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Office of Samoan Affairs official, Tumuatasi Apoga Custodio, KSBS-FM Radio official Diehl Langkilde and KVZK-TV news anchor Christina Moetala-Faiupu, were three of the four members of one of the top-rated teams at yesterday's special introductory presentation of the 2017-2018 Tropical Cyclone Season Workshop for the media at the local Department of Homeland Security conference room. A Samoa News reporter (not pictured) was the 4th member of the great team. See tomorrow's edition for complete story.

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## Sleeping man wakes up to drug charges

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

A man who was found sleeping at a bus stop in Tafuna last week is facing drug charges, after police allegedly found drugs and paraphernalia in his possession, when they approached him to wake him up.

Faaili Mata'u, a.k.a 'Whistle' is charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine and marijuana — both felonies, punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than five nor more than ten years, and a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000 or both, for each count.

Mata'u waived his right to a preliminary examination hearing, and his case has been bound over to the High Court where he will be arraigned this morning.

Prosecuting the case is Christy Dunn while Deputy Public Defender Michael White is representing Mata'u, who is still in custody unable to post a \$5,000 surety bond.

According to the government's case, two police officers were patrolling near the Tafuna area on Oct. 29, at 4:40 a.m. when they observed a man sleeping at one of the bus stops in the area. Police approached the male to check if he was intoxicated or in need of assistance. The unknown man was later identified as Mata'u.

Court documents state that police officers noticed the sleeping man was holding a small green container in his right hand, while his left hand was not visible.

One of the cops woke Mata'u up and when he stood up, police officers observed a knife on the bus stop, which had been concealed by Mata'u's back while he was sleeping.

The defendant immediately grabbed the knife with his left hand.

He was asked by police officers to discard the knife, but he did not comply.

One of the cops proceeded to remove the knife from the defendant, and when asked what he was holding, Mata'u replied,

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## Am. Samoa ranked #1: Highest rate of rheumatic heart disease cases in the world

THINK TWICE ABOUT BRUSHING OFF THOSE COMPLAINTS OF A SORE THROAT

by Blue Chen-Fruean  
Samoa News Correspondent

American Samoa has knocked New Zealand from the #1 spot of having the highest incidents of rheumatic heart disease in the world. In response, a team from the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) based in Portland, OR arrived Monday night and will be treating local youngsters suspected of having rheumatic fever, rheumatic heart disease, or heart murmurs — free of charge.

The service is made possible, thanks to a generous donation of \$12,000 from Paramount Builders owner Papalii Laulii Alofa, his wife Wanda, and their children. The check was presented to LBJ Hospital CEO Faumuina Taufetee Faumuina yesterday morning.

According to Mrs. Alofa, cases of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease (RHD) are increasing in the territory and their company wants to take treatment efforts a step further, by gradually putting money into the cause, to purchase machines and equipment needed to carry out the service.

"This is just a little something to help out and to show the visiting team of specialists that we appreciate them coming here to help," she said.

In his brief remarks, Faumuina said the presence of the visiting medical team helps "ease the

stress" on the LBJ staff and the families of those who are victims of rheumatic fever and RHD.

"Without this generous gift from Paramount Builders, this much needed service would not be available for the community," the LBJ CEO said. "We need help and the only option for some of the patients is off-island referral and we are not able to make that happen, continuously."

The six-member medical team includes three cardiologists: Dr. Laurie Armsby, Dr. Andrew Cave, and Dr. Erin Mandriago; two ultrasound technicians, Carrie Dishner and Heather Perry; and a nurse practitioner, Emma Olson.

Altogether, an estimated 150 patients are to be screened this week, before the group departs Friday night.

According to Dishner, for those with rheumatic fever, examinations will be conducted to check for progression, to determine if heart surgery is necessary.

Rheumatic heart disease (RHD) is a complication of rheumatic fever in which heart valves are damaged.

(A heart valve acts like a one-way door; it ensures that blood pumped by the heart flows in one direction only. Once it is damaged, it can leak and may cause the victim to feel tired all the time, and they may find it hard to breathe.)

Rheumatic fever is an inflammation that

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As has been the norm in past years, Paramount Builders donated \$12,000 yesterday to the LBJ Medical Center, to help with costs associated with having a team of cardiologists and specialists from the Oregon Health and Science University in the territory this week to treat local youngsters with possible cases of rheumatic fever and those already diagnosed with rheumatic heart disease. Mrs. Wanda Alofa, wife of Paramount Builders owner/ CEO, presented the check to LBJ Chief Executive Officer Faumuina Taufetee Faumuina. See story for details.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]





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FCC and proposal for replacement project for ASPA upper tank - Amouli
6. **Dong Ik Kim**..... 17-4940-L  
Proposal for roads and driveways - Nu'uuli

Persons interested in or affected by a proposed project, are invited to review the project file and provide comments based on environmental issues, by contacting **Aokusotino Mao** at 633-5155, at the Department of Commerce in Utulei during regular ASG working hours. Public comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Interested individuals are also invited to attend a Public Hearing at **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at DOC Conference Room, on the 2nd Floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.**

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Trial of teacher who allegedly struck an 11-yr-old student resumes today

IF CONVICTED OF BOTH CHARGES —  
COULD GET 6 YEARS

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

The jury trial of a former school teacher, who was charged last year with one count of child abuse, a felony and one count of endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor — began yesterday in the High Court.

The victim is an 11-year-old student at Coleman Elementary School in Pago Pago and the defendant is Tony Leatualevao. Conviction of the felony charge carries up to 5 years, while the misdemeanor up to one year.

Leatualevao is out on a \$5,000 surety bond.

A six-member, all-female jury was selected on Monday.

Prosecutor Robert Morris explained to the jurors, what the government is calling the “facts of the case”, while Public Defender Douglas Fiaui provide a brief history of Leatualevao.

According to Morris, Leatualevao was a former teacher at Coleman Elementary School in Pago Pago and the victim, an 11-year-old boy, was one of his students last year.

Morris said the facts of the case are very simple and straight forward, because as the case moves forward, jurors will get the chance to hear witness testimonies and see photos of the bruises on the victim's buttocks, which caused severe body pain.

Leatualevao is alleged to have used a wooden paddle to strike the victim five times on his behind on Nov. 03, 2016. “This former teacher beat the victim way too hard,” Morris told the jurors.

He said when the mother first heard about her son getting a “sasa” from his teacher, she didn't think really hard about it. It wasn't until she showered the boy and saw the bruises on his buttocks that she got a clearer picture of what happened.

Morris said the boy's mother told her husband about the bruises and thereafter the couple filed a criminal complaint against the defendant.

The prosecutor claims that the injuries to the boy's body were so severe, he was in pain for months, barely able to walk.

The prosecutor told the jury that the defense will argue that the victim was a bad child, who sometimes fought with other kids at school; but regardless of that, the defendant should never — in any way — have used unreasonable force to discipline a young child at school.

Fiaui, in his opening remarks to the jury, asked them to be patient until the end of the case, so they can hear all the facts.

The defense attorney, who referred to the defendant as

“Tony”, told the jury that his client was a qualified math teacher and worked as an educator for 11 years.

He said Tony had dreamt of being a teacher, ever since he was a young lad.

“He loved being a teacher,” Fiaui told the jury. But his dream turned into a nightmare last year when he was accused of child abuse.

According to the defense, the charges against his client are very serious but the facts of the case will prove that they are unfounded.

He said this case is all about classroom management and the discipline of a child, who had a bad attitude towards other students, including fighting them, pushing them and fooling around with them.

Fiaui claims that Tony tried to discipline the victim, because he wanted him to become a good person in the future.

He said there were times when Tony sent the victim to see the school counselor, who then called his parents to come to the school to talk about the victim's behavior. This process continued for months.

On Nov. 2, 2016, a day prior to the incident, the victim got into a fight with another male student at school.

Tony went over to break up the fight, brought the victim to the classroom and again, advised him to stop fighting but he never listened.

After school that day, the victim went to the home of the boy he fought and asked for another go and the two boys went at it again.

The next morning, after Tony heard about what happened, he struck the victim twice with the wooden paddle, just to discipline him for what he did.

Fiaui said Tony didn't strike the victim out of anger, but instead, out of love.

Tony told the victim's mother what happened when she came to pick up her son's report at the school that same day, but it was at night that the mother decided to file a criminal complaint against the teacher, which resulted in his arrest.

Fiaui said the force Tony used to discipline the victim was justified, and it is also allowed under the law.

And for that reason, he asked the jury to find his client ‘not guilty’.

The trial resumes at 9:00 today.

Presiding over the case is Chief Justice Michael Kruse, assisted by Associate Judges Fa'amausili Pomele and Muasau Tasina Tofili.

Mexican citizen to be executed in Texas for killing cousin

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Police who stopped at a convenience store more than 20 years ago in South Texas determined two men at the business were drunk and told them to find a friend to drive them home.

Ruben Ramirez Cardenas and buddy Jose Antonio Lopez Castillo instead dropped off their designated driver after a short distance and Cardenas drove the rest of the way to his home in Edinburg — to get a bottle of brandy. Then they hit the road again and headed to an apartment where Cardenas' 16-year-old cousin, Mayra Laguna, lived about 10 miles (16 kilometers) away in McAllen.

Laguna was later found fatally beaten, her body rolled down a bank and into a canal near a lake in the Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Cardenas, 47, a Mexican citizen who grew up in the Texas Rio Grande Valley, is set to be executed Wednesday for Laguna's February 1997 abduction and slaying. He would be the seventh inmate executed this year in Texas, which carries out the death penalty more than any other state.

Attorneys for Cardenas say they plan to file multiple federal court appeals hoping to delay

his punishment. They already appealed to state courts, arguing that evidence in his case should undergo new DNA testing because previous testing that pointed to him might not be reliable. Those courts rejected their arguments.

Prosecutors have called the DNA testing request a delay tactic. It's not clear if the lawyers will present the DNA argument at the federal level.

Attorney Maurie Levin, an attorney for Cardenas, said Tuesday the trial court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court, used “legal technicalities” to block new DNA testing “that could prove his innocence.”

Levin also argued the eyewitness testimony against Cardenas was shaky, contended that little physical evidence tied him to the killing and said a confession from him was obtained only after 22 hours of isolation and intense police questioning.

“All hallmarks of wrongful convictions,” Levin said. “To permit his execution to proceed when there is potentially exculpatory DNA testing available violates the most basic notions of fairness and justice.”

She added that the Mexican-born Cardenas wasn't told he

could get legal help from the Mexican consulate.

The victim's younger sister, Roxanna Laguna, told authorities she awoke in pre-dawn darkness to see an intruder in their bedroom. She said Mayra's mouth was taped and her hands were bound, and that the man went out a window with her.

A woman at the Hidalgo County public housing complex where the Lagunas lived called police after seeing a man walking with a girl who was barefoot and only wearing a shirt and underwear.

Cardenas initially was questioned about the teen's disappearance because he was a close family member who had socialized with the girl. He was released, then questioned again and arrested after authorities said information he provided conflicted with details from Castillo.

In his statement to police, Cardenas said he was high on cocaine when he and Castillo drove around with Laguna in his mother's car and eventually had sex with her. He said when he untied her to let her go “she then came at me,” scratching him and kneeling him.

“I then lost it and started punching her on the face,” he told detectives.





# David Vaeafe named chairman of the South Pacific Cruise Alliance

SPCA WILL BE BASED OUT OF AMERICAN SAMOA DURING HIS CHAIRMANSHIP

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

American Samoa Visitors Bureau executive director David Vaeafe is the new chairman of the South Pacific Cruise Alliance (SPCA), a regional cruise ship organization, which will now have its Secretariat office based in the territory, during Vaeafe's tenure.

