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## High school dropouts able to earn a diploma through Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy

by Joyetter Feagimaalii  
Samoa News Sub Editor

Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga is meeting with Hawaii's Governor Josh Greene and Major General Kenneth Hara of the Department of Defense regarding the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy.

Samoa News has received calls from families whose children have enrolled in this program, which offers courses and upon completion they are eligible to receive a High School Equivalency Diploma.

There was a recruiter on island advocating this program, however Samoa News was unable to track down that person.

According to their website, the mission of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-18 year

old high school dropouts, producing program graduates with the values of life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.

"The National Guard Youth Challenge Program is a community-based program that leads, trains and mentors 16-18 year old high school dropouts so that they may become productive citizens in America's future.

"This program has been recognized as one of the nation's most effective and cost efficient programs for targeting youth who are at the greatest risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, and criminal activity," according to its website.

In a statement issued yesterday, Gov. Lemanu P. S. Mauga said upon arrival in Honolulu, Hawaii on February (Continued on page 14)



## A THANK YOU TO ROUNDHOUSE FOUNDATION

Kathy Deggendorfer, (fifth from left in black) founder of the Roundhouse Foundation donated a laser eye machine to the LBJ eye clinic. In the meantime OHSU ophthalmologists are on island to conduct eye examinations and treatment. (See story inside for details about donation and the foundation.)

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## Gov expresses his concerns to U.S. Senators over local population count

by Samoa News staff

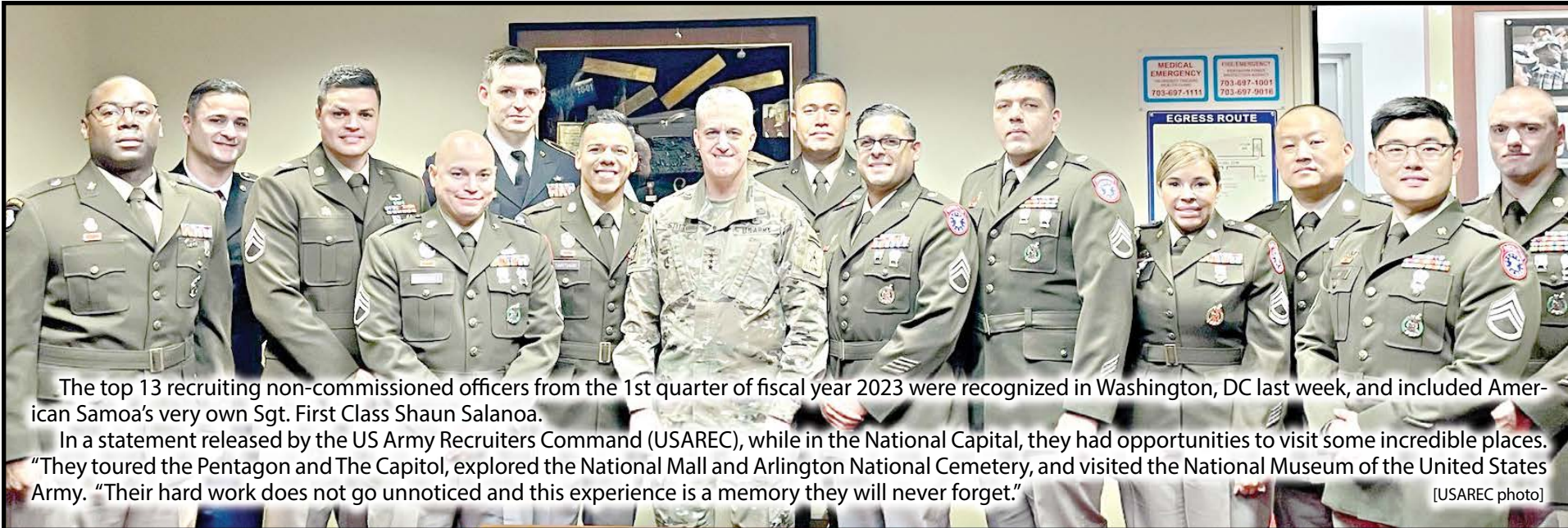
Gov. Lemanu P.S Mauga has joined others in the territory with growing concerns over the drop in American Samoa's 2020 Census population count,

telling a U.S Congressional committee last week that the population count does not reflect the actual number of the territory's residents today.

The US Census Bureau in

late 2021 released the 2020 Census for American Samoa and it shows the population count in 2020 decreased by 10.5% from the 2010 census.

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The top 13 recruiting non-commissioned officers from the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2023 were recognized in Washington, DC last week, and included American Samoa's very own Sgt. First Class Shaun Salanoa.

In a statement released by the US Army Recruiters Command (USAREC), while in the National Capital, they had opportunities to visit some incredible places. "They toured the Pentagon and The Capitol, explored the National Mall and Arlington National Cemetery, and visited the National Museum of the United States Army. "Their hard work does not go unnoticed and this experience is a memory they will never forget."

[USAREC photo]

## LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that AVA LUFILUFI PENEUETA on behalf of the AVA FAMILY American Samoa, has executed a LEASE AGREEMENT to a certain parcel of land commonly known as LEAMI which is situated in the village of PAVA'IA'I, in the County of TUALAUTA, WESTERN District, Island of Tutuila American Samoa. Said LEASE AGREEMENT is now on file with the Territorial Registrar to be forwarded to the Governor respecting his approval or disapproval thereof according to the laws of American Samoa. Said instrument name TREVOR & TALA'U'ULA TUIOLOSEGA as LESSEE.

Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land Commission before the 14 day of APRIL, 2023. It should be noted that any objection must clearly state the grounds therefor.

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## KOMISI O LAU'ELE'ELE

O LE FAASALALAUAGA leni ua faia ona o le aiga AVA LUFILUFI PENEUETA ole nu'u o PAVA'IA'I, Amerika Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA LISI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o LEAMI, e i le nu'u o PAVA'IA'I i le itumalo o TUALAUTA, Falelima i SISIFO ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O lea FEAGAIGA LISI ua i ai nei i teuga pepa ale Resitara o Amerika Samoa e fia auina atu ile Kovana Sili mo sana fa'amaoniga e tusa ai ma le Tulafono a Amerika Samoa. O lea mata'upu o lo'o ta'ua ai TREVOR & TALA'U'ULA TUIOLOSEGA.

A iai se tasi e fia fa'atu'iese i lea mata'upu, ia fa'aulufaleina mai sa na fa'atu'iesega tusitusia ile Failautusi o lea Komisi ae le'i o'o ile aso 14 o APERILA, 2023. Ia manatua, o fa'atu'iesega uma lava ia tusitusia manino mai ala uma e fa'atu'iese ai.

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## NOTICE FOR SEPARATION AGREEMENT

TO Members of the FUIAVA FAMILY and to all whom these presents may come. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIAALII FEISI SEGIFILI & ESTHER FEISI SEGIFILI has offered for recording in this office an instrument in writing which seeks to separate a certain structure which is or to be erected, on land FATIA, allegedly belonging to FUIAVA FAMILY of the village of AUNU'U in the County of SAOLE, Island of TUTUILA, American Samoa.

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# LBJ's acting CEO tells hospital management to "walk the talk"

by Joryetter Feagaimaalii  
Samoa News Sub Editor

In efforts to ensure that nurses and doctors "don't walk out from the hospital", LBJ's Acting Chief Executive Officer Dr Akapusi Ledua said the management should "walk the talk".

Dr Ledua told Samoa News leaders of the hospital should be "honest" with their staff.

"What we should do as leaders is to talk with our staff — in this case we need to talk with our nurses and understand their concerns. As we understand the concern, listen to them and whatever we tell them that we will do as leaders — we have to deliver that.

"And that will earn their trust," said Dr Ledua.

Prior to last Christmas, close to 50 nurses went on strike picketing along the Faga'alu road leading up to LBJ hospital over unpaid overtime and not getting their promised increment as announced by the hospital management and board earlier in December. More than 20 nurses did not attend their shifts at the hospital over the weekend as a way of expressing their disappointment with decisions made by the LBJ Hospital management.

Dr Ledua says the nurses and doctors are the backbone of the hospital.

"When they have our trust, they will follow

through with the deliverables, as expected of nurses.

"I will say that moving forward from here that is what we're going to do — as a leaders, we're going to reach out to the nurses.

"As a physician I understand the nurses role well. I understand them and understand what they go through I understand their concerns and we know how to deal with the problems and the issues that they have.

"And we're definitely going to address those issues in moving forward so that they will gain our trust and we will work together as one to deliver a healthcare that all people need," said the Acting CEO.

Dr Ledua was appointed acting CEO after the former CEO of hospital resigned.

The former CEO had scolded the nurses in the hospital's newsletter after nurses walked out from the LBJ hospital, which led to calls from lawmakers as well as those in the public to push for his resignation.

In his criticism of the striking nurses, the former CEO said that while "the nurses deserve the salary adjustment" — "but they were not patient" and "... what they did was uncalled for; I mean it's their right, but they should have been patient."



