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For the rest of this month, before the new school year for DOE begins on Sept. 5th, employees of government departments and agencies will be busy on the campuses of schools they are designated to clean up, under the governor's Adopt-a-School initiative. Pictured are some DPS and DHSS workers yesterday doing their best to prepare the campus of Pava'ia'i Elementary School. [photo: BC]



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## Governor says concerns over North Korea threat should include Am Samoa

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga says Congress needs to be aware that American Samoa is a US territory and a valuable platform for a military staging area and frontline defense, given its proximity to the Asian Rim countries.

The governor's comments were made in an Aug. 15th letter to US Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke, a day after US Rep. William 'Mac' Thornberry, chairman of the US House Armed Forces Committee appeared on CNN discussing the escalating tension between North Korea and the U.S, particularly on the recent threat by North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un, to fire four missiles into waters near the US territory of Guam.

"While we appreciate the disclosure of defense systems set up  
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## 'Intended' loss caused by Samoan tax fraudster could exceed \$1 million

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

The intended loss to the federal government over the alleged false filing of tax returns by an American Samoa woman who was arrested last month in Hawaii'i, "could exceed \$1 million," according to new court documents filed with the federal

court in Anchorage, Alaska.

Coriana Ifopo, 54, was arrested in Honolulu on July 11th and charged under a 28-count indictment handed down on June 20th by a federal grand jury in Anchorage, where she appeared on July 14th and entered a 'not guilty' plea to filing fraudulent tax returns

with the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for local residents, who do not qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (or EITC).

The indictment shows 28 individuals, identified in court documents by their initials, with the dates of when the returns  
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US Army Recruiting Battalion Commander, Maj. Ulisses Tymes administering the Oath of Enlistment during the swearing-in of 31 future soldiers at the Veterans Memorial Stadium in Tafuna this past Wednesday afternoon. See story inside for full details. [photo: AF]





# Lolo blames federal policies for ASG's debt status

CITES CABOTAGE POLICY, FISHING RESTRICTIONS, AND MINIMUM WAGE HIKE AS EXAMPLES

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

While the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducts a review of ASG's public debt status, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has shared with the investigative arm of the US Congress, that the territory's economy is defined by just one industry - the cannery - and efforts to develop and diversify the local economy has been "stymied and stifled" by federal policies.

Lolo's view is outlined in an Aug. 15th letter to GAO's Budget Analysis Strategic Issues director Dr. Susan J. Irving, whose team is collaborating with the Governor's staff in carrying out a Congressional directive, which calls for compiling a "comprehensive

final report on the public debt status of the American Samoa Government."

## GAO EXPLANATION

The comprehensive review is mandated under provision of the federal Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act, in which the US Congress requires GAO to look at public debt in five U.S. territories - Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands, according to Charles Young, GAO's Public Affairs managing director.

"For each of the territories, GAO will report on trends in public debt and revenue for fiscal years 2005-2015. GAO will also look at the major reported drivers of the debt and what is known about the territories' ability to repay," Young said yesterday from Washington D.C in response to Samoa News questions.

As to when the GAO work will be completed, Young said, "my understanding is that we expect to complete that work in September or October. The report will be posted to our website as soon as it is released."

## LOLO'S LETTER

In his letter to Irving, the governor appeared disappointed that other information pertinent to American Samoa's economy may not be included in the final GAO report or during discussions between the Governor's staff and Irving's team.

"The objective inherent in the reporting parameters of factual information and the brevity of such information precluded discussions of issues compelling" ASG to utilize private sector options to access additional capital to finance its critical economic projects as it receives only \$10 million annually from US Interior Department "to meet social and economic development infrastructure needs," the governor wrote.

(Under the American Samoa Economic Development Authority, ASG sold bonds with revenues collected earmarked to address specific social and economic development needs.)

According to the governor, the ASG since the transfer of administrative responsibilities from the Department of the Navy to DOI in 1951 "has had its efforts to develop its economy stymied and stifled by prohibitive federal policies."

Lolo pointed out that American Samoa's economy is defined by just one industry engaged in the production of canned tuna fish and other fish related products for the US market.

Withdrawal of federal incentives, automatic imposition of federal minimum wage hikes of 40-cents per hour every

three years, prohibition of fishing in the high seas by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, reduction of fishing grounds by US Presidential ocean monuments expansion, grossly insensitive enforcement of US Coast Guard rules and regulations, and stiff competition from foreign low wage canned tuna fish producing countries, "severely threaten the continued viability of this industry," the governor explained.

He noted that StarKist Samoa is the only remaining cannery after the closure last December of Tri Marine International's Samoa Tuna Processors Inc.

COS Samoa Packing closed its local cannery operations in 2009.

"American Samoa's economy is still going through recovery, and the potential eminent loss of StarKist Samoa attributed to the above enumerated factors will cause the Territory ...to emulate the financial crisis experienced by Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands," Lolo said. "American Samoa will be at the federal government's doorsteps requesting a bailout if... StarKist is forced to relocate its facility to a low wage canned tuna fish production country."

With American Samoa's total vulnerability due to its dependence on one industry, and in this case, "one company", the territory emphasizes the absolute need for economic diversification, Lolo continued, adding that many Pacific islands are aggressively pushing tourism development.

American Samoa "has struggled for a very long time" to diversify its economy by developing its tourism industry; however, these efforts "have been exercised in futility because the basic component of tourism infrastructure system is air transportation," he explained.