"This is the first time in a long while that someone from American Samoa has held the chairmanship of a South Pacific regional organization and having a regional organization housed here reaffirms the Territory's commitment to working with our Pacific neighbors," Vaeafe said over the weekend in response to Samoa News questions.

Vaeafe explained that the term for chairmanship post is three years, also the same time frame the cruise alliance Secretariat will be based in American Samoa, which joined the regional group in 2010.

Vaeafe replaces outgoing chairman Ollivier Amaru of French Polynesia, who has held the position since the cruise alliance was formed in 2010, according to an SPCA news release late last week.

Vaeafe and the Visitors Bureau have been promoting American Samoa as a stopover with the support of SPCA and there has been an increases — in the past years — in the number of cruise ships calling into the Port of Pago Pago.

"The global cruise market is rapidly growing and SPCA's creation by its member countries is to ensure our South Pacific region and our island nations are included in the sector's expansion," Vaeafe told Samoa News.

"More and more cruise lines are home basing ships in Australia and New Zealand for the Southern Hemisphere summer and we need to ensure their itineraries include our islands, and working together as a region

offering multiple stops makes our part of the world very attractive," he said.

Amaru is quoted in the SPCA news release as saying that Vaeafe, as the newly elected chairman this month, "will positively enhance" the partnership sealed between SPCA and the South Pacific Tourism Organization (SPTO) at Seatrade Cruise Global in Fort Lauderdale, Florida earlier this year.

Amaru added there's no doubt that Vaeafe's "strong involvement" within SPTO as a Board Member as well being on the SPCA Board "will help grow the Alliance for its members."

"I look forward to taking on the Chairman role and working to grow the organization, partnering with other relevant Associations [such as] the New Zealand Cruise Association as co-members of each other's organizations, and working to grow the cruise market and increase deployment of ships in the South Pacific Region," said Vaeafe in the SPCA news release.

Vaeafe confirmed to Samoa News that as part of the chairmanship post, "the Secretariat goes with the role and once the paperwork for the transfer is completed it will be moved from the Tahiti Cruise Club [in French Polynesia] to be housed within the ASVB early next year."

Asked if ASVB will be needing more staff for the SPCA Secretariat, Vaeafe said one of his staff will be assigned to look after the Secretariat's duties which primarily includes coordinating the organization's participation at the Seatrade Cruise Global Convention each year in Florida in partnership with SPTO, "of which we are also a member of".

Besides American Samoa and French Polynesian, other SPCA members are Pitcairn Island, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji as well as related

businesses and ports from each island nation, according to SPCA, which notes that while Amaru may have stepped down from the helm his passion and commitment to developing the cruise tourism industry in the South Pacific remains and he will provide technical assistance to members.



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Some of the more than 20 participants at yesterday's one-day 2017-2018 Tropical Cyclone Season Workshop for the media held at the local Department of Homeland Security (ASDHS) conference room. Print, along with broadcast — TV, radio and cable TV — media were represented during the four-hour annual workshop coordinated by the ASDHS and the National Weather Service in Tafuna. Also in attendance were representatives from the US Coast Guard, Office of Samoan Affairs, Human and Social Services, Weather Office, Bluesky Communications, and ASDHS.

The workshop focused on the tropical cyclone session which runs from Nov. 1, 2017 to Apr. 30th, 2018 - and the dissemination of information from both ASDHS and the Weather Service Office to the public - via local media outlets, which plays a vital role during the cyclone season for which a “range of zero to two” storms are forecasted to be named for the Samoa region. A similar workshop was held Monday this week for ASG officials. See tomorrow's edition for complete story. [photo: FS]

# Collateral for ASEDAs bonds is a pledge of 100% of ASG revenue

INCLUDING INCOME TAXES, CORPORATE TAXES AND EXCISE TAXES

By John Wasko  
Special to Samoa News

The mystery of the American Samoa Economic Development Authority (ASEDA) general revenue bonds isn't such a mystery after all. You can read the complete bond text yourself on the Internet at <https://emma.msrb.org/ER913011-ER713245-ER1114700.pdf>

But even that doesn't answer all of the questions about the secrecy surrounding the bonds. Although it's really not a secret — it just takes some tough reading through the legalese to understand what the ASEDA board members did:

Simply, they pledged 100% of American Samoa Government revenue, income taxes, corporate taxes and excise taxes, as collateral for \$169 million dollars in bond payment obligations.

And, under the bond agreement terms, or in legal speak, “the covenant indentures”, if ASEDA misses a \$ 6 million dollar annual payment deadline, the bond purchaser has the unrestricted right to draw money directly from the ASG treasury.

The bondholder's right as “first lender” precludes ASG payroll payment and government operating expenses. According to the bond documents, even the Fono has no right to prevent direct withdrawal of funds by the bondholder.

(Keep in mind much of the \$79 million dollars received by ASEDA was spent on projects unable to generate new revenue; debt restructuring, new fono building and a solar energy system.)

However the probability of default is slim.

The ASG has enough money to meet the payments even if they would be forced to reduce the number of contract double and triple dipper employees currently on the government payroll.

This, however, is dependent on something drastic not happening, like StarKist leaving the territory — this would certainly challenge the ASG's ability to make bond payments, which extend to 2035.

ASEDA's commitment to “revenue as collateral” is fully explained in the bond documents.

ASEDA contends that the Manu'a vessel will earn an annual \$1.5 million dollars; The Territorial Bank of American Samoa (TBAS) is projected by ASEDA to be profitable; and tax income from the proposed Filipino food processing plant (800 employees) is another source of bond payment revenue.

None of these projects are yet profitable.

Additional terms of the bonds have raised more than a few eyebrows among legal

experts.

For example, ASEDA has pledged Department of the Interior federal operating grant money to collateralize the bonds. Several knowledgeable sources query the legality of using earmarked federal funds for ASEDA purposes.

## GROUND ZERO

In the meantime, Samoa News should point out that Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga, in his most recent cabinet meeting, during the last week of October, told his cabinet members that the first four months of this Fiscal Year's first quarter was not an easy time for the government.

“We can see that we're still facing financial hardships in every corner of our government and also the business sector,” Lolo said, adding that he's already requesting the Department of Interior to advance American Samoa's allocation for the first quarter of this fiscal year, to make it easier for the government to fulfill its obligations to the people and the community.

He continued, “We all know that StarKist Samoa is now closed for five weeks, and we are going to experience some problems because of the cannerly shutdown.

The governor then went on to say, “I guarantee all of you that nothing is going to change in the way our government is

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# Jury in murder case sees tiny box where girl was left to die

PHOENIX (AP) — Prosecutors on Tuesday showed jurors a small plastic box where a 10-year-old Arizona girl was found dead in 2011 and urged jurors to convict the child's relative of murder.

Prosecutors said John Michael Allen, 29, crammed Ame Deal, his wife's cousin, inside the small storage box as punishment for stealing ice pops and could have saved her from dying but chose to go to sleep instead. They pointed out a few tiny holes through which air could have entered the locked box, which was left outside during the hot Phoenix summer.

“He helped his wife to sleep while Ame was trapped in a box that was 21 inches shorter than she was,” according to the lead prosecutor.

“He chose to leave Ame to suffocate to death in her own sweat.

That's what little regard the defendant had for Ame's life.”

Defense attorney Robert Reinhardt argued that Allen, a father of four young children, did not intend for the girl to die. The other adults in the home created the abusive home environment and were “playing John like a fiddle. John was manipulated,” Reinhardt said.

The closing arguments came as Judge Erin O'Brien Otis took the highly unusual step of barring news organizations from publishing the name of the prosecutor in the case.

The names of prosecutors and other lawyers involved in criminal cases are routinely

part of the public record, but the judge decided to ban journalists from using her name or risk being found in contempt of court. They also were barred from publishing photographs of the prosecutor, who was given the protections because she is a victim in another case that is in deliberations.

Ame's death was the culmination of a shocking history of abuse at the hands of relatives who were charged with caring for her. Allen's wife, Sammantha, was convicted of murder and child abuse in June and is on death row.

John Allen is facing charges of first-degree murder, child abuse and conspiracy to commit child abuse. If convicted, he also could receive the death penalty.

Investigators stated in court records that according to interviews with other children in the family, “the common theme is Ame is bad, Ame lies, Ame steals, Ame is not allowed to play.”

Ame's mother left the family years earlier after suffering abuse from relatives and moved to Kansas without her daughter. David Deal, who is listed as the girl's father on her birth certificate, is serving a 14-year sentence after pleading guilty to attempted child abuse.

Ame's legal guardian at the time of her death was her aunt, Cynthia Stoltzmann, who is serving a 24-year prison sentence for a child abuse conviction. Ame's grandmother, Judith Deal, is serving 10 years for child abuse.

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**PUBLIC URGED TO HELP  
'BROKE' SAMOA RUGBY  
UNION**

The Samoan public is being asked to dig deep to bail out the country's rugby union, which has been labeled "bankrupt" by Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi.

Tuilaepa, who is also the chair of the SRU, said the Union cannot afford to pay off debts with banks and also need funds to pay players in the Manu Samoa sevens and fifteens squads.

The Union is holding a fundraising radiothon this week in an attempt to address the union's dire financial situation.

RNZ correspondent in Samoa, Autagavaia Tipi Autagavaia, said the Prime Minister admitted the Union was in a perilous position.

"They did not say how much money they're looking to collect but they need hundreds of thousands of Tala," he said. "The Rugby Union is broke so he (the Prime Minister) doesn't know how to put the situation financially of the Rugby Union."

Tuilapea said the financial hardship faced by the Union is not something new and was the reason behind the government's attempts to help ease the financial burden.

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Samoa Airways' 737-800 aircraft is now on the ground in Milan where it is being prepared for its ferry flight to Samoa.

The aircraft will be depart Europe later this week and is scheduled to land at Faleolo International Airport on Saturday, November 11, (late morning).

The finishing touches to the livery were applied to the airline's 737-800 over the weekend.

An official launch ceremony will take place at Faleolo International Airport on Monday, November 13, at 10am.

The airline's inaugural jet service will be flight OL731 on Tuesday, November 14 — from Apia to Auckland.

(Source: SAMOA PRESS SECRETARIAT)

**INAUGURAL DRUG  
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For the next two weeks, representatives from law enforcement agencies, which include police, immigration, customs, health and justice will be the pioneers by taking part in the inaugural Universal Drug Curriculum Training in Samoa.

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"With this training, you will be professionally equipped to help others with drug addiction and work closely with them to overcome this bondage," reaffirmed the Chief Executive Officer of the Samoa Ministry of Prime Minister and Cabinet, (MPMC) Agafili Shem Leo in his opening remarks.

"The central message overall, is that whoever is encountering an uphill battle against drug addiction, it's important for them to know that they are not

alone, there is help available, they can be freed from it, and we love them," Agafili said.

He added that Samoa's isolation is also compromised noting that the country "can no longer depend on its geographic isolation as a buffer, and turn a blind eye to the continuing rise in the use of illegal drugs in the Pacific.

The MPMC Chief Executive said, "Evidence confirms that illicit drugs are in Samoa and people have been using them.

"Last week, Justice Tuala handed down a guilty verdict to two defendants, for smuggling meth into Samoa from a neighboring island. Recent meth seizures in Fiji, French Polynesia, and Tonga suggest that the Pacific Island Countries have been used as staging areas for drug smuggling," he said.

