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## **ASG tugboats and barges sold to Samoa for \$13K**

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**by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter**

Port Administration director Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumeli told House members this week that the reason why governor Lolo M. Moliga was trying to stop the sale of the two ASG tugboats and barges to Samoa, was based on different information her office received.

She said when she received information that the two tugboats and two barges were sold to Samoa for \$5 each —she called the governor to inform him of the issue.

"Lolo instructed one of my employees to inform the director of the Office of Property Management to stop the sale of the government's property to Samoa; but we were informed that the purchase had already been done, the receipts were also given out to the representative from Samoa, who was present during the government's auction," Taimalelagi said.

House Transportation/Port Committee chairman Rep. Kitara Vaiau called the Wednesday hearing to find out why the tugboats and barges

were auctioned off and sold to the Samoa government.

Appearing before the committee was Taimalelagi; Office of Property Management director, Malo Niumata and deputy director Polleen Asale.

Niumata told the committee that the Samoa Shipping Corporation now owns the two tugboats and two barges that formerly belonged to the American Samoa Government. The Tatoso was sold for more than \$1,000 and the Tautua was sold for over \$2,000 while the two barges were sold for \$5,000 each.

Vice Speaker, Rep. Fetui Fetu Jr. asked Taimalelagi why they sold the items to Samoa; he wanted to know whether the ASG Shipyard Authority could have carried out repairs for the vessels.

Niumata confirmed to the committee that the vessels and barges were sold at the ASG auction in July, and added that both vessels were surveyed and had not been in service for a long time.

He explained that after his office conducted a survey of

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## **IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MUSIC!**

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*They are: Samoa News, Southseas Broadcasting Inc., Pago Print Shop, Calument Industrial Services, Oasis, Taalolo Lodge, and Chico's Sound System.*

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*The students of Manulele Tausala Elementary School "Home of the Bluebird" formed a Ribbon — they were dressed in Red & Blue — as part of the Prevention Fa'asamoa Project to stop underage drinking & drug abuse in the territory on Wednesday.*

*[photo: Quijano Taotua]*

# Three-day weekend ahead for the territory

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

The annual White Sunday celebration coupled with the Monday federal and local holiday (Discoverers' Day), adds up to a three-day weekend — and a busy one at that — as residents gear up for a day dedicated to the children of American Samoa.

For lawmakers, however, they are getting an extra day off: today. Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie informed senators yesterday that Fono leaders had agreed that the Fono will not convene today, but will return next week Tuesday.

The plan is that the Fono will officially end the current 2nd Regular Session of the 35th Legislature next Friday — which is the end of the work-week. House Speaker Savali

Talavou Ale made a similar announcement at yesterday's House session.

If the Fono had convened today, the current session would have closed next Thursday.

White Sunday, introduced to the islands by Christian missionaries in the 1800s, is a special holiday, with children being treated with the best — from White Sunday outfits, to food served during family toana'i. It is always celebrated on the second Sunday of October.

Traffic today and tomorrow is expected to be a headache, especially near the Laufou Shopping Center and downtown Fagatogo. Because of this, police are beefing up road patrols and they are calling on drivers to look out for pedestrians, especially young children. They are also urging par-

ents to keep a close eye on their kids while out White Sunday shopping. Representatives of some local stores, two bakeries, and other merchants said this week that they are prepared for White Sunday shopping - from clothes to food and beverages.

The Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa and the Methodist faith lavishly celebrate White Sunday, and in past years it has spread to other faiths, although to a smaller degree. The Tongan community here will also be holding White Sunday services. Tonga and Samoa — on the other side of the International Dateline — will hold their White Sunday celebration tomorrow.

White Sunday is also celebrated in other parts of the world with Samoan communities, such as Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fort Hood (Texas), New Zealand and Australia. On Monday, a federal holiday, the local government will be closed along with the majority of businesses in the territory, including the banks. The U.S. Post Office and all federal offices here and in the U.S. will also be closed. There was no word at press time if StarKist Samoa is working Monday. For the Executive Branch, the American Samoa delegation initially scheduled to head to Apia next Tuesday for the Oct. 12th 2Samoa Talks will not be traveling. Commerce Department director Keniseli Lafaele told Samoa News yesterday that the annual event has been postponed until later this year, because Tuilaepa was medivaced this week to New Zealand, where he remains at the moment. A statement from the Samoa Government states that Tuilaepa's medical check up in Auckland is precautionary, on the advice of doctors following initial tests at Moto'otua Hospital in Apia, according to the Prime Minister's Office.

