



Members of the House Committee of Public Safety, with other faipule are seen here during a visit to the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) on Tuesday, to see first hand the conditions in the prison.

Complaints have reached the Fono about food and drinking water shortages, as well as the lack of general amenities such as toilet paper, pillows, sheets, mattresses, etc.

Rep. Vui Florence Saulo told Samoa News the visit was an eye opener, and said consistent maintenance needs to happen, as well as help with food and water supplies.

[courtesy photo- Rep. Vui Florence Saulo]

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## Motion for acquittal in Haleck drug case is denied

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

A jury trial for Gerhard Otto Haleck, who is facing one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), in connection with a drug bust at the Post Office on Jan. 03, 2017, in ongoing this week at the High Court.

The offense is punishable by between five to ten years in jail, a fine of \$5,000 up to \$20,000, or both. Prosecuting the case is Christy Dunn while private attorney Marcellus Tala Uiagalelei is representing Haleck whose fate rests with a six-member jury: 2 men and 4 women.

According to the government's case, on Jan. 3, 2017, the DPS Criminal Investigation Division (CID) was contacted for assistance by the Customs K9 supervisor after a young man came by the post office to pick up a package containing a green leafy substance that later tested positive for THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

The K9 handler informed CID detectives that their dog alerted near a parcel containing 4 plastic sandwich baggies during a routine inspection and the following day, Haleck picked up the parcel which was addressed to a Gabriel Otto Haleck.

The sender's name was "Haleck" and the address was noted as Tacoma, WA.

The government claims that on the day in question, the defendant walked into the post office to claim the package and when he was asked if he was Gabriel, he said no — it was his little brother.

The defendant allegedly told Customs agents when the box was being inspected that it was his supplements.

The government alleges that when a Customs agent opened one of the bottles, which contained powder, he saw a clear plastic baggie inside the bottle. When the powder was being poured out, they found 4 plastic baggies containing a green leafy substance which was later tested positive for THC or marijuana.

When questioned by a Customs agent, the defendant allegedly admitted that the powder supplement was his, but he didn't know anything about the "weed".

Court filings note that nearly three years earlier, on July 19, 2014, the defendant was involved in a similar case where he picked up mail that contained the same amount of marijuana from the Post Office.

Samoa News understands the defendant was not charged for the prior incident.

One of the government witnesses called to testify this week was lead investigator, Det. Johnny Paselio, who told the jury that

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Samoa News will not be publishing on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 in order to do system upgrades. We apologize to our readers and will return on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018. Have a safe weekend American Samoa.

## Governor issues an ASG Shutdown Order... if federal gov't shuts down

SAYS FEDERAL SHUTDOWN WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON ASG FINANCES

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

If a federal government shutdown commences at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20th, Gov. Lolo Matalagi Moliga has issued an ASG Shutdown Order, outlining procedures to take and exempted services since a federal shutdown will have a direct impact on ASG finances.

Congress passed late last year a partial federal budget for FY 2018, which expires at midnight tonight. In the governor's order, released by the Governor's Office yesterday afternoon, Lolo orders the shutdown of all non-essential ASG operations funded exclusively through federal resources. However, the exception is given to those services that may be exempted by the US President. Lolo said the LBJ Medical Center, American Samoa Community College, Education Department and all first responders would be among the agencies locally exempted from the shutdown. Also exempted are contract employees.

"ASG personnel funded exclusively by federal resources, not including exempted agencies or personnel, are directly affected by this order and should therefore stay home from work," the governor wrote. "Locally funded employees should be reassigned as necessary to ensure that

departments and agencies are not compromised."

According to the governor, employees affected by this order are not authorized to take annual, sick, or compensatory time leave for the duration of the federal shutdown. And if the federal shutdown occurs over the weekend beginning Jan. 20th, the order shall take immediate effect and remain in effect until the federal shutdown order is lifted, Lolo explained.

"I urge all of you to make sure that the quality of services to our people is maintained by assigning locally funded personnel to take over the vacuum created by this shutdown," he continued. "It is unfortunate that we must furlough employees, but we cannot jeopardize our financial integrity." "If the federal policy precludes the payment of lost work time, our approved budget lacks the financial capacity to absorb this cost," he said and encouraged all government employees to follow local and U.S national news over the weekend to determine whether or not to report to work on Monday morning.

"If your agency faces special circumstances which significantly affect your services to the community, please discuss them with me personally," he concluded. Samoa News will provide updates online on any developments out of Congress on this matter.

## Samoa removed from Homeland Security list for "nonimmigrant workers" visas

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

Samoa, along with two other countries, have been removed from the list of countries, whose nationals were authorized by the US Department of Homeland Security to participate in two nonimmigrant workers visa programs.

The reason, according to a USDHS document published yesterday in the federal portal <www.regulations.gov>, is that Samoa has not made progress in

accepting their nationals being deported back to Samoa.

Removal from the list is for one year, effective yesterday, and as of yesterday afternoon, Samoa News wasn't able to obtain an official statement from the Samoa government regarding the USDHS action.

Under USDHS regulations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may generally only approve petitions for H-2A and H-2B nonimmigrant status for nationals of countries

that the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has designated by notice published in the Federal Register, which is renewed each year.

The new list for 2018 was released yesterday identifying 83 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A (Temporary Agricultural Worker Program) program and 82 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in

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This Jan. 11, 2018 photo, circulated on social media, shows the Talofa Airways plane on its belly on the taxi-way at the main terminal at Pago Pago International Airport. [Facebook photo]

## Talofa Airways pilot files report on incident involving a collapsed landing gear

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

An incident report by the pilot of a Talofa Airways plane that endured a landing gear problem at the Pago Pago International Airport last Thursday — a problem that occurred after the plane landed safely — was presented yesterday to senators and read in part in Samoan by Port Administration director Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Pumele, during a Senate Transportation/ Port Administration Committee hearing.

Taimalelagi, who said her office received the Jan. 12th report Wednesday, translated the report into the Samoan language, as it was written in English.

As Samoa News reported on

Tuesday, the Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the incident. FAA spokesman Ian Gregor says the plane landed safely on Runway 5; and while the aircraft was taxiing, the main landing gear collapsed.

According to the pilot's report, the Talofa Airways flight on Jan. 11th departed Fagali'i International Airport in Samoa for Pago Pago, 51 minutes behind schedule due to adjustments made to the nose wheel by the airline's engineer in order to "correct a shimmy condition" reported by the crew from the previous day.

The pilot explained in the report that the take-off, climb, cruise, descent, approach and landing phase of the aircraft "were all normal" with good VFR conditions around; "however, upon touchdown [at the airport] the nose wheel developed a moderate shimmy which divided my attention in managing the vibration and completing the after landing checks."

As a result, the report says, the "after landing checks were momentarily deferred and was initiated existing the runway via taxi-way Charlie".

(This taxi-way takes the plane to tarmac at the main terminal, while Runway 5 is the one closer to the Pala Lagoon side of the airport).

"In the process of actioning the after landing checks, I mistook the landing gear for flaps and selected the landing gear to the retract position resulting in the main gears retracting and

bringing the aircraft to a quick stop with the aft of the aircraft resting on the ground," the pilot wrote in the report, noting that at the point of retraction, the aircraft was at a slow taxi speed.

"After the aircraft had come to a complete stop, I promptly shut down and secured both engines," the pilot wrote. "As a safety precaution, I did not re-power the aircraft's battery to call for assistance."

The pilot assessed the passengers and the aircraft's surrounding was safe but he elected to wait inside the aircraft for assistance, which came about 10 minutes later at which point the pilot opened the door and disembarked the passengers without further incident.

Sen. Magalei Logovi'i, who was among the nine passengers on board the flight, told Samoa News last Thursday that they waited inside the plane for 10 minutes, and a vehicle stopped by on the runway, to check on the plane, and the passengers were able to get off the runway.

Magalei voiced serious concerns over the long delay before the airport rescue crew showed up. His concerns, supported by other senators, prompted yesterday's Senate committee hearing, where Taimalelagi showed up with six senior airport officials, whom the director described as the airport management team, that she considers "polofesa" or professors [on airport management issues].

Samoa News will report next week on the hearing.

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# House votes to avert federal shutdown, Senate chances dim



Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., speaks to reporters as he walks towards the Senate as Congress moves closer to the funding deadline to avoid a government shutdown on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the edge of a government shutdown, a divided House voted late Thursday to keep the government open past a Friday deadline — setting up an eleventh-hour standoff in the Senate, where Democrats have vowed to kill the measure.

The partisan roadblock in the GOP-controlled Senate left just a day and little hope for negotiators searching for a way to avoid shuttering federal offices and keeping thousands of employees home from work. A closure, coming on the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump's inauguration, would be only the fourth such episode in roughly two decades and pose perils for both in parties in an election year.

Still, Senate Democrats appeared ready to take the risk of shouldering the blame. Emboldened by a liberal base clamoring to challenge Trump, they've demanded concessions on immigration, chiefly protection for thousands of young immigrants facing deportation, and largely unified behind the effort. Leaders said Thursday they would have the votes to block the House-passed measure that would have funded the government for another four weeks.

Republican leaders said the plan would give the White House and lawmakers more time to work through the disputes on immigration and spending that they've tangled over for months. Those talks were roiled last week by Trump's comments questioning the need for immigration for "shithole countries" in Africa. With trust at a low ebb, Democrats said they weren't willing to give Republicans that time to negotiate, arguing they could be back in the same standoff a month from now and push for a shorter extension that could keep the pressure on.

Schumer asked how can senators negotiate when the president, who has to sign the legislation, "is like a sphinx on this

issue, or says one thing one day and one thing the next?"

Most Senate Democrats and some Republicans were expected to vote against the House plan, probably Friday.

Senate rejection would leave the pathway ahead uncertain with only one guarantee: finger-pointing by both parties, which began as that chamber debated the measure late Thursday.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., accused Democrats of a "fixation on illegal immigration," which he said "has them threatening to filibuster spending for the whole government."

Trump weighed in earlier in the day from Pennsylvania, where he flew to help a GOP candidate in a special congressional election.

"I really believe the Democrats want a shutdown to get off the subject of the tax cuts because they're doing so well," he said.

The stakes are high for Republicans, who control the Congress and the White House and are still struggling to prove they can govern.

McConnell warned GOP senators in an email obtained by The Associated Press that voting against the measure "plays right into Democrats hand" — presumably because it would dilute the argument that Democrats killed the legislation.

The GOP controls the Senate 51-49 and will need substantial Democratic backing to reach 60 — the number needed to end Democratic delaying tactics. Republicans were all but daring Democrats to scuttle the bill and force a shutdown because of immigration, which they said would hurt Democratic senators seeking re-election in 10 states that Trump carried in 2016.

"Senator Schumer, do not shut down the federal government," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, adding, "It is risky. It is reckless. And it is wrong."

Republicans in the House faced their own divisions on the short-term bill, ones only

overcome after a last-minute round of bargaining with conservatives.

House passage was assured after the House Freedom Caucus reached an accord with Ryan, R-Wis. The leader of the hard-right group, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said Ryan promised future votes on extra defense spending and on a conservative, restrictive immigration bill, though a source familiar with the discussion said Ryan didn't guarantee an immigration vote. That person was not authorized to speak publicly about the private negotiations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The House voted by a near party-line 230-197 vote to approve the legislation. Just 11 Republicans, mostly conservatives and a pair of moderate Hispanic lawmakers, opposed the measure. Six Democrats, a mix of Hispanic and moderate legislators, backed the bill.

Shadowing everything is this November's elections. Trump's historically poor popularity and a string of Democratic election victories have fueled that party's hopes of capturing control of the House and perhaps the Senate.

As he's done since taking office a year ago, Trump was

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Original and five copies of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: **"Janitorial and Maintenance Services for Rex Lee Auditorium"** Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), **Thursday, January 25, 2018:**

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Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

### DOCUMENT

The RFP Scope of Work, outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

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# Amata announces nominees to the Service Academies for 2018

Washington, D.C. — Thursday, January 18, 2018 — Congresswoman Aumua Amata announced nominations of fourteen students for consideration by the service academies.

These select nominations were based on the students' academic records, essays and letters of recommendation from their teachers, church leaders and local community leaders, along with the required verification that they have already applied separately to the academy or academies of their choice.

"Congratulations to each of these students on their selection for a nomination to the service academies," said Aumua Amata. "These nominations are a direct result of effort and excellent records, and each one has already been a credit to their families, their schools and American Samoa. I wish them all the best as the Academies consider these applications, and I know that this process is a growth experience for these outstanding students."

The service academies include the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a congressional nomination as part of its application process.

The service academies are fully funded federal colleges whose mission is to train future officers and leaders to serve in their respective armed service. The admissions process is extremely competitive. The academies are looking for candidates with high potential to become leaders as commissioned officers in the United States Armed Forces.

Of the completed applications received, fourteen of sixteen students were nominated by the Congresswoman to compete for an appointment to the service academies. Some applicants received nominations to more than one service academy as reflected below.

The list of nominees is in alphabetical order (high schools noted where known) and the academy(s) to which they are nominated:

Applicants	High School	Nominated to:			
	South Pacific Academy	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
Hollister, Monique T	South Pacific Academy	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
Hunkin, Majesty M	Fagaitua HS	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
Jennings, Rita S	Fagaitua HS		USNA	USAFA	
Lui, Pita V					USMMA
Maiava, Chrysolitetheresa S.	Manumalo Baptist			USAFA	
Misitana, Miriama M	Samoana HS	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
	South Pacific Academy	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
Oh, Ji Hyun	South Pacific Academy	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
Satele, Kilisi P	Fagaitua HS	USMA	USNA		
Semeatu, Nicole L	Tafuna HS	USMA		USAFA	
Tafaovale, Deuteron T		USMA	USNA	USAFA	USMMA
Tuato'o, Selaina J		USMA	USNA		
	Mount Vernon HS			USAFA	
Tulifua, Mutiatai K	Mount Vernon HS			USAFA	
Wang, James G	Pacific Horizon	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
	South Pacific Academy	USMA	USNA	USAFA	
Wisneske, Michelle A	South Pacific Academy	USMA	USNA	USAFA	

The next step for the nominees depends on the upcoming decisions of the academies. Any student offered an appointment for the class would then enter that academy in the summer. "Thank you to the parents, educators and others providing counsel who have had a role in these students' lives – they're going to make you proud," continued Congresswoman Amata. "I know each of these students is on track for a great life's journey, and they will look back on this time as a building block for all they achieve."