"Regrettably, the federal 'cabotage policy' created a monopolistic air transportation environment and placed American Samoa in a hostage situation subjecting visitors and residents alike to the payment of exorbitant airfares with only two flights a week except for the summer and Christmas holidays," said the governor referring to Hawaiian Airlines — which was not identified by name in the letter — but operates the only passenger commercial flights between Honolulu and Pago Pago.

Lolo informed Irving that these factors "impelled" ASG "to explore other options including the bond issuance pathway," which is "also difficult to access because of our weak economy."

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As summer comes to an end and young people around the island are preparing to tackle the new school year, college students crowded the ASCC campus earlier this week when it opened up registration on Monday. Registration will continue throughout the week. ASCC staff is staying busy, shuffling paperwork and getting class schedules in order before the start of the fall semester.

Every year during this time, it has been a common occurrence for students to spend hours standing in the long lines, waiting impatiently to complete the registration process. Students who spoke to Samoa News yesterday said their only solution to beating the crowd this year, was to camp out at the ASCC campus as early as 4 a.m. "in hopes of getting done a lot earlier."

[photo: Mark Espiritu]

## ENROLL YOUR SCHOOL IN THE 2018 SPELLING BEE TODAY!



All Public and Private Elementary Schools in American Samoa can now register for the 2017 Samoa News Territorial Spelling Bee slated for March 7, 2018.

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US Army Recruiting Commanders, Capt. Carneen Cotton (left) and Maj. Ulisses Tymes with parents, families and friends who witnessed the swearing-in of 31 of the 80 DEP enlistees as future US Army soldiers at the Veterans Memorial Stadium on Wednesday afternoon. [photo: AF]

# Thirty-one future soldiers swear-in at Veterans Memorial Stadium

## THEY ARE NOW 'ARMY STRONG'

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

Thirty-one future soldiers took the Oath of Enlistment for the US Army during a brief ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Stadium in Tafuna on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of proud parents, families and friends.

They are part of the 80 Delayed Entry Program enlistees — the largest single DEP recruitment in US Army history. (See story Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017)

Maj. Ulisses Tymes administered the oath, while Capt. Carneen Cotton was the keynote speaker.

The ceremony was arranged to motivate future soldiers and it was also a means for families and friends to witness firsthand the Oath of Enlistment.

Before the ceremony started, SFC Shaun F. Salanoa from the local US Army Recruiting Station welcomed families and friends of the future soldiers, and introduced four US Army officials who are in the territory for a memorial service honoring SFC Albert Chung, who died during a snorkeling accident last week in Alega.

After the swearing-in portion of the ceremony, Capt. Cotton spoke about the Army Values, the importance of being a soldier, the differences between now and when she came into the Army, and what the Army stands for today.

“Today is the first step towards a new adventure and career. I love being in the Army — traveling and meeting new people — and making new friends is a lovely bonus,” said Cotton.

“Now you took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States. With this oath

comes great responsibility. Being a soldier is work. Most of the time the work is fun, but sometimes it is just plain hard. Just like in school or in any job, you must work hard to be successful in the Army,” Cotton continued.

She encouraged the new recruits to be consistent in their effort to keep physically, emotionally, and spiritually fit. She explained that they are no good to their team or battle buFriday, August 18, 2017 if they are not strong and healthy, and they have to put in the individual effort to work with each other and their team.

“Together, celebrate success and support each other during rough times. This is what makes the Army family strong; but remember, be proficient in your job,” she urged.

According to Cotton, being a soldier is sometimes fun, not only when they are learning new things and making new friends - but most of all, it's exciting when they are part of a team. She explained that there are times when it is going to take extra effort — they will have to push through, even if they don't feel like it.

“Remember, the difficulties help us grow and develop, and you will reap the rewards as you progress. It will also be repetitious. The repetition, or muscle memory as we like to call it, helps us do our jobs efficiently and effectively when we are under pressure, and it is also called practice.”

She reminded the future soldiers to keep a positive attitude and remember why they joined the Army.

Cotton said that some may have joined to get money for school, some as a way to support their families, and some

just to get off island, but at the end of the day, “you get to be in the Army; you do not have to be in the Army.”

“You had the freedom to choose to serve your country and protect its citizens. What a privilege. I challenge you to look for ways to contribute to the greater good as you go through your Army career. Whether you are going active duty or joining the Army Reserve, it is a wonderful opportunity to serve this great nation of ours,” Cotton said.

She touched on the importance of keeping in touch and said correspondence between soldiers and their families are priceless.

“As a soldier myself,” Cotton said, “I also know what it is like to be the one deployed and leave my family behind, but I know that I am doing the job I was trained to do, and am grateful that I can do my part to protect my family and my countrymen.”

Among those who took the oath was Michael Punivalu, 19, of Utulei, who told Samoa News that the reason he joined the Army is to travel and get into something.

“I want to do something honorable. There are different parts of the job,” he said. “But one of them is going out to the field and getting samples if a bomb is dropped, and stuff like that.”

Dorothy Taua, 19, of Tafuna told Samoa News that the reason she joined the Army is to help her family, further her education, see the world, and follow in the footsteps of her grandfather, who served in the Vietnam War.

While future soldiers are focused on honor, respect, and devotion to duty, their moms are filled with pride, but also

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# Conversation

By Benjamin Hampton

Welcome back to the Conversation! The article last time ended a bit abruptly, due to the fact that it's a two-part column.