In honor of White Sunday and Discoverers' Day, Samoa News will not publish on Monday but will return Tuesday.

Samoa News staff and management wish all the children of the world a White Sunday filled with moments of loving-kindness, celebrating our special gift from God — our children.

Have a happy and safe "Lotu Tamaiti" American Samoa.

Leone High School's student body wore red on Wednesday as part of the Prevention Fa'asamoa Project to stop underage drinking & drug abuse in the territory.

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# Private businesses want more time to discuss hikes in Port fees and charges

SENATORS AGREE AND TABLE THE MATTER UNTIL A LATER DATE

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

Because of testimonies by some private sector representatives that they hadn't had thorough discussions with Port Administration on the proposed hike in port fees and charges, the Senate Transportation/ Port Administration Committee has postponed taking complete testimonies from business members on port fees and charges, until a later time.

Top officials from StarKist Samoa and four shipping companies appeared yesterday for a committee hearing to share their views and input on the hikes in port fees and charges, as proposed by the Lolo Administration.

At the outset of the hearing, committee chairman Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai asked if the private sector had held appropriate meetings with Port Administration on the proposed fees and charges.

StarKist Samoa official, Taotasi Archie Soliai recalled media reports based on testimonies from ASG officials in both the Senate and House, that there was a port users meeting in 2015 and 2016, where he, along with officials of the shipping companies present at yesterday's hearing, were all present.

Port Administration director Taimaleagi Dr. Claire Poumelle told lawmakers last month that a public hearing, through meetings with port users, was held in 2015 and 2016 as required by the local Administrative Procedures Act. However, Port didn't implement the fees and charges until now, with the proposed Administration bill.

(See Samoa News Sept. 12 and 22 editions for details).

At yesterday's Senate hearing, Taotasi acknowledged that port fees were discussed in 2015 and 2016 during the port users meetings; but what Port did not disclose, was the amount by which the fees would be raised or proposed. He did say that Port Administration director and officials mentioned that it has been 30 years since the fees and charges

were raised.

Fonoti Isabel Hudson with Hamburg Sud concurred with Taotasi's statement, adding that although the private sector was informed about the proposed fees, they were not given a chance to get together with Port to discuss them.

(Samoa News notes that the ASG Revenue Task Force had twice made a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce including one during a general membership meeting in July but the private sector wasn't given much of a chance for a thorough discussion with the task force, to voice their concerns regarding the fees and charges. Some members did point out the fees were too high.)

Paepae said that as chairman, he believes Port Administration and port users should have discussed and negotiated a final decision, before fees and charges were presented to the Fono for approval.

Sen. Tuaoalo Mania Fruean pointed to local law, which requires public hearings on these types of issues, similar to ASPA, which calls public hearings when they propose rate hikes. He asked if there were any public hearings on the fees and charges. Taotasi agreed with Tuaoalo that public hearings are required by law and pointed out that there were no public hearings and there was also no negotiation or official discussion between the private sector and Port on the proposed hikes in fees and charges.

"So your complaint is, the fees and charges are too high?" Tuaoalo asked the witnesses, to which Taotasi replied, "yes".

Tuaoalo said the shipping companies charge a person \$8,000 for a 40-foot container and that person has nowhere else to complain to about such high charges. "And you complain about the [proposed] fee hikes?" he asked the witnesses.

Hudson said it's not that they are complaining, but instead, voicing their concerns. She said port users want more time for discussions with Port, and to share with Port why it's very

difficult for shipping companies to accept these proposed fees and charges — which amount to about a 70% increase.

She said perhaps Port is not fully aware of the rate setting structure for shipping of containers, and shipping companies can provide a detailed explanation to Port Administration. For example, there is a cost in the US and then add on the local cost, and in the end, it becomes very expensive, she said.

Herman Gebauer of Polynesian Shipping said if the shipping companies can't absorb any costs, it's passed on to businesses, who then pass it on to consumers and that makes it more expensive to purchase goods at local stores.

Tuaoalo suggested postponing the rest of the hearing for a later time, giving the private sector a chance to meet and discuss their concerns with Port Administrations. Other senators supported the suggestion.

The hearing ended with Taotasi saying that he agrees with Hudson, that port users have "concerns" regarding the proposed fees and hikes, which they'd like to thoroughly discuss with Port Administration.