During a presentation at the Dept. of Health yesterday, one of the three Ophthalmologists from Oregon Health and Science University reported the number of children the doctors have seen and the services provided during their visits to SPICC, Manumalo and Kanana-Four elementary schools last week.

The doctors are on island to provided eye check examinations for the territory's children.

[photo: Christina Meyer Maele]

# Oregon philanthropist presents a laser eye machine to LBJ eye clinic

by Joyetter Feagaimaalii  
Samoa News Sub Editor

The LBJ eye clinic yesterday received a \$70,000 laser eye machine, thanks to Kathy Deggendorfer, founder of the Roundhouse Foundation.

Deggendorfer is part of the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) team that is currently on island.

Deggendorfer — an artist by profession — gives students projects while they are waiting to be examined by the eye doctors who are bringing eye care to students at local schools.

She is the founder and trustee of Roundhouse Foundation and has been to the territory three times. And this isn't the first time Deggendorfer has donated medical equipment to LBJ hospital.

The Roundhouse Foundation is dedicated to supporting programs that inspire creativity, connect people with each other and their sense of place, and ensure sustainability for the long-term economic success of Oregon's rural communities.

According to the website, Roundhouse Foundation was founded with the support of Deggendorfer's mother, Gert Boyle, the matriarch of

Columbia Sportswear.

"Gert was no stranger to challenges as she immigrated from Nazi Germany in 1937, took over Columbia Hat Company with her husband Neal, and then quickly had to transition the family business after Neal's sudden death in 1970.

"Gert recognized the need for hard work and collaboration to ensure the family business and the greater community was successful.

"One of Mom's famous 'Gertisms' was, 'It is better to give with a warm hand than a cold one,'" Deggendorfer remembers.

"In that spirit, Gert funded and the family Trustees direct The Roundhouse Foundation.

"The Foundation's original desire was to focus on supporting ideas and projects that create positive change.

"Roundhouse was interested in projects that work with and through the arts, celebrate creative problem solving, and showcase creative people as positive mentors for children and important forces in creating new economies."

Over the past several years the mission of the Foundation has morphed into celebrating

not only the arts, but all creative problem solving throughout Oregon's rural communities and Tribal Nations.

Roundhouse has worked to establish four dynamic program areas of support: arts and culture, environmental stewardship, education, and social services.

The Trustees often find their work most effective at the intersections of these program areas.

In 2017, the Roundhouse Foundation purchased Pine Meadow Ranch in Sisters, Oregon to fulfill Deggendorfer's long-term vision of creating a space for artists, conservationists, farmers, ranchers, educators and scientists to come together to share space and ideas while working in an inspirational setting.

The Ranch serves as a model for interconnected work and the basis for collaborative economies.

Now, almost 20 years later, the Roundhouse Foundation owns and operates the Ranch as an example of the work it hopes to support through grant-making and investing.

In 2021, the Foundation distributed over \$10 million to hundreds of organizations that

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are paving the way for creative problem-solving in rural communities.



Director of the Department of Health Motusa Tuileama Nua expressed his gratitude to the three Ophthalmologists from Oregon Health and Science University as well as the Lions Club for their support for the eye health of American Samoa's children.

Lions Club members worked as volunteers with the three doctors as they provided eye check examinations last week at SPICC Elementary, Manumalo Elementary and Kanana-Fou Elementary.

[photo: Christina Meyer Maele]

# “A PARABLE OF TWO BROTHERS”

Dear Editor,

Governor Lemanu’s unabashed hat-in-hand tour across D.C. made me think of a parable of two brothers who went to see their father on his deathbed.

The first brother knelt alongside his father, held his hand and said, “Father, you are both wise and wealthy. I ask nothing of you other than hope I have

earned your love, though you’ve given it freely. You never expected us to be perfect; only that we try our very best. I’ve paid my debts, earned my place in this world and set my children up for success. I pray I have honored your legacy and made you proud.”

The second brother comes in after the first had left the room, towers over

his father lying in bed and says, “Father, calamity has overcome my household for reasons outside of my control. Your expectations of me as a man have been overwhelming my entire life, and they have only served to bring me down. I have never had my brother’s luck! The only thing I ask of you now is for my fair share of your inheritance so that my

children will not know poverty.”

If you think the ASG is the first brother in this story, you’d be terribly wrong. And if you think the father in this story is the federal government, you’re even more so.

Talifaitasi Satele

## Police seek motive of gunman who killed 3 at Michigan State

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The 43-year-old gunman who killed three students and wounded five others at Michigan State University had no apparent connection to the campus, police said Tuesday as they searched for a motive for shootings that terrified the community for hours.

Investigators were sorting out why Anthony McRae fired inside an academic building and the student union just before 8:30 p.m. Monday. An hours-long lockdown at the campus in East Lansing ended when he killed himself miles away while being confronted by police.

The shooting happened the day before the fifth anniversary of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting that killed 17 and is the latest in what has become a deadly new year in the U.S.

“We have to do something to stop the gun violence that’s ripping apart our communities,” President Joe Biden said in a speech Tuesday, mentioning Michigan State.

Meanwhile, a school district in Ewing Township, New Jersey, closed for the day after investigators said that McRae, who lived in the area years ago, had a note in his pocket indicating a threat to schools there. But it was determined there was no credible threat, local police said later in a statement shared by the superintendent.

The dead and injured in the gunfire at Berkey Hall and the MSU Union, a popular place to eat and study, were all Michigan State students. Five remained in critical condition at Sparrow Hospital, said Dr. Denny Martin, who fought back tears during a

news conference Tuesday.

“We have absolutely no idea what the motive was,” said Chris Rozman, deputy chief of campus police, adding that McRae, of Lansing, was not a student or Michigan State employee.

“This is still fluid,” Rozman said. “There are still crime scenes that are being processed, and we still are in the process of putting together the pieces to try to understand what happened.”

The dead were all from the Detroit area. Two graduated from separate high schools in the Grosse Pointe district: Brian Fraser, president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and Arielle Anderson. Alexandria Verner, a graduate of Clawson High School in another Detroit suburb, also died.

“If you knew her, you loved her and we will forever remember the lasting impact she has had on all of us,” Clawson Superintendent Billy Shellenbarger said in an email to families.

The shootings took place in an area of older, stately buildings on the northern edge of the Michigan State campus, one of the nation’s largest at 5,200 acres. Just across busy Grand River Avenue lies East Lansing’s downtown, teeming with restaurants, bars and shops.

“Our Spartan community is reeling today,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Michigan State graduate, said at the morning briefing.

Biden pledged his support during a phone call, she said.

“We mourn the loss of beautiful souls today and pray for those who are continuing to



Michigan State University students embrace at The Rock on campus, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, in East Lansing, Mich. Police say the gunman who killed himself hours after fatally shooting three students at Michigan State University was 43-year-old Anthony McRae. Police also say five people who are in critical condition Tuesday are also students. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

fight for their lives. ... Another place that is supposed to be about community and togetherness is shattered by bullets and bloodshed,” Whitmer said.

Michigan State has about 50,000 students, including 19,000 who live on campus. As hundreds of officers scoured the campus, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) northwest of Detroit, students hid where they could Monday night.

At 11 p.m., police were still searching for McRae when he turned up on school security cameras, and his image was quickly released to news media. An “alert citizen” saw the picture, recognized him in the Lansing area and contacted police within minutes, Rozman said.

“That was exactly what we were trying to achieve by releasing that picture. We had no idea where he was at that point,” the deputy chief said.

Officers confronted McRae

about 5 miles (8 kilometers) from campus in an industrial area, where he killed himself, Rozman said.

In 2019, McRae was accused of illegally possessing a concealed weapon, according to the state Corrections Department, but pleaded guilty to having a loaded gun in a vehicle, a misdemeanor. He completed 18 months of probation.

A large police presence was in his Lansing neighborhood overnight. Suzanne Shook said she has lived a block away from McRae for about a year.

“We never spoke to him,” Shook said. “When he would be walking or riding his bike, he was always straightforward and wouldn’t look at anybody.”

Students, meanwhile, recalled the previous night’s terror. Dominik Molotky said he was learning about Cuban history around 8:15 p.m. when he and the other students heard a

gunshot outside the classroom. He told ABC’s “Good Morning America” that a few seconds later, the gunman entered and fired three to four more rounds.

“I was ducking and covering, and the same with the rest of the students,” Molotky said.

Claire Papoulias, a sophomore, described on NBC’s “Today” how she and other students scrambled to escape a history class through a window after the gunman entered from a back door and began firing.

“As soon as I fell out of the window I kind of hit the ground a little. I just grabbed my backpack and my phone, and I remember I just ran for my life,” she said.

All classes, sports and other activities were canceled for 48 hours. Interim university President Teresa Woodruff said it would be a time “to think and grieve and come together.”

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Man charged with burning down house of Petesa church minister

by Joyetter Feagaimaalii  
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A man has been charged for arson over allegations that he set a home on fire in Petesa belonging to a church minister.

Peni Toso is in custody with bail at \$30,000 and is facing one count of arson, a class B felony, which is punishable with jails terms between five to 15 years.

