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The Hope House atrium was busy with activity on the last Friday of December and the first Friday of January, as the Parents of Children with Special Needs Network and the Mother's Touch ministry joined forces to encourage their special needs community to express themselves artistically. Fine Art instructor Reggie Meredith from ASCC led them in their exciting endeavor. See story below.

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PCSN Network joins Mother's Touch ministry in a New Year of hope

by Teri Hunkin
Special to Samoa News

Hope House is one of those special places that lives up to its name, and recently it has been the site of some happy gatherings of children and adults with special needs and disabilities.

Within the last two weeks, members of two community organizations have come together to assist, encourage and inspire those children and adults we call disabled... although to see their happy, playful artwork, parents may have to find a new description for the high spirits and talent they exhibited as they expressed themselves in new ways.

Mother's Touch Organization, a nonprofit led by Estelle Marie Johnson Lam Yuen (Stella, to her friends) lent her support to Sandra Scanlan, head of Parents of Children with Special Needs Network (PCSN) in the joint effort.

These two extraordinary women work long hours to make sure the needs of others are met.

When asked about her relatively new ministry, Stella told Samoa News "I would like to leave this world a better place knowing that my children's children will be growing in a God

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Interior releases \$9.6 million in FY17 infrastructure funding for American Samoa

NEW FONO BUILDING AND LBJ HOSPITAL RENOVATIONS GETTING AROUND \$3 MILLION

by Samoa News staff

Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Doug Domenech announced yesterday the release of more than \$9.6 million in grant funding to American Samoa through the Office of Insular Affairs' (OIA) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Program for fiscal year 2017, according to a press release.

"We are happy to support Governor Lolo in his efforts to strengthen infrastructure in American Samoa through projects at the LBJ Hospital, two elementary schools, and the ports," said Assistant Secretary Domenech. "New construction

and deferred maintenance are among Secretary of the Interior Zinke's priorities in infrastructure modernization. Such priorities are as important to the territories as they are to the mainland."

The following are line item explanations provided by the Interior- Office of Insular Affairs of the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Projects that total \$9,613,000.

AMERICAN SAMOA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

— New Fono (Legislative Building): \$1.8 million for a new building at the current site in Fagatogo, American Samoa.

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Senator upset with very slow response by Airport Rescue to Talofa Airways emergency

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Sen. Magalei Logovi'i is upset with the very slow response by the Pago Pago International Airport emergency crew to an incident yesterday on the runway — close to the Pala Lagoon area.

Magalei was among the passengers on the Talofa Airways flight yesterday morning from Apia. He explained in a Samoa News phone interview yesterday afternoon that when the plane landed, a section of one of the tire areas broke, as the plane turned. He credited the pilot for being calm and quickly shutting down the aircraft to prevent any serious matters. "We waited inside the plane for 10 minutes," he said, and during that time, Magalei said he used his cellular phone to contact emergency services, including Airport management, but he didn't get any satisfactory replies.

He said a vehicle stopped by on the runway, to check on the plane, and the passengers were able to get off the runway. Magalei said he was told by airport personnel that the director, Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele, was at a Fono hearing.

(Samoa News notes that Taimalelagi was at a House hearing yesterday morning regarding Manu'a issues)

Magalei said it was later, when the passengers were already off the runway, that fire trucks from the Airport Rescue crew showed up and sprayed foam on the runway spot where the plane was sitting.

"My point is, if the plane had broken down and burned, where was the rescue crew? No one showed up right away when this incident occurred," he told Samoa News, adding that he was very upset with the sluggish emergency response time.

Magalei said he plans to call a committee hearing for next week, to summon Taimalelagi and other airport officials to answer questions.

The senator also questioned as to whether the airport has filed a report of the incident with the Federal Aviation Administration.

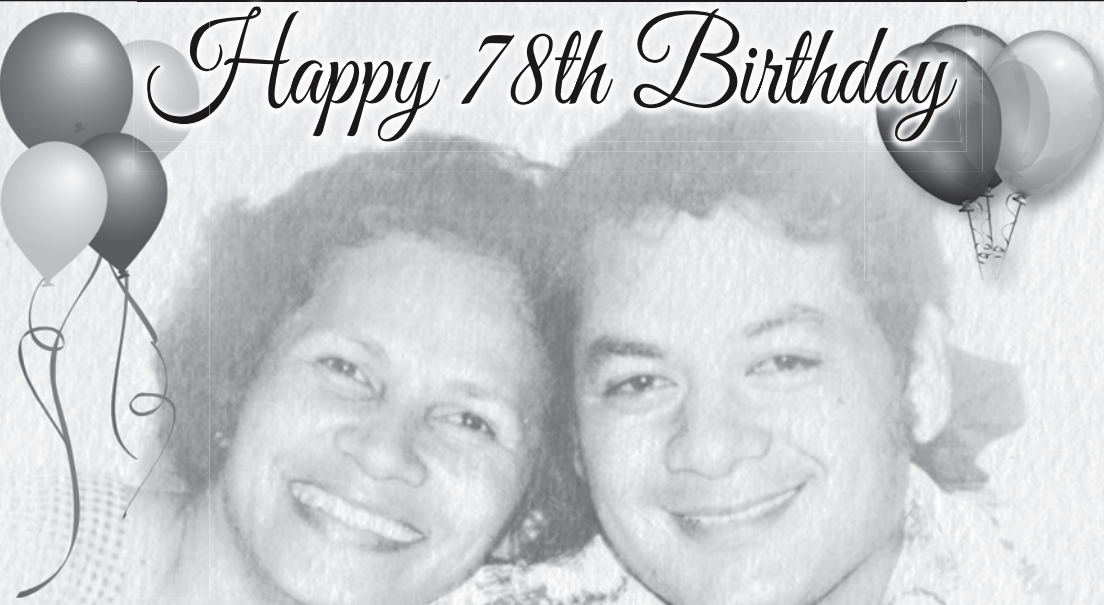
Responding to Samoa News inquiries, Taimalelagi said the airport is required to file a report to FAA within 24 hours, adding that the airport manager, Tavita Fuimaono will share a copy of the report "once a thorough research with facts has been compiled."

She said the official report will be sent out today to the FAA.



Artist's rendition of the proposed new Fono building, which according to the Interior should be a raised building, which will provide parking underneath the structure and mitigate flood hazards.

[Courtesy photo]



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Amendments to tint law are needed for safety reasons, says Lolo

**LEGISLATION HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED
FOR OVER 40 YEARS**

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

To "address public safety concerns", Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has submitted for Fono approval, legislation that seeks to update the territory's "tint law" which has not been updated since 1972, when the law was first put in place regulating tint on vehicles.

