportation safety rules and regulations during the National Passenger Carrier Strike Force; and

**WHEREAS**, in American Samoa, the Department of Public Safety’s Motor Carrier Safety Assistant Program (MCSAP), Law Enforcement Officers and the Office of Highway Safety will work together to strengthen our Territory’s transportation safety efforts in observance of this National Passenger Carrier Strike Force initiative. In addition to the various informative and educational planned activities, MCSAP officers/inspectors will be conducting inspections of all School Buses utilized for the purpose of transporting students to and from school, and Privately Owned Buses transporting the public on the highways of our Territory to insure they meet the safety standards as required by both federal and our local laws; and

**WHEREAS**, there informative events will enhance the safety of the Territory of American Samoa’s roads as our public safety agencies increase their presence throughout the Territory and conduct various levels of inspections to enforce driver and vehicle compliance with federal and local laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA**, Governor of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim that the Territory will recognize and participate in the National Passenger Carrier Strike Force to take place from August 25th to September 8th, 2014. In so doing, I urge the people of American Samoa to do their part in helping save lives by adhering to federal and local government entities and community organization who delicate their time and effort to ensuring that transportation safety laws are enforced and followed.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the Territory of American Samoa to be affixed of this 22nd day of August, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen.

*Lolo M. Moliga*

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

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**3 JAPANESE FRESHMEN KILLED IN CALIF. CRASH**

SAN MARCOS, Calif. (AP) — Eight incoming freshman college students from Japan were riding in a small car that ran off a California freeway and hit a power pole, leaving three of them dead and five of them injured, officials said.

All eight students were in an international program at Palomar College, where 135 Japanese students were staying with host families in the San Diego area, school president Robert Deegan said Friday. “Any time you lose a student it’s a terrible, terrible pain that many people feel has a ripple effect about it, and this is just multiplied by three,” he said.

The injured students were expected to survive, Deegan said. He declined to release the names of the victims and said he didn’t have any personal information about them.

They were in a 2000 Honda Prelude that crashed late Thursday on state Route 78 in Oceanside, California Highway Patrol Officer Jim Bettencourt said.

The car went down an embankment and struck the pole, shearing it in half and leaving power lines dangling, Bettencourt said. The lines did not touch the ground.

**COPS: TODDLER SPENT NIGHT IN CAR WHILE MOM WENT TO BAR**

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Police in Connecticut say a toddler spent the night in a car outside a bar after her mother went drinking and ended up in the hospital.

Police say the 2-year-old girl was found asleep Saturday morning inside the locked vehicle in Bristol. She was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Police say her mother, 22-year-old Kelsey James, was found intoxicated and asleep inside the bar late Friday. Emergency responders took James to a hospital for treatment and evaluation.

Several hours later, the hospital called police to say James was awake and asking where her daughter was. Police then located the car. James is charged with risking injury to a minor and leaving an unsupervised child in a vehicle. Connecticut’s child welfare agency is investigating.

James couldn’t be reached for comment.

**WHITE HOUSE AIDES TO ATTEND MICHAEL BROWN FUNERAL**

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — President Barack Obama is sending three White House aides to the funeral of Michael Brown, the young black man whose fatal shooting by a white police officer sparked days of racial unrest in Ferguson, Missouri.

Leading the group for Monday’s service will be the chairman of the My Brother’s Keeper Task Force, Broderick Johnson. My Brother’s Keeper is an Obama initiative that aims to empower young minorities.

Also attending will be the deputy director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, Marlon Marshall, and an adviser for the office, Heather Foster.

The White House says Marshall is a St. Louis native and attended high school with Brown’s mother.

Michael Brown, 18, was unarmed when he was shot six times by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9.

**NIGERIA SAYS 35 POLICEMEN MISSING AFTER ATTACK**

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria’s police say they’re searching for 35 missing policemen after two attacks on police training camps in northeastern Borno state, which is battling a five-year insurgency by the Boko Haram militant group.

The police force spokesman Emmanuel Ojukwu said Saturday the men went missing after an Aug. 20 attack was carried out on a training camp that led to a gunfight that lasted for several hours. The statement on the police force website says the attack followed another one on Aug. 7 that was repelled by the police.

Ojukwu didn’t say who was suspected to have carried out the attack, but the state is the stronghold of the Boko Haram group which targets security forces, government officials and civilians in its campaign to establish an Islamic state in Nigeria.

**HURRICANE MARIE GROWS STRONGER IN PACIFIC**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane Marie grew into a large and powerful Category 5 storm and moved west-northwestward far off the Pacific coast of Mexico, threatening dangerous surf conditions from Baja California Peninsula up through Southern California early this week.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Sunday that Marie had sustained winds of 150 mph (240 kph) and was located about 475 miles (765 kilometers) south of the southern tip of Baja California. It said the storm was moving west-northwest at 12 mph (19 kph) and had maximum sustained winds of 150 mph (240 kph.)

Swells provoked by the storm were affecting the southwestern coast of Mexico and the southern part of the Baja California Peninsula and could cause dangerous surf and rip current conditions, the center said.

It said swells from Marie are expected to cause dangerous beach conditions in Southern California by Tuesday.

Hurricane-force winds extended up to 60 miles (95 kilometers) away from the storm’s center, with tropical storm-force winds reaching out to 310 miles (500 kilometers).

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# Tauese Ocean Center unveils new exhibit

by T. Gasu, SN Correspondent

The Tauese Ocean Center in Utulei had a ceremony to unveil their newest exhibit — a “Scuba Diver” representation, equipped with scuba gear, last week Friday afternoon — with the Senior Diver of the planet Earth, Jean Michel Cousteau, as one of the honored guests to cut the ribbon for this exhibit.

The other honored guest was world renowned Marine Biologist, explorer, author, and lecturer — ‘Her Deepness’ Dr. Sylvia Earle, who is known as the first female chief scientist of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and was named by Time Magazine as its first Hero for the Planet in 1998.

Both guests offered special remarks, during the ceremony, concerning the ocean and its importance to humans, and the creatures who live in the sea.

Cousteau in his remarks noted that “Her Deepness” Dr. Sylvia Earle will be 80 years old at the end of this month (Aug 30th), and she has made a commitment in front of 1,200 people that she will dive, “and I will join her in celebrating 80 years of her life underwater,” he smilingly said.

## JEAN MICHEL COUSTEAU

In his special remarks Cousteau noted that throughout his years underwater, he has noticed a change in the underworld atmosphere. “I had the privilege of being pushed overboard by my dad when I was a kid, and I’ve been diving ever since. I’ve seen — including in my own backyard where I grew up in the south of France — a lot of damage taking place.”