Tasi Scanlon is the new Country Head ANZ American Samoa, for the ANZ Amerika Samoa Bank. [photo: ANZ]

## ANZ appoints Tasi Scanlon as Country Head American Samoa

(PRESS RELEASE) — January 18, 2018 — ANZ has announced the appointment of Tasi Scanlon as Country Head ANZ American Samoa, the bank's first ever local appointment to this senior role based in Pago Pago.

Ms. Scanlon reports to John Wade, ANZ CEO American Territories (Guam and American Samoa) based in Guam.

Scanlon brings over 30 years of banking experience. She has worked at ANZ since 2007 in senior roles including Commercial Relationship Manager, Commercial and Retail Banking Manager, Chief Operating Officer, Head of Commercial Loans and more recently, Acting Country Manager. She worked at Bank of Hawaii before joining ANZ.

Scanlon holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from the Sacred Heart College of North Carolina and is

a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle, WA.

"We're thrilled to announce Tasi's appointment into this senior role," Wade said. "Tasi has been a member of my management team for the last six years and has always demonstrated strong leadership and passion for her customers, team and community, and we look forward to her contribution to our business." ANZ Regional Executive Pacific, Tessa Price said, "Tasi's appointment is testament to the focus we've placed on succession planning and building strong Pacific leaders in our business across the region. I look forward to working more with Tasi, who will also be a member of my Pacific Leadership Team in her new role." ANZ has been in American Samoa since 2001, offering banking services to personal and business customers across the country.

## Hippo-y birthday to Fiona! The popular preemie is turning 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Some days, it's more like being a Hollywood movie star's agent than a communications official for the zoo. That's what happens when your prematurely born hippopotamus becomes a global celebrity.

The Cincinnati Zoo has a day of festivities ready for Fiona's first birthday party Saturday, and expect plenty more of Fiona in Year 2.

Zoo director Thane Maynard's own "Saving Fiona" will later this year join the growing library of books about her. The Cincinnati Reds baseball team will feature a Fiona bobblehead, and the minor-league Florence,

Kentucky, Freedom plans a Fiona snow globe this summer. There will be a "Fiona's Cove" exhibit at next month's annual Cincinnati Home & Garden Show.

Also ahead: additions to the Fiona-themed T-shirts, cookies, ornaments, and even beer from tie-ins by local retailers who have shared an estimated half-million dollars in revenues with the zoo so far.

Not everything gets green-lighted.

"We've gotten some strange requests," said Chad Yelton, zoo spokesman.

Left on the table: proposals to record music and make

videos with Fiona, national toy company endorsements, a simulated space launch of Fiona, and a Texas library's invitation for her to pay a visit.

Meanwhile, zoo staffers are working with Fiona on her transition toward more-typical zoo behavior, with training on responding to verbal cues and receiving grown-up health care from staffers aware that hippos can become aggressive and dangerous. Her bottle-feeding ended a few weeks ago.

"We're treating her more like a full-time hippo and less like a part-time hippo, part-time human," said Christina Gorsuch, the zoo's mammals



curator. Fiona will likely double in size in the next year from her current weight of nearly 700 pounds (318 kilograms).

"But she'll still be her adorable self," Gorsuch added.

A few steps away, adults raised their cameras and cell-phones and children squealed as Fiona swam over to check out her latest throng of fans. "I love Fiona!" shouted 3-year-old

Nolyn Hanley after she nosed near the glass where he had been watching for her with little brother A.J.

The numbers speak volumes about her popularity:

— Zoo attendance in 2016 was 1.63 million. In 2017, it rose to 1.87 million.

— Views of the zoo's Facebook videos in 2016 totaled 8.85 million.



# Pair of tax bills making their way through the Fono once again

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

The Senate yesterday approved in final reading two Administration tax bills, which were part of a larger piece of legislation submitted last year, but vetoed by the governor after several changes by the Fono.

The two bills — changing the way the beer tax is calculated, and hiking the 5% miscellaneous excise tax to 8% — were the subject of a Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing on Wednesday, where ASG Treasurer Uelinitone Tonumaip'e testified.

The Senate version of the two bills, which were unanimously approved yesterday, now go to the House, where the House versions are pending in committee.

## BEER TAX

Currently, excise tax on imported beer and malt extract is 190% of the value, but under the Administration's proposed amendment, the excise tax is 35-cents per 12 fluid ounces, or fraction thereof, of beer and malt container offered for sale by the importer. It basically means 35-cents per can.

Tonumaip'e reiterated similar statements during the Senate committee hearing, as the reasons behind the proposed changes to taxing beer and malt extract. He said the proposal sets a flat tax rate similar to the current excise tax on cigarettes, no matter the brand of cigarettes. The flat rate for cigarettes is \$60 a carton, he said.

For the new proposed taxing of beer, he explained, it's a flat rate of 35-cents per can, no matter the type or brand of beer. Under the current tax calculation, some beer cans are being charged 42-cents a can while others are 31-cents a can, he said.

Sen. Nuanuaolefeagaiga Saoluaga Nua asked how the government calculates the tax when it comes to large beer bottles — such as Vailima and Steinlager.

Tonumaip'e explained that it all depends on how many ounces cited on the label of the beer bottle, and there is a calculation method in place. For example, if the beer bottle is 24 ounces, you multiply that by 35-cents per 12 ounces, amounting to a total tax of 70 cents.

Nuanuaolefeagaiga said the correct tax calculations should be in place when it comes to large beer bottles, and the government should be honest in ensuring that taxing is fair.

Asked by the committee about how much the government is estimated to collect on the proposed change,

Tonumaip'e said it all depends on the volume coming in. Under the current taxing system, ASG collects about \$1.5 million just for beer alone. So if the volume of imported beer increases, revenue collections will go up as well, he said.

## MISCELLANEOUS TAX

Introduced early this week in both the Senate and House is another administration bill, which seeks to increase the miscellaneous excise tax rate from 5% to 8%. The Administration points out that the current rate has remained unchanged for many years and is in need of updating and adjusting to address new economic realities.

Additionally, the current 5% rate is insufficient to meet the growing costs of providing critical government services, including medical, public safety, and others.

Of the total revenues collected from the proposed 8%, 75 percent goes to the general fund; \$1 million earmarked for the scholarship fund; and the remainder shall be earmarked for repairs, renovations, and upgrading of all public school facilities and equipment beginning in fiscal year 2018.

It was noted during the Senate hearing that the Senate had increased the 5% to 8% when the large legislation was presented to the Fono during the last session, because it's easy to collect at the Port instead of the administration's separate 7% sales tax legislation that was submitted at the time.

However, there were several changes made to the bill by the House, resulting in the entire legislation being vetoed by the governor.



Firefighters give the first aid to people that were hurt after a car drove into the crowded seaside boardwalk along Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. Military police said on Twitter that at least 11 people were injured and that the driver has been taken into custody. (AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)

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A look at the Pala Lagoon Swimming Center while still being constructed. It is set to open today, after 15 years in the making. See story for details. [SN archives]

# Pala Lagoon Swimming Center officially opens today

THERE IS A \$5 CHARGE PER PERSON

by Blue Chen-Fruean  
Samoa News Correspondent

After 15 long years, the Pala Lagoon Swimming Center at Lions Park — across the street from ANZ Bank — will officially be dedicated today at 9 a.m. The facilities will be open to the public at 1 p.m. and will remain open until 6 p.m.

A \$5 fee is required for everyone who uses the facilities, no matter what age. The money collected from the entrance fees will go towards paying lifeguards, maintenance, and other expenses involved in keeping the pool open — and safe — for public use.

Plans for the swimming pool project were envisioned back in 2003, during the Togiola Administration. Throughout the course of the project, there were a lot of setbacks but nonetheless, everything worked out and now the community can enjoy one of the four pools — all set

up with the goal of getting the little ones comfortable in the water so they can learn how to swim. The Rotary Club of Pago Pago spearheaded the project — which saw it through government red tape, funding red tape and just a lot hard work to make it a reality. Altogether, the project cost about \$1.31 million and according to Utu Abe Malae, chairman of the Pala Lagoon Swimming Center, the “sweat equity” involved adds up to about the same amount.

This appears to be “the very first partnering project between the American Samoa Government, a federal government agency, a community service organization, with donations from the private sector and regular folks of the community,” Utu told Samoa News yesterday. “It is incredible how much love for the community was exhibited throughout the 15 years since the genesis of the idea of a community swimming pool,” he continued.

According to some Rotarians who spoke to Samoa News, the idea of a community-swimming center came about after several fatal drownings in the early 2000s. The drownings resulted in Rotarians coming together and installing “Angel Rings” around the island to assist swimmers in distress. (*Samoa News points out that the Angel Rings have contributed to saving lives over the years*). But having flotation devices just wasn’t enough. Rotarians came to the realization that although we live on an island, surrounded by water, the majority of people — especially children — don’t know how to swim. That’s when the idea of a community-swimming center was born. There are four swimming pools at the new center, one for each age group. The biggest one is 25 meters, while the smallest one is perfect for toddlers. Individuals who want to host birthday parties and family get-togethers at the swimming center are welcomed to do so. To complete the package, a concession stand with snacks is also in place for those who find themselves starving after a nice long swim. A staff of about 4-5 people will be on hand to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Samoa News understands that high school kids who want to volunteer are welcomed.

According to Utu, the Pala Lagoon Swimming Center is a big deal for the territory, as American Samoa was the only US possession without a facility of this kind... until now.

Those who stop by the swimming center are reminded that only swimmers with proper swimming attire will be allowed in the water. “This is to prevent clogging of the drains and filters,” said Utu. This means no jeans, and other thick clothing.

Also, everyone is to “rinse off” before they enter any one of the pools.

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

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# In Chile, pope met by protests, threats, burned churches



Pope Francis loses his skull cap, as he holds up a cross that reads in Spanish "I give you my peace" upon arrival to meet with youths at the Shrine of Maipú in Santiago, Chile, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. (AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — As he does during every papal visit, Pope Francis produced plenty of surprises in Chile: He married a couple during a flight, stopped his motorcade to help a fallen police officer and wept with victims of sex abuse by priests.

But the pope also faced protests and a level of hostility unheard of in modern times for a papal visit. Anti-pope protests had to be broken up with tear gas, attackers burned at least 11 Roman Catholic Churches and pamphlets were found threatening Francis that the "next bomb would be in your cassock."

"This kind of violence during a papal visit is absolutely unprecedented. And Chile is historically a very solidly Catholic nation," said Andrew Chesnut, the Catholic Studies chair at Virginia Commonwealth University.

It remains to be seen whether the friction in Chile was a fluke or a harbinger of what to expect in future papal trips.

The neighboring country of Peru, where Francis went Thursday, isn't taking any chances. Authorities have banned demonstrations because

they "impact the image of the country," police spokeswoman Veronica Marquez said.

Papal visits sometimes attract demonstrations. In 2010, thousands in London protested the visit of Pope Benedict XVI, condemning his stance on condoms, women's rights and homosexuality, among other things. But the ferocity and firebombing of churches in Chile went beyond anything in modern memory.

"These violent acts may be a first in the history of the 'traveling papacy,'" said Massimo Faggioli, a theology professor at Villanova University in Philadelphia. "It is striking also because Latin America is supposed to be friendly territory for Francis" — the first pope from the region.

Chile has changed radically, from its economy to politics, in less than a generation. Those changes, combined with a pedophile priest scandal and what many argue was a bungled response by the church, has accelerated a move away from Catholicism. Last year, 45 percent of Chileans identified as Catholic, a sharp drop in just a decade from the mid-60s, according to Latinobarometro's

annual poll.

One of the pope's sharply contested decisions — to appoint a Chilean bishop with close ties to the country's most notorious pedophile priest — soured many on the visit before it even began.

A few days before Francis arrived, a group angry about the cost of the papal visit briefly occupied the Nunciature in Santiago where the pope would sleep.

The same day, several churches were burned. Over the next couple of days during the pope's visit, several more churches were torched, along with three helicopters.

It was unclear who was behind the arson attacks. Outside some of the churches, pamphlets were found supporting the cause of indigenous Mapuche. Pamphlets outside one threatened the pope.

The Mapuche, Chile's largest indigenous group, are fighting for a return of ancestral lands, recognition of their language and an end to discrimination.

Much of Francis' trip was dedicated to the conflict. During his homily Wednesday in the heart of Mapuche territory, he took both the Mapuche and Chilean officials to task, calling for a halt to violence and for government engagement that goes beyond just "elegant" agreements.

The burning of churches is a tactic frequently employed by radical Mapuche groups: Nearly two dozen have been firebombed the last two years. That 11 were then attacked in just a few days is a possible sign that these groups saw the visit as an opportunity to bring more attention to their cause.

"The burning of churches is an expression of the disgruntlement" that many Mapuche feel for the Catholic Church, said German Silva, a political analyst at the Universidad Mayor in Santiago.



## ▶ Samoa...

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the H-2B (temporary nonagricultural jobs) program for the coming year.

The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, however, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that — Samoa, Belize and Haiti — should no longer be designated as eligible countries because they are not meeting the standards set out in the regulation.

USDHS says Samoa is currently listed as "At Risk of Non-Compliance" according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) year-end assessment of foreign countries' cooperation in accepting back their nationals that have

been ordered removed from the United States.

"Despite attempts to improve cooperation on removals to Samoa, there has not been sufficient progress on removals to Samoa," it says. Meanwhile, ICE recently released its fiscal year 2017 Enforcement and Removal Operations Report (ERO), which summarizes the agency's ERO activities. ERO identifies, arrests, and removes aliens (or foreign nationals) who present a danger to national security or a threat to public safety, or who otherwise undermine border control and the integrity of the U.S. immigration system.

Data provided in the report shows that in FY 2016 only three nationals of Samoa were removed from the US under the ERO but in FY 2017, there were 13 nationals. ICE shares responsibility for administering and enforcing the nation's immigration laws with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Samoa News should point out that rumors have "visitors" visas being affected as well. This is not the case — it is only for nonimmigrant work visa programs, known as H-2A and H-2B.