Not clearly stated in the law is whether ASG vehicles are exempt.

Effective date of the many proposed amendments is Mar. 1, 2018, according to the language of the bill, which was introduced Wednesday in both the Senate and House, and assigned to committees for review.

The proposed amendments come at a time when there are many complaints from motorists of being issued citations by police because of the tint on their car windows, and as previously reported by Samoa News, some of those citations have been dismissed by the District Court.

The bill's preamble points to current law, which states in part: "No person may drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield, side wings, or side or rear windows which materially obstructs, obscures or impairs the driver's clear view of the highway or any intersecting highway."

However, it says that this law is outdated and needs to be amended to account for new products and the safety concerns they present.

According to the preamble, tint on windows of vehicles can be beneficial to help block harmful UV rays, prevent damage to the interior of cars, help keep vehicles cool, and aid individuals who may be overly sensitive to sunlight. But, these benefits must be balanced with their safety issues.

Tint, signs, banners and

other nontransparent materials can obstruct the view of drivers, which can affect their ability to safely operate a vehicle, and they are a safety concern for police officers who are responsible for enforcing traffic laws which includes the stopping and investigation of vehicles and their occupants.

According to the administration, the proposed amendments to current law "are needed to increase the safety of the public, pedestrians, and police officers."

Among the proposed amendments, is that a person may not operate a motor vehicle with:

- a windshield that allows less than 70% light transmittance;
- a front side window that allows less than 32% light transmittance
- back side window and rear window that allows less than 35% light transmittance;
- any windshield or window that is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or component that presents a metallic or mirrored appearance.

Other proposed amendments state that nontransparent materials may be used:

- along the top edge of the windshield if the materials do not extend downward more than four inches from the top edge of the windshield or beyond the AS-1 line, whichever is lowest; and on the rear window.

Furthermore, a motor vehicle with tinting or nontransparent material on any window shall be equipped with rear-view mirrors mounted on the left and the right side of the motor vehicle to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the motor vehicle.

"A person may not have for sale, sell, offer for sale, install, cover or treat a windshield or window, in violation of the proposed amendments," according to the proposal.

Sea lion attacks fourth swimmer in San Francisco Bay

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A sea lion bit a woman swimming in the San Francisco Bay in the fourth such attack since December.

The woman's friend says the two members of the South End Rowing Club were swimming around 7 a.m. Thursday when the sea lion latched onto her and tried to drag her underwater.

The friend, Alice Ma, told the San Francisco Chronicle that the sea lion "chomped

down on" the swimmer's knee and pulled.

Fire Department Lt. John Baxter said a retired San Francisco firefighter who also was swimming helped the badly bleeding woman as she came out of the water. She was taken to a hospital.

Baxter says officials are encouraging people who visit the popular swimming area to stay in pairs and keep a close eye out.

Senate to discuss health matters next week

DENGUE FEVER, HEALTH CARDS, AND MEDICAL SERVICES ARE ON THE AGENDA

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Dengue fever preventive measures put in place by American Samoa following reports of people dying from the mosquito borne disease in Samoa; Health Department health cards; and status of medical services, are some of the health issues that will be tackled next Tuesday during a Senate hearing, chaired by Sen. Nuanuaolefeagaiga Saoluaga Nua.

DENGUE FEVER

During Wednesday’s session, Nuanuaolefeagaiga reported on the Senate floor his concerns over dengue and other diseases being reported from neighboring Samoa, saying there are reports of deaths due to a dengue outbreak and he believes senators should get a briefing from local health officials on these matters.

This is so very important, said the Manu’a senator, because of frequent travelers between the two Samoas. He said senators should be informed of preventive measures in place to stop the spread of dengue from Samoa to American Samoa.

Radio New Zealand International (RNZI) reported early this week that Samoa’s Ministry of Health has revealed that dengue cases have reached 2,500 since last October and there have been five deaths so far.

RNZI also reported ten cases of dengue in New Zealand, as people are returning from Samoa. There is mounting pressure on the Ministry of Health to increase awareness in Samoa about the dengue outbreak, especially during the tourist season.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

At yesterday’s session, Sen. Tualo Manaia Fruean noted the need to revisit the issue of medical care at LBJ Medical Center, adding that he recently visited the hospital and there were too many patients waiting to see the doctor. He is also concerned with the standard of care at the hospital and how this will impact LBJ if there is an inspection by the US Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS).

He requested that the American Samoa Medicaid Office director, Sandra King-Young provide senators a complete briefing of the off island medical referral program, with patients sent to New Zealand and paid for by the Medicaid program. He said it’s important that all senators have a full understanding of the issue, when responding to questions from their constituents.

Sen. Fai’ivae Iuli Godinet added that another health issue has to do with the Health Department clinic in Tafuna, which is certified for Medicaid

patients. He said he visited the clinic this week and was very unhappy with the condition of the clinic, and he too is concerned that a visit by CMS to the clinic could result in some serious negative findings.

He added that the clinic is only able to see 10 patients a day, while the DoH clinic at Fagaalu is only able to serve 20 people for health cards, while there are still members of the public waiting.

Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie said police were called last week to the Fagaalu clinic because there were too many people there, seeking health card services. He agreed with concerns regarding health issues raised by senators.

Samoa News reported last Friday, based on eyewitness

reports, that 200 people — some of them there since 4a.m. — were at the clinic on Wednesday and police were called by DoH staff, because many of them refused to go home, after DoH accepted only 20 applicants — as required by their policy, serving health card applicants only on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. (See last Friday’s edition for details).

For the medical referral to New Zealand, the Governor’s Comprehensive Report to the Fono and Feds, points out that New Zealand is more affordable. Medicaid will not only pay for air transportation, including air ambulance or Medivac, but it will also pay for all medical expenses for referral patients in

