

Mutual security concerns raised during Two Samoa Talks

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A long line of local residents formed early yesterday morning at the entrance of the Fale Laumei for the official opening of the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) clinics which offer medical, vision, and dental services for community members.

The program will run until Dec. 7th and is in collaboration with the Lions Club of Pago Pago. See story in today's Lali section for details.

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CPO terminates contract between Paramount and ASG for airport apron project

PARAMOUNT'S LEGAL COUNSEL SAYS ENTIRE BIDDING PROCESS IS 'DEFECTIVE'

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

The contract between the American Samoa Government and Paramount Builders for the construction of the Pago Pago International Airport Apron Rehabilitation Phase 2 project, has been terminated by Chief Procurement Officer Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton.

The termination has to do with bond issues, specifically the performance bond, and labor and materials payment bond certificate issued by local company, Aeto Insurance.

Paramount was notified of the decision in a Nov. 17th letter from Crichton, who reiterated that surety was a condition of awarding this particular job to Paramount.

The company was given a deadline to come up with a 100% performance bond and 100% payment bond for the project. And while they were able to meet the deadline for both requirements, according to the CPO, the surety was not listed in the current issue of the US Treasury Circular 570 — a requirement noted in the bid documents.

In addition, Paramount was told that there was insufficient evidence of the financial strength of the insurance company — Aeto — that issued the bond certificates. Therefore, the bonds submitted by Paramount are considered non responsive and deficient.

The termination of the contract has led to Roy J.D. Hall Jr, attorney for Paramount, to inquire — again — with the Attorney General's Office, about the insurers listed in the US Treasury Circular 570 that are not only licensed to do business in American Samoa, but also have Certificates of

Authority issued by the American Samoa Insurance Commissioner.

"My concern is that none of these Circular 570 insurers are licensed in American Samoa by the ASG Insurance Commissioner, as required by law," Hall wrote in a letter, dated Oct, 14, 2017, to Crichton. He referred to local law pertaining to the ASG Insurance Act, which states in part that "no person may transact insurance in American Samoa as an insurer without a certificate of authority issued by the Commissioner, and when the certificate is issued, that person may not transact any class of insurance which is not specifically authorized by his certificate."

'Conditions of Contract' for said project, according to Hall, specifically provides that the bonds shall be issued by a solvent surety, which is certified to operate within the state/ country the project work is located and listed in the current issue of the US Treasury Circular 570.

This means the insurers listed in the Circular 570 must be certified to operate where the project is located — in this case, American Samoa.

Hall said if the insurers listed in Circular 570 are not admitted as insurers in American Samoa, pursuant to the ASG Insurance Act, "then the requirement that only Circular 570 insurers are qualified to issue surety bonds under this contract (is a) provision or condition (that) is a substantive defect to the contract and the entire bidding process is defective."

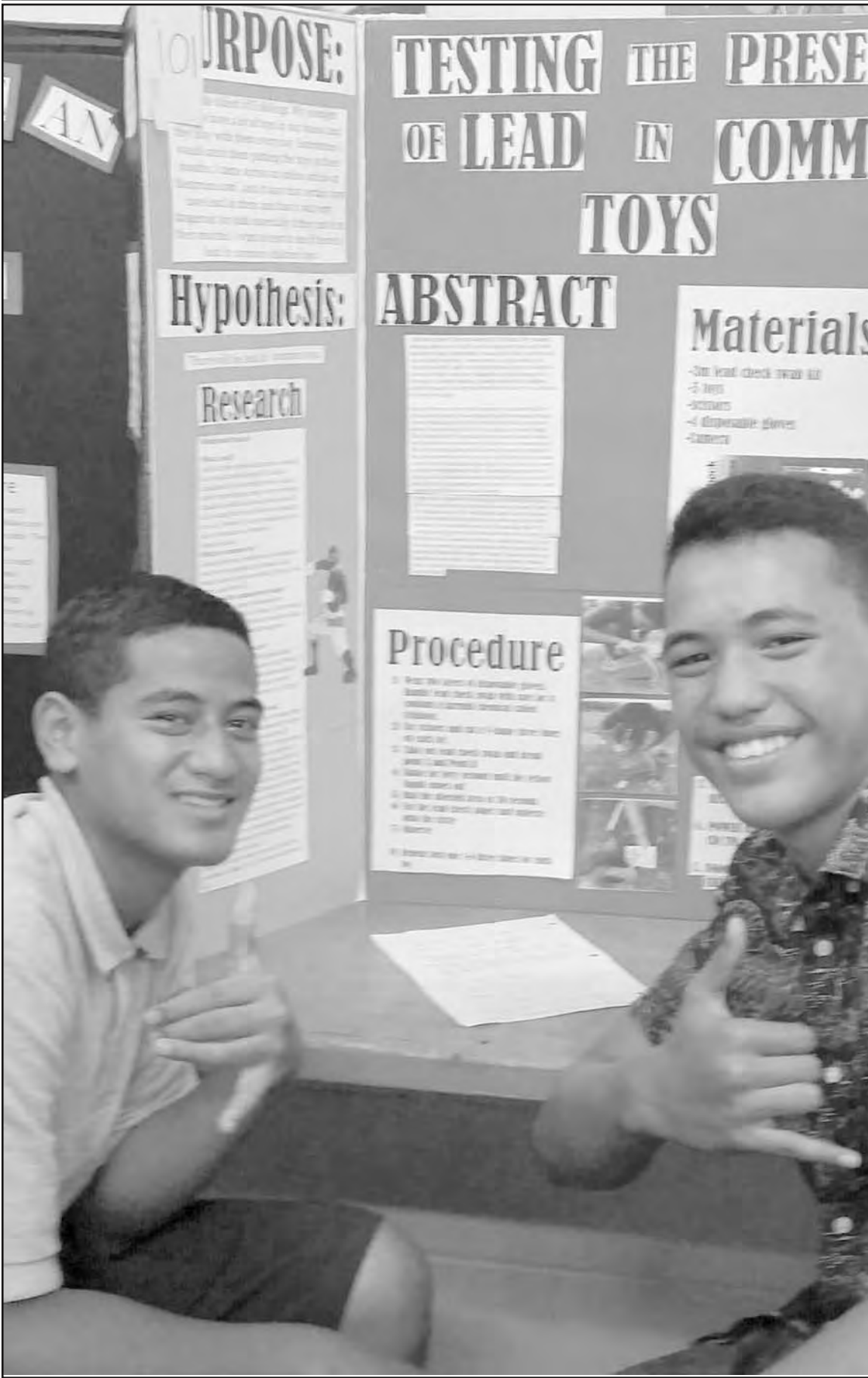
Hall wants Assistant Attorney General Christine Kim, who is handling the case, to cite the statutory authorities that exempt or allows a

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The 'Ave Ole Fetu Ao' chapel in Faga'ima, beautifully lit up to bring you the spirit of this Holiday Season.

[photo: TG]



DeAngelo Mauga and Donwen Hong, sitting in front of the science projects, waiting to be judged last Friday, during the school science fair at the Home of the Flames. [photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

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Lolo says he supports the arming of cops

MEANWHILE, CONCERNS ARE STILL BEING VOICED BY THE COMMUNITY

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga expressed his support in the arming police officers last week, when asked about the issue during a media press conference.

“We were at the late Leala Peter Reid’s office when police officer Det. Lt. Lusila Brown was gunned down,” Lolo reminisced. “We heard the gunshots fired and we rushed down to see what happened. I would never allow my son to be a police officer under those conditions, and this is the reason why, from the beginning of our term in office, we’ve looked at ways to allow the arming of police officers.”

The arming of cops has garnered mixed reactions — and concerns — from the community and the Fono.

Some people support it while others feel that if cops are allowed to carry weapons, perhaps individual citizen should also have the right to bear arms for their own protection.

