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The CCCAS Fagalii choir sang the hymns during the dedication of their 3 new school buildings yesterday. Fagali'i Elementary replaces Taputapu Elementary in Poloa, which was destroyed by the 2009 Tsunami. It has a student body of 72. See story for details in Lali section of today's Samoa News.

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## Fa'amavae aloia Puleleiite T. Li'amatua mai tofi Faipule Itumalo Sua #1



Le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Puleleiite Li'amatua Tufele, lea ua fa'amavae aloaia mai i le nofoa o le itumalo o Sua #1.

[ata AF]

### tusia Ausage Fausia

I le tuana'i ai o le 3 masina talu ona tofia le afioga a Puleleiite Tufele Li'amatua e avea ma Pulesili o le Ofisa o Fesootaiga a Amerika Samoa (ASTCA), o le taeao ananafi na aloaia ai i luma o le maota o sui lana fa'amavaega mai nofoa a lona itumalo o Sua #1, e pei ona toe filifilia ai o ia mo le isi 2 tausaga.

E fa'anofoaiga sosoo sa avea ai Puleleiite ma faipule o le itumalo o Sua #1, lea sa tautua ai i le tele o komiti a le maota, e aofia ai le avea ma taitaiffono o le komiti o Fesootaiga a le maota o sui.

I le taimi o folafolaga a le maota o sui i le taeao ananafi, na fa'a'ailoa aloaia ai e le afioga i le Fofoga Fetalai i afioga i Faipule, lona tauaao aloaia lea o le tusi fa'amavae mai ia Puleleiite.

"E fa'a'ailoa aloaia atu i le paia o le maota, o lea ua ou tauli-maina tusitusiga mai le afioga ia Puleleiite, ua fa'amavae mai o ia i le tofi o le itumalo o Sua #1, pau lena o le tulaga o lea ua oo mai i le taimi nei, ae o ni isi tulaga i tua atu, o le a tatou toe fetufaa'i ai i le vaiaso fou," o le saunoaga lea a Savali Talavou Ale.

E na o le tasi lava le aso na oo atu ai le afioga Puleleiite i le tauaofiaga a le maota o sui, e na o le aso Gafua, Aokusu 21, le aso na toe a'e mai ai Fono Faitulafono mai lana malologa e 4 vaiaso.

O le aso lea na fesiligia ai o ia e le sui fofoga fetalai ia Fetui Fetu Jr sa ta'ita'ia galuega a le maota, poo i ai se mataupu o ia fia saunoa ai, ona ua tele aso fono e le o nofoia le nofoa o lona itumalo i totonu o le maota.

E leai se mataupu faapitoa na saunoa i ai Puleleiite ina ua tula'i e fa'aaoga lona avanoa, se'i vagana ai lona valaauliaina o afioga i Faipule, ina ia latou auai atu i le fale'aiga i Nu'uuli mo se taumafataga o le aoauli, ma latou talatalanoa ai i ni isi o mataupu e le tataua ona fa'alauiloaina fa'alaua'itele i luma o le maota ona o lo o filogia i le au fa'asalalau.

E le i finagalo le afioga a Puleleiite e tu'uina mai ni fa'amatalaga se

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## Senate passes in 2nd reading, bill to update local tax table

ASG MONEYMEN SAY TAXPAYERS WILL PAY LESS TO THE GOV'T

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

Updating the American Samoa individual income tax table to mirror the federal code would mean taxpayers would be giving less money to the government, according to testimony yesterday by ASG officials. Senators, who plan to share the information with their constituents, welcomed the good news.

American Samoa has used the year 2000 tax table, standard deductions and dependent exemptions for calculating personal income since 2001.

However, an Administration bill now before the Fono, updates the local tax table starting in tax year 2018, by adopting the US Internal Revenue Service tax table for standard deductions and dependent exemptions for the year 2004.

According to the bill, by tax year 2022 American Samoa's income tax table will mirror the 2022 IRS tax table. Additionally, the tax table for each subsequent year — after 2022 — will be updated annually with the IRS tax table.

ASG Treasurer Uelinitone Tonumaie'a and ASG Tax Manager, Tagoa'i Vaaimamao Poufa, testified yesterday morning on the bill before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee,

whose chairman Sen. Magalei Logovii told the witnesses that, perhaps, the most important issue on this measure — and what senators want to hear — is how much taxpayers will get in return by amending the local tax table.

Tonumaie'a, who is also vice chairman of the ASG Revenue Task Force, said the proposed amendment is to help take some burden off taxpayers. He emphasized that the amendments to mirror the IRS tax table targets "standard deductions and dependent exemptions" with the goal that by the year 2022, the American Samoa tax table is the same with the IRS.

Tagoa'i added that the federal government changes its standard deductions and dependent exemptions, after taking into consideration issues such as the cost of living and inflation. He then gave four examples on how the proposed amendments would help taxpayers.

One example is a single person, making \$20,000 a year. The tax liability — based on the 2000 tax table — is \$2,324. If the Administration bill is enacted into law, adopting the 2004 IRS table tax, then the tax liability for 2018 will be \$1,454 — a savings of \$870 to the taxpayer.

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A look at some of the newest additions to the DPS fleet of vehicles — two brand new black Ford 'Interceptors' — now parked in front of the Central Police Station. Samoa News could not confirm as of press time yesterday, which DPS division the cars will go to, but sources say the purchase was a 'special order' that came with an estimated total price tag in excess of \$100K. Police vehicles are usually bought with money collected from traffic tickets or grant funds.

[photo: courtesy]







Mrs. Galu Sauni was one of the dozens of east side residents who came out to Onesosopo Park last Saturday during a gathering sponsored by the Sua County Coalition's outreach program to promote ATOD, or the fight against Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

# Be ready to provide a valid ID when ASDHS agents come knocking

ASDHS DIRECTOR SAYS HE HAS 12 AGENTS INVOLVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT...

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

During the course of their investigative work, which includes looking into the source of illegal drugs in the territory, special agents with the local Homeland Security Department (ASDHS), will ask people who are being interviewed for their identification, according to Homeland Security director, Samana Semo Ve'ave'a during a Senate hearing on Wednesday.

Samana was among five ASG witnesses called to testify before the Senate Public Safety/Homeland Security Committee on a Senate bill that would require drug and alcohol testing for ASG employees, including elected officials and political

appointees. During the hearing, Sen. Satele Galu Satele Sr. revealed that ASDHS staffers are asking people for their IDs, and this has prompted several complaints to his office, questioning the reason why ASDHS people are "checking on people's IDs." While he can't reveal publicly any specific details, because people have rights protected under the law, Samana said that when his agents are interviewing people during the course of their investigations, people are asked for their IDs so the agents know whom they are talking to. If the ID is expired, that matter is turned over to police, he added.

Satele's inquiries come at the heels of recent claims circulating in the business community about ASDHS personnel checking people's immigration IDs to see if they are valid.

When asked by the committee during the hearing on ASDHS' role regarding illegal drugs, Samana said he has 12 agents involved in law enforcement, coordinating with other countries, to look at several issues such as drugs entering the territory.

Another role, he added, is that the agents are out in the field at different times, conducting investigations on the source of illegal drugs and discussing it with the Department of Public Safety.

And if "there is enough evidence to bust" — then the order comes from the Attorney General, he said.

Sen. Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr., shared with the witnesses, which included Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale, public concerns raised with senators over the large number of law enforcement officers — such as ASDHS agents and police, along with their K-9 Unit — present at the arrival area at the Tafuna Airport, where Customs agents work, even though Customs has its own K-9 Unit present at the airport.

There was no reaction from either Samana or Talauega on the issue.

### BACKGROUND

In an Aug. 2nd memo, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga appointed the American Samoa Drug Control Commission (ASDCC) and tasked it to among other things, "reducing and eliminating the supply of illicit drugs" in American Samoa.

