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The ASG Veterinary Clinic at the Department of Agriculture reports they have seen a large increase in the number of cats they are seeing. Unfortunately, as the dog overpopulation starts to be under better control here on American Samoa, the cat population has seen a population boom.

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(See story inside for more details.)

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## HOLIDAY EVENTS

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## ASTCA OPENS ITS NEWEST RETAIL STORE INSIDE KS MART

The American Samoa Telecommunication Authority retail outlet opened its doors at KS Mart, Wednesday December 20.

The opening of the KS Mart branch is the realization of a demand from ASTCA's customers for a more convenient one-stop store where they can be accommodated with their ASTCA services and products needs.

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Members of the public will benefit from ASTCA's new retail location where they can pay their bills, make a purchase of their available products, purchase an e-top up or sign for the ASTCA's various services.

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and its last minute shopping, the opening of the new retail store will be in alignment with the ASTCA's vision of commitment to excellence through affordable, reliable and secure telecommunication services as well as delivering world class products to improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.

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## Day 2: 'Close friend' of alleged victim of sexual assault testifies

SAYS VICTIM'S PERSONALITY HAS CHANGED SINCE INCIDENT

by Fili Sagapolutele

Samoa News Correspondent

A “very close friend” of an alleged victim of a sexual assault, told a High Court jury how the victim has become withdrawn and keeps to herself and is scared, since the incident early this year, when both teenagers were seniors at a local high school.

The close friend was the government's last witness yesterday in the case against local businessman, Mukesh ‘Bob’ Chand — not Mukesh as was the last name previously used by Samoa News.

Fifty-three year old Chand is charged with one count each of sodomy, deviate sexual assault, and first-degree sexual abuse. According to the court documents, the alleged victim — who was

17 years old at the time of the alleged incident — is friends with Chand's teenage daughter and the alleged sexual assault occurred late evening of Apr. 7 while the victim was at Chand's home working with the defendant's daughter on putting together food plates for a fundraiser.

When the trial continued yesterday morning the government called one of the victim's friends, who said that she and the victim were close friends during their senior year in high school at the time of the incident.

She said the pair are “very close friends” and are just “like sisters” and called the victim's father, “uncle”.

Prior to the alleged sexual assault, the witness explained that the victim was “very optimistic”

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Government departments, agencies, and businesses in the private sector are celebrating the holiday season with special luncheons, dinner parties, and get togethers for their employees.

Yesterday, the DPS Office of Highway Safety held its annual Christmas luncheon at their office on the 2nd floor of the Lumana'i Building in Fagatogo. And the event was extra special this year, as the group was joined by Police Commissioner Le'i Sonny Thompson, and Deputy Police Commissioners Falana'ipupu Ta'ase Sagapolutele and Vai Maiava.

The public is reminded that enforcement will be turned up a notch starting this Friday, with roadblocks set up at various locations around the territory.

Cops will be out and about, checking for drunk drivers, those operating vehicles under the influence of drugs, and people disturbing the peace — common occurrences during the holiday season.

In addition to roadblocks, law enforcement officers will be on the road patrolling and ensuring that peace and order are in place.

Holiday enforcement ends on January 5, 2018.

The message is clear: Drink responsibly. If you must drink, don't drive. Cops will not hesitate to write you up and slap the handcuffs on. The fine is pretty hefty too. “Drive sober or get pulled over”

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# KITTENS — A CHRISTMAS GIFT OF KINDNESS

Lately, many kittens are being dropped off at ASG Veterinary Clinic at the Department of Agriculture, as the owners of the cats become overwhelmed with the large numbers of kittens being born.

Cats can have up to three litters a year with as many as 8 kittens in each litter.

Cats start reproducing at the age of six months. A female cat can have up to 100 kittens during her life. As the kittens mature, they will start reproducing and a single pair of cats and their kittens can produce as many as 420,000 kittens in just 7 years.

As the dog overpopulation starts to be under better control here on American Samoa, the cat population has seen a population boom.

The veterinary clinic is concerned if this continues, the island could start to see a large feral population of cats.

This is a challenge for many communities in the United States, especially on some of the Hawaiian Islands.

While many people are proponents of cats for their impact on rodent populations, it is important to remember that cats hunt wild birds and reptiles as well. A large, unchecked cat population can be devastating for the wildlife population on a small island such as ours.

Cats can make wonderful pets, but is important they receive health care, just like we would provide dogs and other pets. Cats should be dewormed regularly, treated for fleas, vaccinated against feline diseases, and very importantly, SPAYED and NEUTERED.

The ASG Veterinary Clinic asks for the cooperation of cat owners on island to help prevent an overpopulation problem of cats, by sterilizing their pets.

Cats (and dogs) can be brought to the clinic in Tafuna Monday through Friday, from 7:30 to 9 am to be dropped off for surgery.

Surgery patients should not be fed in the morning, and are ready to go home in the afternoon.

Don't forget: For a possible Christmas gift — an act of kindness too — currently, the clinic has 8 kittens needing homes. They are spayed/neutered and dewormed. The adoption fee is \$10 to help cover the surgery.

And for these holidays time, the staff of ASG Veterinary Clinic and the DoA, under the leadership of Director Fili-faatali M. U. Fuiava, would like to wish the Territory a Merry Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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# Family of slain Australian concerned about US investigation

SYDNEY (AP) — The family of an Australian woman fatally shot by a police officer in the United States in July demanded a more rigorous probe Thursday after a Minnesota prosecutor cast doubts on the initial investigation.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman last week said investigators “haven’t done their job” in relation to the shooting of Justine Ruszczyk Damond by Officer Mohamed Noor. Reading a statement to media in Sydney, Damond’s father John Ruszczyk said the woman’s family was deeply concerned “about the possibility that the initial investigation was not done properly, and with the greatest integrity or sense of completeness.”

Ruszczyk said he and the rest of Damond’s family were demanding Freeman and his colleagues continue to pursue a rigorous investigation and examination of evidence surrounding the shooting.

“At the least, Mr. Freeman’s comments cast doubt on the description of how Justine’s death occurred as it was initially put out by the BCA and the attorney for the officer driving the squad car,” Ruszczyk said, referring to the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Freeman said last week he did not have enough evidence to charge Noor, who shot Damond in the alley behind her home after she had called 911 to report a possible sexual assault. As she approached the squad car, Noor fired from the passenger seat, across his partner and through the driver’s window.

Damond’s death sparked protests and led to a police department shake-up, including the resignation of Chief Janee

Harteau.

Freeman was captured on video, which he says he did not know was being recorded, expressing his frustration about the case during a Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation holiday reception. He said it wasn’t his fault there was not enough evidence to charge Noor, and that investigators “haven’t done their job.” Noor has declined to speak with investigators.

Freeman didn’t name the investigators or their agency, but the BCA is leading the investigation. Flanked by three other family members, and pausing occasionally to compose himself, Ruszczyk said Thursday that after the shooting, authorities in Minneapolis had “looked me in the eye and said they were committed to getting to the truth of the event”.

“Now I hear that the Hennepin county attorney, to whom the BCA handed its investigative results, says that the investigation has not been done to the prosecutor’s satisfaction, or even to the expected levels of accuracy and thoroughness,” Ruszczyk said. “What are we to think? We are deeply concerned about the possibility that the initial investigation was not done properly, and with the greatest integrity or sense of completeness. We are apprehensive that perhaps the BCA has not fulfilled its promise,” he said.

Ruszczyk cited a quote by American writer James Baldwin: “It is certain in any case that ignorance allied with power is the most ferocious enemy justice can have.”

Ruszczyk said this was particularly true “when it comes to evaluating the use of deadly force by those sworn to protect us.”



Escaped Prisoners  
Luititi Tualima (m), Vaioa Solia (m), Aniseko Vaelei (m) and Uili Manuleleua (m).

[Photos: Samoa Observer]



compiled by Samoa News staff

## PRISON BREAK: FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM Tafa'igata

A man convicted of tying up a male while raping his wife at knife point had escaped from Tafa'igata Prison.

The good news is that Luititi Tualima has been recaptured.

But he was among four prisoners who escaped from Tafaigata this morning, according to the Samoa Police Service.

The others are: Vaioa Solia (m), Aniseko Vaelei (m), and Uili Manuleleua (m)

According to the Police, Tualima and Solia are now back in police custody.

“The remaining two prisoners Aniseko Vaelei and Uili Manuleleua haven’t been located.

“The police are appealing to members of the public for their assistance in order to catch the two remaining convicts.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

## SAMOA GOVT SEEKS MONEY FOR TAX REBATES

More than half of the 9.6 million US dollars the Samoan government is seeking from Parliament will go towards tax and duty rebates.

The Minister of Finance, Sili Epa Tuioti, has asked Parliament to approve the additional funds as a supplementary budget for the year 2017- 18.

Part of the tax and duty rebates is understood to go towards Virgin Australia, following the termination of the airline agreement earlier this year.

Sili said the government was still targeting the deficit to be within 3.5 percent of Gross Domestic Product.

He said he was upbeat about the current state of the deficit which currently sits at 2.1 percent of GDP.

The minister said the economy continued its strong growth at 2.4 percent

(Source: RNZI)

## PRISON PROBE CLEARS WIFE OF ASSOCIATE MINISTER

An investigation by the Office of the Ombudsman into the Samoa Prisons and Corrections Services (S.P.C.S.) has cleared the wife of an Associate Minister whose conduct had been questioned by two former employees.

The clearance is highlighted in a letter from Ombudsman, Maiava Iulai Toma, to Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa’ilele Malielegaoi, obtained by the Samoa Observer.

The Associate Minister in question is So’oalo Mene, who held the Prisons portfolio. His wife, Levaopolo Rosa Siasoi, was the A.C.E.O. at S.P.C.S.

Two former employees, Andrew Sam Chong and Kisa Ao had accused her of using her husband’s position to carry out alleged “wrong doing” – including their unfair dismissal and illegal hiring.

“I have looked at the many elements of the allegations of wrong-doing against Levaopolo,” Ombudsman Maiava wrote to Prime Minister Tuilaepa in a letter dated 24 November 2017. The letter was to accompany the Ombudsman’s investigation report.

“Only in one instance is there clear irregularity. This involved the recruitment and employment of two Correction Officers identified in the Report as LL and MM.”

“The actions by Levao in the recruitment of LL and MM were irregular but in effect achieved, by reasonable assessment, the best outcome for S.P.C.S.”

“No negative ulterior motive lay behind these actions; rather they reflect the proper exercise of initiative.

“She failed however to inform her superiors of her actions or to get their clearance of them. A greater failure by far, should it be true, is to think that she did not need to have such consultations. This would be tantamount to usurping the authority of the Commissioner.”

Levaopolo was suspended during the investigation.

She has since been reinstated while her husband, So’oalo, has been reposted to become the Associate Minister of Justice and Courts Administration.

Efforts to get comments from Minister of S.P.C.S., Tialavea Tionisio Hunt, Acting A.C.E.O Levao and S.P.C.S. Commissioner Taitosaua Edward Winterstein were not successful.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

## DENGUE FEVER SPIKE PROMPTS AUCKLAND HEALTH WARNING

With dengue fever outbreaks across the Pacific, Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) is advising anyone traveling to the region to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.

Auckland has seen a spike in dengue fever cases with 70 percent of cases from Samoa in the last two months.

Medical Officer of Health Dr Denise Barnfa-

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CORRECTS FAMILY NAME - John Ruszczyk, center, is accompanied by his wife Maryan Heffernan, second left, his son Jason Ruszczyk, left, and his wife Katarina after making a statement in Sydney, Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, demanded a more rigorous probe into the fatal shooting of his daughter, Justine Ruszczyk Damond, by Minneapolis police. John Ruszczyk said his family was deeply concerned about the possibility “the initial investigation was not done properly, and with the greatest integrity or sense of completeness.”

(AP Photo/Rick Rycroft)

# Major issues impacting fishing were made during the 14th Meeting of WCPFC

BUT MOST OF DECISIONS WERE MADE ONLY FOR ‘ONE’ YEAR

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

American Tunaboat Association executive director Brian Hallman says that changes made during the 14th Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) provided changes to help the US flag fleet in 2018.

Held in Manila, Philippines, the meeting occurred the first week of this month and several major issues impacting fishing in the western and central Pacific ocean (WCPO) were discussed. Among the attendees, was San Diego based, ATA — which was an observer of the meeting, and also attending was a US delegation that included American Samoa representation.

### ISSUES

Hallman told Samoa News last month that the main issue for ATA vessels is that WCPFC rules must allow for a viable US fishery on the high seas. For that, he said the 2017 measure must be changed.

Asked if this was achieved in Manila, Hallman said, “Yes, the 2017 measure was changed, and the prospects for fishing on the high seas by US vessels should be better for US vessels during 2018, mainly because FAD — fish aggregating devices — fishing will be allowed there (or WCPO) for 7 months of the year.

“During 2017, no FAD sets on the high seas have been allowed,” Hallman said yesterday from San Diego. “There will be a 3-month FAD closure everywhere in the WCPFC area during 2018, with an extra 2-month FAD closure on the high seas. There will be

no FAD set limit during 2018.”