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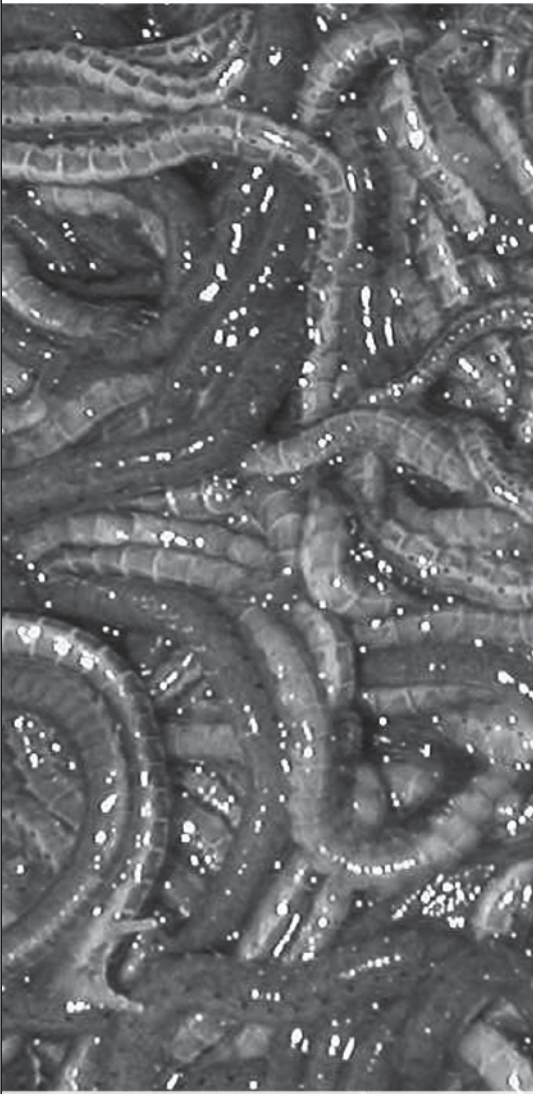
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**LOCAL COMMUNITIES LOOKING FORWARD  
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October and November is the period of the annual rising/swarming of the *palolo* worm. As usual, local communities are expecting a harvest and an event for celebration. During the rising, many residents make their way to the reef early in the morning to await the spawning of *palolo* worms. Although it may vary, *palolo* rising usually occurs around the third-quarter moon in October and/or November or seven days after the full moon. This would put the *palolo* rising around Oct. 12 and Nov. 11.

The *palolo* worm is considered a seafood delicacy in the Samoan culture, and during the rising people come together to harvest and feast. During this period, the worms usually back up from their burrows and release their reproductive segments or 'epitoke' that contain their gametes into the water column. The epitoke is what actually is referred to as *palolo*. The epitoke upon release from the worms twirls upward to the water surface like a dancing noodle. It 'swims' upwards as it is attracted to light through its own sensor. As it rises to the water surface, it is collected in buckets and baskets using hand nets by the local communities. Blue-green epitoke indicates female and brown epitoke signifies male. As day breaks, the epitoke disintegrates and it releases the male and the female gametes. It is advised that people go out to the reef two to three nights before peak harvest dates (Oct. 12th and Nov. 11th) to check for early signs of *palolo* spawning.

The *palolo* rising is a classic example of synchronous (same time) mass spawning of a marine organism. The timing of the rising/swarming varies and suggests that other factors are involved than the lunar cycle. Other factors that may play a role in spawning include sea water temperature, tides, and wind. It is not known whether the quality or integrity of the coral reef habitat affects *palolo* rising. During the *palolo* rising, assigned staff of the Department of Marine and Wildlife will be conducting surveys and interviews on weight of catch per person to track annual trends in the amount of *palolo* released.

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## Sleeping man...

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"I don't know. I found it on the ground."

When police asked if they could look inside the green container, Mata'u agreed. The cops observed that the bottom of the container appeared to have orange/ reddish rolling papers (commonly used for hand rolled cigarettes).

The police officer opened the container and observed what appeared to be clear plastic baggies containing what appeared to be crystalline substance inside.

A small hand rolled cigarette (roach), which appeared to have been smoked was also observed inside the container along with the rolling paper. When asked about the items found inside the container, Mata'u did not respond.

The cops then emptied the container and allegedly found various items including 4 plastic baggies with white powder-like residue; 1 1/4 clear plastic baggie white powder-like residue; 1 small baggie containing

crystalline substance; 1 medium clear plastic baggie with powder-like residue; 1 medium plastic baggie containing crystalline substance; 1 MC orange rolling paper, and 1 hand rolled cigarette.

A body search of Mata'u allegedly netted a clear blue tip pipe with a bulb inside his right pocket. The glass pipe contained what appeared to be white powder-like residue. Inside the defendant's left pant pocket, cops allegedly found a small clear container with what appeared to be a green leafy substance.

The defendant didn't have an answer for police, when they inquired about the items that were discovered in his possession.

He also refused to provide a written statement for police.

Officials from the DPS Vice & Narcotics Unit tested the items found at the scene, which came back positive for both methamphetamine and marijuana.

## Am. Samoa...

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begins with strep throat and can affect other parts of the body, specifically the heart, joints, brain, and skin. It may cause permanent damage to heart valves and progress to RHD.

So the next time your little one complains of a sore throat, and the discomfort is in conjunction with a fever, medical assistance should be sought immediately.

What may seem like a common occurrence could lead to something more serious — if left untreated.

Antibiotics are the go-to remedy for strep throat. But once it progresses to rheumatic fever — and if left untreated — RHD is the result and while heart surgery may manage some of the problems and prolong life, it will not cure RHD.

In a brief interview with Samoa News yesterday morning, Dr. Laurie Armsby explained that strep throat is caused by a bacteria; however, bacteria is not what causes rheumatic fever and RHD. Instead, it is the body's immune system being 'revved up' to fight off the bacteria.

She said there are shots to keep RHD at bay but without full compliance with the prescribed treatment plan, patients risk getting sicker.

According to Dr. Armsby, the country with the highest rate for RHD cases in the world was New Zealand but recently, American Samoa became #1.

She said a study conducted back in 2012 determined that

the territory had the highest incidents of RHD, based on criteria set forth by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Her solution to the problem: eradicate it by stopping the progression of strep throat.

"Strep throat is spread through a bacteria and for some reason, kids are more susceptible to getting it," Dr. Armsby said, adding that during one of her trips here, she and a team from OHSU visited several local private and public schools, conducting ultrasounds and echo scans on the little ones.

According to her, visits to American Samoa started back in 2010, and patients who were identified during past visits are called back for follow-ups, to determine if their condition is staying in range or progressing.

She said the most severe cases are referred off island for treatment. "There needs to be a system in place to address this issue," Dr. Armsby said. "First, we must stress the importance of prevention. Also, there is a great need for funding and support. Nobody really knows why there is such a high rate of RHD in American Samoa."

In addition to visiting the territory for the RHD program, Dr. Armsby said they are available if LBJ's medical personnel ever need assistance. She cited an example where she was able to help diagnose two babies during a live stream over the Internet.

"This is what we want — to help out in any way we can," she concluded.





► Pacific...

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To that effect Agafili is encouraging the participants to take full advantage of the opportunities.

The United States Government via her US Embassy in Apia is assisting MPMC as facilitators of the initiative.

Said the U.S. Embassy Chargé d’Affaires Tony Greubel, “This is a stance shared by both our nations, as you may be aware of the recent declaration by President Donald Trump that the U.S. opioid crisis is a national public health emergency, with an estimated 91 Americans dying daily from opioid involved deaths.

“The scourge of drug addiction knows no race, no color, or national boundary. It affects us all. As President Trump said, ‘As Americans, we cannot allow this to continue.’

“It is evident from your presence today that Samoa shares this sentiment,” he said.

The training is for two weeks.(Source: SAMOA PRESS SECRETARIAT)



Samoa Airways’ 737-800 aircraft is now on the ground in Milan where it is being prepared for its ferry flight to Samoa.

[Courtesy photo]

Venezuelan journalist says freed after 2 days in captivity-

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A Venezuelan journalist said Tuesday that he had been released following two days of captivity and torture after photographing criminal gang activities inside a prison.

Freelance photojournalist Jesus Medina posted photos on Twitter showing bruises on his face and body.

“They tortured and threatened to murder me,” he said, adding that he will continue to report the truth in a fight to improve his country.

Medina reports for Dolar-Today, an anti-government website. Before he disappeared, both the website and the newspaper El Nacional had published Medina’s photos taken from a hilltop overlook purportedly showing armed inmates patrolling inside the prison along with marijuana crops, satellite dishes and a zoo.

Medina wouldn’t identify his abductors, saying he feared for his safety. He said they detained him in a dark room with no food or water and threatened him with long guns.

At a news conference, Medina said he was grabbed from a bus and put in a van, but had enough time to send an urgent text message to a colleague saying he was being abducted. Medina said his captors told him the wide publicity over his disappearance kept them from killing him.



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*Villages to be surveyed: Fagatogo, Utulei, Gataivai, Fagaalu, Malaeimi, Mapusaga, Mesepa, Nu'uuli & Tafuna.*



# Illinois lawmakers engulfed by fixing sex-harassment mess

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois lawmakers spent most of Tuesday trying to get control of an avoidable sexual-harassment mess which began with a seemingly benign, if sincere, proposal last month to explicitly forbid harassment and intimidation in the ethics code.

Both the House and Senate unanimously adopted the legislation that started the melee, House Speaker Michael Madigan's proposal to require sexual harassment awareness training for all state officers, lawmakers, staff members and lobbyists and leave enforcement of violations to the inspectors generals for each. The apparently straightforward, universally supported idea created side effects that engulfed the General Assembly for weeks in a state still suffering the impact of a historic, two-year state budget stalemate and \$16.6 billion in past-due bills. It required additional legislation, also OK'd unanimously, to expand powers for the newly appointed legislative inspector general to investigate more than two dozen complaints that piled up during a two-year vacancy in the post.

The impact of inaction became painfully clear last week when legislative activist Denise Rotheimer accused state Sen. Ira Silverstein, a Chicago Democrat, of sexual harassment last year while the two worked on legislation.

Silverstein has denied the allegations. He appeared on the floor Senate, waving to reporters as he passed the press box and speaking for several minutes with Senate President John Cullerton for several minutes before taking his seat and working on a laptop. No one approached or spoke to him.

Later, as he left the floor, he told reporters, "My first conversation will be with the inspector general. Thank you,"

Chicago Democrat Madigan's legislation proscribing harassment appeared days after an open letter signed by 300 people swept through the Statehouse demanding an end to a long-established culture of harassment and intimidation in the capital. The letter followed on the heels of sexual-harassment scandals roiling the nation this fall, beginning with allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein and other powerful men, through the revival of the #MeToo social-media campaign among victims.

"It's time for us to find a way to call a halt to sexual harassment in and around the Capitol and allow the sun to shine instead of shadows to prevail when people misbehave," said House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, a Chicago Democrat.

But Madigan's plan revealed the vacancy and when Rotheimer, testifying last week in favor of it, publicized alleged incidents in which Silverstein, working with her last year on legislation, sent her inappropriate messages and paid her unwanted compliments. She asked why nothing had happened on the complaint she filed in November 2016.

Senate President Cullerton's office acknowledged the complaint was referred to the inspector general's office, where it sat idle after the last full-time inspector retired in 2014. That forced Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat, to accept Silverstein's resignation from his leadership post and a \$21,000 annual stipend.

And the Legislative Ethics Commission, after years of saying it couldn't find a suitable candidate for the job, met in an emergency session Saturday and appointed former federal prosecutor Julie Porter.

## ► Collateral for...

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run. We already laid down our plan for this year, the way that we're going to collect more revenue, and how we are going to serve our people."

However, currently the governor has only signed two revenue measures into law, and vetoed the rest, including the government's supplemental budget bill, which he said could not be funded because the revenue bills did not pass accordingly.

Lolo, in his letter to Fono leaders, dated Oct. 30th, pointed out that the revenue measures submitted by the administration "were intended, in a coordinated manner, to build a strong foundation for funding the cost of government operations

and special programs in to the future."

This included both revenue enhancement measures to shore up government finances and individual relief measures intended to put more spending dollars in consumer hands, he said, adding that collectively, the proposed bills were intended to be read in conjunction with one another and not as separate, stand alone proposals, which is how the Fono treated them.