# ► House...

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dominating and confusing the jousting, at times to the detriment of his own party. He tweeted that the month-long funding measure should not contain money for a children's health insurance program — funds his administration has expressly supported — then the White House quickly said he indeed supports the legislation.

Congress must act by midnight Friday or the government will begin immediately locking its doors. Though the impact would initially be spotty — since most agencies would be closed until Monday — the story would be certain to dominate weekend news coverage, and each party would be gambling the public would blame the other.

In the event of a shutdown, food inspections and other vital services would continue, as would Social Security, other federal benefit programs and most military operations.

Hoping to garner more votes, Republicans added language providing six years of financing for the children's health program and delaying some taxes imposed by President Barack Obama's health care law. The health program insures nearly 9 million low-income children, and some states have nearly exhausted their funds.

But Pelosi compared the GOP bill to "having a bowl of

doggy-doo and adding a cherry on top and calling it a chocolate sundae."

Democrats want a deal to protect around 800,000 immigrants from deportation who arrived in the U.S. as children and now are here illegally. Trump has ended an Obama-era program providing those protections and given Congress until March to restore them, and he and Republicans want any immigration deal to include money for the president's promised wall along the Mexican border and other security measures.

Republicans were demanding that a separate budget bill financing government for the rest of this year include big boosts for the military, and they accused Democrats of imperiling Pentagon funding. Democrats were insisting on equally large increases for domestic programs for opioid treatment and veterans — efforts that many in the GOP also back.



Rep. Vui Florence Saulo and two police officers during her visit as part of the House Committee on Public Safety's inspection of the Territorial Correctional Facility in Tafuna. Complaints have reached the faipule about food and drinking water shortages, as well as the lack of general amenities.

[courtesy photo- Rep. Vui Florence Saulo]

## South Korea coach banned for allegedly beating Olympic champ

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's skating authorities have suspended a national team coach for allegedly beating Olympic short track speedskating champion Shim Suk-hee.

The Korea Skating Union on Friday said Shim left a national team training center for two days this week after she was allegedly assaulted by one of her four male coaches. She returned to the center on Thursday.

Skating authorities confirmed an investigation is under way, but did not identify the coach.

Shim won the women's short track 3,000-meter relay gold medal during the 2014 Sochi Olympics. She also took silver the 1,500 and bronze in the 1,000.

No details of the incident have been released, and it wasn't immediately known if the 21-year-old was injured.

Shim is preparing for the Feb. 9-25 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.



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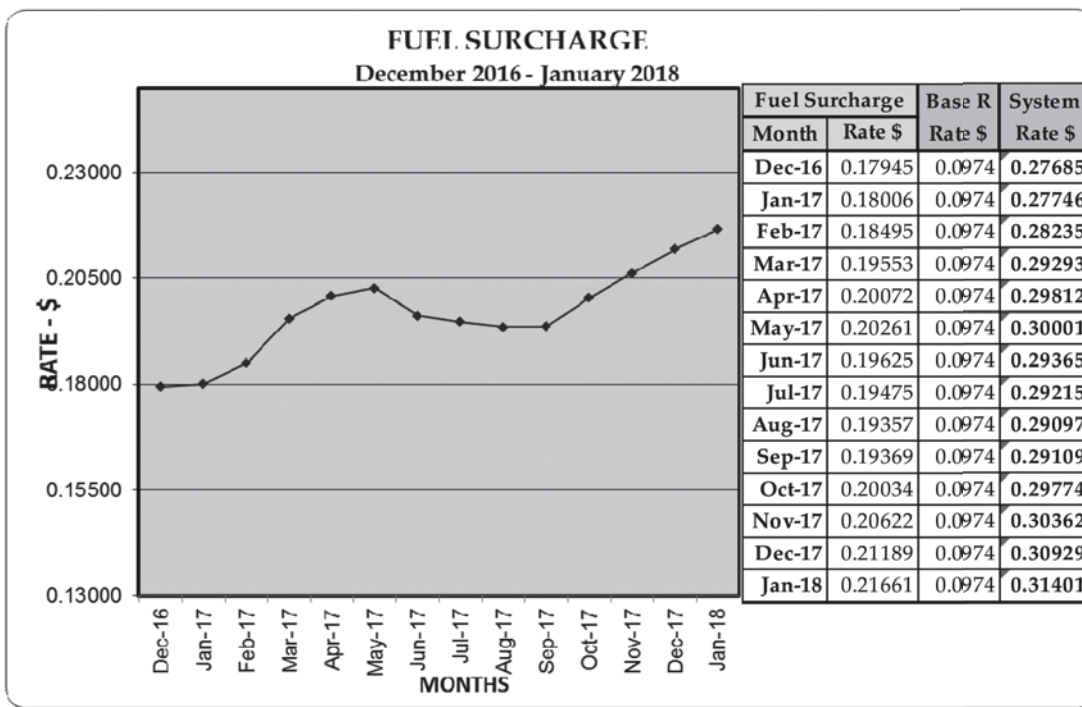
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# Monthly Fuel Surcharge Notification

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

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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.

Representatives in blue will be out to identify electric meters, collect vitals signs and other information that relate to general and mental health.

By taking this survey, you are helping to paint a picture of health for our people.

If you are selected to participate, please help us to address the health needs of American Samoa by consenting to take part in the survey. For more information contact DHSS at 633-1157 or DOH at 633-1602.

Surveyors will be revisiting villages throughout the island



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## Judge set to sentence Ohio man who plotted US attacks

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A federal judge on Friday is scheduled to sentence an Ohio man who plotted to kill military members in the U.S. following a delay in the case when a previous judge withdrew.

Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud, who was born in Somalia but came to the U.S. as a child, was arrested in 2015 and pleaded guilty to plotting those attacks after becoming radicalized in Syria. The attacks were never carried out.

The government said Mohamud became a citizen to obtain a U.S. passport. He bought a ticket to Greece with a stop in Turkey, where he disembarked before going to Syria, prosecutors said in court documents. They said he never intended to go to Greece.

Prosecutors, who are seeking a 23-year sentence, said Mohamud wanted to travel to Texas and capture three or four soldiers and execute them. They said Mohamud, now 26, was trained in Syria and tried to cover up dangerous terrorist activity.

Mohamud and his lawyer, in

asking for leniency, have said Mohamud had realized “the immoral and illegal nature of terrorist ideology” and abandoned any plans to engage in terrorism.

Mohamud’s attorney, Sam Shamansky, is asking Judge Michael Watson to consider the light sentence a federal judge in Minnesota handed down in 2016 to a Minnesota man.

In that case, Abdullahi Yusuf, just 20 at the time of sentencing, was convicted of conspiring to join the Islamic State in Syria. Yusuf, who cooperated with prosecutors and testified against others, was sentenced to time served in jail of 21 months, plus two decades of supervised release.

Mohamud was originally scheduled to be sentenced in August. Judge James Graham started that hearing, but in a surprise move, he announced he was delaying it to gather more information, including Mohamud’s current state of mind.

Graham also said he wanted information about possible treatment programs for Mohamud during and after prison.

### ► Motion...

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the defendant admitted to him that the stuff inside the box belonged to him.

Paselio testified that after the illegal substance was confiscated, it tested positive results for marijuana.

After all the government witnesses testified, the defense made a motion for an acquittal, arguing that the prosecution failed to present evidence to support their case beyond a reasonable doubt.

One of the elements, Uiagalelei argued, has to do with knowledge. He said the government failed to prove that his client had any knowledge that there were illegal substances inside the package he picked up.

Uiagalelei said that after his client received a yellow card inside his mail box on the mentioned date, he went straight to the back of the Post Office to see what the yellow card was for, and that was when his client was made aware of the items in the package.

Another element the defense attorney pointed to was the government’s failure to present the alleged illegal substance.

He said the prosecution failed to bring in an expert to testify on the chemical composition of the alleged marijuana, adding that the only witness the government called to testify was the lead investigator, who told jury members that the items in the box did “smell” like marijuana and “looked” like marijuana.

In her response, prosecutor Dunn said it was clear from the lead investigating officer’s

testimony, that the defendant admitted to the Customs agent that the stuff inside the package belonged to him, and it was clear from the defendant’s statement to the Customs agent that he already knew what was inside the package.

After hearing from both sides, Chief Justice Michael Kruse sided with the government and said the only thing the court is looking at, is sufficient evidence to take the case to the jury to decide.

After the motion for acquittal was denied, Uiagalelei proceeded to call two witnesses to the stand: his client and his sister.

According to the defendant’s sister, on the day in question, when her brother took a while to check the mail, she went inside the Post Office to see what the holdup was all about. She said her brother was picking up a box, which contained miscellaneous items and a workout supplement.

The witness told jurors she saw a female Customs agent open three small packages from the box, including a bottle.

The Customs agent informed her colleague about what was inside the bottle and afterwards, they asked her brother if he knew what was inside the bottle and her brother responded, “it looks like marijuana”.

During his testimony, Haleck told the jury he had no knowledge of what was inside the box that he went to pick up that day.

The trial continues today in the High Court.



# Pacific Island News in Brief

*Compiled by Samoa News staff*  
**NATIONAL PACIFIC INSURANCE APPOINTS NEW GM FOR NPI SAMOA**  
 (BASED ON A PRESS RELEASE) — January 18, 2018 — National Pacific Insurance (NPI) and Tower Insurance are pleased to announce the appointment of Joanne Rasmussen as General Manager National Pacific Insurance with oversight and responsibilities for the NPI Region across Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga, reporting to Chris Sutherland, the General Manager Pacific Region.

Sutherland said he is pleased to see a local Samoan being appointed to this senior Pacific leadership role within the NPI and Tower Group.

Rasmussen replaces Dennis Wellborn who has retired following a 7-year term with NPI, holding the post of Country Manager for American Samoa and later as the General Manager NPI Samoa.

“We are excited to have Joanne on board as she brings with her strong management and leadership experience and customer focus, having worked in a number of senior leadership roles in banking for the past 13 years.”

Rasmussen returned home to Samoa in November following a successful assignment as Country Manager for ANZ in American Samoa.

“NPI and Tower are focused on developing and promoting local Pacific talent and we now have a number of Pacific Nationals working in senior leadership roles across the Pacific, including Samoan National, Ms. Agnes Polu who heads the American Samoa business and recently appointed PNG National, Ms. Diana Tasion, as Country Manager Tonga”

Joanne is the daughter of Lealofi Leung Wai-Rasmussen and the late Max Rasmussen. She is married to Darren McNeely and they have three daughters; Luafalealii, Sinalei and Leehana.

She is from the villages of Sa’asa’ai, Gataivai Palauli, Malie and Faleata and completed all her primary and secondary education at St. Mary’s School Savalalo and Vaimoso. She went on to complete her undergrad and postgrad qualifications in New Zealand and Australia. (Source: Media

*Release NPI)*  
**WHAT FACEBOOK PAGE?**

There is no immediate intention by Samoa government to increase the pensions for senior citizens and retirees administered by the Senior Citizens Benefit Fund, (SCBF) under the umbrella of the Samoa National Provident Fund, (SNPF).

AND... Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lufesoliali Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi does NOT have a Facebook page.

What is the connection between the SNPF Pension Program and the Prime Minister’s alleged Facebook page?

Using the Prime Minister’s name — Tuilaepa Lufesoliali Sailele Malielegaoi — the Facebook page was sneakily created over the festive holidays without Tuilaepa’s knowledge or approval.

The page has since been removed but not without denting the Prime Minister’s image and his administration’s reputation.

The ghost creator cunningly used the bogus page to post reforms and developments designed by government to benefit the country.

One such posting includes a promise to increase the SNPF senior pension’s benefit to \$200 tala from \$135 a month.

But when asked to confirm if he has created a Facebook page and also the many reforms posted, the Prime Minister was in shock.

“No, I don’t have a Facebook page and I have no intention of creating one.

“I will not waste my time with such silly things,” continued the Prime Minister.

“It’s not the first time that people have asked me to join Facebook and I have always maintained my resolve to dedicate my time to more pressing issues that benefit the country.

“I was made aware of the page during the holidays and it has since been shut down while officials are tracing it origins to identify who is behind this deceiving hoax.”

**Pension Fund**

Regulated by a law, the first pensions of \$50 tala a month per pensioner was paid out in 1990 and has since increased slowly and surely to \$135 tala a month today.

That number has since soared to over 8,000 senior citizens receiving the cash payout which has also skyrocketed the total payout to over \$15 million

tala a year. Aside from the monthly cash payout, the Senior citizen benefit scheme also provides free health care in public hospitals and free inter-island travel on public seagoing vessels.

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## Car drives into crowd at Copacabana Beach in Rio; 15 hurt

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A motorist who says he lost control of his car drove into the crowded seaside boardwalk along Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday evening, injuring at least 15 people, authorities said.

Brazilian military police said in an e-mailed statement there was no indication that the incident was a terrorist attack. Several European and American cities have seen terrorist attacks in which drivers plowed into crowds.

Police have arrested the driver, who told them he had

not been drinking but had lost control of his car. He also said that he suffered from epilepsy, according to the police statement. The boardwalk along Copacabana beach was crowded with people on the hot summer night when the car jumped the curb. A witness reported seeing at least one child among the injured, many of whom were knocked down and were treated initially where they lay on the ground. The car stopped in the sand after it apparently crossed the wide sidewalk that runs between the beach and a busy road.

## Ohio man convicted in fire that killed 9 wants case tossed

CLEVELAND (AP) — An Ohio man convicted of setting a house fire that killed a woman and eight children at a birthday sleepover has asked a judge to throw out his conviction.

Juries have twice convicted Antun Lewis on charges he set the 2005 fire in Cleveland.

Lewis has contended repeatedly that he didn't set the fire and expressed condolences to the families. The 34-year-

old Lewis is serving a 35-year prison sentence.

Lewis asked U.S. District Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. last week to throw out his conviction because of poor legal assistance, including his attorney's failure to ask for a new location for the second trial.

Oliver gave government prosecutors until the middle of next month to respond to Lewis' request.