It's unclear when the committee will hold another hearing, as the current 2nd Regular Session is set to close next Friday.

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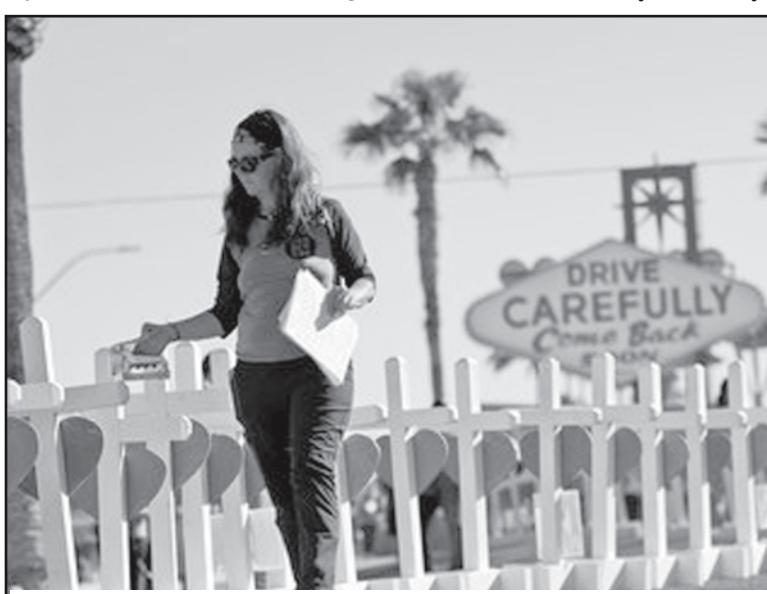
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**Sherri Camperchioli helps set up some of the crosses that arrived in Las Vegas today to honor the victims of the mass shooting on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017, in Las Vegas. A gunman opened fire on an outdoor music concert on Sunday killing dozens and injuring hundreds.**

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Compiled by Samoa News Staff

## AMATA APPRECIATES INAUGURAL DAY OF HONOR FOR DISABLED VETERANS

WASHINGTON DC - Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata was pleased to attend the Inaugural Commemoration of the Day of Honor for American Veterans Disabled for Life at a special ceremony near the U.S. Capitol on their beautiful Memorial grounds.

"American Samoa has the highest rate of enlistment of any U.S. state or territory, and we're very proud of our veterans and the sacrifices they make," Aumua Amata said. "Everyone who puts on the uniform of an American service man or woman knows they could be called upon to take great personal risk. This special ceremony specifically recognized those who sacrifice physical health and carry the lifelong scars of their heroic service."

The event at the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial included remarks by Dr. David Shulkin, U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois; U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel of Florida, who introduced the resolution creating the Day of Honor; Army veteran Paul Rieckhoff; veteran Don Overton; and advocate Lois Pope, who promoted the construction of the Memorial.

The audience also heard an invocation by Military Chaplain Carl Barnes, and singing by the children's chorus of Hoffman-Boston Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia, and a Navy Color Guard presented flags.

"Since this Memorial's dedication in 2014, it has added another beautiful spot to the areas near the Capitol where it belongs," continued Congresswoman Amata. "I appreciate everyone who worked hard to put on this ceremony, including Secretary of Veterans Affairs Shulkin, the brave veterans, and the charming children's chorus." (Source: Congresswoman Aumua Amata Office, Washington, D.C.)

## AMATA INTRODUCES "AMERICAN SAMOA INVESTMENT ACT"

Washington, D.C. -

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata introduced legislation to improve job creation opportunities in American Samoa and increase the potential of attracting foreign investors by fixing a gap in the EB-5 Visa requirements that directly affects American Samoa.

"Current law has a significant job creation incentive that ignores American Samoa and U.S. Nationals, in favor of not only citizens but also green card holders, and we need to be included," said Aumua Amata.

"This is a matter of simple fairness and common sense. Under current law, American Samoa is at a unique disadvantage on the EB-5 Visa job creation incentive, and there's no apparent reason for this provision to exclude jobs for U.S. Nationals. My legislation would correct the problem and level the playing field for American Samoa," she said.

Specifically, through the EB-5 Visa program, the law provides an incentive for foreign investors to start a business in the U.S. or U.S. territories if that business will create jobs for ten people. However, those employees are specified as U.S. citizens or green card holders, meaning that – as written – the law that's in place doesn't apply the same incentive in American Samoa, where the available workforce is primarily made up of U.S. nationals.