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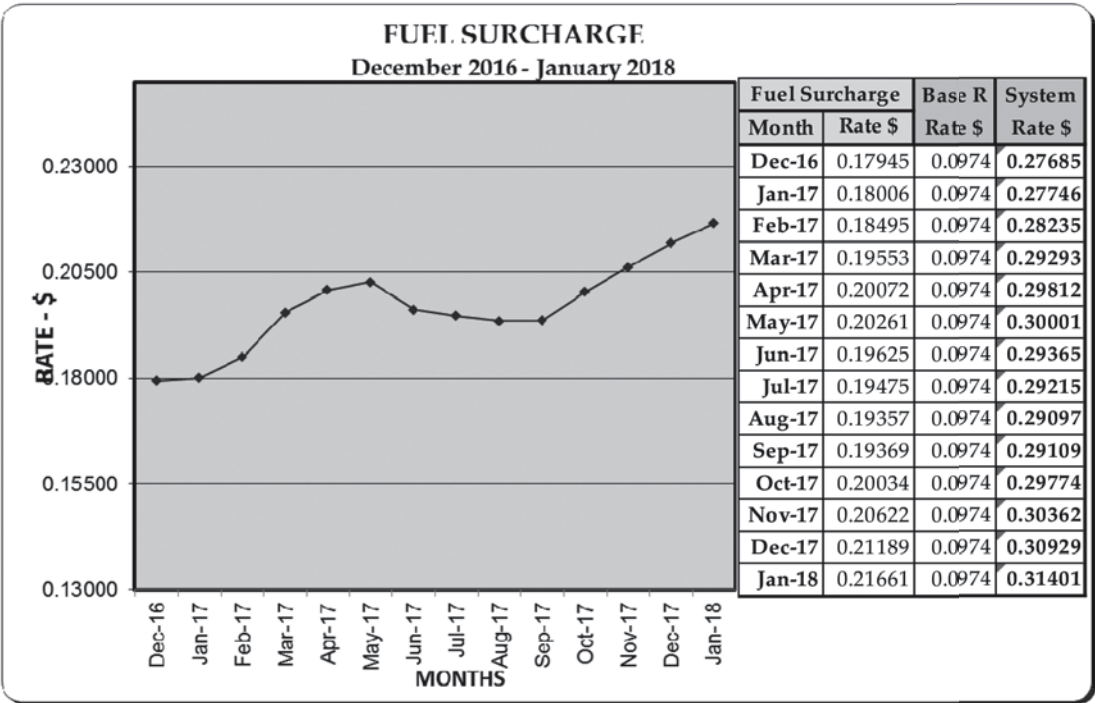
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Monthly Fuel Surcharge Notification

The American Samoa Power Authority is informing its customers about the monthly fuel surcharge rate, which is the direct cost of fuel to generate electricity. The charge for each kilowatt hour (kWh) comprises the “base rate” and the “fuel surcharge rate.”

The base rate, which remains the same monthly for all electric customer classes, pays for ASPA’s operating costs and for infrastructure upgrades needed to get power to your home and business.

The fuel surcharge rate changes monthly due to fluctuating fuel costs. The fuel surcharge is approximately 70%-75% of the total kWh price. This is considered a “pass-through” revenue because it goes directly to pay the local fuel suppliers for diesel fuel consumed at the five power plants in Tutuila, Manua and Aunuu.



The fuel surcharge rate also includes the “Renewable Reduction” from electricity produced by the ASPA Photo Voltaic panels. The avoided fuel costs or fuel being saved from producing electricity through the Photo Voltaic panels, is passed on to customers as the “Renewable

Fuel Surcharge and System Rate for January 2018			
Rate - \$	Residential	Small General	Large General
Calculated Fuel Surcharge	0.22513	0.22513	0.22513
Renewable Reduction	-0.00852	-0.00852	-0.00852
Fuel Surcharge	0.21661	0.21661	0.21661
Fixed Electric Base Rate	0.09740	0.10650	0.08960
Electric System Rate (kWh)	0.31401	0.32311	0.30621

Reduction” savings. There are seven active sites, with more sites in progress to increase ASPA’s renewable energy portfolio. As ASPA increases renewable energy capacity, more savings will be realized and passed on to customers.

Former police officer sought by local DPS spotted in Washington state

American Samoa’s Department of Public Safety has received reports of a former police officer wanted in connection with drug crimes being seen on the US west coast.

Steve Tuatoo had been arrested following drug raids in November however he had not been charged by the time the limit for holding suspects without charges expired.

Two others who had been arrested, Cody Wood and Lemalie Taisia, were charged within the time limit and their cases are making their way through the court system.

Commissioner of Public Safety Lei Sonny Thompson said that Tuatoo had been seen in Seattle, Washington.

Lei said federal authorities may need to be brought in to get Tuatoo back to the territory.

(Source: Radio New Zealand)

Alabama incentives for Toyota-Mazda factory top \$700 million

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama’s total incentive package to Toyota and Mazda will top \$700 million after local incentives are added to what the state offered to land the companies’ new U.S. factory.

The Huntsville City Council on Thursday approved a \$320 million local incentive package. That is in addition to \$380 million announced by the state in tax abatements, investment rebates and the construction of a worker training facility.

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle said before the council vote that the joint-venture factory, which will employ about 4,000 people, will bring economic benefits to the region for generations.

“If there ever was a slam dunk deal, this is a great one,” Battle said.

The city’s offer to the Japanese auto manufacturers included providing the land, building a road to the factory and property tax abatements worth \$107 million over 20 years

Alabama’s commerce department had announced only the state’s share of incentives Wednesday when company executives announced the decision to come to Alabama.

The new plant in Huntsville — already a hub for the region’s budding aerospace industry — will produce 300,000 vehicles per year, a combination of the Toyota Corolla compact car and a new small crossover SUV from Mazda. Production is targeted to begin by 2021.

Multiple states had competed for the project by the Japanese auto giants.

“This is indeed a great day in Alabama,” an upbeat Gov. Kay Ivey said Wednesday, flanked by company executives at a news conference in the state capital, Montgomery.

Commerce Secretary Greg Canfield said Wednesday he believes the state is getting a “pretty good deal” considering the plant alone will create \$5.2 billion in payroll over 20 years.

“Not only that, it’s really hard to measure the positive impact that having companies

create career opportunities like this and how that transforms families,” Canfield said.

Toyota and Mazda will join Mercedes, Honda and Hyundai in operating factories in Alabama.

Alabama was already tied with Tennessee as the fifth-largest producer of vehicles in the U.S. last year, according to the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The state produced 9 percent of the cars made in the country, the center said.

“This project will really put Alabama at the center of the Southern automotive industry,” Canfield said.

President Donald Trump congratulated the state on Twitter Wednesday evening in a post that said, “Good news: Toyota and Mazda announce giant new Huntsville, Alabama, plant which will produce over 300,000 cars and SUV’s a year and employ 4000 people. Companies are coming back to the U.S. in a very big way. Congratulations Alabama!”

The decision to pick Alabama is another example of a long trend of foreign-based automakers building U.S. factories in the South. To entice manufacturers, Southern states have used a combination of lucrative incentive packages, low-cost labor and a pro-business labor environment since the United Auto Workers union is stronger in Northern states. Alabama started on the road to becoming an auto manufacturing hub in 1993 when Mercedes chose it as the location for a manufacturing plant after the state offered a then-eye popping \$250 million incentive package.