Fishing on the high seas continues to be a major issue for the US fleet and some owners/operators inquired last Friday with Samoa News as to whether there is any new decision reached in Manila on high seas fishing from the Manila meeting.

Asked if there was any resolution or decision reached at the meeting pertaining to fishing on high seas, Hallman explained that “fishing on the high seas continues to be of major importance to the US fleet.”

He reiterated that during 2017 no FAD sets on the high seas have been allowed, whereas in 2018 FAD sets will be generally be allowed on the high seas. “The number of high seas fishing days available to the US fleet is essentially unchanged,” he also pointed out.

Samoa News had also inquired if a decision was made final or proposed on the number of fishing days for U.S. purse seine vessels to fish in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and on the high seas (or ELAPS) for calendar year 2018 and beyond. This has become a very important issue for the US purse seiner fleet in the past four years, as the number of fishing days was reduced down to 1,828, compared to years past.

Hallman responded that The ELAPS days — high seas fishing days, plus fishing days in US waters, combined — were not changed via any WCPFC decisions.

He also said that most of the WCPFC decisions taken at the Manila meeting which affect the operations of US vessels were for one year only. “Thus, next

year, all of these critical issues relating to high seas fishing days, FAD sets, etc., will have to be addressed during the 2018 meeting,” he pointed out.

Last week the US National Marine Fisheries Service announced the closure of U.S. purse seine vessels from fishing on FADs in the area of application of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention) by Dec. 24 as a result of reaching the 2017 limit on FAD sets.

“There will be a negative impact on the US fleet, because a number of vessels have bought fishing days from Pacific island countries with the expectation that FAD fishing would be allowed for the entire year,” said Hallman when asked as to the major impact this closure will have on the purse seiner fleet.

“This FAD closure for US vessels came as a bit of a surprise — no other fleets have a similar closure, insofar as I am aware — and some vessels will lose money from fishing days purchased and not used,” he said.

Details of the closure is on federal portal: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

# Key ally of British prime minister resigns amid porn scandal

LONDON (AP) — A key ally of British Prime Minister Theresa May was forced to resign Wednesday after an investigation concluded he made misleading statements about pornographic images found on a Parliament computer in his office in 2008.

Damian Green, who was ousted as first secretary of state, maintains he did not use pornography on his office computers, but he agreed he had not been forthcoming in statements made about the matter in November. A report by May’s Cabinet secretary concluded Green had made misleading statements regarding his knowledge about the indecent images found by police. “I accept that I should have been clear in my press statements that police lawyers talked to my lawyers in 2008 about the pornography on the computers, and that the police raised it with me in a subsequent phone call in 2013,” Green said in his resignation letter, which was made public Wednesday night. May said she asked Green for his resignation after the investigation concluded he had not been open about the matter.

“I have also carefully considered the report’s conclusions in relation to two statements you made on 4 and 11 November which you now accept were inaccurate and misleading,” the prime minister wrote in a letter requesting Green to step aside. She said he had fallen short of the standards expected of him.

“It is therefore with deep regret, and enduring gratitude for the contribution you have made over many years, that I asked you to resign from the Government and have accepted your resignation,” May wrote.

Green was a vital political ally who acted as a de facto deputy prime minister and supported May in her difficult Brexit negotiations. His removal will cost her an important supporter as she tries to balance competing visions of Brexit within her Cabinet.

Green had claimed earlier he was the victim of a smear campaign. The pornography was found on his office computer during a police investigation of government leaks. The Cabinet investigation did not yield a conclusion about sexual misconduct allegations writer Kate Maltby made against Green.



FILE - A Dec. 1, 2017 file photo of First Secretary of State, Damian Green, in London. Damian Green has been asked to resign from the Government by Prime Minister, Theresa May, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, and admitted he made “misleading” statements about allegations pornography was found on his Commons computer in 2008.

(Andrew Matthews/PA via AP, File)

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Female members of the Vaitogi CCCAS choir performed Tuesday night at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium during the third night of the 40th Annual Territorial Holiday Music Festival sponsored by the Arts Council of American Samoa, and funded by the National Endowment of the Arts with additional funding from Special Programs under the Governor's Office. The program ended last night.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

# Healthy athletes and audiences was priority at 10th Pacific Mini Games

Port-Vila, Vanuatu – The 10th Pacific Mini Games was held in Vanuatu from 4- 15 December, bringing together thousands of athletes and visitors from across the region. While the public focus was on the incredible performances on the field, behind the scenes a team of trained public health surveillance officers from Vanuatu Ministry of Health, with support from the Pacific Community (SPC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), were monitoring the health of athletes and audiences.

Director of Public Health in Vanuatu, Len Tarivonda, highlighted the essential role of his team saying, “The surveillance officers performed a very vital role in assuring the health of

everyone present during the games via an enhanced surveillance system. They carried out their responsibility with exceptional dedication, cooperation and professionalism, and we are very grateful to WHO and SPC for assisting us to prepare them well for this task through the Postgraduate Certificate in Field Epidemiology program courses and the careful pre-games planning.”

Each day of the games, data and information related to ten syndromes (signs and symptoms of infectious diseases) was collected from four health facilities situated in strategic locations: Vila Central Hospital, Neil Thomas Ministries Health Facility, Korman Stadium and the Central School Games Village.

Data analysis and daily situation reports showing trends of these syndromes and other infectious diseases were discussed with the Pacific Mini-Games Health Cluster for prompt interventions. Key preventive messages on good hand hygiene, cough etiquette, food safety, protective measures against mosquito bites, proper use of condoms and healthy lifestyles were among the health promotion activities carried out throughout the event.

Between 28 November and 14 December, more than 4100 people attended the four health facilities and 1055 patients (25%) with one or more of the 10 syndromes under surveillance reported. Influenza-like-illness was the most common with 715 cases recorded, followed by watery diarrhoea (291 cases). Laboratory investigations identified the presence of rotavirus in two stool samples taken from Ni-Vanuatu patients. With technical support from the Pasteur Institute of New Caledonia, Dengue serotype 2 was also identified in one patient from one of the Games’ delegations. Each patient received proper treatment and advice to avoid further transmission of the diseases. Public health officials across the Pacific were briefed on the surveillance status through daily posting of the reports on PacNet, the communication platform of the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network.

The enhanced surveillance system will continue for another week after the closing of the Mini-Games to ensure that any public health threat or event is monitored and prompt remedial actions are taken. Financial support for this initiative was provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the German Development Bank (KfW).

(Source: SPC media release)



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with a “bubbly personality” and “she can’t lie.”

“She can’t keep a secret, she is blunt and honest,” the friend testified about the victim.

Assistant Attorney General, Woodrow Pengelly, then walked the witness through the events on the afternoon of Apr. 7, from a basketball game at Tafuna High School Gymnasium, to when the pair and another teenage friend went to the victim’s home and into the victim’s bedroom, where the victim typed something on a computer then asked the two friends to read it.

The victim told her friends that “she has something to tell us,” the witness said.

Asked by Pengelly to describe her observation of the victim at that time, the witness said, the victim “kept to herself”, very reserved and that is not how she (the victim) usually is. She also observed that the victim was breathing heavy at times while typing.

Thereafter, the victim went to the “corner of her room” hugging her legs and rocking-back-and-forth and she was “very vulnerable” and “that’s not the [victim’s name] that I know. And that hurt me,” the witness said in an emotional voice.

The victim “was crying pulling on her sweater. Her crying had so much pain,” said the witness, who added that the victim cried for about 5 minutes.

What could not be said in court — because it was considered “hearsay” by the witness — was what was on the computer and read by the witness and the other friend.

However, the witness did say that after reading what the victim had written on the computer, the victim “stopped crying. I advised her to tell her parents, her family. She felt ashamed. She didn’t want to tell her dad — most especially.”

Additionally, the victim “didn’t feel safe sleeping alone” and therefore the victim went with the witness to her home. Asked if anything, the victim brought with her, the witness replied, a “pocket knife” and she “never brought a knife before when she slept over at my house.”

On the weekend — specially Saturday, Apr. 8 — following the allegedly assault, there was an event at a local place for an 18th birthday celebration, which was semi-fancy event, with the teenagers attending wearing long or short dresses.

However, the witness said the victim wore “jeans and a hoodie” and this is not the type of dress the victim would wear on a special occasion. The victim was usually “bold” and “daring” in the way she dressed, according to the witness, who added that at the birthday celebration, the victim kept to herself, “stayed away from other people” and this was unlike her — the victim.

“Have you noticed any change [in the victim’s] person-

ality” following the incident? Pengelly asked, to which the witness said “yes”, adding that the victim is “more aware of her surroundings. She is scared. She keeps to herself.”

For example, the witness said the victim was part of the wrestling team and before the incident, the victim wrestled with the boys on the team, without any problems. But after the incident, the victim would “flinch” when touched by any of the male wrestlers.

“She didn’t want to be touched. She don’t want to show skin,” the witness said.

During cross examination, defense attorney Richard Desaulles went after the witness’s memory, starting with the afternoon of Apr. 7 when the witness was at the basketball game. During questioning by the government, the witness said that she couldn’t remember who won the game that day.

So Desaulles started with why she couldn’t remember who won the game, and asked if she has a medical condition in which she couldn’t remember. (In yesterday’s story from day one of the trial, Samoa News incorrectly identified Joshua Rovelli, as the defense attorney asking questions. Instead, it was Desaulles, the managing attorney with RDA Law Firm American Samoa. Rovelli, is part of the defense trial team in court.)

“It’s not a medical condition,” but it’s a “memory condition” that she has had for some time, according to the witness.

“I like to say that I have selective memory,” when it comes to positive things, she said, adding that, “it’s information, like facts, that I don’t forget. Something like that.”

She explained that she doesn’t remember little things, such as putting detergent in the washer, and in her bedroom she has notes reminding her of the little things to do.

“I have a photographic memory,” the witness claimed, “such as faces... pictures.”

Desaulles’ next line of questioning focused on the victim’s “crying” — such as what would cause her to cry and how long would she cry — before and after the incident. In between the specific defense questions on crying, side-bar at the bench was called. Like the first day of trial, there were several side-bars at the bench yesterday.

Responding to defense questions, the witness said that since the incident the victim had been crying more, especially when there are things that “trigger her memory of the incident.”

“Before this incident had [the victim] demonstrated that she has a temper?” the defense asked, and the witness gave a firm “no”.

“Is [the victim] short-tempered?” the defense asked and again there was another firm “no” from the witness, who elaborated that the victim’s “temper rises” when something happens that “triggers memory of the incident.”

The witness remained firm, as more questions were asked.

“As a friend, tell me, how did [the victim] treat you before the incident? How did [the victim] treat you after the incident,” Desaulles asked.

The witness firmly replied, “The incident brought us closer together” and the witness repeated this twice, when asked later in the trial.

The defense asked as to why the victim didn’t want to tell her dad, about the incident. “She is the only daughter and [dad] will do anything to protect her. The dad is very strict,” the witness said, adding that the victim is afraid of what the dad “will do to the man” — referring to the defendant.

Earlier in her testimony, the witness told the jury that certain things occurred that made the victim’s not want to tell her father about the incident. The defense asked to explain, what “those are” but a side-bar on the bench was called.

When trial resumed, the defense moved on to another question, following up on the witness testimony that after the incident, the victim would cry if anything happened that triggers memory of the incident. Desaulles asked the witness to give examples.

The witness explained that a girl had posted on Twitter a message telling the victim to “stop acting like the victim... oh... you are the victim.”

Pengelly quickly objected and another side-bar was called at the bench. When the trial resumed, there were no more

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[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



# Memphis parks with Confederate statues sold; removal begins

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A city council in Tennessee voted Wednesday night to sell two parks where two Confederate statues are located and crews began work to remove one of them. Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland said in a tweet that Health Sciences and Fourth Bluff parks were sold and that work underway there complied with state law, the Commercial Appeal reported . The council unanimously approved the sale to a private entity Wednesday.

A statue of Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest is at Health Sciences Park and one of CSA President Jefferson Davis is at Fourth Bluff Park.

A crew at Health Sciences Park wrapped a strap attached to a crane around the statue of Forrest on Wednesday night, and a large truck was in place to haul it away. Police had cordoned off the area around the statue. Earlier this month, the city filed a petition asking for judicial review of the Tennessee Historical Commission’s denial of a request to remove the Forrest statue. “I commend Mayor Strickland and the City Council for finding a way to legally remove statues from an era that is not representative of Memphis today and have remained an affront to most of the citizens of Memphis,” U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen, a Democrat from Memphis, told the Commercial Appeal. Cities have tried to remove Confederate monuments after the racially motivated massacre of nine people at a black church in South Carolina and a violent white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.



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ther urges anyone traveling to these countries where dengue fever occurs, particularly Samoa, to exercise caution.

“Dengue fever can be a severe illness. Those who travel to Pacific countries frequently are at risk of repeat infections with different strains of the dengue virus. This can lead to dengue haemorrhagic fever, which can be fatal.”