The Congresswoman's bill, entitled the 'American Samoa Investment Act', eliminates this gap in the law and includes U.S. Nationals in this job creation incentive.

"I want to thank my friends, Congresswoman Jenniffer González-Colón of Puerto Rico and Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for joining me in this effort," continued Congresswoman Amata. "This measure could be an important deciding factor for a future employer. My legislation would promote a fair and reasonable solution, and I am working to get the word out in Washington, D.C."

(Source: Congresswoman Aumua Amata Office, Washington, D.C.)

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Congresswoman Aumua Amata with philanthropist Lois Pope, and Rep. Lois Frankel. Also pictured, veterans Paul Rieckhoff and Don Overton.

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Congresswoman Aumua Amata with a veteran, who attended the Inaugural Commemoration of the Day of Honor for American Veterans Disabled for Life — near the U.S. Capitol. [photo: courtesy]



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**TEACHING PROFESSION HONORED**

Today, Samoa honored all the Teachers in the country through a special celebration held in front of the Government building early this morning.

The day started with a float parade followed by a special march by schools and various community organizations in the country.

Minister of Education Sports and Culture, Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio delivered the keynote address on behalf of the Government of Samoa, on the theme: **TEACHING IN FREEDOM, EMPOWERING TEACHERS.**

In his remarks, Loau expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers of Samoa for their continuing contribution to the education of the children of Samoa. He encouraged the teachers to continue doing the great work they do every day and continue to inspire the children to ensure a stronger foundation for lasting peace and sustainable development for Samoa.

He further acknowledged the commitment and dedication of all teachers of Early Childhood Education Centres, Schools for children and people with disabilities, Primary and Secondary schools and colleges, Tertiary Institutions and Universities, Technical Vocational Education and Training Centres, Non-formal, Second Chance and Informal Education providers. He also recognized the contribution made by all the expatriate teachers and volunteers in schools and institutions around Samoa as well as the dedication and support of all Teacher Associations and Federations, Parent-Teacher Associations and the National Teacher Association of Samoa.

(Source: MPMC)

## TOP PRISON OFFICIAL ON 'SPECIAL LEAVE'

The Acting Assistant Chief Executive Officer at Samoa Prisons and Corrections Services (S.P.C.S.), Levao Rosa So'oalo, has been placed on special leave. This is to allow an investigation ordered by Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi to be carried out.

Deputy Commissioner of S.P.C.S. Ulugia Niui Aumua has confirmed the action. "She is placed on special leave pending the investigation by the Ombudsman," he said.

He denied that she has been suspended. "There is a big difference," Ulugia told the Samoa Observer. "The decision was made to protect the integrity of the Ministry." He said the decision came from Commissioner Taitosaua Edward Winterstein, to allow the investigation to be carried out in a transparent manner.

"Special leave may come

out of her annual leave but that I am not sure, however, it's my understanding that our A.C.E.O. is being placed on leave with pay," said Ulugia.

Last week, the Prime Minister ordered the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate serious allegations made against the management of prisons.

The Samoa Observer obtained a copy of the letter, dated Sept. 27, 2017.

The complainant is Andrew S. Chong, a former employee of S.P.C.S., whose complaint targets the decisions made at the top level. Chong's grievances are spelled out in a three-page letter to the Prime Minister, which prompted the order for an investigation.

Highlighted in the three-page letter were allegations of marital affairs among the staff members. He also pointed to the alleged conflict of interest

between the Associate Minister So'oalo Mene and his wife, who works as the Acting Assistant C.E.O. The letter also makes allegations against the Minister.

But that's not all. Chong also accused senior management of hiring family members to do work at the prison. He also claimed that a vehicle, licensed S.P.C.S. 09 was involved in a serious crash yet there was no disciplinary action taken against the driver. There are further allegations that prisoners are used by senior staff members to do work at their homes, including a house at Falelaunui.

Efforts to get a comment from the A.C.E.O. have been unsuccessful as of press time.

(Source: Samoa Observer)  
**BAG BAN TIP OF THE PLASTIC ICEBERG**

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## US Customs vows to block imports made by North Korea workers

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says it is ready to block U.S. imports of seafood — as well as any other goods — produced by North Korean laborers who work in China.