Akio Toyoda, president of Toyota Motors, said Wednesday that the new facility is something of a homecoming since the company already has one plant in the state. The new Huntsville plant will be just 14 miles (22 kilometers) from Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Alabama, which produces four-cylinder, V-6 and V-8 engines for several Toyota models.

American Samoa to participate in Girls Go CyberStart challenge

PRESS RELEASE — Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga is pleased to announce that American Samoa is participating in the Girls Go CyberStart program, a free online cybersecurity game offered by the SANS Institute.

The primary objective of this program is to introduce our youth to the field of cybersecurity in an effort to develop the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

This particular CyberStart challenge is intended for female high school students; females were an underrepresented demographic in the pilot program that took place in summer 2017.

This program will provide female high school students of American Samoa with an opportunity to explore and develop an interest in the field of cybersecurity through a fun, exciting, and rewarding online challenge.

High schools are expected to encourage, support, and facilitate students’ participation in this online game.

Participants will have the opportunity to win prizes for themselves and their schools. Prizes include a trip, with a parent, to the 2018 Women in Cybersecurity Conference.

When asked why SANS is partnering with states and territories in the program, SANS Director of Research, Alan Paller said, “Because the nation desperately needs more highly-skilled cyber professionals, and we have new evidence that CyberStart radically improves the quality and preparation of people entering the cybersecurity field.

“Further, the two best cyber intrusion analysts I have ever met were named Vicki and July, but women are woefully underrepresented in the technical side

of cybersecurity.

“By opening CyberStart to tens of thousands of high school girls, we may be able to help the nation identify the next generation of talented people who will excel in this critical field,” he said.

All girls in grades 9 to 12 are invited to play. Participants do not need prior cybersecurity knowledge or experience.

Students need only a computer with internet connection to play; therefore, students may participate from home or school. Registration opens from Jan. 29 to Feb. 16, 2018. The official game will be live from Feb. 20-25, 2018.

Log on go <www.GirlsGoCyberStart.com>

Additional details and instructions are also found on the website. For local assistance, contact the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security at (684) 699-0411.



Mark Yarbrough, Limestone County Commission chairman, Tommy Battle, Huntsville mayor, Greg Canfield, Alabama Secretary of Commerce, Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, Masamichi Kogai, Mazda Motor Corp. president and CEO, Masahiro Moro, Mazda Motor of America Inc. president and CEO, Akio Toyoda, Toyota Motor Corp. president, and James Lentz, Toyota North America CEO, during a press conference, Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, in Montgomery, Ala., The automakers Toyota and Mazda announced plans to build a huge \$1.6 billion joint-venture plant in Huntsville, that will eventually employ about 4,000 people. Several states had competed for the coveted project, which will be able to turn out 300,000 vehicles per year and will produce the Toyota Corolla compact car for North America and a new small SUV from Mazda. (Albert Cesare/The Montgomery Advertiser via AP)

Chinese authorities demolish well-known evangelical church

BEIJING (AP) — Authorities in northern China’s coal country have demolished a well-known Christian mega-church, underscoring long-standing tensions between religious groups and the officially atheistic Communist Party.

Witnesses and overseas activists say paramilitary People’s Armed Police forces used excavators and dynamite on Tuesday to destroy the Golden Lampstand Church in the city of Linfen in Shanxi province.

ChinaAid, a U.S.-based Christian advocacy group, said local authorities planted explosives in an underground worship hall to demolish the building, which was built with nearly \$3 million in contributions from local worshippers in one of China’s poorest regions.

The church, with a congregation of more than 50,000, has long clashed with the government. Hundreds of police and hired thugs smashed the church and seized Bibles in an earlier crackdown in 2009 that ended with church leaders receiving long prison sentences.

At the time, church leaders were charged with illegally occupying farmland and disturbing traffic order by getting together, according to state media.

There are an estimated 60

million Christians in China, many of whom worship in independent congregations like the Golden Lampstand. Millions of Christians, Buddhists and Muslims also worship in state-sanctioned assemblies.

But the surging popularity of non-state-approved churches has raised the ire of authorities, wary of any threats to the party’s rigid political and social control.

Freedom of religion is guaranteed under China’s constitution, so local authorities are often seen as using technicalities to attack unregistered churches. Charges of land or building vio-

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Newly confirmed director of Human and Social Services, Muavaefa'atasi John Edward Suisala. [photo: FS]

Muavaefa'atasi unani- mously confirmed as new DHSS director

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

With unanimous votes yesterday in both the Senate and House, the Fono has officially confirmed Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga's nomination of Muavaefa'atasi John Edward Suisala as director of the Department of Human and Social Services. The Senate vote was 14-0 while the House voted 17-0.

Muavaefa'atasi, who was DHSS deputy director since 2009, will serve out the last remaining three years of the Lolo Administration as DHSS director, following the death of former DHSS head Taeaoafua Dr. Meki Solomona last month.

During the Senate confirmation hearing yesterday morning, Muavaefa'atasi recalled for senators what he told the House earlier in the day, that the director's job is not an easy one but the person depends on God for guidance and help. He also said a close working relationship with the staff is important to achieve the department's mission and serve the public.

Some 20+ DHSS staff, family members and friends were in the Senate gallery during the hearing. Muavaefa'atasi informed senators that all DHSS staff, who wanted to be present at the hearing, were required to take leave and they did.

It was noted by several senators who spoke during the hearing that Muavaefa'atasi's qualifications are unquestionable as he has served in DHSS for many years. The director-nominee was commended for his service to the people during his many years in government. Senators were also thankful to Lolo for nominating Muavaefa'atasi, who said he has accepted and is prepared for

the directorship post.

Sen. Fai'ivae Iuli Godinet echoed that Muavaefa'atasi's qualification is unquestionable, adding that they worked together in past years for the late Congressman Faleomavaega Eni.

Fai'ivae shared with senators that Muavaefa'atasi, during Faleomavaega's tenure, was instrumental in pushing for the federally funded Nutrition Assistance Program to be set up in American Samoa - now called the American Samoa Nutrition Assistance Program, or ASNAP.

Faleomavaega wanted Muavaefa'atasi to return to American Samoa - and he did - to implement the ASNAP, in order to move it forward.

Muavaefa'atasi was American Samoa's lead negotiator in 1993 with the US Agriculture Department to extend, establish, and manage the ASNAP in 1994, according to his resume, which also states that he was successful in extending and setting up in the territory, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

The director-nominee was asked about his chiefly title, "Muavaefa'atasi", and he responded it's a title of the Pulu family of Pago Pago, and it was previously bestowed on Ae Ae Jr, who is currently the Pulu title holder.

