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A Samoan infant rests in a special scanner that measures body composition. It is the first such scanner installed in a Pacific Island nation. See story below for more details. [Image courtesy Stephen McGarvey via Brown Univ. website]



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Another missing immigration file prompts Kruse to subpoena the AG for answers

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Chief Justice Michael Kruse has subpoenaed the Attorney General to appear in court on January 12, 2018 to explain why Joeita Fa'aaliga's file is missing from the Immigration Office, and how this person entered the territory back in 2012.

Fa'aaliga — who is serving a 12-year straight sentence for stealing and burglary — is scheduled to appear again in court on Jan. 12, 2018 for a Deposition Hearing, after he was found guilty of violating conditions of his probation. If the court revokes his probation, Fa'aaliga is looking at serving 34 years total behind bars.

During a hearing last week, Chief Probation Officer Malcolm Polu refreshed the court's memory on what happened during Fa'aaliga's hearing earlier this year in June, during which he was ordered to serve a 12-year straight sentence.

Polu said that before that hearing, the court ordered the Chief Immigration Officer to appear in court to testify regarding the defendant's case, because the court only received a movement profile for the defendant when he first entered the territory in August 2012 on a 30-day visitor permit.

"The court wasn't satisfied, so the subpoena was sent to the Chief Immigration Officer to show up in court; but instead, one of his senior supervisors from Immigration's Investigative Division showed up, and the only document the supervisor provided was the copy of the 30-day visitor permit for the defendant to enter the territory in 2012," Polu told the court.

Kruse asked Polu if the court was ever provided the file that contains all the information on the permit application — the portion the sponsor fills it out and gives to the Pulenu'u to sign — Polu responded no.

Kruse immediately turned to the side where the government's attorney, Robert Morris was sitting and told him, "I want that a file in court, alright?" Morris responded, "Yes, Your Honor."

"I want the AG subpoenaed to come down to tell the court how this person entered the territory on a 30-day visitor permit," Kruse said.

According to the Chief Probation Officer, the court has conflicting information from the Immigration Office about Fa'aaliga. He said the information that was provided by Immigration officers to him show two different sponsors — which were revealed in court — but the date the permit was issued, and the entry date, are the same.

Kruse told Morris that he wants the application found, and he wants to know who the real sponsor is.

"The reason why the court wants to know who the sponsor is, is because that person should be responsible for all the debts for this young man, including the cost of jail, medical, and other stuff," Kruse said.

The Chief Justice also wants to find out from the Warden, what has been done to address the issue of court probationers who are given "Trustee" status while serving time in TCF.

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Researchers launch unique lab in Samoa to study obesity epidemic

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Accompanied by the island nation's prime minister, Brown University public health professor Stephen McGarvey celebrated a new facility for studying the lifestyle and genetic influences of obesity and non-communicable diseases in Samoa.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. [Brown University] — In the Samoan language, "olaga" means life — which makes it a perfect acronym for a unique new research laboratory opened by Brown University and Yale University scientists at the Pacific island nation's Ministry of Health on Friday, Nov. 10. At the Obesity, Lifestyle and Genetic Adaptations (OLaGA) lab, researchers led by Stephen McGarvey, a professor of epidemiology and anthropology at the Brown University School of Public Health, and Nicola Hawley, assistant professor of chronic disease epidemiology at Yale University School of Public Health, will conduct three studies at three distinct stages of life — birth, childhood and adulthood — to understand and address the nation's unusually high rates of obesity. Obesity in Samoa has increased markedly in recent decades, McGarvey's research has shown, because of a confluence of changes in diet and physical activity.

Samoa's prime minister, Tuilaepa Lufeso-liai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malieegaoi, formally opened the lab at a Nov. 10 launch ceremony. According to remarks provided by McGarvey, the prime minister said the lab's work will benefit the country in many ways.

"Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) stemming from obesity — diabetes, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and cancer — are not only a threat and a cost to individual health, but to Samoa's long-term economic and social development," the prime minister said. "This collaboration between our ministries and two outstanding universities in the U.S.A. allows Samoa to be at the forefront of the primary research needed to drive our NCD prevention and treatment agenda."

He noted that the lab includes the first dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scanner in the Pacific islands. The instrument can take precise measurements of body composition, including fat, lean mass and bone. McGarvey said the scanner, funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, will play a role in all three studies.

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Pictured left to right: Richard Stanton of the Congresswoman's office; Joseph "Iu" Pereira, Executive Assistant to the Governor; Starkist CEO Andrew Choe; Gov. Lolo Moliga; Congresswoman Aumua Amata; and Michelle Faist, StarKist Senior Advisor, Government Relations.

On Nov. 7, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga and a delegation from his cabinet, along with Congresswoman Aumua Amata, jointly held discussions with StarKist CEO Choe and other representatives of StarKist to make an aggressive, coordinated approach at both the local and federal level to ensure all policies align for StarKist's long term sustainable operations in American Samoa to the benefit of the local community.

For more details of joint meetings held to advance Am Samoa's Economic development interests, including the minimum wage and the Territorial Bank, read story inside.

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(l-r) Gov. Lolo Moliga, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, and Congresswoman Amata.

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Gov. Lolo and Congresswoman Amata advance Am Samoa's Economic development interests

Washington, D.C. — Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 - Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga and Congresswoman Aumua Amata together advanced American Samoa's economic development interests through a series

of meetings throughout the week, including StarKist CEO Andrew Choe, the honorable Governor Gary Herbert of Utah, and also the honorable Randy Quarles, Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

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Discussions focused on making final passage of the American Samoa Economic Development Credit (the Section 30A tax credit), recently included in the House of Representatives tax reform bill by the Congresswoman, a top priority to ensure its inclusion in final passage in the tax bill expected by year's end. Also discussed was coordinating efforts to reestablish local control of minimum wage determination to make sure local businesses are globally competitive against their international counterparts, something the Obama Administration supported in testimony before the Congress.

tax bill with the 30A provision, and with further effort from the Governor's office and StarKist, we hope to be included in the final passage of the tax bill later this year," Congresswoman Amata said. Also on Nov. 9 and Nov. 10, Governor Lolo, his Delegation, and Congresswoman Amata met in Utah with Utah Governor Gary Herbert and newly appointed Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors Randall Quarles, respectively, concerning issues related to the establishment of the Territorial Bank of American Samoa (TBAS) in order to provide essential banking services to the Island.

Governor Lolo said, "I appreciate very much the guidance Vice Chairman Quarles provided on the regulatory process, and look forward to discussing his suggestions with the Fono to insure the best possible path forward to fully operationalize the Territorial Bank of American Samoa in the most timely fashion in order to provide ready access to essential banking services to our private and public sectors.

"I thank the Governor of Utah Gary Herbert and the Congresswoman Aumua Amata for their support to help make basic banking services affordable and readily available to those who most need it," he concluded.

"We are now in the House



Zoning Board Public Notice

Zoning Board public hearing for November 16th, 2017. The notice is hereby given the Zoning Board has received zoning variance applications from the following:

APPLICANT(S)	BUSINESS	LOCATION
Pati & Iokapeta Jennings	Auto Shop & Used car dealer	Malaeimi
Hong Li	Car Wash	Tafuna
Niu -2_You c/o Valo Pulemau	Retail Store	Leone/Puapua
Julia's Heart c/o Julia Shimasaki	Sewing Shop & Restaurant	Nu'uuli
Tamauli Moevao Jr.	Retail Store	Malaeloa

Public comments and request to speak during public hearing must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017. Interested individuals are also invited to attend the Zoning Board hearing on November 16th, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Department of Commerce conference room located on the second floor of the Executive Office Building in Utulei.

For further information, please contact Aokusotino Mao or Tuulalo Farani at the Department of Commerce, during normal working hours at 633-5155.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Complied by Samoa News staff USDOL OPENS PROBE INTO FISHERMAN'S DEATH IN PAGO PAGO

The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has opened a federal investigation into the death of the 62-year old captain of the US flagged purse seiner, Cape Farret, who died Oct. 28th, while the vessel was in Pago Pago.

As reported by Samoa News yesterday police had investigated the incident and have recommended closing the case, after they determined no foul play was involved, and the incident was an unfortunate accident.

Reports say the incident occurred around 9 p.m. on Oct. 28th behind the Samoa Tuna Processors (STP) facility in Atu'u. The man is believed to have fallen into the ocean and sustained injuries to his head.

There have been local and off island inquiries as to whether OSHA, an agency with the US Department of Labor, is looking into this case, because it's a work related incident and had occurred while the vessel was anchored in Pago Pago.

Responding to Samoa News inquiries, USDOL spokesman Jose Carnevali said, "We can confirm that OSHA has initiated an investigation into this fatality."

"This case is open and we cannot provide further information at this moment," Carnevali said yesterday from the USDOL's regional office in San Francisco.

POLYNESIA AIR REGIS- TERS 'SAMOA AIRWAYS' WITH FEDS

Nonprofit seeks personhood, freedom for 3 elephants at zoo

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — An animal rights organization has asked a court to legally recognize the personhood rights of three elephants at a Connecticut zoo and order them released. The Nonhuman Rights Project announced Monday it has filed a lawsuit in Connecticut Superior Court on behalf of elephants named Beulah, Karen and Minnie at Commerford Zoo, a traveling petting zoo based in Goshen. The nonprofit wants the court to release the elephants to a natural habitat sanctuary. It has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, which for people relates to whether someone is being unlawfully detained and should see a judge. The organization argued unsuccessfully this year for two adult male chimps to be considered legal people.