ASG entities that are members of the ASDCC are: Governor's Office, Office of Samoan Affairs, Agriculture, Education, Health, Human Resources, Youth and Women's Affairs,

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(l-r) Deputy Police Commissioner, Vaimaga Maiava; local Homeland Security director Samana Semo Ve'ave'a; Human Resources director Eseneiaso Liu; Human and Social Services deputy director Muavaefa'atasi John Suisala, and Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale, testifying Wednesday before a Senate committee on a bill requiring drug testing for ASG employees, including elected officials. See story for details. [photo: FS]

# ASG plans to set up detox center and rehab service

SEN. FAI'VAE: AT THIS POINT, THE ONLY TYPE OF REHAB IS JAIL

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

A drug rehabilitation service and facility are included in the government's plan, as ASG tackles the drug problem in American Samoa, which Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga says is "poisoning our way of life and we must act now to root it out."

Provisions of a Senate bill that would require all ASG employees, including contractors and elected officials to be tested for drugs and alcohol, states in part that when an employee is tested and determined to have improperly used alcohol and illegal drugs, the said employee may be offered a reasonable opportunity for rehabilitation, consistent with Human Resources Department policy.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Paepae Iosefa Fai'ai and Nuanu-aolefeagaiga Saoluaga Nua, was the subject of Wednesday's Senate Public Safety/Homeland Security Committee hearing where questions regarding a local rehabilitation facility or service were raised.

Responding to a committee question, Department of Human and Social Services deputy director Muavaefa'atasi John Suisala said that as far as DHSS knows, the territory has no rehabilitation or detox facility or service.

He added that DHSS provides two counseling programs and the majority of the clients are referrals from the court for drug or alcohol counseling — cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and motivational enhancement therapy (MET) — for six weeks, but for the more serious cases, the program is 12 weeks.

DHSS also provides other services through drug and alcohol prevention activities, in which staff members make

presentations at schools and churches, and for other organizations, that invite them.

DHSS provides funding for the eight local drug coalitions, that work together with villages, families, and churches.

With counseling programs available through DHSS, Muavaefa'atasi suggested inclusion in the bill, counseling, besides rehabilitation, adding that the government is working to set up a rehabilitation service and detox center.

Sen. Fai'vae Iuli Galeai said there are many questions on rehabilitation services, due to the drug problem in the territory, but at this point, the only type of rehab is jail, instead of helping those with serious drug problems.

Human Resources director, Eseneiaso Liu, one of the ASG witnesses at the hearing, said the government is working on plans that include rehabilitation, and she can provide more details when the Senate calls them back for another hearing.

The committee will set another hearing date, to further discuss the bill.

One senator suggested that only those who work in law enforcement should be subjected to drug testing, such as Customs, the police and immigration officers.

### SAFETY-SENSITIVE POSITION

A provision of the bill calls for random testing "without reasonable suspicion" of any employee who works in a "Safety-Sensitive Position".

Each year, at least 25% of "Safety-Sensitive Positions" will be tested for alcohol misuse, while 50% of the said employees will be tested for drug use.

According to the bill, selection of employees for these tests will be conducted through a sci-

entific valid random-position number selection method that is reasonable and acceptable. These unannounced tests will be conducted throughout the year.

Safety-sensitive positions,

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## Letter to the Editor

"INADEQUATE HEALTHCARE FUNDING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS"

### PART 4: SUBSIDIES

by Dr. Jim Marrone

Now that we have seen some of the differences between Medicare and MediCAID, and what implications those differences have in terms of maintaining funding for the comprehensive healthcare of the residents of AS, I would like to dig a little deeper into that murky well of U.S. taxpayer dollars that American Samoa so heavily relies upon... so that people will know where to look for the truth.

With electronic medical records, inadequate billing and claims submission, poor compliance with CMS and their requirements, and even just failing to take maximal advantage of the few residents who do have outside health insurance, we have seen several ways in which basically everyone loses.

And when it comes to whatever reduced funding that LBJ does actually get (or recover) from the U.S. Govt., there still remain some very serious questions as to how and when that money arrives does it make its way through to be used for the care of patients at LBJ. For example, is money budgeted for MediCAID matching actually used only for that purpose? Or is it as I strongly suspect, always at risk of being diverted in total or in part ("reprogrammed," as politicians like to call it), to other priorities of spending for ASG? Just name your favorite cause or concern here, but paving roads, buying fleets of new vehicles, and even just having Departmental parties come right to mind as some of ASG's priorities that I think we can agree we've seen very highly publicized in the past.

I know for instance that I repeatedly heard past Administrators at the Hospital (both Executive-types and on occasion, even certain individual Board Members) loudly bemoaning ASG's tardiness with their legally-mandated monthly subsidies. They didn't all do it in public mind you, but I'm sure I'm not the only one who often heard many of these horror stories in private.

Here again, we need to remember that the local law in AS requires these payments to be disbursed according to a Governor's Office-generated (and Fono-approved) annual budget for the hospital! Then there should be even more income coming from that ugly and onerous 2% Wage Tax as well, right? I mean the one that is legally earmarked strictly for LBJ!

Yet for a vast majority of months over the years (and going back to previous ASG Administrations as well), the money simply never reached LBJ. The subsidies were either not paid in full, not on time, or in a number of cases, just not paid at all.

Now as I understand it, ASG is required to pay out 10% of LBJ's annual operating budget (that it has approved) in monthly installments. So for about a \$50Million Budget, that'd be roughly \$5Million divided by 12, or a little over \$400K/month. And apparently, most if not all of that money looks to the Feds like "local" funds coming from ASG (regardless of wherever they actually get it from). Which means of course, that AS's Medicare/ Medicaid Office should be able to go right back to CMS with that approx. \$5Million per year from ASG, and immediately DOUBLE IT! Essentially mind you, with no serious questions asked. The money is truly "there for the taking..." provided of course that the leaders only do their due diligence in keeping up with all of the requirements and mandated payments.

Now if ASG would just do that, we'd be talking about \$10Million per year, which would be roughly 20% of the overall hospital budget lately, am I right? That's a pretty big number... Many, many years I remember shortfalls of less than that alone in LBJ's bottom line, when all was said and done.

So, to the kind and conscientious and well-meaning people of American Samoa, in my humble opinion what you should be asking yourself (and your Governor, and The Fono, and the Office of Medicare/Medicaid, and of course, your LBJ Board and Administrators) is, "May we please follow the money?"

If these nebulous and potentially dangerous politically driven "shell games" with healthcare funds are better exposed, it should certainly at least give everyone a better idea about where to start in fixing the hospital's shortcomings.

And remember that it should also better inform the Territory's residents about whom they can trust with their votes (not to mention their lives, and families' wellbeing)!

Bottom line: There simply must be better, more honest and fully transparent management of all public funds which are intended for healthcare in AS. After all, these funds come primarily from everyone's hard-earned tax dollars, right? Doesn't everyone want, and need that money carefully watched over and preserved for future generations?

The people of AS simply cannot afford ANY subjective reprogramming of healthcare funds, and EVERY LAST DOLLAR of available funding must be captured, protected, and properly accounted for so that it can be renewed (or even increased) year after year.

That shouldn't be so hard now, should it? But then again, maybe it is... Especially when one considers all of the above?

May God be with all of us in this critical struggle to improve and sustain the health and welfare of the good people of Amerika Samoa.

Soifua, Dr. Jim Marrone

# THE CONVERSATION

## AMERICAN SAMOA: PROSPEROUS PARADISE, OR PLANTATION PRISON?

by Benjamin Hampton

In speaking with a friend of mine who had spent the last month off island in Hawai'i and other places Stateside, I was welcoming him back.

I said "Welcome back to ... well, I'm not sure what to describe it as"... to which he replied with a smirk something that was rather negative.

He said, "Prison! The Rock!" and then kinda shook his head...

Now this gentleman is a forward-thinking individual. He is a successful business person that has done well for him and his family for many years, but he like myself is someone who is in the 30 to 45 year old age range who sees what is going on in American Samoa, and the direction things are heading, and is now so tired of how things have been, he is not interested in being a participant. I will personally be surprised if he is living here as his main base 12 months from now.

Why is that? Why would someone who has lived here for better than ten years, who has succeeded here, and even has family here want to leave and not come back?

Why would they view coming back here as prison?

(Now, to be fair, he was joking as he said this to me, but as we all know in order for a joke to be funny it has to be rooted in some truth.)

I'll tell you why. One of the biggest reasons is that he sees how ridiculous it is to be successful here and how many regulations, fees, taxes and laws are going to hinder his success, profitability, and ultimately his happiness while increasing his stress here.