The information was confirmed by Pago Pago Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean, who added that Muavaefa'atasi is one of the great chiefs of the village council. Tuaolo requested that Muavaefa'atasi continue the DHSS choir, which was called the ASG choir by Taeaoafua.

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PRESS RELEASE — Island, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Samoa.

With the support of American Samoa Visitor Bureau (ASVB), Jasons Travel Media (Jasons) is pleased to announce the launch of the first Jasons American Samoa Visitor Map, available in market from January 2018.

The map will be distributed through Travel Agents in New Zealand and Australia, at Auckland Airport's International Departures, to prospective visitors around the world who order on Jasons.com and locally in American Samoa, through ASVB and their distribution channels.

The new map, a two-year publication, ensures American Samoa takes its rightful place within Jasons' popular South Pacific series which includes the Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Tahiti and her Islands), New Caledonia, Niue, Norfolk

American Samoa Visitors Bureau Executive Director, David Vaeafe said, "Jasons is a well known travel publisher in Australasia and we are pleased to join their stable of Pacific Island tourist maps and to be working with them to promote American Samoa."

Jasons Managing Director, Brett Baudinet, shared his enthusiasm at the launch of the new publication, "We're very happy to be working with David Vaeafe and his team at ASVB to make this partnership possible. We're passionate about encouraging more visitors to American Samoa and keeping them informed of all the exciting things there are to see and do in the islands."

The addition of a dedicated American Samoa Map is timed

very well, as Jasons is also launching a new Jasons.com website and mobile app in 2018. All American Samoa businesses featured in the map will benefit from free listings on the website and mobile app, which works offline for enhanced ease-of-use including offline maps and turn-by-turn navigation.

Jasons Travel Media has also recently launched Explore.com — The Pacific's first and very own online travel agency. American Samoa is now included in this launch and it is free for both Hotels and BnB's to list their properties. Baudinet, an Oceania Davis Cup tennis player who has represented the Pacific for 14 years, is extremely passionate about putting our Pacific Islands on the map. "I'm proud of what we have achieved for our Pacific Nations through the marketing platforms of Jasons and Explore.com."

The new American Samoa Visitor Map was made possible through support from the Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs in Washington, DC.

ABOUT JASONS TRAVEL MEDIA

Jasons has been pointing the way for South Pacific visitors for 25 years, publishing and distributing a full range of Visitor Guides and Maps throughout 11 South Pacific destinations. With the launch of a new website and mobile app in 2018, Jasons.com continues to bring innovative marketing solutions to the Pacific Island nations. Jasons Travel Media is a brand of Explore.com, the Pacific's first and very own Online Travel.

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"Channel 47" KBS WORLD Program of American Samoa

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (1/14)	Monday (1/15)	Tuesday (1/16)	Wednesday (1/17)	Thursday (1/18)	min	Friday (1/19)	Saturday (1/20)	min	
10 : am	00' K-pop World Festi' Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Hello Counselor (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank	Encore Drama	00'	
11 : am	Music Bank (E,R)			Encore Drama Lovers of Music					00'	The Beauty
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1 : pm	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)						K-RUSH (E,R)	30'	
2 : pm		Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)		Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)		K-RUSH (E,R)	20'		
3 : pm	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	Hello Counselor (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	The Swan Club (E,R)	Music Bank	30'	
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5 : pm	Encore Drama Lovers of Music (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)		00'	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	00'	
6 : pm	Encore Drama Lovers of Music (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)		The Swan Club (E,R)			10'	
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8 : pm	Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						Hello Counselor (E,R)	20'	
		Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)								
9 : pm	UHD UNESCO World Heritage Special (E,R)	KBS World News Today			Music Bank (Live)	40'	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	40'	
		Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)							
10 : pm	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hello Counselor (E,R)	The Swan Club	The Unit	K-RUSH (E,R)	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'	
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9 : am	Hello Counselor	Dragon's Club Over	The Unit	Happy Together	Music Bank	00'	Lovers of Music (E,R)	The Beauty	00'	
						Guerilla Date (E)			50'	

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New Zealand, it says.

"The only cost patients will have to bear is housing, as CMS will not reimburse for that cost — at least for now," the report notes. "To address some doubts towards this new route and endeavor, the people of American Samoa should find great comfort in knowing that New Zealand's healthcare system is one of the top five best healthcare systems in the world."

In his State of the Territory Address, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga mentioned the financial challenges faced by the local health care system.

Senators would like to get a full briefing with details from King-Young, as well as updates from LBJ officials on the status of the hospital.

Other witnesses requested to provide answers to the Senate hearing include LBJ and Health officials.



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HEALTH SURVEY 2018

The Department of Human and Social Services and the Department of Health are working together to conduct a very important survey in the community. This entails surveying a selection of adults ages 18 and older from each county. Adults will be selected based upon a random sample of electric meters of households throughout the island.

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Missouri governor admits having affair but denies blackmail

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — When Eric Greitens sought Missouri’s highest office in 2016, his resume seemed hard to top: former Navy SEAL, former Rhodes scholar and founder of a veterans’ charity. Most important, he said during the campaign, was his role as “a proud husband and father.”

On Thursday, the square-jawed Republican governor fought allegations that he photographed his hairdresser naked while having an affair with her and threatened to publicize the image if she spoke about their relationship. The top prosecutor in St. Louis quickly launched an investigation. A bipartisan group of state lawmakers asked the attorney general to investigate as well.

Greitens acknowledged being “unfaithful” in his marriage but denied taking any naked photos and blackmailing the woman to stay quiet.

The governor and his wife released a statement late Wednesday after St. Louis television station KMOV aired a bombshell report that he had a sexual relationship with the hairdresser in 2015. The report included allegations from the woman’s ex-husband, who secretly recorded a conversation with his ex-wife discussing the affair.

The affair was “a deeply personal mistake,” the Greitens’ statement said. “Eric took responsibility, and we dealt with this together honestly and privately.”

Greitens, 43, has been seen as a rising star in GOP political circles. During the campaign, he cast himself as an outsider going up against a career politician, the state’s Democratic attorney general. He barely hid his higher ambitions and reserved the web address eric-greitensforpresident.com years

ago. Through his attorney, the governor also denied an allegation from the ex-husband that Greitens slapped the woman, saying any accusation of violence is “completely false.”

The woman involved did not comment on the record to the TV station, which did not name her. But her ex-husband, who also was not named, provided the audio recording to KMOV. On the recording, the woman gave details about a sexual encounter she says she had with Greitens in March 2015 at his St. Louis home. The woman did not know her then-husband was recording their conversation.

The Associated Press learned her identity Thursday, but chose not to identify the woman because she could not be reached for comment. She did not return a call to the salon where she works, and an AP reporter who went there was told the hairdresser was not working.