As a continuation of The Conversation this week, several factors are on my mind, which will lead to a rather lengthy introduction to make a rather short point.

First and foremost, I hope everyone reading this column understands the fact that a US-based governmental system is a system based upon representation of the will of the people by their elected government officials.

(Please forgive me if this next section is an insult to either your intelligence or your education, but I feel it needs to be said as a backdrop to the conversation we're currently having.)

In other words, one individual is elected to represent the wishes desires and needs of 500,000 people for example. It could be many more, but let's use that number as a starting point.

Now, 500,000 people could easily be the amount of individuals occupying a small to medium sized city in the U.S, and as such would be represented by city government officials who are tasked with various aspects of the citizens well-being.

(That number of citizens may seem like a lot due to the fact that our population here in American Samoa is how much closer to 70,000 people. Those who are represented in the government through the Fono are probably closer to the 50,000 category.)

After the city level, would be the county level which is a grouping of cities, and after that would be the state level followed by the federal level. So in the States, there are many levels of government officials representing different groups of people.

Regardless of the number represented, it is the job and duty of the government officials to serve the will of the people and work for the good of the people who they represent.

This is why many times government officials are also called Representatives. They are many times called public servants also.

"Why are they called public servants?" you may ask. Simply put, while they are leaders and in positions of authority, they are supposed to be servant leaders.

This may be a New Concept for some of you that a person in a leadership role is meant to be the servant of those being led.

There are worlds of difference between a Servant-Leader, and a Serve-Me Leader.

Unfortunately, many leaders in US government have decided to shift from being a servant-leader to being a serve-me leader, and it has not gone well for the people who are being led by these types of leaders.

One of the easiest ways in which serve-me leadership is shown by is the way in which taxes and fees are assessed to those in both the business and the private sector.

What I mean by that specifically is if laws are being put in place by those representatives of the people that require taxes and fees to be paid, and the individuals affected specifically have told their officials NOT to enact, and yet it is pursued anyway, this is indicative of the goals of leadership.

There are only two and results of leadership: To be served, or to serve.

More taxes and fees simply lead to a population that is financially poorer, not one that is enriched. Time and time again, government bodies the world over have been shown to be wasteful with money. Throwing more money at a government entity is not going to solve more problems — it will simply be more money that can be wasted, simply on a larger scale.

The Simple Point of Today

So this week, I want you to look at not only the OMV proposed bill shown next to this article, but I want you to consider all of the other bills that are in front of your representatives at this very moment in time.

Do the proposed laws and bills to enact this host of new taxes and fees reflect a Servant leadership focus, or do they reflect a Serve-Me Leader focus?

If you are in agreement with these laws, support them wholeheartedly! If you are not in agreement with these laws, it is your duty to let your representative know. It is then their duty to communicate to the body they're connected to the wishes of their people. The Fono meets on Monday.

What will your action be?

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:  
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23 Section 1. 22.1002 is amended to read:  
24 "22.1002 Application for and issuance of license—Fees.  
25 (a) Application for a motor vehicle license shall be made to the  
26 Commissioner on forms as the Commissioner may prescribe.  
27 (b) No motor vehicle license may be issued without:  
28 (1) payment of the prescribed motor vehicle license fee;  
1 (2) presentation of a valid inspection certificate issued pursuant to 22.1201  
2 et seq.;  
3 (3) certification of insurance coverage as required by 22.2001 et seq.,  
4 provided that such coverage will be effective for the period of the license;  
5 (4) issuance of a valid motor vehicle registration.  
6 (c) Upon satisfactory compliance with the provisions of this section the  
7 Commissioner shall issue 2 decals to the applicant which decals denominate the  
8 period for which registration is effective and are to be placed on the license tags.  
9 (d) The following vehicle license registration fees are established:  
10 (1) motor vehicle, including private vehicles, cargo vehicles, buses,  
11 motorcycles, taxis, trailers, tractors and rentals, \$32.00; plus per ton of weight, or  
12 fraction thereof, \$12.00;  
13 (2) bicycle, \$2.00;  
14 (3) renewal for motor vehicle, \$32.00; plus per ton of weight, or fraction  
15 thereof, \$12.00;  
16 (4) Legal Ownership Certificates and Titles, \$10.00;  
17 (5) Transfers, \$10.00;  
18 (6) Shipments, \$10.00;  
19 (7) Conversions, \$12.00;  
20 (8) Duplicate titles, \$10.00;  
21 (9) Late penalties, \$9.00.  
22 (e) For the purposes of subsection (d), the definitions in 22.0101 apply.  
23 (f) The Commissioner shall issue 2 license tags to each applicant:  
24 (1) registering a vehicle not registered in the Territory in the preceding 5  
25 years; or  
26 (2) whose tags have been lost or stolen, upon proof of same. The fee for  
27 replacing lost or stolen tags or plates shall be \$22.00.  
28 (g) For purposes of this section only, a total of \$7.00 from each fee paid  
29 shall be placed in a revenue fund for the Department of Public Safety for law  
1 enforcement costs and maintenance and supplies for production of driver licenses  
2 and vehicle registrations.  
3 (h) Half (50%) of tonnage fees collected under A.S.C.A. 22.1002(d)(1)(3)  
4 shall be placed in a road maintenance fund to be used for road repair."  
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6 Sec 2. Effective date.  
7 In accordance with Article II, Section 19 of the Revised Constitution of  
8 American Samoa and subject to the implementation dates set out above, this bill  
9 shall become effective 60 days after the end of the session at which it has been  
10 passed.  
11 ----- END -----



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# COURT REPORT...