An Associated Press investigation tracked salmon, squid and cod processed by North Korean laborers working abroad to American stores, including Walmart and ALDI. The North Korean workers found in Chinese factories aren't allowed to leave, and receive only a fraction of their pay — most goes straight to the North Korean state. This means that American consumers buying seafood labeled "Caught in the USA, Processed in China" may inadvertently be subsidizing the government of Kim Jong Un as it builds nuclear weapons, and also supporting forced labor.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement Thursday it is reviewing the allegations and if warranted, would "pursue all enforcement actions and prohibit goods from importation as appropriate." The companies that responded also vowed to investigate ties with suppliers.

GOP Congressman Chris Smith from New Jersey, who has repeatedly called for tougher enforcement, said the Labor Department has already identified trafficking in 12 sectors of goods exported by China.

"CBP should be stopping every shipment from those sectors—and now trafficking-tainted salmon too," he said.

A White House National Security Council spokesman said Thursday the North Korean government's scheme to outsource its labor underscores why the United States has pushed for restrictions on North Korean foreign workers. The spokesman said all countries should, at a minimum, ban companies from bringing in North Korean crews, as pledged in recent United Nations sanctions.

China is among the countries that have promised to comply, already banning imports of North Korean seafood, and saying no more North Korean workers will be allowed starting next year.

"But all nations must go further and reject what is clearly a despicable practice that only serves the regime's nuclear ambitions," said the NSC spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to comment.

Walmart said its supplier has addressed the problem, although it did not specify how. Walmart and ALDI said they are committed to human rights and fair labor practices, and expect the same from their business partners.

At a time when North Korea faces sanctions on many exports, the government is sending tens of thousands of workers worldwide, bringing in revenue estimated at anywhere from \$200 million to \$500 mil-

lion a year. That could account for a sizable portion of North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs, which South Korea says have cost more than \$1 billion.

North Koreans overseas work in construction in the Gulf states, shipbuilding in Poland, logging in Russia. In Uruguay, authorities told AP, about 90 North Koreans crewed fishing boats last year.

"I am not surprised at all," said Anthony Talbott, who directs the University of Dayton's Human Rights Center. "North Korea has probably the single highest level of state-sanctioned slavery in the world, it's a major source of income for them."

Among those North Korean laborers in China, roughly 3,000 are believed to work in the northeast industrial hub of Hunchun, just a few miles from the borders of both North Korea and Russia. AP documented North Koreans in several Hunchun seafood processing plants, and tracked their supply chains to importers, including Sea-Trek Enterprises in Rhode Island, where managers said they are being inundated with phone calls from customers and suppliers since the AP story.

Sea-Trek's owners said that they hadn't visited China and were unaware of the makeup of the workers, but would immediately cease dealings with the plant until the situation is resolved.

"Sea-Trek will not purchase product from any company using forced labor," said vice president Mitch Sarnoff.

Mark Liszt, owner of Lawrence Wholesale, a national food distributor in Southern California, said it would investigate its suppliers as well.

"We're middlemen," said Liszt. "We do make a practice of trying to go and visit the plants that we buy from in person, but it's not a perfect world that we can see into every single one."

Some U.S. brands and companies had indirect ties to the North Korean laborers in Hunchun, including Chicken of the Sea, owned by Thai Union. Trade records show shipments came from a sister company of the Hunchun factory in another part of China, where Thai Union spokeswoman Whitney Small says labor standards are being met and the employees are all Chinese. Small said the sister company should not be penalized.

AP observed North Korean workers in Chinese factories building hardwood flooring, sewing garments and manufacturing electronics. Fordham University economics professor Giacomo Santangelo said he doubts it's just fish processed by North Korean workers that reaches the U.S. markets.

"Now we need to ask, how many other products imported from China are made with North Korean labor?" he said.

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Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi of Samoa  
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## ASG Tugboats...

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both vessels, it appeared that their useful life was over, meaning there was no value in both vessels.

"The bid for the two vessels started from \$500, and there were only two parties that showed interest in the two vessels and the two barges. Samoa had the highest bids, while the other bidder — a local businessman — bid \$1,000," Niutamata said.

According to him, the local agents for Samoa Shipping Corporation, Polynesia Shipping, paid a total of more than \$13,000 for the two vessels and the two barges, and the check went directly to the ASG Treasurer, not his office, which would be the Revenue Office.

Fetu said the reason why the hearing was called is so the administration can explain to the Fono, why the two vessels were sold to the Samoa government, when there are engineers at the shipyard who could have done the repairs on them.