“Looking at the way police do their job nowadays, this has to go and there’s no running back. People will have different views on the topic but I believe it’s because they aren’t used to seeing cops with guns. We have noticed that there are a lot of problems on our shores today: the drugs, alcohol, and people with bad behavior problems.

“We only depend on cops to do the work for us,” Lolo said.

It’s been almost two months since 24 cops were officially certified to carry weapons, but Samoa News is still receiving complaints from the community and concerns from Fono members — seeing cops, including the Police Commissioner, carrying weapons while performing their duties.

One of the main questions people are asking is whether cops were fully trained and certified to be armed, including a

psych evaluation.

A military retiree told Samoa News he doesn’t want to see a cop carrying a gun in his village. He reflected on the old days when leaders would sit down face to face and discuss ways to reach a solid decision for the safety of the whole village.

One local resident told Samoa news he was shocked to see the Commissioner carrying a gun at the Office of the Motor Vehicles (OMV) in Tafuna a few weeks ago.

“I don’t understand why the Commissioner needs to be armed. If he believes he has the authority to conduct training for police officers in order for them to be trained and certified, then let the police officers carry weapons — not the Commissioner.”

Another local wants to know whether the officers allowed to carry guns include those who have been convicted of crimes, sent to prison, but are still serving as cops?

“If the Commissioner says he’s following the law, he should stay clear of those police officers who have criminal records but are still serving as police officers,” said the concerned citizen.

In a recent interview with Samoa News, Le’i said that while he is very confident that the men and women at DPS are ready to be armed, he’s not going to arm all police officers, only those who become certified to use weapons and deadly force.

The Commissioner said 24 cops are certified to carry weapons.

He noted that the Tactical Support Team, which is part of the Vice & Narcotics Unit, will be armed 24-7, together with his immediate staff, individuals who are commanders, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, and others.

Man challenges death sentence, says actual killer given life

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A condemned Ohio killer is challenging his death sentence on the grounds that the man who fatally stabbed the victim received a life sentence.

Austin Myers was sentenced to die for the 2014 killing in southwestern Ohio of childhood friend Justin Back, who was about to enter the Navy.

Authorities say the 18-year-old Back was killed during a burglary and his body dumped in a rural area.

Attorneys for Myers plan to

argue before the Ohio Supreme Court Tuesday that his death sentence is disproportionate because of the life sentence given to co-defendant Tim Mosley.

Records show the 22-year-old Myers held Back while Mosley stabbed him.

Prosecutors say the case against each man must be addressed individually. They also say there’s overwhelming evidence of Myers’ role in planning the killing.



by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

OKETI POLEVIA

A woman convicted of misdemeanor stealing was released from prison yesterday to await sentencing, which is set for next Friday.

Oketi Polevia, 42, of Iliili was initially charged with stealing; however under a plea agreement with the government, the charge was amended from a felony to a misdemeanor.

With her guilty plea, Polevia admits that between Aug. 22 and Sept. 15, 2017 she stole 56 Similac baby formula milk from a store in Iliili, and the items are valued at \$1,232

When asked by Chief Justice Michael Kruse what she did with the stolen baby formula, Polevia said she used it to feed her baby.

She also told the Court that she paid \$300 to the storeowner for the items she took.

Polevia's attorney, Public Defender Douglas Fiaui confirmed this to be true.

Kruse has released Polevia on her own recognizance, under two special conditions: she is not allowed to enter the store she stole the items from, and she is not to carry any big shopping bags at any store. She is only to have a purse.

SIO OLOMALI'I

A 31-year-old man from Samoa has admitted to the court that on/or about Sept. 21, 2017, he had in his possession a glass pipe containing methamphetamine.

Sio Olomali'i is a bus driver who was recently convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

According to the summary of facts for the case, a witness contacted police for assistance after he witnessed Olomali'i smoking a glass pipe inside his aiga bus.

The witness told police he's known the defendant for a long time, and this isn't the first time he's witnessed him doing this.

When police pulled the defendant's bus over for a traffic violation, a search of the bus and Olomali'i produced a glass pipe with meth inside.

Olomali'i remains in custody unable to post a \$5,000 surety bond. His sentencing is set for Feb. 2, 2018.

SOOSOO FA'APALE

A young man convicted of resisting arrest and violating conditions of his probation is going to prison for 90 days. Prosecutor Bianca Lherisson asked the court for a period of detention and alcohol counseling for the defendant, as a condition of his 12-month probation sentence.

According to the government's case, Fa'apale was serving a 24-month probation sentence for an assault conviction from 2015 when he was involved in a fight this past October. When police arrived at the scene, Fa'apale took off and a foot chase ensued.

Lherisson told the Court that Fa'apale ran 100 yards from police before he was caught. He was also under the influence of alcohol when he was arrested.

Fa'apale has admitted that his actions violated conditions of his probation.

His attorney, Asst. Public Defender Ryan Nelson asked the Court for a probated sentence, to allow his client to continue with anger and alcohol counseling. District Court Judge Fiti Sunia quickly intervened and told Nelson that his client was ordered by the Court in 2015 to attend anger management and alcohol counseling.

"Why should the Court allow him to go back to counseling if he didn't take the opportunity the Court gave him 2 years ago?" Sunia asked. "He was placed on probation under several conditions but it appears he hasn't learned his lesson."

Sunia sentenced Fa'apale to 90 days in jail as a condition of a 12-month probation term.

"This is the lowest sentence the Court can give you and we'll go from 90 days upwards if you violate any condition of your probation," Sunia told Faapale. "It seems like the first chance the Court gave you didn't work so we have to consider another way to teach you a good lesson."

FOLASA GALEA'I

The young man charged with one count of vehicular homicide for an incident that led to the death of an elderly man last year has requested a jury trial.

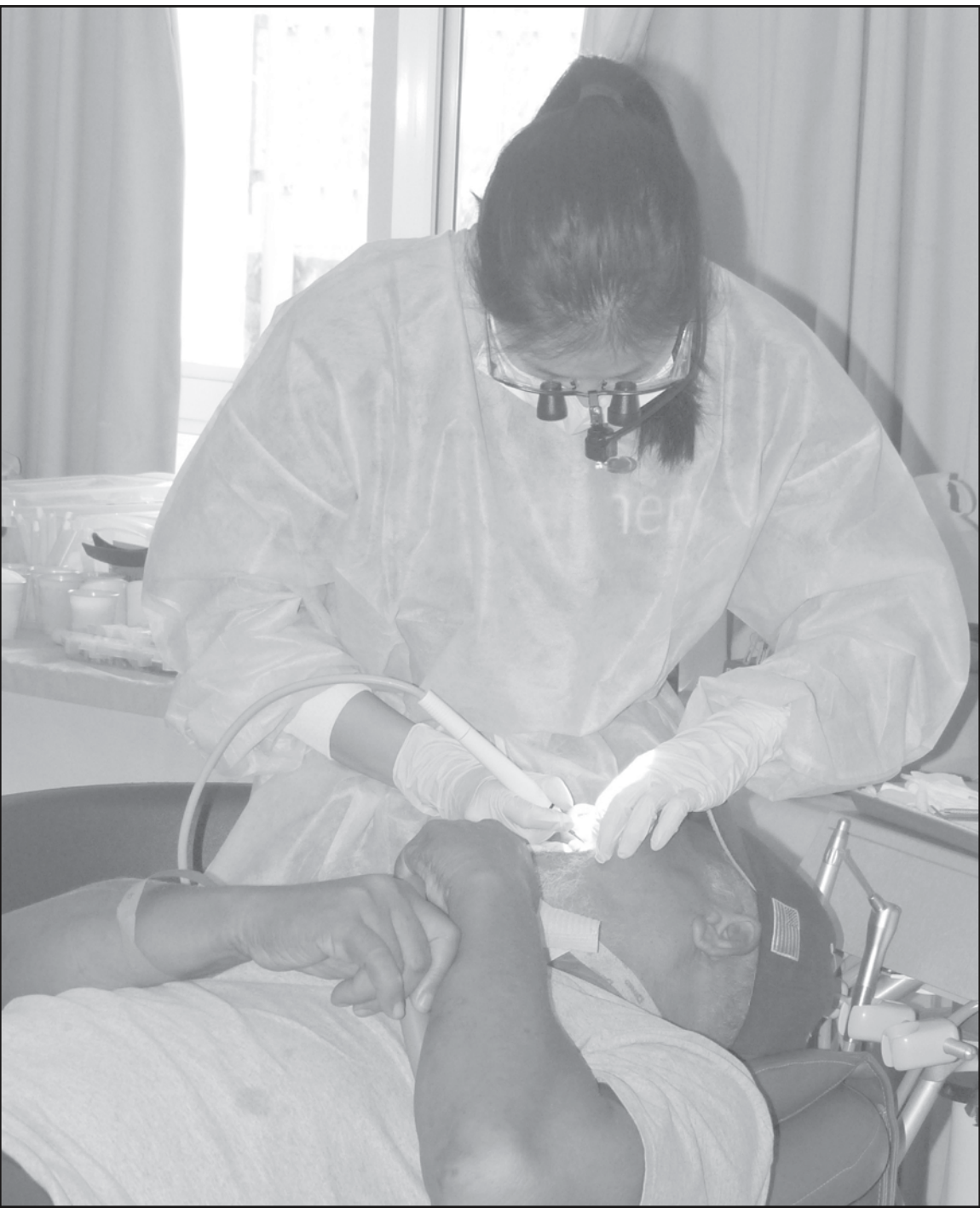
This comes after the parties have been unable to reach a plea agreement in the matter.