Samoa's government owned Polynesian Limited, which manages and operates Polynesian Airlines, has already filed with the US Department of Transportation, its new trade name "Samoa Airways" — which is how the phone is answered when you now call Polynesian Airlines at the local airport in Tafuna.

Federal regulations require air carriers to file with USDOT an airline's name including any trade name used for operation within the United States, including its territories.

In the past few months Polynesian Limited has included in its filing with USDOT, seeking a 30-day cabotage waiver to operate Manu'a flights, that it's "doing business as (DBA), Samoa Airways" without Polynesian Airlines.

The carrier, since three years ago, had only been using

Polynesian Airlines, as a trade name, when filing for a cabotage waiver.

According to USDOT public records, on Aug. 31st the federal agency acknowledged the registration — in accordance with federal regulations — by Polynesian Limited of the "Samoa Airways" trade name.

Airline officials say the carrier has been transitioning into its Samoa Airways name since September this year, while passenger itineraries already reflect Samoa Airways international airline code "OL", instead of "PH" - for Polynesian Airlines.

Yesterday, which was Tuesday in Samoa, the carrier's international service was relaunched, with Samoa Airways' inaugural flight from Apia to Auckland, New Zealand.

The airline also plans to soon launch direct flights from Apia to Sydney, Australia.



FILE - In this March 4, 2016, file photo, Sean Hannity of Fox News appears at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in National Harbor, Md. A decision by coffee maker manufacturer Keurig announced on Nov. 11, 2017, to stop advertising on Sean Hannity's Fox News program has supporters of the conservative host destroying the company's products.

v (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File)

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Taoto pea ia le fiso ma ona lau, a'o ou paia sausau gata Samoa.
Ou te Fa'atulou atu Paia Fa'alemalo, Paia Fa'aleatunu'u, ma Paia Fa'aletalalei.
Tulou, Tulou Tulouna Lava.

E fa'asino tonu leni fa'aaliga i le Paia i o matou Aiga, Paolo, ma gafa Sa Sausausema.

O le Paia lava lea i le Afio o Laolagi ma Usoali'i. Susu fo'i Suafanu'u, Fetalaiga i le To'oto'o o Lolo, Nofo i le Samatua ma upu ia te Oulou Sili.

Ae ona o le Vala'au Paia a le Atua i le Tina Peleina ia Fo'iupolu Lei'aione, Ua iai se fuafuaga e fa'apea;

O Le a Fa'aavanoaina le aso **20 & 21 o Novema 2017**, E fesaga'i ai Paolo ma Aiga.
Ona o le Aso, **22 o Novema 2017**, ua fa'atulagaina mo le toe Sauniga o le Tina Peleina.
Fa'amoemoe o le a fa'autagia mai leni fa'aaliga.

Ma le Fa'aaloalo Lava,

O Fanau a le Tina la,
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Appeals court allows partial enforcement of Trump travel ban

HONOLULU (AP) — A U.S. appeals court on Monday allowed President Donald Trump's newest version of the travel ban to partially take effect.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling will bar people from six Muslim-majority countries included in the travel ban who do not have a "bona fide" relationship with a person or entity in the U.S. from entering the country. The ban can't be enforced against people who have those relationships.

Hawaii sued to stop the latest ban, which was announced in September. Hours before it was set to take full effect last month, U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson in Hawaii issued a ruling blocking the ban. Watson found that the new ban, like the version before it, failed to show that nationality alone makes a person a greater security risk to the U.S. The policy applied to travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria and Yemen plus some Venezuelan government officials and their families. Rulings against the ban in Hawaii and later in Maryland apply only to the six Muslim-majority countries. They did not affect the restrictions against North Korea or Venezuela, because the plaintiffs did not ask for that. The Maryland ruling was narrower than the Hawaii one in that it allowed enforcement against those with no U.S. ties.

The U.S. government appealed, saying the rulings thwarted Trump's efforts to keep the American people safe.

The 9th Circuit in San Francisco had blocked previous versions of the ban.

"We are reviewing the court's order and the government will begin enforcing the travel proclamation consistent with the partial stay," U.S. Department of Justice spokeswoman Lauren Ehram said in a statement. "We believe that the proclamation should be allowed to take effect in its entirety."

The appellate judges adopted language that the Supreme Court itself either wrote or blessed when it considered legal challenges to the previous version of the travel ban.

In June, the justices said the travel ban could not keep out of the country people who could claim a bona fide relationship with someone or a group in the U.S.

The justices did not list precisely what kinds of relationships were covered, but they left in place a subsequent 9th circuit ruling that protected grandparents, cousins and other relatives. Monday's ruling spells out the "close family relationship" includes grandparents, grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The decision "closely tracks guidance previously issued by the Supreme Court," Hawaii Attorney General Doug Chin said in a statement. "I'm pleased that family ties to the U. S., including grandparents, will be respected. We continue to prepare for substantive arguments before the Ninth Circuit on December 6 in Seattle."

SPA and THS take top 6 spots at ASHS 30th Science Symposium 2017

THEY'RE HEADING TO HAWAII TO SHOWCASE THEIR SCIENCE PROJECTS

November 8, 2017 — The Science/Health Division of Office of Curriculum and Instruction, American Samoa Department of Education announced the Top winners at the 30th annual High School Science Symposium — STEM related competition for high school students.

The high school science symposium is a special project adopted and coordinated to inspire young scientists, engineers and innovators who will solve the grand challenges of the future.

The Top 6 winners are now eligible to represent American Samoa to the Regional Pacific Science Symposium for Science and Sustainability (PS3) in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

The Pacific Symposium for Science and Sustainability is an annual event coordinated by the Hawaii Academy of Science and funded by the Department of the Army, Navy and Air Force to encourage high school students to pursue research and study in science, engineering and mathematics. The regional competition is open to all high school students in grades 9-12. It provides a unique educational experience by bringing high school students from the Pacific Islands including Hawaii to share their studies. The symposium is also fashioned after professional conferences to include field trips and social events. The local Science Symposium was held on Nov. 8 at the American Samoa Community College Lecture Hall, where the top 11 student finalists presented their papers that were then judged by local judges. A total of 15 student papers were reviewed by off-island readers (scientists and university faculty), by which the 11 finalists were selected.

THE TOP 11 WINNING STUDENTS WERE:

1. Gayathri Murali, South Pacific Academy
2. Timothy Gayapa, South Pacific Academy
3. Karalyn Fitisona, South Pacific Academy
4. Wilson Reid, Tafuna High School
5. Vini Sipili, Tafuna High School
6. Marian Rajamohan, South Pacific Academy
7. Josivini Voseci, Tafuna High School
8. Da In Myung, South Pacific Academy
9. Serenalia Iona, Leone High School
10. Noelle Lei Sam, South Pacific Academy
11. Isaiah Saina Ito, Tafuna High School.

We also wish to acknowledge our 4 semi-finalists that submitted papers for review:

Honorable Mention in alphabetical order are: Carl Daniel Balauro of Fa'asao Marist High School; Eseta Te'I of Samoana High School; Joelyn Rafil of Fa'asao Marist High School; and Olyvia Taa'se of Faga'itua High School.

In recognition of their achievements, the Top 11 finalists received a prize package comprising a certificate of merit; trophy; and a bag with school supplies.

The top six finalists will receive an all-expense paid trip to Honolulu, Hawai'i from January 13-14, 2018 to showcase their science

projects at the Hawaii Academy of Sciences and compete in a two-day PS3 competition.

The PS3 serves as a regional competition for students to advance to the national program, Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS). All students in grades 9-12 in both public and private schools in Hawai'i, American Samoa, and Micronesia are invited to submit papers for participation in the PS3.

Five finalists at the PS3 will receive expense-paid trips to the national JSHS in April/May. The top three finalists will receive scholarships and the top two will represent the Hawai'i region in the national JSHS competition.

Scholarships and travel to international science events are prizes included at the national JSHS. For this year's symposium readers and judges, AS-DOE thanks you for your continuous support and advice. The off-island readers were: George Hui- Ph.D., University of Hawaii, School of Medicine; Andrew Pati Ah Young- Ph.D. Genentech Inc., South San Francisco; Meru Sheel- Ph.D, Australian National University; Vidisha Tripathi- Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Aparna Anathanaraman- Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; Emel Adaligil- Ph.D., Genentech Inc., South San Francisco; Michael Holiday- Ph.D., Genentech Inc., South San Francisco; Christine Huang- Ph.D., Genentech Inc., South San Francisco; Tatjana Petojevic- Ph.D., Genentech Inc., South San Francisco.

The local judges were Utu Abe Malae, Chief Executive Officer, American Samoa Power Authority; Domingo Ochavillo- Ph.D., Chief Biologist, Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources; Mareike Sudek- Ph.D., National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa; Edna Noga, American Samoa Power Authority; Aifili Tufa, Epidemiologist, Department of Health American Samoa; and Victoria Barker, National Park of American Samoa. This special project is coordinated by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and sponsored by the Department of Education. Many special thanks to all the parents and supporters in attendance to witness the presentations by these 'young scientists' of American Samoa, as well as the American Samoa Community College President and staff assisting the department and for the use of the Lecture Hall.

For any questions or inquiries regarding this special project, please contact Dr. Joserose Jyothibhavan (Science/ Health Coordinator) or Magdalene Augafa-Leauanae (Program Director) at the DOE-Office of Curriculum & Instruction (699-6516). For more information on the HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM, visit the ASDOE web site: <https://www.asdoe.net/science>. (Source: American Samoa Department of Education — Office of Curriculum and Instruction)

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Half of US adults have high blood pressure in new guidelines

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — New guidelines lower the threshold for high blood pressure, adding 30 million Americans to those who have the condition, which now plagues nearly half of U.S. adults.