Taimalelagi replied it wasn't that the shipyard couldn't repair the two vessels — especially the Tatoso — it was a question of how best to utilize the \$1.7 million in federal Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding, especially in light of a new federal regulation that goes into effect January 2018, which calls for a higher horse power engine than what the Tatoso or the Sailele have.

She said, "... the decision to sell the two vessels was the right move by the government, so that we can get rid of these old vessels and barges — for the purpose of getting money for the government — instead of them sitting in the ocean for a long period of time," Taimalelagi said.

She said when she was first appointed to be the Port Administration director, she learned that the two barges were bought by ASG from Hawai'i for \$50,000 each. But as she continued to gather all the receipts from the purchase of the two barges, she discovered that the government spent \$350,000 to repair the barges in Hawai'i before they were brought to American Samoa.

Taimalelagi went on to say that a few years ago, McConnell Dowell wanted to buy the two barges for \$25,000 each. She didn't elaborate to the committee why the sale didn't happen.

Vaiau said he's heard reports from Samoa that the Tatoso is in use and it is running well, and he's hoping our government

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Tues: 10/10/17			Tradewinds Hotel Lobby
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Fri: 10/13/17			Tradewinds Hotel Lobby
Sat: 10/14/17	Tradewinds Hotel Lobby	Tradewinds Hotel Lobby	Tradewinds Hotel Lobby
Sun: 10/15/17	Tradewinds Hotel Lobby	Tradewinds Hotel Lobby	Tradewinds Hotel Lobby
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Children protested the use of plastic bags outside Parliament earlier this year.

[Photo: RNZ / Mei Heron]

## Pacific Island News...

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tell me the company was going to ban plastic bags, I think I screeched into the phone.

How often does a multi-national have great news for an environmental group like Greenpeace?

The detail — that the supermarket chain would phase out single-use bags by the end of 2018 — was even better news.

That's really good. Even the Green Party has only been talking about a phase-out policy over three years.

No more single-use plastic shopping bags via Countdown after the end of next year: that's 350 million bags out of the waste system per year.

Laid end-to-end those bags would stretch for 147,000km — three and a half times around the world.

Tens of thousands of New Zealanders signed Greenpeace's petition to ban the bag in the two months since it launched. This is a victory for people power. This is a victory

for marine life and our oceans.

The devastating impact plastic bags have on marine life really hit home for me, as it has for so many others. It's heartbreaking to think of sea turtles suffering a painful death because of plastic in their bellies.

But banning the bag is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to plastic pollution. Our oceans are choking on plastic waste.

It's estimated that if we keep polluting at the current rate, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean within 33 years.

The plastic waste issue is so vast, so embedded in every part of our modern lives — it's hard to know where to begin.

Plastic can now be found at every corner of the world's oceans — from bottles and packaging to tiny micro plastics — threatening one of our planet's key life-support systems, harming marine life and

even ending up in the food on our plate.

Up to 12.7 million tons of plastic enters the oceans every year — a truckload of rubbish every minute. Up to 90 percent of seabirds and one in three turtles have ingested marine plastic.

One million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute. And more than half of the 500 billion plastic bottles manufactured each year are thrown away after a single use, ending up on beaches, in landfill and in our oceans.

Coca-Cola alone increased its production of plastic bottles by a billion last year and is estimated to produce 100 billion single use plastic bottles a year, many of which end up in our oceans.

Say that figure out loud: 100 billion. It's difficult to comprehend.

It's great that Countdown is leading the way with this ban. Now we need other big companies to follow their lead, and we need governments to create legislation that will compel those who don't.

New World's BagVote failed to even offer customers the option to ban the bag so now, in contrast, seems like little more than green-wash.

If we're to have any hope of tackling the immense problem of plastic pollution, we need large companies and politicians to be bold and take decisive action, rather than dismal half-measures.

And while we wait for our new government to legislate on the issue, it's time for other supermarkets to do the right thing: be bold, and match Countdown's ban on the bag.

(Source: RNZ)



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP:

**Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019**

Approved to issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Fa'atili; DBAS President

Date of issuance: August 16, 2017

Date & Time Due: October 30, 2017

No later than 2:00 pm local time

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

#### DOCUMENT

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

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

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

DBAS invites the submission of proposals to include pricing and other details as indicated in the specifications.

Attachments will be provided as an aid in presenting a comprehensive proposal consistent with the requirements of DBAS.