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# “E suamalie a niu a’ati” a na saunoaga tu’usa’o! - Faife’au Toeaina: Siaosi Mageo



O nisi o tama e matua vavalalata le mafutaga ma Rev. Elder Siaosi Mageo a’o soifua, e le o galo ia i la’ua ona o’o atu i ona toe sauniga, Le afioga le Matua Togiola Tulafono ma le afioga le Aloali’i Afoe Moega Lutu. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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O le mua’i sauniga o le tu’ua o le Malo e le Auauna Toeaina a le Atua, Siaosi Mageo sa iloga ona molimauina ai lona soifua galue, o ana saunoaga tu’usa’o e suamalie pu’upu’u ae o’ona ma a’ati i le fa’alogo, na toe fa’amanatu uma e le vasega o Failauga sa pa’au mai, aua o le a misia i le fa’alogo lana taulogologo ma le tima’i malosi, ia faia le mea sa’o ma le amiotonu.

O lea sauniga na ta’ita’ia e le Ta’ita’i Matagaluega AOG i Amerika Samoa Rev. Aifa Tanuvasa, ma sa mua’i tutula’i lava ma fa’afeiloa’ia le mamalu ua sasao i le malu, ina ua mae’a ona molimoli mai le Sa o le Faife’au Toeaina Siaosi Mageo i le Hall Tele i Ottoville Bible College.

O le na ta’ita’ia maia le solo e fa’ao’o mai ai lona Sa o Rev. Suli Failagi, o se tasi o Faife’au AOG i Amerika Samoa, ae o fa’afeagaiga uma fo’i o le Matagaluega sa latou fa’aitualalua ae momoli mai o ia mo lona sauniga amata.

“O ou pa’ia Samoa e afua mai Malaetele le malae na tauilo ai malo se’ia o’o i Analega o le a taoto, aua o lea ua tau’oo’o le tai, ua tatau fo’i ona to’a i le Atua lo tatou aso, o lona vi’iga e le fa’aititia, aua na tatou o mai e vi’ia le Atua, ona o ana meaalofa ma ana fa’amanuiaga ua tele mo i tatou. Lea ua tatou fa’atasi, ua to’ai taunu’u mai

uma ta’ita’i ma Fa’afeagaiga mai tatou malo tuaoi ma nu’u e mamao, fa’afetai i lona a’ao tausi ma lona a’ao ta’ita’i, ua tatou aofaga nei i le futiafu lava e tasi.”

O lana fa’afeiloa’iga sa ia mua’i fa’afeiloa’ia sui mamalu o Faife’au mai Ausetalia, Niu Sila, Samoa ma le tatou lotofale i sui mamalu o le Malo, le Tina o le Atunu’u Cynthia Malala Moliga, le afioga le Failautusi o le Samoa Affairs Mauga Tasiaeafe Asuega, nisi o sui Faipule sa auai atu ma le tofa le Matua Togiola ma le Faletua Maryann, ae maise le to’atele o pa’aga fa’apisinisi sa auai, o nisi o auunaga sa taua ia Rev. Siaosi Mageo, ona fa’aaogaina e ave ai le fe’au a le Atua i tagata lautele.

O se tautalaga amata lea, Rev Aifa Tanuvasa, na amata ai loa le sauniga i le vi’iga o le Atua “How Great Thou Art” na usuina e le Lulu Sisters, o se tasi o ulua’i aiga na maua i tala’iga amata a Rev. Siaosi Mageo i Amerika Samoa nei.

O le molimau a le atali’i, Poe Mageo, sa ia fa’ailoa ai, “E leai se molimau, aua o se tama e manatu ina ia faia ni molimau i maliu, aua o i tatou uma lava o Tusi Faitau a Keriso! O lau tautala, o au mea uma lava e fai, o lau molimau lena i aso ta’itasi.”

“Peita’i o lo’u tama i lana tusi e matua matamata (Faauau itulau 14)



O i latou na matua o’o lava i luga e va’ai Poe ona o se uo mamae ia i latou e fia tausoa fo’i i latou ma ia i lenei vaitau o le amia ai o si ona tama.. Ua pepese ma fa’afetai fa’atasi i latou uma! [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O le taimi na fa’i’ui’u ai le molimau matagofie a Poe Mageo i lona tama, ae tutula’i atu le fanau latou te lagia le pese e fiafia i ai le toeaina e fa’amae’a ai lana folasaga. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]





O le tama o McFall ma si ana fanau ua fa'anoanoa fa'atasi i le tu'ua o le Malo e le susuga le Tama a'o le fa'afeagaiga Toeaina AOG a Lepuapua Calvary mo le 53 tausaga.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O le toe fa'alogi i siufoga matagofie o le Laulu Sisters, o i latou na muai tala'i i ai Rev Siaosi Mageo ma na amata ai lava ma le latou aufaipese lea a alo tama'ita'i o lea aiga Sa Laulu.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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tetele mata'itusi o lana tusi. E pu'upu'u ana tautalaga, e tu'usa'o ma e ma'ama'ai fo'i. E te le iloa pe ete fiafia i ai, pe ete ita ai fo'i, aua o nisi mea, ua e ata ai, a'o nisi tala ua tiga ai le to'atele, ma ua foliga mai e leai ma sona taumafai e teuteu ni fa'aupuga, aua o lana tala, lauga sa'o mai le upu a le Atua aua e te fa'afiafia i tagata."

"O ia o se tusi faitau matala pea, e le tapunia sona laupepa e tasi, ma afai ou te saili i ai, ou te taumafai e fa'amalosi mai ia te a'u i se mea faigata e o'o mai, ma e ave o se puna'oa i lou ola taumafai ai e auauna i le Atua, ma ou malamalama a'ia'i ai i ona ala."

E tolu tama'ita'i i lona soifuaga, Malaea le tina sa la mafuta ma maua ai lana fanau, o le tina sa fesoasoani i lana a'oga o se Faife'au ma fefa'asoai i le Upu a le Atua i lo la'ua tofi o le Auauna a le Atua ma le faltetua. Lona lua o Tama'ita'i o le tama'ita'i o lo'o i le ata tifaga o le "I love Lucy" o Hollywood. E fiafia tele o ia i lea ata tifaga e matua mautu lava lana ata lea e matamata ai i le tele o taimi. E o'o lava fo'i i lona toe aso, sa maimoaina lava lana ata lea, a'o le malaga i le falema'i.

Lona tolu o tama'ita'i o le tama'ita'i o "Lady Esther" o lona va'a fagota." A tu'u i nei tama'ita'i uma, e sili ona tele tupe e fa'aalu ia Lady Esther, e fa'ataele ma fufulu ia mama, ae fa'alua lava ona fagota lea tama'ita'i i le sami, na'o Oke-topa ma Novema o tausaga ta'itasi e saili mai se Palolo. A le maua se palolo i na malaga e lua, e matua le mailoa le gagana e tautala ai Siaosi Mageo, e na'o figota ma i'a o le sami latou te malamalama ai."

O Lady Esther, o le lona lua lea o ona va'a. Peita'i o le va'a muamua, fautuaina e Malaea Mageo le Faife'au, "Ia filifili nei oe, po'o le Atua i lou tofi, po'o le alu e fagota i lou va'a lena, ua tele taimi e fa'aalu e te fagota ai i lou va'a, ae tu'u le laugaina o le upu a le Atua. Na filifili ai lea e fa'atau ese atu le va'a muamua, peita'i, o Lady Esther fou lea, ua na'o le ta'ele ma teuteu, ae tele taimi ua fa'agauloto i le matou tama ona faiva. E leai ni i'a se tele e maua ai!"

"E leai ni molimau e faia i sauniga mo e pele ua maliu, e le talitonu o ia i molimau ola, se'i vagana ua muamua soli oe i se ta'avale ae ua e le oti ai, ona e ola mai lea e faia se molimau. Tau ina mautinoa sa vi'ia le Atua i mea sa faia e le sui ua maliu. E sili ai le taimi ua maliu ai nai lo le taimi na ola ai."

"E le talitonuina e ia sisiva ma pepese i sauniga. Afai e te fia pese, ia saunia lelei ma a'o lelei, ae le mafai ona e fa'a'ulu maia sau pese i le taimi o sauniga. E le mogeoso le upu a le Atua, e tamau i lou loto ma e ola ai."

Na tula'i fo'i le uso Fa'afeagaiga Rev Fa'atui Laolagi, mo sana molimau ona sa vavalalata fo'i latou augatupulaga ae maise o Auauna a le Atua uma e ui ina eseese tapua'iga. E tele mea e aga

tutusa ai i la'ua i o latou vaitau, o lea fo'i ua maliu o ia ma o le a falelauasi sa'o lava lona uso Auauna i le aso e fa'amanatu ai lona 87 tausaga.

"O Siaosi Mageo o le Toa Manumanu o le Galuega a le Atua! O lana folafola fo'i e pu'upu'u, e suamalie ae a'ati. O lana auupega o le Pelu a le Atua e taufai ma'ai ona itu, e ma'ai le mata o lana pelu i taimi uma. O lena e lavea ai le to'atele aua e fa'aiila ma fa'ama'ai i taimi uma i le Tatalo ma le anapogi. E le solomuli pe fefe i le taimi o le tau! E le tulali le mata o lana pelu ae ma'ai, E le elea pe tulali fo'i le lau o lana pelu, ae i'ila ma e le elea lava! E tau mai luma ae le tau mai tua aua e le iloa solomuli, e le fefe fo'i! O le tau lena a le Toa Manumanu."

I le vasega o Fa'afeagaiga o lana Ekalesia sa amata atu iinei o latou olaga taumafai i le galuega, e leai se tasi e ese sana molimau,"E ote tele lenei tama! O lana ote lea e fa'asa'o ai fa'aiuga fai, ia le fa'afiafia i tagata, ae lauga sa'o le Upu a le Atua. Aua le fefe, aua le pala'ai, ae toa le loto, e lauga sao i tagata. Pe le fiafia mai ai ia te oe tagata, ae o lo'o fiafia le Atua o lo'o e faia le mea sa'o!"

I le Ekalesia ua fautuaina e ia nisi o ana faife'au talavou ua tula'i mai, "Fa'afoi le lotu i le lotu a le Atua! Ua ese mea ua i ai nei le aluga, ae tu'u le ala tonu e ave ai le upu a le Atua i le ekalesia. E le fiafia o ia e faia le fa'asamoa e avatu Ietoga ma taofiofi ae aumai tupe, ona le iloa lea po'o le a se aoga o le toga i le aiga, ae sili lava le meaalofa tupe, e aoga mo le tausiga o aiga, e iloga ai fo'i o e fia fesoasoani i le aiga pagatia."

O lona taofi, ua i ai le aganu'u ua taofiofia ai le soifua atina'e o tagata o le atunu'u. Ae sili pe a fa'a'itiitia le fa'amamua i na ie toga, ae fa'amamua mai le alofa ma le foa'i atu o le mea sili ua maua e feoasoani i nai aiga pagatia.

O mea e manatua ai lenei tama, e ote ma lauga tu'usa'o i tagata, ina ia faia le Upu a le Atua, ae le o loto o tagata ae silisili ona alofa i Ekalesia. "E leai lava se malumalu o lenei Ekalesia e fa'atu, e le o'o atu i ai sana foa'i."

"O lea se mau e matua fa'a'ilo ai, le agaga moni o le tama i le galuega. Ua tatou molimauina fa'atasi, e moni ai le upu o le Tusi Pa'ia, "E fiafia le Atua i le oti o ona tagata amio Atua. I taimi o Iesu sa ia fagagaina le anoanoa'i o motu o tagata, sa ia fa'amaloloina fo'i gasegase tuga mai nisi, ae na'o le to'atolu lava tagata sa ia toe fa'atutuina mai le Oti!"

"I le taimi nei, e leai se avanoa e toe fia fo'i mai ai ia i tatou Siaosi, aua o ai e toe fia fo'i mai i le tiga ma le tele o nei ma'i? Ua fiafia nei o ia aua ua toe mafuta atu ia Malaea ma le to'atele o tatou tagata o pelega na muamua atu ia te ia."

"Ua leva ona sauni o ia mo lana malaga, ua leva fo'i ona faitau i tatou uma i lana tusi, sa ia faia lava le galuega a le

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# Fesiligia Senatoa mafua'aga ona tuai ona tali atu malae va'alele ise fa'alavelave

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O le fa'alavelave lea na tula'i mai i le malae va'alele fa'avaomalo i Tafuna i le vaiaso na te'a nei, ina ua fa'aletonu le va'alele a le Talofa Airways i le taimi na taunu'u mai ai mai lana malaga i Fagali'i, na mafua ai ona valaau e le Komiti o Fela'uiga a le Senate se iloilogia ma le Fa'atonusili o le Pulega o Uafu ma Malaeva'alele, mo le fa'amanoina o le mafua'aga na tula'i mai ai lea fa'alavelave, ae aisea fo'i na tuai ai ona tali atu le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele i le fa'alavelave.

O le afioga a Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele ma ni isi o Ta'ita'i o Vaega eseese o lana matagaluega i le malae va'alele sa auai i le iloilogia.

O le fesili sa naunau i ai afioga i Senatoa e fia malamalama i ai, o fea sa i ai le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele i le taimi na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave, ae aisea fo'i na tuai ai se fesoasoani i le taimi na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave.

I lana folasaga i luma o le Komiti, na fa'a'ailoa ai e Taimalelagi le ripoti sa tusia e le ali'i Pailate sa fa'afaeina le va'alele i le taimi o le fa'alavelave, lea o lo o taua ai e le pailate, na te lei fa'afesootaiina le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele i le taimi na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave.

O le fa'alavelave na tula'i mai ina ua tulauleele le va'alele a le Talofa Airways i le malae va'alele Faavaomalo i Tafuna, ma tula'i mai ai se fa'aletonu i se tasi o kia ao aga'i lemu mai le va'alele i le vaega e tu ai.

Saunoa Taimalelagi e fa'apea, e ui o lo o taua i le ripoti a le au fa'asalalau se fa'amatalaga mai le Ofisa e Pulea Malaeva'alele a le malo tele (FAA), e le o se fa'alavelave matuia na tula'i mai, ae i lona talitonuga, e matua matuia lava le fa'alavelave sa tula'i mai, aemaise o lea sa i ai le pasese i totonu i le taimi na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave.