It is understood that he will be resubmitting the revenue measures next year for Fono consideration.

(Rhonda Annesley, Editor-in-Chief of Samoa News, contributed to this report)



# Texas massacre is seized on by both sides in gun debate

Gun-rights supporters have seized on the Texas church massacre as proof of the well-worn saying that the best answer to a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Gun-control advocates, meanwhile, say the tragedy shows once more that it is too easy to get a weapon in the U.S.

To no one’s surprise, many Americans on opposite sides of the gun debate are using the latest mass shooting to reaffirm their opinions about firearms, drawing very different lessons from the rampage.

The bloodbath is proving to have elements both sides of the gun debate can use: More than two dozen were killed, from babies to the elderly. The slaughter took place in a house of worship. The killer had a history of domestic violence that legally should have prevented him from buying his guns. And a National Rifle Association member pulled out his own rifle and wounded the killer, helping to end the danger.

“Both sides are following the respective scripts that we have seen many times before,” said Robert Spitzer, chairman of political science at the State University of New York at Cortland and an expert on firearms and Second Amendment issues.

On Sunday, Devin Patrick Kelley, 26, traveled to a Baptist church in Sutherland Springs and opened fire with a Ruger AR rifle with a 30-round magazine, going from aisle to aisle as he shot parishioners. He killed himself after being shot

and chased down by a church neighbor. Authorities said 26 victims died, including the unborn baby of one of the slain women.

Kelley was able to buy the rifle and three other weapons even though the former Air Force man was convicted at a court-martial of choking his wife and cracking her son’s skull and was given a bad-conduct discharge in 2014. It turned out the Air Force did not submit his criminal history to the FBI database that is used to conduct background checks for gun shops.

President Donald Trump, a longtime supporter of the gun lobby and the first president since Ronald Reagan to address the NRA, said the attack was the work of a mentally ill man.

He said that rather than use the shooting as justification to restrict access to firearms, it should be seen as a shining example of the benefits of gun ownership.



President Donald Trump sits in his presidential limo as Chief of Staff John Kelly, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, both at center, and other members of the administration try to wait out a bad weather call at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017. Marine One turned back because of a bad weather call just minutes away from visiting the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), the tense military border between the two Koreas. Trump is on a five country trip through Asia traveling to Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam and the Philippines. Also pictured is United States Forces Korea Commander Gen. Vincent Brooks, second from left. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

# Gunman checked each aisle, shot babies at point-blank range

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The Texas church gunman went aisle by aisle through the First Baptist pews looking for victims and shot crying babies at point-blank range, a couple who survived the attack said.

Rosanne Solis and Joaquin Ramirez were sitting near the church entrance Sunday when they heard what sounded like firecrackers and realized someone was shooting at the tiny wood-frame building in the small town of Sutherland Springs.

In an interview with San Antonio television station KSAT , Solis said congregants began screaming and dropped to the floor. She could see bullets flying into the carpet and fellow worshippers falling down, bloodied, after getting hit.For a moment, the attack seemed to stop, and worshippers thought that police had arrived to confront the gunman, later identified as Devin Patrick Kelley. But then he entered the church and resumed “shooting hard” at helpless families.

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*The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house is seen near Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. University President John Thrasher announced the indefinite suspension of the school, 55 fraternities and sororities following the death of a freshman pledge. Andrew Coffey, a pledge at Pi Kappa Phi, died Friday after he was found unresponsive following a party.*  
(AP Photo/Joseph Reedy)

# Pledge death, Greek life suspension to dampen FSU homecoming

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State’s suspension of all fraternities and sororities after a pledge’s death dampens Greek life on campus just as it prepares for homecoming week. But one critic says more may be needed to change fraternity behavior.

Douglas Fierberg, a Washington-based attorney who has pursued lawsuits over hazing deaths, says he’s skeptical that suspensions go far enough, after Florida State became at least the third school to do so this year. The school suspended 55 fraternities and sororities Monday following the suspected alcohol-related death of a pledge and the cocaine-related arrest of someone at another fraternity.

“I think campuses are doing it because they believe some form of a perceived strong reaction is a necessity,” Fierberg said, adding that schools typically lift the suspensions without changing the self-governance of the Greek houses or adding transparency on incidents.

“That’s like having the fox watching the chicken coop. This structure has proven to fail for decades.”

The suspension hits the campus as it prepares for events that usually deeply involve Greek houses, which includes a homecoming parade on Nov. 17.

“It will be more tame and not as festive as it usually is because there are a lot of floats during the parade and competitions during the week,” Florida State student Rachel Humphries said.

Andrew Coffey, a pledge at Pi Kappa Phi, died Friday after he was found unresponsive following a party. Police said alcohol may have been a factor but were awaiting an autopsy. Coffey, 20, was a junior in his first semester at Florida State.

On Monday, Garrett John Marcy, a member of Phi Delta Theta, was arrested by university police and charged with the sale and trafficking of cocaine. Marcy, 20, is also a junior and continues to be held in Leon County Jail on a \$75,000 bond.

University President John Thrasher said Monday the duration of the suspension had not yet been determined.

“I just feel like for whatever reason, the message is not getting through,” Thrasher said. “Unfortunately, we’ve got to take steps with our students, to make sure this never happens again.”

Students can continue to live in their fraternity or sorority houses and can hold meetings with the university or their national chapter, but won’t be allowed to hold any other events including any organized participation in homecoming.

Thrasher has also banned alcohol at all student organization events during the suspension.

“For this suspension to end, there will need to be a new normal for Greek life on campus. They must participate in that culture,” Thrasher said.

The North-American Interfraternity Conference said in a statement that it was ready to help FSU seek a way forward “that enhances safety and accountability, while respecting the rights of students who model fraternal excellence.”

Penn State suspended fraternities and sororities from holding social activities during the spring semester after the February hazing death of 19-year old Timothy Piazza. Louisiana State had a one-month suspension and continues to ban alcohol at Greek parties after the hazing death of 18-year old Maxwell Gruver in September.

FSU student Abygail Stiekman said she was surprised that her school was taking action, but said it was necessary.

“I think hazing is a problem and alcohol is the basis of a lot of their events,” she said.

However, penalizing all Greek houses seemed unfair to freshman Lila Pullo, who was supposed to be initiated into the Delta Gamma sorority.

“For me and a lot of the people who are entering, we’re all pretty upset because we are trying to get the reputation back up,” she said. “Most of the organizations getting in trouble are fraternities. If they did end Greek life the atmosphere on campus will go down a lot.”

John Armstrong, who served as president of Florida State’s Beta Theta Pi chapter in 1998, said he had mixed feelings about Monday’s announcement.

“Unfortunately, there has been a rash of instances similar to this, so I can understand the reason for the response,” Armstrong said. “I hope that it’s a short-lived response.”

Armstrong said there’s more to fraternity life than just drinking and partying.

“It might be a good idea for people to take a step back and reflect on what values we truly want to portray in the Greek system,” Armstrong said.





FILE - In this Dec. 16, 2015 file photo, Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, walks to a GOP meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington. Poe, a conservative, announced on Nov. 7, 2017, that he plans to retire rather than seek re-election to another term in 2018 Poe, 69, whose district covers parts of Houston and northern suburbs, said in a statement that ,“Thanks to the lord, I,Äôm in good health, but it,Äôs time for the next step.,Äû adding he was looking forward to spending more time with his grandkids.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik, File)

# 2 longtime House Republicans announce their retirements

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two longtime GOP lawmakers announced their retirements Tuesday from the House of Representatives, adding to the growing list of Republicans electing to leave Capitol Hill under the Trump administration rather than face voters in next year’s midterm elections.

Twelve-term Rep. Frank LoBiondo of New Jersey declared in a statement that “our nation is now consumed by increasing political polarization” and “there is no longer middle ground.” The 71-year-old became the latest moderate Republican to leave Congress and open up a seat that will be ripe for Democrats to pick up as they fight to retake control of the House next year.

Then, several hours later, seven-term Rep. Ted Poe of Texas, a conservative, announced that he too plans to retire rather than seek re-election to another term next year. Poe, 69, whose district covers parts of Houston and northern suburbs, said in a statement that “Thanks to the lord, I’m in good health, but it’s time for the next step.” He added that he was looking forward to spending more time with his grandkids.

Poe’s district is solidly Republican and would be a struggle for Democrats to win.

With the announcements from LoBiondo and Poe, the list of Republicans who’ve announced plans to retire rather than seek re-election is now near two dozen, compared to fewer than half-a-dozen Democrats. Although only a handful of the GOP seats opening up are highly competitive for the Democrats, the many retirements nonetheless are adding

up to an increasingly rosy scenario for Democrats, who must pick up two dozen seats to win back the House. LoBiondo said the time is right for him to leave anyway because of term limits on his service on the Intelligence Committee and as chairman of the Transportation Committee’s subcommittee on aviation. But he also delivered an indictment of the current political climate.

“As some of my closest colleagues have also come to realize, those of us who came to Congress to change Washington for the better through good governance are now the outliers,” LoBiondo wrote. “In legislating, we previously fought against allowing the perfect to become the enemy of the good. Today a vocal and obstinate minority within both parties has hijacked good legislation in pursuit of no legislation.”

LoBiondo joins several other House GOP moderates, including Reps. Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida, who have decided not to seek re-election in next year’s midterms. Also Tuesday, Arizona Republicans confirmed that another establishment-friendly House Republican, Rep. Martha McSally, plans to run for Senate for the seat being vacated by GOP Sen. Jeff Flake.

Taken together, the departures of GOP moderates could result in an even more polarized House than exists today. In years past large blocs of moderate Blue Dog Democrats and centrist Republicans could sway outcomes on legislation, but the ranks of the Blue Dogs have already been decimated while the GOP moderates are dwindling fast.

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# Tele fesili fiamalamalama ai Fa'amasinoga fa'asaga i se ali'i pagota

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E tele naua fesili o lo o fiamalamalama ai le Faamasinoga Mauauga, fa'asaga i se ali'i pagota o lo o tuli sona fa'asalaga fa'a falepuipui i le taimi nei, i le mafua'aga e ala ai ona sola soe ese o ia mai totonu o le toese i Tafuna.

O ni isi o ia fesili e pei ona saunoa le afioga i le ali'i fa'amasino sili ia Michael Kruse fa'asaga i le mataupu a le ali'i pagota o Joeita Fa'aaliga, o le mafua'aga e le mafai ai e le pulega a le falepuipui ona latou iloa le taimi e sola ese ai Fa'aaliga, atoa ai ma le saogalemu o pagota ao tuli ai a latou fa'asalaga.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na toe valaauina ai le mataupu a le ali'i o Fa'aaliga i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Mauauga, mo le tuuina atu o se fa'aiuga a le fa'amasinoga fa'asaga i le mataupu lea ua tu'uaia ai o ia, o lona le usitaia lea o poloaiga o lana nofovaavaaia sa tuuina atu i le 4 tausaga talu ai.

E pei ona manino i fa'amaumauga a le Fa'amasinoga, o Fa'aaliga na ulufale mai i Amerika Samoa i le masina o Aokuso 2012 i se pemita tafao e 30 aso, ma nofo fa'asolitulafono ai lava i le atunu'u e le i toe fo'i i Samoa.

I le latalata ai i le tausaga atoa talu ona nofo fa'asolitulafono o ia i le atunu'u, na alia'e mai ai loa le ulua'i mataupu e pei ona tu'uaia ai o ia i le gaoi ma le talepe fale i le masina o Iulai 2013, ma ta'usala ai o ia e le Fa'amasinoga i moliaga mamafa e 2 o le talepe fale i le tulaga muamua atoa ai ma le talepe fale i le tulaga 2.