Toso appeared in the District Court yesterday.

According to the government's case, on February 10, 2023 police received a call for assistance after a family home was set on fire in Petesa.

Upon arriving on scene, officers saw the building engulfed in flames.

"As we were securing the scene and waiting for fire fighters to arrive, onlookers from around the area, including the pastor, Tupuivao Ioelu who owns the house, were yelling

out to us that a man named Peni had set the house on fire.

"They had told us that the man had lived there with his wife, Pusi Toso, and had another residence on the east side of the island, at Pagai."

Witnesses told police while they were sleeping inside the house, the defendant woke them up to clear out saying "that he is going to burn down the house."

According to one of the witnesses, when the suspect was in their room, the witness could smell a reek of alcohol odor, as the suspect was demanding them to exit the house immediately.

"At first, the witness thought that the suspect wasn't serious, and he was just acting drunk and the witness went back to sleep. Several minutes later he could smell something burning and immediately felt the heat temperature rising.

"As he came out of his room,

he was then startled to see that his uncle's room was in flames."

The day after the incident police headed to Pagai where the defendant resides and found him.

The criminal complaint states that the defendant confessed that he set the house on fire.

"In his confession, he stated that he got into a verbal altercation with the pastor who owned the house. In a rage after the altercation, he went back to the house and doused his room with gasoline and ignited the fire.

"He then took a back road that led to Fagaima and sat under the pulu tree near the Wayland University building.

"He was able to call a family member from Pagai who had come to pick him up and take him."



by Joyetter Feagaimaalii  
Samoa News Sub Editor

## MOTHER TURNS IN SON FOR ALLEGED PPD

A bail of \$1,000 has been set for Patrick Ale over charges of property damage, third-degree assault and private peace disturbance.

The defendant appeared in the District Court yesterday. According to the government's case this matter was reported last month.

A woman informed officers on Jan 27, that her son Patrick was disturbing the peace within their family and was breaking things in their home at Faganeanea.

According to the defendant's statement, he got into an altercation with his sister, but was upset when he heard his uncle saying to call the police on him.

The defendant said he was tired of his uncle getting involved in their family matters and that was why he approached his uncle with a piece of wood.

Later he grabbed a rock and threw it at his uncle before walking away.

## MAN PLACED ON PROBATION IN ASSAULT CASE

Joseph Lopesi Tualatai has been given a second chance by the court.

Sentencing in this matter was held before Acting Associate Justice Elvis Patea.

The defendant apologized for his criminal actions and for violation of the laws of the territory that led him before the court.

"I now know what I did was wrong and I am humbly seeking your honors for another chance to return home to care for my children, especially my parents."

Prosecuting this matter is Angela Drummond while the defendant is represented by Public Defender David Vargas.

He was originally charged with a class D felony of assault, however in a plea agreement with the govern-

ment, the defendant pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault.

"As your attorney has pointed out, you have been on probation before, also for assault in the third-degree and you barely finished probation, just last year. Based on the day of offense in this case, it occurred a month after your probation expired and that's why you probation from the other case is not revoked," said Justice Patea.

He further pointed out that the panel unanimously agreed that the defendant has anger issues.

"You tend to think with your hands first. We're also in agreement with probation that counseling would be the appropriate disposition in your case. Although the agreement says that you should be placed on probation of 12 months, the court thinks otherwise.

"You are placed on probation for 24 months and that condition of probation is that you remain a law abiding citizen at all times; report to pro-

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POSTED: FEBRUARY 10, 2023 thru MARCH 13, 2023  
SIGNED: DIVINE IULI FALANIKO, Territorial Registrar

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probation office once a month or as often as they require; you will come back to court periodically so we can see how you are doing on probation, the last Friday of April which is the 28," ordered Justice Patea.

The Acting Associate Justice ordered the defendant to undergo a counseling program with Social Services and whatever the counseling required, Tualatai must abide by it.

Apart from that, the defendant was also ordered to attend and successfully complete anger management counseling with Social Services.

His 90-day jail sentence was stayed by the court on the condition that he comply with conditions of his probation.

Tualatai was also fined \$1,000 but \$800 will be suspended pending complying with his probation conditions. The \$200 will be deducted from the bond that was posted.

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*Saunia e le Aiga potopoto o Sa Alaiasa*

# Rumors swirl about balloons, UFOs as officials stay mum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maybe they came from China. Maybe from somewhere farther away. A lot farther away.

The downing of four aerial devices by U.S. warplanes has touched off rampant misinformation about the objects, their origin and their purpose, showing how complicated world events and a lack of information can quickly create the perfect conditions for unchecked conjecture and misinformation.

The presence of mysterious objects high in the sky doesn't help. "There will be an investigation and we will learn more, but until then this story has created a playground for people interested in speculating or stirring the pot for their own reasons," said Jim Ludes, a former national defense analyst who now leads the Pell Center for International Relations at Salve Regina University.

"In part," Ludes added, "because it feeds into so many narratives about government secrecy."

President Joe Biden and other top Washington officials have said little about the repeated shootdowns, which began with a suspected Chinese spy balloon earlier this month. Three more unidentified devices have been shot down, with the latest Sunday over Lake Huron. Pentagon officials said they posed no security threats but have not disclosed their origins or purpose.

On Monday, many social media sites in the U.S. lit up with theories that Biden had deployed the aerial devices as a way to distract Americans from other, more pressing issues. Those concerns included immigration, inflation, the war in Ukraine and Republican investigations into Hunter Biden, the president's son.

While the concentration of claims was highest on fringe sites popular with far-right Americans, the unfounded rumors and conspiracy theories popped up on bigger platforms like Twitter and Facebook, too.

One of the most popular theories suggested the White House and Pentagon are using the airborne devices to divert attention from a chemical spill earlier this month in Ohio.

That incident, caused by a train derailment, occurred several days before the most recent devices were shot down, and was covered extensively. Nonetheless, the spill remained the top subject searched on Google on Monday, showing continued public interest in the story.

China's government apparently took notice. On Tuesday Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying tweeted a link to news coverage of the Ohio chemical leak and added #OhioChernobyl, a hashtag used in many posts that suggest the incident is being covered up.

"Apparently some in the US take a wandering civilian balloon as a big threat while the explosive train derailment and toxic chemical leak not," she wrote in the tweet, which racked up tens of thousands of views within hours Tuesday.

Misleading claims about the airborne devices have also prompted violent threats, according to an analysis by the SITE Intelligence Group, a firm that tracks extremist rhetoric online. After the White House said earlier surveillance flights went undetected during Donald Trump's presidency, an article circulated on far-right sites urging the execution of any Trump administration officials who may have withheld the information.

Trump administration officials have said they knew of no such surveillance craft.

Some commenters said Biden's decision to wait until the balloon had reached the East Coast before shooting it down showed he was in league with China. Others, meanwhile, chastised Biden for shooting down foreign aircraft that they imagined could be carrying bio-weapons or nuclear weapons.

Alongside the political conspiracy theories were suggestions that the aerial objects were extraterrestrial in origin. Photos of alleged UFOs were shared online and web searches for the term "UFO" soared around the world Sunday, according to information from Google Trends.

Online posts mentioning extraterrestrials increased by nearly 300% since the first balloon was identified, according to an analysis conducted for The Associated Press by Signal Labs, a San Francisco-based media intelligence firm. Signal's review included millions of posts on platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Reddit.

"Don't worry, just some of my friends of mine stopping by," Elon Musk, the CEO of Twitter, Tesla and SpaceX, joked in a tweet Sunday.

Humor aside, while the details of the different claims vary, they have two things in common: a lack of evidence and a strong distrust of America's elected leaders.



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# Gov expresses his...

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As of April 1, 2020, the territory's population was counted at 49,710, down from the 2010 Census figure of 55,519.

In written testimony last week to the U.S Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing on the state of U.S territories, the governor pointed to the territory's 2020 population count and other data that weren't officially released until late 2021 and late 2022.

He said the "significant drop in our population count does not reflect the actual number of residents in American Samoa today."

The governor pointed out that the Coronavirus pandemic led the Territory to close its borders from 2020 to 2022 and numerous American Samoa residents could not return home within the enumeration period.

"Accordingly, I humbly request an opportunity to recount or consider another population census method on a quinquennial basis for US Territories," the governor said in the written testimony.

(Quinquennial — means occurring or being done every five years. And this is a process done every five years for the nation's economic census,

including the insular areas.)


As previously reported by Samoa News, the decrease in population impacts the federal grants' formula — which is based on population.

The drop in 2020 population count had prompted concerns from some local leaders and others in the community who question how the population dropped below 55,000 and that there were expectations for the count to be higher since the American Samoa Commerce Department (ASDOC) mid-year 2020 estimate population — as of July 2020 was 57,637.

The 2021 mid-year estimate dropped down to 51,561 as of July 1, 2021. For the mid-year 2022 population count as of July 1, 2022, the ASDOC report says it's estimated at 51,269.