High pressure, which for decades has been a top reading of at least 140 or a bottom one of 90, drops to 130 over 80 in advice announced Monday by a dozen medical groups.

The change means an additional 14 percent of U.S. adults have the problem, but only an additional 2 percent will need medication right away; the rest should try healthier lifestyles, which get much stronger emphasis in the new advice. Poor diets, lack of exercise and other bad habits cause 90 percent of high blood pressure.

“I have no doubt there will be controversy. I’m sure there will be people saying ‘We have a hard enough time getting to 140,’” said Dr. Paul Whelton, a Tulane University physician who led the guidelines panel.

But the risk for heart disease, stroke and other problems drops as blood pressure improves, and the new advice “is more honest” about how many people have a problem, he said.

Currently, only half of Americans with high blood pressure have it under control.

The upper threshold for high blood pressure has been 140 since 1993, but a major study two years ago found heart risks were much lower in people who aimed for 120. Canada and Australia lowered their cutoff to that; Europe is still at 140 but is due to revise its guidance next year.

The guidelines were announced Monday at an American Heart Association conference in Anaheim.

WHAT THE CHANGES MEAN

The guidelines set new categories and get rid of “prehypertension”:

—Normal: Under 120 over 80

—Elevated: Top number 120-129 and bottom less than 80

—Stage 1: Top of 130-139 or bottom of 80-89

—Stage 2: Top at least 140 or bottom at least 90

That means 46 percent of U.S. adults have high pressure (stages 1 or 2) versus 32 percent under the old levels.

How common it is will roughly triple in men under 45, to 30 percent, and double in women of that age, to 19 percent.

For people over 65, the guidelines undo a controversial tweak made three years ago to relax standards and not start medicines unless the top number was over 150. Now, everyone that old should be treated if the top number is over 130 unless they’re too frail or have conditions that make it unwise.

“The evidence with this is so solid, so convincing, that it’s hard to argue with the targets,” said Dr. Jackson Wright, a guidelines panel member from University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center. Older people “have a 35-to-50-fold higher risk of dying of a heart attack or stroke compared to younger people.” But the Cleveland Clinic’s Dr. Steven Nissen said he’s worried.

“Some more vulnerable patients who get treated very aggressively may have trouble with falls” because too-low pressure can make them faint, he said.

WHO NEEDS TREATMENT

Certain groups, such as those with diabetes, should be treated if their top number is over 130, the guidelines say. For the rest, whether to start medication will no longer be based just on the blood pressure numbers. The decision also should consider

the overall risk of having a heart problem or stroke in the next 10 years, including factors such as age, gender and cholesterol, using a simple formula to estimate those odds.

Those without a high risk will be advised to improve their lifestyles — lose weight, eat healthy, exercise more, limit alcohol, avoid smoking.

“It’s not just throwing meds at something,” said one primary care doctor who praised the new approach, the Mayo Clinic’s Dr. Robert Stroebe. If people continue bad habits, “They can kind of eat and blow through the medicines,” he said.

The guidelines warn about some popular approaches, though. There’s not enough proof that consuming garlic, dark chocolate, tea or coffee helps, or that yoga, meditation or other behavior therapies lower blood pressure long-term, they say.



FILE - In this June 6, 2013, file photo, a patient has her blood pressure checked by a registered nurse in Plainfield, Vt. New medical guidelines announced Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, lower the threshold for high blood pressure, adding 30 million Americans to those who have the condition.

(AP Photo/Toby Talbot, File)



LOCAL COMMUNITIES LOOKING FORWARD TO PALOLO RISING THIS MONTH



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.

We kindly ask the public to please call Maria Vaofanua (mariavaofanua@hotmail.com) at 633-4465 ext. 241 to report any sightings of *palolo*.



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Evaga)



Abigail Wetzel and Steve McGarvey Samoa MOH lab opening.jpg
 Research assistant Abigail Wetzel and Professor Stephen McGarvey are poised, in local attire, to open the new lab at the Samoan Ministry of Health.

[courtesy photo: Brown University website]

▶ Researchers launch...

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Health” study, the team will work with adults to assess body composition, glucose tolerance and metabolism, track physical activity and conduct interviews to assess the combination of lifestyle and biological factors that influence their weight and health.

The team is particularly interested in better understanding the role of a rare genetic variant they discovered last year that appears to contribute to a higher risk of obesity but a lower risk of diabetes. In the “Ola Tuputupua’e,” or “Growing Up” study with young children and the “Fofoaga o le Ola,” or “Beginning of Life” study with newborns, the team will learn how NCDs begin to emerge.

“We do not yet know how this gene influences basic biological mechanisms and thus how it influences overweight and diabetes,” McGarvey said. “The new research taking place in this laboratory should provide greater biological understanding of how this gene affects NCDs. We are also taking the opportunity to use some of the research equipment for studies of children and infants so we can try to understand how early in life health indicators change that might help partly predict later NCD risk.”

When the research is complete, the equipment, including the scanner, will be donated to the Ministry of Health. As part of the project, the team will train local health workers to use it.

Trump Jr. messaged with WikiLeaks during, after campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump’s oldest son on Monday released a series of direct messages he received from the Twitter account behind the WikiLeaks website, including his responses to the communications.

Donald Trump Jr.’s release of the messages on Twitter came hours after The Atlantic first reported them. In the exchanges — some of them around the time that the website was releasing stolen emails from Democrat Hillary Clinton’s campaign chairman — WikiLeaks asks Trump Jr. to push its leaks and to release his father’s tax returns to the site.

The documents released by Trump Jr. show him responding three times, at one point agreeing to “ask around” about a political action committee WikiLeaks had mentioned. He also asked the site about a rumor about an upcoming leak. The messages began in Sep-

tember 2016 and ran through July. Trump Jr. downplayed the exchanges as he released them.

“Here is the entire chain of messages with @wikileaks (with my whopping 3 responses) which one of the congressional committees has chosen to selectively leak,” he tweeted. “How ironic!” The direct messages had been turned over to congressional committees investigating Russian intervention in the 2016 election and if there were any links to Trump’s campaign.

In a statement, Trump Jr.’s lawyer said thousands of documents had been turned over to the committees. “Putting aside the question as to why or by whom such documents, provided to Congress under promises of confidentiality, have been selectively leaked, we can say with confidence that we have no concerns about these documents and any questions raised about them have been easily answered in the appropriate forum,” said

Alan Futerfas. Vice President Mike Pence responded quickly to the report, issuing a statement through his press secretary that he knew nothing about it.

“The Vice President was never aware of anyone associated with the campaign being in contact with Wikileaks,” said spokeswoman Alyssa Farah. “He first learned of this news from a published report earlier tonight.” WikiLeaks editor Julian Assange tweeted after The Atlantic report that he couldn’t confirm the messages but then defended them after Trump Jr. released them.

“WikiLeaks appears to beguile some people into transparency by convincing them that it is in their interest,” Assange tweeted. Democrats swiftly reacted to the report, saying Trump Jr. should provide more information. California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, says it “demonstrates once again a willingness by the highest levels of the Trump campaign to accept foreign assistance.”



Witness: Woman who killed 4 people left threatening message

BARRE, Vt. (AP) — A Vermont woman facing life in prison without parole for killing a state social worker and three relatives left a screaming message threatening to kill one of her victims just hours before the shootings were carried out, the daughter of one of the victims testified Monday. Tiffany Herring-Flint testified she heard her cousin, defendant Jody Herring, leaving an expletive-laced message on an answering machine telling Herring-Flint's mother and aunt they should stop calling the state Department for Children and Families. Police say Herring believed her relatives had played a role in her losing custody of her 9-year-old daughter. "You might want to stop ... calling DCF or I'm going to come there and shoot your brains out," Herring-Flint said she heard Herring say on the answering machine in the house where Herring-Flint's mother, Rhonda Herring, aunt, Regina Herring, and grandmother, Julie Falzarano died hours later.

Vermont DCF social worker Lara Sobel was shot and killed as she left work in Barre on Aug. 7, 2015. Police later determined Herring had killed her relatives before she killed Sobel, although the three bodies were not discovered until the next day when Herring-Flint went to the house in the Berlin, Vermont, to check on her mother and the others. Court documents say Jody Herring was seeking revenge against those she believed responsible for her losing her daughter. Herring-Flint's testimony came on the first day of what is scheduled to be a five-day sen-

tencing hearing for Jody Herring. Herring pleaded guilty in July to first-degree murder in the shooting death of Sobel and three counts of second-degree murder for the deaths of her relatives. The plea deal calls for a sentence of 20 years to life in prison on the second-degree murder convictions. It will be up to Superior Court Judge John Pacht to determine if Herring is sentenced to life without parole on the first-degree murder conviction. Witness Karlyn Sizemore testified she walked past Herring immediately before the shooting took place, she heard two shots and then saw her restrained by people in the area until police arrived.

"She was jumping around the parking lot, screaming, (waving) the rifle around. 'They didn't listen to me. It was my 9-year-old daughter. They got what they deserved,'" Sizemore testified she heard Herring say.

The first witnesses called by defense attorney David Sleigh were two of Jody Herring's aunts. They testified they grew up in a family of 16 children and were both regularly sexually abused by their father and subjected to physical and emotional abuse. Sleigh also said Herring changed after her father died when she was 5 years old of what was ruled a suicide.