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

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

Submission: Proposals must be received by DBAS no later than 2:00pm local time on October 30, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Development Bank of American Samoa  
PO BOX 9  
Attention: Charmaine Faleana  
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

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

### In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

HCCA No. 45-17

IN RE

**JEREMIAH S.T. TAGI**

Petitioner

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition has been filed in the High Court of American Samoa Territory of American Samoa by JEREMIAH SIAUMAU TAELEIFI TAGI of Tafuna. American Samoa born May 2, 1998 at LBJ Tropical Medical Center in Faga'alau, American Samoa. Petitioner is requesting the court approve a change of his legal name to JEREMIAH SIAUMAU TAELEIFI.

A hearing on the petition will be held on November 20th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa. All interested parties may appear before the court on said date to respond to this petition.

Date: October 2, 2017

CLERK OF COURTS

Published: 10/6, 10/13 & 10/20/2017



*Major Faamao Tanielu was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel on September 22, 2017 at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. She is the daughter of the late Luis Tanielu of Masausi, AS and Eleni Tanielu of Alamagoto, Samoa. Lt. Col. Tanielu was the salutatorian of Nuuuli PolyTech's Class of 1994. She later received her AA degree from ASCC; a BA degree from the University of Hawaii, Manoa; and a MA degree from Maryland University.*

[photo: courtesy]

## Tropical Storm Nate blamed for 22 deaths; threatens US coast

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Newly formed Tropical Storm Nate was blamed Thursday for at least 22 deaths in Central America as it dumped rain across the region on a path that would carry it toward a potential landfall on the U.S. Gulf Coast as a hurricane over the weekend.

Louisiana officials declared a state of emergency and ordered some people to evacuate coastal areas and barrier islands, and evacuations began at some offshore oil platforms in the Gulf.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm could cause dangerous flooding by dumping as much as 15 to 20 inches (38 to 50 centimeters) of rain as it moved over Honduras, with higher accumulations in a few places.

It had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph (65 kph) by Thursday evening and was likely to strengthen over the northwestern Caribbean Sea Thursday night and Friday before a possible strike on the Cancun region at the tip of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula at near-hurricane strength. It could hit the U.S. Gulf coast near New Orleans over the weekend at hurricane strength.

In Nicaragua, Nate's arrival followed two weeks of near-constant rain that had left the ground saturated and rivers swollen. Authorities placed the whole country on alert and warned of flooding and landslides.

Nicaragua's vice president and spokeswoman, Rosario Murillo, said that at least 15 people had died in that country due to the storm. She didn't give details on all the deaths, but said two women and a man who worked for the Health Ministry

were swept away by a flooded canal in the central municipality of Juigalpa.

The government closed schools nationwide.

Costa Rica's Judicial Investigation Organism blamed seven deaths in that country on the storm and said 15 people were missing. Flooding drove 5,000 residents into emergency shelters.

In Louisiana, Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency and mobilized 1,300 National Guard troops, with 15 headed to New Orleans to monitor the fragile pumping system there.

With forecasts projecting landfall in southeast Louisiana Sunday morning, Edwards urged residents to ready for rainfall, storm surge and severe winds — and to be where they intend to hunker down by "dark on Saturday."

Louisiana's governor says Nate is forecast to move quickly, rather than stall and drop tremendous amounts of rain on the state. State officials hope that means New Orleans won't run into problems with its pumps being able to handle the water.

Edwards warned, however, against underestimating the storm.

Officials ordered the evacuation of part of coastal St. Bernard Parish east of New Orleans ahead of the storm. Earlier Thursday, a voluntary evacuation was called in the barrier island town of Grand Isle south of New Orleans.

New Orleans officials outlined steps to bolster the city's pump and drainage system. Weaknesses in that system were revealed during summer flash floods.

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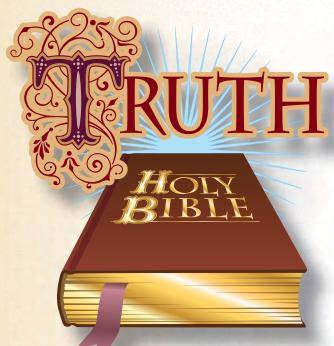
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**Filipi 1:21**

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a o lo'u oti o lo'u manuia lea"*

## FUNERAL PROGRAM

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**

Family Service - 5:00p.m. LBJ Chapel, Fagaalu

**Wednesday & Thursday  
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