Chief Statistician Meleisea Vai Filiga, who was also the Area Census manager during the last U.S. census count, had told Samoa News in late 2021 that before the closure of the 2020 census enumeration, the local government was given an opportunity to assess and review the count. And a local review committee was established to conduct this review.

"The committee did not



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come up with any credible evidence to challenge the enumeration count due to the lack of better secondary administrative data," Meleisea said at the time, responding to Samoa

News inquiries as to whether there was an analysis conducted by ASDOC on the 2020 census data.

Secondary data sources including school enrollment,

building permits and new housing units were utilized for comparative and trend analysis, he said. (See Samoa News edition Nov. 01, 2021 for details.)



A student leaves flowers at The Rock on the grounds of Michigan State University, in East Lansing, Mich., Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023. A gunman killed several people and wounded others at Michigan State University. Police said early Tuesday that the shooter eventually killed himself.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

# ODAPM director updates feds on Am Samoa's disaster mitigation actions

by Samoa News staff

One of the important topics of discussion at last week's US Federal Emergency Management Agency's Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG) meeting for the first quarter of 2023, was building codes.

At the meeting held at FEMA headquarters in Washington D.C., the Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management (ODAPM) director, Lisa Tuato'o provided information that ODAPM applied for funds to upgrade building codes and received money from FEMA.

The procurement process has been completed and a contractor has been selected to conduct this project, according to a news release from the Governor's Office. Additionally, the building survey schedule of values of government facilities project is ongoing and almost completed.

Samoa News notes that an ASG team, which is led by ODAPM, has been conducting a survey of government facilities and assets since last year. Last week, the team visited Fagali'i Elementary School and Alataua II Elementary.

According to the Governor's Office, the last time the building survey was conducted in American Samoa was in 2004 and ODAPM took the lead in 2021, applied for federal money and was successfully awarded funds by the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Areas Technical Assistance Program

for this project.

Tuato'o also shared at the meeting the great news of the approval of the American Samoa Watershed Plan, which is available on ODAPM's website ([www.odapm.as.gov](http://www.odapm.as.gov)). She credits the interagency collaboration of local and federal partners for this milestone accomplishment.

As previously reported by Samoa News, officials of the U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Honolulu District late last month presented to acting governor Talauega E.V. Ale and ASG officials, the American Samoa Final Post Disaster Watershed Plan, following Tropical Cyclone Gita in 2018. The plan was also shared with the Senate Public Works Committee during a hearing.

USACE officials informed the committee that this is a post disaster study looking at all water resources and the study provides strategic recommendations for the next 50 years, relating to those water resources. (See Samoa News edition Jan. 30 for details.)

During the MitFLG meeting, Tuato'o extended an invitation to all members to attend the upcoming Second Amerika Samoa Annual Disaster Resilience Summit in the territory in September this year.

The first summit was held last September, with various presentations by local and federal partners. ODPAM's website has documents and presentations from the summit.

Tuato'o sits on the FEMA



MitFLG as a State Local Tribal Territorial (SLTT) member. The meeting's objective was to "discuss mitigation and resilience opportunities identified by the White House, including priorities from the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission."

More than 60 federal, SLTT and other unique participants actively engaged in the four hour meeting that included in-

person and virtual attendance. An opportunity was afforded to MitFLG members to share info on their mitigation and resilience-focused initiatives and priorities for 2023. (Details of the MitFLG online at: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov))

The Governor's Office news release said that: "In person meetings yield more advantages for the Territory by way of networking and utilizing the con-

tributions of available resources for the overall good of the people of American Samoa."

Gov. Lemanu P. S. Mauga is leading a large ASG delegation including cabinet directors, attending several meetings with various federal agencies in Washington D.C. And the delegation has been issuing press releases from these meetings through the Governor's Office.



This photo distributed by the Governor's Office shows Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management (ODAPM) director, Lisa Tuato'o (far left) with other officials who attended the FEMA Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG) meeting last week in Washington D.C.

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# Tulaga faigata mo tagata nofomau i Amerika Samoa e le agavaa i le Medicaid

**Fa'aliliu: Lali staff**

Na fa'asoa e le afioga i le ali'i kovana ia Lemanu P. S. Mauga i le komiti a le Senate i le Konekeresi a Amerika, i le aso Tofi na te'a nei, le "tulaga faigata" a Amerika Samoa, lea e le o agava'a ai le pasene o tagatanu'u o le atunu'u, ua 20 tausaga o latou nonofo mau fa'aletulafono i le teritori, i le polokalame o le Medicaid o lo'o fa'atupeina e le feterale.

"O le matou fa'afitauli i Amerika Samoa, o le to'atele o i tatou e fananau mai i Amerika

Samoa e agava'a mo le Medicaid," o le saunoaga lea a le kovana sili i le iloiloga a le Komiti a le Senate mo le Malosiaga ma Punaoa Faanatura a Amerika.

Peita'i, "o lo'o i ai le pasene o tagata Amerika Samoa, o lo'o nonofo fa'aletulafono, i Amerika Samoa, e le o agava'a i lalo o le polokalame Medicaid,"

o le saunoaga lea a le ali'i kovana e fa'atatau i le vaega o tagata nofomau i Amerika Samoa - o tagata mai fafo ua aumau faaletulafono i le teritori

mo le itiiti ifo i le 20-tausaga.

"Ma o lo'o saili ni tupe maua mai totonu o le malo ina ia mautinoa o lo'o tatou tausia le vaega lea o le faitau aofa'i o tagata," o le saunoaga lea a Lemanu, o ia lea sa tali atu i le fesili a le komiti sa tuuina atu i kovana uma o teritori sa saunoa i le iloiloga.

Na taua e Lemanu i le komiti e fa'apea, o le tele o tupe maua e sau i le teritori e ala i tupe fesoasoani a le feterale, e le manuia ai lenei vaega o le faitau aofa'i o Amerika Samoa.

"E le agavaa i latou mo ni sikolasipi a le feterale, pe agavaa foi i le tele o penefiti faaleaoaga e agavaa ai i latou e fananau i Amerika Samoa," o lana faaaliga lea.

I lana molimau tusitusia i luma o le komiti, na saunoa atili ai le alii kovana e uiga i tagata nofomau a Amerika Samoa. Saunoa le ali'i kovana e fa'apea, e le pei o tagata nofomau i Amerika, o tagata nofomau i Amerika Samoa e tataua ona nonofo fa'aauau i Amerika Samoa mo le 20 tausaga e maua ai le tulaga nofomau.

"O nei tagata nofomau e le agavaa mo Medicaid sei vagana...aunaga fa'afuase'i," o le fa'amatalaga lea a lee kovana.

Na ia fautua se suiga o le tulafono a le malo tele o le Medicaid o le a mafai ai e le Malo o Amerika Samoa ona "tuuina atu le tausiga faafomai e manaomia mo lenei vaega ua saofaga'i le 20 tausaga o lo'o latou olaga e nonofo ai i le tatou teritori o Amerika, totogi lafoga ma fesoasoani i le manuia" o Amerika Samoa.

"E mana'omia ona fa'atusa tutusa i latou e pei o tagata

nofomau a Amerika e agavaa mo Medicaid, ae na'o le lima tausaga [e nonofo ai] i Amerika e agavaa ai mo Medicaid i lalo o le tulafono feterale," o lana tala lea.

E pei ona lipotia muamua e le Samoa News, o le faatonu o le ASG Medicaid Sandra King-Young i le tausaga na te'a nei na faia ai le taamilosaga i Uosigitone D.C. ma talanoa ai i komiti a le Konekeresi o loo le vaaiga o le Medicaid e talanoa ai e uiga i mataupu e lua e taua ia Amerika Samoa - e aofia ai le agavaa o le Medicaid mo tagata nofomau fa'aletulafono i Amerika Samoa.

"E na'o le Konekeresi e mafai ona fa'atalanoaina le mataupu e agava'a ai tagata nofomau tumau i Amerika Samoa," o le Medicaid, o le tala lea a King-Young i le Samoa News i le tausaga na te'a nei.

Sa ia taua e fa'apea, sa talosagaina e le ali'i kovana le fesoasoani mo tagata nofomau ma na taua'au atu i le taimi lea i luma o komiti a le Konekeresi ma le Ofisa o le Faipule i le Konekeresi, Uifa'atali Amata, lea mataupu a Amerika Samoa.

## Afea Amerika

# Samoa asiasiga a le Fa'alapotopotoga Soifua Maloloina o le Lalolagi

**Fa'aliliu: Lali staff**

O le Aso Gafua, Fepuari 13, 2023, na fa'ataunu'u ai le ulua'i asiasiga aloaia a sui sinia o le Faalapotopotoga o le Soifua Maloloina a le Lalolagi (WHO) na afea ai Amerika Samoa.

O lea aumalaga sa ta'ita'i mai e Dr. Kim Eva Dickson, faatasi ai ma nisi o sui o le latou vaega. Ma o Dr. Dickson ua tula'i mai nei o le taitai o le ofisa o WHO i Samoa.

Ma sa fa'afeiloai ma fono le au malaga a le afioga i le Lutena Kovana, Talauega Eleasalo Ale, lea o loo avea ma taitai o le malo i lenei vaitau 'ao malaga

le afioga a le kovana sili i fonotaga i Amerika.