Symptoms of dengue fever include the sudden onset of fever for two to seven days, intense headache, muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting and skin rash. People who develop dengue haemorrhagic fever may also develop symptoms of bleeding such as bruising and nose bleeds, and internal bleeding can also occur.

There is no vaccine currently available in the Pacific for dengue fever; nor does vitamin B prevent mosquito bites. The only way to prevent infection, says Dr Barnfather, is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

“Although the commonest time for bites is early morning and late afternoon, dengue-carrying mosquitoes also bite all through the day.”

Take precautions to ensure

you avoid being bitten.

(Source: Pacific Scoop)

### US PROJECT PRESERVES HISTORIC PACIFIC FILMS

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. will archive historical Pacific films as part of a project focusing on indigenous people called Recovering Voices.

The collection dates back to the 1860s and the Anthropology and Global Indigenous Peoples group will be doing research cataloguing in 2018 in order for the audience to have a description into the footage.

Anthropologist Joshua Bell wants to make the large collection of films more accessible to the Pacific community around the world.

“The reason we’re interested in that is because there’s a lot of stories about linguistic and cultural decline in terms of languages, going silent, cultural practices no longer being carried out in various communities.

“At the same time that’s happening, there’s also resurgence with indigenous communities around the world,” he said.

Mr Bell said there is a possibility that some of the films may not be viewable and the project

will involve finding what can and cannot be used.

“Part of it what the team will be doing is discerning what is viewable and to then engage with those.

“The earliest material we have from Samoa is from about 1918, by an individual called Chester Outing who I sadly don’t know much about.

“What we will do is research together as a team and bring in our knowledge to supply the information needed for the films,” he said.

The Smithsonian Institute Pacific archives was established in 1975 and Mr Bell said the collection covers the whole Pacific region.

“We have films from Papua New Guinea, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Tonga, Samoa and Kiribati.

“We have a lot of films from Kiribati and a lot of films from Micronesia because of the strong U.S. presence there,” he said.

Recovering Voices is an ongoing project that aims to cover all indigenous communities around the world.

(Source: RNZI)



A woman dips a flower in a glass of water placed on the coffin of slain journalist Gumaro Perez during his wake inside his mother's home in Acayucan, Veracruz state, Mexico, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017. The 34-year-old Perez was shot to death Tuesday while at a Christmas party at his son's school in Acayucan.

(AP Photo/Felix Marquez)

## Murder of Mexico journalist draws international condemnation

ACAYUCAN, Mexico (AP) — International condemnation rolled in Wednesday over the murder of a journalist in Mexico's Veracruz state, the latest in a wave of such killings seen as an assault on free speech in the country.

The United Nations' human rights agency said in a statement through its Mexico office that the slaying of Gumaro Perez “confirms a terrible year for freedom of expression in Mexico.” The Inter-American Press Society expressed its “consternation over the toll of journalists killed this year in the country, most of them with impunity.” The 34-year-old Perez was shot to death Tuesday while at a Christmas party at his son's school in Acayucan, in the Gulf state of Veracruz. He was at least the 10th journalist slain in the country this year and the third in Veracruz. The state prosecutor's office sought to cast doubt on Perez's journalistic credentials, issuing a statement Wednesday saying it had not been able to find any media outlet that he was actively working for and that a website under his authorship went inactive a few months ago.

That was disputed by an official with a regional program for journalist protection who said Perez had been working for the local government but continued to publish on a web portal and his Facebook page.

“For all legal purposes he was a journalist,” said Jorge Morales of the Veracruz State Commission for Attention and Protection of Journalists. “We could say he was independent.”

Morales added that several people reported Morales' role with the municipal government had been as either a communications worker or an assistant to the mayor, though it was apparently in an informal capacity and he was not on the payroll.

Veracruz prosecutors also said in a statement it was “probable” that Perez was linked to

an organized crime gang and was killed by a rival group. The office cited information pulled from his cellphone and visits made to an imprisoned gang member, but did not provide evidence.

Perez's family denied he had any links to the narco underworld.

“My brother is a very decent person who walks with his head held high and was admired by many,” said Maribel Perez, the victim's sister. “It's not right that when we family members are here (at the wake) and we have yet to properly lay him to rest, they go around saying those things.” Morales said a pronouncement “criminalizing” Perez violates his presumption of innocence and “does not lead anywhere, does not resolve the case.” Local governments in Veracruz and elsewhere in Mexico have often sought to discredit slain journalists in order to suggest their killings were not related to their work.

In the case of Candido Rios, who was killed in August near Acayucan, within 24 hours the deputy secretary for human rights said state investigators had ruled out that he was the target of the attack, which also left two other dead.

Journalist advocates and Rios' family denounced what they called a rush to judgment, saying authorities were too quick to rule out his work as motive in a state where so many journalists have been slain.

Details of the attack that killed Perez were still emerging.

Morales said unspecified authorities told him there were surveillance cameras and witnesses. The assailants apparently killed Perez while he was alone in a room. Perez's widow, Adelina Mendoza, who was at the school when the shooting happened, said she thought the gunshots were fireworks for the holiday celebration until everyone began to panic.



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: ASPA18.012.ESD-WTR Closing Date & Time: Friday, December 29, 2017  
Issuance Date: December 01, 2017 No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Power Authority issues a Request For Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written proposals for the:

**“Water Use Information Project for American Samoa”**

### Submission

An original and one PDF copy of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: **“RFP No. ASPA 18.012.ESD-WTR Water Use Information Project for Am. Samoa.”**

Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), **Friday, December 29, 2017:**

Procurement Office  
American Samoa Power Authority  
P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799  
Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

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 package outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Procurement Office at ASPA's New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

### Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Power Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

Approved for Issuance: **Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director**



**FILE - In this June 7, 2010, file photo former Agriprocessors executive Sholom Rubashkin appears at the Black Hawk County Courthouse in Waterloo, Iowa. President Donald Trump on Dec. 20, 2017, commuted the prison sentence of Rubashkin, a Iowa kosher meatpacking executive sentenced to 27 years in prison for money laundering. It's the first time he's used the presidential power.**

**The decision to intervene on behalf of Rubashkin, who ran the Iowa headquarters of a family business that was the country's largest kosher meat-processing company, came at the urging of multiple members of Congress and other high-ranking officials who argued Rubashkin's sentence was too harsh, the White House said.**

(Matthew Putney/The Courier via AP)

# Trump commutes sentence of kosher meatpacking executive

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday commuted the sentence of an Iowa kosher meatpacking executive who had been sentenced to 27 years in prison for money laundering, marking the first time he's used the presidential power.

The decision to intervene on behalf of Sholom Rubashkin, who ran the Iowa headquarters of a family business that was the country's largest kosher meat-processing company, came at the urging of numerous members of Congress and a long list of high-ranking law enforcement officials, who argued the sentence was far too harsh for a first-time, nonviolent offender.

The action was "encouraged by bipartisan leaders from across the political spectrum, from Nancy Pelosi to Orrin Hatch," the White House said.

Rubashkin was convicted in 2009 for submitting fake invoices to a bank that made Agriprocessors' finances appear healthier than they were so that it could borrow more. His prosecution came after federal authorities raided the plant and arrested 389 illegal immigrants in 2008.

The 57-year-old father of 10 has served more than eight years of his sentence, according to the White House, which stressed the action is not a presidential pardon and does not vacate Rubashkin's conviction.

Trump has used his pardon power just once so far: to spare former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio the prospect of serving jail time by wiping away a federal conviction stemming from immigration patrols that focused on Latinos.

Rubashkin's long-time attorney Guy Cook praised Trump's decision, saying Rubashkin "has finally received

justice."

"The sentence previously imposed was unfair, unjust and essential a life sentence," he said via email. "President Trump has done what is right and just. The unrelenting efforts on Rubashkin's behalf have finally paid off."

Rubashkin's attorneys last year accused prosecutors of improperly interfering with the sale of Agriprocessors and depressing its sale price by millions. The drop in value left Agriprocessors' bank with a \$27 million loss — a figure used to calculate Rubashkin's sentence under federal guidelines. The U.S. attorney's office denied the allegations.

The White House said the president's decision to review Rubashkin's sentence was driven by concerns raised by a bipartisan group of more than 100 former high-ranking law enforcement and Justice Department officials, including multiple former attorneys general, as well as prosecutors, judges, and legal scholars.

"Mr. Rubashkin is a devoted husband and father, a deeply religious man who simply doesn't deserve a sentence of this length, or anything remotely close to it," they wrote in a letter that urged Trump to use his "executive clemency power to commute the patently unjust and draconian 27-year sentence imposed upon Sholom Rubashkin a first time, non-violent offender and father of 10, including an acutely autistic child."

More than 30 current members of Congress also submitted letters to the White House supporting a review of Rubashkin's case.

But former prosecutor Bob Teig, who retired in 2011 after serving as a prosecutor and

spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office for the Northern District of Iowa, said Trump's decision to commute Rubashkin's sentence "makes no sense" given Trump's repeated promises to get tougher on illegal immigration.

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questions from the defense and the government rested its case with no more witnesses.

The witness was reminded by Acting Associate Judge Elvis P. Patea not to discuss her testimony with anyone except the attorneys involved.

The defense's first witness, yesterday was the Chands' housekeeper and Samoa News will report on it tomorrow along with the rest of her testimony from today when the trial continues.

Yesterday's trial was half day because of many other matters on the court's calendar for the rest of the afternoon.

Before the jury was dis-

missed for the day, Patea again reminded them not to discuss the case with anyone, even with each other until they get the case for review.

The jury was also informed not to discuss the case on "social media" and not to read or listen to any news of the trial distributed by news outlets — and this includes online news distribution. The jury was told not to conduct their own research about the case.

"Continue to keep an open mind" throughout the trial, said Patea, who was assisted on the bench by Associate Judges Satele and Muasau.

## Woman sues...

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him because the woman wasn't cooperating with the case.

Nelly's attorney says the lawsuit is financially motivated and a countersuit is planned.

Greene's lawyer, Karen Koehler, said her client only sued after the rapper publicly contended last week that Greene fabricated her story.

The Associated Press generally doesn't name people who say they're victims of sex crimes, but Koehler said Greene agreed to be publicly identified.



### American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) RFP-022-2018

Issuance Date: December 20, 2017

Date & Time Due: January 17, 2018

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

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide:  
**"Technical Support Services: Island-Wide Land Surveying Services"**

#### Submission

Original and five copies of the Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFP: Technical Support Services: Island-Wide Land Surveying Services." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), January 17, 2018:

Office of Procurement  
American Samoa Government  
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799  
Attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO

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.

#### Review

Request for Proposal data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement Officer, Office of Procurement, ASG.

#### Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Government reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Government or the public.

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# Mexico arrests former party official in corruption case

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities detained a former official of President Enrique Peña Nieto’s Institutional Revolutionary Party on Wednesday in a corruption case involving a fugitive ex-governor.

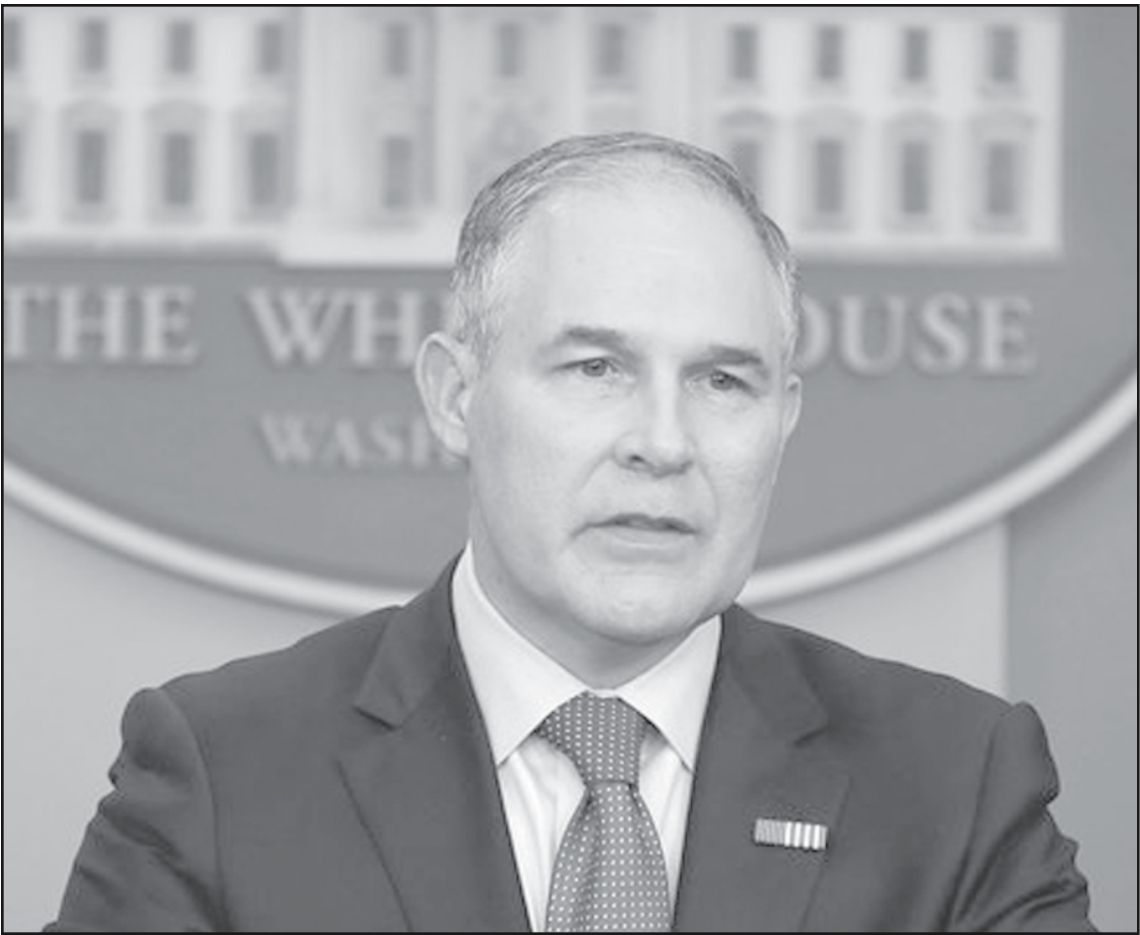
Alejandro Gutierrez is reportedly suspected of participating in a scheme to divert about 240 million pesos (\$12 million) in public funds for political campaigning.