E 7 tausaga na faanofovaavaaia ai e le Fa'amasinoga mauauga ia Fa'aaliga i le mataupu lea, e aofia ai le poloaiga o lona tuliina lea o masina e 40 i le falepuipui. A o i ai o ia i le falepuipui mo le tuliina o lana fa'asalaga, na sola ai o ia i tua ma osofa'i se faleoloa Asia i le 2014, ma fa'amaonia ai e le fa'amasinoga le moliaga o le talepe fale i le tulaga 2 fa'asaga ia te ia, ma faasala ai o ia i le toese mo le umi e 20 masina, o se tasi lea o tuutuuga o lana faanofovaavaaia e 7 tausaga.. E fa'atoa tuli lana fa'asalaga lea pe a mae'a ona tuli lana ulua'i fa'asalaga e 40 masina.

A o taofia ai o ia i le toese, sa avea ai o ia o se pagota ua fa'atuatuaaina, ma tuuina atu ai loa ia te ia le tulaga o le "Trustee" i totonu o le toese, ma ia maua ai le avanoa e fealua'i sa'oloto solo ai i totonu

(Faauuau itulau 15)



O ali'i e to'atolu o Saeantisi mai Hawaii i suesuega tau tausaga ma le soifuaga o l'a o le gataifale lea ua faia nei se a'oa'oga fa'apitoa mo le aufaigaluega a le DMWR fa'apea ma le Kolisi Tuufaatasi i vasega o a'otauina ai fanau o sailia tusi pasi maua luga i le tautuaina o le gataifale. O i latou ua i ai fa'atasi ma Tony Langkilde o le Maketi i Fagatogo lea e faia ai lenei a'oa'oga i le potu mo le Maketi o l'a. L-R Tony Langkilde DOC, Erik Franklin mai le Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, Ross Langston mai le Winward Community College i Hawaii ma Ken Longenecker mai le Bishop Museum i Hawaii lea na tuuina mai le \$202,611 mo le lava a'oa'oga fa'apitoa.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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# Maitauina le si'itia o le atina'e o Turisi i le atunu'u

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O le ripoti na folasia e le Ofisa o Turisi i luma o le Fonotaga a le Kovana ma lana Kapeneta i le 2 vaiaso talu ai, na manino mai ai i le saunoaga a le Sui Pule o le Ofisa o Turisi ia Vaito'a Hans A. Langkildge le si'itia pea i luga o le tulaga ua i ai le atina'e tau turisi i Amerika Samoa i le taimi nei, fa'atusatusa i tausaga ua mavae.

E pei ona taua e Vaito'a, toe 3 va'a meli o lo o totoe mo lenei tausaga, e pei ona mae'a fa'atulaga mai a latou kalena e asia ai Amerika Samoa.

I va'a meli e 2 na fa'atoa mae'a atu nei, e silia i le 5,000 le aofa'i o le pasese ma tagata faigaluega na malaga mai ma le isi va'a meli, ae tusa ma le 4,000 le aofa'i o le pasese ma le au va'a na malaga mai ma le va'a meli lea na fa'atoa mae'a atu i le vaiaso na te'a nei.

O le isi tulaga lea ua maitauina i le taimi nei, ua oo lava fo'i i le aufai pisinisi pasi ma taxi, o lo o fa'aauauina pea le fa'amanuiaina o i latou i le to'atele o turisi fegasoloa'i, ma maua ai tupe e atina'e ai a latou tama'i pisinisi.

Na taua e Vaito'a le fa'aauau pea ona galulue fa'atasi o le Ofisa o Turisi ma le tele o afioaga i vaega eseese o le atunu'u, mo le fa'aleleia o atina'e e aofia ai le teuteuina o matafaga atoa ai ma le fausiaina o faleoo i luga o le sami e aga'i atu i ai maimoaga a turisi pe a tafafao mai i le atunu'u.

Na fa'afetaia e le afioga i le ali'i Kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga le auunaga a le Ofisa o Turisi o lo o fa'aauauina pea i le taimi nei, i le taumafai lea e fa'atosina mai tagata tafafao mai fafo i le atunu'u.

E ui i le tele o lu'itau o lo o fetaia'i ma le malo i le taimi nei, e le gata i tulaga o seleni e fa'atino ai atina'e eseese, ae o le utiuti fo'i o nofoaga e mafai

ona aga'i atu i ai turisi mo maimoaga, ae o lo o taumafai pea le malo e una'i afioaga ina ia fa'atino galuega faigofie e pei o le teuteu fa'amatagofie o nu'u ma itumalo ma teuteu matafaga, ina ia avea o ni nofoaga e fa'atosina mai i ai tagata tafafao mai fafo.

Na fautuaina fo'i e Lolo ofisa eseese a le malo o lo o gafa ma le fa'aleleia o galuega tau atina'e, aemaise lava i le Matagaluega o Fefa'atauaiga ma Alamanuia (DOC), ina ia fa'a faigofie talosaga a ni isi o aiga o lo o fuafua e fausia a latou tama'i pisinisi i luga o matafaga, e afe atu i ai turisi ma nofonofo ai, ae maua ai fo'i sina seleni mo le aiga.

Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, ua i ai ni isi o afioga ma nuu ua oo atu a latou fa'asea i lona Ofisa, i le teena e le malo a latou talosaga mo le fausiaina o a latou tama'i faleoo i luga o le matafaga, ona o tulaga i tulaga tau i le puipuiga o le gataifale.

"O lo tatou tiute o le fa'a faigofie lea o le soifuaga mo tatou tagata, ae le o le taumafai e fa'a faigata le olaga mo tatou tagata, ma atili ai lava ona leai se aga'i i luma o taumafaiga e atina'e aiga ma afioaga," o le saunoaga lea a Lolo, ma ia talosagaina ai le Sui Fa'atonusili o le Ofisa o le DOC sa i ai i le fonotaga, ina ia fa'autagia lana fautuaga i auala e fesoasoani ai i aiga o le atunu'u.

O le fa'amatalaga sa tuuina atu i luma o le fonotaga a le Kapeneta, o lo o i ai ni isi o aiga i afioaga tu matafaga i le itu i Sasa'e e pei o le afioaga i Alao, o lo o fuafua e fausia a latou faleoo i luga o le matafaga, e fa'aaoga e aga'i atu turisi ma malolo i ai.

Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, o ituaiga mafaufauga ia e tataui tagata o le atunu'u ona mafaufau i ai, o le mafaufau i tulaga e manuia ma atina'e ai aiga ma le atunu'u.



tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

## SUESUEGA FA'ASAEANISI - LAPOPO'A O I'A

I lo'o i le atunu'u Saeantisi e toatolu mai le Bishop Museum i Hawaii, Ken Longenecker; le sui fo'i mai le Windward Community College o Ross Langston; ma Erik Franklin mai le UH Institute of Marine Biology, ma ua latou fa'atautaia ni vasega e a'oa'oina ai sui o le matagaluega o le Puipuiga o le Vaomatua ma le Gataifale (DMWR), ia iloa lelei ona fa'aaoga masini maikoresikopi, e sailia ai le matutua o i'a o lo'o fagotaina e le lautele.

O nei vasega o lo'o faia i le potu o le Maketi i Fagatogo, lea e fa'aagaaga e fai ma Maketi o I'a.

Saunoa ia Longenecker e faapea, "Na vala'au atu Dr. Domingo Ochovillo, lea o lo'o avea ma Saeantisi o le DMWR, e mana'omia se fesoasoani tau tupe mo le sailiga fa'asaeantisi e iloa patino ai le matutua o i'a nei e fiafia tele le atunu'u o Samoa e taumamafa ai."

Na faia le vaega a nei ali'i Saeantisi i le Bishop Museum, ma ua latou maua ai se avanoa e mafai ona talosaga ai se vaega tupe toina mai e fa'atino ai lea galuega mo Amerika Samoa.

"Ua mafai ona ou talosagaina le fesoasoani mai le Bishop Museum, lea ua gafatia ai ona fa'atauina mai nei masini uma, fa'atasi ai ma le utaina mai iinei, fa'atino ma le suesuega ma fa'aa'oa'o ai tagata faigaluega uma a le matagaluega, ma ua fiafia fo'i i latou i lenei avanoa, toe maua ai ma latou masini maikorosikopi nei e fa'aaoga i taimi uma i a latou saililiga maumaua'i e fa'a'ilo ai le matutua o i ai i'a nei," o se saunoaga lea a Longenecker.

O i'a ia ua fa'a'iloa mai e ao ina maua'a le latou sailiga o latou matutua o le Poge, Alogo, Laea ma le Ume.

Ona o nei i'a, e o'o loa i le ono inisi le umi, ua gata loa, ae fia iloa le matutua, aua o le matutua e iloa tino ai le taimi e mafai ai ona tu'ufua i latou ma maua ai le tele o nisi i'a. E mana'omia ona iloa patino la'asaga o le olaga o i'a nei, ia le 'aina e tagata lautele ma i'u ai ina fa'aititia vave lo latou faitau aofai o i tatou ogasami ma mou malie atu ai lea ituaiga o i'a.

O tinoitupe sa talosagaina mai le "Saltonstall Kennedy Grant Program" ma sa maua ai le vaega

tupe \$201,611, o lea galuega mo le DMWR.

"O le aoga o lenei galuega ua fa'atino nei, ia le muta le fa'aauau ona fa'aaoga o masini nei, e i latou fo'i ua a'otauina, ma ia aoga e fa'ateleina ai le aofai o Poge, Alogo ma Laea i o tatou gataifale. O le Ume fo'i o lo'o mana'omia lava ona faia, aua e tele na'ua tagata e fiafia i le oka i'a lea," o se tala lea a Longenecker.

E lua vaiaso o lenei a'oa'oga taua, ma ua le gata mo le aufaigaluega a le DMWR, ae ua faapea fo'i ona vala'auina le fanau a'oga mo lea matata i le lumana'i o lo'o sailia o latou tusi pasi maualuluga i le Kolisi Tu'ufa'atasi o Amerika Samoa, lea e fa'aavanoa i ai lea a'oga i le aso Tofi Novema 9.

## TAGATA SOLITULAFONO TAU FEUSUA'IGA

Ua fa'asalalauina mai e le US State Department o i latou uma ua mae'a palapala o latou igoa i soligatulafono tau Feusua'iga ma fanauiti, fa'amalosi tama'ita'i ma feusua'iga fa'asotoma, o le a tusia lea ituaiga o soligatulafono i luga o lou tusi folau pe afai o le a e mana'o e talosaga mo sou tusi folau ae ua mae'a ona fa'amaonia ma nofosala i ia ituaiga o soligatulafono.

O le fa'aupuga tonu ua fa'a'iloa mai e tusia ai: "O le sui e ona lenei tusi folau, o se tasi na solitulafono i le feusua'i ma se teineititi po'o se tamaititi e le'i uma le pule fa'aletulafono a matua. Ua fa'amauiina lona suafa i le lisi o i latou ua solia lea ituaiga o tulafono i elele o le Iunaite Setete o Amerika."

Ua fa'a'iloa mai e lea matagaluega a le Malo tele, "O le faiga lea o le a le fai ma mea e talia ai uma talosaga a sui nei mo ni latou tusi folau. O le to'atele i le taimi nei, o lo'o te'ena lava latou talosaga mo ni tusi folau."