O aoaoga e pei ona fa'atinoina e le FAA ma le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele i soo se taimi e faia ai a latou fa'ata'ita'iga, e 3 minute e tatau ona tali atu ai le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele, talu mai le taimi e logoina ai e le pailate le aufaigaluega mo le fa'alavelave.

Saunoa Taimalelagi e fa'apea, e tusa ai ma le

ripoti a le pailate ua ia taulimaina e tusa ai o le fa'alavelave sa tula'i mai, e 10 minute talu ona tuana'i le fa'alavelave ae fa'atoa taunu'u atu le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele mo se fesoasoani. Ae tusa ai o le molimau a le afioga i le ali'i Senatoa ia Magalei Logovi'i, o se tasi lea sa i ai i totonu o le va'alele ma lona aiga i le taimi o le fa'alavelave, e tusa ma le 20 minute le umi na mae'a ai le fa'alavelave ma le taimi na taunu'u ai le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele mo le ofoina atu o se fesoasoani.

Na faamaonia i ripoti, e leai se tasi o le pasese poo le pailate fo'i na a'afia pe na manu'a i lenei fa'alavelave.

A o taumafai Taimalelagi e fa'amanino le mafua'aga autu o le fa'alavelave, na fa'aulavea le afioga i le sui peresetene o le senate, le afioga i le ali'i Senatoa ia Nuanuolefeagaiga S. Nua ma ia saunoa e fa'apea, e tasi lava le manatu autu o lo o fia malamalama i ai afioga i Senatoa, poo fea sa i ai le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele i le taimi na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave.

"O fea sa i ai le aufaigaluega i le taimi na tupu ai le fa'alavelave. Aisea na le fa'atinoina ai galuega a le aufaigaluega i le aso lea", o le saunoaga lea a Nua. Saunoa Taimalelagi e fa'apea, e tupu le fa'alavelave o lo o galulue le aufaigaluega e fa'atino a latou galuega i nofoaga eseese e galulue ai i latou. E le o se tiute a le aufaigaluega le o e tutu i le vaega e sese'e mai ai le va'alele ma tau vaavaai pe i ai se faalavelave e tula'i mai.

Sa ia taua atili fo'i e fa'apea, faatoa tali atu le aufaigaluega pe afai e valaau mai le pailate ua mana'omia se fesoasoani, pe faapea mai fo'i ua i ai le fa'alavelave ua tupu.

Na lagolagoina e le afioga i le ali'i Senatoa ia Tualo M. Fruean le saunoaga a Nua, ma ia taua ai le taua tele o le mataupu ua talanoaina, ina ia malamalama ai le atunuu poo fea tonu e sulu i ai i le taimi e tutupu mai ai fa'alavelave faapenei.

Saunoa le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Fa'amausili Mau Jr e fa'apea, e le aoga le tele o aoaoga e fa'atino i le tele o taimi, ae a tutupu faalavelave ona leai lea o se gaoiga a le aufaigaluega a le malae va'alele e fa'atinoina mo le atunu'u, aemaise lava i le pasese ma le au va'a.



# Amata announces Wounded Warrior Fellowship opportunity for qualified veteran

Washington, D.C. — Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 — Congresswoman Aumua Amata announced the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program will be considering applications from a wounded warrior or medically retired veteran for a position at her American Samoa office in Pago Pago. To be considered, all applications must be directed to the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program via the USA-jobs.gov website.

The Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program was specifically established by the House of Representatives to provide employment opportunities like this one for wounded or disabled veterans within Member offices. The Wounded Warrior Fellowship is a paid two-year position within the Congresswoman's office paid for by the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program.

The qualified veteran hired for the special fellowship will often work with the Congresswoman's military and veteran constituents to handle veteran-related casework and help act as a facilitator between constituents and various government agencies.

"I'm very pleased our office has this opportunity to participate in the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program," said Aumua Amata. "The Fellowship enables a veteran to work on the many veterans' needs and services that come up throughout the year, and our veterans will know the person they're speaking to has been there and understands."

The program is limited to veterans who meet all of the following requirements: Honorably discharged, released from active duty within the last five years, terminal pay grades at or below E-5 or O-3, 20% or greater service connected disabilities — although this last requirement is waived if you have a Purple Heart. (However, veterans who are in receipt of a 20-year or Temporary Early Retirement Authorization — TERA — retirement are not eligible for the program.)

Applications cannot be accepted by the Congresswoman's office.

Interested veterans must go to <https://www.usajobs.gov/> and search "Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program" for more information and how to apply.



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## FELISE MAPUSAGA

O le vaiaso fou lea ua fa'amoemoe le malo e tatau ona oo atu i ai ua mae'a a latou suesuega o lo o fa'agasolo i le mataupu a Felise Mapusaga, ma iloa ai loa pe i ai ni moliaga faaopoopo e ono faila faasaga ia te ia.

O le taeao ananafi na tula'i ai Mapusaga i luma o le fa'amasinoga faaitumalo, ma ia teena ai le moliaga mama o le faatupu vevesi i nofoaga faitele faasaga ia te ia.

O Mapusaga na taofia mai e Leoleo i Mapusaga Fou i le vaiaso nei, ona o tu'uiga i lona taumafai lea e faia ni uiga mataga i se tama'ita'i e talavou i lalo o le tulafono. O lo o teena malosi e Mapusaga tu'uiga fa'asaga ia te ia.

O se tauga upu na tula'i mai i le va o Mapusaga ma le uncle o le tama'ita'i o lo o tu'uiga na a'afia i lena mataupu, na mafua ai loa ona vili e aiga tuaoi Leoleo mo se fesoasoani, ma taofia faapagota ai loa le ua molia, i le mae'a ai loa ona ia lafo o ni upu tau fa'amata'u i le uncle o le tama'ita'i o lo o tu'uiga na a'afia.

Na taua e se molimau i Leoleo e fa'apea, o lo o masalomia e lo latou aiga le ulufale faamalosi atu o Mapusaga i totonu o le latou fale i le po o le aso Gafua na te'a nei, ma ia tagofia itutinosa o le tama'ita'i na a'afia, ao moe o ia i totonu o le potu.

Na faailoa e le tama'ita'i na a'afia i Leoleo e fa'apea, na te le iloina foliga o le tagata na tago atu ia te ia, pau le tulaga o loo ia manatua, o le tagata e uumi lona lauulu toe lapo'a. O le ali'i o Mapusaga e tino laititi toe pupu'u lona ulu.

O lo o tumau pea tuutuuga o loo tatala ai

Mapusaga i tua mai le toese i Tafuna e fa'atali ai suesuega a le malo o loo fa'agasolo fa'asaga i lena mataupu.

## NATHAN TUPUTALA

E 12 masina lea ua nofoavaaia ai se ali'i e 26 tausaga le matua, ina ua faamaonia e le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo le moliaga o le gaosi sa tu'uiga ai o ia e le malo. Na ulua'i tu'uiga e le malo ia Nathan Tuputala i moliaga mama e 3, e aofia ai le faatupu vevesi i nofoaga faitele, faaleaga meatotino atoa ai ma le gaosi.

I lalo o se maliliega na sainia e le ua molia ma le malo, na ia malie ai e tali ioe i le moliaga mama o le gaosi, ae solofua e le Fa'amasinoga isi moliaga mama e 2 o lo o totoe ai i le pepa o le tagi sa faila e le malo fa'asaga ia te ia.

I le tali ioe ai o Tuputala i le moliaga e pei ona ta'usala ai o ia e le Fa'amasinoga, sa ia ta'utino ai e fa'apea, i se taimi o le aso 02 Tesema o le tausaga na tea nei, na ia ave faagaosi ai ni meatotino mai se faleoloa i Tafuna, i le mae'a ai loa ona ia faaleagaina le faitoto'a o le faleoloa, atoa ai ma lona fa'atupu o se vevesi ina ua musu le fa'atauola e fa'ataga le fa'atauina o ana fagupia ina ua maitauina le ova o lona 'ona i le taimi na ia ulufale atu ai i totonu o le faleoloa.

O oloa na ave faagaosi e le ua molia e aofia ai apa meaa, pepa sikaleti ma se fagupia se tasi.

O ni isi o tuutuuga o le nofoavaaia e 12 masina a Tuputala, e aofia ai le faasa lea ona ia toe alu i le faleoloa na tula'i mai ai le fa'alavelave. Ua poloaia fo'i o ia e totogi le salatupe e \$125, ma toe totogi le tupe e \$53 mo le tau o oloa sa ia ave faagaosi.

# Officials piece together chaotic events after officer killed

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HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Investigators are working to piece together the chaotic sequence of events that led to a deputy U.S. marshal being shot to death while serving an arrest warrant in Pennsylvania's capital city, while colleagues are remembering him as the "cream of the crop."

Christopher David Hill, 45, was killed early Thursday when a gunman opened fire on law enforcement officers serving an arrest warrant inside a Harrisburg home.

Police were on the first floor handcuffing the woman they were seeking to arrest when 31-year-old Kevin Sturgis, of Philadelphia, began firing from the second floor, said U.S. Attorney Dave Freed. Sturgis was fatally shot as he later ran out the front door, again firing at police, Freed said.

Hill died of a gunshot wound to the chest, according to the county coroner. Another member of the fugitive task force, York City Police Officer Kyle Pitts, also was hit by gunfire, but his injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

Freed said there were indications that a third officer may have been struck in his body armor, but was not wounded.

"None of us has sufficient words to express our grief and sorrow," Freed said.

Officials said a team of about seven showed up at the home of Shayla Lynette Towles Pierce, 30, around 6 a.m. to arrest her on a charge of making a terrorist threat with a weapon. They did not say what the relationship was between her and Sturgis.

Children also were at home at the time, Freed said. Pierce was jailed on \$200,000 bail, and a public defender who had recently represented her in a separate case declined to comment. She did not appear to have a home phone listing.

Sturgis had active warrants in Philadelphia for not showing up to be sentenced on a gun charge and failing to appear at a probation violation hearing.

Hill and Pitts were removed from the back of the house during the confrontation after being shot.

Hill died at a hospital. Authorities said Pitts, a 10-year police veteran, required surgery but they did not further describe his injuries.

Hill, who is survived by a wife and two children, served with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan before being hired by the marshal service in 2006.

Atua ma le fiafia, e le fefe pe fa'atuai, ae toa le loto e fa'atino ona tiute, e o'o lava i le fautuaina ma le malosi o Failauga o le Upu a le Atua i le tatou atunu'u atoa e ala i lana polokalama fa'asalalau i luga o alaleo o Leitio ma alaata o le Televisi

i Amerika Samoa." O toe upu ia a le ta'ita'i o le sauniga Re. Aifa Tanuvasa, ona fa'ai'u ai lea i le tatalo ma mae'a ai le sauniga mamalu.

E lua isi sauniga e mulimuli mai, o le faigaleo i le po atoa e afua i le afiafi o le aso Tofi,

Ianuari 18, 2018, ona fa'ato'a faia lea o lona sauniga mulimuli ma lagomau ai i lona Oliolisaga tumau i lona aiga i Petesa Uta, Amerika Samoa, i le aoauli Ianuari 19, 2018.



Police vehicles block the road near the scene where Deputy U.S. Marshal Christopher David Hill was killed earlier when a gunman opened fire on law enforcement officers serving an arrest warrant inside a home, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, in Harrisburg, Pa. (Dan Gleiter/PennLive.com via AP)



Pictured here is the west-facing façade of the new ASCC Multipurpose Center (MPC), which officially opened last week in time for the beginning of the spring 2018 semester. Governor Lolo M. Moliga, the Board of Higher Education and numerous local dignitaries joined the administration, faculty, staff and students of the College to celebrate the opening of the MPC on Tuesday, January 9.

[photo: J. Kneubuhl]

# ASCC officially opens new Multipurpose Center

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) reached a milestone in its history last week with the official opening of its new Multipurpose Center (MPC). The new multi-story building will serve as the center for the system of support provided to ASCC students by the College's Division of Student Services.

Governor Lolo M. Moliga, the Board of Higher Education, and numerous local dignitaries joined the administration, faculty, staff and students of ASCC for the official dedication of the MPC, which took place on Tuesday, January 9.

In addition to Governor Lolo, guests included former governor Togiola Tulafono, President of the Senate Palaie Gaoteote, Vice-Speaker of the House Tumolimoli Moliga on behalf of Speaker Savali Talavou Ale, Cabinet members, ASG Directors, CEOs, Presidents of other local institutions, Senators and Representatives of the Fono, Board of Higher Edu-

cation Trustees, Department of the Interior representatives, and former members of the ASCC staff.

During her commemorative address, ASCC President Dr. Rosevonne Makaiwi Pato traced the College's vision of building the MPC back to 2004, during the tenure of former President the late Adele Satele Moali'itele Galea'i. The project became concretized with the groundbreaking in 2013.

While ASCC has struggled with funding challenges, Dr. Pato explained, thanks to partnerships with the government and community, and internal commitment, the MPC has finally opened its doors.

As the initial 2004 concept gained momentum, plans were made to finance the construction of the MPC through Capital Improvement (CIP) funds.

Both President Adele and her successor Dr. Seth Galea'i worked diligently to secure the funds to make the MPC a reality. Former Governor Togiola supported ASCC's vision with the first round of CIP funding in

2008. Subsequent CIP awards followed in 2010 and 2012 totaling \$3.4 million. The current administration under the leadership of Governor Lolo awarded CIP funds for 2013 and 2014 totaling \$3.1 million. Dr. Pato also commended the current Board of Higher Education as well as the boards from 2004 to 2012 for their approval of the many phases of the project.

Dr. Pato gave honorable mention to a number of former ASCC employees who played key roles in the long process leading to the completion of the project. She thanked Bill Emmsley, Mikaele Etuale, John Ah Sue, Grace Tulafono, Dan Aga, Marie Alailima, and Irene Helsham for setting the groundwork for the MPC.