Gov. Javier Corral of the northern border state of Chihuahua said in statements on social media that Gutierrez was arrested in the morning by federal and state police in Chihuahua.

“This arrest ... contributes to clearing up the crimes of political corruption that have been imputed to ex-Gov. Cesar Duarte, who has accumulated 10 arrest warrants against him,” Corral said, adding that the case involves the alleged diversion of public money to the 2016 electoral campaign of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI. Duarte was governor of Chihuahua in 2010-2016 and was succeeded last year by Corral, a member of the conservative opposition National Action Party. Duarte was said earlier this year to have fled to the United States. At the time Corral declared him “a fugitive from justice” and said officials would seek an international arrest and extradition order.

Duarte, who last year denied involvement in any wrongdoing, is one of several PRI ex-governors who fled the country following accusations of corruption in a string of embarrassments for the party.

Former Gov. Javier Duarte of Veracruz, who is not related to Cesar Duarte, was arrested in Guatemala in April, and ex-Gov. Tomas Yarrington of Tamaulipas was arrested the same month in Italy.



FILE - In this June 2, 2017 file photo, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt speaks in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington. A government watchdog will examine whether Pruitt misused taxpayer money by purchasing a soundproof booth for making private phone calls from his office. The EPA’s Office of the Inspector General confirmed the latest investigation on Dec. 12, following a request by congressional Democrats. It will be at least the third probe launched into Pruitt’s actions since President Donald Trump appointed him earlier this year.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone claiming an interest in the above named land, may file an objection with the Territorial Registrar’s Office within 60 days from the date of posting of this notice. If no objection is filed within 60 days from the date of posting of this notice, the land proposed herein will be registered as such in accordance with the law of American Samoa.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the survey and description of the said land are now on file in the Territorial Registrar’s Office where they may be examined at any time prior to the expiration of the said sixty (60) days.

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# EPA says Superfund Task Force left behind little paper trail

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency says an internal task force appointed to revamp how the nation’s most polluted sites are cleaned up generated no record of its deliberations.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in May announced the creation of a Superfund Task Force that he said would reprioritize and streamline procedures for remediating more than 1,300 sites. Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, appointed a political supporter from his home state with no experience in pollution cleanups to lead the group.

The task force in June issued a nearly three dozen-page report containing 42 detailed recommendations, all of which Pruitt immediately adopted. The advocacy group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, known as PEER, quickly filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking a long list of documents related to the development of Pruitt’s plan.

After EPA didn’t immediately release any records, PEER sued in federal court in Washington.

Now, nearly six months after the task force released its report, a lawyer for EPA has written PEER to say that the task force had no agenda for its meetings, kept no minutes and used no reference materials other than Pruitt’s memo appointing them.

Further, there were no written standards for choosing the 107 EPA employees the agency says served on the task force.

“Task force members were all volunteers from EPA staff with no selection criteria,” Johnny Walker, a Justice Department lawyer representing EPA, wrote to PEER last month. “Meeting minutes were not kept and materials (other than the May 22, 2017 memorandum) were not presented to the Superfund Task Force.”

According to EPA’s lawyer, the task force also retained no work product other than its final report.

Jeff Ruch, the executive director of PEER, said that seems unlikely.

“Pruitt’s plan for cleaning up toxic sites was apparently immaculately conceived, without the usual trappings of human parentage,” Ruch said. “It stretches credulity that 107 EPA staff members with no agenda or reference materials

somehow wrote an intricate plan in 30 days.”

In a statement issued Wednesday after The Associated Press first reported on Walker’s response in the FOIA lawsuit, EPA’s press office sought to distinguish between the environmental agency and its legal representation.

“The communication at issue was sent by the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney’s Office of D.C., as part of an ongoing effort to resolve litigation,” said Jahan Wilcox, an EPA spokesman.

The Justice Department routinely represents executive agencies in legal disputes over FOIA requests. In his notice of appearance before the court in the PEER lawsuit, Walker described himself as “counsel for Defendant the United States Environmental Protection Agency.”

Wilcox did not respond to follow-up questions about whether the lawyer’s representations were inaccurate or if EPA possessed additional records it has yet to disclose.

The recommendations adopted by Pruitt include prioritizing cleanup sites that can be redeveloped for new construction or where nearby residents are under threat from spreading pollution. EPA held no public hearings about the plan.

Pruitt has pledged to make mitigating decades-old pollution EPA’s core mission, even as he has moved to block or delay Obama-era regulations aimed at curbing ongoing contamination from coal-fired power plants and fossil-fuel production.

President Donald Trump’s proposed 2018 budget seeks to cut the program by 30 percent. Congress has not yet approved a budget for the current fiscal year, which began in October.

The task force was led by Albert “Kell” Kelly, whom Pruitt hired at EPA as a senior adviser at an annual salary of \$172,100. Kelly was previously the chairman of Tulsa-based SpiritBank, where he worked as an executive for 34 years.

The Associated Press reported in August that Kelly was barred by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation from working for any U.S. financial institution after officials determined he violated laws or regulations, leading to a financial loss for his bank. The FDIC’s order didn’t detail what Kelly is alleged to have done. Without admitting wrongdoing, he agreed to pay a \$125,000 penalty.



House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., walks through Statuary Hall for final passage of the Republican tax reform bill, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017. Republicans muscled the most sweeping rewrite of the nation's tax laws in more than three decades through the House. In a last-minute glitch, however, Democrats said three provisions in the bill, including one that would allow parents to use college savings accounts for home-schooling expenses for young children, violate Senate budget rules. McCarthy said the House would vote on the package again on Wednesday.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

# With shutdown clock ticking, GOP struggles for spending deal

WASHINGTON (AP)— With a shutdown clock ticking toward a midnight Friday deadline, House Republican leaders struggled on Wednesday to unite the GOP rank and file behind a must-pass spending bill.

Although a major obstacle evaporated after key GOP senators dropped a demand to add health insurance subsidies for the poor, a number of defense hawks offered resistance to a plan by GOP leaders to punt a guns-versus-butter battle with Democrats into the new year.

There's still plenty of time to avert a politically debilitating government shutdown, which would detract from the party's success this week in muscling through their landmark tax bill.

Some lawmakers from hurricane-hit states also worried that an \$81 billion disaster aid bill was at risk of getting left behind in the rush to exit Washington for the holidays.

Lawmakers said the GOP vote-counting team would assess support for the plan and GOP leaders would set a course of action from there.

Rules Committee Chairman Pete Sessions, R-Texas, said "there's no specific direction right now" about the path forward. He spoke after an hourlong closed-door meeting of Republicans in the Capitol basement.

An earlier plan favored by pro-Pentagon members of the influential Armed Services Committee would have combined the stopgap funding bill with a \$658 billion Pentagon funding measure. But the idea is a nonstarter with the Senate, especially Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

Meanwhile, an \$81 billion disaster aid bill faced a potential separate vote of its own, but it was at risk of languishing because of opposition among some conservatives over its cost. Senate action on that bill, a priority of the Texas and Florida delegations, wouldn't come until next year anyway. Democrats oppose the GOP end-game agenda because their priorities on immigration and funding for domestic programs aren't being addressed. Their opposition means Republicans need to find unity among themselves, which once again is proving difficult. In such situations, congressional leaders often turn to lowest common denominator solutions, which in this case would mean a stopgap measure that's mostly free of other add-ons.

"The number of options is collapsing down," said Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla. "I have faith that at the last possible moment, to paraphrase Churchill, when we have no other choice, we'll do what we need to do."

Regardless of how the crisis of the moment will be solved, most of the items on Capitol Hill's

list of unfinished business are going to be pushed into next year.

"I think it's highly unlikely that there's a government shutdown," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told Fox News Channel's Special Report with Bret Baier on Wednesday. "I think that the right thing to do is let's get a short-term funding and we'll deal with these issues in January." The upcoming short-term measure would fund the government through Jan. 19, giving lawmakers time to work out their leftover business.

Hopes for a bipartisan budget deal to sharply increase spending for both the Pentagon and domestic agencies appeared dead for the year, and Democrats were rebuffed in their demands for protections for immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, announced Wednesday that they would not seek to add the insurance subsidies, which are designed to stabilize the Affordable Care Act's markets. The tax bill repeals requirement that individuals purchase insurance.

Trying to combine the health measure with the spending bill was a demand of Collins when President Donald Trump and Senate GOP leaders secured her vote for the tax bill.

House Republicans weren't part of that deal, and with the tax vote over, it became plain that Senate leaders were not able to deliver for her.

Lawmakers said a short-term, \$2.1 billion fix for an expiring program that pays for veterans to seek care outside the Department of Veterans Affairs system would be added to the package. So would a short-term "patch" to make sure the states facing shortfalls from the Children's Health Insurance Program, which pays for health care for 9 million children from low-income families, won't have to purge children from the program.

The fate of the \$81 billion House disaster aid measure, now likely to see a separate vote, appears unclear. Conservatives are upset with the price tag of the plan, which also contains billions of dollars for California wildfire recovery. Democrats are pressing for more help for Puerto Rico, and California Rep. Kevin McCarthy, the No. 2 Republican in the House, signaled a willingness for at least some accommodation to win Democratic votes.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California told fellow Democrats in an emailed update that GOP leaders aren't yielding on a Democratic demand that nondefense spending increases match the budget boost for the Pentagon.

"Unless we see a respect for our values and priorities, we continue to urge a strong NO" on the temporary funding bill, Pelosi said.



## IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Maelynn)









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U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced in September that DACA would be phased out, saying Obama had exceeded his authority when he implemented it in 2012.

“The government considered none of this at all when they



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[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

# Expert: New route may have distracted engineer before crash

SEATTLE (AP) — Experts say it's possible the engineer on an Amtrak train that derailed as it hurtled into a curve at more than twice the speed limit was distracted for an extended period of time before the train plunged off an overpass and onto a busy interstate, a key factor in the investigation.

Authorities on Wednesday reopened two southbound lanes of Interstate 5 - the Pacific Northwest's main north-south arterial - that had been closed since Monday's accident as federal investigators focused on whether the engineer's attention was diverted by a second person in the cab, or by something else.

Three men were killed Monday south of Seattle when the train barreled into a 30 mph zone at 80 mph. Southbound lanes of Interstate 5 near DuPont had been closed at the accident ever since.

A conductor in training who was familiarizing himself with the new route was in the locomotive with the engineer at the time. A federal official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity said authorities want to know whether the engineer lost "situational awareness" — didn't realize where he was.

Rail-safety experts say that while it is fairly common to have two people in a cab, investigators will look into whether that may have distracted the engineer.

"What interactions were the conductor and the engineer having and did that distract the engineer from his focus on where they were on the route?" said Keith Millhouse, a rail-safety consultant who was former board chairman of

Metrolink, Southern California's commuter rail system.

Millhouse said the two could have been having discussions that caused the engineer to not realize where he was on the route.

"My guess is there were probably distractions not only immediately prior to the accident but in the minutes leading up to the accident," he said.

Investigators had not yet interviewed the train engineer and other crew members — all of whom were hospitalized — as of Wednesday morning, a National Transportation Safety Board spokesman said. Experts say investigators will want to talk to them as soon as possible while the event is still fresh in their memory.

NTSB board member Bella Dinh-Zarr said Tuesday they were in the early stage of the investigation, and authorities won't determine a probable cause while on scene. She said distraction is one of the most looked at priorities, and investigators will be looking at cell-phone records of all employees.

Dinh-Zarr also said the engineer did not manually activate the emergency brake, which went off automatically when the train derailed.

"This is a situation where the engineer should have been starting the braking application probably a minute before they reached that curve," said Allan Zarembski, a civil engineering professor who directs the rail engineering and safety program at the University of Delaware.

"It suggests strongly that the engineer was distracted for a fairly extended point of view," he said. The information so far "seems to suggest that there was an operator issue here," he said.