Translated by Samoa News Staff  
**EDWARD EARY JR.**

Before Acting Associate Justice Elvis P. Patea handed down the sentence for Edward Eary Jr., the defendant was told that the Probation Office's pre-sentence report indicates that three families — who are the victims in this matter — want the court to impose the maximum sentence allowed under the law.

However, the court looked at a probative sentence, which will give the defendant the chance to turn his life around and find a job to pay a court imposed fine.

According to the government, Eary broke into four separate locations, three residential homes and a store, from where he stole various items including television sets and speakers, and later sold the items to others.

During sentencing last Friday, the defendant apologized and sought leniency from the court, which would allow him to return home to be with his parents and find a job to support his wife and children.

Assistant Public Defender Michael White asked the court to hand-down a probative sentence for his client, which would enable him to be released from jail and be with his family. White also noted that Eary, whom he said is remorseful, is a first time offender.

According to the defense, Eary has a drug problem and therefore needs some sort of drug rehabilitation program.

Assistant Attorney General Kristy Dunn didn't object to a probative sentence, but requested the court to order the defendant to pay restitution to his victims, for the property that he stole.

Dunn pointed to the pre-sentence report prepared by the Probation Office, which quotes the defendant's wife and mother requesting that Eary not be released from jail too soon, but to keep him in custody as a learning lesson for his crimes.

The court wanted to know if the personal property stolen by the defendant has been returned to their owners, and the government said no, adding that Eary stole two television sets — which he damaged after he found out that they were not working properly.

As for the stolen speakers, Eary sold them to other people.

Patea informed the defendant that the court has received statements from the affected families, who wanted him to be sentenced to the maximum punishment under the law.

The judge also noted that Eary had followed two others who were involved in the break-ins and this information was cited in the police report.

Under a plea agreement with the government, the defendant

pled guilty to four felonies — two counts of stealing, one count of first degree burglary and one count of second degree burglary.

The court sentenced Eary to 7 years imprisonment but execution of the sentence was suspended and Eary was placed on 7 years probation, with the condition that he serve 28 months at the TCF, and he is prohibited from associating with the other two men who were involved in the break-ins.

He is also prohibited from consuming alcohol or drugs.

Eary was ordered to pay \$1,390 in restitution to the victims and once released from jail, he must find a job within 60 days. *(Original Samoan story published in the Aug. 15th Lali section of Samoa News)*

## FRED VILIAMU

Fred Viliamu has been convicted of misdemeanor third degree assault.

According to court information, Viliamu assaulted the driver of a car who almost hit him and his son.

During sentencing earlier this week, Viliamu was ordered to pay a fine of \$150, and apologize to the driver he assaulted. These are some of the conditions of the defendant's 12-month probation, during which he is also to attend and complete anger management counseling.

Viliamu told the court that he assaulted the driver of the vehicle that almost hit him and his son, because he was very

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Some of the ladies from the Department of Human and Social Services, who came out yesterday to prepare the campus of Pava'ia'i Elementary School for the beginning of the new school year. Under the Governor's Adopt-a-School Program, DHSS and the Dept. of Public Safety are responsible for Pava'ia'i Elementary.

[photo: BC]



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**Job Duties and Responsibilities:**

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- Coordinates and organizes extra-curricular activities (i.e., camping, field trips, hiking, etc.)
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**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Bachelors degree in Samoan studies or any related area.
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WASHINGTON – August 17, 2017 - U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, with the National Park Service, today announced \$30,959 in Historic Preservation Grants to American Samoa. The announcement is part of \$21 million in grants announced today across the nation, which represents a total of \$58 million awarded to every U.S. state, the District of Columbia, the U.S. territories, and partnering nations.

"These grants highlight the Department's and the National Park Service's commitment to preserving our national history and heritage," Deputy Secretary Bernhardt said. "Through valuable partnerships, we are able to help communities and protect the diverse historic places, culture, and traditions unique to our country for future generations."

Administered by the National Park Service, these funds are appropriated annually by Congress from the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). The HPF funds preservation programs at State Historic Preservation Offices and ensures local involvement by passing 10% of state funding through competitive subgrants to Certified Local

Governments. All funding to the states and the District of Columbia requires a 40% non-federal match, which leverages state, local, and private dollars to do even more with the federal HPF investment.

Since its inception in 1977, the HPF has provided more than \$1.2 billion in historic preservation grants to states, tribes, local governments, and non-profit organizations. Funded at \$80 million in 2017, the HPF does not use any tax dollars. It is supported solely by Outer Continental Shelf oil lease revenues.

Examples of state and local work accomplished with this annual funding include:

•Tennessee's Historical Commission completed overseeing the restoration of six historic outbuildings associated with Clover Bottom Plantation including former slave cabins, a transverse crib horse barn, a carriage house and a poultry house;

•In May 2016, the State Historical Society of North Dakota conducted the first-ever "ArcheoBlitz" at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, engaging 250 middle-school students in archeological research.



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## ► Governor says...

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on Guam, Hawaii and Alaska,” Lolo said, American Samoa — “a US Territory” — was not mentioned as a potential target for North Korean missiles, nor are there attempts by the United States to protect Americans living in American Samoa.

According to the governor, it’s “becoming abundantly clear that Congress needs to be made aware that American Samoa” is a US territory and it was used as a staging area during World War II.