He sees that at the rate things are going, this place is going to self-destruct. He sees the downward trend that we are in right now as evidenced by the current items in front of the Senate and Fono at this very moment.

The very subjects we have been discussing in previous columns.

The refusal of OMV and other government officials so far to simply do the right thing. The task force recruited to create new income streams for the government are instead pulling resources out of the very same pot they already have been for years.

The problem is the public "food pot" is not being refilled fast enough for those government agencies who are already trying to eat out of it, and they want to have more! The Aiga basket is not so full these days.

He sees the lack of integrity in the government, the folly of the bureaucratic red tape one must carve through in order to succeed.

He knows that rather than creating a freer marketplace that allows businesses like his to thrive, the market is becoming more restrictive and the profits

while already diminishing are going to continue to diminish before sales are ever made to the public here who his businesses serve, higher tariffs and fees are being levied against his business.

So in short, if you're successful, the government wants to come in and take more money from your successful business.

If you are not successful, and a regular member of the public just trying to get by and take care of your family, the increase in cost to you to do so, which will invariably be passed on to the public by the business owner is now much higher than it was before. But as we discussed last week, so many families are losing income with more to lose income on the horizon.

Does this make any sense to anyone other than those who are attempting to create these policies and implement them?

If we're all in this together, and we are, when did it make sense if the public is going through lean times that the government also tightens up their belt a few notches and goes through lean times with us?

But no! Instead as this committee is rolling out recommendations to be voted on and put into law, we see that more government jobs are being created.

In Pre Civil War times in the United States, there were plantations whose the life blood were the crops grown and maintained there by a group of slaves.

These slaves had to work and do exactly what the master demanded, and if they did not severe punishments were legally passed on them.

Now not all slaves were abused, but regardless of that they were still slaves! They were ordered to do things they did not want to do. They were forced to live in ways they did not particularly want to live. These slaves did not have the ability to choose those things that would put them in their families on a good path in life. Everything they did required permission from the master of the plantation. Rather than working together through cooperation, the slaves who had been purchased by the master as property did what they did because they were forced to. Does that sound like a happy existence? Do you know that living under an oppressive government that continues to pull more and more of your resources is not much different in practicality than outright slavery?

The title for this week's conversation is perhaps a bit extreme in some of your minds, but I want you all to understand the seriousness of what we're dealing with here as a society.

This truly is the case! We are heading for bondage and a form of slavery as a group of people and it does not have to be that way!

And the crazy thing is, if it

does happen, then we have done it to ourselves. This ought not to be, especially when there are many other avenues to pursue that have a much more hopeful and helpful outcome.

Take for example one of our first community contributors to the conversation, Mr. Tom Drabble. In case you missed his editorial piece a few days ago in the Samoa News, it's definitely worth a read.

To summarize, he said that there exists currently two classes of people. Those who are in the government receiving much higher wages for their work, and those in the general public who receive a very low wage for their work. He even address the significant problems this creates. I reached out to him and thanked him for taking time to address what he saw as a problem here, and to reference the third class of people that had been unmentioned in his article.

The third class is the entrepreneur and private business owner class of people much like my friend at the beginning of this article.

The future of this island is dependent on forward-thinking individuals who have a hope and desire to make positive change here through their businesses that will provide for them and their families while providing a valuable service to the community. When you kill that, Prosperity disappears.

If the government worked as hard to ensure the future of this class of individuals, the entrepreneur, the private business owner, not only will there be jobs available through these businesses for local people but the infrastructure that is sorely lacking could continue to be built even outside of the government structure.

Government can do a good job by having a vision for the future in creating Pathways and rules that Ensure Healthy Growth and reward for those who would help this island through goods, services and products available... even those created here!

Are they doing a good job? Will they do a good job of ensuring that business owners entrepreneurs and those that are benefited by what they create will be helped rather than hurt? Are we going to take our resources and ensure that we have a Prosperous Paradise as an island home, or do we prefer a Plantation Prison that none of us will thrive in nor enjoy?

The choice is up to us!

Stay tuned for the next Conversation where we will go into depth with some very actionable steps suggested by Mr. Tom Drabble, suggestions that no doubt will resonate with other business owners here who understand how to succeed and earn a profit rather than simply enact laws and take from those who exhibit initiative.





Compiled by Samoa News Staff  
**AMATA ANNOUNCES  
OVER \$10 MILLION IN  
AIRPORT GRANTS**

Washington, D.C. – Thursday, August 31, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata was pleased to announce more than \$10.1 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Pago Pago International Airport. “These efforts to preserve and update the Pago Pago Airport are major projects that deserve this funding,” Aumua Amata said. “American Samoa must always have a dependable, accessible and well-maintained airport to help counter our economic and geographic isolation.” Specifically, two DOT grants, one of \$10 million and one of \$135,000, are designated for the ongoing rehabilitation plans at Pago Pago International Airport. The larger grant is directed to the runway apron area, which is where aircraft are parked for refueling, loading, unloading and other services, while the other funds are for runway safety features.

“I welcome the DOT’s understanding of the importance of this airport to us on American Samoa,” concluded the Congresswoman. “I appreciate also the efforts of all those at work on these improvements, and the leadership of Port Administration Director, Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele.”

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

**PM ON ABORTION AND  
SAME SEX MARRIAGE**

Although not privy to a health report on HIV AIDS which contains recommendations for Samoa to legalize abortion and same sex marriage, Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lufesoliai Sailele Malielegaioi did not mince words when he out rightly opposed the two recommendations.

Said the Prime Minister, “Government will never ever accept legalizing abortion for any purposes regardless.

“It is murder and similar to giving our women the license to kill. “And that is absolutely against our religious Christian values, and beliefs. It’s also totally against our culture and our way of life. “The same goes for same sex marriage. It will never be accepted by government because it undermines our tradition and our culture.

“Although I am not privy to the report containing these recommendations, it will not change the government stand point. “I pray that this is the last time that these issues are brought to the government and my attention because it’s a useless waste of government stationary and time to acknowledge or even to respond to such suggestions.” (Samoa News should point out that the Samoa prime

minister is of the Catholic faith, which has consistently spoken out against same-sex marriages, abortions, as well as transgenders.) (Source: M.P.M.C. Press Secretary)

**ARISE SIR MICHAEL**

The former All Black Sir Michael Jones has been invested as a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit at a ceremony at Government House in Wellington today.

Jones has been made a Knight Companion of the order for his services to the Pacific community and youth.

He wore a traditional red ulafala or [pandanus] necklace, to honor his Samoan heritage and received a long round of applause from the packed crowd after Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy bestowed the honor on him. Jones was a

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**FA’ASALALAUGA FA’ALAUATELE  
MO LE TOE FA’AAUAUINA O TALANOAGA O  
LE SUAFA ASOAU**

O le a tafa’ima’a ia le tamaloa na liu fatu i le Alataua i sa ma pa’ia le ‘avea o lo tatou aiga Sa-Aso’au. Fata foi i Mauga o Ao ma tovine o le Talalelei, mamalu maua luga o le ‘Aufaigaluega, o taulaga soifua ia a lo tatou aiga, a’o ni lupe fa’alele na fa’ia mai le fuifui, ae a le Atua ma Lona finagalo. E le vaea le fala o’oto i le salafa a’i o le aiga i ona tulaga faalupe, i so’o se tafa o le atunu’u ma le lalolagi, o lo’o e’e ma papa a’ao ai, ona o le sa’iliga manuia mo aiga o lo’o tu’i maio le mulipapaga ma tapua’ia o outou faiva alofilima i lo tatou aiga i Faleasao.