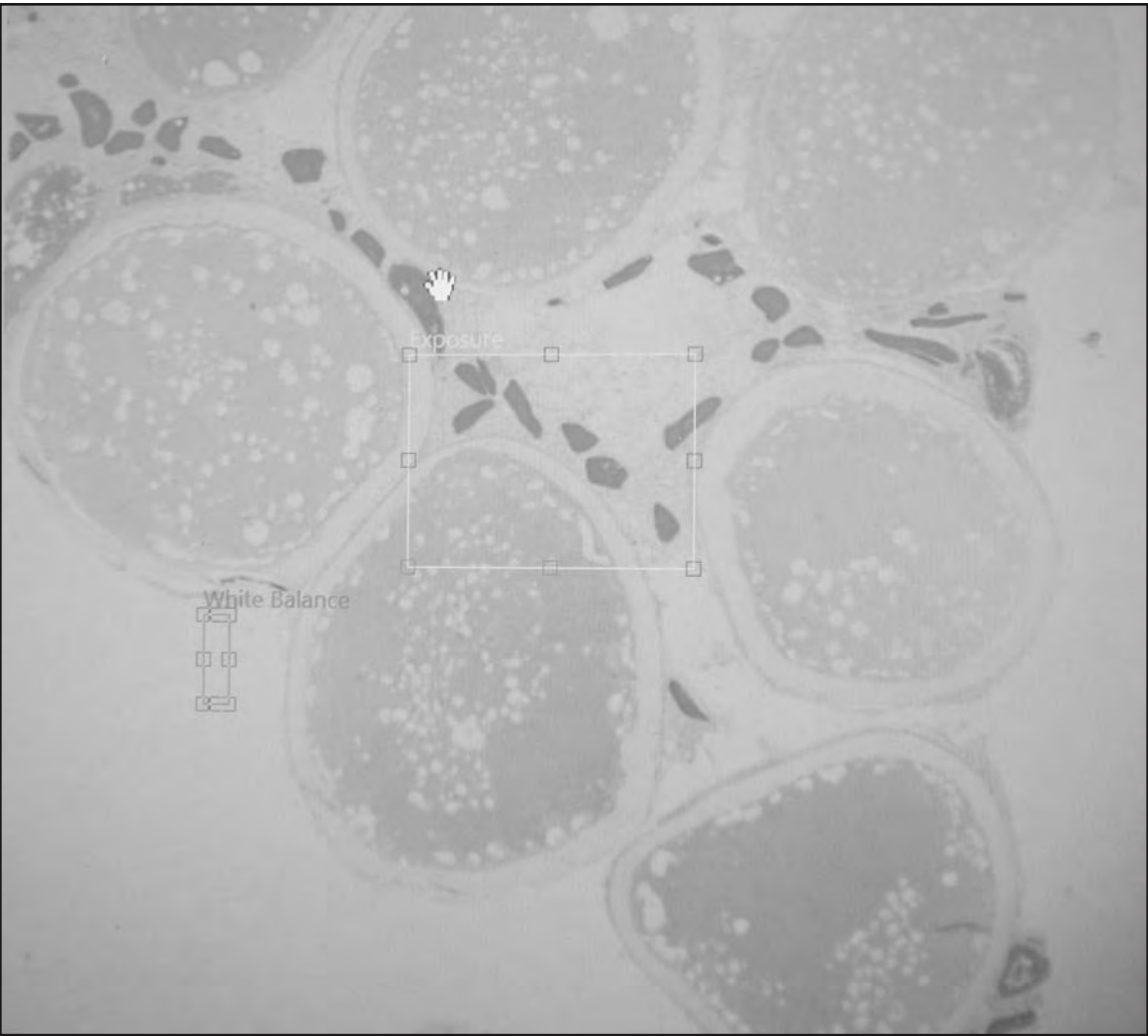
O talosaga uma lava o le a toe fa'aulu mai a i latou nei ua mae'a fa'amaonia ma nofosala i lea ituaiga o soligatulafono, o le a talia ae ua i ai lea fa'aupuga i tua o le latou tusi folau.

O lenei faiga ua mafai ona usita'ia ai le tulafono fetarale, ua fa'aigoaina o le Megan's Law, lea sa fa'apasia ina ia taofiofia ai le tele o soligatulafono e a'afia ai fanauiti ma sa mo'omia lava ona fa'atino se ala e mafai ai ona mataituina i latou ua mae'a faia nei soligatulafono.



Joaquin Ramirez checks on the gunshot wound on Rosanne Solis' left arm at their home in Sutherland Springs on Tuesday Nov. 7, 2017. The two survived the mass shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs.

(Jay Janner/Austin American-Statesman via AP)



O se va'aiga lea e fa'auia mai le Maikorosikopi e iloa ai po'o le i'a fafine pe o le i'a po'a lea i'a, ma e fia fo'i tausaga e ao ina fa'afanaua ai le i'a fua mo ni i'a fou, ae maise o le matua fo'i o lea i'a.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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o le lotoa, atoa ai ma lona fesoasoani i Leoleo o le falepuipui i ni isi o galuega fa’atino.

I le po o le aso 30 Iuni i le 2016, na sola ai i tua Fa’aaliga ma ia gaoia le ato tupe a se fafine sa nofonofo i totonu o lana ta’avale. Na molia o ia e le malo ma ta’usala e le fa’amasinoga i le moliaga o le gaoi, ma faasala ai o ia e tuli le umi e 7 tausaga i le falepuipui.

Na avea le mataupu lea na auala na fa’atoa iloa ai loa, o ia fo’i lea na osofaia se faleoloa Asia i Tafuna i le po o le ao 19 Iuni 2016, ina ua sola mai i tua o le toese ma osofa’i le faleoloa Asia lea, ma ia gaioiina ai le tupe e \$1,500.

Na molia o ia e le malo i le moliaga o le sola i tua mai le falepuipui, ma fa’amaonia ai lana solitulafono e le Fa’amasinoga, ma fa’asala ai loa o ia e tuli le umi e 5 tausaga i le toese. O lana fa’asalaga lea e fa’atoa tuli pe a uma ona tuli lana 7 tausaga na muamua tuuina atu. Lona uiga, e 12

tausaga lea ua poloaina o ia e tuli atoa i le falepuipui.

Afai ae faaopoopo le faasalaga faa falepuipui a Fa’aaliga lea ua tuliina nei, atoa ai ma fa’asalaga o le a fuafua le fa’amasinoga e tuuina atu, e mafua mai i lona le usitaia o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia, e ono taofia o ia i le falepuipui mo le 34 tausaga.

Ua fautuaina e Kruse loia a le malo ma le loia a Fa’aaliga, ina ia tuuina atu ni a laua fautuaga i se ituaiga fa’asalaga e tatau ona faia mo le ua molia. E talitonu le fa’amasinoga, e le tatau i le Pule o le Toese ona ia tofia Fa’aaliga ma isi pagota o loo faanofovaavaaia i lalo o le malosi o le fa’amasinoga, e avea ai i latou ma “Trustee”, ona o iina lea o lo o mafua mai ai le fa’alavelave e pei ona toe solitulafono ai le ua molia

O le masina o Ianuari 2018 lea ua toe tolopo i ai le mataupu a Fa’aaliga, ma o lo o taofia pea o ia i le falepuipui i le taimi nei.



Vaaiga i fa’afiafiaga tuufa’atasi a tamaita’i talavou a le Ekalesia Mamona i Ottoville i se fa’atasiga lata mai nei.

[ata: FS]

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O nisi o matua sa maimoa i fa’afiafiaga tuufa’atasi a tamaita’i talavou a le Ekalesia Mamona i Ottoville i se fa’atasiga lata mai nei.

[ata: FS]



O se va’aiga i le vaega o fanau o lo’o tauavea mataupu tau pisinisi i le Kolisi Tu’ufa’atasi sa latou faia fa’atinoga o Tu ma Aga a isi atunu’u o le lalolagi, fa’amatala mai le tala’aga o na atunu’u e tusa ai o aiaiga e maua ai o latou togi i a latou mataupu. O lea faiga, ua iloga ai, e ao ina e malamalama i isi atunu’u ina ia fa’aleleia ma fa’alautele atili ai so’otaga o pisinisi i oloa fa’atau atu i fafo ma le sailiga o maketi.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



# California approves rescue plan for shrinking Salton Sea

SAN DIEGO (AP) — California regulators on Tuesday approved a plan to spend nearly \$400 million over 10 years to slow the shrinking of the state’s largest lake, a vital migratory stop for birds and a buffer against swirling dust in farming towns.

Funding for the Salton Sea is unclear but the plan enjoyed support of major water agencies and environmental advocacy groups and preserves a fragile peace among urban and rural areas in California on distributing the state’s share of Colorado River water. Authorities in Imperial Valley, home to the 350-square-mile (560-square-kilometer) lake, had threatened to derail a landmark water-sharing agreement unless California did more to honor its commitment to a long-term fix.

Kevin Kelley, general manager of the Imperial Irrigation District, told the State Water Resources Control Board that the plan would create a smaller but more sustainable lake. He acknowledged public opinion was divided in the desert farming region of about

175,000 people, which provides the U.S. with much of its winter vegetables.

“You can’t let the perfect stand in the way of the good,” he told board members meeting in Los Angeles. “Foremost in our mind is that there needs to be a pathway forward and we need to all extricate ourselves from this cave that the Salton Sea has become.”

The plan comes at a crucial time for the salty lake about 150 miles southeast of Los Angeles because San Diego’s regional water agency will stop sending water to the lake Dec. 31, accelerating evaporation. San Diego agreed to help preserve the lake for 15 years under a 2003 agreement that allowed it buy large amounts of Colorado River water from the Imperial Valley.

The Salton Sea — called “The Accidental Sea” because it was created in 1905 when the Colorado River breached a dike and two years of flooding filled a sizzling basin — has long been a flashpoint in water negotiations. Demands from San Diego and coastal cities clash with desires to protect a

critical habitat for more than 400 species of birds and shield farming communities from dust that may contribute to respiratory ailments.

The plan involves building ponds on the northern and southern ends of the lake, which has no outlet and has suffered a string of environmental setbacks since the late 1970s. During its heyday of international speed boat races, it drew more visitors than Yosemite National Park and celebrities including Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and the Beach Boys.

Projects outlined in the plan released would cover 29,800 acres of the 48,300 acres expected to dry up by 2028 if nothing were done.

The \$383-million plan — considered inadequate by critics — faces significant questions over who will pay for it and there are no clear consequences if it fails. The state has set aside \$80 million, leaving a shortfall of \$300 million. A multibillion-dollar ballot measure for parks and water infrastructure would deliver another \$200 million if voters approve it in June.

FILE - In this April 29, 2015 file photo, oxygen-starved tilapia float in a shallow Salton Sea bay near Niland, Calif. California regulators Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, approved a plan to spend nearly \$400 million over 10 years to slow the shrinking of the state’s largest lake, a major resting place for migratory birds and a buffer against swirling dust in farming towns.



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# What’s on the ballot? Your guide to Tuesday’s US elections

Voters are electing two governors, some big-city mayors and one member of Congress in an election dominated by local and state races.

A rundown of the top races on Tuesday’s ballot:

### TWO GOVERNORS

Voters in two states picked replacements for their term-limited governors — Democrat Terry McAuliffe in Virginia and Republican Chris Christie in New Jersey — in contests seen as an early referendum on the presidency of Donald Trump. In swing state Virginia, Democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam defeated Republican Ed Gillespie. In New Jersey, front-running Democrat Phil Murphy overcame Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno.

The stakes were high as both parties sought momentum ahead of next year’s midterm elections. Democrats haven’t won any special elections for Congress this year and the next Virginia governor will have a major say in the state’s next round of redistricting, when Congressional lines are drawn. Republicans were looking for a boost as their party is beset by intraparty turmoil between Trump and key Republicans in Congress.

### BIG-CITY MAYORS

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat, made political missteps in his first term but is expected to easily defeat a younger Republican challenger from Staten Island, Nicole Malliotakis, and the private detective and TV commentator Bo Dietl. In Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh asks voters to give him a second four-year term. Challenger Tito Jackson, a member of the City Council, would be the city’s first black mayor. Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan is seeking a second four-year term against state Sen. Coleman Young II, whose father was the city’s first black mayor. Duggan was first elected after a state-appointed manager filed for Detroit’s historic bankruptcy. Nearly a dozen candidates are competing to succeed term-limited Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed. If the top vote-getter doesn’t win more than 50

percent, the race would require a runoff on Dec. 5.