During his pretrial conference hearing last Friday, Galea'i's attorney, Public Defender Douglas Fiaui asked for a jury trial, saying the government hasn't made his client an offer.

When asked by Chief Justice Michael Kruse, prosecutor Robert Morris confirmed that the government has not made a plea offer in this case.

The case against Galea'i stems from a fatal accident that occurred June 9, 2016 in Faga'alu, when his vehicle allegedly struck a man who was standing in front of his car on the side of the road.

Galea'i, who allegedly told police he fell asleep at the wheel, is out on a \$2,500 surety bond.



An AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network) dentist working on one of the many local residents who took advantage of the service yesterday at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium in Utulei.
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Australia to ban foreign interference in politics

SYDNEY (AP) — Australia will ban foreign interference in its politics — either through espionage or financial donations — in a move motivated largely by Russia’s alleged involvement in last year’s U.S. election and China’s growing influence on the global political landscape.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said Tuesday that foreign interference in politics would be outlawed under updated treason and espionage laws. The announcement comes as a U.S. investigation into alleged election meddling by Russia continues, and follows Obama administration concerns about Chinese money and influence in Australian politics.

“Foreign powers are making unprecedented and increasingly sophisticated attempts to influence the political process, both here and abroad,” Turnbull told reporters in Canberra, Australia’s capital.

Under the new laws, it will be a crime for a person to engage in conduct on behalf of a foreign principal that will influence a political or governmental process, including opposition party policy, and is either covert or involves deception.

The foreign influence and interference package will be complemented by another bill on electoral reform that will ban foreign political donations, Turnbull said.

“We must ensure that our politics and our Parliament are strong enough to withstand attempts by foreign powers to interfere or influence,” he added in a statement.

The laws would criminalize acts such as Labor Party Sen. Sam Dastyari’s soliciting of a donation from a Chinese businessman, which got Dastyari demoted to the opposition backbench last week.

Dastyari has been dubbed “Shanghai Sam” for his dealings with Chinese Communist Party-linked businessman Huang Xiangmo. This included asking for a Huang-owned company to pay a \$1,250 travel bill and giving Huang counter-surveillance advice — saying he and Huang should leave their cellphones inside Huang’s

house during a meeting last year while walking and talking outside.

Attorney General George Brandis said the fact that Dastyari’s conduct had not breached any laws showed a need for a review.

“That is why we are introducing, because of the gap in those laws, a new offense of unlawful foreign interference,” Brandis told reporters.

Under the new laws, the offense of espionage will cover not only the passing on of information, but possessing and receiving it as well.

There will also be a new offense that will criminalize soliciting or procuring a person to engage in espionage, and a new “preparation and planning” offense.

Espionage will carry a penalty of up to life in prison.

Turnbull said the reforms would “reshape the way our national security agencies investigate and disrupt” foreign interference and espionage and would protect the Australian way of life.

“They will strengthen our democracy and will ensure that decisions are made based on Australia’s national interest, not anyone else’s,” he said in a statement.

The reforms follow a recommendation from an Australian parliamentary committee last March for a ban on political donations from foreign companies and individuals.

Unlike the U.S. and many other countries that ban foreign donations, Australian law has never distinguished between donors from Australia and overseas.

Former President Obama’s administration last year called for the Australian system to be reformed to remove the influence of political donations from China — Australia’s largest trading partner and its biggest source of foreign political funds.

The then-U.S. Ambassador John Berry said the U.S. was surprised by the amount of Chinese money and influence in Australian politics and wanted Australia to resolve its foreign donation issue.



This photo by Apia-based journalist Joyetter Feagaimaali’i, provided to Samoa News for publication with permission, shows American Samoa Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga (left) shaking hands with Samoa Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, before the start of the Nov. 30th executive session of the Two Samoa Talks at the Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi Convention Center in the heart of Apia.

[photo: Joyetter Feagaimaali’i]

Mutual security concerns raised during Two Samoa Talks

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

At last week’s annual Two Samoa Talks in Apia, American Samoa and Samoa agreed to further coordinate and strengthen law enforcement with regular engagement to address mutual concerns, according to the meeting communique, which notes that American Samoa raised the issue of many Samoa citizens being locked up at the overcrowded Territorial Correctional Facility in Tafuna.

Under the subtitle “Security”, the communique says American Samoa and Samoa have agreed to strengthen cooperation through more regular engagement between law enforcement authorities of the two Samoas and to identify opportunities to address their mutual security concerns.

DEPORTEES

At the meeting, both sides recognized the need for improved information exchange relating to deportees. Such information includes advanced notice before the individual is deported and providing criminal records and health backgrounds.

“American Samoa is keen to see how the problem of its predominantly Samoa national prisoners could be addressed given its overcrowded prison,” the communique says, adding that Samoa is looking into legislation to address the deportee situation.

As part of discussions between health officials, both sides “agreed to ensure health checks particularly for infectious diseases before deportees are returned to Samoa and for this information to be shared with Samoa prior to deportation,” according to the communique.

A local medical professional told Samoa

News over the weekend that releasing health information, “even if it’s health checks for infectious diseases” without the consent of the patient, “may become an issue under federal laws” — pertaining to the privacy of a patient — for American Samoa.

“While I’m not privy to the specifics discussed on this issue by health officials of the two Samoas, it’s very important that a patient’s privacy is maintained when it comes to releasing any health information to a third party,” said the medical professional.

BORDER SECURITY

Both sides agreed that there is “an absolute need” for joint cooperation to strengthen border security operations and coordination, particularly in the control of exclusive economic zones and borders of the two Samoas.

It was suggested that such cooperation and coordination can be executed through a Memorandum of Understanding, “given the high number of drug cases and illegal activities occurring in our borders.”

American Samoa also raised concerns on the fraudulent birth certificates in both Samoas, and charges imposed by Samoa for providing police reports to territorial officials.

It was revealed at the meeting that the Pacific Immigration Directors’ Conference (PIDC) organization is now headquartered in Apia, Samoa, and American Samoa has been invited to be a member of the regional group, which is a forum for official immigration agencies of the Pacific Region.