Ae fa’atutonu ia le ti’a nai le tautiaga, e toe fofoga aloai’a ai lo tatou aiga, o sulii ma feoi o le **suafa Aso’au**, tatou te toe lauluafesilafa’i, ma fofoga fesaga’i i lo tatou aiga i Faleasao lava, i Malae, o le mea e fa’asinotonu iai le **suafa Aso’au**, i le **aso 9 o Setema, Aso To’ana’i, 2017**, i le **itula e 9 i le taeao**, mo le toe soalaupuleina o le gasegase a malo o lo tatou aiga, o lo’o ta’oto pea i paga ma fa’alepa e pei o le fua i le atuvasa. E fa’amoemoe le taofi, o le a fa’asopolia e le Atua o manatu ae le o le atua fa’atu lo outou soifua manuia i lea aso tu’upoina, tatou te umufono tatala ai, aua se tasi e tausia lo tatou aiga i Faleasao. O lou le afio mai, o le a le tolopoina ai le finagalo ‘autasi o aiga, auā o ‘upu lava a le atunu’u, e lelei lo tatou to’ese i nu’u potopoto, ma ia tasi lo tatou faia o sulii o le aiga Sa-Sa’umani, ae aua lava nei Sa’umaniafa’ese.

Faia ma le Fa’aaloalo e tataui ai ,

**Sainia: Ale T. Filoiali’i**

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**FA’AFETAI TELE LAVA!**  
*Amerika Samoa*

Tulouna le fale tulutulu i tao ma le fale tulutulu i moana, tulouna Samoa ma lou fale atoa, tulou. Ae taoto ia faaia o tai loloto ia o outou sa ma mamamlu le ave. O ou paia le popo ma ou pa le solo, o ou papa le gae ma ou luma fatu toto. O le a nuunuu atu faatini o tausala i le puipuiga ia te oe Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Ituau ma Alataua, Sa’ole ma le Launiu na Saelua. Afio le Laau na Amotasi i le afio o Faatui ma le auvaa o Tootoo o le Faleula, ma upu i le Manu’atele. Noga la ia o paia o le Malo o Amerika Samoa i la na Sa-seetolu ma lou malae faa lotoifale ia Tutuila ma Manu’a. Paia ia Pule ma Tumua, i Aiga ma a latou Tama o Tama foi ma o latou Aiga, Aiga i le tai ma le too o le fua. E le faagaloina foi Tae-o-Atua, i le susu i Faafegaiga Totofi a le Atua, o Feoi o le Talalelei o lo o molimoli lapalapa o malo, ae a se manuia mo le Faleagafulu ma le Motusa, tolou, tolouna lava.

O le tala a le Tusi, sa ou fia ai ma ou fia inu, sa outou aumai le vai ma mea’ai mo au, sa ou le lavalava ma mafatia ae sa outou faapea foi ona outou agalelei mai. Ae o le upu o le Itulagi a le Alataua i le Aiga malosi ma le Aitu tagata, “Afai sa e iloa au i Togamau, oute manatua oe i Siulepa”. O le upu foi a Tui-Manu’a i lana fanau; “Sole po o oulua manatua ea le agalelei a Leuteleleite ia te oulua, o mai la ia e momoli le vai lea e fai ma faailoga o lona agalelei ia te oulua”.

Talofa e Amerika Samoa, ua ulufia lo outou aao ona o lo matou naumati mai i le ala o le mativa, ae o le ea se mea matou te tali atu ai lo outou alofa. Ioe ua le o se vai e pei ona saunao le Tui-Manu’a, ae tau ia ina alofagia e le Atua se tatalo faataua-nau a le Komiti Faafae a le SHS Booster Club ma le mamalu i Matua, ina ia saga faatutumu atu e lana Afio ia te outou ona o lo o outou foi paia mo le aoga Maua luga a Samoana. Ia le tasi, a ia atulasi, aua ua malie le Faga i Gagamoe, ua malie le Faga i Malefono ma Avagafono, ua malie le Faga e Sa i lau teu faatupu ma lau teu faaaloalo, ua malie o ua malie malo. Ua o matou foi ma le malie o le loto, a ua tau le gagana foi le tamaitai nai Paia, ua faafetai ua faafetai, ua malie mata e vaai. Aua e tasi lava oe Amerika Samoa.

E faafetai faapitoa atu i le mamalu lautele o le atunuu, sa gapatia ma maosiasia ona o so matou vaivai mo fanau taaalo a le Laumua o le Malie i Samoana. Ae faapito augafa ai so matou piiola atu i le saogalemu ma le faamama avega mai o pisinisi tumaoti ma le Matagaluega o le Saogalemu Lautele i lau Afioa le Komisina. FAAFETAI, FAAFETAI TELE LAVA!

<b>Governor Lolo Moliga</b>	<b>Department of Public Safety</b>	<b>KSBS 92.1</b>	<b>KHJ93/V103</b>
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Ma le faaaloalo lava,

**Komiti Faafae ma Matua (SHS Booster Club)**





Some of the DOE teachers from the west side who attended the orientation seminars being hosted by the Dept. of Education this week, to prepare the educators for the start of the new school year.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

## UH Pacific Business Center Program awarded \$250,000 grant

(BASED ON A PRESS RELEASE) — The University of Hawaii is one of 22 colleges and universities to receive funding under the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) 2017 University Center Economic Development Program Competition. The grant to UH’s Pacific Business Center Program (PBCP) at Manoa was announced by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross this week.

“The University Center program can be an important vehicle in marshaling the resources of local colleges and universities in support of regional economic development strategies,” said Secretary Ross. “These higher education institutions will work to build the public-private partnerships that are so vital to helping America stay competitive in the 21st century.”

This year’s competition was open to higher education institutions and consortia of

accredited institutions of higher education nationally. It funds initiatives that are focused on advancing regional commercialization efforts, entrepreneurship, innovation, business expansion in a region’s innovation cluster, and a high-skilled regional workforce.

Only nine grants were awarded to institutions of higher education from the western region (States west of the Mississippi river to the Pacific, including Hawaii and Alaska). The PBCP was awarded a project total grant of \$250,000 with matching funds.

“With the EDA award the PBCP is back in business and can now focus on the commercialization phase of the Pacific Regional Breadfruit Initiative (PRBI), originally funded by the US Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs. The PRBI is a community/village based economic development initiative utilizing sustainable local natural resources, local work force expertise and innovative technology modified locally for drying breadfruit and packaging for shipment to milling and flour making plants for the local and export markets,” said Papalii Dr. Failautusi Avegalio, director of the PBCP.

“Regional collaboration is essential for a regional industry that can benefit all in this phase of the PRBI development. The high demand for gluten free low glycemic index (breadfruit has both nutritional benefits!) food products nationally and globally is an unprecedented opportunity for the Pacific. Especially for health where, according to an Asian Development Bank 2011 report, rates of non communicable diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases among Pacific Island Countries, caused primarily by imported processed foods, are the highest in the world and account for over 75% of all deaths. We can do better and we will,” said Papalii.

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (9/3)	Monday (9/4)	Tuesday (9/5)	Wednesday (9/6)	Thursday (9/7)	min	Friday (9/8)	Saturday (9/9)	min
10 : am	00' Jisook's Table for O' 10'	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	30' Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama "Sungkyunkwan Scandal" (E,R)				00'	My Neighbor Charles	Sungkyunkwan Scandal	
12 NOON	00' Music Bank (E,R)	Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)" (E,R)				50'	K-pop World Festival	(E,R)	
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)							
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)			The Beauty (E,R)	30'
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Idol Drama Operation Team (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	Battle Trip (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	Guerilla Date (E,R)	50'	My Father is Strange (E,R)	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R)	50'
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	00'	Week' Drama - Final		
6 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	My Father is Strange (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)		Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	00'
7 : pm	40' History of Korea (E)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R) Final		Music Bank (E)	40'	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	40'
8 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines (E,R)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
9 : pm	40' Daily Drama "Woman With No Name (working title)" (E)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)				20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
10 : pm	00' KBS 9 News (Live)	KBS 9 News (Live)					KBS 9 News (Live)		00'
11 : pm	50' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E)		20'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E)		20'
12 : 00	00' Hollo Counselor (E)	We Like Zines (E)	Yu Huiyeol's Sketchbook (E)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama School 2017 (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R)	30'
Next Day	20' Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)	Encore Drama "Sungkyunkwan Scandal" (E)					Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'
1 : am	40' History of Korea (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	The Beauty (E)	K-RUSH (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	00'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
2 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
3 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	School 2017 Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Manhole Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		00'	Sungkyunkwan Scandal (E,R)	My Neighbor Charles	00'
4 : am	30' Hollo Counselor (E,R)	We Like Zines	Sketchbook	Happy Together	Music Bank	50'	Jisook's Table for O'		50'

\*Note: If you need this Schedule, e-mail <hyunhwilee@gmail.com>. and I will send it to you every week!