O le ofisa o le WHO i Apia, e aofia ai Samoa, Amerika Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue, ma Tokelau.

I se pepa o fa'amatalaga mai le Ofisa o le Kovana, o lo'o fa'ailoa ai e fa'apea, o Dr. Dickson ose Foma'i Soifua Maloloina ma toetoe 30 tausaga o le poto masani fa'avaomalo.

Sa galue o ia i tulaga faaleatunuu ma faava o malo ma atunuu i Aferika, Asia, Europa, Amerika, ma ua i ai nei i le Pasefika.

(Faauau itulau 12)



## Vaega e 7

E faatalofa atu I le mamalu o le atunu'u I leni taeao fou. Faamalo le onosa'i. E faamoemoe o lo'o tatou tau fai alafa'I mai I ni fanuga lelei I le alofa ma le agalelei o lo'o tatou Matai I le Lagi. Ae saga'I mai loa mo le faapoopoga fou o le tatou Fagogo, I le alii o Tavita ma le tamaitai o Tepora.

Na gata le tatou I le vaiaso ua tuanai I le taimi o iai Tavita ma Tepora I totonu o se fale mataaga e maimoaina le fa'aaliga faataulaitu a le tamaitai o Tina, e mafai ai ona fesootea atu I agaga o tagata ua maliliu.

Ua pogisa atoa le fale mataaga, se'I vagana ai le mea o nofo mai ai Tina I luga o lona nofoa I le ogatotonugalemu o le fale mataaga, I tafatafa o se laulau ma se laupapa lapotopoto o taatia ai I luga.

"E faafeiloai atu I le mamalu o le aofia," o le faafeiloai mai lea a Tina. "E muamua ona ou faailoa atu le iai o se veli o lo'o I le va o Ienei lalolagi ma le nofoaga o iai agaga o tagata ua maliliu. Ma o lo'o iai nisi o soifua mai nei, e pei o lo'u nei tagata, e mafai ona feso'ota'I ma agaga o I latou ua maliliu."

"Ae e le'I fa'aauau le tatou polokalama, e ao ona ou sauniuni ina ia mafai ona fa'aaogaina e agaga o e ua maliliu ia o'u lima, e tusi ai feau taua o lo'o latou fia faailoa mai I aiga ma uo, o lo'o soifua," o le tala lea a Tina ma punou ifo lona ulu. "Afai e iai ni fesili e tou te fia fesiligia ai o outou tua'a ua sopoia le veli o le oti, e mafai

ona faaoo mai I luma nei a outou fesili".

E ui I le le talitonu o Tepora I mea a Tina ia e fai mai I luma, ae peita'I, sa ia fa lo atu e tau-mafai e maua se vaaiga latalata I le mea o lo'o tupu mai I luma.

"Ae ia outou manatua," o le lapata'I mai lea a Tina, "E le talia uma a outou fesili I le aso nei, I luma o le toatele. Ae e mafai ona e faafesoota'I mai a'u pe a maea leni polokalama, ina ia mafai ona fai seisi fuafuaga e maua ai le tali o lau fesili".

Na soisoi le alii o Tavita ma musumusu atu ia Tepora, "E foliga mai o lo'o tau su'e se tupe a si teine o Tina".

Na vaaia le pupuni o mata o Tina ma amata ona faalue I luga o le nofoa ma ia faapea mai, "Ou te faafeiloai atu I agaga I tua atu o le veli o le oti. Ua o matou o'o mai e saili ni tali o fesili ua matou umia. Matou te talosagaina la outou taitaiga I le tau sailiga o le atamai mai ia te outou".

Ua le mafai le tatali o le ata a Tavita, ae na liua I le ita ina ua l'ini e Tepora lona vae.

Na faate'ia tagata uma ina ua amata ona tete le tino atoa o Tino, e foliga mai o se tagata ua oso sona ma'I aitu. Ua nofo sa'o I luga o lona nofoa ma tatala ona mata, ma faataupupula mai I le toatele ua lolofi atu aga'I I luma I le fia moli-mauina o leni mea ua tupu.

(Faauau itulau 11)





A police officer, with his gun drawn, is seen through the window at an entrance at the Michigan State University Union following shootings on campus on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, in East Lansing, Mich. (Nick King/Lansing State Journal via AP)



**AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Agriculture Community & Natural Resources Division

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Position Title:** Community Health Researcher  
**Employment Status:** Full Time 12 months (Career Service)

**General Description:**

Under the general direction of the Research Coordinator, the Community Health Researcher designs and implements community health research to inform strategic and effective, culturally sensitive public health and social marketing strategies and interventions for American Samoa that will produce positive health outcomes. This applied research requires collaboration with counterparts in the College's research and extension programs and colleagues in other agencies along with extensive community engagement.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Design, develop, and implement community health research projects addressing critical health challenges in American Samoa, and publish research results in peer-reviewed academic journals
- Share research results in formal and informal settings through seminars and presentations for the public, and assist in the production, dissemination, and evaluation of culturally and theoretically informed media-based messages in American Samoa
- Provide technical support to college and other agency health and wellness programs
- Write grant proposals for community health research projects
- Procure equipment, software, and supplies to support the community health research program
- Maintain collaborative working relationships with local and off-island colleagues to advance the program's goals
- Complete all required unit, divisional, college, territorial, and federal reports
- Support ASCC instructional programs through guest lectures and lab activities
- Provide internship opportunities in the program for local high school and College students
- Direct and supervise program staff
- Other duties as assigned

**Minimum Qualification:**

- Ph.D. degree in public health, epidemiology or related field
- Four years professional experience in public health and public health research
- Proven research competence as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications
- Successful collaborations and positive interactions with colleagues and stakeholders
- In depth-understanding of local public health challenges and commitment to collaboratively developing, implementing, and evaluating locally appropriate health innovations
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills
- Fluent speaking and writing in both Samoan and English

**Salary:** GS-17/02-05: \$60,904.00 - \$64,804.00 per annum

**Application Deadline:** Open Until Filled

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office 699-9155 Ext. 456/466/460, <http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by emailing [ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu](mailto:ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu).

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► **Tulua i po ma ao...**

Mai itulau 10

"Ua tatou faatasi ma nisi o agaga o aiga ma uo ua maliliu," o le tala lea a Tina. "O lo'o latou faatali mo fesili o tou saili ni tali".

"Ou te fia fesili pe faapefea lena itu o le veli," o le fesili lea a se tasi o alii.

Na vaaia le a'apa atu o Tina ma u'umai le peni sa I luga o le laulau, ae o lo'o faataupupula mai pea I tagata, ma amata ona tusi I luga o le laupepa sa I luga o le laulau.

Na tago atu se tamaitai ma faitau mai le tali na tusia I luga o le laupepa, "O se nofoaga e tumu I le malamalama ma le fiafia. E le mafai ona malamalama iai tagata o lo'o soifua mai nei".

Ua tau le manifo Tavita I lona le talitonu I mea o faia e Tina.

Na tula'I se tamaitai e ufiufi ona foliga I se veli lanu uliuli ma ia faapea atu, "O auai mai le agaga o si o'u toalua o Siaosi, faamolemole. Ou te fia fesili atu iai po o fea o nana ai pepa o le Lotto ua ou fiu e su'e le fale, e le maua ai."

Ua tau faai'u'u uma le manava o tagata sa I totonu o le fale mata'aga a'o faatalitali le tali mai ia Tina. "O lo'o nana I tua o le pusa tu I totonu o le umukuka."

Sa lagona le tagi leotele o le toalua a Siaosi ma alaga, "Faafetai! Faafetai Siaosi!".

Ae na faate'ia le toatele ina ua tula'I se alii ma valaau atu, "Faamolemole lava Tina, afai o faatasi mai le agaga o le tamaitai o Rasela, e mafai ona ia ta'u mai po o ai na fasiotia o ia?"

Ua liliu uma tagata I le mea sa sau ai le leo o le fesili, ae o

le taimi lea ua nofo sa'o I luga Tina e foliga mai o le a tali mai, ae na vave ona ia toe pupuni ona mata.

O le taimi lea ia Tavita ua soso atu faalatalata ia Tina, e vaai sana taga o le a fai.

"E fai mai nei Tina e le o iinei le agaga o Rasela," o le tala lea a Tepora.

"Leai, vaai fo'I la," o le musumusu atu lea a Tavita, ma o la tau fai tilotilo uma I le mea o nofo mai ai Tina I luga o le laulau, ua ia pikiina I luga le peni ma amata ona tusitusi. E tusi lava Tina ae o le taimi lea ua amata ona gatete lona tino atoa ma I'u ai lava ina pa'u mai lona nofoa.


Na oso atu se tasi o le au maimoa ma piki I luga le pepa sa tusitusi ai Tina ma faitau upu na tusia, e faapea, "O Rasela o se tamaitai tau faasese ma le pepelo. O le mafuaaga lea ua le fiafia ai agaga mai I leisi itu o le veli, ma o latou faatapunia ai lona fofoga".