She also recognized partner government agencies who provided essential support, recognizing ASG Directors Keniseli Lafaele, Ameko Pato, Ali'itama Sotoa, Motusa Nua, Samana Ve'ave'a, Talauega Ale, Utu Abe Malai, Puleleite Tufele, and Faleosina Voight.

For their partnership and

teamwork, Dr. Pato thanked the CIP team of Lieutenant Governor Lemanu Mauga, Tauapa'i Laupola, Jerome Ielome, and Sandi Tonumaie'a, as well as the DOI team of Mark Brown, Lydia Nomura and their staff.

The ASCC president also thanked Ben Lee and Janine Clifford of Clifford Planning and Architecture for their design of the MPC and guidance through the construction process, as well as local contractor Papali'I Laulii Alofa of Paramount Builders.

For the food, gifts and entertainment at the ceremony itself, Dr. Pato expressed her appreciation to Land Grant Director Aufa'i Apulu Ropeti Areta, Alofia Afalava of the ASCC Foundation, Tafa Tupuola of the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and Samoan Studies Institute Director Okenaisa Fauolo-Manila.

Governor Lolo cut the ceremonial ribbon, which signaled the beginning of the tour of the new building by all in attendance.

The first floor of the building consists of a generously-sized auditorium on the "street" side, which features both ground-level and balcony seating. On the "mountain" side of the first floor is a lounge area intended for students, a tutorial center, and offices for the Veterans Affairs counselor, and the Student Government Association and their coordinator. The second floor features a number of conference rooms and seven offices that will be occupied by the Dean of Student Services Dr. Emilia Le'i, counselors and tutors.

On the day after the opening, the MPC was already in use to serve students registering for the spring 2018 semester. Students remarked on the how the new building offered more space and a more relaxed atmosphere compared to the previous registration sites.

"The new registration environment is much more pleasant," said student Isu Pouesi, "and the new building seems like a place where you'd enjoy spending time."

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# Blood test to detect 8 cancers early gives promising results

Scientists are reporting progress on a blood test to detect many types of cancer at an early stage, including some of the most deadly ones that lack screening tools now.

Many groups are working on liquid biopsy tests, which look for DNA and other things that tumors shed into blood, to try to find cancer before it spreads, when chances of cure are best.

In a study Thursday in the journal *Science*, Johns Hopkins University scientists looked to see how well their experimental test detected cancer in people already known to have the disease. The blood tests found about 70 percent of eight common types of cancer in the 1,005 patients. The rates varied depending on the type — lower for breast tumors but high for ovarian, liver and pancreatic ones. In many cases, the test narrowed the possible origin of the cancer to one or two places, such as colon or lung, important for limiting how much follow-up testing a patient might need. It gave only seven false alarms when tried on 812 others without cancer.

The test is nowhere near ready for use yet; it needs to be validated in a larger study already underway in a general population, rather than cancer patients, to see if it truly works and helps save lives — the best measure of a screening test's value.

"We're very, very excited and see this as a first step," said Nickolas Papadopoulos, one of the Hopkins study leaders. "But we don't want people calling up" and asking for the test now, because it's not available, he said. Some independent experts saw great promise.

"It's such a good first set of results" that it gives hope this approach will pan out, said Dr. Peter Bach, a health policy expert at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center who consults for a gene testing company. "Anything close to 50 percent or 40 percent detection is pretty exciting stuff," and this one did better than that, he said.

Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, was encouraged that the test did well on cancers that lack screening tests now. If a blood test could find 98 percent of ovarian cancers at an early stage, as these early results suggest, "that would be a significant advance," he said. But he cautioned: "We have a long way to go to demonstrate its effectiveness as a screening test."

## TESTING THE TEST

The test detects mutations in 16 genes tied to cancer and measures eight proteins that often are elevated when cancer is present.

It covers breast, colon and lung and five kinds that don't

have screening tests for people at average risk: ovarian, liver, stomach, pancreatic and esophageal. Prostate cancer is not included. A blood test already is widely used — the PSA test — but its value for screening is controversial.

Researchers tried the new test on people whose cancers were still confined to where it started or had spread a little but not widely throughout the body. It detected 33 percent of breast cancers, about 60 percent of colon or lung cancers and nearly all of the ovarian and liver ones. It did better when tumors were larger or had spread. It did less well at the very earliest stage.

## CAVEATS AND NEXT STEPS

The test probably will not work as well when tested in a general population rather than those already known to have cancer, researchers say. Hopkins and Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania have started a study of it in 10,000 Geisinger patients who will be tracked for at least five years.

The work was financed by many foundations, the Mayo Clinic, the National Institutes of Health and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which provides The Associated Press with funding for health and science coverage. Many study leaders have financial ties to gene testing companies, and some get royalties for patents on cancer detection methods.

Researchers say the test could cost around \$500 based on current materials and methods, but the ultimate goal is to commercialize it, so what a company would charge is unknown.

## OTHER LIQUID BIOPSY NEWS

Also this week, Taiwan-based CellMax Life gave results on its liquid biopsy test, which looks for whole tumor cells shed into blood, at an American Society of Clinical Oncology conference.

Researchers tested 620 people getting colonoscopies or with confirmed colon cancer at a hospital in Taiwan. The company said its test had an overall accuracy of 84 to 88 percent for detecting cancer or precancerous growths and a false alarm rate around 3 percent.

The company's chief executive, Atul Sharan, said U.S. studies should start this year. The test is sold now in Taiwan for \$500, but should cost around \$150 in the U.S., he said.

Dr. Richard Schilsky, chief medical officer of the oncology society, said results are encouraging, but the test needs more study, especially to see if it gives too many false alarms.

"The last thing you'd want is a test that tells you you might have cancer if you don't," he said.



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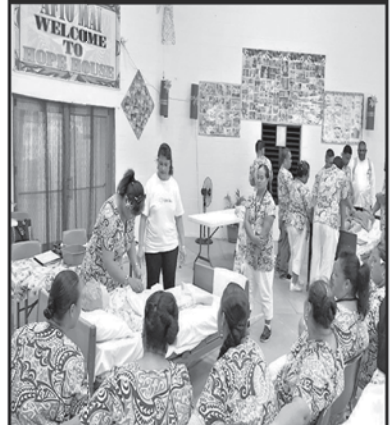
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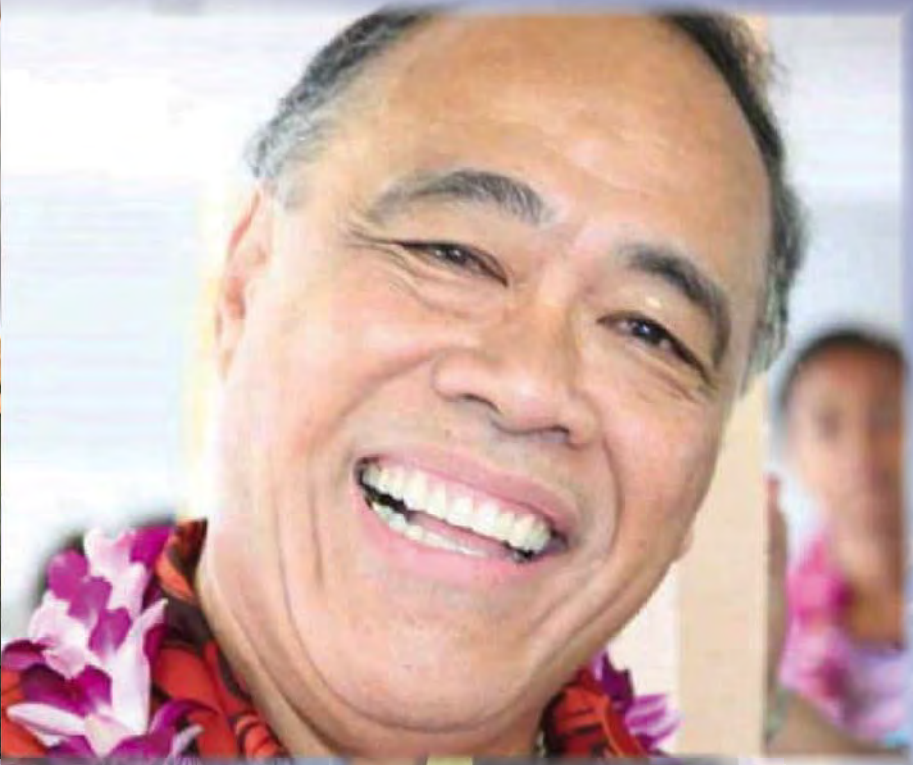
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# FA'AFETAI TELE

## Ia fa'amanuia le Atua i lou tou Agalelei & le Alolofa ia

### TAEAOAFUA FOFOGAOAIGA DR. MEKI TAVITA SOLOMONA

E le tau mate sa tu i Fagalilo le tap'au o le Alataua pe tua ma ni a le asō, aō toe sa'afi'afiga o le soifua ma le tautua tuāvae a le Afioga i le Faatonu, le fetalaiga iā Taeaoafua Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona, aō le Aao Tūsitusi le Afioga ile Tiakono o lana Ekalesia pele i "Siona le Mauga Paia," EFKAS Leone. Se ua segia le maui ma tau tuu fesili pe aisea na tutulu ai le lagi mauga, fai mai na faasifo i le vao ma a'e i le tai le agaga o le faatolotologātama. Auā o lea sa lupe le lafoga a Lualemaga ma sema se vaiiliu o lenei aiga e talafeagai ai so matou laolao e faailo ai le lupe o le fogātia e ala i le agaga faafetai ma le faagaetia ina ua tāoto i lagotonu e pei o le 'upu i le aiga Sa-levaiolo ma ea i ulutau le tiuga nai le faletuamasaga auā le faamoemoe sa lavasi mo le toe aso o le Tamā Peleina.

E le tau tapu'eina la'au ola o le tuāvao poo fea e tua iai aiga i taimi faigata ma pagātia o le olaga. Fai mai e sulufa'i i le fale o le galuega, ae auga i le maota o lona Matai e Faavavau. Ua mafanafana aiga ona o le alofa mama o Keriso sa lalafa iai lau Susuga i le Feagaiga Taulagi Toma Eteuati ma le Aiga o Siona le Mauga Paia EFKAS i Leone fa'apea le Susuga ile Fesoasoani Tomasi ole Koluse Paia. Le Susuga ile Toeaina Saifoloi aō le Sui-Ta'ita'ifono ole EFKAS aoao, le Pulega a Fofu ma Alataua, e lagona lo matou lotomaulalo i lou tou afiio mai. Le Ta'ita'ifono ole EFKAS Mamoe Eveni ma le 'aufaigaluega paia a le Atua mai fata faitaulaga e fia, malo fai tatalo, faafetai punoua'i ina ia tafiese le ao pogisa sa faamalumalu e pei o le taufaanuu, ina ua motusia mafutaga o aiga ona o le sauā o le oti.

A lea ua matamata ninii ai le aupeau auā le alofa lē fa'atuāoia o aiga. Ua to i lologamata fo'i peau valevale ma mateia i falega le tupua sa taumate ia outou faaaloaloga. Se! ua moni ai le tagi tu'i a le fafine Salafai, "Ta fia manava e o Maile'iā, ina ia fuli le mauga ma sua le lau'ele'ele". E le tauilo vai folau e pei o le tala iā Leutele-le-iite poo fea na utuvai iai lenei aiga. Ua Sopolomalama foi le ulufia o aao i le 'afu ae fai ma lu'uga i lenei aiga ona o lo outou alofa tula'i.

Ua iloga iā Samoa ma le lalolagi atoa lou afio mai ma le tala mai o aao. Talofa ua e le silasila ona o tulaga o le Malo, galuega aemaise o tatou tofi mai i le Atua, aō lea lava sa e afio mai lava ma sii mai le fala siisiigatā, ona o lou alofa tula'i auā le vala'au paia a le Atua i le Tofa iā Taeaoafua. Faafetai tele lava i lau afioga i le Sui Ao o le Malo o Samoa, i lau Afioga Lemamea, lau Fetalaiga Tuiletufuga Ropati. Auā o lele sa fatufatu faagalua fafati le falelegafulu i le tai o tamālii ma ua malie ai le papa ele e pei o le tala e fai i le maa o le fee i le Matāsaua. Lau Tofa Tūaolo na Faleagafulu ai le Motu, talofa e, ua fa'alelele lava lau afioga le Senatoa i lou manatu i se afafine iina, aō lou uso fa'aleAgaga na lua ola aē fa'atasi ile EFIS Fagatogo ma Pago Pago. Faafetai pele o fanau, faafetai alofola ile Atua.

E le tunoa faiva o Samea. E le tau sulā foi fala o 'Ie'ie, e tau faalāe'i ai le maa piitia ma faasega le pa osofia i le agaga faafetai. O so'u paolo ma so'u alaimalo, so'u faamalumaluga ma se gafa na sausema. So'u paolo tupu, so'u gafa tamālii, ni mulivai na fetafea'i ma so matou taupega 'afa matou te malu ai iā Samoa ma le vasaloloa. Faafetai tele i Lau Afioga le Ma'ava, Toluao, le aiga e pele ia i matou uma i Pava'ia'i, lou tou fai afafine, aō le manatu ifo ile manu'a o si ana tane. E te fa'aeaea ia i matou i mea uma, ua matou molimauina lou alofa sautualasi. Faafetai tele ile aiga sa Toluao aō se tuu mumusu i le fetalaiga i le Launiusaelua, lau tofa Faasamiasamia, na afua ai ona mapu'e faatiasa lenei faamoemoe. Le paia ile Afioga ile Tapunu'u, le Afioga Tiumalu ma le aiga potopoto. Ua papa o matou tumua'i i lau fa'aloalo aō lou tou alofola moni i au tamafanau. Ua maimoa Samoa aō matou aiga ile vasaloloa ile tou fa'ataamalii. Faafetai, faafetai tele lava.

E momoli atu le agaga faafetai ma le faamalo i lau afioga i le Ma'opu Soli'ai ma lo tatou aiga Sa-Soli'ai. O ai ea na manatu o le a outou sii le fale o Asomua i le mea maualuga? Ua malie atoatoa aiga i ona itu tetele ma ona itu taulagi ona o lo outou alofa lē mavae ua oia mo le usuia o le fonu a le Tofa iā Fofogaoaiga Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona. Auā e iloga lava le tautai matapalapala i aso e galuā ai ma sousou o peau o le vasa. A lea ua malū ai le sami sa sousou ma fetafea'i ina ua to'ā lona auau peau.