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Port Administration, Public Safety, Treasury, Human and Social Services, Homeland Security, and Legal Affairs. (See Samoa News Aug. 11th edition for details).

DPS and ASDHS are also members of the Governor's Task Force for Domestic Security.



## ACCURACY

We make an issue of it every day.



# Thank You So Much!

**The Filipino Community in American Samoa (FCAS)** would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the top officials of American Samoa Government headed by **Hon. Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga, Hon. Lt. Gov. Lemanu P.S. Mauga, and Hon. Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale**, proxies, and individuals from other AS Government Agencies, Special Guests, business establishments, and friends who, in one way or another helped made our 2017 Philippine Consular Outreach Program a very successful event on this beautiful Island of American Samoa.

Special mention to the Hardworking Man and Women of Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu, Hawaii, headed by **Consul General Gina Jamoralin & Consul Robert T. Bernardo** and its team; to the Officers, Board of Directors and working Committees of FCAS, headed by its **President, Renato A. Sello** and **Board Chairman Michael Jay J. Balbuena**.

Special thanks to our **PLATINUM SPONSORS**:



For sponsoring our sumptuous and entertaining Dinner send-off for Philippine Consul General Jamoralin and Delegates on Monday, August 28, 2017 and the kind and special courtesy given by its President **Rep. Puleleite Tufele Lia, Jr.**, Vice President **Patricia Vaivao**, and **Dho Manarang**



For sponsoring our 2017 Consular Night and accepting our invitation to be the event's closing remarks speaker.

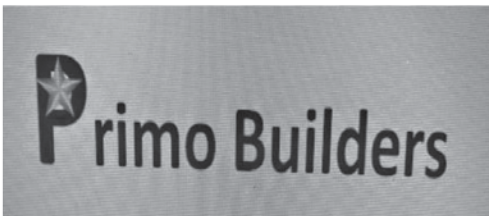


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*By Barry Markowitz*

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University of Illinois students Anna and Andrea created Luminaid Solar Lanterns to help with Haiti earthquake victims. Eventually their genius was picked up by the ABC National TV show,

Luminaid donated a thousand of their Solar Lanterns to Houston's Hurricane Harvey victims this week. Several of these precious lanterns are being hand carried this week to the American Samoa Red Cross. Ken Onion, pictured, co-founder/Board of Director for Alaska's Healing Hearts (created to help nurture disabled US Veterans) studies a few of the several dozen lanterns donated to his beloved non-profit.

[Photo: Barry Markowitz, 8/20/17]

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McAiga Box Meal

A promotional image for McDonald's McAiga Box Meal. It features a variety of McDonald's food items: two large burgers with cheese and lettuce, two smaller burgers, several McDonald's french fries in red containers, and several McDonald's chicken nuggets. In the background, there are several McDonald's soft drinks in white cups with yellow straws. The McDonald's logo is visible on the packaging.





Official poster of the 3rd WARP Summit 2017 [Courtesy photo]

# 3rd Annual Commemoration of the World Alliance of Religions' Peace (WARP) Summit

Discussion on the Establishment of Collaborative Governance for the Development and Implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)

Press Release — Aug. 29, 2017 — The 3rd Annual Commemoration of the World Alliance of Religions' Peace (WARP) Summit will be held in Seoul, South Korea to seek global cooperation for global peace building.

Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), a peace NGO under the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) hosts this event on September 17-19 in association with International Peace Youth Group (IPYG) and International Women's Peace Group (IWPG).

This annual peace summit since 2014 brings together political and religious leaders, heads of women's and youth groups, civil society, and the press from around the world and provides a platform for discussion and cooperation for peace.

This year, more than 1,000 global figures from 120 countries are expected to participate in to discuss establishing collaborative governance between governments and civil societies for implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), development of education as a culture of peace, and promotion of interfaith harmony. Former presidents, ministers, UN officials, justices, heads of civic groups, leaders of women, youth, and religions, and journalists will have in-depth discussions in groups on the topics: the direction of peace education for sustainable peace, the role of

media in spreading a culture of peace and ways to build a global media network, and the way to foster peaceful harmony amongst religions.

The Chairman of HWPL, Mr. Man Hee Lee, emphasizes the significance of the peace education by saying, "In order for everyone to become a messenger of peace, spreading a culture of peace and peace education by the development of peace materials and training of peace leaders are important."

Region-specific meetings are also planned for the implementation of peace projects in collaboration between governments and civil society groups. Each representative from each sector discusses ways to develop action plans for peace building that can best reflect the cultural and social environment in the region. The Chairwoman of IWPG, Mrs. Nam Hee Kim, highlights the power of women for achieving peace saying "3.6 billion of women, half of the world's population, have the power to lead humanity to the world of peace. If we cannot use our potential, we can never achieve a peaceful world."

The world women leaders are expected to make one voice to transform the DPCW into a legally binding form for the cessation of war in '2017 IWPG Network Forum'.

Along with sessions, a peace festival with 100,000 participants and local citizens will also be held on the second day of the summit. With the slogan 'Together for Peace as Messenger of Peace', cultural performances by 8,000 youth will be shown to convey the core messages of peace as a culture in the global community.

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After years of schooling and unwavering determination, I am officially a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), passing all four required examinations issued by the National Association State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Surely, this accomplishment would not have been possible without the insurmountable support of my ASG Government and Businesses also families and friends , especially my Heavenly Father. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude and recognize the following individuals and organizations for helping me along the way and for molding me into the person I am today.

- My loving and hardworking parents, Ropeti and Farrah Lesa, and my siblings, Peniamina, Ropeti Jr. , and Katrina Lesa
- My grandparents Dr. Bob and Phyllis Lesa, and Fainu'ulelei and Fa'amanatu Faletoes Nielsen
- Uncle Utu Malae and Dr. John Tuitale
- Honorable Governor Lolo Moliga and Lt. Governor Sialeaga Peleti Mauga and his administration
- American Samoa Department of Education Scholarship Board
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- DOE Director Dr. Salu Hunkin and Deputy Director Fa'au
- Spiritual leaders, seminary and institute teachers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- My principals and teachers at Samoana High School and Aua Elementary School
- Golf coaches John Mitchell and Willie Teleso
- Families and friends in Samoa, New Zealand, Australia, and the United States

E ui lava ina tele le timu, ae le magalo pea le sami.

Fa'afetai, fa'afetai, fa'afetai tele lava mo le tapuaiga lelei!

It is with great hope that I take this achievement and use it for the economic and social development of our territory in the near future. I look forward to building a better tomorrow for our people in American Samoa. Thank you again for all your overwhelming support and guidance!

Tofa Soifua ma ia manuia!

Kenape Lesa, MASTER OF ACCOUNTING, CPA.



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POSTED: AUGUST 30, 2017 thru SEPTEMBER 29, 2017  
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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

I tagata o le aiga sa VAISEUGA, ma i latou uma e silasila ma lauiloaina lenei fa'aaliga!  
O le fa'aaliga lenei ona o SEUGA, EMELINE, CHRISTY & SASAGI VAIMAUGA o le nu'u o FAGAITUA ua ia fa'aulufaleina mai i lenei ofisa se feagaiga tusitusi e fa'ailoa ai se mana'oga fia tu'u'eseina o se fale ua/po o le a, fa'atuina i luga o le fanua o VAIMAUGATAI, e fa'asino i le aiga sa VAISEUGA, o le nu'u o FAGAITUA. O lenei fanua e totonu pe latalata ane i le nu'u o FAGAITUA, itumalo o SUA, ile motu o TUTUILA, Amerika Samoa.  
O le fa'aaliga fo'i e fa'apea, so o se tasi e iai sona aia i lenei mata'upu e mafai ona fa'atu'i'iese ile fa'amauiina o lenei feagaiga pe a auina mai i le ofisa ole Resitara o le Teritori of Amerika Samoa i Fagatogo, sana fa'atu'ese tusitusia. O fa'atu'iesega uma lava e ao ona fa'aulufaleina mai i totonu o aso e 30 faitauina mai i le aso na fa'aaalia ai lenei fa'aaliga.  
Afai ole a leai se fa'atu'iesega e fa'aulufaleina i totonu o aso 30 e pei ona ta'ua i luga, o le a fa'amauiina loa lenei feagaiga e taualoaina ma 'aafia ai tagata uma.  
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ASG Tax Manager, Tagoa'i Vaaimamao Poufa and ASG Treasurer Uelinitone Tonumaie'a, testifying before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, on an Administration bill updating the local individual income tax table to mirror federal tax law. See story for details.  
[photo: FS]