There has been no word on whether or not American Samoa will join the PIDC, which currently has 18 member countries and territories.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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FONO APPROVES LEGISLATION AMENDING TBAS STATUTE

The Fono has officially endorsed an Administration bill that seeks to amend the Territorial Bank of American Samoa statute by deleting several provisions of the law pertaining to the bank's "Holding Company — Territorial Bancorp Holding Company."

The final vote came yesterday after the Senate gave a unanimous approval of the House version of the bill, which also makes technical amendments to the law, including the 7-member governing board becoming the TBAS board of directors. Another proposed amendment clarifies that the "CEO and the management team are responsible for the management" of TBAS.

The legislation is now registered in the Fono journal and will be sent to the governor for his signature. The measure becomes effective immediately upon passage by the Fono and approval of the governor, according to bill's language.

LCOAL DELEGATION ATTENDING FISHERY COMMISSION MEETING IN MANILA

American Samoa has a delegation, headed by Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources director Va'amua Henry Sesepasara, attending the 14th Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) at the International Convention Center (PICC), Manila, Philippines.

American Samoa is part of the US delegation led by officials of the US Commerce Department. Issues at the WCPFC meeting from Dec. 3-7 relating to American Samoa are tuna stocks and purse seiner fishing.

Samoa News understands the meeting will

also finalize the number of fishing days in the US Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZs) and on high seas for US purse seiner fleets for calendar years 2018 and 2019.

The territory's delegation includes Joe Hamby, chief operations officer of Tri Marine International, which owns a purse seiner fleet that was once based in Pago Pago. The majority of the vessels have now been relocated elsewhere due to fishing restrictions in nearby historical fishing grounds and on the high seas.

The main objective of the American Samoa delegation is to raise awareness of the Territory's dependency on the tuna industry and the fact that WCPFC decisions have a direct impact on the American Samoa community.

"We expect that awareness of American Samoa's vulnerability to changes in the management of the fishery, e.g., closures of fishing grounds and reduced access to historical fishing grounds like the high seas, will help the Commission make better decisions," said Hamby, responding to Samoa News inquiries.

"Hopefully, there will be open discussions about how past closure of the purse seine fishery in the high seas has caused significant economic damage to the Territory's tuna dependent economy," he continued via email over the weekend.

FISHERY COUNCIL CONGRATULATES STARKIST AND US LONGLINE FLEET

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council has congratulated StarKist Inc., for securing the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Certification for the US flagged longline fleet based in American Samoa.

The Honolulu-based Council supported and

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Connie Craig and John Leulu are among the hundreds of local high schoolers who are gearing up for the upcoming Territorial Science Fair competition, hosted by the local Department of Education.

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Tafa Tupuola of the Lions Club of Pago Pago and Pa'u Roy Ausage of the SDA Church in American Samoa with one of the physicians from the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) who are on island to conduct medical, vision, and dental clinics for the locals at the Fale Laumei. The services are offered from now until Dec. 7th

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Job Qualifications:

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Application Deadline: December 22, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 ext. 428/441/429, online at <http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by email at ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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waiver of said insurers from complying with the Foreign Corporation Act, the Business License Act, and the Insurance Act, applicable in American Samoa.

He points to the "Invitation for Bids" for the project, published in Samoa News earlier this year, which specifically states that ASG reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

The wording, said Hall, mimics the wording in 'Contract Conditions' stating that when proposals are irregular ... in such circumstances the ASG has the right to either (1) reject an irregular proposal or (2)

waive technicalities ... if such waiver is in the best interest of the owners [A.S.G.] and conforms with the local laws and ordinances pertaining to the letting of construction contracts.

Samoa News understands that Paramount is interested in obtaining the appropriate bonds from duly licensed insurers listed in the US Treasury Circular 570, who have been issued Certificates of Authority from the American Samoa Insurance Commissioner.

However, Hall and his client have yet to get a list of such licensed insurers. In the meantime, Paramount has the option of filing for administrative relief, declaratory judgment, and injunctive relief.

Latest version of Texas voter ID law at US appeals court

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Texas officials hoped to persuade federal appeals judges in New Orleans on Tuesday that the state's latest voter ID law should be allowed to take effect.

A hearing at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals centers on a law re-worked in May by the Texas Legislature after years of court battles. The new version allows those without an acceptable photo ID to vote by signing an affidavit stating they cannot reasonably obtain one. The same federal judge who blocked the tougher 2011 version of the law blocked the re-worked version in August.

U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos said the law still requires IDs more likely to be possessed by white voters than Latinos or African-Americans. The new law clarified that both U.S. passport books

and cards would be accepted. But it didn't expand the list of acceptable IDs beyond those in the 2011 version of a law that critics said was the strictest voter ID law in the country.

Gonzales Ramos, who had likened the 2011 law to a "poll tax" on minority voters, said criminal penalties for lying on the affidavit required by the new law could scare away voters fearful of making an innocent mistake on the form. Gonzales Ramos issued a permanent injunction against the new law. Texas persuaded a three-judge 5th Circuit panel to halt her order in September. That panel voted 2-1 for the stay, with judge James Graves dissenting. A new panel was seated for Tuesday's hearing: Judges Patrick Higginbotham and Edith Jones, both nominees of President Ronald Reagan;

Gulf nations await crucial summit on Qatar diplomatic crisis

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Kuwait prepared on Tuesday to host a crucial meeting of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council as half of its members still boycott member-state Qatar, a diplomatic dispute that’s cleaved the Arabian Peninsula. The fact the meeting will take place at all comes as a surprise, given the unusually sharp criticism among the typically clubby members of the GCC pointed at Doha. That alone, however, won’t be enough to salvage the GCC, a group of American-allied Gulf Arab nations formed in part in 1981 as a counterbalance to Shiite power Iran. The United States and its European allies all have told the council’s members that the region remains stronger with them working together as a whole, while the countries themselves still appear divided over their future. “This is the most important annual summit the GCC has held for more than two decades,” said Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, a research fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. “The GCC needs to illustrate its relevance after having been bypassed at every stage of the Qatar crisis.”

The dispute began in June, following what Qatar described as a hack of its state-run news agency that saw incendiary comments attributed to its ruler, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. Soon after, GCC members Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates closed off their airspace and seaports to Qatar, as well as the small peninsular nation’s sole land border with Saudi Arabia.

The boycott initially reeled Doha, though it soon replaced food products with those flown

in from Turkey and Iran. However, Qatar’s foreign reserves have dropped by some \$10 billion — a fifth of their value — since the dispute began. Those reserves are crucial in supporting the nation’s riyal, which is pegged to the U.S. dollar, as well as funding the upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup that Doha will host.

For boycotting nations, they allege Qatar funds extremist groups and has too-cozy ties to Iran. Qatar has long denied funding extremists but it restored full diplomatic ties with Iran during the crisis. Doha shares a massive offshore natural gas field with Tehran that gives its citizens the highest per-capita income in the world.