Ae le mafai ona galo Taē o i Atua i le faaeaea o lau afioga i le Kovana Sili o Amerika Samoa i lau Tofa i le Tootoo Lolo Matalasi Moliga, afioga i le Kovana Lutena, Lemanu Peleti Mauga, ae maise le afioga i le failautusi o le Mataupu Tau Samoa, le Afioga i le Ma'oputasi, Mauga Tasi Asuega ma le Masiofo. Sui mamalu o le Kapeneta faapea le Malo i ona tulaga faalupelupeina. Faafetai taupati mai, faamalo fai uso lelei. Lea sa tatanu i Laloifi ma Falesau ae talatala i le Faleomavaega lau utuga osaosa sa e sasaa faaoti ai le utu a le faimea, ae sila saaga aiga na feiloa'i. E manatua pea la outou afu lelea ma le alofa faaalua ona o faanoanoaga sa oo iai lenei aiga i le to'esea o lana afioga i le Faatonu iā Taeaoafua.

Le mamalu ile Fonu Faitulafono o Amerika Samoa, ile afio o lana Afioga ile Peresitene, le Tama'ita'ioleao Gaoteote Palaie Tofau & afioga i Senatoa aemaise le Afioga ile Fofoga Fetala'i, le Tofa ile Tautōoto'o Savali Talavou Ale, ma si ona faletua fa'apea le paia o Faipule na auai atu i sauniga o lo matou tama peleina. Faafetai mo le l'ugafono a Maota e Lua na ta'uaogaina ai le tautua le atoatoa a Taeaoafua i lona atunu'u pele ma ona tagala, aō ni tou alofa'aga i se alo o Tutuila ma Manu'a. E le mafai ona fa'agaloina lau tou fa'aloalo.

Ae tau ia ina o matou faasega le fulu o manuula ma sii i tai lo matou vaa, auā e faigata o matou aiga e pele i loto, pele i 'upu, pele i agaga. O le 'upumoni, e aē fua le fagotaga a Manusina pe ana le finagalo 'autasi aiga e opogi le aso o lo tatou tamā pele iā Taeaoafua. Faafetai lau afioga i le na Mua i Ao, Galea'i ma lo tatou aiga mai Fitiuta, Susuga i le Faipule ia Fautanu Vesi, Tofa i le 'Avamua a le Tuimanu'a, ma lo matou aiga ile Tootoo ia Segā ma 'Umale'ava, ma o matou tausoga uma mai Tutu ma Puleinu'utu. Faafetai le agalelei ma le manatu mai ile atalii ole Faifeau. Le toe Iutaia ole nei ituaiga, le toe uso o lo matou tama, o Malofou Solomona ma lo matou aiga pele i Taftoala Fausaga, Vai'e'e ma Safata atoa, faafetai faafetai tele lava. E lē pa'ū fua lo outou tautigā, o loo silasila le Atua i la outou foa'i ma le manatu ina ia ulimasao le faamoemoe auā le mafutaga ua motusia ma le afioga i le Foma'i o le Tofa Manino iā Dr. Meki Tavita Solomona. O matou aiga pele mai Saleimoa, o To'alepai, Pula, Tiliālo ma Luatua, leitia lava lo matou tina o Fuarosa To'alepai-Solomona fai pea ia Meki, "Ia e mafaufau po'o ai na e maua ai le poto? Ole fafine Saleimoa." O matou aiga pele na malaga mamao mai, o Susuga i Faifeau ma Faletua, o matou tina ma tama matutua, o uso pele ma tuagane, tuafafine, nai o latou aiga uma, ua oge upu i matou i lou tou alofola fa'amaoni ma le atoatoa.

Ona o'u manatua ai lea o le tala i le Fa'ata'oto i lepela e sefulu sa faamaloloina e Iesu. Fai mai sa naō le to'atasi na manatu i lona loto fuatiaifo ina ia toe talii e faafō'i le faafetai i lona Matai. Aō le fesili, e faapefea ona filitagaga le vaogaga e talafeagai mo le ituaso nei pa'ō papa se faamatalaga ma e tau fetuuna'i ni lagona ona o le maupu'epe'e ma le maualuga ua e faaeaea ai o matou tagata faatauavaa. Lau afioga i le Malu o le Fale o Fofu ma Alataua, Faiivae Iuli Alex Godinet, lau tofa Taeleifi Amos Galea'i, le Afioga ile Kovana Itumalo o Fuamatu JV Fuamatu, tamālii ma failauga faapea lo tatou aiga i Tia Pouono ma Asoma'auga. Se ua logo i, loga a taliga o tufuga uli lo outou alofa tula'i. Faafetai, faafetai, faafetai iā te outou uma lava, o aiga, uo ma e masani sa outou laga le mulipola ae fola pae o le fale na lauasi ai le vaa o si o matou tamā peleina, se ua 'avea ai o se vaa ua goto ma le mama ua lomi lenei aiga, ona o lau faaloalo ua tōtō tetele. Ia ututumu e le Atua o le sosia ma le tamaoaga mea ua to'ese ma faagaogaina ona o lo outou alofola moni. Ia aua nei faatoetoe muliola faamanuiaga a le lagi i o outou maota ma laoa, a ia taumasualua ma 'oloa luuluu ana faamanuiaga iā te outou, ona o lo outou osioa aiga lelei. Afai lava ua iai se tasi ua pa'ū ile nei Faafetai, fa'amolemole fa'amagalo mai aō le Atua o le Alofa Tunoa e fa'amanuia atu ia te outou i mea uma ua outou faia aemaise le faaalua o lou tou alofola moni.

Soifua ma ia manuia i tatou uma ile alofa o Iesu Keriso.

**Vaofu'aomalo Charlene Soliai-Solomona ma le fanau, Katerina & Vincent Tualauta Toeava; Mekitavita Solomona & Mikeale Siaana Toeava. Susuga ile Faifeau Toeaina, Rev. Dr. Si'ulagi Solomona, Jr., ma uso ma tuafafine uma o Taeaoafua ma o latou aiga.**





# FA'AFETAI TELE

## Thank You

*Each life that touches ours for good  
 Reflects thine own great mercy, Lord;  
 Thou sendest blessings from above  
 Thru words and deeds of those who love.  
 What greater gift dost thou bestow,  
 What greater goodness can we know  
 Than Christlike friends, whose gentle ways  
 Strengthen our faith, enrich our days.*

Our family is truly indebted to all who came to show their love and respect in the untimely passing of our beloved

### TAEAOAFUA FOFOGAOAIGA DR. MEKI TAVITA SOLOMONA

We will never be able to repay all the kindness and support shown, but we will continue to pray that the Lord Omnipotent bless and safe keep all of you and replenish all that you have given on his behalf.

*Taeaoafua will always be remembered, for all he's done in life  
 For his continued love and service to all;  
 family, church, community and in all strife.  
 So, with a humble heart we THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, for sharing in his day.  
 Our cup runneth o'er, for all the love displayed.*

*Our lives have been blessed, by all you've said and done*  
**AND WE PRAY THE LORD BLESS YOU TENFOLD  
 EACH AND EVERYONE**

*His beloved wife, Vāofu'aomālō Charleen Soliai-Solomona;  
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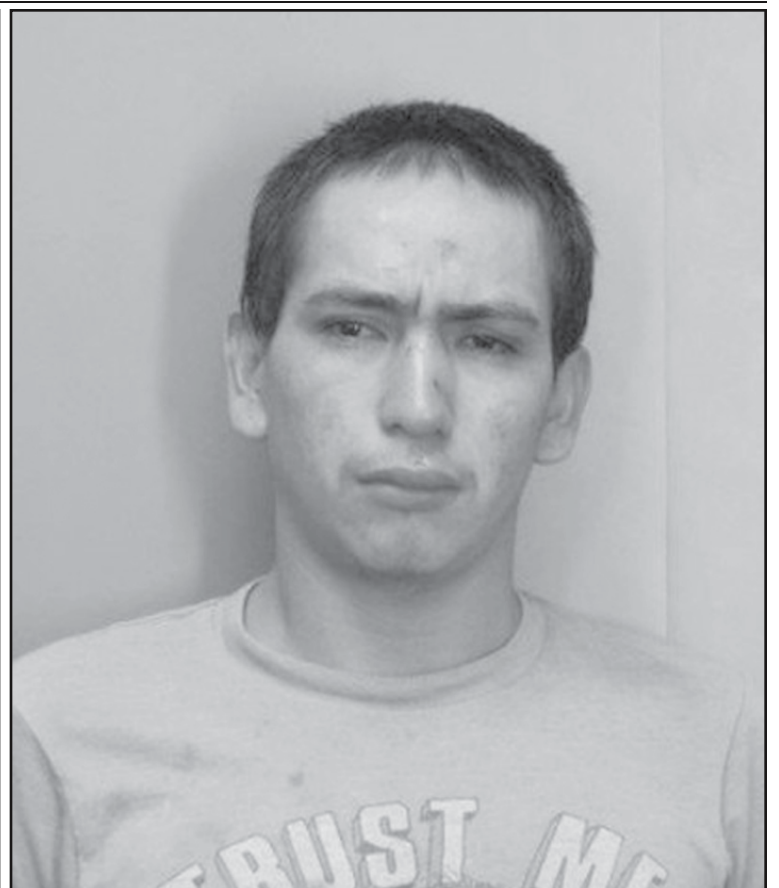
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This December 2017 photo released by the Official Fairfax County Police Department shows Wilmer Lara Garcia, wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with "Trust Me", who was charged with auto theft and two counts of forgery after allegedly stealing a car with an accomplice in Fairfax County, Va.

(Official Fairfax County Police Department via AP)

## Police: Someone stole a car, dumped 2 girls on roadways

ATLANTA (AP) — Authorities are looking for someone they say stole an SUV with two children inside and left them on major roadways.

Clayton County police Sgt. Ashanti Marbury tells news outlets that 1-month-old Ava Wilmer and 4-year-old Arya Davenport were found after their mother's vehicle was stolen from a QuikTrip.

Authorities say the mother left the girls in the vehicle while she went inside a convenience

store Wednesday. She exited the store and saw her vehicle being driven away.

A police chief found Arya walking down the shoulder of a roadway near an interstate.

Marbury says a WSB-TV photojournalist led police to the baby after he spotted an object sitting in the road on the way to cover the scene.

The girls appeared to be Ok but were taken to Southern Regional Medical Center as a precaution.

## Drone rescue off Australian beach heralded as world-first

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A flying drone has dropped a flotation device to two teens caught in a rip tide in heavy seas off the Australian coast in what officials describe as a world-first rescue.

Monty Greenslade and Gabe Vidler got into trouble on Thursday at Lennox Head, 750 kilometers (470 miles) north of Sydney.

They were about a kilometer (0.6 mile) from lifeguards who were about to start training with the new drones, equipped with a camera, rescue gear and six rotors.

After a friend raised the alert, lifeguard Jai Sheridan said he piloted the drone to the swimmers and dropped a rescue pod minutes faster than lifeguards could have reached the pair by conventional means.

"I was able to launch it, fly it to the location, and drop the pod all in about one to two minutes. On a normal day, that would have taken our lifeguards a few minutes longer to reach the members of the public," Sher-

idan said in a statement.

Greenslade, 16, said Friday the pair were lucky that the drone had been nearby.

"We realized pretty quickly that it was a rescue drone, once we heard it," Greenslade told Nine Network television. "It was pretty noisy, so it was kind of hard to miss it, to be honest."

"With the heavy waves, we were sort of going under and coming up for breath and ... the drone dropped the package and we both grabbed on pretty quickly. It's kind of obvious what you're supposed to do with it," he added.

Vidler, 17, told Nine: "It was pretty heavy out there and we were a little bit concerned."

"It just dropped the life raft and so we just held on to that and just swam into shore," Vidler said.

It was the first drone rescue since the New South Wales state government last month invested 430,000 Australian dollars (\$345,000) in drone technology for rescue and shark spotting work in the state's north.



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**Position Title:** HEALTH AND FITNESS SPECIALIST  
**Employment Status:** Full Time 12 months (Career Service)

**General Description:**

The ACNR Health and Fitness Specialist will work with ACNR Extension professionals to develop and deliver a variety of health fitness and program-specific physical fitness activities and promote an active, healthy lifestyle in the community. In addition, he/she will oversee the operation of the ASCC-ACNR Wellness Exercise Center to orient, assess, instruct, educate, and direct clients and visitors in a path that will correctly lead them to a healthier lifestyle. He/she will also be responsible for the Center scheduling, purchase requisitions, inventory, data, assessments, inquiries, maintenance, and reporting.

**Job Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Oversee the operation of the Wellness Center including, but not limited to, open/closing, schedules, purchase requisition, inventory, data, client recruitment and retention, assessments, attendance, reassessments, data collection, maintenance, and reporting.
- Supervise and oversee the correct use and operation of equipment and apparatus within the Center.
- Develop and deliver program-specific physical activities and actively promote and coordinate approved wellness activities and programs to increase adoption of healthy, active lifestyles in the community. Lead various exercise session requests for tours and outreach programs.
- Prepare and submit an updated plan of work and schedule and all biweekly, monthly, and annual reports for the Center.
- Enforce and document compliance on the part of the exercise facility and program as well as its clients to all legal and pre-exercise waivers and questionnaires and other health and safety requirements.
- Work with clients to assess physical health needs to ensure safe and effective exercise regime and conduct regular assessments to monitor progress and prescribe appropriate exercise programming.
- Develop a Wellness Program that can incorporate ASCC-ACNR as a team and that will implement interventions.
- Perform other relevant duties as assigned by supervisor or Director of ACNR.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Bachelor degree in Health, Fitness, or related field.
- At least one year of experience in community-based promotion of active, healthy living; leading group exercise sessions; fitness assessments; and providing professional service to individuals to meet their health and fitness needs.
- Shows competence to properly operate and maintain fitness equipment.
- ACSM (American College of Sports Medicine), NASM (National Academy of Sports Medicine), NSCA (National Strength and Conditioning Academy) AFAA (Aerobics Fitness Association of America), or any NCCA- National Commission Certifying Agency recognized certification. Current CPR/AED and First Aid.