The alleged encounter came after Greitens created a committee to explore a bid for governor but before he officially announced his candidacy. She said on the tape that he invited her downstairs at his home because he wanted to show her “how to do a proper pull-up.”

She said: “I knew he was being sexual, and I still let him. And he used some sort of tape, I don’t know what it was, and taped my hands to these rings and then put a blindfold on me.”

She said she later realized he took a photo of her.

“I saw a flash through the blindfold and he said, ‘You’re never going to mention my name.’”

A bipartisan group of state senators signed a letter asking the attorney general to investigate. Attorney General Josh Hawley’s office said it would defer to local prosecutors, as required by state law.

The letter signed by both Democrats and Republicans called the allegations “deeply disturbing” and said a swift investigation was necessary to avoid having the matter “overpower” the 2018 legislative session. GOP leaders in the Missouri Senate released a joint statement urging Greitens to be “honest and forthright.” At least two Democratic state lawmakers called on the governor to resign. The Legislature adjourned Thursday for the long Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Lawmakers were not scheduled to return until Tuesday.

Months after the affair, the hairdresser sent Greitens an email asking him to stop booking appointments at the salon. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that the email was sent Oct. 20, 2015, three weeks after Greitens filed papers formally starting his 2016 gubernatorial campaign.

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Hospital CEO apologizes for discharge of patient in gown

BALTIMORE (AP) — A top Baltimore hospital executive has apologized after a woman wearing only a gown and socks was discharged at a bus stop at night, what one man who later came to her aid said left him outraged and stunned.

Dr. Mohan Suntha, president and CEO of University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus, told a news conference Thursday that the hospital “failed” after a video posted on Facebook showed the unidentified woman mumbling and appearing disoriented in frigid weather outside. Speaking with reporters, Suntha also said Thursday there were no excuses for what happened to her.

“We believe firmly that we provided appropriate medical care to a patient who came to us in need, but where we absolutely failed, and where we own that failure, is in the demonstration of basic humanity and compassion as a patient was being discharged from our organization after having received that care,” he said.

“We do not believe that what occurred Tuesday night in any way defines who we are as an organization. There has been a lot of conversation since this incident came to light,” Suntha said.

He added that the woman wasn’t mistreated while in the hospital’s care and that the incident was isolated and that hospital officials were working on an extensive internal review. The hospital confirmed in a statement that the woman was discharged Tuesday night.

Imamu Baraka, identified in local reports as the man who witnessed events unfolding and also sought to help the woman, told The Associated Press on Thursday night that he was stunned. Consequently, he said, he decided to record what he could on cellphone video.

“I saw the unthinkable, another human in a wheelchair

being wheeled out in the dead of cold,” he said in a phone interview, describing frigid temperatures in the 30s and a cold wind blowing at her hospital gown and exposing her to the elements.

Baraka, who said he has a psychotherapy practice in a building across the street from the hospital, said he rushed back to his office and grabbed his cellphone to return and record events, growing increasingly angry. He said he even challenged those who wheeled her out to the street.

“I asked them three times, I asked them specifically, ‘Are you going to leave this lady out here like this?’ They kept walking. They then went inside of the building.” He said he went and asked a security guard outside the hospital for a supervisor and was told “I am the supervisor.”

He said he then went and tried to help the woman and dial 911 for an ambulance. He said once the ambulance arrived, he asked its crew where they were going to take her, and they replied “back to the hospital.” Recalled Baraka, “I said, ‘Are you kidding me, they just dumped her on the curb.’”

It wasn’t immediately clear what happened to the woman after she was driven back toward the hospital.

He said he went through a range of emotions that night, his voice still thick with emotion Thursday.

“At first I was shocked. I couldn’t believe what I was seeing. And I move beyond that to the next level from being shocked. I became ... irritated and fearful for the young lady. And then I became angry,” he recalled.



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Patricia Hearst pic based on Toobin book canceled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twentieth Century Fox Film says it is canceling the studio’s planned movie based on Jeffrey Toobin’s Patricia Hearst book “American Heiress.”

Toobin’s non-fiction book chronicled the saga of Hearst’s kidnapping by the Symbionese Liberation Army in 1974 and her eventual bank robbery conviction with the radical group.

The studio announced the decision late Thursday after Hearst earlier in the day issued a lengthy statement condemning the project and Toobin’s book, which she described as victim blaming and an attempt to “rewrite history.”



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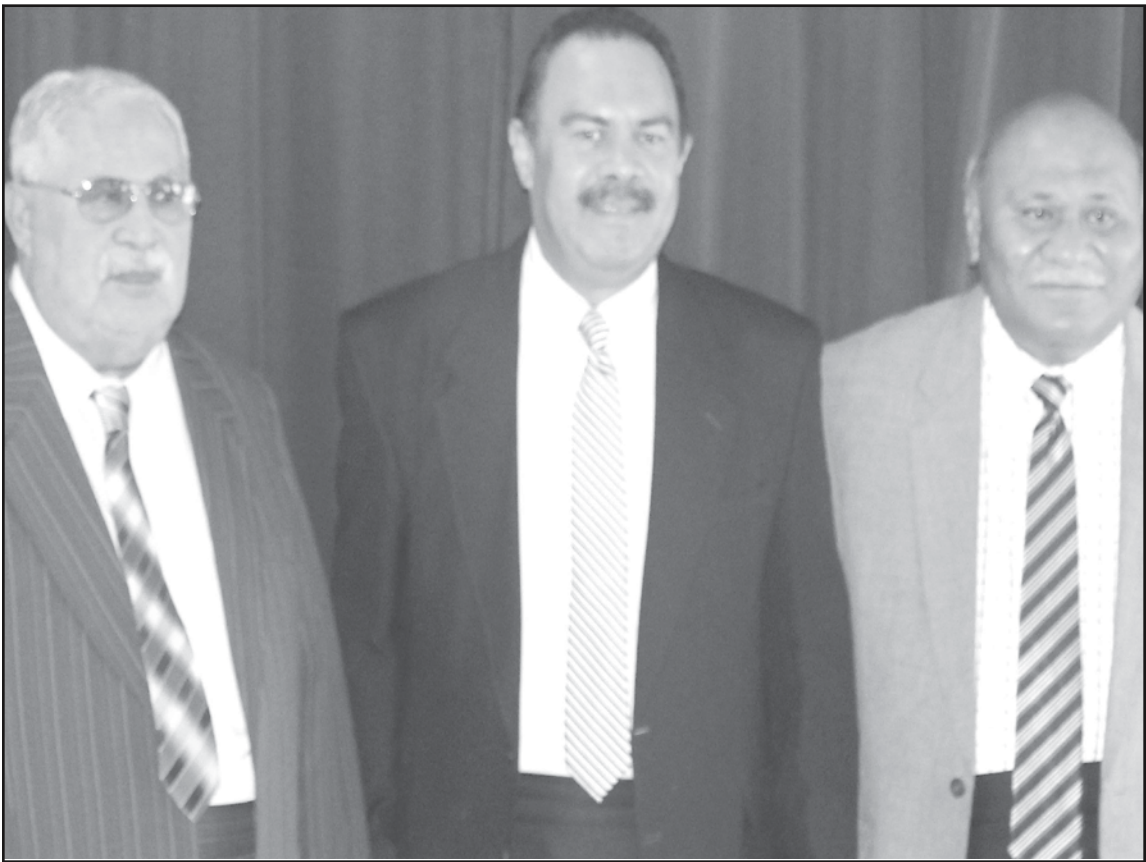
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