The renown diver said, “I’ve seen a lot of species disappearing, and I knew nothing then, and the people I was dealing with — even scientists— didn’t know very much. I remember my father telling me that people protect what they love; and I kept saying, ‘How can you protect something you don’t understand?’”

According to Cousteau, he is still saying the same thing to today’s generation. “I still say this today, and the National Sanctuary of American Samoa can be a destination for learning more about our life support system (the ocean), and discovering thousands and thousands of species we don’t know, and never even heard of.

“How can we protect them? I feel that the Hokule’a is on a mission, and that mission is to connect people with people, and to connect people with nature, so that people will understand, know, feel, touch, nature. Where I’ve learned a lot, without even going to school, (although I did) but, sometimes I would escape (and get yelled at and get in trouble) but that whole time, I was in the water. All the time I was in the water, trying to feel and understand nature.”

Cousteau stated, “My dream of discovering new species still lives on today, and I tell myself that we will. We know very little about our own life support system, the ocean. So we have a lot to discover, and all of that

today, thanks to what we call the communication of evolution is linking all of us on the planet.”

He added, “This has made me come to the conclusion, that I believe — in as much as we have huge issues to face up to, as we add another hundred million people on the planet — education is the answer.”

Cousteau said that he is still trying to keep his goal alive: of trying to make the generation of today understand what he never did when he was a kid. “And this will open their minds up to make much better decisions than I ever did make growing up — one of the things that we need to work on, is to link your protected areas with the rest of the planet.”

He added, “Like, where people can ask questions and see people underwater... like I did when I was in Fiji in 1998, speaking and answering questions to people in Vietnam and Canada at the same time. We can do that, now that technology is available and it’s not expensive. You just need to find sponsors

who can make that happen.”

He concluded, “Species come and they disappear. Most of the species are disappearing because of our mis-management. In my opinion, we are the only species alive today, who has the option, the privilege, of allowing ourselves to disappear, or not.”

## “HER DEEPNESS” DR. SYLVIA EARLE

Dr. Earle in her speech noted the rise in sea-level. “There is much concern about sea level rise, and your country is already mostly underwater. This is a symbol of just, really understanding how important the ocean is to humans, and the creatures who live in the sea.”

She added, “clearly the ocean is important to the creatures who live in the sea. I never go without a day of thoughts about humans being and sea creatures. We need the ocean, and now the ocean needs us to take care of it. Not that people have intended to harm the ocean, but because, now we know what ... we have done in the past which has

caused some of the problems — and not just here in American Samoa, but all over the world.”

Dr. Earle spoke of how the impact of our lives has changed the climate. “We have seen the impact of what people have been doing to the ocean, and it’s influencing the climate, the temperature, the change in chemistry in the ocean.” But she said, “the good news is, now we know. We are armed with knowledge and we can take action, and that’s exactly what you’re doing (referring to American Samoa)”.

She said, “it wasn’t long ago when Jean Michel and I, separately, but in the same vessel, celebrated the change in attitude at looking at the ocean primarily as a place that we take things from. Take, take, take, take, and that’s just the way that humans have been along our history — but now we are seeing a message of giving back to the ocean (referring to the Hokule’a and Hikianalia as prime examples).

Dr. Earle said that the Tauese Ocean Center is a place of hope

for the sea. “That’s what this place is all about, it’s hope for the future... learning from the past and projecting into what’s happening next. Never before have we known what we now know, and never again will we ever have the chance, as good as the present time.”

She added, “We still have some tuna left in the ocean, there is still hope. Half of the coral reefs around the world have disappeared or distinctively declined. But here in American Samoan waters, there are plenty of reasons for hope, sources of renewal, restoration — even here there’s damage— but with care, restoration can take place. It’s all about knowing. It’s all about using the power that we have to promote a healthier underwater life for its creatures, and to have the ocean work for the world.”

Her Deepness stated that she was honored to be in American Samoa for these ocean related celebrations, “... and to welcome to Hokule’a and her message of hope.”

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# Talosaga Vaitinasa mo se fa'aopoopoga Paketi Ofisa Aoga

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Na fa'ai'u saunoaga a le Fa'atonusili o le Matagaluega o Aoga a le malo i le vaiaso na te'a nei, i lona talosagaina lea o le Komiti Soofa'atasi o le Paketi a le Fono Faitulafono, mo sina seleni e fa'aopoopo i le paketi a lona ofisa, e fa'atupe ai ni isi o manaoga a le matagaluega mo le tausaga tupe fou, mafua lea ina ua fa'aitiitia le latou paketi i le \$1.4 miliona.

"Ua na o se talosaga ia outou afioga, atonu o le a tau atu la outou iloiloga i ni nai vaega tupe mai e ono mafai ona fisi fisi mai e fa'aopolopo i le paketi a lenei matagaluega, se'i fa'atupe ai manaoga mo le fa'aleleia ma le aga'i i luga o aoga a nai fanau", o le fa'aoloolo mau lea a Vaitinasa i luma o le komiti.

I se fonotaga a le kapeneta e le i mamao atu, sa fautuaina ai e le alii kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga afioga i fa'atonusili, so o se tasi na te fia talosagaina se isi tupe fa'aopoopo i le paketi a lana matagaluega, aua le talosaga i le Fono Faitulafono mo se tupe, ae tu'u atu sa'o le talosaga ia laua ma Lemanu Peleti Mauga.

Na vave ona faatula'i e le afioga i le alii peresetene o le senate ia Gaoteote Palaie Tofau le mau e fa'aagafua ai le molimau, ona ua manino ma malamalama le fono i le paketi a le Ofisa o Aoga.

Na taua e Gaoteote e fa'apea, o le isi lea itu e taua ai le valaau soo o iloiloga a le fono ma le susuga i le fa'atonu ia Vaitinasa, e le tele ai fo'i ni fesili mo lana paketi, aua ua manino ma malamalama le fono, o le isi lea matagaluega o lo o pito sili ona manaomia se tupe e faatino ai a latou galuega, e le gata i totogi o faiaoga ae o tagata o lo o galulue mo le tautuaina o fanau aoga.

Na fautua fo'i Gaoteote i le komiti soofa'atasi a le fono, ina ia silasila toto'a i paketi a isi ofisa o le malo ua mae'a ona iloilo a latou tupe fa'asoasoa, e foliga mai o se ta'aloga o lo o ta'aalo ai i latou, ae lelei le ave o le fa'amuamua i ofisa o lo o manaomia ni tupe faaopoopo e pei o le ofisa o aoga.