Senate passes in 2nd...  
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And by tax year 2021 — when American Samoa adopts the 2016 IRS tax table — the local tax liability is \$995, which is a savings of \$1,329.  
For a married couple, with a total income of \$20,000 and filing jointly with no dependents, current tax liability is \$1,461. However, starting in tax year 2018, adopting the 2004 tax table, the tax liability is \$800, which is the same amount up to tax year 2021.  
All four examples provided by Tagoa'i show the taxpayer paying the current 2% wage tax, but come tax year 2018, the wage tax is not included, based on the Treasury Department's assumption that by 2018 the 2% wage tax will be repealed, under a provision included in the 7% sales tax bill pending in the Fono. Tagoa'i's detailed explanation, which cited four examples, and delivered very clearly in the Samoan language, made senators very happy and there were no specific questions pertaining to the bill. Magalei noted that this bill lightens the burden on taxpayers, and this was echoed by Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie, who then wondered out loud, if passing this bill means people will get their tax refunds faster.  
Tonumaie'a said the government hopes that all revenue measures — including this bill — are approved by the Fono, to which Gaoteote asked, "Are you saying that if we pass all revenue measures" people will get their refunds at a much faster pace compared to the current long wait? Tonumaiepea replied, "yes" to which Magalei reminded the Treasurer to remember his reply because if all revenue measures are passed and tax refunds are not expedited, he will be called back to the Senate. The statement resulted in a little bit of laughter from senators, Senate employees attending the hearing, and a smile from both Tonumaiepe'a and Tagoa'i. But Magalei appeared very serious, because during the hearing two senators voiced their concerns over the delay in issuing tax refunds, with one senator claiming that the Tax Office told him he has a tax refund, but this was not the case when he went to pick up the check. With senators very pleased that taxpayers will pay less money on taxes under the proposed measure, the Senate unanimously approved the measure during the second reading at yesterday's Senate session.  
The bill goes through third and final reading next week Tuesday.

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member of the 1987 World Cup winners, playing 55 games for the All Blacks between 1987-1998. He also played for Samoa in 1986 and coached the Samoa national side between 2004-2007. (Source: RNZ)

### BRAWLING DOCTORS FINED IN TAHITI

Two doctors in French Polynesia have been fined \$US5,000 each by the criminal court for a brawl in the operating theatre.

Radio1 reported that the surgeon and the anesthetist ended up in a fight at a private clinic in Papeete because they disagreed over how to care for a patient who was waking up. While in custody, the surgeon tested positive for methamphetamine.

He has been given a suspended six-month jail sentence but the court rejected the prosecution's request that he be deregistered. The surgeon has also been ordered to pay a journalist \$US800 for making death threats for reporting the fight.

(Source: RNZ)

## ► ASG plans to set...

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subject to random drug testing include any positions identified by DHR, which entail safety-sensitive duties where failure of an employee to adequately discharge his or her position could significantly harm himself or herself, co-workers, public health, public safety or the environment.

The bill identifies, safety-sensitive positions, which includes but is not limited to:

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- firemen, emergency medical technicians;

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The DHR director can also determine any other position to be considered as a safety-sensitive position.

## ► Fa'amavae...

Mai itulau 1

tele e fa'atautau i sana fuafuaga e fa'amavae mai le tofi Faipule o le itumalo, ina ua fesiligia o ia e le Samoa News i le aso lava lea i fao o le maota fonu.

Sa ia taua e fa'apea, e le o i ai sana fuafuaga mautu e fa'atautau i le tofi o le itumalo, ona o lo o tau fa'amautu ni isi o fuafuaga mo le galuega fou ua tofia i ai o ia.

Na toe fesili le Samoa News ia Puleleite i le aso lava lea, pe sa i ai sona finagalo e oo mai i luma o le maota o sui e fa'amanino le mataupu e pei ona fesiligia e se tasi o Faipule, i le suiga ua ia faia ua mafua ai ona fa'amuta auunaga a ni isi o taga faigaluega ua tele tausaga o galulue i le ASTCA.

Ae na saunoa Puleleite e fa'apea, e le i o o atu ia te ia se fa'amatalaga e uiga i se mataupu o lo o fesiligia ai o ia e le maota. "Ae afai e i ai isi fa'amatalaga e fa'atautau i le tofi o le itumalo ma le maota, o le a ou fa'ailoa atu i le taimi e mautu ai se fa'aiuga," o lana saunoaga lea.

I le toe tauaofia ai o le Fono Faitulafono mo lana tauaofia lona 2 lenei i le masina o Iulai na te'a nei, na talosagaina ai e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Sataua Dr. Samuelu Mataese se avanoa e valaau ai se iloilogia ma le Pulesili fou o le ASTCA ia Puleleite, se'i fa'amanino le mataupu e fa'atautau i suiga fou ua faia, lea ua a'afia ai galuega a ni isi o tagata o le atunu'u e aofia ai ma tagata o lona itumalo.

Saunoa Sataua e fa'apea, o se tasi o fesili o lo o tu'u fesili ai le to'atele o le atunu'u, pe tala feagai suiga fou ua faia e le

Pulesili a le ASTCA.

E fa'alua ona tula'i le afioga a Sataua mo le talosagaina o lenei iloilogia, peita'i e o o mai lava i le taeao ananafi na aloaia ai le fa'amavaega a Puleleite, e le i fa'ataunu'uina lava lea iloilogia.

O le fa'aiuga e pei ona faia e Puleleite e fa'amavae mai le nofoa a lona itumalo, e talitonu ni isi o afioga i Faipule, o se fa'aiuga lea ua leva na tatau ona ia faia ina ua fa'atoa tofia o ia e avea ma Pulesili o le ASTCA.

Na taua e ni isi o afioga i Faipule lo latou fa'aaloaloga o le tulaga fa'ata'ita'i i totonu o le Fono ma le faigamalo a Amerika Samoa, ae a o o mai loa i tulaga o le usitaia o le tulafono, e tatau i tagata uma ona tausisi ma mulimulita'i i le tulafono.

"E fa'afetai i le fa'aiuga ua faia e le ali'i faipule, ae o se fa'aiuga ua leva na tatau ona ia faia i le taimi na fa'atoa tofia ai o ia i lona tulaga fou ua i ai nei. Aua o le fa'afitauli sa tula'i mai, i le taimi na ia faia ai fa'aiuga mo le Ofisa o Fesootaiga a le malo, o le taimi lea o lo o avea ai o ia ma sui filifilia o le itumalo o Sua i le Fono Faitulafono," o le saunoaga lea a se tasi o Faipule.

Na taua atili e lea faipule e fa'apea, "Afai o matou o ta'ita'i ua filifilia e itumalo e fai ma o latou sui, e tatau ona matou faia fa'ata'ita'iga lelei ina ia mulimuli ai tupulaga o le lumana'i, aua afai o ituaiga fa'ata'ita'iga nei e faia e i matou nei o ta'it'a'i, o le fai mai o le Fa'avae Toe Teuteu a le atunu'u, e le tatau ona galue se tasi i galuega a le malo ae toe avea fo'i ma faipule poo se senatoa, ae tau solomua ta'ita'i ona le tausisi i le Fa'avae."



Sir Michael Jones at Government House.

[Photo: Photosport]



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# Public Notice

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE American Samoa Government CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) Program Year 2016

Notice is hereby given that the American Samoa will submit a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2016 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before September 20, 2017. The CAPER is an annual report that describes the use of the following Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs funded by HUD: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) grant.

Citizens and interested parties are invited to review a draft copy of the CAPER. The draft is available for public review and comment(s) from September 1, 2017 to September 18, 2017 at the Department of Commerce during office hours from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The public has fifteen (15) days to comment on the proposed CAPER draft. All comments must be submitted in writing to the CPD Coordinator by letter or email to [peti.matila@doc.as](mailto:peti.matila@doc.as). A summary of public comments received will be included in the CAPER submitted to HUD.