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# “Alofa Foa’i Fua” - Mo Aiga Tau Fa’asoa le Tamaoaiga

tusia: Leua Aono Frost

O lenei le vaitau, o le alofa atu, ia foa’i atu, ma ua talafeagai ona fa’afetaia ai galuega alofa ua faia e nisi mo oe i le tausaga atoa, po’o se taimi lava e tasi, i lenei vaitau.

O le aso To’ona’i nei o le a fa’atino ai le foa’i a le “ALOFA FOA’I FUA” “mo aiga ua mae’a fa’atualga e i latou e ao ina faia i ai nei foa’i, aua ua latou fa’amaonia, o lo’o i ai aiga, e mana’omia le fesoasoani i lenei vaitau o lo’o laiti le fanau, e to’atasi fo’i se sui o le aiga o lo’o faigaluega mo le tausiga atoa o i latou uma, fa’atasi ai ma le totogia o pili o tautua lautele mo le suavai taumafa fa’apea le eletise.

Ua i ai foi sui fa’apitoa ua fa’amoemoe i ai le Alofa foa’i Fua ina ia avea ma latou tagata tausaili e faamautuina maia le mana’omia i aiga eseese, o i latou nei e fesoasoani muamua i ai i latou a’o le’i tatalaina lenei le avanoa i le mamalu lautele o le atunu’u o lo’o fia maimoa ma filifili ni mea o latou mana’omia i o latou aiga.

Ua fa’atulaga o lea foa’i e afua mai le itula e 8:00 i le taeao se’ia pa’ia le itula e 2:00 i le afiafi o le aso To’ona’i.

O se fa’amatalaga e tusa o le “Alofa Foa’i Fua” sa amatatia mai e le tama’ita’i talavou o Aioletuna Sunia, i le tausaga e 2015. Ua atoa nei le tolu tausaga o aoga lenei sosaiete, i le tele o aiga.

“O se manatu na o’o mai i lo’u sui fa’atauva’a, aua e va’aia lava le anoanoa’i o lavalava e le’i taitai ona mae’a le aoga, ae ua fa’ale manatu i ai le aiga ma ua fa’aaoga e tia’i ma susunu, ae o nei lavalava o lo’o fou lava. Pau o le mea na oso a’e, fa’amama lelei ma fa’amanogi, gaugau ma fatufatu ma fa’apusa lelei, ae saili aiga e aoga i ai i le fanau iti ma fa’asolo ane i fanau talavou e fa’aaoga tataui i ai. E le toe tigaina fo’i nai matua e fa’atau nisi la’ei mo le tupulaga talavou lea e fetau i ai nei lavalava.”

O le amataga lena ona oso a’e se manatu ina ia fa’atuina se sosaiete fa’apea, e aoga mo tupulaga talavou e fa’aaoga tataui i ai lo matou taimi e faia ai le galuega lea o le fa’amama, fatufatu ma fa’avasega lelei, ona fa’atigipusa lea ma fa’ailogalelei aua nisi o aiga e matauina, e mana’omia le fesoasoani tau lavalava.

Ina ua fa’alogo i ai le Kalapu a le Liona a Pago Pago, sa fa’afiafiaina i latou e avea ma matou pa’aga. Soso’o ane ai, ua logotala i ai le Pacific Global Citizens, na amatatia fo’i e le susuga Patrick Reid.

“Ua so’o le fau ma le fau, ua logoa le tala, ma ua galulue

fa’atasi talavou i ala e mafai ona fa’aaoga ai taimi avanoa o le tupulaga, ina ia galulue i se ‘auga e sili ona aoga i nisi o aiga o lo’o i ai le mana’omia i le fatuaiga taus. Lea ua so’otau’au ai nei le Alofa Foa’i Fua, le Kalapu a le Liona ma le Pacific Global Citizens ina ia fa’aauu galuega lelei mo nisi,” o se fa’amatalaga lea a Aioletuna Sunia, e galue i le Matagaluega o Fefa’ataua’iga a le malo.

I le tausaga na amatatia ai e tusa ma le 75 aiga na fesoasoani i ai le “Alofa Foa’i Fua” peita’i i le tausaga nei, ua fa’ateleina, ma ua mafai ona tali atu i latou aua ua lava fo’i le oloa ua la’u ane i o latou nofoaga e fa’amautu i

ai, Le Ofisa o le Liona i Paka Liona, ma ua mae’a tapena fa’alelei ai mo le taua’aina atu.

O mea’ai ma mea e tapena ai tausami, ua fa’aagaaga lea e le Alofa Foa’i Fua ina ia taua’aina atu i le nofoaga o lo’o tausia fa’apitoa ai fanau ua a’afia i soligatulafono a’o le’i mae’a le pule a matua ia i latou, fa’apea fo’i ma le nofoaga fa’apitoa o lo’o tausia ai tina ma fanau ua a’afia i sauaga i totonu o latou lotoifale.

O ai e fa’atinoa uma nei galuega mo le Alofa Foa’i Fua? O le vasega o i latou o lo’o ofo mai lo latou taimi e fa’aalu e fa’atino ai nei galuega alofa. Ua mafai fo’i ona e vala’au Aioletuna ma fa’amau lou suafa mo sau tautua fa’apena fa’atasi ai ma le Alofa Foa’i Fua, po’o le Pacific Global Citizens.

Ona o lo’o talia lava fo’i foa’i

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O le ituaiga kalone lea sa fa’atutu i nofoaga eseese ina ia fa’ao’o ane i ai lau foa’i mo le fa’amoemoe e fa’auia atu i aiga o lo’o i ai le mana’omia e le “Alofa Foa’i Fua!” Lea la ua maea ona aoina mai isi nofoaga ae tasi lava le nofoaga ua faao’o ane i ai sau foa’i i lenei vaitau o le Ofisa o le Lions Club of Pago Pago i le Lions Park i Tafuna.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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O le sao lena o Vaitogi i le fa’afiafiaga o le Kerisimasi e ala i pesega ma skids 2017

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

# TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

## FA’AAOGA SIM CARD BLUE SKY AMERIKA SAMOA I SAMOA

I le taimi nei, ua ta’utino mai e le Bluesky i Amerika Samoa nei, o lo ua mafai nei ona e fa’aaogaina lau simcard na fa’atau mai ma lau telefoni i Amerika Samoa i Samoa fo’i. O le isi lea matati’a fou ua ausia e le Blusky iinei, ma ua avea ma se mea fo’i e tatau ona lau silafia e le mamalu o le atunu’u aua, o lo’o to’atele i latou e malaga i Samoa.

O le aso Gafua na tatala aloa’ia ai lenei matati’a fou i le tautua a le Bluesky.

“Ioe o lea ua agava’a nei le Bluesky e fa’alauiloa lenei matati’a matagofie ua mae’a ausia, ma o se fesoasoani tele fo’i i o tatou tagata femalaga’i, aua e totogia lava iinei lana pili telefoni fe’avea’i, ona malaga lea, ae fa’aaoga mai lana telefoni i Samoa,” o se tali le a le Bluesky, ma o lea e fa’aigoaina o le “Prepaid Roaming” po’o le “Fealua’i Mae’a Totogi!”

E na’o le 22sene i le minute pe afai e vala’au mai lau telefoni Bluesky i le telefoni bluesky iinei, po’o lau telefoni bluesky mai Samoa i le telefoni fale a le tou aiga. Peita’i e si’i teisi le totogi pe afai e te vili mai lau Bluesky i le telefoni ASTCA iinei.

Pe afai e fia maua uma totogi mo lou silafia, ae maise o fa’amatalaga uma lava i lou o’o atu i Samoa ma suia loa lau telefoni i le “Fealua’i Mae’a Totogi” e mafai ona e muamua taga’i ane i le Upega Tafa’ilagi a le Kamupani Telefoni a le Bluesky - bluesky.as, kiliki i le “Mobile,” kiliki lea i le “Menu” ma kiliki sa’o loa i le “Prepaid Roaming!”.

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Pe afai e te le fia fa’aaogaina lea fo’i auu-naga pe afai e te alu ma ave lau telefoni Bluesky i Samoa, e tatau ona e tago e ki i le OFF lau Roaming luga o lau telefoni, ae fa’aaoga lava pei ona masani ai le auu-naga i Samoa pe afai e sili lea ia te oe.

O lenei suiga, ua le toe tau suia ai se isi SIM card e fa’atau i Samoa i totonu o lau telefoni, ma e na’o se suiga lava o lau telefoni ona fa’aaoga lava lea o lau numera e pei ona manatua e tagata uma, ma e talanoa mai i ai, e foliga mai e te le o tafao i Samoa.

Afai fo’i e fa’atumu lau telefoni i le seleni fa’atele lau echarge ina ia lava mo le umi o le a e tu’ua ai le tatou malo.

## AMATALIA TAITOLU MALAGA HAWAIIAN AIR I LE VAIASO

O le vaiaso lona lua lenei ua mafai ai ona ta’itolu malaga a le Hawaiian Airlines i le vaiaso e tasi ma ua fa’aopoopo mai le malaga i le afiafi o le aso Lulu e tulaeleele mai ai ma toe talii atu i Honolulu.

E mafua ona faia lenei suiga i tausaga ta’itasi i ona vaitaimi pisi o le tausaga ona e to’atele ai i latou e femalaga’i i le vaitau lenei o le Kerisimasi ma le Tausaga Fou.

Ua mautinoa lava ua tutumu uma malaga a le Hawaiian Air i aso Lulu nei, Tesema 27, 2017 ma Ianuari 3, 2018. O lona uiga, afai e le toe tumu le va’alele o le isi aso Lulu e soso’o mai Ianuari 11, 2018, ailoga la e taunu’u lea malaga.

O le taimi masani lava e pei o isi malaga a le Hawaiian Air e tulaeleele mai ai le va’alele ma toe tuuva’a ese atu ai i lea lava afiafi. Peita’i, e ao lava ina matauina, e vave lava ona siakia atopa’u ma fa’amomoli a’o le’i taitai ona po le aso o nei malaga, mo pasese uma e siakia ai latou pauna.

## MANAOMIA SAMOA NOFOAGA KOLENIA TAMA TINEIAFI

Mai le fonotaga a Samoa na Lua sa faia i le masina nei, sa fa’alauiloa ai e le tama’ita’i Fa’atonu sili o Uafu ma Malaeva’alele Taimalelagi Claire Salafai Tuia Poumele ua ma’ea fa’atuina i Amerika Samoa se nofoaga fa’apitoa e koleni fa’apitoa ai le au tinei afi a malaeva’alele i tomai ma agava’a i lona fa’aaogaina mo fa’alavelave e afaina ai vaalele.

Na talosaga Samoa ua latou fia asia lea nofoaga. Fa’aailoa e Taimalelagi, “O se fiafiaga le mafai ona fefa’asoa’i ma Samoa e ala i le tomai o le galuega, ae o le nofoaga latou, o lo’o ua mae’a fa’atuina, e mafai lava ona so’ofa’atasi ai ma isi atumotu o le pasefika i lea itu. O se fiafiaga le maua o avanoa fa’apenei, e mafai ona fa’asoa ai i mea ua gafatia e tatou Malo fa’ateritori ma atumotu, aua e le tofusua ma ni alamanuia tetele e fa’atupe ai nofoaga fa’apenei.”

O le tau o le nofoaga e \$15miliona sa fa’atupe e le FAA lea e vaايا malae va’alele a Amerika.

O le susuga Magele Hoe Viali, le COE o le Samoa Airport Authority, lea sa ia talia ma le fiafia lenei vala’aulia ma o lea ua toe vala’au mai mo le fa’amaoniga o le taimi tonu e to’ai taunu’u mai ai le latou asiasiga o le nofoaga fa’apitoa lea, ma maimoaina fo’i se fa’aaliga o lea galuega fa’atino e fa’aaogaina ai le tomai ma auupega ua mua’i pasia mai e le FAA.

E le’i mautu le aso e asiasi mai ai Samoa mo lea fa’amoemoe.

## 12 AUFAlPESE PO LONA TOLU O PESEGA KERISIMASI

(Faaauau itulau 19)



O nisi o le galuega i Ma’ama’a CCCAS lea sa auai atu i le latou pesega o le Kerisimasi 2017, malo le fai o le faiva.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

## ► Alofa...

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o so’o se ituaiga e fia faia mai, mo le fa’amoemoe e fa’auala atu ai i aiga uma o lo’o ua i ai le mana’omia i latou fatuaiga taus, e sailia fo’i le tama’ita’i o Aioletuna po’o le susuga Patrick Reid e fia fa’ataunu’u ane lea foa’i, po’o le ave sa’o lava fo’i i le Ofisa o le Kalapu a le Liona i le Paka Liona i Tafuna. O le Pacific Global Citizens, o se fa’atasiga lea a le fanau tupulaga talavou, ua latou loto ina ia faia galuega lelei, ma suia o latou olaga i le fa’atinoga lea o se tautua e leai se tau po’o se totogi. O le avea ai ma se sitiseni tausia tulafono a le tatou atunu’u ae maise o tulafono a le Atua, o se talavou amio lelei lea.