Na fesili le afioga i le alii senatoa ia Magalei Logovi'i i le tamaitai faatonu, pe moni le faaiuga lea ua ia faalogo ua faia i le Aoga Tulaga Muamua a Pava'ia'i, a fa'au'u mai le tama po o le teine aoga i le Vasega 8, ona alu lea e aoga i le Aoga Mauuluga a Leone, ae le alu i le Aoga Mauuluga a Tafuna.

Saunoa Vaitinasa e fa'apea, ua mafua ona faia lea fa'aiuga, e lua faleaoga fou a le Aoga Mauuluga a Leone o lea ua mae'a ona fausia, o lo o tele fo'i le avanoa e aoga ai fanau, ae o Tafuna, ua fai lava si tumu o le aoga lea, ua uma fo'i ona faia se fonotaga ma matua o fanau aoga i Pava'ia'i e tusa ai o lenei mataupu, ua latou malilie fo'i i ai.

Ae na toe saunoa Magalei e fa'apea, e le talia e lona mafaufau le fa'aiuga ua faia o le ave o tamaiti aoga a lona itumalo e aoga i Leone, ae o lea e ta'atia mai le aoga mauuluga a Tafuna, o le aoga lena a le itumalo e tatau fo'i ona aoga ai fanau a le itumalo.

Na fesiligia e le fofoga fetalai ia Savali Talavou Ale le fa'aoga o tupe mai teugatupe o le Sikolasipi mo fanau aoga o lo o aoga i fafo, ae o le polokalame lenei e na o fanau aoga faatoa faauu mai i Vasega 12 ua faamoemoe e ulufale atu i le kolisi.

Saunoa Vaitinasa e faapea, e le o ni avanoa sikolasipi o lo o agavaa ai fanau e pei ona taua, ae o le vaega tupe o lo o totogi ai a latou pasese e malaga atu ai e auai i ni aoaoga i aoga i fafo, ma toe fo'i mai e faaauau a latou aoga i le kolisi tuufa'atasi.

Na lagolagoina e le afioga i le alii senatoa ia Galea'i M. Tuufuli le saunoaga a Savali, ma ia fautuaina ai le tamaitai faatonu, e sili pe a saili ni isi vaega tupe e fesoasoani ai i fanau aoga e pei ona taua, ina ne'i afaina atu ai tupe o sikolasipi a fanau aoga.

(Faaauau itulau 11)



Komesina o Leoleo ia William E. Haleck ma le susuga a Saite Fuega Moliga i le taimi na molimau ai i lume o le Fono e fa'atatau i le paketi a le Ofisa o Leoleo. [ata: AF]

## E ono sii totogi o laisene i le OMV

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Ua folafola e le Komesina o Leoleo i luma o le Komiti Soofa'atasi o le Paketi a le Fono Faitulafono i le vaiaso na te'a nei, le ono vaavaai lea o le latou ofisa i le faia o se siitaga i totogi o tautua i le Ofisa o Ta'avale Afi i Tafuna (OMV), e fesoasoani ai i le tau sailia o ni tupe lotoifale mo le paketi a le Matagaluega, ona o lea ua tele le vaega tupe ua fa'aitiitia ai le latou paketi mo le tausaga tupe fou 2015.

E \$11.2 miliona le paketi a le Ofisa o Leoleo mo le tausaga tupe lenei, peita'i ua fa'aitiitia i le \$8.7 miliona mo le tausaga tupe fou, tusa lea e silia ma le \$2 miliona ua fa'aitiitia ai.

Na fesiligia e le peresetene o le senate ia Gaoteote Palaie Tofau le alii komesina i le mafua'aga ua ala ai ona fa'aitiitia le latou paketi, ae na saunoa Haleck, e mafua ina ua fa'aitiitia tupe fesoasoani mai le malo feterale sa maua e le matagaluega.

Na toe fesiligia le komesina pe i ai se a'afiaga i le tautua a le matagaluega mo le tausaga tupe fou ona o lea ua fa'aitiitia le latou paketi, ae pe ua i ai fo'i ni isi auala e mafai ona maua mai ai ni isi vaega tupe faaopoopo, na saunoa le alii komesina, e leai se aafiaga i a latou tagata faigaluega e ui o lea ua fa'aitiitia le paketi, pau le auala lea ua taumafai i ai le Ofisa e tau fuafua, o le vaavaai lea i le sii i luga o le totogi o tautua mo le atunuu i le OMV.

O le 40% o tupe o lo o maua mai i le OMV mai ana tautua i le atunuu, o lo o alu sa'o i le teugatupe tele a le malo e pei ona taua e Haleck i luma o le komiti.

Mo se faataitaiga i siitaga o lo o fuafua e faia i le OMV, o le sii lea o le totogi o le laisene ave taavale mai le \$12 o lo o i ai i le \$35, ae sui tausaga e aoga ai le laisene mai le tolu tausaga i le lima tausaga.

E o o foi i totogi mo le tautua a le vaega o le Marine Patrol e pei ona saunoa Haleck, o lo o i ai foi le manatu e tatau ona sii, ae faatoa manino ia siitaga uma pe afai e tuuina mai sa latou ata faataoto i luma o le Fono e pasia atu ai.

Saunoa Laolagi Fonoti Savali Vaeao e fa'apea, o lea ua fuafua le matagaluega e sii le tau o laisene, ae o lo o toatele le mamalu o le atunuu o lo o faasea i le tuai ona pu'e o a latou laisene ave taavale.

"E o o fo'i ia te a'u, ua ova ma le lua masina talu ona faafou lo'u laisene ae o lea lava e lei maua se mea, e na o le lisiti lea ou te fealua'i ma a'u, ae o le mea moni lava ia, e le o i ai so'u laisene ave ta'avale o i ai i le taimi nei, o le fautuaga la mo le ofisa, e tatau ona foia muamua fa'afitauli o lo o tula'i mai i le tautua a le OMV, ona fa'atoa vaavaai ai loa lea i le sii i luga o le tau o laisene", o le saunoaga lea a Laolagi.

Na faamalulu le alii komesina i le komiti e tusa ai o lea faafitauli, ae i le tulaga o le tau o laisene, sa ia faailoa i le komiti le taugata o vaega o lo o manaomia e faatino ai le laisene fou lea ua i ai, o le mafua'aga fo'i lea ua manatu ai le matagaluega, ua tatau ona sii le tau i luga.

O le isi mataupu na fesiligia e sui o le komiti i le taimi o le iloiloga, o le faatulagaina o totogi o leoleo, atoa ai ma ni faamaumauga e faataoto mai ai tulaga o tagata faigaluega ma latou totogi (Organizational Chart - OC).