A similar dispute involving Qatar erupted in 2014. But this time positions have hardened against Qatar, whose support for Islamist opposition groups has angered the Arab nations now boycotting it. The UAE in particular views Islamists as a threat to hereditary rule in its federation of seven sheikhdoms. Egypt, angered by Qatar’s support for the Muslim Brotherhood and the nation’s deposed President Mohammed Morsi, is also boycotting Doha. The U.S., which has some 10,000 troops stationed at Qatar’s sprawling al-Udeid Air Base as part of its campaign against the Islamic State group and the war in Afghanistan, also has sought to end the crisis. Its military has halted some regional exercises to put pressure on the GCC to resolve the crisis. However, President Donald Trump in the meantime made comments seemingly supporting the Arab nations’ efforts at isolating Qatar, complicating those efforts. A Trump-prompted call

in September between Qatar’s Sheikh Tamim and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman that offered a chance at negotiations also broke down in mutual recriminations. Kuwait’s 88-year-old emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, has tried to mediate the dispute, so far without success. However, Kuwait appeared in recent days to secure promises from the GCC to attend its annual high-level summit. It remains in question who will attend from each member state. Bahrain had sworn it would not attend any meeting that featured Qatar, though a lower-level official attended a meeting of GCC foreign ministers on Monday in Kuwait City. Qatar’s Sheikh Tamim already committed to attending, while Oman said another official would represent Sultan Qaboos bin Said. Ahead of the summit, however, Kuwait showed it remained committed to Gulf unity. Staffers from the Doha-funded Al-Jazeera satellite news network, which boycotting nations have demanded be shut down, openly reported from the summit and one of its journalists spoke live to Kuwaiti state radio. But the GCC meeting also represents more than just the Qatar crisis. The long-stalemated Saudi-led war in Yemen suffered a new setback with the death Monday of former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who recently defected from the Shiite rebels holding its capital.

Meanwhile, a new generation of Gulf leaders is rising, like Saudi Arabia’s assertive 32-year-old Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who launched the Yemen war and has been more confrontational with Iran.

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pushed for the fleet to get MSC certification and worked closely with the British-based company that conducted the certification assessment. Last Thursday, StarKist announced that the fleet has secured the prestigious certification, which was funded by the company.

“The certification is a testament to the Council’s stringent management measures and monitoring of the fishery,” the Council said yesterday in response to Samoa News inquiries.

These measures include a limited entry program, daily logbook requirements, vessel monitoring systems, observer coverage, spatial management, and protected species mitigation measures, it says.

“The Council appreciates the efforts and financial resources provided by Starkist to obtain the MSC certification and hopes that it provides benefits to fishery participants and Starkist in the near future.”

ALLIANCE TAKES PART IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE IN SAMOA

Representatives from the Alliance for Strengthening Families, American Samoa Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (ASADSV) recently returned from Apia, Samoa, after attending the three-day “Empowering the Family Unit to Stop Violence” conference.

The local delegation was invited to the event by Family Court Judge Talasa.

“It was incredible and we learned so much,” said Mona Uli, ASADSV outreach community advocate coordinator who was accompanied to the conference by the Alliance’s interim executive director Jennifer Tofaeono, Frances Thompson, and Judy Matautia.

The event was officially opened by Chief Justice Patu Tiava’asu’e Falefatu Sapolu, at Hotel Tanoa Tusitala on Nov. 26th (Samoa Time). Patu called

for a comment approach to addressing violence.

He said the conference is not only to inform participants on the Samoa Youth Court and Family Violence Court in addressing the problem of violence, particularly violence relating to criminal offenses, but also the provide a forum to deal with issues that come before the courts.

The training, according to the Samoa Observer, was driven by a partnership between the Youth and Family Violence Court and U.N.I.C.E.F., in a bid to curb the growing number of violent incidents involving youths.

Those who spoke and presented during the event included Judge Fepulea’i Ameperosa Roma; Justice Vui Clarence Nelson; U.N.I.C.E.F. Child Protection Officer, Tupepepa Aumua; Police Commissioner, Fuiava Egon Keil; and Attorney General, Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff.



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Thank you,

**John Lea’e
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Judge ends lawsuit over interviews with Ohio riot inmates

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A judge has ended a lawsuit in which inmates and reporters challenged a ban on face-to-face media interviews with prisoners convicted for their roles in Ohio's deadly 1993 prison riot.
Federal Judge Edmund Sargus says the state prison system has clarified the media policies that were criticized in the 2013 lawsuit by the Ohio chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.
Sargus ruled last week that he's satisfied with the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's update of their policy.
The lawsuit said the former system was inconsistent, especially when the backgrounds of other high-security prisoners granted access to reporters are reviewed.
Attorney Ray Vasvari (vas-VAHR'-ee) said a decision to appeal is being considered.
The 11-day siege left one guard and nine inmates dead.



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Foma'i mo Talavai, Mata & Va'aiga, ma Siakia Soifua Maloloina

tusia: **Leua Aiono Frost**

Ua fa'amanuaina le atunu'u i le aumalaga a le to'a 20 Foma'i mo gasegase masani ona ta'atele i le atunu'u, Ma'i Suka ma le Toto Mauuluga, o Talavai o Nifo e fa'amama, se'i pe fa'atumu ae maise o le fuaina o le malosi o lau va'aiga ma Oka mai ai ma le tioata talafeagai ma lau va'aiga i le taimi nei.

O lenei aumalaga, o lo'o ta'ita'ia e se tama'ita'i o le tatou atunu'u, Tuitamaieaumailavaetina Elayne Silafau, o se tasi e le'i leva ona tu'ua le atunu'u e fa'aauau a'oa'oga i Sacramento State University, ma sa fa'au'u i le 2008 mai le A'oga Mauuluga a Samoaana.

O lo'o avea o ia ma Fa'atunu o le Aumalaga, ma sa ia fa'a'ailoa mai, "O se mea na ou talosagaina se aumalaga a foma'i mo le togafitiga ma fesoasoani foi i lo tatou atunu'u ina ia siakia lelei gasegase e masani ona a'afia ai le to'atele o le tatou atunu'u, lea fo'i ua iloa nei o se tasi o auau-naga e matua mo'omia lava i Amerika Samoa."

Na maua e ia le fa'amanuiaga o se sikolasipi mai le tatou malo e a'oga ai i fafo, o lea agava'a sa ia fa'aaogaina mo le lima ma le afa tausaga. Sa ia fa'a'ailoa mai, "O le taua tele o lo'u iloa patino i le galuega tele a lo'u malo na faia mo a'u, lea ua toe taumafai mai lava ina ia i'u manuia tau-mafaiga, e toe fai mai se aoga i nai o'u tagata i lo tatou malo. O se ala fo'i lea o le tali fa'afetai mai i le lima ma le afa tausaga na aoga ia te a'u le tupe na toina mo la'u a'oga."

Sa aoga muamua o ia i le Manulele Tausala Elementary ma le Manulele Junior High, lea ua avea nei ma Tafuna Elementary. O ona matua o Silafau Ulisese ma Temikisa Ieremia Silafau. O le tama'ita'i e fiafia tele e fa'alauiloa, o si ona tama matua o Silafau Utufiti, uso o le tama matua o Vilivili Silafau, o nisi na soifua a'e i Papa, Puleia i Salafai. Peita'i na soifua a'e si ona tama i Iliili, Amerika Samoa, ma o iina lava o lo'o ua avea ma latou nu'u moni.

Na tauavea e Silafau mataupu fa'atama'ita'i Tausima'i i le amataga o lana Kolisi, peita'i i le lona tolu o tausaga o a'oa'oga, ae ia suia loa ana kosi e sailia ai sona fa'aailoga mauuluga i le Community Health Education e aofia ai ma le Public Health. O lena le fa'aailoga ua ia mauaina nei.

Ina ua mae'a ana aoaoga, ae amata ai loa lana auunaga i le AMEN Doctors, aua ua ia iloa ma va'aia a latou galuega lelei e faia i tausaga ta'itasi mo le

mamalu lautele o tagata e vaivai le tamaoaiga.

"E fa'atolu pe fa'a'afa ona faia matou talavai fa'apenei i le tele o setete ma teritori o Amerika i masina ta'itasi. Ua matou iloa patino fo'i la gasegase ua ta'atele i le vaia'ai ma le itu o le Iunaitesetete, ma ua fuafau fo'i i ai le fa'atautaiga o talavai," o se tala lea a Silafau.