“E leai se isi galuega ua sili ona fia fa’atautaia e i latou nei, nai le galuega ua i o matou lima e ao ina fa’ataunu’u mo aiga o lo’o i ai le mana’omia i o latou lotoifale. Ua fa’afetaia fa’atasi e i matou uma le avanoa ua

matou maua mo ni galuega lelei e fa’atino ai. O lo’o ola fiafia le fanau talavou i le Pacific Global Citizens e fa’atino uma galuega tapenapena mo le foa’i lea e fa’atino nei i le aso To’ona’i o lenei vaiaso,” o Aioletuna lea.

O nisi o ala ua fesoasoani ai le PGC i fanau talavou ua avea ma latou totino, o ala ia tau le aoaoga, ua taumafai i latou ina ia fesoasoani i mea’aoga ae maise o tima’iga i le fanau talavou, ia fa’aaoga tatau o latou taimi avanoa e faia ai latou mea’aoga, fa’atino poloketi e maua ai le atamai, fesoasoani i le aiga i galuega fa’atino i le lotoifale, ae maise ave sou lua i le tolu itula e te faia ai galuega lelei mo nisi.

“O la’u va’aiga i le lumana’i, o le ‘Alofa Foa’i Fua, e le tu’ua lenei galuega, e faifai pea aua e le o misia lava se tausaga ma le fa’aopoopo o le lisi o aiga o lo’o mana’omia foa’i nei, o lona uiga, e le o mae’a le auu-naga, e fa’aauau lava! O lea fo’i ua avea a’u ma se Liona, e galue lava fo’i lenei Liona ia gauai mai nisi e foa’i,” o se tala lea a Aioletuna.





Nisi o sui o le kapineta a le kovana i le fonotaga i le vaiaso ua te'a i le taimi sa amata ai le sauniga i le tatalo.

[ata: FS]

# Talosaga fa'atonusili Ofisa Tagata Faigaluega o le malo e galulue fa'atasi

tusia: Fili Sagapolutele

I le fonotaga mulimuli o lenei tausaga a le afioga i le kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga ma lana kapiteni sa talosagaina ai e le fa'atonusili o le Matagaluega o Tagata Faigaluega a le malo, le faletua ia Eseneiaso Liu, le kapineta ina ia galulue fa'atasi ma lona ofisa e aloaia ta'iala i le tulaga o tagata faigaluega.

O le fonotga sa faia i le Fale Laumei i Utulei i le vaiaso ua te'a ma sa tuuina atu ai le avanoa i sui uma o le kapineta mo a latou saunoaga fa'apitoa. Ua le gata i le afioga i le kovana sa auai i lea fonotaga, ae fa'apea foi le afioga i le Lutena Kovana, Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga, fa'atasi ai ma nisi o fa'auiuluga o le malo.

I le saunoaga a Liu, sa ia muamua ona fa'afetaia le kovana ma le lutena kovana ona o le onosai i le tulaga o galuega ta'ita'i o le malo.

O le isi vaega o le fa'afetai, e pei ona saunoa ai Liu, o le fa'afetai lea i fa'auiuluga o matagaluega ma ofisa o le malo, "o e o lo'o fa'autagia pea ta'iala e fa'atautaia ai tagata faigaluega. Ou te fa'afetai foi ia i latou, e le o fa'autagia mai ta'iala."Saunoa Liu e fa'apea, "o le tele o mea o lo'o alu i le Ofisa o le Kovana, masalo e laititi le faa-lima ona valaau mai 'au i luga o le Ofisa o le Kovana, ona o tulaga ia. Fa'amolemole tatou galulue fa'atasi. O mai tatou galulue fa'atasi aua se 'ai mo tagata faigaluega."

O le tasi vaega o le fa'afetai, "oute fa'afetai tele atu i si o tatou atunu'u i lo outou onosa'i, i le tulaga o le sailiga o galuega," o a Liu lea. "O le agaga lava ina ia tele [avanoa faigaluega], ae o le

fa'alavelave e le talafeaga'i foi ma le tamaoaga."

Sa toe fa'afetaia foi e Liu le kovana ona o tulaga i mea o lo'o i ai nei, e pei o le fa'atauaina o tagata matututa, fa'atauaina o tupulaga, ma le fa'atauaina o tagata faigaluega. "E pei ona outou silafia, o lea ua tatala le Youth Academy, aua lava tupulaga talavou e le o maua ni latou galuega," o le saunoaga lea a Liu, i lenei Academy io lo'o i lalo o le vaiga a le Matagaluega o Tupulaga, Tina ma Tamaita'i (DYWA).

O le Academy sa tatala aloaia i le lua vaiaso talu ai ma ua talosagaina foi e le DYWA vaega uma o le malo o lo'o i ai avanoa faigaluega ina ia logoina au le DYWA mo i latou i lo'o i lalo o le Academy.

O se isi vaega o le saunoaga a Liu sa ia fa'amalulu atu ai i so'o se tasi, ua le mafai ona maua siitaga o totogi a tagata faigaluega ona o le tulaga lava o mea tau tupe, faapea foi tulaga o ta'iala o lo'o i ai. "Malu ave i fale o outou finagalo, aua e tatou te manana'o uma lava i ai, ae i ai lava tapula'a o mea e tatau ona tatou o'o i ai," o a Liu lea.

"Ae o sa matou talosaga vaivai a le matou ofisa, e mana'omia ona tatou galulue fa'atasi. O a lava fuafuaga o lo'o fa'ata'atia mo le lumana'i, ia atonu o le tausaga fou 2018, tatou galulue fa'atasi ina ia tatou maua ta'iala ma faataunu'uina fuafuaga pe a tusa ai ma le finagalo o le Atua," o toe upu ia a Liu i le fonotaga a le kapineta ma ia fa'amanuia ai le Kerisimasi ma le Tausaga Fou ia Lolo ma Lemanu, ae maise sui o le kapineta ma le mamalu lautele o le atunu'u.



O tama'ita'i siufofoga matagofie mai le aufaipese a Leone Metotisi.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O nisi na o tama'ita'i lalelei sa auai mai i le aufaipese matagofie a Atuu CCCAS.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O se vaaiga i le taimi na oso ai le skid a Alao Catholic i le taimi o le latou pesega o le Kerisimasi 2017.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

## Tala i vaifanua...

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O le afiafi lona tolu o Pesega o le Kerisimasi a le malo na i le Fale Laumei i Utulei, na tapena i ai aufaipese to'a 12 na fa'aalia i lea afiafi.

E afua mai le matagofie o pesega ae tomua mai lava le lalelei o toniga ma teuga eseeae ua fa'aalia e aufaipese ta'itasi ina ia fa'afiafiaina i latou uma sa maimoaina latou sao mo lenei tasuaga i le fa'amanatuina o le Kerisimasi.

O le aufaipese a Mapusaga Fou 3rd Ward na tatala ai pesega o le afiafi soso'o lea ma le

aufaipese a Amanave CCCAS, ae lona tolu ai le aufaipese Metotisi mai Pavaiai. Soso'o ai Alao Catholic Choir, Masefau CCAS, Ma'ama'a CCCAS i Tafuna ma le Malaaloa Metotisi lea sa matua iloga ona fa'afiafiaina le to'atele e maimoaina aua e faia taga o latou pese sa usuina, ma atili ai ona ola le fa'aaliga i lea afiafi.

O Leone Metotisi na soso'o ai, fa'apea ma Vaitogi CCCAS na matua lanumeamata ai ma le mumu le Fale Laumei i Utulei, aua e to'atele na'ua le autalavou

lea. Atuu CCCAS na tula'i ai Danielle Mose e taimi lo latou sao ma na iloga le matagofie o a latou pesega sa usuina, matagofie fo'i a latou sei mumu ma le la'ei pa'epa'e e fa'aalo ai le sinasina o le lagi lea tatou e aga atu i ai.

Fiangalo Pa'ia o Iesu mai le Fatuoaga sa soso'o ai ma sa saunia e i latou vi'iga matagofie ma faia fo'i latou skids mulimuli lea sa matua mata tioata uma ai i latou. Ae tomuli loa lea afiafi i le pesega a le Aua Catholic Choir.



President Donald Trump shakes hands with House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., during an event to acknowledge the final passage of tax overhaul legislation by Congress on the South Lawn of White House in Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

# Ryan savors tax bill win, but coming fights could roil GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a victory lap so irresistible that Speaker Paul Ryan did it twice.

When the House approved the \$1.5 trillion Republican tax bill Tuesday and again Wednesday with minor changes, it was a beaming Ryan who emphatically pounded the gavel, announced the vote and applauded his bellowing GOP colleagues.

The moment put lawmakers on the cusp of shipping the measure to President Donald Trump and achieving one of Ryan's — and his party's — long-cherished goals. Since entering the House in 1999 as a 28-year-old whose resume ranged from fitness trainer to congressional aide, Ryan has evolved into a dominant GOP voice on tax and budget issues.

Few dispute that the Wisconsin Republican can claim the tax bill's passage as a personal triumph. But in a business that often cares more about the

next battle than the last one, the coming few days and the 2018 election year loom as a complicated and risky time for Ryan.

To ward off a Christmas-season or January government shutdown and win defense spending boosts, GOP leaders will eventually need a compromise with Democrats demanding domestic program increases and an immigration deal. That could anger his party's most conservative members, who helped push previous Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, into early retirement in 2015 when they decided he was too prone to cut bipartisan agreements.

"I can't imagine that a historic tax reform package would be enough credit to stop backlash from a bad spending and immigration bill that gets put on the House floor," Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., leader of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, said in an interview Tuesday. "It's just not the way that politics happen. They're viewed as two separate things."

Up next will be the 2018 agenda, which Ryan envisions focusing on squeezing savings from benefit programs that moderates from competitive districts are leery of touching. Then comes November's midterm elections in which Trump's unpopularity means the GOP faces a real chance of losing House and Senate control.

"He's got to hold the House," said former Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who once led the House GOP's campaign efforts. "At the end of the day, part of the report card of leaders is they've got to re-elect their members."

For now, Ryan is relishing congressional approval of the tax bill, which Trump is certain to sign. His desire to revamp the code was evident in 1998, when as congressman-elect he complained during a C-SPAN interview that existing laws were inhibiting practices "that make America great," two decades before Trump made similar words famous.

"I am very pleased with how far we pushed the art of the possible," Ryan said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

With a tricky 2018 approaching, speculation has arisen that flush from victory, Ryan would leave Congress after the tax legislation becomes law or after next year's elections. He's tried squelching that talk, though in a less-than-air-tight way.

"I'm not going anywhere anytime soon, and just let's leave that thing at that," he told reporters.

Davis, the former Virginia GOP congressman, says it would be a "huge mistake" for Ryan to depart before the 2018 elections because "it would signal to Republicans across the country that he's abandoning ship."

After this year's crash of the

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## FA'ASILASILAGA OFISA O LE KONESULA SAMOA: ASO MALOLO KERISIMASI MA LE TAUSAGA FOU

E fa'asilasila atu ma le agaga fa'aaloalo i le mamalu o le atunu'u femalagaa'i e faapea:

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E fautuaina ai le mamalu o e fofou malaga i Tumua e mana'omia pemitā, po o nisi auaunaga a lo tatou Ofisa nei mo ia aso Malolo, ina ia tapena mamao i ai.

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Ina ia fesoaosani atili mo tapenaga mo aso Malolo, o le a suia ai le taimi tapunia ai le Ofisa mai le 3:00 (o lo'o iai nei) i le 3:30 p.m. i le Aso Faraile, Tesema 01, 2017 se'ia o'o i le Aso Tofi, Tesema 21, 2017.

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## SAMOA CONSULATE GENERAL: CLOSURE OF THE OFFICE FOR CHRISTMAS 2017 & NEW YEAR 2018

The general public is hereby advised that the Office of the Samoa Consulate-General will be Closed from **12:00 Noon, Friday, December 22, 2017 until 8:30a.m., Wednesday, January 03, 2018.**

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We take this opportunity to wish all our clients and the people of American Samoa all the very best for a most happy and joyous Christmas, and a safe and successful New Year.

### SAMOA CONSULATE-GENERAL



Col. Chad G. Carroll, a spokesman for the U.N. command, shows the CCTV footage regarding a North Korean soldier's defection during a press conference at the Defense Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017. A North Korean soldier made a desperate dash to freedom in a jeep and then on foot, being shot at least five times as he limped across the border and was rescued by South Korean soldiers, according to dramatic video released by the U.S.-led U.N. command Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

# South Korea fires warning shots after North soldier defects

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean soldiers fired 20 warning machine gun rounds Thursday, turning back North Korean soldiers apparently pursuing a comrade who had earlier dashed across the rivals' shared border, officials said. It is the fourth time this year a North Korean soldier has defected across the world's most heavily armed border. South Korean military officials said they heard gunfire from the North after South Korea fired its warning shots, but it wasn't clear if the firing was retaliatory. Neither side immediately reported casualties.