In a court filing last week, Sleigh wrote that Herring had been going through a mental health crisis earlier that year and was released early from a 90-day involuntary commitment. She still would have been in the hospital on the days of the shootings had she not been released early, Sleigh wrote.



FILE - In this Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, file photo, Republican John Curtis, walks on stage during Utah's 3rd Congressional District debate, in a race to replace Jason Chaffetz in the U.S. House of Representatives, in Sandy, Utah. Congress gets its newest member on Monday as House Speaker Paul Ryan is set to swear in Republican John Curtis of Utah amid an intense push by GOP leader-

Utah's Curtis is sworn in as newest Republican House member

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican John Curtis of Utah became the newest member of Congress late Monday when he took the oath of office amid an intense push by GOP leadership to score a major legislative victory before the end of the year.

Curtis, 57, was the mayor of the Mormon stronghold of Provo when he won a special election last week to replace former Rep. Jason Chaffetz in a heavily Republican district. He'll fill the final year of Chaffetz's term before facing reelection in late 2018. His letter of resignation from the mayor's post took effect when he was sworn in by Speaker Paul Ryan

during a series of votes on the House floor. In brief remarks on the House floor, Curtis said the voters from Utah's third congressional district who sent him to Washington "have very high expectations of me and of us."

Curtis has signaled he intends to be a unifier in a deeply polarized Congress. To do that, he'll have to find the balance between supporting the head of the Republican Party, President Donald Trump, and distancing himself from controversies surrounding the president.

During his victory speech last week in Provo, Curtis — who has said significant moral concerns kept him from voting

for Trump last year — took a different tone than the president. He acknowledged voters are worried about gun violence, the direction of the country and a "lack of civility."

"We need bridge builders, not bomb throwers," Curtis said. He'll have to quickly learn to navigate a divided Congress aiming to pass a tax overhaul bill and claim a badly needed legislative win. Trump has set a Christmas deadline for the tax legislation. Other looming and contentious issues include immigration legislation and the repeal of former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.



Jody Herring and defense attorney David Sleigh listen to testimony Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 in Barre criminal court in Barre, Vt. during Herring's sentencing hearing. Herring faces life in prison for the murder of state social worker Lara Sobel and three of Herring's relatives in August 2015.

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The American Samoa Government's Office of Archives and Records celebrated this year's Archives Month with various activities, including 'waves' and an Open House Week. Territorial Archivist Jim Himphill said, "It was a memorable month and though our turnout wasn't large due to a multitude of other American Samoa public activities this month, we hope our island community is more informed about the work that we do. Our team really enjoyed these activities and we look forward to a greater celebration in 2018." [Courtesy photo]



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He said the first thing the Warden needs to do, is ensure that the watch commander knows that probationers are under the jurisdiction of the court, not the executive branch.

Kruse recalled former Warden Manase's testimony in court years ago, saying he had a problem with security. At the time, the warden described security at the prison as "...o le mea ula — a joke."

The Chief Justice said that it has been many years, but he believes Warden Manase's description, because nothing has been done at the prison to ensure that everyone serving time is secure.

He told the government attorney that this is not the first time an over stayer has come before the court for violating laws in the territory, and while the court has tried to reach out to the Administration to find out how these over stayers manage to stay in the territory illegally, the response the court receives is: The file is lost or missing.

Kruse said he is shocked by claims from the government that they can't locate files for inmates who are here illegally, that they are missing from the Immigration Office.

He pointed out that Immigration's responsibilities include making sure that all records of foreigners who are authorized to enter the territory are kept.

He recalled the case of a 28-year old male from Samoa, who traveled to American Samoa on a 7-day permit to look for a job.

When the court asked the government for the individual's Immigration file, the response was: the file is lost.





Aoga o suesuega i tausaga o i'a - "la le vave mou atu"

tusia: *Leua Aiono Frost*

E pei ona mua'i fa'ailoa atu le 'auga o le auai mai o ali'i saeanisi e to'atolu, e latou te suesuea le umi ma le matutua tonu o I'a e mafai ona tu'ufua ma fanafanau ai, o lea ua maua le avanoa o alo o le atunuu o lo'o auai i lea a'oa'oga, e faasoa ai i le atunuu le aoga o lea a'oa'oga.

O le tama'ita'i o Tepora Toliniu Lavata'i o lo'o galue i le Matagaluega o le Puipuiga o le Vaomatua ma le Gataifale (DMWR), ua fa'ailoa lona fiafia i lea suesuega ma fa'apea ai, "O lou fa'afetaia o lenei avanoa ua maua, e le malaga i fafo ae ua malaga mai nei sui mo le

a'otauina o i matou lea e galulue i lea itu o le tautua lautele i le gataifale."

"O le aoga lenei a'oa'oga, e mafai ona iloa patino fa'atino tiute, sailiiliga ma suesuega e aoga tele i le matou galuega, ia mautinoa tonu vaitau o le soifuaga o I'a nei e matele ina fiafia le atunuu e tausami i taimi uma, e mafai ai ona tu'ufua. O le sini, ia mua'i tu'ufua i'a nei, a'o le'i 'aina e tatou tagata, ina ia tumau pea le faateleina o lona faitau aofai mo le fofoga taumafa o le atunu'u."

Ona sa talosagaina le tino-tupe i le Bishop Museum i Hawaii mo lea lava galuega

saili, o se fa'afetai tele lea a lea alo o le atunuu, "O le galuega lenei e matele ina auina atu ai matou i fafo ia faia, saili ai ma tusi pasi fa'ato'a mafai ona fa'atupe, peita'i o le ua o'o mai ali'i saeanisi suesue nei e to'atolu, fa'atino fa'atasi ma i matou nei tiute ma fa'asinoina ai fo'i i matou i sitepu uma lava o le faia ai o lenei galuega taua."

"E le gata i lea, e pau le mea sa matou faia ole tapena sip-esimeni ma fa'ae'e i le meli e auina atu i fafo e suesue mai ai e sui faapei o saeanisi nei, ona faato'a toe fa'ao'o mai lea o se latou fa'ai'uga. A'o le taimi nei, ua faia e matou tapenaga o mea uma, faia le sailiiliga, ma ua matou iloa fo'i ona tu'ufa'atasia fa'aiuga tatau o lo'o matou mo'omia mai nei sailiiliga."

"Ua matua vave lava ona maua e i matou mea uma sa mo'omia mo le fa'alauiloa i o tatou tagata, ma taumafai e una'ia i tatou uma ina ia utagia fautuaga e aoga mo le fa'ateleina o I'a nei o lo'o susua ma fia tausami e le mamalu ole atunu'u."

E pei ona mua'i fa'ailoa atu, o i'a nei e aofia ai le Poge, Alogo, Laea ma le Ume, ua fa'atino ai nei lea suesuega fa'apitoa fa'atasi a Saeanisi ma alo o le atunu'u, ina ia malaga ese atu nei sui, ae ua utafia le fanau i tomai ma le iloa patino i le galuega.

O nei fo'i suesuega ma saili-iliga ua tapena ai fa'amaumauga mo tautalaga ma folasaga e tusa ai o le fa'asao mo afio'aga ta'itasi lea e fa'asa ai le fagotaina o i'a mo sina vaitaimi se'i toe fa'ateleina fo'i le aotelega o i'a i le aloalo ona fa'ato'a fagota foi lea e tagata uma o le afio'aga.

Ua fa'ailoa mai e tele afio'aga ua mae'a fa'alauiloa a latou fa'asa. Ua i ai vaitau e tatala ai fagotaga i nei afioaga, ma ua fa'ailoa mai fo'i e ta'ita'i o afio'aga sa faia fa'asao, "Ua iloga ua lapopo'a le tetele o i'a ua maua mai matou faiva ina ua mae'a ai le taimi o le fa'asa.

E le gata i lea, ae ua va'aia e moni lava ua tele fo'i i'a e maua i le ofe po'o le tili i le aloalo."

O le isi afio'aga sa faia le latou sa o Matu'u ma Faganeeana, ae o lea fo'i le nu'u e masani ona asi ai le palolo.

Na auai uma sui i le a'oa'oga. E fa'asolo fo'i le faiga o le suesuega.

E amata mai i le tapenaga o sipesimeni e mafai ona avatu e fa'amalo, a mae'a malo ona fa'auia lea i le masini fa'apitoa na auina mai fafo e tipi fa'anini'i ai sipesimeni nei, ina ia ofi i lalo ane o le mata o le Maikore-

(Faauau itulau 10)



Le tama'ita'i o Diane Kitona ma le tama'ita'i o Motusaga Vaeoso lea ua faia ma le fiafia o la'ua tiute o le tipitipiga o sip-esimeni mo suesuega i le Maikoresikopi mo latou fa'amaumauga taua o le soifuaga o I'a, ia le so'ona 'aina ma fa'atauga, ma vave ai ona mou atu.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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Foia fa'afitauli na tula'i mai tuai ona maua siaki tagata faigaluega malo

tusia Ausage Fausia

E ui o lo o i ai pea se vaega laititi o tagata faigaluega a le malo e le o maua a latou siaki i taimi ma aso e totogi ai le malo, peita'i o le tulaga fiafia e pei ona fa'aalia e le Fa'atonusili o le Matagaluega o Tagata Faigaluega a le malo, ua fa'aitiitia le tulaga to'atele sa a'afia, ma ua maitauina le aga'i ina foia atu lea fa'afitauli.