“We continue to believe that the Territory of American Samoa is strategically valuable as a platform for a military staging area and frontline defense given its proximity to the Asian Rim countries and central location in the Pacific,” Lolo wrote.

The governor informed Zinke that soldiers of Samoan ancestry have and continue to serve proudly in the US Armed Forces “to protect the ideals and freedoms which makes the United States the envy of the world.”

“Many have made the ultimate sacrifice which should legitimize our claim to be Americans and entitles us to equal treatment accorded to States and Territories of the United States,” the governor concluded.

Copies of the governor’s letter were sent to Congresswoman Aumua Amata, Interior Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Nikolao Pula and Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga.

## Saudi coalition attacks killed children in Yemen

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Antonio Guterres says in a draft report that the Saudi-led coalition was responsible for more than half the children killed and injured in Yemen’s civil war last year.

The report, obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, said the United Nations verified 1,340 casualties and attributed 683 — representing 51 percent — to attacks carried out by the coalition.

It said nearly three-quarters of attacks on schools and hospitals — 38 of 52 — were also carried out by the coalition.

The draft report on children and armed conflict echoes similar findings from last year when the U.S.-backed coalition was put on a U.N. blacklist for violating child rights.

It was removed by then Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon after Saudi Arabia and other coalition supporters threatened to stop funding many U.N. programs.

Lolo’s letter comes at a time when local residents have been keeping up with the latest development in the war of words between the US and North Korea, and some have wondered whether the US will look at providing some sort of protection for American Samoa, the only US possession south of the equator.

The Associated Press reported last week that the North Korean military has submitted plans to the country’s leader for firing missiles and with “war-like language” from US President Donald Trump, who says the US will respond, with “fury and fire”, to any attacks by the North.

The US and North Korea have signaled in recent days, a willingness to avert a deepening crisis, with each suggesting a path towards negotiations, the AP reported on Tuesday.

(Samoa News provides daily coverage of the US and North Korea issue online at [www.samoanews.com](http://www.samoanews.com) under The

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were filed with the IRS or when the IRS refunds were issued — going back to May 20, 2014 with the last one dated Feb. 20, 2016.

Total loss to the IRS — shown in the indictment — based on the amounts for the 28 individuals is \$167,000, although the US Justice Department had an estimated loss of more than \$1.3 million.

This past Wednesday, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Jamie McGrady, who is representing the defendant, filed a motion in court seeking an order to declare the case “complex and unusual under the Speedy Trial Act”.

According to the defense, the government doesn’t oppose the motion, which also requests the court to continue the final pretrial conference and trial — currently set for Sept. 18th — to late November.

McGrady said Ifopo was arraigned July 14th at the federal court in Anchorage on 28 counts of false claims to a federal government agency.

“The estimated actual loss in false tax returns paid out by the IRS is \$167,000.00 but the intended loss could exceed \$1 million dollars,” McGrady said, adding that this case is unusual and it is appropriate to vacate the current trial date because of the large volume of discovery currently produced by the government.

(Intended loss is defined by [uslegal.com](http://uslegal.com) as the monetary or financial “harm that was intended to result from the offense.

The court shall use the gain that resulted from the offense as an alternative measure of loss only if there is a loss but it reasonably cannot be determined.”)

At this time, the discovery amounts to over 8,000 pages and includes 121 financial spreadsheets, according to the defense, who noted that the court has issued a protective order that prohibits the federal public defender from leaving Ifopo with a copy of the discovery unless it has been redacted in regards to personal identifying information.

The motion reveals that Ifopo resides in Waipahu, Hawai’i, adding that additional time will be necessary to arrange for her to meet with counsel in person to review the large volume of discovery.

Ifopo is released on her own recognizance and her travel is prohibited to the island of Oahu, Hawaii and Alaska, according to court documents, which also outlined various conditions of release.

It further states that the defendant may “voluntarily participate in stress and anxiety counseling” as arranged by Pretrial Services.



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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Samoa's Planning Committee for the Pacific Games led by Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi meets with the President and representatives from the Pacific Games Council. (Read story on page 9)

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# Trump aide: No military solution in North Korea

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP) — Contradicting a boss already under pressure to fire him, President Donald Trump's chief strategist Steve Bannon says there's no military solution to the threat posed by North Korea and its nuclear ambitions. Just last week, Trump pledged to answer North Korean aggression with "fire and fury."

In an interview with The American Prospect posted online Wednesday, Bannon tells the liberal publication that the U.S. is losing the economic race against China and talks about purging his rivals from the Defense and State departments. Asked about the white supremacist movement, whose march on Charlottesville, Virginia, last weekend led to deadly violence, Bannon dismisses them as "losers," "a fringe element" and "a collection of clowns."

A White House spokeswoman said "Bannon's comments stand on their own."

In a separate interview with the DailyMail.com, Bannon said his comments to The American Prospect "drew fire away from" Trump and that he successfully "changed the (media) narrative" around Trump with the earlier interview.

Bannon, one of the most contentious members of Trump's inner circle, is again facing an uncertain future in the White House, a situation that could be further complicated by his decision to give the initial interview.





Compiled by Samoa News staff  
**P.M. TUILAEPA ATTACKS  
 MEDIA FOR REPORTING  
 ON RAPE, INCEST**

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi has vented his rage against the media and the Police, accusing them of giving Samoa a bad name around the world, with what he claims are repeated media reports on rape and incest.