Comments may be submitted to:

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)



DOE teachers from the eastern district schools attended a special seminar on social issues within schools, this past Wednesday at the Fale Laumei, as part of their annual orientation before the start of the new school year.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

## US commander: IS leader al-Baghdadi probably still alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi appears to be still alive, a top U.S. military commander said Thursday, contradicting Russia’s claims that it probably killed the top counter-terror target months ago.

“Do I believe he’s alive? Yes,” said Army Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, who commands the coalition forces fighting IS in Iraq and Syria, referring to al-Baghdadi.

At first, Townsend said his belief stemmed from a lack of evidence he had seen — “rumor or otherwise” — that al-Baghdadi was dead.

But, he then added: “There are also some indicators in intelligence channels that he’s alive.” Townsend did not elaborate on the intelligence.

Russian officials said in June there was a “high probability” that al-Baghdadi died in a Russian airstrike on the outskirts of Raqqa, Syria, a month earlier.

Speaking to reporters at the Pentagon from his headquarters in Baghdad, Townsend said U.S. and coalition forces are actively searching for al-Baghdadi. If they find him, they

probably will kill him rather than capture him, he said.

A good guess about where al-Baghdadi is hiding, Townsend said, would be the so-called Middle Euphrates River Valley, stretching approximately from the city of Deir el-Zour in eastern Syria to the town of Rawa in western Iraq.

He said this area is shaping up to be the group’s “last stand” following its ouster from nearly all of northern Iraq.

The most recent IS setback was in Tal Afar, west of the also recently-liberated city of Mosul, which had been the militants’ main stronghold in Iraq.

The Iraqi government announced Thursday that Tal Afar had been returned to government control. Townsend called it a “stunningly swift” victory for the Iraqi army, moving “like a steamroller” into the city in a matter of days.

The IS militants, who swept into Iraq in 2014 against minimal resistance from the Iraqi army, still control a large area of eastern Syria along the border with Iraq, as well as parts of Raqqa, the capital of the group’s self-styled caliphate.

Townsend said U.S.-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian forces have recaptured about half of Raqqa in ongoing fighting.

Assessing his 12 months in command of the U.S.-led coalition, Townsend said more tough fighting remains but signs are positive.

It will be up to the Iraqi government, he said, to safeguard the gains troops have achieved since 2015, when Iraqi security forces began a U.S.-assisted counteroffensive in the western Anbar province.

“I think part of the rise of ISIS was disenfranchised peoples, most of them Sunnis, who looked at Baghdad and they didn’t see their government representing them or their interests or their future,” he said.

“And I think that’s probably the most important thing that the government of Iraq has to do. It has to reach out, reconcile, bring all Iraqis together and be the government of all Iraqis.”

Townsend said he hopes the U.S. government works out an arrangement for a long-term military presence in Iraq to minimize the chances of another IS-like episode.

### ► Cool stuff...

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Shark Tank, with celebrity investor Mark Cuban winning the company’s trust under his corporate umbrella. <https://luminaid.com/blogs/news/luminaid-takes-on-the-tank>

Due to airline disaster protocol Cool Stuff faced in delivering Luminoids to Fiji cyclone victims, we now have initiated a proactive agenda.

Several Aunu’u families, Talofa Air (may be called upon to deliver emergency supplies at all hours), Pago Plaza (a sanctuary for yachties who will be forced to evacuate their ves-

sels), Evalani’s (who also hosts evacuated boat folks), a Homeland Security employee (for his dept’s review), and (next week) American Samoa’s Red Cross, all have a donation of Luminoids. We trust these folks to help others when a natural disaster wacks the Territory.

If you order in bulk, you can pay a little extra for personalized imprinting of your organization or company name. My recommendation is that ASNOC and AmSam’s Special Olympics should use their imprinted logo on Luminaid Solar Lanterns as

a fundraiser. Those two organizations ought to call Howard Helg at Pago Plaza. He has received a donated sample for both Olympic organizations.

If any other worthy organization would like to be considered for a future Luminaid donation, please ask the Governor’s Office to call me.

Oh, better scratch that suggestion, I don’t think their ASTCA ASG phones will connect to my Bluesky Pago or Apia cell numbers.

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# Explosions rock flood-crippled chemical plant near Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — At least 2 tons of highly unstable chemicals used in such products as plastics and paint exploded and burned at a flood-crippled plant near Houston early Thursday, sending up a plume of acrid black smoke that stung the eyes and lungs.

The blaze at the Arkema Inc. chemical plant burned out around midday, but emergency crews continued to hold back because of the danger that eight other trailers containing the same compound could blow, too.

No serious injuries were reported. But the blast added a new hazard to Hurricane Harvey’s aftermath and raised questions about the adequacy of the company’s master plan to protect the public in the event of an emergency in the flood-prone Houston metropolitan area of 5.6 million people.

“This should be a wake-up call (for) all kinds of plants that are storing and converting reactive chemicals in areas which have high population densities,” said Nicholas Ashford, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology expert.

The Environmental Protection Agency and Texas environmental regulators called the health risks minimal in Crosby

but urged residents downwind to stay indoors with windows closed to avoid inhaling the smoke.

Arkema had warned earlier in the week that an explosion of organic peroxides stored at the plant was imminent because Harvey’s floodwaters engulfed the backup generators and knocked out the refrigeration necessary to keep the compounds from degrading and catching fire.

All employees had been pulled from the plant before the blast, and up to 5,000 people living within 1½ miles had been warned to evacuate on Tuesday.

Two explosions in the middle of the night blew open a trailer containing the chemicals, lighting up the sky with 30- to 40-foot (9- to 12-meter) flames in the small farm and ranching community of Crosby, 25 miles (40 kilometers) from Houston, authorities said. Aerial footage showed a trailer carcass, its sides melted, burning in a flooded lot.

The Texas environmental agency called the smoke “especially acrid and irritating” and said it can impair breathing and inflame the eyes, nose and throat.

Fifteen sheriff’s deputies complained of respiratory irrita-

tion. They were examined at a hospital and released.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board, an independent federal agency, launched an investigation into the accident.

The plant is along a corridor near Houston that contains one of the biggest concentrations of refineries, pipelines and chemical plants in the country.

Andrea Morrow, a spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, said the agency had not received any reports of trouble at other chemical plants in the hurricane-stricken zone.

Texas A&M chemical safety expert Sam Mannan said the risk management plan that Arkema was required by state and federal law to develop did not address how it would deal with power and refrigeration failures or flooding.

A 2016 analysis he did with university colleagues ranked the Crosby plant among the 70 or so facilities with the biggest potential to cause harm in greater Houston, based on such factors as the type and amount of chemicals and the population density.

Arkema, which is headquartered in France, did not immediately return calls on the plant’s contingency planning.

**BEACH ADVISORY**



American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency

**AS-EPA**

Supporting efforts to clean our shores

**Release Date: August 29, 2017**  
**Contact: AS-EPA Water Program at (684) 633-2304**  
**Due to the high surf warning issued by the National Weather Service, routine sampling was limited to central beaches on August 29, 2017.**

**Central beaches include the following:**

- Fagatogo Stream Mouth
- Utulei Beach
- Utulei-DDW Beach
- Gataivai Beach
- Fagaalu Beach
- Fatunafuti Beach
- Nuuuli Avau Beach
- Nuuuli Coconut Point
- Nuuuli Pala Lagoon
- Nuuuli Pala Spring

All beaches listed above tested negative for bacteria on August 29, 2017. Therefore, there is no beach advisory issued for this week.

AS-EPA advises the public to refrain from swimming during or after heavy rains as beaches are highly prone to contamination from polluted run-off.

We would like to ask your assistance in helping us make this information available to the public as soon as possible, via your news publications or broadcasts. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the AS-EPA Water Program Manager, Christianera Tuitele, or Tumau Lokeni Iese, Environmental Awareness Program Manager at 633-2304.