Two women — 54-year-old urban planner Cary Moon and 59-year-old former U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan — are vying to lead Seattle, a city dealing with the benefits and problems of an economy booming for some more than others. Former Mayor Ed Murray dropped his re-election efforts — and then resigned — amid accusations of sexual abuse by multiple men.

Charlotte, North Carolina, will be getting its sixth mayor since 2009. Mayor Pro Tem Vi Lyles, a Democrat, and Republican City Councilman Kenny Smith are running to replace Mayor Jennifer Roberts, who lost in the Democratic primary.

### MEDICAID

Maine residents vote in the nation’s first statewide referendum on whether to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, a vote viewed as a referendum on “Obamacare.” Thirty-one other states have joined the expansion, but this is the first time it has been put before voters. Maine’s Republican governor has vetoed five attempts to expand the program.

### UTAH’S CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

Utah voters are choosing a replacement for U.S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz after the Republican’s surprise resignation earlier this year. Republicans outnumber Democrats 5-to-1 in the congressional district. John Curtis, the Republican mayor of the Mormon stronghold of Provo, is challenged by Democrat Kathryn Allen and third-party candidate Jim Bennett.

### PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Voters in Philadelphia are picking a new district attorney to replace Seth Williams, a Democrat who was sentenced to prison last month for accepting a bribe. Larry Krasner, a liberal Democrat who vows to end mass incarceration and the death penalty, is favored to win in the heavily Democratic city. His opponent, Republican Beth Grossman, has gotten a boost with the local police union’s endorsement.





# Mom charged in death took son's lifeless body on train ride

CHICAGO (AP) — An Illinois woman accused of taking her 6-year-old onto a commuter train to Chicago after his death last summer has been charged with first-degree murder and ordered held without bond, authorities said Tuesday.

Jamie Jones, 29, of Round Lake Beach also was charged with concealment of a homicide in the death of Carl Rice Jr. She's being held in lieu of \$3 million.

Assistant State's Attorney Steve Scheller told a Lake County judge that an autopsy showed the child was bruised from his face and head to his torso. He also suffered a brain hemorrhage.

"This was a horrific crime involving the death of an innocent child who was beaten to death at the hands of his own mother," he said.

Scheller said Carl was injured by Jones prior to falling asleep on June 30. He said the boy died between June 30 and July 1. Scheller said video show Jones, accompanied by her 9-year-old daughter, took the

child to the Round Lake Beach Metra station on July 1 to catch a train to Chicago. The child was placed inside the station in a corner seat and was propped up with the help of a backpack.

Jones allegedly carried the dead boy onto a train and video taken at Chicago's Union Station shows Jones carrying the child over her shoulder as if he is asleep, before getting into a vehicle driven by her father.

Family members became aware the boy was not breathing and called paramedics, who determined he had died. The Cook County medical examiner ruled the boy died from injuries caused by child abuse, Scheller said. Jones initially told investigators she hit her son several times before his death, prosecutors said. After a four-month investigation, Jones was arrested Saturday on a warrant for failure to appear in court, and then held until murder charges were filed.

Defense attorney Charis Walker declined to comment after Jones' court appearance Tuesday.

# Documents: Top political donors used offshore tax loopholes

Some of the nation's biggest political donors, including some who spent \$60 million supporting Republican Donald Trump last year, are among those who took advantage of offshore tax loopholes, according to leaked corporate documents made public Tuesday. The documents also name a top donor and former cabinet secretary for Democratic former President Barack Obama, and raise questions about whether the donor complied with ethics rules aimed at insulating officials' personal holdings and policy they oversee.

The findings come as Trump's former senior White House strategist Steve Bannon has condemned "corporatists and globalist elites" in his crusade to topple Senate Republican leadership by promoting challengers to virtually all incumbent Republicans seeking re-election next year.

The details on the donors were uncovered in a trove of nearly 7 million leaked files from the offshore law firm Appleby, a Bermuda-based law firm that helps businesses and wealthy individuals find tax shelters. The so-called "Paradise Papers" were uncovered though joint reporting effort by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and media partners around the world. Here's a look at the donors named in the files.

## SHELDON ADELSON

The Las Vegas casino giant was the biggest donor in 2016, contributing more than \$82 million to Republican candidates and organizations, though he was slow to endorse Trump. In

July, 2016, he formally endorsed Trump and later contributed \$5 million to the president-elect's inaugural committee. Adelson is the primary benefactor of the Republican Jewish Coalition. The files show Adelson is a shareholder in a Bermuda-based jet provider that provides services to his casino company, according to the report by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. Bermuda does not have a corporate tax on companies that do business outside its jurisdiction. Adelson did not respond to a request for comment from ICIJ.

## CHARLES AND DAVID KOCH

The billionaire brothers, founders of the political advocacy group Americans for Prosperity, budgeted roughly \$900 million in contributions ahead of the 2016 campaign pursuing a pro-business, free-market agenda and candidates. And while no outside group has been move aggressive over the yearslong push to repeal Obama's 2010 health care law, the Kochs' concentrated their contributions on Senate races, often critiquing would-be GOP presidential nominee Trump. The leaked documents include papers describing the finances of Bermudan firm controlled by a Koch Industries subsidiaries, ICIJ reported. The company did not comment on the report.

## ROBERT MERCER

Republican financier Robert Mercer is among the most devoutly pro-Trump donors named in the leaked documents. Until recently, he has had a financial interest in the pro-Trump Breitbart News.



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# Russia and West clash over blaming Syria for chemical use

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia clashed with Western nations Tuesday over a report blaming Syria for a deadly chemical weapons attack, with Moscow dismissing its findings as “mythical or invented” and the U.S. backing its finger-pointing at President Bashar Assad’s regime.

The debate in the Security Council during a meeting on the report reflected the sharp differences between Russia, Syria’s most important ally, and Western countries that have backed Assad’s opponents.

It also raised serious questions about whether the mandate of the experts who issued the report will be renewed — and whether anyone in Syria will ever be held accountable for using chemical weapons, which are banned internationally.

Russia and the United States have circulated rival resolutions to extend the experts’ body, known as the Joint Investigative Mechanism, or JIM. Its mandate expires Nov. 14.

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley told the Security Council that a revised U.S. draft circulated Tuesday included some points from the Russian draft, including the importance of high standards and sound evidence.

But she said Russia con-

tinues “to push unacceptable language only meant to undermine the investigators and divide this council.”

Russia vetoed a U.S.-sponsored council resolution Oct. 24 that would have renewed the mandate of the experts from the United Nations and the international chemical weapons watchdog for a year. It said it wanted to wait to see the JIM report on the sarin nerve gas attack on the town of Khan Sheikhoun and a mustard gas attack at Um Hosh in Aleppo in September 2016.

Two days later, the JIM reported its leaders were “confident” that Syria was responsible for an aerial attack on Khan Sheikhoun on April 4 using sarin that killed about 100 people and affected about 200 others who survived “acute exposure” to the nerve agent. The conclusion supported the initial findings by the United States, France and Britain.

The experts also said they were “confident” the Islamic State extremist group was responsible for the Um Hosh attack using mustard gas.

Assistant Secretary-General Edmond Mulet, who heads the JIM, told the council how experts reached their conclusions, including finding that

the chemistry of the sarin used in Khan Sheikhoun was very likely to have been made from the same precursor, called DF, as the sarin in Syria’s original stockpile.

In September 2013, Syria accepted a Russian proposal to relinquish its chemical weapons stockpile and join the Chemical Weapons Convention. That averted a U.S. military strike in response to an alleged chemical weapons attack that killed hundreds in the Damascus suburb of Ghouta.

Mulet said the Security Council has “a unique responsibility” to deter all those using chemical weapons and “end the use of such weapons forever.”

“I understand the political issues surrounding the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic,” he said. “However, this is not a political issue about the lives of innocent civilians. Impunity must not prevail.”

Russia’s deputy U.N. ambassador, Vladimir Safronkov, was sharply critical of the JIM and the report, especially the experts’ failure to visit Khan Sheikhoun, which Mulet said was for security reasons.

Safronkov derided the JIM for not pinpointing specific responsibility, asking: Is “an entire state is responsible?”

In this photo provided by the United Nations, the U.N. Security Council meets on the use of chemical weapons in Syria, at U.N. headquarters, Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017. Experts from the U.N. and the chemical weapons watchdog are blaming the Syrian government for an attack in April 2017 using the nerve gas sarin that killed over 90 people. (Kim Haughton/The United Nations via AP)



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# California bans use of some farming pesticides near schools

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California has banned farmers from using certain pesticides near schools and day care centers under a new rule announced Tuesday that regulators said is among the toughest in the U.S.

Under the new rule, California farmers will be prohibited from spraying pesticides within a quarter mile (0.4 kilometers) of public K-12 schools and licensed daycare centers from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the school week, the state Department of Pesticide Regulation said in a statement.

The new regulations take effect Jan. 1 and apply to crop dusters flying over fields, air blasters spraying orchards and fumigants along with most dust and powder pesticides that could be blown onto school grounds by the wind.

“These rules will help to further protect the health of children, teachers and school staff from unintended pesticide exposure,” Brian Leahy, the department’s director said in the statement.

Some California counties already require buffer zones between schools and areas where pesticides are sprayed on crops. But the new rule is the first statewide standard of its kind, the department said. It is meant to safeguard about 4,100 schools and day cares and will affect about 2,500 California farms growing everything from almonds, strawberries and grapes to produce wine, officials said. Violators will face fines up to \$5,000.

Farmers will also be required to annually tell schools and county agriculture offices about the pesticides they expect to use near school buildings. School officials will have the option of deciding whether to share that information with parents.

Farmers who criticize the new rule have said they are being unfairly targeted because schools often build campuses on cheaper land outside of town centers where the farmers tilled the soil long before students arrived.

"Nobody is going to argue, we need to do whatever we can to protect our children," said Bruce Blodgett, executive director of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation. "But we need to take a step back here.

It's not that the farms went to the schools, the schools were built in the farm areas. We need better guidelines about where we're building schools."

Farmers are mindful of neighboring schools and don't spray crops with pesticides when it could harm children, he

said.

But officials said more than 50 people have been sickened since 2005 by pesticides that drifted onto school campuses, illustrating the need for the stricter regulations.

In the most recent incident, about two dozen students and staff at Coachella Valley High School in Riverside County reported feeling ill in October 2015 after a grower used a pesticide near the school and the wind changed direction, said Charlotte Fadipe, a pesticide department spokeswoman.

Under the rule, farmers will be limited to spraying near schools at night and on weekends, when students are usually not on campus.



*FILE - In this Sept. 25, 2001 file photo, a crop dusting plane from Blair Air Service dusts cotton crops in Lemoore, Calif. California regulators have announced a new rule that bans farmers from using certain pesticides near schools and day care centers. The state's Department of Pesticide Regulation announced the new rule Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. The department says the new regulation is among the strictest pesticide in the U.S.*

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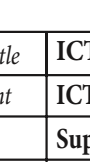

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BELFAST, Maine (AP) — A Maine woman who told jurors that she drank multiple shots of liquor and smoked marijuana the night of her infant son's death has been convicted of manslaughter.

Jurors returned the guilty verdict Tuesday evening, a day after 32-year-old Miranda Hopkins took the stand in her own defense in a courtroom in Bel-

two people in his apartment, drugged and then shot in the head.

Its conclusions were based on controversial new evidence and contradict previous findings that Nisman likely killed himself. Nisman died four days after he formally accused then-President Cristina Fernandez of covering up Iranian officials' role in a 1994 bombing that killed 85 people at a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires. Fernandez has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

snap and causing them to fall about 100 feet to the ground. Both men were pronounced dead by medical personnel at the scene.