For four weeks now, Tuilaepa has suspended the Police weekly press conferences, as a result.

He expressed his concern over the negative impact of media reports on incest and rape cases that have been reported each day, over the last several weeks.

During his weekly press conference on Wednesday afternoon, he said: "These negative reports give the impression that our country is not a place people would like to visit, and this is what the newspapers and radio are doing."

He also said: "In New Zealand, with its thousands and thousands of citizens, you hardly hear of any incest cases being reported like here in (Samoa)."

"In fact, the Police's weekly reports of the crimes being committed around Samoa that are being reported by the media, are always on rape and incest."

"If there are five sex cases announced during the weekly press conference, the media will publicize them, each day of the week."

"This gives outsiders the impression that Samoa, while it is a small country, there are a lot of rapes being committed," he said.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

**SAMOA AIRWAYS  
 SECURES NEW  
 AIRCRAFT**

Samoa Airways will have its own aircraft — a 737 — from Icelandair Group when the renamed national carrier returns to international flights in November.

Details of the arrangement with Icelandair have yet to be made public but in confirming the arrangement the Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi told Talamua.com today that Samoa Airways would start with one aircraft.

"The plan is for Samoa Airways to concentrate on the Apia-Auckland, Apia-Sydney and Apia Brisbane routes," he said. "Research confirmed that the three routes have huge revenue potentials and it fits perfectly with our partnership with Fiji Airways."

"That partnership is designed for both airlines to share the revenues in terms of tickets sold," Tuilaepa said.

Icelandair initially made contact with the government for quite some time now with the Vice President Halldor Daddi Halldorsson meeting the Prime Minister in Apia as late as last

year.

And since then the company have kept their hopes alive.

Icelandair Group is not new to the region.

It has a successful partnership with Air Niugini, which has proven to be catalyst for Papua New Guinea's international connections and for that country's booming tourism industry. And Icelandair currently leases five Boeing aircrafts to Air Niugini since their partnership started in 2007.

"The primary target is for our national carrier to be resurrected properly, not only as a profit making entity, but most importantly to provide affordable airfares for our people and our tourists," added the Prime Minister.

"I am mindful of the challenges and obstacles and government is looking at all options to realize its targeted mission."

"A reliable, consistent, affordable air fares and cost effective air services whilst exceeding our stakeholders' expectation is paramount to government," he said.

(Source: M.P.M.C. Press Secretary)

**SAMOA PM MEETS  
 PACIFIC GAMES  
 COUNCIL**

Although a decision is forthcoming on whether Samoa will host the 2019 Pacific Games, the government has gone ahead and appointed a Planning Committee.

The committee will lead the preparations for the country to host the Games. Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi is the chairman, and members include the Finance and Sports Minister, Sili Epa Tuioti and Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio respectively as well as representatives from the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture and SASNOC, Samoa Association of Sports and Olympic Committee.

Following a closed door meeting, yesterday, with the visiting Pacific Games Council President Vidha Lakhan, the Prime Minister says he has been assured by Lakhan that Samoa has the advantage over the other contenders, (Tahiti & Guam) also vying for the hosting right.

"I am mindful that the Pacific Games Council also has their due diligence and the visit is to fulfill their Council's constitution that each country is treated equally and fairly," said the Prime Minister yesterday.

"But I have been assured (by Lakhan) that we have the advantage when it comes to our sports facilities, especially after the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games."

"I remain confident that we have a better chance of bringing the games to Apia," the Prime Minister revealed during his weekly program with Talamua.com

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**Contact: AS-EPA Water Program at (684) 633-2304**

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) advises the public that on August 15, 2017, the following recreational beaches tested positive for Enterococci bacteria levels that exceed American Samoa Water Quality Standards:

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Aua Stream Mouth  
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Alega Stream Mouth  
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Asili Stream Mouth

AS-EPA beach advisories inform the public about current water conditions. When a beach advisory is issued, it is because water samples indicate that the American Samoa Water Quality Standard for Enterococci has been exceeded. This advisory is in effect until further sampling and laboratory analyses indicate that Enterococci concentrations are within acceptable water quality standards.

The presence of Enterococci in the water indicates contamination by human and/or animal wastes. Swimming in water with high levels of Enterococci may cause stomach problems, skin rashes, and ear, eye, and wound infections. To reduce your risk: avoid swallowing beach water, be sure to rinse or towel off after a swim, and shower once at home. If you are ill, or think you may be ill, AS-EPA advises that you consult a physician before making any water contact in the beaches cited above.

Note: AS-EPA monitors the water quality of 44 recreational beaches on Tutuila, the wharf in Aunu'u, and five beaches on Manu'a. Tutuila advisories are issued weekly on Wednesdays. Aunu'u and Manu'a advisories are issued monthly. Advisories are issued when bacteria concentrations exceed levels determined safe for human exposure. Should you have any questions, please contact the AS-EPA Water Program at 633-2304.



*FILE - In this Wednesday, March 8, 2017, file photo, Maine Gov. Paul LePage speaks at a town hall meeting, in Yarmouth, Maine. LePage says taking down statues of Confederate figures is „Áújust like,Áú removing a monument to people who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. LePage made the comments during an appearance Thursday, Aug. 17, on WGAN-AM when asked for his reaction to the deadly violence in Charlottesville, Va, over the weekend. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty, File)*

# Gov: Removing Confederate statues like losing 9/11 memorial

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Taking down statues of Confederate figures is “just like” removing a monument to victims of the 9/11 attacks, Gov. Paul LePage said Thursday, adding that the white nationalist and far-left protesters in Charlottesville over the weekend were “equally as bad” and “disgusting.”