Na ona uma lava ona faitau e le tagata lea o le tusi, ae pe loa le moli e tasi lea sa I luga o le laulau ma pogisa atoa ai le fale mataaga. Ua amata ona lagona le fefefe o tagata ma ua amata ona vavao.

"Faamolemole ia onosai mai I lou nofoa. Aua le faapopoleina se tasi ae se'I saili le ki ole moli e faamalamalama ai le fale," o le leo mai I le pogisa.

Ina ua toe malamalama ifo le fale ina ua ki moli, ua leai le tamaitai o Tina I le mea na pa'u ai, atoa ai ma le laupapa sa iai I luga o le laulau.

E FAIA PEA

 <b>AMERICAN SAMOA POWER AUTHORITY</b>		Human Resource Department, Tafuna PO Box PPB, Pago Pago American Samoa 96799 Phone No: (684) 699-3033 humanresource@aspower.com	
<b>PUBLIC JOB POSTING</b>			
Position Title	Leak Detection Trainee (2)	Posting Date	February 7, 2023
Department	Water Operations (Leak Detection)	Deadline	February 22, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.
Division	Water Division	Pay Range	\$7.56/hour - \$7.86/hour
Position Type	Career Service (12 months' probation)		
Reports To	NRW Supervisor	Job Grade/Status	C/5/A – C/6/A, Non-Exempt
<b>Major Duties &amp; Responsibilities</b>			
The primary objective of this position is to assist in resolving and detecting water leaks and nonrevenue water activities. Selected candidates will be trained to locate unaccounted-for water, including the correct use of leak detection tools, and maintenance and repair of waterline breaks. Successful candidates are hardworking, reliable, willing to participate in a variety of projects, and able to follow instructions from the site supervisor. The position also entails a lot of walking and working outdoors in all weather conditions.			
<b>Minimum Requirements</b>			
Education	High School diploma or GED certificate preferred.		
Experience	Be detail-oriented; able to work with data, make decisions, and understand mechanics. Have experience in a related water works environment. Speaks and writes in English fluently. Have basic computer knowledge and word processing skills.		
COVID-19 Vaccination	Applicant must show evidence of having completed the full course of vaccination against Covid19 as approved by the FDA & WHO.		
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dexterity and Hand-Eye Coordination.</li> <li>• Building and Engineering knowledge; some skills you should possess include: plumbing, demolition, building and repairs, power tools &amp; etc.</li> <li>• Excellent memory is a necessary trait in order to recall important details, processes, and procedures.</li> <li>• Good communication skills include: reading, speaking, ability to listen and follow directions, written and verbal communication in English &amp; Samoan.</li> <li>• Good attendance record.</li> <li>• Problem – Solving and decision-making skills.</li> <li>• Good customer service skills.</li> <li>• Knowledge of building codes.</li> <li>• Good planning/organizational skills, attention to detail, ability to prioritize and handle multiple demands.</li> <li>• Computer literate and competent in using standard office software.</li> <li>• Ability to work outdoors for long periods of time exposed to various weather conditions.</li> <li>• Ability to lift 50lbs or more as required.</li> <li>• Ability to walk up to 5 miles per day.</li> </ul>		
	Qualified applicants: Please submit a completed ASPA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASPA (address listed above) by the deadline listed above. Attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examinations (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on employment drug test. ASPA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary. Salary will commensurate with experience and education. No phone inquiries accepted.		
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Afioga i le Lutena Kovana, Talauega Eleasalo Ale, o lo’o avea ma taitai o le malo i lenei vaitau fa’atasi ai ma le sui sinia o le Faalapotopotoga o le Soifua Maloloina a le Lalolagi. [ata: ASG]

## ► Afea Amelika Samoa...

Mai itulau 10

I le avea ai o se vaega o lana ta’amilosaga aloa’ia, na tu’uina atu ai e Dr. Dickson ana fa’amaoniga ma fa’aalia aloaia ai o ia o le Ulu o le WHO Office. Sa ia faamalo atu i le Sui Kovana, o ia foi Ta’ita’ifono o le Covid-19 Task Force ma o se fautua mo mataupu tau le Soifua Maloloina, mo le “lelei ona tali atu a Amerika Samoa i le faama’i o le COVID”.

“O le soifua maloloina o se vaega taua tele o le olaga,” o le tala a Talauega i le feiloaiga ma Dr. Dickson, a pei ona fa’ailoa i pepa o fa’amatalaga mai le Ofisa o le Kovana.

“Matou te faamalo atu ia te outoue uma mo la outou

# New Zealand plans final rescues soon after cyclone kills 4

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand authorities expect to make the final rescues Wednesday after a cyclone brought extensive flooding and landslides that claimed at least four lives.

Cyclone Gabrielle struck the country’s north on Monday and has brought more destruction to this nation of 5 million than any weather event in decades.

Police said at least four people had been confirmed killed by the storm, including a child caught in rising water on Tuesday at Eskdale on Hawke’s Bay. All four fatalities occurred near the same North Island east coast bay.

The body of a volunteer firefighter was retrieved Wednesday from a landslide

that destroyed a flooded house near Auckland, a police statement said. Another firefighter was critically injured by the same landslide on Monday night.

A woman was also killed by a landslide at Putorino and a body was found on a shore at Napier on Tuesday, police said.

Police said 1,442 people had been reported uncontactable in the North Island by Wednesday afternoon. The large number could be explained by widespread disruptions to telecommunications and power.

Around 144,000 properties on the North Island were without power on Wednesday, down from 225,000 on Tuesday, The New Zealand Herald reported.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Chief Accountant

Seeking Chief Accountant for a successful progressive group of companies (beverage bottler and distributor, auto dealership, ship’s chandler and cartage company) to oversee and manage accounting staff and systems for all companies.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Oversee, monitor and evaluate existing accounting systems and update as needed
- Oversee and manage existing internal controls, policies and procedures; develop and implement new controls, as needed, consistent with GAAP guidelines
- Prepare reports on company performance including profit and loss statements, balance sheets, and cash flow analyses
- Review financial statements and report on and correct any errors or anomalies in accounting methodology
- Ensure all necessary financial records, contracts, and other documentations needed to determine accuracy and completeness of data are compiled, organized, and updated
- Review corporate income tax returns to ensure accuracy
- Ensure compliance with state and federal corporate and payroll tax codes and regulations and detect and address potential compliance issues
- Advise company owners about the tax code
- Oversee processing of state and federal payroll taxes
- Maintain, as needed, communication with the federal and state tax agencies
- Oversee and manage accounting operations for all the companies; monitor, mentor and train staff, clerks, and bookkeepers to ensure proper execution of their roles and duties
- Report directly to the Board of Directors, periodically, as needed

### Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting, Finance, or accounting related field
- Current CPA / CA license maintained throughout employment period
- Strong knowledge of U.S. GAAP / ACCA
- Extensive experience working with basic and various accounting software
- 5 years experience in accounting related field
- 7 years management or supervisory experience
- Corporate finance and operations experience, a plus
- Strong analytical and communication skills, written and verbal
- Demonstrated leadership skills and ability to interact well with all levels of various departments
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint and Word, preferred
- Strong knowledge of tax matters relating to Sub S and C Corporations

Attractive salary package commensurate with experience includes 401(K) and vacation/sick leave.

Please forward your resume with any additional questions to: levaimalu5@gmail.com.  
Reference the ad you are inquiring about in the subject line.

# Buffalo supermarket gunman set to receive life prison term

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A white supremacist is set to be sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for killing 10 Black people at a Buffalo supermarket in an attack fueled by racist conspiracy theories he encountered online.

Payton Gendron is scheduled to appear in Erie County Court, where he pleaded guilty in November to charges including murder and domestic terrorism motivated by hate. The terrorism charge carries an automatic life sentence.

Relatives of several victims are expected to speak during the hearing, giving them an opportunity to address the judge and the killer responsible for their sorrow.

Gendron, now 19, wore bullet-resistant armor and a helmet equipped with a livestreaming camera as he carried out the May 14 attack. He killed his victims with a semiautomatic rifle, purchased legally but then modified so he could load it with high-capacity ammunition magazines that are illegal in New York.

There were only three survivors after he shot 13 people, specifically seeking out Black shoppers and workers.

His victims at Tops Friendly Market included a church deacon, the grocery store's guard, a neighborhood activist, a man shopping for a birthday cake, a grandmother of nine and the mother of a former Buffalo fire commissioner. The victims ranged in age from 32 to 86.

In documents posted online, Gendron said he hoped the attack would help preserve

white power in the U.S. He wrote that he picked the Tops grocery store, about a three-hour drive from his home in Conklin, New York, because it was in a predominantly Black neighborhood.

While a life prison sentence is guaranteed for Gendron, he also faces separate federal charges that could carry a death sentence if the U.S. Justice Department chooses to seek it.

Gendron's admission of guilt on the state charges is seen as a potential help in avoiding a death sentence in the penalty phase of any federal trial. In a December hearing, defense attorney Sonya Zoghlin said Gendron is prepared to enter a guilty plea in federal court in exchange for a life sentence.