**Salary:** Salary to be commensurate with experience, qualification, and credentials.

**Application Deadline:** January 26, 2018 no later than 4:00pm.

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# Mother: Care denied daughter left in cold in hospital gown



Cheryl Chandler, Rebecca's mother, left, talks while Rachelle Hall, Rebecca's younger sister looks on, during a news conference, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 in Baltimore. The mother of a mentally ill woman who was left outside a Baltimore hospital on a frigid night wearing only a flimsy gown and socks asserts she was denied care by medical professionals and left to die on the street. Cheryl Chandler says she was only made aware of her 22-year-old daughter's predicament on the night of Jan. 9 when she happened upon a viral video shot by a passerby.

(Karl Merton Ferron/The Baltimore Sun via AP)

BALTIMORE (AP) — The mother of a mentally ill woman who was left outside a Baltimore hospital on a frigid night wearing only a flimsy gown and socks says the 22-year-old daughter was denied care by medical professionals and left to face life-threatening conditions on the street.

Cheryl Chandler said she was only made aware of her missing daughter's predicament on the night of Jan. 9 when she happened upon a viral video shot by a passer-by enraged at the way she was treated.

Chandler's daughter, Rebecca, was escorted out of the hospital by uniformed security personnel with her street clothes stuffed in plastic bags, and she was left at an open-air bus stop with outdoor temperatures in the 30s. She had a gash on her forehead and was visibly disoriented, stumbling in her hospital gown and unable to formulate any words on the cold night.

At a Thursday press conference held at a lawyer's office, Chandler described her daughter as a beloved young woman who has been struggling intensely with mental illness since she was 16. Over the past year-and-a-half, she has cycled through a couple of residential facilities for mentally ill clients.

She said Rebecca, who has health insurance, was "denied her right by law to receive the clinical care" that the CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center has publicly claimed she received that night.

"My daughter did not choose to be the face of mental illness. She didn't choose to be an example of the impact of a failed mental health care system. She was an individual in need of services," Chandler said through tears, adding that

she was "eternally grateful" to psychotherapist Imamu Baraka for shooting the cellphone video showing her daughter's condition.

J. Wyndal Gordon, the attorney representing Rebecca, said she was suffering from an episode of acute psychosis when the institution turned its back on her. He asserts it's a case of "patient dumping," an illegal practice of turning away patients, mostly uninsured, from emergency rooms.

"Rebecca's condition was going to require a considerable hospital stay to stabilize her. UMMC, believing that she did not have insurance, determined it was better to return her to the street untreated and face whatever consequences arose from that decision rather than to absorb the cost," Gordon alleged.

Dr. Mohan Suntha, president and CEO of University of Maryland Medical Center, told reporters last week there were no excuses for what happened to the young woman. But he stood by her medical care, saying she received treatment and was discharged.

"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," he said.

On Thursday, the hospital released a statement saying its internal investigation has identified a breakdown after the point of medical discharge. It said resulting "actions steps" will include holding personnel accountable and getting outside experts to conduct an independent audit.



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## LBJ TROPICAL MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Job Title:** CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)  
**Department:** Finance  
**Salary Range:** \$ 70,000.00 - \$ 85,000.00  
**Employment Status:** Contract Specialist

Summary:

The American Samoa Medical Center Authority ASMCA is currently seeking a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to join our management team responsible for the implementation of the American Samoa Medical Center Authority's healthcare improvement plans. The chosen candidate will be responsible for taking on a leadership role in financial decision-making that affects our healthcare institution, and will provide strategic financial input to senior management. While keenly overseeing the overall accounting process, the successful CFO will play a key role in developing and implementing financial procedures to improve and maintain the financial health of the LBJ Tropical Medical Center.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Execute the financial strategy of the American Samoa Medical Center Authority aim to advance and improve the quality of its healthcare delivery system
- Manage financial controls and accounting procedures to ensure that all financial transactions are fully captured and properly reflected in all of American Samoa Medical Center's financials
- Ensure full transparency over the financial performance of the American Samoa Medical Center Authority (LBJ Tropical Medical Center).
- Provide advice on how to increase revenue and reduce costs to the CEO and subsequently to the Board of Directors
- Propose action plans to ensure that annual financial objectives are attained
- Support the CEO with the preparation of monthly, annual financial plans, and the annual budget plan.
- Prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports for the review of the CEO and the Board of Directors
- Maintain speed and accuracy of billings and client payments
- Maintain the level of Accounts Payable complaint with industry standards to maintain the financial integrity of the American Samoa Medical Center Authority
- Ensure prompt and full collection of all Accounts Receivable setting the AR accumulation threshold to less than 30 days
- Prepare and submit Medicare Cost Annually in a timely manner

Minimum Qualifications/Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance or related field (MBA preferred)
- Professional accounting designation (CA, CMA, or CPA)
- 10+ years' experience in a senior financial managerial position with at least five (5) years in hospital or healthcare financial management
- Advanced computer skills, including proficiency in MS Office and Microsoft Dynamics CL financial reporting software
- Exceptional communication skills
- Results-oriented, strategic thinker and planner

Compensation Range:

- The assigned range for the Chief Financial Officer Position is \$ 70,000.00 - \$85,000.00 and the final salary will be determined based on qualifications and years of practical experience.

Duration for Application Solicitation:

The Deadline for filing applications will be **January 31, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** All applications are to be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer to undergo the standard vetting process with applications meeting the standard requirements transmitted to the Board for Directors for its review and decision.

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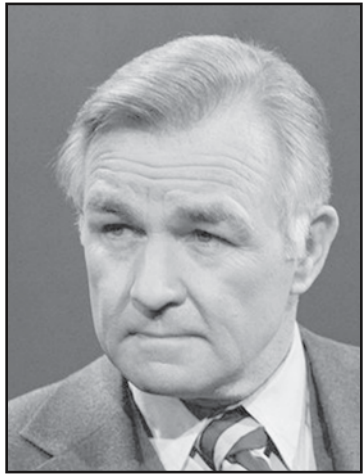
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# Stansfield Turner, who led major CIA reforms, dies



SEATTLE (AP) — Stansfield A. Turner, who served as CIA director under President Jimmy Carter and oversaw reforms at the agency after the Senate uncovered CIA surveillance aimed at American citizens, has died. He was 94.

Turner's secretary, Pat Moynihan, confirmed to the Washington Post that Turner died on Thursday at his home in Seattle but Moynihan did not disclose the cause.

A Rhodes scholar and 33-year Navy veteran, Turner commanded NATO's forces in southern Europe from 1975 to 1977 before being chosen to direct the Central Intelligence Agency.

Turner headed the agency from March 1977, shortly after Carter took office, through the end of Carter's term in January 1981.

Turner promised at his Senate confirmation hearing to conduct intelligence operations "strictly in accordance with the law and American values." He also said "covert operations must be handled very discreetly. People's lives are at stake."

A day later, the Senate unanimously confirmed his appointment.

As in recent years, questions of how to structure and oversee the nation's vast military and civilian intelligence operations were a big issue in the 1970s.

The investigation of the CIA in 1975 and '76 by the Senate committee headed by Sen. Frank Church had exposed CIA assassination plots, including the hiring of Mafia hit men in a failed bid to kill Fidel Castro, as well as CIA surveillance aimed at American citizens.

When Turner was chosen as CIA director in early 1977, New York Times columnist Tom Wicker wrote that "he's got a bear by the tail, one that even the most bold and determined director probably can't control."

Current CIA Director Mike Pompeo praised Turner in a statement Thursday night.

"Admiral Turner was a devoted patriot and public servant who led our Agency through a turbulent period of history, including both the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Iranian revolution," Pompeo said. "An analyst at

heart, Admiral Turner championed analytic innovation and applied his extensive military knowledge and insight to the challenges of the day."

Turner was the first director given full authority over the agency's \$7 billion budget. Assassinations and medical experiments on unwitting human subjects were prohibited. But he argued that some proposals aimed at sharing agency information with Congress went too far, because some operations were too sensitive and the possibility of damaging leaks too great.

Among the events occurring during Turner's term was the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979-81 and the disastrous U.S. attempt to rescue the hostages in April 1980 that left eight U.S. servicemen dead.

In 1982, the by-then-former CIA chief Turner told The Washington Post that the rescue mission should be investigated, "not to look backward and cast blame but to look forward and learn the lessons that surely lie buried in (it)."

After leaving the CIA, Turner's positions frequently put him at odds with Carter's successor, President Ronald Reagan. In 1987, Turner told reporters Reagan had to have known about the diversion of Iranian arms sale proceeds to Nicaraguan rebels at a time when Reagan said he had no knowledge of the plan.

In his 1985 book, "Secrecy and Democracy," Turner said the CIA under the Reagan presidency had violated the law in failing to notify Congress of covert operations "in a timely manner."

"Our ethical standards in dealing with our Central American neighbors were revealed as not what we would like to believe them to be," Turner wrote. "The world saw that we had endangered the lives and property of countries not involved with the dispute between us and Nicaragua, and that we were deliberately interfering in the affairs of Nicaragua to the point of undeclared war."

When President George W. Bush revamped intelligence in 2005, naming a national intelligence director with oversight over all operations, Turner argued for a more radical overhaul that would combine all intelligence-gathering under one roof, separate from the analytical function.

Each information-gathering agency, he said in an Oct. 6, 2005, speech, tends to value its own intelligence findings ahead of all others. Constant "tweaking" of the spy agencies' functions and structure by successive administrations "has not left us today with a coherent intelligence structure," he said.

In the post-Cold War years,

Turner also was a strong advocate for nuclear disarmament. In his 1997 book "Caging the Nuclear Genie — An American Challenge for Global Security," Turner propounded the concept of "strategic escrow" — effectively mothballing hundreds of nuclear missiles by storing them hundreds of miles from any launch site and allowing Russian observers to keep track of their movements.

The hope was with that gesture, the Russians would reciprocate and mothball a number of its own warheads.

Turner maintained that even if the Russians didn't reduce their arsenal, the United States would still have enough nuclear weapons to retaliate with deadly force if ever needed.

Born in Highland Park, Illinois in 1923, Turner was an author, professor and corporate director. Turner was in the same 1947 naval class at Annapolis as Jimmy Carter, but the men didn't know each other. Turner finished 25th in the class of 820 cadets while the future president finished 59th.

After serving in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, Turner was appointed president of the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island in 1972.

## BEACH ADVISORY



Supporting efforts to clean our shores

Release Date: January 17, 2017

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

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) advises the public that on January 16, 2017, the following recreational beaches tested positive for Enterococci bacteria levels that exceed American Samoa Water Quality Standards:

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| <b>Amanave Stream Mouth</b> | <b>Vatia</b>              |
| <b>Asili Stream Mouth</b>   | <b>Aua Stream Mouth</b>   |
| <b>Avau</b>                 | <b>Alega Stream Mouth</b> |
| <b>Utulei</b>               | <b>Fagaitua</b>           |
| <b>Fagasa-Fagale'a</b>      | <b>Amouli</b>             |
| <b>Afono Stream Mouth</b>   | <b>Aoa Onenoa</b>         |

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

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

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



### American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

## INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-2461-18

Issuance Date: January 9, 2018

Closing Date: January 19, 2018

No later than 2:00p.m. (local time)

#### 1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are being solicited to provide **Cargo Delivery Vans** for the Department Education-School Lunch Program.

#### 2. RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799, until **10:00a.m. (local time), Friday, January 19, 2018** at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

#### 3. BID DOCUMENTS

Bid documents, including Specifications, may be examined at the Office of Procurement or obtained there from free of charge during normal hours of operation.

#### 4. CONDITIONS

The American Samoa Government reserves the right to:

- not accept the lowest or any bid.
- reject all bids and reissue and amended IFB.
- request additional information from any bidder submitting a bid.
- waive any informalities in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

**DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON**  
Chief Procurement Officer

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Surrounded by church ministers of the Assemblies of God is the lace-covered coffin of the late Rev. Elder Siaoisi Ietitaia Mageo, with a bouquet of flowers, at the start of his Memorial Service at the Assemblies of God Hall at Tafuna yesterday. His final memorial service is scheduled for tomorrow, followed by a burial at Petesa Uta.

Yesterday the Senate approved a Senate Concurrent Resolution, which conveys the deepest sympathies and condolences of the Fono to the Mageo family on the passing of Rev. Mageo.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean and is expected to be approved today in the House, also pays tribute to Mageo's many contributions and years of service to the Territory and her people.

Rev. Mageo "was born into humble beginnings". He struggled out of poverty and was able to provide a comfortable life for his family. His lay profession was a farmer and fisherman but he was most known throughout the territory "as an influential minister who helped to mold the spiritual lives of countless people."

He was known for his forward and direct sermons which all knew would include a message of caution and often times an admonishment. "Rev. Mageo cared little for what people wanted to hear and made sure people received what they needed to know," the resolution says. "Rev. Mageo was not afraid to speak his truth to the highest of officials and would make sure to include the most common people."

As described by his children and son Poe Mageo, a renowned musician and educator, and echoed by his nephew, Rep. Veevalu Meauta Mageo, "His boldness to speak the truth has earned him the respect from friends and foes, prime ministers and parents, Bingo goers and drug addicts."

Aside from his church, Rev. Mageo also contributed to the development of the local economy through the tourism and visitors industry, with the Pago Airport Inn and Star Restaurant in Tafuna.

"Rev. Mageo will be missed by many," the resolution says. "It is prudent for the government and people of the territory to pay tribute to a man who has impacted so many lives with his message of living honest, Christian lives."

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



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The maintenance upgrade is for the submarine fiber cable linking American Samoa to Samoa. The work entailed is to completely replace the Submarine Line Termination Equipment (SLTE) with new equipment to increase data traffic capacity up to ten times more.

The planned outage will begin at 12:00 AM on Saturday, January 20th. We anticipate a 12 hour outage for the work planned. However, we are allowing a maximum 24 hour outage duration for sufficient time.

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- \* Inbound and Outbound Roaming to Samoa
- \* Moana TV Entone Services

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