North Korean soldiers occasionally flee over the land border, but there have been few defections as dramatic as one that happened nearly 40 days ago, when a northern soldier crossed at a different, very public place — a jointly controlled area that is the only place where troops from the rivals face off only feet away from each other. That soldier was shot five times by his former comrades in an escape caught on video. He has been recovering in a hospital. The site of

that defection is familiar to many foreign tourists, who can visit the blue huts that straddle the line between the rivals.

Thursday's defection happened at a much more remote section of the 4 kilometer (2.5 mile)-wide, 248-kilometer (155-mile) -long Demilitarized Zone, which serves as the border between the Koreas. When the defecting soldier — reportedly a 19-year-old — arrived at a front-line South Korean guard post, there was no shooting from the North, according to South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff. Spokesman Roh Jae-cheon said the motive for the defection is under investigation.

Later Thursday, however, South Korea's military detected several North Korean soldiers approaching the line between the countries in the DMZ, prompting the South to broadcast a warning and fire 20 warning shots, said a South Korean defense official, requesting anonymity because of department rules.

The North Korean soldiers who approached the line were believed to be on a mission to hunt down their defecting com-

rade. They turned back to the North after the South's warning shots, the official said. About 40 minutes later, soldiers twice heard several rounds of gunshot on the North Korean side of the border. No North Korean bullets were found in the South, the official said. The latest defection was the fourth North Korean soldier to flee through the DMZ this year, the Defense Ministry said. About 30,000 North Koreans have defected to South Korea mostly via China since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

In a separate incident, two North Korean men found aboard a wooden boat off the east coast on Wednesday asked to resettle in the South, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry. Animosity runs high on the Korean Peninsula as North Korea has been accelerating its weapons tests as part of its stated goal of achieving a nuclear missile capable of striking anywhere in the United States. Last month, North Korea test-fired its biggest and most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile to date.

# Former Washington auditor guilty of tax fraud, other charges

SEATTLE (AP) — Former Washington state Auditor Troy Kelley was found guilty Wednesday of several charges related to when he ran a real-estate escrow services business during the height of last decade's housing boom.

Emily Langlie, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Seattle, said Kelley was convicted of possession of stolen property, two counts of making false declarations in a court proceeding and six counts of tax fraud. He was found not guilty on five counts of money

laundering. Judge Ronald B. Leighton handed down the verdict in Tacoma after a 21-day trial. Sentencing is scheduled for March 30. This was the second trial for Kelley, a Democratic state lawmaker from Tacoma who was elected auditor in 2012. He was charged in 2015 with possessing stolen money, laundering money, lying under oath and filing false income-tax returns. His first federal fraud trial last year ended with an acquittal on one count and a deadlocked jury on more than a dozen others. The charges

stemmed from Kelley's operation of a business called Post Closing Department, which tracked escrow paperwork for title companies. Prosecutors said that to obtain business from the title companies - and access vast sums of money from homeowners - Kelley promised that Post Closing Department would collect \$100 to \$150 for each transaction it tracked; keep \$15 or \$20 for itself; use some of the money to pay county recording and other fees if necessary; and refund the customer any remaining money.



## IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Courtesy)







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► **Ryan...**

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“A lot of people are thinking, ‘This is one of the reasons I came here,’” said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas. “There are just so many post offices you can rename.”

"Once the euphoria of passing the tax bill wears off, we'll have to turn to other issues like spending," said conservative Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., who's clashed often with GOP leaders. "It depends how the speaker picks his way forward."



Besides alienating conservatives, Ryan — his party's 2012 vice presidential candidate — must balance an assertive 2018 agenda with shielding moderates from damaging votes.



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[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



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Application Deadline: December 27, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

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New York City landlord  
to pay \$8M in tenant-  
harassment suit

NEW YORK (AP) — A major New York City landlord who was accused of bullying tenants out of rent-regulated apartments has agreed to pay them \$8 million to settle a law-suit — while he’s in jail for mortgage fraud.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced Wednesday he had reached an agreement with landlord Steven Croman. In addition to the \$8 million restitution fund, the settlement also says an independent property management company will run more than 100 Croman buildings for five years.

“Over and over again, Steven Croman acted as though he was above the law, putting profits before his tenants’ safety and wellbeing,” Schneiderman, a Democrat, said in a statement.

Croman’s company, 9300 Realty Inc., said in a statement it was pleased to end the case and looked forward to “continuing to provide quality rental housing throughout New York City.”

Schneiderman also prosecuted Croman in the mortgage fraud case, which accused him of overstating rent revenue to snag millions of dollars in

loans. Croman pleaded guilty to charges including grand larceny and was sentenced in October to a year in jail.

The civil suit accused Croman of such tactics as filing baseless lawsuits against tenants and sending an intimidating investigator to accuse them of living in their homes illegally.

The goal was to get them to leave, sometimes for buyouts worth just a few months’ rent, and then hike the price for the next tenant, the suit said. New York landlords can sometimes charge triple the rent or more after renovating vacant rent-stabilized apartments and getting them deregulated.

Croman would walk through his office chanting “buyouts, buyouts!” and called investigator Anthony Falconite his “secret weapon,” the lawsuit said. It said Falconite, a former police officer, sometimes posed as a delivery worker to get tenants to let him in, confronted them at work and tracked down their relatives.

Falconite continues to deny the allegations against him, his lawyer, Edward M. Spiro, said. The settlement bars Falconite from interacting with Croman tenants for five years.



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*This Dec. 13, 2017 photo, shows the exterior of the board of education headquarters in Cheshire, Conn. Schools in the town have suspended use of the Summit Learning program, a go-at-your-own-pace personalized online learning platform built by a California charter school network with help from Facebook engineers. Parents who organized against it said there was no need to change what’s worked in a town with a prized reputation for good schools. Superintendent Jeffrey Solan said he accepted the change was too much for some, and announced the program would be suspended.*

(AP Photo/Michael Melia)

# School ditches online learning program after parents revolt

CHESHIRE, Conn. (AP) — The fast-growing online platform was built with help from Facebook engineers and designed to help students learn at their own speed. But it’s been dropped because parents in this Connecticut suburb revolted, saying there was no need to change what’s worked in a town with a prized reputation for good schools.

The Summit Learning program, developed by a California charter school network, has signed up over 300 schools to use its blend of technology with go-at-your-own-pace personalized learning.

Cheshire school administrators and some parents praised the program, but it faced criticism from others who said their children were spending too much time online, some content was inappropriate, and students were not getting enough direct guidance. Superintendent Jeffrey Solan said this week he accepted the change was too much, too soon for some.

“Some people were more comfortable with a model where a teacher stands in front of a class and lectures for 40 minutes. We haven’t been comfortable with that model for a long time,” he said in an interview. “That’s an old factory model that doesn’t fit in to contemporary learning.”

The reversal was vindication for parents who started a petition drive against the program and blasted it at public meetings.

“What was broken in the Cheshire school system, a highly successful system, that they needed to experiment with our children?” parent Heidi Wildstein said in an interview.

Many schools around the country have stories of successful technology initiatives, and one lesson from other districts is the importance of getting parents as excited as teachers, according to Lindsey Tepe, a policy analyst at the nonpartisan New America think tank in Washington, D.C.

“This huge shift we’re seeing in classrooms around the country increasing the use of new technologies is going to be bumpy in places that aren’t laying a groundwork,” Tepe said.

Cheshire’s platform was created by Summit Public Schools, which runs charter schools in California and Washington state. The organization is a proponent of personalized learning, a concept centered on the interests and needs of each individual child as opposed to universal standards.

With funding from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the platform was made available for free to schools across the U.S. beginning in the

2015-2016 school year. Ninety-three percent of schools using it last year stuck with it this year, according to Summit Learning spokeswoman Catherine Madden.

“Summit Learning is designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge, habits and a sense of purpose that set them up for success in college and beyond,” Madden said.

The program emphasizes self-directed learning with students reviewing a range of materials online, project-based learning and mentoring with teachers who help students work toward personal goals. Students can take and retake tests when they feel prepared to do so.

In Cheshire, the program appealed as a way to build on the district’s goal of promoting complex thinking, Solan said. Educators saw it in use on a visit to schools in Framingham, Massachusetts, and like what they saw. Summit flew the Cheshire administrative team to Oakland, California, for training and provided the district with 130 Chromebook computers. In the district of some 4,000 students, the program was introduced at the start of this year for about 540 students in fifth, sixth and seventh grades.

Solan said the district made every effort to help parents understand the program, but he complained the effort was also up against misinformation shared on social media. There were rumors about a plot to eliminate teachers, he said, and some believed the program had students online all day even though 70 percent of the platform involved opportunities to apply learning through debates, projects or experiments.

Theresa Commune said her 11-year-old son just wanted more attention from teachers than he was getting.

“They need teachers to get them to love learning at this stage,” she said.

As the outcry grew, the district pledged a community survey on the platform. Then, over the weekend, parents began pointing out a part of the seventh-grade curriculum that the district deemed inappropriate: a web page on ancient Rome that made reference to sex with animals. (When asked about that material, a Summit spokeswoman said it is constantly working to improve the platform and content.)

Solan said officials didn’t intend to suspend the program until that discovery.

“It wasn’t simply that,” Solan said. “It was the whole totality of the experience and what it was doing for our school community. We needed to take a step back.”

# Marijuana activist since 1960s facing California pot charges

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A marijuana activist whose advocacy dates to the 1960s counterculture has been arrested in California toting 22 pounds of illegal marijuana, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Irvin Dana Beal, 70, of New York, was arrested Saturday in far Northern California after prosecutors said his rental car was spotted weaving across the road and driving 20 miles below the speed limit. James Statzer, 51, of Michigan, also was arrested.

The arrest occurred along a well-traveled highway in California’s famed Emerald Triangle area, known for its high-grade pot. A police dog smelled marijuana during the stop and 22 pounds of the drug was found.

Both men pleaded not guilty to charges of possessing drugs for sale and felony transportation charges and were being held in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

Beal has been promoting marijuana’s medical benefits for decades. His activism dates to the 1960s heyday of Abbie Hoffman and the Youth International Party, known as the Yippies.

Recreational sales of mari-

juana become legal in California on Jan. 1, and medical marijuana has been legal in the state since 1996. But it’s still illegal to transport large quantities of the drug or to take it out of state.

It’s not uncommon for traffickers to think they can now transport pot risk-free, said Deputy District Attorney Colleen Murray, who is prosecuting the case.

“People are like, ‘It’s legal.’ So often they’re very open with officers, ‘Oh hey, I have 100 pounds,’” she said. “That’s not the way it works.”

Defense attorney Tom Ballanco said it’s not clear if his two clients thought they were acting legally.

Friends were raising money for Beal’s bail, Ballanco said, concerned that he is a heart attack survivor and has other illnesses. Beal isn’t a flight risk and looks forward to fighting the charges, Ballanco said.

“The nature of his life, really, is one of activism. He’s not the type of person who’s going to flee from this,” Ballanco said. “He’s certainly a very colorful figure. I’m happy to be representing him and his co-defendant.”



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## Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title SALAUSA of the village of TA'U (SIUFAGA) by PASI IAFETA of the village of TA'U (SIUFAGA), county of TA'U, MANUA District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title SALAUSA shall be registered in the name of PASI IAFETA in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017 thru JANUARY 12, 2017  
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

## Fa'aaliga o le Fa'amauina o se Suafa Matai

O le fa'aaliga lenei ua faasalalauina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauina o le suafa matai o SALAUSA o le nu'u o TA'U (SIUFAGA) e PASI IAFETA o TA'U (SIUFAGA) faalupega o TA'U, falelima i MANUA.

Ia taliaaina e le Resitara lea talosaga, faatasi ma le talosaga a le aiga faapea ma le tusi faamaonia mai matai o lea nu'u, ma ua i ai nei i teuga pepa a lea ofisa.

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# Judge: Plastic surgery was wrongly denied for 3 HIV patients

NEW YORK (AP) — A cosmetic-surgery firm that denied breast reduction surgery to three men with HIV violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by failing to consider the medical facts regarding each patient before deciding whether surgery could be safely performed, a judge said Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Analisa Torres issued the written opinion against Advanced Cosmetic Surgery of New York, which has offices in Manhattan and Long Island. The U.S. government and a New York resident, Mark Milano, filed the lawsuit in 2015, contending the business had a blanket policy of refusing surgery to anyone with a history of HIV infection.

Lawyers for the company did not immediately return a message seeking comment Wednesday. But in court papers, lawyers for Springfield Medical Aesthetic, which operates the medical offices, said the issue was whether a licensed physician could be held liable for refusing to perform elective cosmetic surgery on HIV-positive patients based on the physician's judgment the patients' medications could interfere

adversely with medications used in the surgery.

"This case is not about physician who holds discriminatory animus toward HIV+ patients," the lawyers wrote. "Importantly, this case is not about fear of infection by the physician or his staff when treating HIV+ patients." The lawyers called it an instance of judicial first impression and noted the government did not cite any U.S. case in which a court had applied the ADA or federal or local law to overrule a physician's medical decision not to treat an HIV-positive patient. The judge acknowledged the issue had not been addressed before in the courts but said there was precedent in a Supreme Court case that found a teacher living with tuberculosis was unjustly fired. In that case, the trial judge did not conduct an individualized inquiry into the health risks, if any, posed by the teacher's disease. Torres wrote that the medical practice at Advanced Cosmetic Surgery violated federal law in HIV-related cases by failing to investigate whether drugs taken by the three men would threaten health as a result of surgery.