O lenei mataupu na talanoaina i le fonotaga a le Kapeneta i le fa'aiuga o le masina na te'a nei, lea na fa'amaonia ai e le tama'ita'i Fa'atonusili ia Eseneiaso Liu le tele o piriota totogi a le malo o tula'i mai pea lenei fa'afitauli.

O le piriota totogi lea fa'atoa mae'a atu nei, ua maitauina ai le foia o lenei fa'afitauli, ona e to'alaititi lava se vaega na tuai ona maua a latou siaki.

Na taua e le Tama'ita'i Fa'atonusili e fa'apea, mai le tele o piriota totogi a le malo ua mavae atu, e silia i le ta'i 400 le aofa'i o tagata faigaluega a le malo e le maua a latou siaki i le taimi e totogi ai le malo.

E mafua lea tulaga e pei ona saunoa Liu i luma o le Kapeneta, e le o fa'autagia e Fa'atonusili o le tele o Matagaluega a le malo le fautuaga o lo o tu'uina atu, ina ia vave tuuina atu taimi faigaluega o tagata i le aso ma le taimi tonu e fa'amuta ai, ina ia fa'a faigofie ai la latou galuega.

Mo se fa'ata'ita'iga e pei ona saunoa Liu, o ni isi o Ofisa a le malo, e tu'uina atu taimi faigaluega ae leai ni fa'amaumauga e lagolago ma fa'amaonia ai taimi ua tuuina atu. E le mafai e lona Ofisa ona totogi se tagata faigaluega e aunoa ma le fa'amaonia atu o ona taimi faigaluega o lo o tu'uina atu i fa'amaumauga a le Ofisa.

O le isi fa'afitauli o tagata o lo o galulue i konekarate, e tuai ona fa'ailoa atu e le Fa'atonusili le taimi e fa'amuta ai le konekarate a le tagata, ina ia fuafua i ai le fa'agaioiina o lona totogi fa'ai'u.

O se tasi o fa'afitauli tuga

e pei ona maitauina, e le o iloa e tagata o lo o gafa ma le fa'atulagaina o totogi ma taimi faigaluega a Matagaluega ta'itasi, aofa'i o tupe a latou Matagaluega o loo i totonu o teugatupe eseese, ona oo lea i le taimi e fa'agasolo ai le totogiina o tagata, ae emo ane e le o i ai se tupe i totonu o le teugatupe lea, aemaise lava pe afai o se teugatupe mo tupe mai le feterale, ona fa'aletonu ai loa lea o le totogiina o le tagata faigaluega, ma mafua ai ona le maua lona totogi i le taimi e totogi ai le malo.

O le afitoga i le Kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga ma le Pulesili o le Pulega o le Ele-tise ma le Suavai (ASPA) ia Utu Abe Malae, o i laua ia na maua le avanoa e fa'asoa ai o la finagalo e uiga i lenei mataupu.

Saunoa le ali'i Kovana e fa'apea, e le o se tulaga lelei le uma ona fa'atino e le tagata faigaluega o lana tautua i le malo, ae o o atu i le aso e maua ai lona totogi ua leai se mea e maua.

"O tagata faigaluega uma lava a le malo, o i latou ia o loo fa'alagolago i ai le manuia o latou aiga, o ni isi o aiga e na o le to'atasi lava le tagata o lo o faigaluega, ae a oo la i le taimi e fa'aletonu ai ma le maua le totogi a le tagata, o le a a'afia uma atu ai ma le aiga, le maua ai ma se meaai mo fanau. E tataua ia te outou Fa'atonusili ona mata'ala ina ia aua ne'i toe tula'i mai fa'afitauli fa'apenei i le lumana'i," o le saunoaga lea a le ali'i Kovana.

Ae na saunoa Utu e fa'apea, o le isi itu o lo o mafua ai ona tutupu fa'afitauli fa'apenei, e le o lava le malamalama o tagata faigaluega i le fa'atinoina o a latou galuega, aemaise lava i tulaga o fa'amaumauga ma itu tau teugatupe.

Na fa'aigoa e Utu mea sese o lo o tutupu, "o mea laiti o le olaga", ae foliga mai o lo o fa'atamala ai le to'atele o tagata faigaluega a le malo, ma i'u ina a'afia ai ni isi o tagata faigaluega.

Aoga o suesuega...

Mai itulau 9

sikopi, po'o le masini va'ai.

O le to'alua sa saeina i'a ma taumafai ona tu'ufa'atasia mai latou sipesimeni mo le masini fa'amalo, o ali'i to'alua ua faigaluega uma lava i le DMWR, Theodore Travers ma Luatasi Tone.

Ona fa'asolo mai i tama'ita'i e to'alua o Motusaga Vaeso ma Diane Kitiona la te tipia nei sipesimeni malo, e tapena ai mo le Maikoresikopi e maimoa ai ma iloa patino le matua o le i'a ua i ai e tusa ma lona lapo'a ma le umi, ma pe ua maua fo'i ni

ona fua fanau pe leai.

E ui lava ona o le Maketi o l'a a le Maketi i Fagatogo lea e aveva ma potu a'oga o lenei suesuega taua, ae o le tala mai a le ali'i saeanisi Ken Longenecker, "E taua i le olaga o le saeanisi le maua o ana fa'amaumauga tonu nai lo le nofoaga o lo'o fa'aaoga mai mo le fa'atinoga o le suesuega."

"O le tele o fesili sa matou fia iloa, ua mafai ona matou faia lava e i matou le galuega ma toe maua mai ai matou tali!

O se mea taua lea i le olaga

o le tagata suesue. Ae silisili fo'i o lenei vaega o le tomai e matua mo'omia lava, toe maua ma le tinoitupe e fa'atino ai le galuega fa'atasi ma mea faigaluega o masini e le'i ai muamua mo matou e fa'atino ai galuega nei," o se tala lea a le tama'ita'i o Motusaga Vaesono.

Na fa'ailoa fo'i e Vaesono, "Afai e te manatu e te suesueina le alititai ma lona sosia, e ao ina e silafia, e i ai fo'i le tele o ituaiga pisapisao i le lalolagi o meaola o le sami, ma e iloa lava e i'a o le Sami, a pisapisao se ogasami, o le tele fo'i na o i'a o lo'o ola fa'atasi ai, ae a ta'aligoligoa se ogasami, e le o i ai ni l'a o ola ai!"

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E 20 masina lea ua fa'asala ai e le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga le ali'i o Wayne Mapu i le vaiaso na te'a nei, ina ua fa'amaonia le moliaga mamafa o le fa'ao'olima i le tualga 2 na tu'uaia ai o ia e le malo.

Na ulua'i tu'uaia Mapu i le moliaga mamafa o le fa'aoolima i le tulaga muamua, ae i lalo o se malilie sa latou sainia ma le malo ma talia e le fa'amasinoga maualuga, na ia tali ioe ai i le moliaga o le fa'aoolima i le tulaga lua, ae solofua e le fa'amasinoga le isi moliaga sa totoe ai i le pepa o le tagi sa latou fa'aulu, le moliaga o le talepe fale i le tulaga lua.

O le mataupu e pei ona

fa'asala ai Mapu i le toese i Tafuna, na afua mai i se fa'alavelave na tula'i mai i Tafuna i le amataga o le tausaga nei, ina ua alu i totonu o le fale o le ali'i na a'afia ma ia fa'ao'olima ia te ia, e mafua mai ina ua fa'ao'olima le ali'i lea i le atali'i o lona uso. Na fa'atoese Mapu i le toese e tusa ai o lana solitulafono sa faia, ma ia talosagaina ai se isi avanoa mo ia se'i toe fo'i atu ai i tua i lona aiga e tausi lona to'alua ma lana fanau.

Sa ia taua fo'i e fa'apea, o masina e 9 lea na taofia ai o ia i le toese e fa'atalitali ai le aso e lau ai lana fa'asalaga, ua ia aoaoina mai ai se lesonea taua mo lona olaga i le lumana'i.

Sa ia fa'atoese i le malo o Amerika Samoa i lona le usitaia o tulafono a le malo, ae faapitoa ai lana faatoesea i le ali'i na a'afia, e ala i lona fa'aigoaina o ia o lona uso. Na taua e Mapu e fa'apea, e ui e lei maua se avanoa la te toe talanoa ai ma le "uso" na a'afia ona ua taofia o ia e Leoleo i le toese, ae i ai lona talitonuga ua ia fa'amagaloina o ia. Na finau le loia a Mapu ia Michael White i le fa'amasinoga mo se avanoa e faanofovaavaaia ai le ua molia. Na taua e White e fa'apea, o le 'ava malos i le mafua'aga atoa na ala ai ona tula'i mai le fa'alavelave e pei ona a'afia ai Mapu. Na lagolagoina e le loia a le malo ia Robert Morris le talosaga a le itu tete'e mo se fa'asalaga fa'anofovaavaaia, fa'atasi ai ma lana talosaga, ina ia totogi e Mapu le pili o le falema'i a le ali'i na a'afia, e mafua mai i le taimi na manu'a ai o ia ma taofia ai o ia i le falema'i. O ni isi o tuutuuga o le nofovaavaaia a Mapu mo le 5 tausaga, o lona tuliina lea o masina e 20 i le toese, e aofia ai ma masina e 9 lea ua mae'a ona ia tuliina. Ua fa'asa ona ia toe tagofia le 'ava malos, fa'asa ona ia toe soli se tulafono a le malo, fa'asa fo'i ona ia toe fa'atupuina lava se vevesi i le va o ia ma le ali'i na a'afia, a ia ave a o ia ma tagatanu'u lelei e tausisi i tulafono a le malo i taimi uma.