The Republican governor made the comments during an appearance on WGAN-AM when asked for his reaction to the deadly violence in Virginia at a white nationalist protest over the removal of a statue

of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

LePage, echoing President Donald Trump, said he condemns “both sides” that went to the city with the intent of inciting violence. He lamented the deaths of 32-year-old Heather Heyer, who was struck by a car that drove into the crowd of protesters, and two state police officers, whose helicopter crashed during an effort to contain the violence.

LePage said left-wing protesters who want to remove Confederate statues are ignorant of history and want to erase it. He compared them to “the Taliban in Afghanistan” in their desire to remove monuments.

“How can future generations

learn if we’re going to erase history? That’s disgusting,” he said. “They should study their history — they don’t even know the history of this country and they are trying to take monuments down. Listen, whether we like it or not, this is what our history is.” He continued: “To me, it’s just like going to New York City right now and taking down the monument of those who perished in 9/11. It will come to that.”LePage also said he didn’t find out about the Charlottesville violence until Tuesday because he doesn’t watch TV or read newspapers. The governor, who has a long history of feuding with the media, said he thinks newspapers are “pencil terrorists.”

## ► Lolo blames federal...

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investment capital is effectively preempted by the presence of impeding federal policies, again, compelling ASG to increase its debt service structure.

“The American Samoa Government’s Debt Structure is the direct result of limited options available to access venture capital to build our economic development infrastructure,” the governor noted. “These fac-

tors should be considered in alignment with the debt service position of American Samoa as well as other territories of the United States.”

Copies of the governor’s letter were also sent to US Secretary of Interior, Ryan Zinke, Congresswoman Aumua Amata, and DOI’s Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Nikolao Pula.

## ► Thirty-one future...

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worry and anxiety.

Taufa’anu’u Isaako’s daughter, Tulili, was one of the future soldiers who took the oath to serve in the US Army on Wednesday. She told Samoa News it would be really hard for her and her husband to see their daughter leaving them to join the Army.

“I’m a little apprehensive, but not surprised,” she said. “She had made it clear from a young age that she was very interested in serving her country.” Isaako said although her grandfather was in the US Army, military life is a new experience for the family.

“We are fairly new to all of this and are learning a lot.

‘Proud’ does not even come close to explaining how I felt when I saw my daughter take the oath,” she concluded.

Born and raised in American Samoa, SFC Salanoa of the local US Army Recruiting Station expressed his positive feelings about seeing so many young people from the territory joining the Army.

“There are a lot of opportunities for our youth who are still looking for jobs that want to further their education, or are searching for a better future,” he said. “This is your chance. There is so much joy and satisfaction in serving the nation and in protecting our people and our society.”



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### 1. Invitation:

Sealed bids are being solicited to provide “30 Computers”.

### 2. Receipt & Opening of Bids:

Sealed bids will be received by the Territorial Librarian, American Samoa Government, Utulei, American Samoa 96799, until 10am (local time), Friday, August 25, 2017 at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

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US Army officials — both local and from off island — after the administering of the Oath of Enlistment for the 31 future US Army soldiers on Wednesday afternoon at the Veterans Memorial Stadium in Tafuna. (Read story on page 3)

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## Court Report...

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angry. According to court information, the victim told police that he was trying to avoid a large pothole on the road, by swerving around it, and he didn't see the defendant and his son on the road.

### SAULELIA AMITUANA'I

A woman accused of stealing a special Samoan fine mat (afuelo) that is typically used for funerals, is scheduled for a pre-trial conference in November, after she pled not guilty to one count each of stealing, embezzlement, and receiving stolen property — all felonies, during an arraignment earlier this week in the High Court.

The case surfaced last month after a woman went to the Tafuna substation to file a complaint against Amituana'i, who failed to return a special fine mat that she took.

According to court informa-

tion, Amituana'i was told that the fine mat would cost \$1,000, however she was able to convince the victim to let her take the afuelo home to inspect it, and told the victim she would return it later.

Amituana'i — and the fine mat — never returned to the victim. When police located the defendant, she told them she needed the fine mat for her father's funeral, but she later allegedly admitted that she sold it for \$300 to buy food for her children.

As of early this week, the defendant remains in custody unable to post a \$5,000 bond. If she is able to post bail, Amituana'i is prohibited from making any direct or indirect contact with the victim in this case.

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Gabriella Engels, right, and her mother, Debbie Engels look on during a media conference in Pretoria, South Africa, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017. The model who accuses Zimbabwe's first lady of assault, 20-year-old Gabriella Engels, has been offered legal assistance by a prominent lawyer Gerrie Nel, who secured the murder conviction of Oscar Pistorius.

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## ‘Red alert’ over Zimbabwe first lady, accused of assault

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Lawyers for the young model who claims she was assaulted by Zimbabwe’s first lady Grace Mugabe in a Johannesburg hotel said Thursday that her family had been approached with an offer of money to drop the allegation.

South African police issued a “red alert” to prevent Mugabe from leaving the country after Zimbabwe’s government requested diplomatic immunity.

Lawyers for 20-year-old Gabriella Engels threatened to go to court if South Africa’s government grants Mugabe immunity, saying it cannot be used to “escape prosecution from grave crimes.”