*In this undated image provided by the Australian Department of Defense, fish swim around the helm of the Australian submarine HMAS AE1 off the coast of the Papua New Guinea island of New Britain. One of Australia's oldest naval mysteries has been solved after the discovery of the wreck of the country's first submarine more than 103 years after its disappearance in World War I.*

(Australian Department of Defense via AP)

## Mystery solved as Australian sub found after 103 years

SYDNEY (AP) — One of Australia's oldest naval mysteries has been solved after the discovery of the wreck of the

country's first submarine more than 103 years after its disappearance in World War I.

The AE1 vanished off the New Guinean island of New Britain on September 14, 1914, with 35 crew aboard from Australia, New Zealand and Britain.

It was the first Allied submarine loss of the war and the first wartime loss for the Royal Australian Navy, yet the exact reason for its sinking remains unclear.

No fewer than 12 fruitless hunts for the sub had been carried out over the past several decades, but Australian Defense Minister Marise Payne said Thursday it was located more than 300 meters (984 feet) below the surface in a search using a Dutch-owned survey vessel that started only last week.

While the reasons for the submarine's sinking remain unclear, Payne said the Australian government was now trying to contact descendants of those killed on board.

"It was the first loss for the RAN and the first Allied sub-

marine loss in World War I — a significant tragedy felt by our nation and our allies," Payne said in a statement.

Payne said a commemorative service was held to remember those who died after the vessel was found. Australia will now discuss with the Papua New Guinean government the building of a lasting memorial and ways to preserve the site.

The AE1 made final contact with an Australian ship at 2:30 p.m. the day it disappeared. Mystified villagers on a nearby island at the time spoke of seeing a "monster" or "devil fish" that appeared and quickly disappeared into the water.

It has always been assumed the AE1 was not a victim of enemy action, since the only German vessel nearby at the time was a small survey ship.

Because no wreckage, oil or bodies were found, it was also believed the AE1 sank intact, most likely after striking a reef that punched a hole in the pressure hull. Whether or not this is what happened is still to be publicly verified.

## Dog mauls woman to death at a Phoenix boarding facility

PHOENIX (AP) — Authorities say a dog mauled a 69-year-old woman to death at a Phoenix boarding facility.

Phoenix police say the victim was found Wednesday in a dog exercise area at Canine Country Club and Feline Inn with significant injuries consistent with dog bites.

She was rushed to a hospital, where she died. Her name

hasn't been released yet.

The woman reportedly volunteered at a rescue group called Akita Advocates that rents space at the kennel.

She was trying to socialize the animal to prepare it for adoption when the attack took place. Maricopa County Animal Care and Control officials say the Akita Advocates group will put the dog down.



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### REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)

RFQ No: ASPA18.013.ESD-WTR Closing Date & Time: Friday, January 5, 2018  
Issuance Date: December 18, 2017 No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Power Authority issues a Request For Quotes (RFQ) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written quotes for the:

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#### Submission

An original and one PDF of the Quote must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFQ No. ASPA 18.013.ESD-WTR Water Project Vehicle".

Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00pm. (local time), **Friday, January 5, 2018:**

Procurement Office  
American Samoa Power Authority  
P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799  
Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any quote 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 RFQ package outlining the quote requirements is available at the New Procurement Office at AS-PA's Tafuna Compound, New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

#### Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Power Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all quotes and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted quotes that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

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[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

# Ethics watchdog says Canada PM Trudeau broke conflict rules

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau violated conflict of interest rules when he vacationed last Christmas at the private Bahamian island owned by the Aga Khan, the country's federal ethics commissioner concluded Wednesday.

Trudeau became the country's first prime minister found to have violated federal conflict of interest rules. He apologized and said he would seek guidance on such vacations in the future. He isn't expected to be sanctioned or penalized.

Ethics commissioner Mary Dawson said in a report that Trudeau broke laws that prohibit a government minister from accepting gifts or advantages that could reasonably be seen as influencing government decisions. The only exception is if the person providing the gift is a friend, but Dawson said that didn't apply in the case of the Aga Khan, a philanthropist and hereditary spiritual leader to the world's approximately 15 million Ismaili Muslims. Trudeau has repeatedly called the Aga Khan a longtime family friend who was a pallbearer at his father's funeral. The late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and the Aga Khan were friends.

Dawson said the Aga Khan and his foundation were registered to lobby and Justin Trudeau didn't properly recuse himself on two occasions in May 2016 from government meetings about a 15 million Canadian dollar (\$12 million) grant to the endowment fund of the Global Centre for Pluralism, where the Aga Khan is chairman of the board.



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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**RFP:** Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019  
**Approved to issuance by:** Ruth Matagi-Fa'atili; DBAS President  
**Date of issuance:** Dec 1, 2017  
**Date & Time Due:** December 30, 2017  
No later than 2:00 pm local time

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### DOCUMENT

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

Document: Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday Dec 1, 2017 or emailing [charmaine@dbas.as](mailto:charmaine@dbas.as) for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: [www.dbas.as](http://www.dbas.as) (click public notice).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Development Bank of American Samoa  
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Attention: Charmaine Faleaana  
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

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



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Ua logo le nā itea, ua logo fo'i le nā i ama, ina ua mapu i Niafane le va'a o le Sanalala, ae lalafo le taula i malolo i vasa. Ua fefe vale ai nei le tauta auā ua ulifaō le taufa'anu'u, ua oso fo'i peau vale, ae felavasa'i peau lagava'a ina ua sopoutu peau ta tagata ma fulifaō e pei o matagi to fa'ata'uta'u.

Ua gausia nei le tautali sa tapa apoapo ai manū, ina ua mafati lona sasaga sa silimea ai le oloa e tua iai aiga ma le ekalesia, auā ua lia'i le poutū ma ua le tatali poulalo, sa tapatautali ai le 'au'au ole maota i Ana-o-le-i'a. Ua po ai nei le nu'u, auā ua le pupula le la, ua puaoa fo'i le masina, ina ua agi fa'asulusulu le la'i, auē! Ua foa lua le Pulou o le Ola, ina ua gasolosolo ao ae ta'ape pāpā, ina ua tifatō ma atafasaina fa'afuga o la'au e to'ulu le tupua ma le la'o'ai i Lalotavai auā ua lagia le afioaga e susū ai le Aumoeualogo, afio le Anavaotaua Te'o ma le Matua ia Mamea. Ua lagia le Aloali'i, tainane le susū o Afusia ma Samoa. Ua gausia fo'i le atipouniu ma lalafo le fa'asau o le upega lauga a le pa'ia mauauga ile To'afa ma le fetalaiga iā Maui'a ma 'upu ile Atimanutui e fa. Ole motusia fo'i lea o le asoa iā Fa'asilitamaita'i ma le to'ulu o 'autā iā Lea'ana ma le 'aumaga.

Ua solo nei le falute ma lagia ai Laloifi ma Falesau, o le Fale o Mavaega, auā ua puaoa le maota i Avetonu, ina ua 'i le manu tulu'ia i le si'u 'a'au o Faga-o-atua. O le lagia lea o le afio'aga e afio ai le Fa'atui ole Motu, susū ai le Malu ole Fale, ae o le lagi e faasino i Ati Ma'opu ma le Maava. Talofa, ua tafefea pulu ile vai i le lauga a Tama Matua, ina ua sosofa le ta'ui-sa i le fa'autaga o'oo'o i lau fetalaiga Salave'a ma Salave'a ma 'upu iā te oe Fofō. Ua motu ai nei le 'asoa iā Iliganoa ma to'ulu'auta iā Ilaoa ma To'omata.

Ua tupoupou nei Gagamoe, ina ua agi salulululu le Si'amouli, auā ua lagia le afio'aga e afio ai le Ma'oputasi, o le Tama na fa'asasau ma fa'asasau iai Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofō ma Aitulagi, Itu'au ma Alataua. O le lagia fo'i lea o Tei ma Anoalo, le Matua ma le Nofo fanau, tainane Anoaloifale. Ua gausia le to'oto'o ole feofeo ma tai loloto ile lauga a lē na Falesefulu ai le Motu, lau fetalaiga Tuāolo, tainane fofoga o le Falefa ma oe le Launiu-na-saelua.

Ua fatitoto ai nei āuma o le gataifale e pei ole tala ia Fulu'ulalematoto ma lofia ai le malae i Laloniua ma Falemalama,



auā ua lagia le afio'aga e afio ai Lealaisalanoa, o le tama a malili e fa. O le lagi e fa'asino i le 'Autapa'au, a'o le susū ai le Ma'ava a Sua ma le Vaifanua. Talofa i le fa'autaga a Tama Matua lea ua segia e le savili, ma ua tafefea fo'i le utu i le fetalaiga i le Atisua ma 'upu i le Alataua.

Ua matagitogaina nei le malae i Nu'uuli ma Paepaeuli, ina ua ite le papa osofia ae tu'utu'u mai le va'aloa ma amia ai le agaga i le fāfā. Ua lagia ai nei le afio'aga o Ma'opu. O le lagi e fa'asino i Usoali'i ma Taumafaalofi. Talofa i le fa'a'autaga a le 'autalaia ma tolo popoto o le To'afa lele ua faleseu le 'ainā, ae ua mafuli fo'i fa'ala'au oia 'upu i le Atimanea ma oe le Itu'au malos.

Ua masofa ai nei le fa ma ua mamate vaiagia, ua le susua fo'i vaieli ma ua matūtū vaipapa ina ua mumutu vanu i le malae i Togalei. O le lagia lea o le afio'aga afio ai le Fa'atui. O le lagi e fa'asino i le Tamafa'alagia. O le lagia lea o maota o le Usoali'i. Ua usu fo'i le fono ma motu le tuive'eve'e o le lauga iā te oulua To'oto'o ma 'upu iā te oe le Ofu.

Ua fa'atau ata nei le la ma le masina ina ua lagona le leo i Rama i Malaetele. Ua peia le tauauga o Manu'a, ina ua fa'apōpō a o ni aso ua, auā ua lagia ai nei le afio'aga o le Tui Manu'a, le la'au na amotasi. O le lagi e faasino ile Fa'atui, tainane le Vaimagalo-o le tama a le malo. O le lagia lea o le suafa o Lefiti ma le Pupuali'i. Talofa ile fa'autaga iā te outou to'oto'o lea ua masoe ma nuti e pei ole kate i le ala ma 'upu iā te oe le Faletolu.

O pa'ia ia o le lagi lea mai le Tai Samasama ma le vai sa o le Tui Manu'a se 'ia pa'ia le Tai 'ula'ula o Nafanua ma le vai salia i Tūlāfasā, o le a nu'unu'u atu i to'oto'o au a Samoa, auā o lo latou faiva alofilima lea e tausi va'atele i pa'ia ia.

E! ua maliu le toa, ua maumau ai a'upega o le taua, auā ua goto le fetū o leapai ma o le a le toe va'aia, ua lilo fo'i le fetū o le aniva i lona nofoaga mau, ae mapu malolo le fetū o tapuite'a e lē toe susulu, ina ua to le fa'auli o le soifua tautua ma faamanavaina e le Atua galuega a lō matou tinā peleina. E fa'anoanoa lava e faasilasila atu ma le fa'aloalo tele, i aiga tupu, aiga o e'e, aiga o nofo, ma aiga o ao, paolo ma gafa na sausausama ma ni mulivai na fetafea'i a'o ni taupega 'afa matou te malu ai i itu e fia o Samoa, uo ma aumeamamae, le tu'ua o le malō i le afioga i le Faletua, o lē sa pele ma mamae i loto ma agaga, o Fatuiva Allen Salave'a Te'o Aumoeualogo Fuavai, ile Maota Gasegase i Faga'alu, i le aso 11 o Tesema, 2017.

O le Polokalama lenei:

Masina o le Toetaumafa (Tesema 28,2017), i le Fa'aitula (10 i le taeao), o le a 'aveeseina lona tino maliu mai le Fanaega ma le Maota Fa'atausau i Faga'alu

Fa'aitula i le soliata o le la (11:30 i le taeao) o le a faia lona ulua'i sauniga i le malumalu Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa i le afio'aga i Aoa. A mae'a ona molimoli lea o lona tino maliu i le maota o Ana-o-le-i'a

Masina o le Toetaumafa (Tesema 29,2017), i le Fanaafi e fa'amalama (6:00 i le taeao), fesilafa'iga o aiga ma paolo tu

Soliata o le la (12:00 i le aoauli) sauniga Paia o le Misasa, o le faia ile malumalu o le Ekalesia Fa'apotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa i Aoa lava, ma molimoli ai loa i lona oliolisaga tumau ma falelauasi ai i lona aiga i Asofitu i Nu'uuli, i le maota o Aumoeualogo Te'o J. Fuavai.

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava

Afioga i le Tama a le Malo  
Aumoeualogo Te'o J. Fuavai  
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