I le talavai i le taeao ananafi i le Fale Laumei i Utulei, e le'i ta le lima ua nofoia e tagata faleie i fafo o lea fale, ma fa'atalitali le

(Faaauau itulau 11)



Le alo o Amerika Samoa, lana lupe na fa'alele, Tuitama'iaumailavaetina Elayne Silafau, "ua toe talii mai ma se lau olive mata" e fesoasoani i le toe fa'aleleia o le soifua maloloina o nai ona tagata i le lona 9 ai lenei o tausaga o malaga i fafo.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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FAAMAONIA MOLIAGA O LE GAOI

O le ali'i e 23 tausaga le matua mai Iliili lea na tu'uia i lona gaoia o se ola mai totonu o se faleoloa Asia, ua ia ta'utino i le Fa'amasinoga e fa'amaonia tu'uiga fa'saga ia te ia. I le tali ioe ai o Fetui Valaau i le moliaga mama o le gaoi atoa ai ma le moliaga mama o le sola ese ma Leoleo, sa ia ta'utino ai e fa'apea, i se taimi o le aso 21 Oketopa i Amerika Samoa, sa ia ulufale ai i totonu o se faleoloa Asia ma le fa'amoemoe e fa'atino ai le solitulafono o le gaoi.

A o i ai o ia i totonu o lea faleoloa, sa ia fa'atauina ai se fagupia valima se tasi, ae nana i totonu o lona ofu ni apa meaai ma le fa'amoemoe na te gaoia, ae aunoa ma se fa'atanaga mai le pule o le faleoloa.

Na ta'utino fo'i le ua molia, na te lei totogiina se tupe mo le tau o apa meaai sa ia gaoia.

Ina ua taunu'u Leoleo ma taumafai e taofi o ia, sa ia alu i le atoa ma fai ai loa a latou tuliga ma Leoleo. Mulimuli ane, na maua o ia ma taofia ai loa i le toese. E 30 aso lea ua faasala ai

e le Fa'amasinoga Fa'aitumalo ia Valaau i le toese i Tafuna, o se tasi lea o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e 24 masina e ao ona usita'i i ai.

Ua poloaina o ia ina ia aua nei toe alu i le faleoloa na tula'i mai ai le solitulafono, fa'asa ona ia toe tagofia le 'ava malos, atoa ai ma lona totogi o le salatupe e \$100 i le Fa'amasinoga.

TOLUPO HODGES

O le vaiaso fou lea ua fa'atulaga e tu'uina atu ai se fa'aiuga a le Fa'amasinoga Maua-luga fa'saga ia Tolupo Hodges, ina ua fa'amalieina ali'i fa'amasino ua le usita'i le ua molia i tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na faia ai se iloilogaga faapitoa a Hodges i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maua-luga, ona o se tagi ua faaulu e le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia, i le le usitaia lea e le ua molia o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia.

O ni isi o ia tuutuuga e aofia ai le le toe alu atu e asi le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia, atoa ai ma le le totogiina o lana salatupe.

Na taua e le Pule o le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia i lana molimau tauto i luma o le Fa'amasinoga e fa'apea, o le tausaga e 2010 na

faamaonia ai e le fa'amasinoga maua-luga le moliaga o le umia faasolitulafono e Hodges o fualaau faasaina, ma faanofovaavaaia ai loa o ia mo le 10 tausaga i lalo o tuutuuga e ao ona usita'i i ai.

O le tausaga e 2020 fa'atoa mae'a ai le nofovaavaaia a le ua molia.

O ni isi o ia tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia e aofia ai le alu e vaai le ofisa faanofovaavaaia, faasa ona ia toe tagofia le 'ava malos po'o fualaau fa'asaina, atoa ai ma le faia o ni suega i lona tino e faamaonia ai po'o ia fa'aaogaina fualaau fa'asaina ma le ava malos.

Talu mai le tausaga e 2015 seia oo mai i le masina na te'a nei, e le i toe oo lava le ua molia e asi le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia. Na faamalieina le fa'amasinoga i mau ua tuuina atu e le Ofisa Faanofovaavaaia, e tusa o le le usitaia e Hodges o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia.

O lo o taofia pea Hodges i le toese i Tafuna e fa'atali ai le aso lea ua fa'atulaga e tu'uina atu ai se fa'aiuga a le fa'amasinoga e tusa ai o le mataupu lea ua faamaonia ai lona le usitaia o poloaiga o lana nofovaavaaia.

Pasia e le Fono mataupu a le Kovana mo lana Fono Faapitoa

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O le taeao nei lea ua faamoemoe e mae'a aloaia ai galuega a le Fono mo le Fono Faapitoa lona lua sa valaauina e le afioga i le ali'i Kovana mo le umi e 10 aso, ina ua pasia e maota e lua mataupu e 2 sa fa'atulaga e Lolo Matalasi Moliga mo lana Fono Fa'apitoa.

O ia mataupu e aofia ai le suiga i le Tulafono sa fa'avae ai le Faletupe a le malo, le Territorial Bank of American Samoa, atoa ai ma le faamaonia o le afioga i le alii Senatoa ia Paepae Iosefa Faiai e avea ma Fa'amasino Lagolago o le Fa'amasinoga Maua-luga a le atunu'u.

O le taeao ananafi na pasia ai e le maota maua-luga i le faitauga fa'atolu le pili a le maota o sui, mo le suiga o le tulafono sa fa'avae ai le Faletupe a le malo. O le vaiaso na te'a nei na fa'amaonia ai e le Senate tofiga a le Kovana mo Paepae e avea ai o ia ma Faamasino Lagolago, i le mae'a ai lea o se iloilogaga sa valaauina e fesiligia ai agava'a o le afioga i le ali'i Senatoa o lenei tofiga.

I le taimi o le iloilogaga, e le gata sa fa'aalia ai lagona fiafia ona o le avanoa ua maua e Paepae e tautua ai i le isi vaega o le Faigamalo, ae sa faapea fo'i ona fa'aalia ai lagona fa'anoanoa o afioga i Senatoa, i le misia ai lea o le ali'i Senatoa mai galuega masani a le maota.

Mo le maota o sui, o le taeao ananafi na tapunia aloaia ai a latou galuega mo le Fono Fa'apitoa, i le mae'a ai lea ona latou pasia o le suiga i le tulafono sa fa'atula'i ai le Faletupe

a le malo, lea na pasia e le Senate i le faitauga fa'atolu i le taeao ananafi.

O le mae'a ai o galuega fa'atino a le maota o sui i le taeao ananafi, na aga'i atu ai loa afioga i Faipule mo le asiasiga a le Komiti o le Puipuiga o le Saogalemu Lautele i le toese i Tafuna, i lalo o le ta'ita'iga a le afioga i le ali'i Faipule ia Manumaua Wayne Wilson.

O lea asiasiga na fa'avae mai lea i se fautauga sa fa'atula'i e le afioga a Manumaua, ona o tulaga fa'aletonu e pei ona alia'e mai ai le tele o fa'asea mai le atunu'u, fa'asaga i le tulaga o lo o i ai le falepuipui i le taimi nei.

O le 2 vaiaso talu ai na lomina ai e le Samoa News se ripoti e faatatau i fa'asea mai ni isi o aiga o lo o taofia a latou tagata i le falepuipui, i le le lelei lea o le tausaiaina o i latou i totonu o le toese, i le tulaga o meaai aemaise ai o mea e momoe ma nonofo ai i latou.

Na taua e ni isi o aiga o pagota i le Samoa News e fa'apea, o ni isi o vaiaso e ta'i fa'alua ona latou sapalai taumafa mo tagata o latou aiga o lo o taofia i le falepuipui, ona e talosaga mai i latou mo ni meaai, e mafua mai i le le lava o meaai mo pagota.

E le i maua mai lava se fa'amatalaga mai le Komesina o Leoleo e uiga i lenei mataupu, i le taumafai lea e fa'amanino pe fa'amaonia tulaga e pei ona aga'i i ai fa'asea a ni isi o le atunu'u. Na taua e ni molimau i le Samoa News e aofia ai Leoleo o le toese, tulaga fa'aletonu i meaai a pagota, e aofia ai le leai o ni sapalai i ni isi o masina.