The mass shooting in Buffalo, and another less than two weeks later that killed 19 students and two teachers at a Texas elementary school, amplified calls for stronger gun controls, including from victims' relatives who traveled to Washington, D.C. to testify before lawmakers.

New York legislators quickly passed a law banning semiautomatic rifle sales to most people under age 21. The state also banned sales of some types of body armor.

President Joe Biden signed a compromise gun violence bill in June intended to toughen background checks, keep firearms from more domestic violence offenders and help states put in place red flag laws making it easier for authorities to take weapons from people adjudged to be dangerous.



## AMERICAN SAMOA POWER AUTHORITY

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**PUBLIC JOB POSTING**

Position Title	Chief Financial Officer	Posting Date	February 01 , 2023
Department	Accounting	Deadline	February 21, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
Division	Support Services	Pay Rate	Starting pay to commensurate with experience and qualifications
Position Type	Contract	Job Grade/Status	TBD, Exempt
Reports To	Executive Director		

**Major Duties & Responsibilities**

The CFO will have primary day-to-day responsibility for planning, implementing, managing and controlling all financial and accounting related activities of ASPA while working hands-on in daily financials with the current team. The CFO must be willing to dive in and work on day-to-day financials while taking a CFO role in management and oversight of financial operations. The CFO provides financial leadership for ASPA to grow value in a responsible, profitable, and sustainable manner; fosters ethical and responsible decision making processes, appropriate management methodologies, and corporate governance practices. He/she also oversees ASPA's Finance and Accounting department providing leadership for all matters as they relate to budget management, cost benefit analysis, forecasting needs and the securing of new funding. The CFO sets strategic direction and initiatives that produce measurable results, while holding others accountable to established risk management principles. The CFO is also responsible for establishing good working relationships with banks and other financial institutions that may impact the company's ability to finance its operations.

**Other duties are as follows:**


- Direct the preparation of annual budgets and ensure timely budget to actual and financial data is available to the board, management and department managers.
- Responsible for ASPA Audits, respond to questions and requests for information from the auditors; resolve auditor concerns, implement procedures and internal controls.
- Ensure that ASPA develops and maintains an optimal capital structure, minimizing its cost of capital while maintaining flexibility.
- Foster and cultivate business opportunities and partnerships
- Maintain confidentiality of all sensitive information
- Recognize and be responsive to the needs of all customers, vendors, clients of the organization, including funding organizations, local community, advocates, participants, and employers.
- Focus on continuous improvement in all aspects of the job
- Promote and maintain an environment of cooperation and collaboration with other divisions of ASPA, the American Samoa Government (ASG) and Federal Government and Agencies.
- Maintain strong financial controls and budget discipline, as well as safeguard ASPA's financial interests
- Maintain the confidence of the CEO and Board through timely, accurate and thorough reporting of financial information
- Actively promote ASPA's vision, mission, and values with employees, outside vendors, and customers
- Maintain a high level of customer service
- Coordinate ASPA's financial responses to the American Samoa Government, Fono, rating agencies and others as required.
- Other duties as assigned by the Executive Director

**Minimum Requirements**

Education	Bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration. Preference will be given to candidates with the Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant designations.
Experience	10+ years of progressively responsible financial experience for a major company or division of a large corporation. Must have strong experience at a supervisory level; plus strong command of written and spoken English. Must have a good track record. Neat and personable.
COVID-19 Vaccination	Applicant must show evidence of having completed the full course of vaccination against Covid19 as approved by the FDA & WHO.
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	Skills: Strong managerial skills and desire to work under the pressure of deadlines and manage multiple priorities; excellent interpersonal communication skills, organizational skills, and attention to details; good people management skills and overall business managerial skills; depended upon to complete work in a timely, accurate and through manner; be depended on to report to work on time and is seldom absent from work. Knowledge: A highly thorough knowledge of accounting and auditing principles, practice and procedures related to the electrical utility industry; Outstanding ability to develop sound, practical and modern utility accounting procedures and to plan and organize the accounting activities in such a manner; Strong ability to induce effective performance by the ASPA's accounting employees and to maintain their morale, training and development at a high level; Abilities: Strong ability to prepare clean and comprehensive financial and budgetary reports in accordance with GAAP's; Able to report to work regularly and on time.


Qualified applicants: Please submit a completed ASPA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASPA Human Resources (address listed above) by the deadline. Attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examination (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on pre-employment drug test. ASPA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary.

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## American Samoa Government Department of Public Health

# PUBLIC NOTICE



**The American Samoa Department of Health Early Intervention Program "Helping Hands" would like to inform the public that the Annual State Grant Application under part C of the individuals with Disabilities Education Act as amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 is available for public comment for a period of 60 days.**

**A copy of the document is available to review at the DOH Helping Hands Office located in the Ottoville Professional Building in Tafuna.**

**Please call the DOH Helping Hands office at 699-6962/6963 if you have any questions regarding this public notice.**

**Signed,**  
**Roseanne Felise**  
**DOH Part C Coordinator**



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## Employment Opportunity at LBJ

The Department of Human Resources is accepting applications for the following position.



**Job Title:** Chief of Works and Facilities  
**Department:** Engineering Plant Services  
**Reports to:** Chief Executive Officer  
**Salary Range:** \$70,000 - \$95,000/ annum

**Introduction**

This position is in the Office of Engineer, LBJ Tropical Medical Center. LBJ Tropical Medical Center Chief Engineer it totally responsible for the delivery of Architectural / Engineering Services in support of the programs within the hospital. This includes Maintenance, preventive and curative, Bio-Medical Engineering Services, Housekeeping, Security, and Laundry. These functions also include design and construction projects, giving technical direction and assistance to management on maintenance of facilities, disasters, fire and life safety and facility conditions surveys, and energy and water conservation. This position reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provides overall supervision/direction of Works and Facilities/Infrastructure Department.
- Prepares or recommends design engineer's portion of estimates, reviews contractor proposal and assists in negotiations with contractors.
- Reviews designs architect/engineer's working drawings and specifications which indicate building size and general arrangement and final drawing and specification, all for conformance with accepted practice and agency requirements. Recommends necessary changes.
- Conducts surveys to investigate existing equipment layout and conditions. Writes reports and recommends necessary changes if required.
- Reviews and recommends approval of equipment, shop drawings, and technical data submitted by contractors, ensuring conformance with contract documents and making recommendations as to the suitability of new processes and methods.
- Investigates, when directed, a variety of problems which departments or contractors experience in construction, maintenance or operation, such as interference between mechanization and other specializations or other modifications in the original design which the contractor feels are necessary or desirable. Advises the Chief Executive Officer on such technical matters as may affect the contract and provides justification and cost estimates if changes are expected that would require modification to the contract.
- Participates in routine and final construction inspection.
- Acts as a project engineer over the planning a design phase of maintenance and improvement projects, applying management techniques, knowledge of engineering, the physical science, and standard contracting practices.
- Participates in, conducts or prepares research, data assemblies and report preparation on special problems or issues.
- Performs various office operations tasks of a general nature not necessarily of an engineering function.
- Performs various other duties as assigned by CEO.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Poses a bachelor's Degree form an ABET accredited College or University in engineering or Engineering Technology.
- Three to five years' experience in engineering, with some experience in construction or construction management, with experience in hospital construction and maintenance a plus.
- Bilingual in Samoan and English Languages.

**Evidence of Performance:**

- Candidates must provide proof of major management accomplishments, publications, or papers) i.e., professional, White, position, etc.), and demonstration of any significant skills and/or project milestones.

**Physical Requirements:**

- Must be able to lift 50 pounds on own; amounts over 50 pounds with assistance of mechanical devices.
- Must be able to twist, bend, stoop, squat, crawl, kneel, push, and pull.
- Must be able to climb stairs, use standing balance, and walk on uneven ground.
- Must be able to use hands repetitively, use simple grasp, use firm grasp, use manual dexterity.
- Must be in excellent physical and mental health.

\*Note: Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position.

**Factor 1: Knowledge Required by the position:**

- Professional knowledge of engineering concepts, principles of engineering concepts, principles and practices applicable to the full range of engineering duties concerned with the design and layout of a variety of hospital systems and equipment.
- Familiarity with related fields such as architecture and electrical, mechanical and structural engineering.
- Ability to design engineering systems such as would be acquired through an ECPD accredited bachelor's degree program in engineering, supplemented by several years' experience in design of facilities related systems.
- Must be bilingual in Samoan and English. Requires at least 3 years of recent hospital facilities or engineering experience.

**Factor 2: Supervisory Controls:**

Supervisors assign work in terms of project objectives and priorities. The employee determines the nature of the questions and an issue involved and independently plan and carries out the work assignment according to accepted engineering practices. Unusual or complex problems are referred to the Chief Executive Officer accompanied by recommendations or alternative solutions. Completed work is reviewed for adequacy of results and compliance with objectives. Detailed calculations,, findings and recommendations on routine assignments are accepted as technically accurate.