The lawyers said Engels’ family had been approached with an offer of “financial compensation” by a third party, which Engels refused. “They made an offer and said ‘Let us talk, this will go away.’ ... There was no amount mentioned,” said Gerrie Nel, a prominent South African lawyer who has offered his assistance to Engels.

In a letter sent Thursday to the South African government, Willie Spies, another lawyer involved in the case, said the offer was made Tuesday and suggested that Engels should “come up with a figure so that parties could meet in order to settle the matter quietly.”

The scandal has become

a diplomatic mess for South Africa’s government and Zimbabwe’s 93-year-old President Robert Mugabe, who arrived in South Africa’s capital late Wednesday apparently to deal with the crisis. He came early for a regional summit of southern African nations this weekend.

South Africa’s minister of police, Fikile Mbalula, said all borders had been notified to prevent Grace Mugabe from leaving the country before the matter is resolved, the African News Agency reported. “The red alert has been put,” Mbalula told reporters.

South African authorities are debating whether to grant the 52-year-old Mugabe diplomatic immunity.

Engels has registered a case with police accusing Mugabe of attacking her with an extension cord in a luxury hotel in a Johannesburg suburb late Sunday. Engels said she was in a hotel room with mutual friends of Mugabe’s two sons, who live in Johannesburg, when the first lady burst in and assaulted her. Photos of Engels posted on social media show a bloody gash to her forehead that she claimed was a result of the encounter.

Police said they’ve completed their investigation into the case and are waiting for

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# Why hate came to the progressive island of Charlottesville

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The white nationalists behind last weekend’s violent rally found an appealing target in the historic town where Thomas Jefferson founded a university and an outspoken, progressive mayor declared his city the “capital of the resistance” to President Donald Trump.

For more than a year, the Charlottesville government has also been engaged in contentious public soul searching over its Confederate monuments, a process that led to the decision to remove a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee. All those factors made this community a symbolically powerful backdrop for what’s considered the largest white nationalist gathering in at least a decade.

“We are a progressive, tolerant city. We are also a Southern city,” Mayor Mike Signer said. About a year and a half ago, Charlottesville “decided to launch on the difficult but essential work of finally telling the truth about race. That made us a target for tons of people who don’t want to change the narrative.”

On the eve of Saturday’s rally, hundreds of white men marched through the University of Virginia campus, holding torches and chanting racist and anti-Semitic slogans. The next morning, many looked like they were dressed for war as they made their way to Emancipation Park.

They clashed with counter-protesters in a stunning display of violence before authorities

forced the crowd to disperse. Later, a car plowed into a crowd of demonstrators, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring 19 others.

With a population of around 47,000, Charlottesville is a progressive island in a conservative part of Virginia.

The funky, cosmopolitan town is nestled in the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It’s known for being home to Jefferson’s plantation, Monticello, and the place where the Dave Matthews Band got its start.

The heart of its downtown is an open-air pedestrian mall lined with restaurants, bars and quirky boutiques. Tourists flock to Charlottesville not only for the history and culture but also to visit the wineries that dot the countryside just outside of town.

Charlottesville was easily overwhelmed by the numbers that showed up Saturday, said Ed Ayers, a leading Civil War scholar who taught at UVA for decades before moving to Richmond.

Despite Virginia’s bloody part in the Civil War, Ayers said, the Lee statue does not have a significant historical connection to Charlottesville. The city “did not play a central role in the war at all, he explained, and the statue was not erected until the 1920s, when Jim Crow laws were eroding the rights of black citizens.

Charlottesville was just “a very clear symbol they could go to and have a protest,” Ayers said.

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direction from South Africa’s government on the status of Mugabe’s immunity request.

The question of immunity is “totally out of our jurisdiction,” said Brigadier Vishnu Naidoo, a police spokesman. Until there is a decision on the immunity application, he said, “the whole investigation is in abeyance.”

Engels has been offered legal help by Nel, a former state prosecutor who now works as a private prosecutor for AfriForum, an organization that primarily represents the rights of South Africa’s white Afrikaner minority. Nel secured the murder conviction of Oscar Pistorius.

If Engels’ case goes to court and Mugabe is convicted a jail sentence could be possible, Nel said. Engels attended a news conference on Thursday, a bandage still on her forehead, but did not comment. Her mother, Debbie Engels, thanked AfriForum for offering to help.

“Now I know this woman is not going to get off scot-free for

what she did to my child,” she said.

It is unclear whether Grace Mugabe entered South Africa with a personal or diplomatic passport. Zimbabwe’s state-owned Herald newspaper reported last weekend that she was in South Africa seeking medical care.

The debate over whether Mugabe should be granted immunity quickly took on a political dimension in South Africa, with the opposition Democratic Alliance calling on President Jacob Zuma’s Cabinet to ensure the first lady is brought to justice.

“Ms. Mugabe should have applied for diplomatic immunity before she came to our country, not after she finds herself facing criminal charges,” said Zakhele Mbhele, a member of parliament for the Democratic Alliance. He said the police minister “needs to do his job and ensure she is arrested and has her day in court to answer the serious charges against her.”



Sen. Tim Kaine, left, and Charlottesville mayor Michael Signer visit a makeshift memorial Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, where Heather Heyer was killed when a car rammed into a crowd of people protesting a white nationalist rally Charlottesville, Va. (AP Photo/Julia Rendleman)



## American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

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