7:30am Depart LBJ Hospital to Leone Holy Cross Catholic Church
8:00am Family Service and Viewing

- Rosary
- Choir Music
- Testimonies

10:30am Requiem Mass
11:30am Burial at her home in Togatupu, Leone





Newly confirmed director of Human and Social Services, Muavaefa'atasi John Edward Suisala, with Sens. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean and Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr., at the Senate chamber yesterday.

[photo: FS]



► Interior...

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The proposed project will include demolition of the existing building, construction of a new two-story building adequate for Senate and House offices, respective foyers, conference rooms, and restroom facilities. Site improvements include landscaping, drainage, ADA accessibility and parking. The raised building will provide parking underneath the structure and mitigate flood hazards.

Samoa News should point out that with this CIP amount plus the bond proceeds allocated to the new Fono building, the total amount so far identified to build it is \$3.3 million, still short of the needed \$5- \$8 million projected to fund it.

Of interest, is the Interior’s explanation that the structure is to be ‘raised’ to allow for “parking underneath the structure” and to also mitigate flood hazards. This would be similar to the Development Bank building in Pago Pago, which is also located on a flood plain. The artist’s rendition of the proposed new building that Samoa News ran in its August 31, 2017 issue, shows the building as a ‘two-story’ structure with no indication of a parking lot “underneath the structure” — although it is “raised” to a certain extent.

The issue of the site being on a flood plain came to light publicly when the old Fono building was being demolished, and problems arose when clearing the site.

LBJ TROPICAL MEDICAL CENTER

— Labor, Delivery, and Operating Room Renovation: \$1 million to design and renovate the existing Labor Delivery room, and Nursery and Operating Suite. The new facility will satisfy health and

safety deficiencies identified by Medicare-Medicaid Services surveyors. Construction and renovation projects for the hospital are projected to be ongoing in several phases through 2020.

Samoa News notes there has been no word on the request for a new hospital by the Lolo Administration, which was made late last year before the House Resources Committee, in Washington D.C.

AMERICAN SAMOA SHIPYARD SERVICES AUTHORITY

— 3,000-Ton Slipway: \$1 million

Funding is for continuation of the Slipway Project of which ASSSA was previously awarded \$940,000 of CIP funding. The slipway is operating at a less-than-optimal level, down to 50% from 100%, forcing boat owners and commercial vessels to travel to other destinations for services. Funding will include removal of deteriorated components, procurement of materials and supplies, and testing.

DEPARTMENT OF PORT ADMINISTRATION — FALEASAO WHARF DREDGING

— \$1 million for dredging of the Faleasao Harbor

One of two harbors, located on the island of Ta’u, each harbor operates half of the year, depending on tides and the season. Because of the limited air travel to the islands of Manu’a, these harbors are critical to the transportation and passage of people and cargo. Dredging of Faleasao will ensure continued safe passage of the two vessels that operate between the capital of Tutuila and the Manu’a islands.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

— \$2.7 million for two new school buildings

Two-Story Building for Manulele: \$1 million to construct a new two-story building for Manulele Elementary School. The building will consist of six classrooms. Site improvements will also include landscaping, drainage, and ADA access.

Two-Story Building & Gymnasium for Matafao: \$1.7 million for a new two-story building and gymnasium for Matafao Elementary School. The project will include a new building consisting of six classrooms, landscaping, drainage, ADA access, and installation of a pre-fabricated metal gymnasium.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

— Insular ABCs Initiative \$1 million in support of the Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms (Insular ABCs) Initiative, which provides technical assistance and an ABC Management Maintenance Team to work closely with the Department of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

Tafuna Youth Center: \$1.113 million to construct the Tafuna Youth Center

Mirroring services provided at the Pago Pago Youth Center, the project will be a prefabricated building with designated rooms/areas conducive to the recreational activities available to the public. In addition to the indoor basketball/volleyball court, the facility includes a kitchen area, computer laboratory, sewing room, weight room, stage area, restrooms and office areas. Furniture and equipment will be acquired to for the new facility.

(Source: Press Release, Office of Insular Affairs — Washington DC)



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Two Deadlines are scheduled for this year:

- February 2, 2018
- August 31, 2018

For more information please contact our Office at 633-4870 or 258-2384.

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2 charged with murder in shooting death of Washington deputy

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Authorities have charged a man with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of a Washington state sheriff’s deputy after a home invasion. Prosecutors say 32-year-old Frank Pawul also was charged Thursday with kidnapping and unlawful possession of a firearm in the death of Deputy Daniel McCartney. Pawul’s bail was set at \$5 million. Brenda Troyer, suspected of being the getaway driver, also was charged with murder and

kidnapping. Her bail was set at \$2 million. Charging documents say McCartney was responded to a break-in Sunday at a mobile home southeast of Tacoma. Shortly after arriving, he made a “shots fired” call. Deputies found McCartney with a fatal gunshot wound. Also killed was suspect Henry Carden, who authorities say shot himself in the head. It’s not clear if Pawul or Troyer have attorneys.

Group sues over passport marker for sex offenders

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A group representing sex offenders sued again Thursday to challenge a law that requires a marker to be placed in the passports of people convicted of sex offenses against children. Attorney Janice Bellucci filed the lawsuit in federal court in Los Angeles on behalf of her nonprofit organization, the Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws, and two California sex offenders. Opponents of the marker have called it a “Scarlet Letter.” Former President Barack Obama signed the law in 2016 to comply with a provision of the International Megan’s Law, which seeks to curb child sex tourism and exploitation. “Never before has this nation stigmatized a class of individuals on a document so foundational to U.S. citizenship,” reads the lawsuit. A San Francisco-based federal judge dismissed an earlier version of the lawsuit in 2016 because the rules were not yet in place. The State Department said in October it would start using

a notice printed inside the back cover of the passport book that reads: “The bearer was convicted of a sex offense against a minor, and is a covered sex offender pursuant to (U.S. law).” The department said it does not comment on lawsuits. Bellucci estimated that the requirement could affect more than 500,000 Americans and their families. She said it is having “a dramatic chilling effect,” causing some sex offenders to avoid traveling overseas or to avoid applying for a passport. Her suit says the State Department violated procedures by failing to let the public comment on its plans. It says the department also exceeded its legal authority by threatening not to issue passports to some offenders. The State Department previously said the notice will not prevent sex offenders from traveling outside the United States nor affect the validity of their passports. However, other countries may prohibit or place strict restrictions on the travel of convicted felons.