Saunoa Haleck, o le latou OC sa tuuina atu atu i le ofisa o le alii kovana i le tausaga na te'a nei, peita'i e o o mai lava i le taimi nei e le i taliaina pe faamaonia fo'i e le alii kovana.

Saunoa le alii faipule ia Larry Sanitoa e fa'apea, o le fa'afitauli tele o lo o tula'i mai i le taimi nei, e le o taitai lava leoleo e tautuaina le atunuu, ae na saunoa Haleck e fa'apea, talu lava le taimi na tatala ai le lala o le Ofisa o Leoleo i Leone, ua tele le manaomia o ni isi leoleo fou.

Soo se sifi lava e pei ona taua e Haleck, e tatau ona ta'i 10 leoleo e galulue ai i le sifi e tasi o ofisa leoleo uma e fa i le atunuu, peitai o le taimi nei, e na o le ta'ito'a 3 leoleo o lo o galulue i le sifi.

Saunoa le sui peresetene ia Nuanuaolefagaiga Saoluaga Nua e faapea, o le faafitaul lea o lo o tulai mai i le ofisa o leoleo i Manu'a, e na

(Faaauau itulau 11)



Vaitinasa Dr. Salu Hunkin Finau.

[ata: AF]

## ▶ Talosaga Vaitinasa mo se fa'aopoopoga...

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O le fa'alelea o faleaoga i totonu o le itumalo o le Maoputasi e aofia ai Samoana ma Matafao, o le isi lea talosaga sa tuuina atu i le tamaitai faatonu ia Vaitinasa.

Na talosagaina e le alii faipule ia Vailoata Eteuati Amituana'i le tamaitai faatonu, ina ia silasila toto'a i le faleaoga a Matafao, lea ua "toetiiti tu i luga o le ea" ona o le aia o le palapala i le malosi o galu, ae manaomia se tali galu e siomia ai le aoga.

Ina ua fesiligia i tulaga o siitaga fou o totonu o faiaoga, na taua ai e le tamaitai faatonu e faapea, o lo o aofia ai i le paketi o le tausaga tupe fou tulaga o siitaga i totonu o faiaoga, e pei ona faatulagaina mai e le alii kovana.

Na lagolagoina e le komiti le tatau lea ona siitia totonu o faiaoga, ina ia talafeagai ma le maualuga ua i ai lo latou aoaoina.

Ae i luma o le maota o sui i le aso Faraile na te'a nei, na lagaina ai e le afioga i le alii faipule ia Toeaina Faufano Autele le mataupu e fa'atatau i siitaga i totonu o faiaoga, e aofia atu ai ma pule aoga.

Saunoa Toeaina e fa'apea, e le faatuiese lona sui i le faia o siitaga i totonu o faatonusili e pei ona fuafuaina e le alii kovana, faapea ai ma siitaga i totonu o faiaoga, ae tatau fo'i ona silasila toto'a le malo i totonu o aoga taitasi i le atunuu

Na fa'atasa e le afioga i le alii faipule ia Toeaina susuga i pule aoga, o isi ia Fa'atonusili mo le matagaluega i le lumana'i. "O le tatou sao lelei lena mo le matagaluega o aoga, afai o le a sii totonu o fa'atonusili, e tatau fo'i la ona fai ma ni si'itaga mo pule aoga", o le saunoaga lea a Toeaina.

Sa ia taua fo'i e faapea, o totonu o pule aoga i Amerika e silia ma le ta'i \$100,000, ae o Amerika Samoa nei, a maualuga tele o le \$32,000. "O se tulaga lelei tele pe afai e sii totonu o pule aoga i le \$50,000", o le isi lea saunoaga a Toeaina, ma fa'ai'u ai loa lana saunoaga i lona fa'apea atu i le maota, "afioga e i faipule, ia tatou manatua nai Puleaoga".

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## ▶ E ono sii totonu o laisene i le OMV...

Mai itulau 10

o leoleo o lo o i ai ae leai se leoleo sinia o taitaia le Ofisa, ae na tali le susuga a Saite, o le leoleo PSO II o lo o taitaia le Ofisa o Leoleo i Manua, ae o le tulaga sa'o e tatau ona i ai, e tatau ona ta'ita'i e se leoleo ua umia le tulaga Kapeteni, o se fa'afitauli fo'i e tatau ona fesiligia ai le pulega ua mavae.

Na faamanino e Saite ni isi o faafitauli o lo o tula'i mai i totonu o le ofisa o leoleo i luma o le komiti, ina ia latou silafia ai faafitauli o lo o taumafai le pulega fou e foia.

"O le isi faafitauli lea ua maitauina i totonu o le fale leoleo, e sau lava le leoleo na faatou leoleo ananafi sii i luga lona totonu, ae o lo o tumau ai pea i lalo le totonu o le isi leoleo ua

silia i le 20 tausaga lana tautua", o le saunoaga lea a Saite.

Sa ia taua fo'i e fa'apea, o le tulaga o lo o faataoto ai nei totonu o leoleo, e pasia atu lava e le komesina, ae afai loa e fa'atulafono totonu o leoleo, ona le toe tupu lea o le faafitauli lena.

O le isi faafitauli e pei ona taua e Saite, e i ai leoleo ua ova i le ta'i 20 tausaga o le latou tautua, ae o lo o tumau lava latou i le faailoga o le PSO I, ae o le taimi lena ua tatau ona oo latou i isi faailoga maualuluga i totonu o le matagaluega.

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### 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 SAGAPOLUTELE of the village of ILIILI by AIGAFEALOFANI TUPUTALA F. SAGAPOLUTELE of the village of ILIILI, county of TUALAUTA, WESTERN 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 SAGAPOLUTELE shall be registered in the name of AIGAFEALOFANI TUPUTALA F. SAGAPOLUTELE in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: JULY 17, 2014 thru SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

### Fa'aaliga o le Fia Fa'amauina o se Suafa Matai

O le fa'aaliga lena 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 faamauina o le suafa matai o SAGAPOLUTELE o le nu'u o ILIILI e AIGAFEALOFANI TUPUTALA F. SAGAPOLUTELE o ILIILI faalupega o TUALAUTA, falelima i SISIFO.

Ua taliaina e le Resitara lea talosaga, faatasi ma le talosaga a le aiga faapea ma le tusi faamaonia mai matai o le 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 faalauloia ai lena fa'aaliga. Afai o lea lea se talosaga tete'e, po'o se faalavelave foi e faaulufaleina mai i aso e 60 e pei ona taua i luga, o lea faamauina loa lea suafa matai i le igoa o AIGAFEALOFANI TUPUTALA F. SAGAPOLUTELE. e tusa ai ma aiaiga o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa.