O nisi o lo'o ofoina le tautua fesoasoani i le fa'asologa o tagata i talavai eseese, ae maise o le fa'aliliuina fa'asamoa o saunoaga ma fesili a le vasega o foma'i a le SDA-AMEN i tagata lautele i le aso ananafi.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



Taga’i i le to’atele o i latou na pito i luma e tusa o le 10:00 i le taeao ananafi i laina u’umi sa fa’asolo ai tagata na masi’i atu mo talavai a le 20 AMEN foma’i na malaga mai fafo.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



► Foma’i mo talavai...

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taimi e amata ai.

Sa fa’atulaga laina mo ituaiga siakiga e mana’o i ai le mamalu o le atunu’u: po’o le va’aiga, po’o le va’aiga o Nifo, po’o le va’aiga o le soifua maloloina.

Sa i ai le vaega a le fa’inifo e fa’aopoopo, o le vaega lea o le fa’ata. Ua i ai fo’i ma le tautua lautele o le fofu tua ma tau’au po’o le tino atoa. O lena tautua o lo’o ofoina atu e nisi o tama’ita’i fofu tua i totonu o le tatou atunu’u. E i ai gasegase sa te’ena e lea itu o le tautua, aua sa matauina ua maualuluga tele latou suka, ae o nisi ua maua-luga tele le toto maualuga.

O le talavai sa fa’atumulia atuganofoa i totonu, toe u’umi ma laina sa tutu i fafo i faleie, o le talavai lea mo Mata ma Va’aiga lea fo’i e faatautaia lua ma le Kalapu a le Liona iinei. O latou mata va’aiga e fuafua lelei i le malosi o lau va’ai o i ai, fua lea o le ituaiga frame e te mana’o i ai, ona toe fa’atali lea o le taunu’u mai i le meli o lau va’aiga pe tolu i le fa vaiaso, ae aunoa lava ma se totogi.

Ua matauina le galulue fa’atasi o ali’i ma tama’ita’i foma’i o le aumalaga, ma tatou ali’i ma tama’ita’i talavou o lo’o fesoasoani ia i latou e fa’aliliu upu mai le gagana peretania i le fa’asamoa.

Ua fa’aailoa mai e se tasi o ali’i foma’i iloga sa malaga mai, “O le aso faigata le aso

lona lua o talavai, aua o lea o le a toe atu le vaega lea, ma fa’aailoa atu i nisi, oka e le totogia moni lava talavai nei. Ona toe o mai lea, ma e masani ona matou tu’ufa’avasegaina le isi 30% fa’aopoopo i numera fa’amaumau o talavai i le uluai aso na faia ai.”

Manatua o lenei talavai, e tasi lava lau siakiga i le aso. Afai ua e tu i le laina mo le nifo i le aso muamua, ae fia siakia fo’i lau va’aiga, ona e toe usu mai lea i le aso fou, tu i le laina a le talavai mo mata ma va’aiga i le aso lona lua.

O fa’amaumauga uma fo’i o faia e lesitala ai a’o le’i va’aia foma’i, e aoina lelei, mo fa’amaumauga a le AMEN ma tatou fa’amaumauga fo’i a le Liona ma pa’aga uma e o’o i le Ekalesia Aso Fitu o le Toe Afio Mai (SDA) i totonu o le atunu’u.

O le fa’afetai, ina ua talanoa atu i lenei aotelega o foma’i, ma i latou o lo’o aveia ma ta’ita’i malaga, pe toe talii mai i le tausaga fou, ae tali mai lea sui, “O lea ua maua fa’amaumauga amata, ua iloga mai fo’i le matua mana’omia o i ai e le mamalu lautele o le atunu’u, o lona uiga, e tele lava lea sao, e mafai ai ona fa’amautu le toe talii mai fo’i o se isi malaga fa’apenei i le tausaga a sau.”

O nei talavai e fa’ato’a fa’amae’a i le aso Tofi, o lenei vaiaso.

E LE O OE O SE SULI MONI

by Sam - Vaega 101

Ua salalau le tala e fa’ataui i le faigauo a le ali’i milionea o Laneselota ma le tama’ita’i meauli ia Ianeta. Ua soo ai tulimanu e fa o le malo. O se tala na fa’ateia ai le to’atele o tagata milionea e masani lelei ma malamalama i le aiga o Laneselota, e o o lava fo’i i tama’ita’i lalelei sa fa’amemelo o latou lagona e fia fa’aipoipo atu i le ali’i milionea, e leai se isi o i latou e le i fa’ateia i lenei tala, ma ua amata loa ona latou taumafai e saili ni auala e fa’aleaga ai le mafutaga lea ua fa’atoa amata. O le tuana’i ai o le ulua’i 2 masina talu ona fa’amauina le faigauo a Laneselota ma Ianeta, na maua atu ai se valaaulia a le ali’i o Laneselota mai se tasi o Fa’alapopotoga e galulue mo le manuia o tagata matitiva i totonu o le malo, e aveia ai o ia ma Failauga Faapitoa i se tasi o a latou sauniga tele lava, e tauluga ai se polokalame sa mafai ai ona fesoasoani atu i aiga matitiva. Na mafua ona maua le avanoa o Laneselota e aveia ai ma Failauga Faapitoa, ona o ia le tagata na pito tele ai lava lana foa’i e fesoasoani ai i le fa’atupeina o lenei polokalame. Soo se taimi lava la e manatu ai Laneselota na te valaaulia Ianeta ina ia la auai i se fa’amoemoe taua, e malaga ai lava le ali’i i le fale o le tama’ita’i e logo aloaia i ai sona fanoga, na te le fa’aaogaina telefoni poo isi fo’i auala o fesoootaiga fa’aonaponei.

Na fa’ateia Ianeta ao taaalo ma nisi o ana uo i le lotoa o le latou fale ina ua valaau atu lona Tina e alu atu i le feau. Na tamo’e faavave atu Ianeta i lona fia iloa o le feau, ae fa’aailoa atu i ai e lona Tina, o loo i luma o le pa le ta’avale a Laneselota na alu atu e fia feiloa’i atu ia te ia. Na lagona le fiafia o Ianeta ma fa’anatinati atu ai loa i luma o le faitoto’a o le pa, ma ia vaaia ai le ta’avale a lana manamea o loo tu mai ai, ma auaina o loo tutu i autafa o le faitoto’a o le ta’avale. Na ona vaaia lava e auaua ua savali atu Ianeta, ona la tatalaina loa lea o le faitoto’a o le ta’avale, ma ulufafo mai ai le ali’i o Laneselota ma feiloa’i fiafia atu ia Ianeta. “E te lei faailoaina mai lava ia te a’u e te malaga mai i se taimi o lenei aso?”, o

le fesili atu lea a Ianeta ma ona foliga fiafia, ae sa luelue le ulu o le ali’i milionea ma tali atu i ai e fa’apea, “E moni lava oe, ae fa’apea lava taua-lu-maga o le olaga, a i ai se mataupu taua e moomia ai ona ta feiloa’i, ona fa’apena lava lea ona fai, ou te savalivali mai e asi mai oe ma fai se tala tala.” Ua le mafai le fia fa’alogo atu o Ianeta poo le a le mataupu taua ua fia talanoa atu ai Laneselota ia te ia, ae poo se mataupu fo’i e fa’ataui ia laua poo nisi mataupu fa’alemalo.