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lations and disturbing the peace are among the most common. The state-run Global Times newspaper, citing an unidentified local official, reported Wednesday the official reason for the demolition was that it did not hold the necessary permits. Religious groups must register with local religious affairs authorities under Chinese law, the report said. The church was illegally constructed nearly a decade ago in violation of building codes, it said. Pictures distributed by ChinaAid showed the church’s steeple and cross toppled in a large pile of rubble. A pastor at a nearby church, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he saw large numbers of paramilitary police on Tuesday blanketing the area

around the church, which was being taken apart by heavy machinery. He later heard, but did not witness, a loud explosion, the pastor said. The Golden Lampstand Church was built by husband and wife evangelists Wang Xiaoguang and Yang Rongli as a permanent home for their followers. The couple had been preaching around Linfen since 1992, establishing congregations in improvised spaces such as factory dormitories and greenhouses. While authorities did not block the church’s construction, they later cracked down, and the couple and other church leaders were sent to prison.





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Trump: Why allow immigrants from ‘sh**hole countries’?

WASHINGTON (AP) — In bluntly vulgar language, President Donald Trump questioned Thursday why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and “shithole countries” in Africa rather than places like Norway, as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal, according to people briefed on the extraordinary Oval Office conversation.

Trump’s contemptuous description of an entire continent startled lawmakers in the meeting and immediately revived charges that the president is racist. The White House did not deny his remark but issued a statement saying Trump supports immigration policies that welcome “those who can contribute to our society.”

Trump’s comments came as two senators presented details of a bipartisan compromise that would extend protections against deportation for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants — and also strengthen border protections, as Trump has insisted. The lawmakers had hoped Trump would back their accord, an agreement among six senators evenly split among Republicans and Democrats, ending a months-long, bitter dispute over protecting the “Dreamers.” But the White House later rejected it, plunging the issue back into uncertainty just eight days before a deadline that threatens a government shutdown. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate’s No. 2 Democrat, explained that as part of that deal, a lottery for visas that has benefited people from Africa and other nations would be ended, the sources said, though there could be another way for them to apply. Durbin said people would be allowed to stay in the U.S. who fled here after disasters hit their homes in places including El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti.

Trump specifically questioned why the U.S. would want to admit more people from Haiti. As for Africa, he asked why more people from “shithole countries” should be allowed into the U.S., the sources said.

The president suggested that instead, the U.S. should allow more entrants from countries like Norway. Trump met this week with Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg.

Late Thursday, Trump was pushing for “a Great Wall” and criticizing Democrats’ stance on immigration, highlighting the difficulties for any negotiations.

“The Democrats seem intent on having people and drugs pour into our country from the Southern Border, risking thousands of lives in the process. It is my duty to protect the lives and safety of all Americans,” he said in a late-night tweet. “We must build a Great Wall ...”

Asked about the earlier remarks insulting other countries, White House spokesman

Raj Shah did not deny them.

“Certain Washington politicians choose to fight for foreign countries, but President Trump will always fight for the American people,” he said.

Trump’s remarks were remarkable even by the standards of a president who has been accused by his foes of racist attitudes and has routinely smashed through public decorum that his modern predecessors have generally embraced. Trump has claimed without evidence that Barack Obama, the nation’s first black president, wasn’t born in the United States, has said Mexican immigrants were “bringing crime” and were “rapists” and said there were “very fine people on both sides” after violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, left one counter-protester dead.

“Racist,” tweeted Rep. Kathleen Rice, D-N.Y., after Thursday’s story broke. But it wasn’t just Democrats objecting.

Republican Rep. Mia Love of Utah, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, said Trump’s comments were “unkind, divisive, elitist and fly in the face of our nation’s values.” She said, “This behavior is unacceptable from the leader of our nation” and Trump must apologize to the American people “and the nations he so wantonly maligned.”

Trump has called himself the “least racist person that you’ve ever met.” On Friday he plans to sign a proclamation honoring Martin Luther King Day.

Critics also have questioned his mental fitness to serve as president, citing his inability to muster some policy details and his tweets asserting his “nuclear button” is bigger than North Korea’s. He responded to such criticism with a recent tweet calling himself “a very stable genius” who is “like, really smart.” The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to publicly describe the conversation. One said lawmakers in the room were taken aback by Trump’s remarks. The Trump administration announced late last year that it would end a temporary residency permit program that allowed nearly 60,000 citizens from Haiti to live and work in the United States following a devastating 2010 earthquake.

Trump has spoken positively about Haitians in public. During a 2016 campaign event in Miami, he said “the Haitian people deserve better” and told the audience of Haitian-Americans he wanted to “be your greatest champion, and I will be your champion.”

The agreement that Durbin and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., described to Trump also includes his \$1.6 billion request for a first installment on his long-sought border wall, aides familiar with the agreement

said. They required anonymity because the agreement is not yet public.

Trump’s request covers 74 miles of border wall as part of a 10-year, \$18 billion proposal.

Democrats had long vowed they wouldn’t fund the wall but are accepting the opening request as part of a broader plan that protects from deportation about 800,000 younger immigrants brought to the country as children and now here illegally.

The deal also would include restrictions on a program allowing immigrants to bring some relatives to the U.S.

In an afternoon of drama and confusing developments, four other GOP lawmakers — including hardliners on immigration — were also in Trump’s office for Thursday’s meeting, a development sources said. Durbin and Graham did not expect. It was unclear why the four Republicans were there, and the session did not produce the results the two senators were hoping for.

“There has not been a deal reached yet,” said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders. But she added, “We feel like we’re close.”

Underscoring the hurdles facing the effort, other Republicans also undercut the significance of the deal the half-dozen senators hoped to sell to Trump.

“How do six people bind the other 94 in the Senate? I don’t get that,” said No. 2 Senate Republican John Cornyn of Texas. Cornyn said the six lawmakers were hoping for a deal and “everyone would fall in line. The president made it clear to me on the phone less than an hour ago that he wasn’t going to do that.”

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