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**ALASKA TROOPERS: TODDLER DROWNS IN BUCKET OF WATER**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska State Troopers say a 1-year-old girl has drowned in a bucket of water at her family's home in the western Alaska village of Kotlik. The girl was pronounced dead at the village clinic shortly before 1 p.m. Thursday after CPR efforts failed.

Troopers say the girl fell into a half-full 5-gallon bucket of water being used to wash hands at the home, which has no running water.

Troopers spokeswoman Beth Ipsen says the girl's mother and two siblings were home with the child at the time. Ipsen says the girl spoke with the mother 10 minutes before being found in the bucket by a sibling.

The state medical examiner's office will perform an autopsy. Ipsen says foul play is not suspected in the death. The name of the child was not immediately released. Kotlik is located 165 miles northwest of Bethel.

**WILDFIRE THREATENS 500 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOMES**

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — State officials say a fast-growing wildfire near the Northern California town of Weaverville is threatening about 520 homes and businesses.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services said late Sunday the fire was about 2 miles west of the historic town and has forced the evacuation of about 150 homes.

State fire spokesman Daniel Berlant said the fire was sparked Sunday afternoon near a highway. It rapidly grew to a little more than 1 square mile, or 650 acres. Berlant said crews struggled to contain the blaze because of the steep terrain, plus gusty winds and dry conditions that were fueling the flames.

Weaverville, at the base of the Trinity Alps Wilderness area in Trinity County, was a Gold Rush-era boom town in far northern California.

**AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT DIVERTED TO PHOENIX**

PHOENIX (AP) — Authorities say a security threat forced a flight from Dallas to San Diego to be diverted to Phoenix. FBI Special Agent Perryn T. Collier says the American Airlines flight landed Sunday afternoon at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Collier declined to discuss the security threat because of the active investigation.

American Airlines spokeswoman Michelle Mohr says Flight 362 landed safely shortly before noon and was met by authorities. Mohr says 179 passengers and six crew members were aboard. She said the passengers were able to continue their trips and have reached San Diego. Mohr said she couldn't discuss security matters and referred questions to the FBI.

**OKC POLICEMAN ACCUSED OF SERIAL SEX ASSAULT ON PATROL**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An Oklahoma City police officer arrested on charges of serial sexual assault preyed on women in the run-down neighborhoods he was assigned to patrol — picking some up off the street, pulling others over at traffic stops and in one case taking a woman to a nearby school, according to an affidavit released Friday.

Former star football player Daniel Ken Holtzclaw, 27, raped one woman and either fondled others or forced them to expose themselves, investigators said. He made others perform sex acts on him. And police said there could be more victims than the seven already identified.

The investigation began — and Holtzclaw was immediately placed on leave — when police said a woman complained in June that Holtzclaw had sexually assaulted her during a traffic stop on a boulevard about two miles north of the state Capitol. The alleged incident prompted police to check other contacts Holtzclaw had with the public since beginning street patrols about 18 months ago.

Officers identified seven victims and eight incidents before accusing Holtzclaw of crimes including rape, sexual battery and indecent exposure. Police Chief Bill Citty published Holtzclaw's photograph with the hope that other women would step forward. District Attorney David Prater said formal charges could be lodged by Aug. 29. Holtzclaw had not previously been disciplined in his three-year tenure with the department.

**POLICE: WOMAN WITH FAKE BABY CITED FOR TRESPASSING**

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — A California woman is under investigation after trying to enter a hospital maternity ward carrying a doll that looked like a living baby, police said Friday, but the woman says the dolls are meant to be therapeutic for patients.

Tonya Whitney and a man, whom she later identified as her husband, first went into the hospital on Saturday, each carrying a lifelike doll and drawing suspicion from security officials who told the pair to leave, Merced police Capt. Tom Trinidad said. They returned to Mercy Medical Center on Monday. Police said Whitney — this time wearing nurse's scrubs — again tried to enter the maternity ward.

Hospital security took photos of the couple and their contact information, and police notified hospitals in the area of their activity.

Whitney, 41, was cited with misdemeanor trespassing and released. The case will be turned over to prosecutors for their consideration.

Police said they were concerned Whitney might have wanted to take a living baby.

But in a television interview given just before she was cited, Whitney said she makes the dolls for a living to give comfort to women who have lost babies or can't have them.

**2 MORMON MISSIONARIES DIE IN TAIWAN; 1 DIES IN US**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two Mormon missionaries serving in Taiwan and another in Oklahoma have died. Connor Benjamin Thredgold, 19, of Springville, Utah, and Yu Peng Xiong, 24, of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, were found dead Saturday in an apartment they shared in Taiwan, the Mormon church in a statement Saturday to The Associated Press.

Authorities said they do not suspect foul play, but they haven't determined a cause of death, church spokesman Eric Hawkins said.

In the U.S., Nancy Ann Vea, 19, of West Jordan, Utah, died from injuries sustained in a Tulsa car crash on Friday, Hawkins said.

Only a few missionaries die each year, and it is rare for deaths to occur within such a short period, Hawkins said.

Thredgold's family told the Salt Lake Tribune on Saturday that he loved serving overseas. "He wanted to do this. He wanted to make his family proud," his mother, Cindy, said.

Vea's family told the Tribune that while they are heart-broken about her death, they take comfort in knowing they'll see her again someday.

**INDIA AND PAKISTAN TRADE GUNFIRE IN KASHMIR; 4 DEAD**

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — India and Pakistan traded gunfire in the disputed Kashmir region on Saturday, killing two villagers on each side and wounding several others, officials said.

Dharmendra Pareek, a top official with India's paramilitary force, said Indian forces retaliated after Pakistani troops fired guns and mortar rounds on more than a dozen Indian border posts and at least three villages in the Ranbir Singh Pura region. Pareek said two Indian villagers were killed, including an 8-year-old boy. One Indian border guard and three civilians were wounded, but their injuries were not life-threatening, he said. Television images showed Indian villagers taking shelter in bunkers.

**OFFICIAL: 3 KILLED IN FAILED AFGHAN PRISON BREAK**

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Two prisoners and a child were killed Sunday during an attempted prison break in southern Afghanistan, a top police official said.

The chief of police for Zabul province in southeastern Afghanistan, Ghulam Saki Roghlewani, said some explosives had been placed earlier near a prison wall. He said the explosion was triggered by a child although it wasn't clear whether the child did it intentionally.

After the explosion two Taliban prisoners inside tried to grab the weapons of the police guards, he said. The police managed to shoot and kill the two Taliban prisoners but two officers were also wounded in the incident, Roghlewani said.

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## ► Fumbling in the dark...