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by Sam - Vaega 95

Na ona taunu'u atu lava o le ta'avale i luma tonu o le faitoto'a tele lea e ulufale atu ai ta'avale, ona vaaia loa lea o se ali'i Leoleo talavou ua savali mai ma tu i tafatafa o le faitoto'a o le ave ta'avale, ona vili lea e le tamaloa o Meki o le fa'amalama o lana faitoto'a i lalo, ae fa'atalofa atu i le ali'i Leoleo, lea o lo o tu mai i ona tafatafa ma ona foliga fiafia.

"Talofa lava, e mafai ona tuu mai la outou tusli valaaulia fa'amolemole," o le talosaga ane lea a le ali'i Leoleo ia Meki, ona aapa atu lea o Meki ma aumai le tusi valaaulia o loo ta'atia i ona luma ma tu'u atu i le Leoleo.

O le taimi lava na tilotilo ai le Leoleo i le tusi valaaulia, na vaaia ai e le aiga le suia o ona foliga, e foliga mai ua i ai se mea ua fa'ateia ai o ia.

Na ona uma lava ona faitau e le ali'i Leoleo o le tusi valaaulia, ma ia tau atu ai i le igoa o Ianeta, ona ia valaau loa lea i isi ona soa o loo i totonu o le Ofisa ina ia sauni mo le tula'i fa'aaloalo. I lona si'ufofoga lemu ma le fa'aaloalo, sa ia talosaga atu ai ia Meki ina ia aga'i atu lana ta'avale e paka i luma tonu lava o le Ofisa o Leoleo o loo tumau mai i le isi itu o le lotoa e le mamao.

"Fa'amolemole lava lau susuga, e i ai se mea ua fa'aletonu i le matou ta'avale," o le fesili fia iloa lea a Meki, ae sa na o le ata o le ali'i Leoleo ma fa'apea mai, "Lau susuga, e leai, o loo lelei mea uma, ae fa'amolemole lava, avatu loa lau ta'avale e paka mai i le vaega e pei ona fa'aailoa atu," e fai lava tala a le Leoleo ma savali aga'i atu i le isi itu o le lotoa ma tu mai ai.

Na ona uma lava ona paka o le ta'avale a le aiga, ae fetau

ma le tau fai tofua o Leoleo ma faitoto'a o le ta'avale ma tatala, ona vaaia lea o le ulufale mai o le ulugali'i ma le tama'ita'i o Ianeta. "Fa'afetai lava mo le auunaga, ua lagona fo'i lota fa'aaloaloga i lenei aso," e fai lava tala a Ianeta ma ata, ae o ali'i Leoleo i le taimi lea, e leai se isi e ata, ae ua na o le tutu fa'amalo ma fa'atali se isi fa'atonuga e tu'uina atu e le tamaloa o Meki.

"Fa'amolemole, o matou e fia aga'i atu i le vaega lea o loo fa'ataunu'u ai la matou feiloaiga ma le aiga o Laneseleta," o le musumusu atu lea a le tamaloa o Meki i le ail'i Leoleo o loo pito atu i ona tafatafa, ae o le Leoleo i le taimi lea, ua ata ma musumusu atu fo'i ia Meki, "Afai o lou finagalo lea, o le a tatou aga'i sa'o atu loa i le vaega o loo fa'atali mai ai Laneseleta ma lona aigaa."

Ua aga'i atu le aiga i totonu o le pito i luma o le fale'aiga tele lenei. O se vaaiga na matua maofa ai le ulugali'i aemaise ai fo'i o le teineititi o Ianeta, i le matagofie ma le felanulanua'i o ma'a taua eseese o loo fausia ai lenei faleaiga tele.

E fai o le to'atele o tagata faigaluega ae o le to'atele fo'i o Leoleo o loo tiute solo ai. O le tosina o le vaai a le tama'ita'i o Ianeta i se tasi o fugalaau matagofie lava o loo matala mai lona fua i le tulimanu o le pa laau, na mafua ai loa ona ia fai i lona Tina e fa'atali atu, ae se'i tamo'e e matamata i le fugalaau lea.

E tamo'e le tama'ita'i ae vaaia ai fo'i le tamomo'e o Leoleo e to'a fa sa latou fa'afeoaina atu o ia.

O Meki ma Lucy i le taimi lea, ua na o le tutu ma maofa i le auala lea o loo auuna atu ai Leoleo nei ia tei latou.

O le fia malamalama tele

o Meki i le mafua'aga ua ala ai ona auuna atu Leoleo nei ia tei latou, na mafua ai ona ia musumusu atu i le ali'i Leoleo o loo tu fa'amalo i ona tafatafa, "O le a le uiga o lenei auunaga ua outou faia mo a'u ma lo'u aiga, ae le o i matou o ni tagata taualoa, o i maua ma si a maua tama, ua na o ni tagata fa'atauva'a lava e le taualoa." Na ata le Leoleo ona ia musumusu atu lea i le tamaloa o Meki ma fai atu i ai, "Vaai oe Tama, o le fa'atonuga sa tuuina mai e lo matou ta'ita'i, ia matou faia soo se mea e finagalo i ai Ianeta ma ona matua pe afai ae taunu'u mai i le lotoa, ma ia ofo atu ia tei latou le auunaga pito sili ona maualuga."

E fetau i le mae'a atu o le tala a le Leoleo ia Meki, ae vaaia loa le toe fo'i mai o le tama'ita'i o Ianeta ma le fugalaau ua uma ona ia tauina mai, ma latou aga'i atu loa i totonu o le nofoaga e faia ai le taligasua tele.



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North Korea says US carrier groups raise nuclear war threat

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — North Korea warned Monday that the unprecedented deployment of three U.S. aircraft carrier groups “taking up a strike posture” around the Korean peninsula is making it impossible to predict when nuclear war will break out.

North Korea’s U.N. ambassador, Ja Song Nam, said in a letter to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres that the joint military exercises with South Korea are creating “the worst ever situation prevailing in and around the Korean peninsula.”

Along with the three carrier groups, he said, the U.S. has reactivated round-the-clock sorties with nuclear-capable B-52 strategic bombers “which existed during the Cold War times.” He also said the U.S. is maintaining “a surprise strike posture with frequent flights of B-1B and B-2 formations to the airspace of South Korea.”

“The large-scale nuclear war exercises and blackmails, which the U.S. staged for a whole year without a break in collaboration with its followers to stifle our republic, make one conclude that the option we have taken was the right one and we should go along the way to the last,” Ja said. He didn’t elaborate on what “the last” might be, but North Korea has launched ballistic missiles that have the potential to strike the U.S. mainland, and it recently conducted its largest-ever underground nuclear explosion. It has also threatened to explode another nuclear bomb above the Pacific Ocean.

The four-day joint naval exercises by the U.S. and South Korea, which began Saturday in waters off the South’s eastern coast, were described by military officials as a clear warning to North Korea. They involve the carrier battle groups of the USS Ronald Reagan, Theodore

Roosevelt and Nimitz, which include 11 U.S. Aegis ships that can track missiles, and seven South Korean naval vessels.

Seoul’s military said in a statement that the exercises aim to enhance the combined U.S. and South Korean operational and aerial strike capabilities and to display “strong will and firm military readiness to defeat any provocation by North Korea with dominant force in the event of crisis.” According to the U.S. Navy’s 7th Fleet, it is the first time since a 2007 exercise near Guam that three U.S. carrier strike groups have operated together in the western Pacific.

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis insisted on Monday that the carrier maneuvers are not extraordinary. “There’s no big message” intended for North Korea or anyone else, he told reporters in an impromptu exchange in a Pentagon hallway. “This is what we normally do

with allies.”

Reminded that it had been 10 years since the last three-carrier exercise, Mattis noted that the Navy has a limited number of carriers and can’t often put three in the same place.

“It’s just a normal operation,” he said.

The military drills come amid U.S. President Donald Trump’s visit to Asia, which has been dominated by discussions over the North Korean nuclear threat. Ja accused the U.N. Security Council in Monday’s letter of repeatedly “turning a blind eye to the nuclear war exercises of the United States, who is hell bent on bringing a catastrophic disaster to humanity.” He said the exercises raise serious concern about “the double standard” of the U.N.’s most powerful body. He also referenced Trump’s September speech to the U.N. General Assembly in which the president said that if the U.S. is “forced to defend itself or its allies, we will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea.”

Trump tweeted soon after making the speech that Korea’s leadership “won’t be around much longer” if it continued its provocations, a declaration that led the North’s foreign minister to assert that Trump had “declared war on our country.”

Ja said Monday the U.S. “is now running amok for war exercises by introducing nuclear war equipment in and around the Korean peninsula, thereby proving that the U.S. itself is the major offender of the escalation of tension and undermining of the peace.” Ja asked Guterres to circulate the letter to the Security Council and the General Assembly, and also asked him to use his power under Article 99 of the U.N. Charter to bring to the Security Council’s attention “the danger being posed by the U.S. nuclear war exercises which are clearly threats to international peace and security.”

Alec Baldwin settles lawsuit against New York art dealer

NEW YORK (AP) — Alec Baldwin has settled a lawsuit in which he accused a prominent art dealer of fraud involving a 1996 Ross Bleckner painting.

The actor told The New Yorker magazine that gallery owner Mary Boone agreed to write him a “seven-figure check” to settle his allegation she sold him a copy of Bleckner’s “Sea and Mirror” rather than the original.