Multiple media outlets report the men were both in their 20s. Their names and hometowns were being withheld until their families were notified.

Myers says the deaths appear to be accidental and foul play is not suspected.

fast. The Troy resident says she doesn't know how 7-week-old Jaxson died in January. But she previously told police that one of her two autistic sons may have been responsible.

Police say Hopkins had been drinking whisky and told investigators that she must have "blacked out." She said she woke up to find her baby cold and "beat to hell."





In this Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, photo, workers set up a replica of a helicopter to promote plastic surgery services in Beijing, China. After a brief truce with China to cooperate over North Korea, U.S. President Donald Trump visits Beijing this week amid mounting U.S. trade complaints, with limited prospects for progress on market access, technology policy and other sore points. The strains between the world, two biggest economies are fueling anxiety among global companies and advocates of free trade that they could retreat into protectionism, dragging down growth. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

# Trump visits Beijing amid mounting tensions over trade

BEIJING (AP) — After a brief truce with China to cooperate on North Korea, President Donald Trump visits Beijing this week amid mounting U.S. trade complaints, with limited prospects for progress on market access, technology policy and other sore points.

The strains between the world’s two biggest economies are fueling anxiety among global companies and advocates of free trade that they could retreat into protectionism, dragging down growth.

Washington accuses Beijing of backsliding on market-opening promises, and Trump said last week that the U.S. trade deficit with China — \$347 billion last year — is “so bad that it’s embarrassing.” “I don’t want to embarrass anybody four days before I land in China, but it’s horrible,” said Trump. His government has raised import duties on Chinese aluminum foil, stainless steel and plywood, and is investigating whether Beijing improperly pressures foreign companies to hand over technology. If they discuss trade during the two-day visit, Chinese President Xi Jinping’s government is unlikely to offer enough “to appease U.S. negotiators,” said John Davies of BMI Research.

That is likely to lead to “more protectionist measures on the part of the U.S.,” said Davies.

While Trump is looking to boost sagging public approval ratings, the Chinese leader enters their meeting on a political high.

The ruling Communist Party added Xi’s name to its constitution at a twice-a-decade congress last month, giving him status equal to Mao Zedong, founder of the communist government, and Deng Xiaoping, who launched economic reforms in 1979. At the congress, Xi promised to open the economy wider but affirmed plans to build up state-owned companies that dominate industries including finance, energy and telecoms. That, along with plans for government-led development of electric cars and other technology, makes foreign companies worry that Beijing is squeezing them out of promising fields.

The chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China, William Zarit, expressed concern that Trump appears to have done too little to prepare and said some companies worry his focus on trade in goods will mean he does too little about such “structural issues.” Zarit said those include limits on access to finance, health care and other industries.

In contrast to “advance work” for previous presidential trips to Beijing, “there really hasn’t been much of that for this visit, which makes us a bit concerned that there may not be much discussion on the structural issues,” said Zarit, a former

American diplomat.

A senior administration official who briefed reporters in Washington denied that Trump hasn’t adequately prepared.

“We’ve analyzed this probably more than most administrations,” said the official, who spoke on condition that he not be identified further.

The official said Beijing has shifted to “moving away from market-based principles” and Washington wants movement toward a “market-oriented” system.

That echoes complaints by foreign companies that despite a 2013 pledge by the ruling party to give market forces a “decisive role,” restrictions on them in some industries are increasing. That led to a 1.2 percent fall in foreign investment in China in the first seven months of this year, breaking a series of annual double-digit gains.

Business groups have warned that Beijing’s efforts to shield its fledgling competitors in electric cars, clean power and other fields are fueling a backlash against globalization.

A possible U.S. response might be “closing down certain industry sectors that are now open to Chinese investment,” said Zarit. “I know we do not want to see any kind of a tit-for-tat, which could end up in a trade war.”

For its part, Beijing is pressing Washington and the European Union to grant “market economy” status to its state-dominated system. That would make it harder for trading partners to bring anti-dumping and other cases against China.

China says that when it joined the World Trade Organization in 2001, it was promised that status would take effect last December. The United States, Europe and Japan reject that and say Beijing has yet to meet market-opening goals to qualify.

Chinese economists argue their country isn’t to blame for U.S. problems. They say global companies benefit from low-cost Chinese labor and a growing consumer market.

The loss of American factory jobs is due not to Chinese exports but to U.S. manufacturers moving to lower-wage countries, said Sun Lijian, an economist at Shanghai’s Fudan University.

“In the end, it is U.S. companies that have gained large profits,” said Sun.

Trump temporarily set aside trade complaints in April after meeting Xi for the first time in Florida and said he hoped Beijing would help discourage North Korea from pursuing nuclear weapons. They issued a “100-Day Plan” under which Beijing agreed to discuss expanding market access for electronic payments and financial services.





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# Top EU diplomat: US should stick to Iran nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The European Union’s top diplomat said Tuesday the bloc is working with Congress and the Trump administration to ensure America’s new policy toward Iran doesn’t lead it to violate a landmark nuclear deal.

Federica Mogherini said that in meetings in Washington this week she had stressed the importance the EU places on upholding the agreement. Under the 2015 accord, Iran curbed its nuclear program in exchange for an easing of international economic sanctions.

Mogherini allowed that it is “a delicate moment” for the deal since President Donald Trump refused last month to certify Iran’s compliance, saying the benefits Tehran is getting from the deal are not proportional to its concessions. She said she is hopeful the U.S. would continue to meet its obligations.

“We want to see the United States continue its implementation in the future,” she told reporters at a news conference. “The EU has a security interest in keeping the deal working.”

She declined to comment on whether legislation pending before Congress that would attach additional conditions for U.S. sanctions relief would violate the deal, saying it was a domestic U.S. political matter. However, Mogherini said she had gotten a “clear indication that the intention is to keep the U.S. compliant.” She did not elaborate.

The European diplomat’s reticence to delve into the messy U.S. political fight was echoed by Yukiya Amano, the International Atomic Energy Agency chief, who was in Washington

meeting with U.S. senators and top members of the Trump administration.

“This is a domestic U.S. issue. We do not intervene,” said Amano, whose agency is charged with monitoring and verifying implementation of the nuclear deal. Amano said since the U.S. remains a party of the agreement, his agency’s work is unaffected by the political machinations in Washington.

Amano, in an Associated Press interview, said Iran’s leaders had reiterated to him during his recent visit to Tehran that they remain committed to implementing the deal “under the existing framework.” He said the Iranians had pledged they won’t be the first ones to “walk away” from the deal.

“They are watching very, very carefully,” he said.

Mogherini repeated the long-held EU position that the agreement cannot be reopened for negotiation, a stance also held by Iran and the other signatories. “If you reopen one part of it, the entire agreement is reopened,” she said. “Renegotiating part of the agreement is not an option.”

Trump administration officials have said that in order for the U.S. to remain in the agreement it must be fixed to remove so-called “sunset clauses” under which certain restrictions on Iran’s activities expire. Deal opponents say those clauses provide a pathway for Iran to resume atomic development that could lead to the production of a bomb. Mogherini said that despite the expiration of those limits, Iran is obligated under the agreement to never develop nuclear weapons.

# Near but far: Trump, Kim find themselves closer than ever

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — It’s obvious to anyone who looks at a map but also, this week, especially noteworthy: The leaders of two nations that have squared off with harsh words and the threat of nuclear war are now closer to each other than New York City’s Trump Tower is to the White House.

That’s presuming North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is in fact in Pyongyang, which is likely, though not as definite as President Donald Trump’s presence in Seoul, the South Korean capital. The American leader was there on Tuesday and Wednesday, meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and urging Kim to “come to the table” and “make a deal.”

The proximity of Trump and Kim this week is an interesting blip and, probably, little

more. But it underscores a daily fact of life for the residents of the two Koreas’ capitals: Their seats of government, mortal enemies linked by a common heritage, spend every day virtually breathing down each other’s geographic necks.

Seoul, home to the Blue House where South Korea’s president works, is just 125 miles (200 kilometers) from Pyongyang’s Kim Il Sung Square and the heart of the North Korean regime. New York City, by comparison, is 205 miles (330 kilometers) from Washington, D.C.

Trump will not get as near as he might to Pyongyang, however. On this trip, at least, he is not visiting the Demilitarized Zone that marks the border between North Korea and South Korea.



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# Trump and the DMZ: The surprise that wasn't to be

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — It was the big surprise that was not to be.

Donald Trump, America's showman president, hatched a secret plan to visit the Korean Peninsula's demilitarized zone before he ever left Washington last week on a five-nation tour of Asia, the White House said.

Trump teased a showstopper during a toast at a state dinner being held in his honor in Seoul on Tuesday night, promising: "We're going to have an exciting day tomorrow for many reasons" that "people will find out."

With reporters sworn to secrecy and a beefed-up security retinue in tow, his helicopter took off in the dim early morning light Wednesday bound for the heavily fortified border.

Press Secretary Sarah Sanders Huckabee had announced the destination by scrawling the letters "DMZ" on a notepad, saying that was how she was told to communicate the sensitive information.

But plans for the grand reveal were botched by Mother Nature, and Sanders described Trump as disappointed — and "pretty frustrated."

Just after daybreak, Trump's motorcade had departed unannounced for Yongsan Garrison, a U.S. Army base in Seoul, where a fleet of military helicopters was standing by for the roughly 35-mile flight to the DMZ. Trump had been scheduled to arrive at Observation Post Ouellette, the closest post to the 1953 armistice line, where he would follow his three direct predecessors in peering into North Korea.

But visibility below one mile and misting conditions determined otherwise. As they neared the DMZ landing site, the pilots were unable to see the other helicopters in the air convoy, Sanders said. Military pilots, in conjunction with the U.S. Secret Service, decided it was unsafe to continue, and the helicopters reversed course and returned to Yongsan.

Undeterred, Trump waited nearly an hour in his armored limousine near the helicopters in hopes of a clearing in the weather, but none was forthcoming. White House staff, including Sanders and chief of staff John Kelly, passed the time making frequent glances at the overcast sky.

Just before 9 a.m., the final call was made: the stop was off. Trump's 11 a.m. address to the South Korean National Assembly could not be delayed

to accommodate a later trip. Trump had also been scheduled to visit with families of diplomats at the U.S. embassy in Seoul, but first lady Melania Trump filled that engagement.

In advance of the 12-day trip, White House officials had publicly dismissed the idea of a visit to the DMZ as "a little bit of a cliché." But behind the scenes, Trump made clear to aides he intended to follow through with the presidential rite of passage.

Shrouded in secrecy and symbolism, presidential visits to American troops stationed in South Korea and the DMZ have become a staple of trips to the peninsula for decades.

Every president since Ronald Reagan has visited the 1953 armistice line, except for George H.W. Bush, who visited

when he was vice president.

The show of bravado and support for one of America's closest military allies has evolved over the years to include binoculars and bomber jackets.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in was set to join Trump at the DMZ. The South Korean leader landed at an alternate site about a 20-minute drive from the DMZ, but that was not a possibility for Trump, given the logistics of moving his larger motorcade.

"For President Moon and President Trump to go to together would have been historic, it was supposed to be a symbol of the strong alliance," Sanders said once Trump returned to his hotel. "I think the fact that they were both planning shows the importance."



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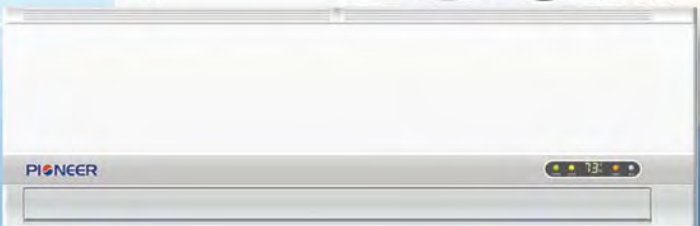
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