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Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa reported treating 172 people in the emergency room, although hospital officials could not say how many of them were there for injuries suffered in the quake and how many for more routine injuries and illnesses, hospital CEO Walt Mickens said.

Twelve people were admitted for broken bones and other medical problems directly related to the earthquake, including an adult who remained in critical condition on Sunday night and a 13-year-old boy. The teen was hit by flying debris from a collapsed fireplace and had to be airlifted to the children’s hospital at the University of California Davis Medical Center for a neurological evaluation. He condition was listed as serious, hospital spokeswoman Phyllis Brown said.

While inspecting the shattered glass at her husband’s storefront office in downtown Napa, Chris Malloy described calling for her two children in the dark as the quake rumbled under the family’s home, tossing heavy pieces of furniture for several feet.

Pacific Gas and Electric spokesman Jeff Smith said an assessment found that about 70,000 customers lost power after the quake hit, but that number was down to around 2,200 by 11 p.m.

An earthquake early warning system currently being tested issued a 10-second warning before the quake struck, said Richard Allen, director of the University of California, Berkeley Seismological Laboratory. California is working to implement a state-wide system, though Allen said funding has not been secured.

The timing of the quake was bad for business in Napa as well.

Vintner Richard Ward of Saintsbury Winery south of Napa watched Sunday afternoon as workers righted toppled barrels and rescued a 500-pound grape de-stemmer that the quake had thrown to the ground. The grape harvest was supposed to start overnight Monday, but it would now be pushed off a few days, he said. Had the harvest started a day earlier, the quake could have caught the workers among the heavy barrels when it struck, Ward said.

Aftershocks were expected to continue for several weeks, though State Geologist John Parrish said they would decrease in magnitude and it was unlikely that there would be a large follow-up earthquake. Still, he warned people to be careful because buildings that were damaged by the quake were now more susceptible to collapse from aftershocks.

On Sunday night in Southern California, a small, magnitude-3.3 earthquake hit off the region’s coast. The U.S. Geological Survey says the temblor struck at 7:50 p.m. and was centered about 5 miles southwest of San Pedro and 6 miles southeast of Rancho Palos Verdes. There were no reports of damages, police said.

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### ARGENTINA GRANDMOTHERS ID 115TH ‘DIRTY WAR’ CHILD

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina’s leading human rights group says tests have identified the granddaughter of one of the group’s late founders, whose daughter gave birth while a prisoner of the 1976-83 military dictatorship and hasn’t been seen since.

Friday’s announcement comes from Estela de Carlotto, president of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo. Just two weeks ago, de Carlotto surprised Argentines by revealing that she had finally found her grandson born to a daughter slain in 1978 by the junta. De Carlotto’s group believes around 500 children were seized from people killed by the dictatorship and given to couples who supported the government.

The unnamed woman announced Friday is the 115th such child to be identified. Her grandmother was Alicia Zubasnabar de la Cuadra, the Grandmothers’ first president who died in 2008.

### MOM OF BOYS WITH LYME DISEASE FIGHTS FOR CHICKENS

BRIDGETON, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey woman is fighting to keep the chickens she bought to eat ticks after her sons contracted Lyme disease.

NBC40 reports that Jamie Warner wants Bridgeton City Council to change an ordinance to allow her to raise chickens.

Warner says her boys contracted Lyme disease while playing in the backyard.

After that, she says, she visited an online chicken forum to ask posters if chickens would eat ticks. She says, “A lot of people were like, ‘Oh, chickens will eat anything.’” Warner says the chickens also help feed her family.

Councilman Mike Zapolski says lawmakers are researching the issue and don’t want to create problems in the rest of the city by changing the law. Bridgeton is a city of about 25,000 residents in southern New Jersey.

### NIGER: MINISTER HELD IN BABY-TRAFFICKING SCANDAL

NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — A relative says Niger’s agriculture minister has been arrested over his alleged involvement in a baby-trafficking scandal that has shaken the country’s political class. Issa Ali said Abdou Labo was transferred Saturday to a prison in the town of Say, 70 kilometers south of the capital, Niamey. He was arrested Friday.

Labo’s wife had already been arrested along with 16 other people over their suspected links to the network involving babies from neighboring Nigeria. The suspects have been scattered in prisons across the country.

A wife of National Assembly President Hama Amadou was also arrested, and there have been calls to lift his parliamentary immunity so he can be questioned.

Amadou is a political rival to President Mahamadou Issoufou, and his allies have decried the arrests as politically motivated.

### ICELAND LOWERS AVIATION ALERT LEVEL FROM VOLCANO

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Iceland lowered its aviation alert level to orange from red Sunday, saying there was no sign of an imminent eruption at the Bardarbunga volcano.

And scientists at the Icelandic Meteorological Office said their announcement Saturday that the volcano had experienced a subglacial eruption was wrong.

But the office cautioned in a statement that seismic activity at the volcano, which has been hit by thousands of earthquakes over the past week, was not slowing, and an eruption remained a possibility in coming days.

Two earthquakes measuring over 5 in magnitude — the biggest yet — shook the volcano beneath Iceland’s vast Vatnajokull glacier early Sunday. The Met Office recorded earthquakes of 5.3 and 5.1 in the early hours.

Iceland had raised the alert for aviation Saturday to red, the highest level on a five-point scale, warning that an ash-emitting eruption could be imminent.

An orange alert indicates “heightened or escalating unrest with increased potential of eruption.”

### LARGE 6.9 EARTHQUAKE REPORTED IN CENTRAL PERU

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A large 6.9-magnitude earthquake has struck a sparsely populated area of central Peru, the U.S. Geological Survey said Sunday. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, said Mario Casareto, spokesman for Peru’s fire agency. He said authorities were still surveying the region, including the Ayacucho area where the quake was centered.

The seismological service initially reported the magnitude as 7, but revised it downward to 6.9 in a subsequent report. According to the survey’s updated figures, the quake occurred at 2321GMT Sunday and was centered about 43 kilometers (27 miles) east-northeast of an area called Tambo, and about 467 kilometers (290 miles) southeast of the capital of Lima. It had a depth of 101 kilometers (62.8 miles), the survey said.

Local media said that the quake was felt in parts of Lima and in many major cities of south-eastern Peru, including Cuzco and Arequipa.

### WOMAN SET RESERVATION FIRE TO GIVE FRIENDS WORK

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A woman is to be sentenced next month for setting a wildfire on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in central Oregon because her firefighter friends were bored and needed work.

The U.S. Justice Department said Friday that 23-year-old Sadie Renee Johnson of Warm Springs pleaded guilty in May to one count of starting brush and timber on fire, and is to be sentenced Sept. 3.

She was riding in a car with two little brothers in July, 2013, and lit a small firework and threw it out the window, where it ignited brush, court records say.