“Maybe I’ll have Ross paint a picture of the seven-figure check that Mary paid me to settle,” Baldwin, who paid \$190,000 for the painting, told the magazine. The parties informed a court of the agreement on Monday. Details of the settlement were not disclosed.

Boone told the New York Post’s “Page Six” column the dispute was fueled by sexism.

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Michigan governor cites 'significant' concerns over pipeline

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said Monday he had “significant” concerns after the company that operates twin oil pipelines in a Great Lakes waterway told state officials it had found additional gaps in pipeline coating.

The Republican governor criticized Enbridge Inc. after the Canadian company issued an update on inspections and repairs of Line 5, which carries about 23 million gallons (87 million liters) of oil and natural gas across northern Wisconsin and Michigan to refineries in Ontario each day.

“I am no longer satisfied with the operational activities and public information tactics that have become status quo for Enbridge,” Snyder said in a statement. “It is vitally important that Enbridge immediately become much more transparent about the condition of Line 5 and their activities to ensure protection of the Great Lakes.”

A nearly 5-mile-long segment of the line runs along the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, which connects Lakes Huron and Michigan. That section is divided into two pipes that have been in place since 1953. Enbridge says they are in good condition and monitored closely, but environmentalists contend they are at risk of leaking and want them decommissioned.

The company, based in Calgary, Alberta, has disclosed in recent months that gaps have formed in protective enamel coating on the outside of the pipes. Enbridge acknowledged in October some of its personnel knew about the problem for years but only recently informed the state.

Enbridge said then that eight areas had been found to have coating gaps or calcium carbonate deposits, which indicate places where coating could be thin or missing. Six have been repaired, according to Guy Jarvis, executive vice president of liquid pipelines and major

projects. But he said additional gaps and calcareous deposits had turned up during inspections of 128 places where anchors have been installed to support the pipelines. All have been examined with a remote underwater vehicle, and divers have looked at 48 of them.

They found three spots of bare steel, plus calcareous deposits at “many of the locations,” Jarvis said Monday in a phone conference with reporters. He did not say how many, but state officials briefed separately by the company said a majority of the 48 diver-inspected locations had gaps.

“A year ago, Enbridge said there were no coating gaps in the Straits pipeline,” said Valerie Brader, executive director of the Michigan Agency for Energy. “When will we know the full accounting of what Enbridge knows about Line 5?”

Workers removed calcareous deposit samples from 11 places, leaving bare steel that also will need to be fixed, Enbridge said.

“The exact cause of these deposits at these locations will be further assessed in conjunction with the state in the coming weeks,” Jarvis said. “We remain confident in the continued safe operation of Line 5 and highlight that no evidence of corrosion on the line was found in any of this work.”

Enbridge is scheduled to outline its findings about the pipelines’ status, including the condition of protective coating and anchors, during a Dec. 11 appearance before the Michigan Pipeline Safety Advisory Board. State officials said they would bring on “additional technical expertise” to evaluate the company’s presentation.

The state plans to release a final report Nov. 20 on options for transporting the oil and natural gas carried by Line 5.

A preliminary version listed a number of alternatives, including shutting down the line, keeping it going or replacing it.



Sixth grader Mays Pese was among the dozens of palolo watchers who came ready with flashlights, homemade nets, and buckets last Friday evening — the predicted date of the palolo swarm. Unfortunately, Mays and everyone who looked for palolo in the waters of Lau'ii that night went home empty handed.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

Ex-Army reservist admits stealing many guns, escaping prison

BOSTON (AP) — A former Army reservist has pleaded guilty to stealing guns from an Army Reserve facility in Massachusetts, escaping from a Rhode Island prison and trying to rob two banks.

James Morales pleaded guilty Monday to a slew of charges, including theft of government property and attempted bank robbery.

Authorities say Morales stole six machine guns and 10 handguns from an Army Reserve center Worcester (WUS’-tur

in November 2015. Morales was captured in New York days later.

Prosecutors say Morales escaped from prison in December 2016 by climbing a basketball hoop, jumping onto a roof and going through a barbed wire fence. Morales was recaptured days later after trying to rob two banks.

Morales is scheduled to be sentenced in February. His public defender hasn’t returned an email seeking comment.

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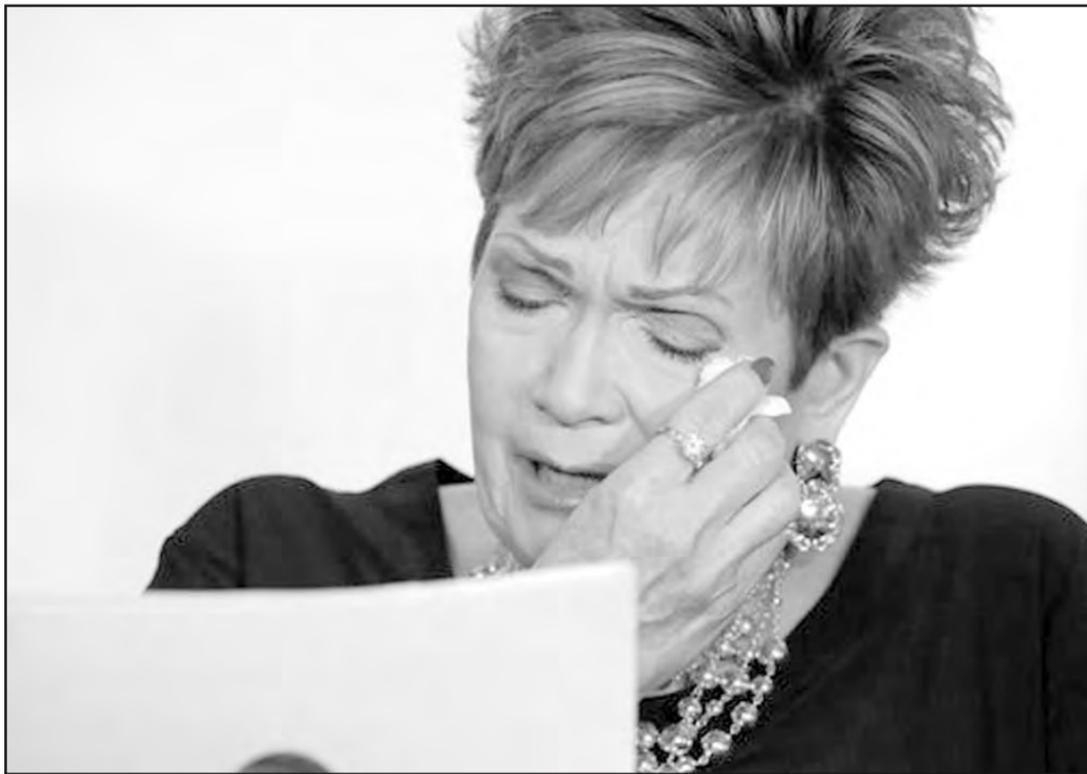
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IN THE COMMUNITY

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Beverly Young Nelson, the latest accuser of Alabama Republican Roy Moore, reads her statement at a news conference, in New York, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. Nelson says Moore assaulted her when she was 16 and he offered her a ride home from a restaurant where she worked. Moore says the latest allegations against him are a “witch hunt.” (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

New sex assault allegation hits Moore; withdrawal calls grow

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second woman emerged Monday to accuse Roy Moore of sexually assaulting her as a teenager in the late 1970s, this time in a locked car, further roiling the Alabama Republican’s candidacy for an open Senate seat. Moore strongly denied it, even as his own party’s leaders intensified their efforts to push him out of the race. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell took a remarkably personal swipe at his party’s candidate for a Senate seat the GOP cannot afford to lose. “I believe the women,” he said, marking an intensified effort by leaders to ditch Moore before a Dec. 12 special election that has swung from an assured GOP victory to one that Democrats could conceivably swipe.

Moore abruptly called a news conference in Gallant, Alabama, after a tearful Beverly Young Nelson’s detailed the new allegations to reporters in New York. “I can tell you without hesitation this is absolutely false. I never did what she said I did. I don’t even know the woman,” Moore said. He signaled he has no intention of ending his candidacy, calling the latest charges a “political maneuver” and launching a fundraising appeal to “God-fearing conservatives” to counter his abandonment by Washington Republicans. In the latest day of jarring events, McConnell, R-Ky., and Moore essentially declared open war on each other. McConnell said the former judge should quit the race over a series of recent allegations of past improper relationships with teenage girls. No, said Moore, the Kentucky senator is the one who should get out.

Cory Gardner of Colorado, who heads the Senate GOP’s campaign organization, said not only should Moore step aside but if he should win “the

Senate should vote to expel him because he does not meet the ethical and moral requirements of the United States Senate.”

Moore, an outspoken Christian conservative and former state Supreme Court judge, fired back at McConnell on Twitter.

“The person who should step aside is @SenateMajLdr Mitch McConnell. He has failed conservatives and must be replaced. #DrainTheSwamp,” Moore wrote. Nelson’s news conference came after that exchange and injected a new, sensational accusation in the story.

She said Moore was a regular customer at the restaurant where she worked after school in Gadsden, Alabama.

One night when she was 16, Moore offered to drive her home, she said, but instead parked behind the restaurant and touched her breasts and locked the door to keep her inside. She said he squeezed her neck while trying to push her head toward his crotch and tried to pull her shirt off. “I thought that he was going to rape me,” she said.

Moore finally stopped and as she got out of the car, he warned that no one would believe her because he was a county prosecutor, Nelson said. She said her neck was “black and blue and purple” the next morning and she immediately quit her job.