Crew members from Paramount Builders were seen late Wednesday afternoon prepping some of the numerous large pot holes on Fagaima Road, to fill them with tar. The area sees a lot of traffic during morning and afternoon hours; and residents of Fagaima and Ottoville, along with motorists who frequently drive on this road, have long complained about the poor conditions, which gets worse every time it rains.

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### 3 weeks from New Zealand election, poll puts liberals ahead

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Three weeks before a general election, the dramatic rise of New Zealand opposition leader Jacinda Ardern was highlighted by an opinion poll that put her liberal party ahead of the ruling conservatives for the first time in more than a decade.

The unexpected result late Thursday caused the New Zealand dollar to drop before regaining some ground as traders priced in an uncertain election outcome. Commissioned by Television New Zealand, the poll indicated that Ardern’s Labour Party is favored by 43 percent of voters, compared to 41 percent who favor the incumbent National Party, led by Prime Minister Bill English.

That result seemed unthinkable a month ago. A similar poll taken just before the previous leader quit and Ardern took the reins showed the Labour Party on 24 percent support and the National Party on 47 percent. Most commentators at the time were predicting National would easily win the election.

Some New Zealanders are describing the new mood as “Jacinda-mania,” and the 37-year-old’s rapid ascent as similar to that achieved by other young, charismatic leaders such as President Emmanuel Macron in France and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Canada.

Yet National retains strong support and it remains unclear which party will be in a position to govern after the election. That’s because large parties typically must form alliances with smaller parties under the nation’s proportional voting system. And one key small party, New Zealand First, has yet to say which of the larger parties it will back.

The poll result came ahead of the first televised debate between Ardern and English. The leaders were polite with each other as they tussled over taxes, housing and immigration. Both appeared to perform relatively well and neither made any obvious gaffes.

One of Ardern’s stronger moments came in response to a viewer question.

FILE - In this June 20, 2017 file image made from video, New Zealand Prime Minister Bill English is questioned by reporters about secret recordings made by MP Todd Barclay, on his way the the National caucus at Parliament, Wellington. Opinion polls showed New Zealand’s conservative National Party had strong support and the opposition was struggling to inspire people ahead of September’s general election. But much has changed since then due to the rise of opposition leader Jacinda Ardern, and the latest polls indicate the election will be closely contested. The latest ruction came Monday, Aug. 21, 2017, when United Future leader Peter Dunne resigned, the third party leader to quit in as many weeks.His small party supported the government and his move came as a blow to Prime Minister Bill English and his National Party. (Mark Mitchell/New Zealand Herald via AP)



Teachers and PTA members of Fagalii Elementary School, posing for Samoa News prior to the official opening of their school buildings yesterday.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



# China accuses outspoken tycoon in US of rape

BEIJING (AP) — Escalating efforts to repatriate one of the ruling Communist Party’s most wanted exiles, Chinese police have opened an investigation on a new allegation, rape, against New York-based billionaire Guo Wengui, who has been releasing what he calls official secrets ahead of a pivotal party leadership conference.

Two Chinese officials with direct knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that police are requesting a second Interpol arrest notice for Guo, 50, for the alleged sexual assault of a 28-year-old former personal assistant.

Guo and his representatives did not respond to repeated requests for comment, though Guo told a Chinese news outlet Friday the rape allegations were a Chinese government ploy to silence him. The rape allegation represents a new element in the sprawling case that Chinese prosecutors are building against the real estate tycoon, who is being investigated for at least 19 major criminal cases. Allegations against him include bribing a top Chinese intelligence official, kidnapping, fraud and money laundering.

The Associated Press reviewed documents related to the rape investigation and confirmed their contents with Chinese official sources in Beijing, who requested anonymity to discuss an ongoing case. The Chinese officials’ disclosures to the AP — an unusual move given the political sensitivity of Guo’s case in China — underscores Beijing’s urgent effort to not only bring a fugitive to heel on criminal charges but also silence a potent irritant in the run-up to a key Communist Party congress during which political stability and the stifling of any challenges to the party head, President Xi Jinping, are paramount.

Although the United States does not have an extradition agreement with China, Beijing hopes that a mounting body of evidence could sway the U.S. government against extending the exiled businessman’s visa,

which is believed to expire in October, the Chinese officials said. Senior U.S. and Chinese officials have discussed the allegations against Guo, according to a third person with direct knowledge of the talks. The Chinese officials are asking the U.S. to cancel Guo’s visa, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to disclose the discussions.

It’s unclear what steps Washington plans to take, if any. The White House would not comment on the matter.

The Guo saga highlights how China’s efforts to repatriate elite Chinese seeking refuge on American soil have become increasingly contentious. The U.S. government has often refused Beijing’s demands to extradite corruption suspects, citing flimsy evidence and China’s opaque justice system. But the U.S. has sent back two Chinese fugitives in the past three months, including one suspected of rape.

In recent months, Guo has become a widely followed — and, in the eyes of China’s leadership, highly destabilizing — social media presence by serving up sensational, if mostly unverifiable, tales of corruption and scandal within the Communist Party’s innermost sanctum, including among Xi’s closest allies.

In a daily stream of Twitter posts and YouTube videos tracked by Chinese who follow political gossip, Guo has revealed what he claims are everything from top leaders’ secret homes in California to their bank account information and hidden stakes in business empires. He has vowed to continue airing the party’s secrets until China unfreezes his assets and releases his relatives who have been detained by authorities, he says, as leverage against him. Pressure on Guo has been building since April when Interpol issued a “red notice” seeking his arrest on corruption-related charges. Chinese authorities later sentenced several of his employees for fraud in June.



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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT “PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING”

ASCC Land Grant Program will be conducting a Pesticide Applicator Safety training for those who handle farm chemicals. If you are using farm pesticides, or you are planning to use chemicals in the near future, this is a good opportunity for you to attend this important training. The training schedule is as follows:

**Date:** September 11-15, 2017  
**Time:** 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** ASCC Land Grant Training Room

Registration is FREE. To confirm your participation for this training, please call Joyce or Helen at 699-1575/2019.

Thank You.

### FAAALIGA FA’ALAUA’ITELE

#### “A’oa’oga mo i lātou o lo’o fa’aaogā ina vailā’au o’ona”

‘O le a faia se a’oa’oga mo i latou o lo’o fa’aaogā vailā’au o’ona i fa’atoaga. A fai o lo’o ‘ē fa’aaogā vailā’au o’ona, po o ‘ē faamoemoe fo’i e te fa’aaogā i se taimi o i luma, o lou avanoa lelei lenei e te ‘auai ai i lenei a’oa’oga tāua. ‘O taimi la nei mo lenei vasega:

**Aso:** Setema 11-15, 2017  
**Taimi:** 12:00 - 4:00 i le afiafi  
**Nofoaga e fai ai:** Potu mo A’oa’oga, a le Vaega o Laufanua ma Atina’e a le Kolisi Tu’u Faatasi ma Alaalafaga a Amerika Samoa

‘E leai se totogi o le resitala. A fai e te fia ‘auai i lenei a’oa’oga, fa’amolemole ia fa’afeso’ota’i mai Joyce po o Helen i le telefoni 699-1575/2019.

Fa’afetai.



### JUDICIAL BRANCH HIGH COURT OF AMERICAN SAMOA POSITION VACANCY PROBATION OFFICER / TRANSLATOR

The Judicial Branch of the American Samoa Government announces the following vacancy in the High Court of American Samoa.

**Position: “Probation Officer” / Translator**

The Probation Officer investigates thoroughly offender personal histories, background and environment; reports findings to the court and must be prepared to make appropriate recommendations on dispositions; periodically interview probationers to determine effectiveness of probation supervision and areas in which casework counseling are needed; refers probationers to social services resources in the community for assistance in rehabilitation; enforces court orders; recommends revoking of probation and/or modification of court orders when necessary. The position of Probation Officer reports to and work under the supervision of the Chief Probation Officer.

**Qualifications:** A minimum of one (1) year experience in human or allied social services. An undergraduate degree in behavioral sciences, education, public administration, political science or criminal justice, may be substituted for the above experience requirement. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university is preferred.

**Salary:** \$22,240.00 per annum

**Application Instructions:** All applications must be submitted to the High Court Administrator, by no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 1st, 2017. Applications are available at the Court Clerks window at the High Court Building in Fagatogo during regular business hours.

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