Johnson was arrested days after posting on Facebook, “Like my fire?”

The fire spread to about 80 square miles and cost nearly \$8 million to put out.

### IRAN SAYS IT DOWNS ISRAELI DRONE NEAR NUCLEAR SITE

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guards said Sunday its forces shot down an Israeli drone as it approached an Iranian nuclear site, recovering major parts of what it described as an advanced aircraft. Israeli officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

The incident comes as Iran negotiates with world powers over its nuclear program and hardliners press moderate President Hassan Rouhani to demand more concessions before limiting its atomic capabilities. Israel has not ruled out taking military action against Iran’s nuclear facilities if its capability to build an atomic weapon progresses.

The Guards issued a statement Sunday on its website saying its forces fired a missile at the drone as it neared its uranium enrichment facility in Natanz, some 240 kilometers (150 miles) south of the capital, Tehran. The statement did not say when it shot down the drone.

Guards spokesman Gen. Ramazan Sharif later told Iranian state television that officials believed it to be a “new generation” drone used by Israel.

### OFFICIAL: BRITISH EBOLA PATIENT TO BE EVACUATED

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — The first British citizen confirmed to be infected with the deadly Ebola disease is being evacuated from Sierra Leone on a jet sent by the Royal Air Force, a Sierra Leone official said Sunday.

The World Health Organization is also considering medical evacuation for a Senegalese health worker who has become infected in Sierra Leone, the U.N. health agency said.

Neither patient was identified by name. The British patient was working at an Ebola treatment center in eastern Sierra Leone, the region most affected by the outbreak, said Sidie Yayah Tunis, director of communications for the Sierra Leone health ministry.

The Senegalese health worker is an epidemiologist deployed from a WHO partner organization, WHO spokesman Gregory Hartl said on Twitter.

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**POLICE: CAR IN POTOMAC RIVER NEAR DC, 1 FOUND DEAD**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities have recovered a body from the Potomac River in the Washington, D.C., area after a car apparently went off a parkway and plunged into the water.

The operator of a river tour boat called authorities around midday Sunday and said a car was submerged in the river near the George Washington Memorial Parkway with a person visible inside. Divers recovered the body later Sunday. Authorities did not immediately release the identity of the victim.

It was not clear when the car went in the water or what caused it to leave the roadway.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COUPLE WINS SLOT MACHINE JACKPOT**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A pair of grandparents from New Hampshire has won \$2.4 million at a notoriously stubborn MGM Grand slot machine. Walter Misco played for about five minutes before hitting the jackpot at the 20-year-old "Lion's Share" machine at about 11 p.m. Friday. The 66-year-old retired businessman told reporters Saturday that his wife Linda Misco suggested he play that night. He said the two read about the machine online.

MGM Grand President Scott Sibella congratulated the couple who live in a farmhouse in Chester, New Hampshire. The two told reporters the winnings would help put their five grandchildren through college. They said they may buy a new car as well.

The casino in a Saturday statement said the machine was known for refusing to yield its top jackpot for over a decade.

**OFFICER CHARGED IN HOT-CAR DEATH OF POLICE DOG**

MILLS, Wyo. (AP) — A Wyoming police officer has pleaded not guilty to an animal-cruelty charge that alleges a police dog died after he left it in a hot patrol car for several hours.

According to an investigator's statement filed in Natrona County Circuit Court, Mills police officer Zachary Miller left the dog, a 10-year-old female black lab named Nyx, in his patrol car for over six hours July 9.

"It's a tragedy," Mills Mayor Marrolyce Wilson said.

The car was running, but the air conditioning was off and outside temperatures reached 86 degrees, KCWY News 13 reported.

Miller, a four-year veteran of the Mills Police Department, has pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor charge, the Casper Star-Tribune reported Friday. KCWY reported that he appeared for a preliminary hearing Friday.

**MAN FATALLY STRUCK BY ARROW IN S. CALIFORNIA**

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A man has been arrested on suspicion of killing his brother's friend with a bow and arrow during a dispute at his Southern California home.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's authorities say 23-year-old Garrett Adams was taken into custody at his Lancaster home early Saturday after the victim was fatally struck in the upper torso.

Investigators believe the victim was trying to break up an argument between Adams and his girlfriend when Adams shot him. He was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Adams' brother, who was friends with the victim, also tried to intervene in the dispute. He was not injured.

Adams was booked for investigation of murder and held on \$1 million bail.

**WOMAN DIES AFTER HER CAR STRIKES PARADE VEHICLE**

LAPEER TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A car struck a parade vehicle Saturday in rural Michigan, killing an 80-year-old woman and injuring 10 other people, authorities said.

Lapeer County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Jason Parks told The Associated Press that Jeanette Rumptz of Metamora Township died at the scene in Lapeer Township after she turned her car left and into the truck that had been converted to resemble a steam locomotive. The parade truck was heading to the Metamora Country Days parade about five miles away.

Parks said the 10 people in the parade truck were hurt, including two children who sustained minor injuries. Two adults have life-threatening injuries at a nearby hospital, he said.

Seven people were ejected from an area in the back of the vehicle that was not enclosed and has wooden benches but no safety restraints. Parks said the vehicle is legal for use on the road.

**PROTESTERS AGAINST BROWN COAL FORM HUMAN CHAIN**

BERLIN (AP) — Several thousand people have formed a human chain across the German-Polish border to protest the expansion of open-cast mining for brown coal in the region.

Organizers said more than 7,500 people linked up in an 8-kilometer ( 5-mile) chain between Kerkwitz, Germany, and Grabice, Poland — two villages that activists fear will be evacuated to make way for further brown coal mines, also known as lignite.

Some of Saturday's demonstrators waded into the Neisse river, which divides the two countries, as part of the chain. The leaders of Germany's opposition Green party were among those attending the protest.

Both coal and lignite, which is decried as a dirty fuel by environmentalists, play a significant part in the energy mix of both Germany and Poland.

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**LOCAL U.S. ARMY RESERVE UNIT CONDUCTS TRAINING WITH DPS & EMS**

An hour-long training focused on an 'active shooter' scenario was carried out at the Konelio Pele Army Reserve Center in Tafuna last Wednesday. The training included a scenario of an active shooter wandering the halls of the Reserve Center and what kind of response would be needed in order to protect and secure the premises. Cops from the Department of Public Safety, as well as responders from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) took part in the training, as their assistance would be necessary and requested if such a scenario occurred in real life.