Nelson said that shortly before that, days before Christmas, she’d brought her high school yearbook to the restaurant and Moore signed it. A copy of her statement distributed at the news conference included a picture of what she said was his signature and a message saying, “To a sweeter more beautiful girl I could not say, ‘Merry Christmas.’”

Nelson said she told her younger sister about the incident two years later, told her mother four years ago and told her husband before they mar-

ried. She said she and her husband supported Donald Trump for president.

Last Thursday, The Washington Post reported that in 1979 when he was 32, Moore had sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl and pursued romantic relationships with three other teenage girls around the same period. The women made their allegations on the record and the Post cited two dozen other sources. Moore has called the allegations “completely false and misleading,” but in an interview last week he did not unequivocally rule out dating teenage girls when he was in his early 30s. Asked by conservative radio host Sean Hannity if that would have been usual for him, Moore said, “It would have been out of my customary behavior.” McConnell, speaking Monday at an event in Louisville, Kentucky, said Moore “should step aside” and acknowledged that a write-in effort by another candidate was possible. He said, “We’ll see,” when asked if the Republican alternative could be Sen. Luther Strange, whom Moore ousted in a September party primary.

But Strange told reporters late Monday “a write-in candidacy is highly unlikely.”

“I made my case during the election,” Strange said. “So now, it’s really going to be up to the people of our state to sort this out.” McConnell’s comment pushed him further than he’d gone last Thursday, when he said Moore should exit the race if the allegations were true.

McConnell and Moore have had an openly antagonistic history. Moore was backed during his primary campaign by Steve Bannon, President Donald Trump’s former chief White House adviser who is openly seeking GOP Senate challengers who will pledge to dump McConnell.



1st alligator snapping turtle in decades spotted in Illinois

CHICAGO (AP) — A scientist searching for a young male alligator snapping turtle that was put in a Southern Illinois creek at least a year ago instead grabbed a 22-pound adult female, raising hopes for those trying to protect a creature that hadn't been spotted in the area for three decades.

Illinois Natural History Survey herpetologist Chris Phillips called his finding of the turtle, at least 18 years old, a "move in the right direction" in the effort to save the state-endangered species.

The discovery was chronicled in an article in this month's Southeastern Naturalist co-authored by Ethan Kessler, a graduate student of natural resources and environmental sciences at the University of Illinois.

"It gives us hope that reproduction is happening," Kessler said.

Still, both Kessler and Phillips

aren't quite sure what exactly the find says about these secretive creatures that have been around for millions of years. This particular turtle that was living in Union County's Clear Creek, where scientists have been releasing turtles in Union County's Clear Creek because no wild alligator turtles had been found in Illinois since 1984. "Maybe there is a hidden population we don't know about," Kessler said, adding that it's more likely that this turtle was just the last survivor of what was once a bigger population of turtles or a hearty traveling turtle that somehow made its way up the Mississippi River. However it got there, before it was found by Phillips it found at least one other turtle. The scientists know that because on the day Phillips reached down and grabbed the female turtle he thought he was reaching down for a smaller male turtle that has been wearing a radio transmitter

ever since scientists released it into the same creek at least a year ago.

It was because the water is so murky, Phillips had no way of knowing that he was grabbing the bigger turtle and not the smaller one that was so close that it was ultimately pulled out of the water in the same spot.

That leaves both Kessler and Phillips wondering if Phillips was interrupting the kind of activity that a species needs to increase its numbers.

"He (the smaller turtle) had sidled up to her so maybe they were making plans," said Phillips.

Sadly — at least for the scientists — just what plans the turtles were making may never be known thanks to a failure in technology.

"We put a transmitter (on the larger turtle) but the battery died three months later," Phillips said. "She's in there but there is no way we're going to find her."



Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., left, the top Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, criticizes the Republican tax reform plan while Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, listens to his opening statement as the panel begins work overhauling the nation's tax code, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. The legislation in the House and Senate carries high political stakes for President Donald Trump and Republican leaders in Congress, who view passage of tax cuts as critical to the GOP's success at the polls next year. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Day laborer charged in 2015 slaying of NY millionaire's wife

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A former day laborer was arrested in the bludgeoning death of the wife of a millionaire McDonald's franchise owner at their New York hilltop estate in 2015.

Esdras Marroquin Gomez, 32, pleaded not guilty on Monday at his arraignment on a murder charge in the death of 83-year-old Lois Colley, according to the Westchester County district attorney's office.

Colley's body was discovered in her home by a caretaker who worked at her 300-acre horse farm in North Salem. She died of blunt force trauma. At the time there was no sign of forced entry and no valuables had been taken.

Gomez had done work at the farm and fled to Guatemala just days after the killing, prosecutors said. "The murder scene was horrendous," Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino said. "From our evaluation, we believe the

murder weapon was a home fire extinguisher, and she was brutally assaulted."

Police found a pin from a fire extinguisher next to Colley's body. Several days later, investigators found the fire extinguisher wrapped in a plastic bag in a pond on the property, Scarpino said. Colley's DNA was found on the fire extinguisher.

"We believe there was a dispute, and he visited the house possibly to speak to someone else in the family," Scarpino said. "And he confronted Lois."

Scarpino said the dispute may have been about money, but Gomez was no longer employed at the farm when the attack took place, he said.

Gomez was arrested in Miami last week after being deported from Mexico. He had been indicted on a murder charge by a grand jury last year, prosecutors said.

Gomez is next due in court on Dec. 7. Information on his lawyer wasn't immediately

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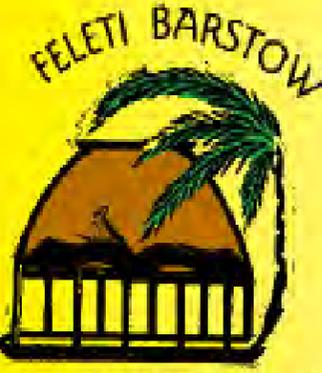
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TELL ME A STORY: THE BRAVE BOWMAN

(A JATAKA TALE FROM INDIA)

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Once upon a time, a young man was so skilled with his bow, people called him the brave bowman. He might have been famous, but he was exceedingly small and had a crooked back. He knew this would stand in the way of all he wished to accomplish. He wanted to join the king's army and defend his land, but he knew the king would refuse him.

But the young man was clever, and so he decided to find a big, strong man to take him as his page, and together they would join the army.

He set off on his search to find such a man. One day, he came upon a near-giant digging a ditch. The brave bowman stopped to say hello and asked why such a big man was digging ditches.

"It's the only work I can find," he replied.

"I have an idea," the little bowman said. "Go with me to the king and ask him to let you serve in his army. I'll be your page. I promise you that I'll do all the work the king asks you to do. We'll share the pay, and that way we'll both earn a living."

The big man was skeptical. What, he wondered, could such a little man do? Still, he was tired of digging ditches, and so he agreed.

"I am a great bowman," the little man told him as they traveled to see the king. "There's a fierce tiger loose in the city, and I am certain the king will want a brave bowman to kill it."

When the two men arrived at the palace, they requested that the king's servants tell him a great bowman had come to meet with him, and that the great bowman wished to kill the loose tiger.

The king invited the two men in, and when he saw the giant man, he was impressed. He assumed this was the brave bowman.

"But who is this little fellow beside you?" the king asked.

"My loyal page," the big man said. "I wish to join the army, and he will be by my side. I take my page everywhere. I wish you to pay me 1,000 gold pieces a month for the two of us. It will be worthwhile when we kill the tiger."

The king agreed and explained that the fierce tiger was carrying off too many people and had to be stopped.

"Go into the forest and kill that tiger!" he commanded the big man and the bowman, and so the two men went into the forest.

Soon after, the brave little bowman with his perfect aim shot the tiger. When news of the tiger's death reached the king, he was so thankful that he rewarded the two men with gifts and praise.

But the very next day, word came that a huge buffalo was roaming the roads and crushing people in his path.

"Go kill that buffalo!" the king commanded the big man and the bowman, and so they hurried to the village and found the buffalo. With his perfect aim, the brave little bowman killed the buffalo. When they returned to the palace, the king rewarded them with a big pot of money. But the king's praise was for the big, strong man because he just assumed he had killed the tiger and the buffalo. And, after a while, the big man began to believe that it was his strength and size that counted for their success. He began to think that he could work alone.

"I can find any page I'd like," he told the bowman. "And another man will not demand so much of the money."

The little bowman was sad, but there

was nothing he could do to convince the big man to keep him by his side. Still, he stayed close in case his skills with an arrow were ever needed.

Sure enough, a few days later a king from a faraway land sent word to the bowman's king that his invading army would be marching into the king's country.

"Give up your land or do battle!" the faraway king demanded.

The king called the big man to his side and instructed him to take up arms against the invaders. He gave him a gigantic war elephant, which the big, strong man mounted.

Unbeknownst to him, the brave little bowman also sneaked onto the back of the war elephant. As the creature trudged out of the city ahead of the army, the war drums began to beat. At the sound of the drums, the big man began to shake with

fear. The brave little bowman leaned in and whispered, "Don't be afraid. Stop shaking and be strong. If you fall off the elephant, you'll die."

But the big man was so terrified, he could not stop shaking and sweating, and he slipped off the elephant's back. He ran as fast as he could until he reached home. He wanted nothing to do with this war. So the little bowman, all alone, led the war elephant into the fight. With his bravery and astonishing aim, the little bowman drove the army farther and farther back.

When at last he drove the army away, the brave little bowman returned to the palace, and the king understood how foolish he had been to disregard the little man's true skills.

From that day on, everyone called him the Brave Bowman, and the king named him chief of his army.

The Brave Bowman