**Factor 3: Guidelines:**

Guidelines include hospital policies and procedures and instructions on engineering matters, manufacturer's literature, engineering texts, and precedents for similar situations. Such guidelines are not always wholly applicable to the problems requiring solutions so the employee must exercise judgment in their selection and application to specific problems, for example, recommend modifications to design during construction to eliminate interferences with other specializations or solve other design deficiencies.

**Factor 4: Complexity:**

The assignments are diverse covering a number of essentially different problems, systems and equipment. The employee must adapt and modify conventional practices and apply design criteria to the projects assigned. Problems encountered include interferences with other specializations and the need to choose between several approaches used in the past projects. The work also requires recognition of the relationship of problems and practices of related engineering fields either to solve the engineering problem or refer it to the appropriate source.

**Factor 5: Scope and Effect:**

The incumbent's duties require the investigation of a wide range of conditions, recommendations of the most effective solution to the problems they generate, and responsibility for the rendering of suitable designs for a variety of problems, systems and equipment. The work affects the efficiency, economy, and safety of the systems and equipment involved. The incumbent must be a licensed professional engineer with wide experience in design and construction activities.

**Factor 6: Personal Contacts:**

Contacts are with hospital officials, contractors, architect – engineers, professionals in American Samoa Government (ASG) agencies and personnel within and outside of the employees own office.

**Factor 7: Purpose of Contacts:**

Contacts with engineers and managers are to convince them, because of engineering considerations, of the merits of solutions. Contacts with hospital personnel are to motivate them toward safe use of equipment and to ensure the continuing use of pollution control apparatus installed to comply with regulations. Participate in the negotiation of construction contract cost with private firms and reviews work of architect – engineer firms and construction contractors.

**Factor 8: Physical Demands:**

Occasional physical activity is required including climbing, walking, bending, or stooping during facility surveys or the inspection of the installed equipment or building and facilities.

**Factor 9: Work Environment:**

Work is performed in both office and construction site setting. Frequent travel is required.

For a copy of the Duties and Responsibilities, please contact the Human Resources Office @ (684) 633-122 ext: 440 or email at HR@ljb.as. Deadline for filing applications with the LBJ Office of Human Resources will be February 27, 2023 @ 4:00pm.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE LBJ DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

## High school drop outs...

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12, 2023, he asked to meet with Hawaii officials this week to discuss the concerns in the recruiting process and work on solutions for the students that are interested in the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy.

Gov. Lemanu said he was able to get on a call with Major General Hara on February 13, 2023 in the afternoon. Hara is the Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense

“Since the American Samoa Department of Education (AS-DOE) has made contact with the parents and agreed to return the students home, Governor Lemanu honored the arrangements for the students to return and graduate from their respective high schools with a clear pathway of joining the military or look into attending college.

“In the meantime, Gov. Lemanu and Major General Hara are working together to ensure that there is a smooth process in the successful recruitment of students from American Samoa that are U.S. Nationals to participate in the youth program.

“The parents and students will be informed on any updates with Governor Lemanu and MG Hara’s efforts to work through the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy eligibility requirements.”

According to the National Guard Youth Challenge Program their main campus is

located on the island of Oahu at Kapolei and their second campus is located on the island of Hawai’i at Hilo, generally serving the youth living on the neighboring islands.

The frequently asked questions on the website states that applicants must be at least 16 and no older than 18 years of age on the start date. Applicant age is determined on the day of in-processing (no exceptions are made for those applicants 15 and younger or 19 and older).

“The program is funded by the State of Hawaii and the Federal Government. Although parents are not required to pay tuition for the program, some personal items may have to be purchased prior to and during the class cycle.

“Although the Youth Challenge Academy is ‘quasi-military’ in structure, Cadets are not obligated nor are they expected to join a military service. If a student is enrolled in our HiSET pathway they will be eligible to receive their High School Equivalency Diploma.

“If they do successfully complete the HiSET program a student will not need to return back to high school as they would have received a diploma and are encouraged to continue on to college.

“The academy assists with the college application process and even offers a limited number of earned scholarships, if the graduate so chooses.”

## New Zealand plans...

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A weather station in the Hawke’s Bay and Napier region recorded three times more rain over Monday night than usually falls for the entire month of February, authorities said.

More than 300 people were rescued Tuesday from that same flooded bay area, including 60 stranded on a single roof, Emergency Management Minister Kieran McAnulty said. Helicopters would help make the final 25 rescues of individuals and family groups on Wednesday.

“Our emergency services are still carrying out rescues and land searches in a number of places,” McAnulty told reporters.

British King Charles III’s sister Princess Anne visited New Zealand’s disaster management headquarters in the capital, Wellington, on Wednesday and praised the nation’s response. Her visit to New Zealand was scheduled before the cyclone struck.

“My thoughts are with all New Zealanders whose homes or livelihoods have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle,” she said in a statement.

“I admire the courage of the people of Aotearoa during this

alarming and difficult time,” she said, using the country’s Māori-language name.

“You should all be proud of the resilience, strength and care for your communities you are showing in the face of adversity,” she added.

Around 9,000 people have been forced from their homes since Monday, with several communities isolated by floodwaters and landslides, he said.

“Everyone knows we have a long path ahead of us as we deal with extensive damage to homes, businesses, roads and bridges and other fundamental parts of our infrastructure,” McAnulty said. “This is a significant disaster and it is going to take many weeks for those areas most affected to recover,” he added.

Auckland was swamped two weeks ago by a record-breaking storm that also killed four people.

A national emergency was declared Tuesday, enabling the government to support affected regions and provide additional resources. It is only the third national emergency ever declared.

# FUN & PRIZES!



### King Classic Sudoku

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### Avoiding baking-soda clumps!

**Dear Heloise:** I love to bake, but I hated it when my baking soda or baking powder would clump up into hard balls. I finally took a neighbor's advice and now stir them into the sugar before adding either one. Apparently, the gritty texture of the sugar breaks down the lumps much easier than the flour. -- **Janelle W., Rockford, Illinois**

### BAG IT!

**Dear Heloise:** With seven kids in a blended family, we go through a lot of cereal. Whenever I get a box of cereal, I immediately empty the contents of the box into a large plastic zip-close bag and toss the box in the recycle bin. This is much easier to store than those big bulky boxes. The plastic bag also keeps the cereal fresher. -- **Carrie D., Tempe, Arizona**

*Carrie, I do the same thing with my boxes of cereal. It's a great space-saving idea, and as you say, it takes up so much less room than a box. -- Heloise*

### A LID HINT!

**Dear Heloise:** I wash out various round lids and use them as cookie cutters. I have all kinds of lids that make great cookie shapes and make different sizes. Even the lids to my hairspray can be used after it's cleaned and dry. The lids are also easy for children to hold onto when they want to help with cookie-making! -- **Andrea S., Ellsworth, Maine**

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### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2023

## 2023 Horoscope

*You're highly ambitious, and it's no surprise that you frequently hit your mark. You may have lots of life experience under your belt, as well as an assertive attitude that makes you a natural leader. Still, you keep learning and improving. Just make sure not to hold yourself to an unrealistic standard. With your kind of work ethic, you'll always set yourself apart from the crowd. However, you don't mind sharing the spotlight or the credit with others. Expect this year to be one of your biggest. You may be ready for a brand new version of yourself.*

#### \*\*ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

If you want to see positive change within your community or in the world at large, you're encouraged to step up and do your part. Lead by example.

#### \*\*TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You may be close to reaching an important milestone. If you're not where you want to be quite yet, there's still time to get there.

#### \*\*GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You could get an opportunity to teach or present your ideas to the public. Trust that you have something worth sharing.

#### \*\*CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Is it time to overcome your fear of being in the spotlight? Go forth with your head held high. People have been waiting for someone like you.

#### \*\*LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You might be feeling confident about entering a partnership. On the other hand, perhaps you've had a realization that it's time to end one.

#### \*\*VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

If you've faced a setback with a work or wellness issue, don't give up. Things are about to change for the better.

#### \*\*LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Has your sense of fulfillment been lacking lately? If you've been afraid to follow your heart, now's the time to shore up your courage.

#### \*\*SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A difficult situation concerning your home or family could dampen your vibe today. Talking to the right people about it could help you find a solution.

#### \*\*SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You may need to have a serious discussion with someone concerning your finances. Meanwhile, attaining additional skills could improve your money.

#### \*\*CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Don't discount your worth. On a separate note, if there's certain things that aren't as important to you as they used to be, that may be a good sign.

#### \*\*AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Avoid being too hard on yourself. Instead, consider all that you've achieved -- big and small.

#### \*\*PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

You might be feeling lonely or withdrawn today. Though, you're reminded that you are not alone. The support that you need is within reach.

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### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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### Yesterday's answer

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Students gather where flowers are being left at the Spartan Statue on the grounds of Michigan State University, in East Lansing, Mich., Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023. A gunman killed several people and wounded others at Michigan State University. Police said early Tuesday that the shooter eventually killed himself.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

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**CAN AFFORD THE SPEEDING TICKET.  
CAN YOU PAY THE PRICE?**

**SPEEDING**  
Stop speeding before it stops you

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