**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ENDS FOR MOST**

This year, 602 students participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) which is administered by the Dept. of Human Resources. For eight weeks, participants of the program were employed by both the government and the private sector. The last day of work for the over 400 SYEP participants who started the program on June 23 was Friday, August 15. The remaining 100+ who are still employed - both here and in the Manu'a Islands - will complete the program this Friday, August 29. For those that completed the program on August 15, their last paycheck can be picked up tomorrow, Aug. 26 while those whose last day is August 29 will get their final paycheck on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

The SYEP allows local youth to gain on-the-job training and learn new skills, in addition to experiencing what it's like to work and earn money. The Dept. of Health had the most interns this year, with 60. Under the SYEP, youths are paid at a rate of \$5 per hour to work for four hours a day, 20 hours a week for a period of eight weeks, with no holiday pay or overtime. A total of 43 government agencies and 86 private sector businesses were involved in this year's program, which prioritizes 'disadvantaged' youth.

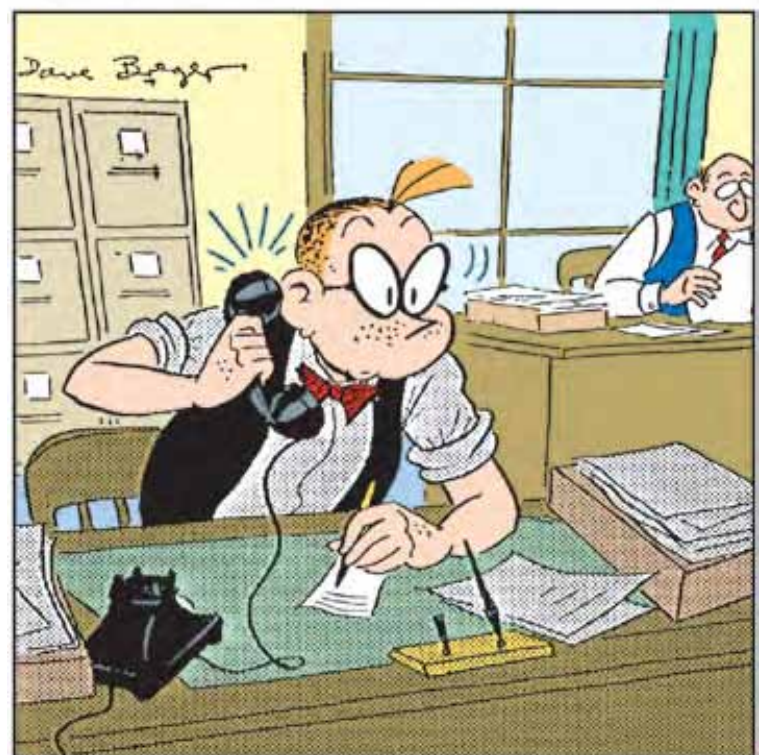
**REQUEST MADE TO TEACH POLYNESIAN NAVIGATION IN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Captain Wallace Thompson, a proud Swains Islander, says he is hopeful that local schools will include in their curriculum, traditional Polynesian navigation— so up and coming youth can learn and appreciate where we come from and how we got here.

During the first public screening of Jean Michel Cousteau's film: "Swains Island - One of the Last Jewels on the Planet" last Friday, Thompson said the recent arrival of the Hokule'a is a bit emotional for him, as Samoan people are the true navigators of the Pacific. He said there is a need to revitalize the Samoan culture and traditions of old, including traditional navigation.

Wallace said he would love to see local schools teaching Polynesian navigation as this is something that is being done in the Aloha State. "If Hawaii can do it, why can't we?" he asked.

**MISTER BREGER** By Dave Breger



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▶ **ABANDON THE MARINE MONUMENT...**

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It also says that the South Pacific Tuna Treaty must be reviewed this year, adding that to date, the "prospect of a settlement looks slim" and "if there is no settlement, US vessels without US hulls will be reflagged or sold."

"The impact to the American Samoan economy from such a scenario will be severe and would potentially affect hundreds of jobs in the territory. This situation will be exacerbated further if the offshore EEZ waters around the PRIMNM are no longer available to the US fleet," it points out.

The Council board contends that arguments outlining the alleged benefits of the expansion of the PRIMNM are contained in a "highly questionable document written for the most part by conservation advocacy groups" based in Washington D.C.

"It presents a highly skewed set of arguments for the monument expansion. It is deeply puzzling that none of the hundreds of scientists at your disposal in the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) were not consulted about the purported benefits of this action. Many of these scientists within NMFS are world famous leaders in their disciplines," they say.

And if NMFS scientists had been consulted, they would likely have pointed out that the proposed expansion would—among other things—

have no additional protection of coral reefs; no conservation benefit to the already existing 12 million seabirds; no conservation benefit to tuna stock; and negative impacts on the US purse seine fleet and the Hawaii longline fleet.

"You have it within your power at the stroke of a pen to expand what are essentially paper parks, but that stroke of a pen will have catastrophic consequences for US fisheries in our region and the ports of Honolulu and American Samoa. Do you really want your legacy to be the President that destroyed the US fishing industry in the Western Pacific?" the letter asks Obama.

Included as supporting documents with the letter, is a 10-page document titled "Best Available scientific information 'does not support' an expansion of the PRIMNM" and a 4-page consensus statement from the Council's Ad-hoc Committee on the socio-cultural and economic impacts of expanding the PRIMNM.

The deadline to submit comments on Obama's proposal was Aug. 15. During its meeting in Honolulu in June the Council members from Hawai'i and the U.S. Pacific territories—including American Samoa— concluded that the proposed expansion "would provide no added conservation benefit to marine resources, but will economically harm the area's fishermen and those reliant on Pacific marine resources."

▶ **SAMUELU: AMERICAN SAMOA VISITORS BUREAU BUDGET A "JOKE"...**

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Another issue Samuelu pointed out was that the Department of Commerce also provided CSBG (Planning) funds to ASVB. Further ASVB should be working in close partnership with DOC, "because Tourism is an economic development component and thus, any development efforts should be in line with DOC and the Territory, however, ASVB is not coordinating its efforts with DOC's overall economical priorities."

Samuelu is a Special Assistant to DOC Director. She also took issue with the ASVB brochures being printed off island. ASVB "is still wanting ASG to supplement their budget and print their "colorful" brochures etc. while they enjoy their profits and nothing goes back to ASG," she said.

"Yes, so we approve our hard earned local funds and ASBV spends it in NZ & Australia, and how

many tourist do we get from there?" Samuelu stated. Samoa News sent emails to Vaeafe and Roy Hall on issues pointed out by Samuelu in her email, however as of press time there was no response.

During the budget hearing on the ASVB, the Senate president called this budget "le alofa", or "heartless". More details of the said budget hearing were in Saturday's edition.