“O le faaiuga o le vaiaso nei lea e faia ai se tasi o fa’atasiga tele lava i totonu o le taulaga o loo valaaulia ai a’u, mo le fa’ai’uina o le polokalame sa fa’agasolo e tufatufa atu ai meaalofoa mo e tagata matitiva. O le mafua’aga lena o lo’u oo mai, e valaaulia faapitoa ai oe ina ia ta malaga fa’atasi i lea valaaulia.” Na luelue le ulu o le tama’ita’i o Ianeta i lona fiafia tele, ma ia fa’aailoa atu ai loa ia Laneselota, o le a ia sauni i le taimi ma le aso lea ua fa’atulaga la te malaga ai. Ua fa’amavae Laneselota ona toe fo’i lea ma ana uo, ae ua fo’i fiafia atu nei Ianeta ma fa’amatala i lona Tina le autu o le malaga atu o lana uo, atoa ai ma le valaaulia lea ua maua ai lona avanoa e malaga fa’atasi atu ai ma Laneselota i le fa’atasiga tele o le a faia i le fa’aiuga o le vaiaso. Ua oo i le aso e pei ona tuupo ina mo le fa’amoemoe, ma ua leva fo’i ona tapena Ianeta e fa’atali ai le taunu’u ane o lana manamea. O se sauniga muamua faapitoa muamua lenei ua malaga atu i ai Ianeta e aunoa ma ona matua, ona o lea ua la malaga ma Laneselota. Na vaaia le fa’atumulia o ta’avale i le vaega e paka ai ta’avale, e oo fo’i i totonu o le fale lea e faia ai le fa’atasiga, e iloa mamao atu lava i fafo le fa’atumulia o totonu i tagata ua aga’i atu e auai i lenei fa’amoemoe tele. I fafo o le faitoto’a o loo fa’apipi’i ai ni laupapa tetele se lua. O le isi laupapa o loo lolomi ai le ata o le ali’i o milionea o Laneselota ma faalauiloa ai o ia o le Failauga Faapitoa, ae o le isi ie o loo tusia ai faaupuga nei, “E le fa’atagaina ni tagata meauli i totonu”.





FILE - In this Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017, file photo, white nationalist demonstrators walk into the entrance of Lee Park surrounded by counter demonstrators in Charlottesville, Va. A former federal prosecutor says the law enforcement response to a white nationalist rally this summer in Charlottesville that erupted in violence was a series of failures. The findings of former U.S. Attorney Tim Heaphy's monthslong investigation were unveiled Friday, Dec. 1. City officials asked him to conduct the review after facing scathing criticism over the Aug. 12 rally. (AP Photo/Steve Helber, File)

Charlottesville residents take aim at leaders, police

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The sharp divisions between Charlottesville residents and their elected leaders and police were on display Monday at a tense, raucous City Council meeting, the first since the release of a scathing report on officials' response to a white nationalist rally this summer.

Former U.S. Attorney Tim Heaphy formally presented the findings of his monthslong review to the council after releasing a report publicly Friday. His investigation found a lack of planning, poor communication and a passive response by law enforcement to the chaos that unfolded at the Aug. 12 "Unite the Right" rally, believed to be the largest gathering of white nationalists in at least a decade.

The report found those failures had led to "deep distrust of government" in the Charlottesville community, and many residents made that clear Monday night. During Heaphy's presentation, the audience listened quietly for the most part, letting out exasperated groans, sighs and gasps from time to time as he laid out his findings. His presentation, projected onto a large screen, included photos, screenshots of police officer body camera footage and maps of the police action plans.

The room grew more chaotic when the council opened a public comment period. Some speakers shouted at the councilors; others, at the police posted in the room.

"Will you apologize to the people of Charlottesville?" Tanesha Hudson asked Mayor Mike Signer.

One speaker said the whole council should resign. One person in the crowd had a sign that said, "Blood on your hands." Charlottesville became a target for white nationalists after the council voted to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from a downtown park.

Patti Smith, Salman Rushdie talk literature, Trump

NEW YORK (AP) — Patti Smith's long, slender fingers trembled just thinking about being a writer during the presidency of Donald Trump.

"I don't know how people are even able to contain themselves and contain their rage," Smith said, "I always felt, even if I didn't agree with whomever was our president, I felt that I could still walk tall wherever I want. I still was myself. But there's something about this current administration where I feel tainted as a human being."

On Monday night at the Whitney Museum in Manhattan, Smith and Salman Rushdie commiserated about Trump and otherwise compared notes on everything from the writing process to their favorite painters. They were guests at the annual "Chairman's Evening" hosted by the MacDowell artist colony and were interviewed by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist and MacDowell chairman Michael Chabon. MacDowell has a long history of bringing artists together and previous Chairman's Evening pairings have included Martin Scorsese with Lin-Manuel Miranda and Stephen Sondheim with Paul Simon. Rushdie and Smith share liberal politics, a love for Manhattan and a willingness to try different art forms. Smith is a poet and rock musician who won a National Book Award for her memoir "Just Kids." Rushdie is author of the acclaimed novel "Midnight's Children" and one of the rare literary figures who shares a songwriting credit with a major rock band. Rushdie collaborated with U2 on "The Ground Beneath Her Feet," the title lifted from Rushdie's rock 'n' roll novel of the same name. At the Whitney, he joked about being approached by other rock stars who wanted to work with him on music, including a drunken Alex James of the band Blur.

"I've got this idea," Rushdie recalled James slurring, "I'll write the words, you write the music."

"That didn't happen," Rushdie added.

Smith and Rushdie do have very different approaches to writing. Rushdie, who has been touring in support of his novel "The Golden House," said he doesn't write on the road and hasn't figured out his next book. Smith responded that she loves writing away from home, especially at a neighborhood café, and has multiple projects going. "It's like a horse race, whichever one hits the finish line, which often isn't the one I'm being paid for," she said.

Audience members grumbled when Rushdie contended that women tend to prefer writing at home, in familiar surroundings.

"Oh, you haven't seen my house," Smith said.

Both said that current events have made it harder for them to focus, but also more determined. Rushdie said the artist's role was to "create beauty" and to "move beyond" Trump, at least in the writing process, because he's "not interesting enough." Smith said she saw her job as keeping "an eye on everything," in case "we have to do something drastic" politically, and otherwise maintain a well-rounded existence.

"And I can't let this guy (Trump), and what they're doing, keep me from my inalienable right to do my work, to have some kind of joy in life," she said.



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FILE - In this Sept. 8, 2012, file photo, author Salman Rushdie poses for a photo as he promotes the movie "Midnight's Children" during the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto. Rushdie and Patti Smith have compared notes on everything from the writing process to how they cope in the age of President Donald Trump. (Chris Young/The Canadian Press via AP, File)



The Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP speaks at a rally in Detroit, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017. Clergy, Detroit elected leaders and community activists are calling for due process in support of U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., who faces allegations of sexual harassment from several women who once worked for him. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

Poll finds man Harvey victims saying they still need help

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — More than three months after Hurricane Harvey walloped Texas, many affected residents say they're still not getting help they need and President Donald Trump is getting low marks for his handling of the disaster, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation/Episcopal Health Foundation survey released Tuesday.

The poll is another indication of how families along the Texas coast continue struggling in wake of the Category 4 storm, which left Houston underwater and killed more than 80 people.

Nearly half of residents who said they had property damage or lost their job or work hours because of Harvey say they're not getting the resources needed to get back on their feet. Federal officials have approved \$1.4 billion in Harvey assistance to individuals and households but the survey showed signs of confusion and frustration: More than 6 in 10 denied applicants say they received no information on how to try again.

Trump, who has consistently low approval ratings nationally, also received worse numbers than Congress or Texas leaders for their response to Harvey, with half saying the president was doing a fair or poor job.

Fears over immigration enforcement may also have a chilling effect on asking for help: Of those surveyed who were likely to be in the U.S. illegally, a majority were either very or somewhat worried about drawing attention to their status if they reached out for help.

"It's a really mixed picture for a lot of people. We do see people saying their lives are back to normal," said Liz Hamel, the director of public opinion and survey research for Kaiser. But she added, "The people who are having more trouble recovering are the ones who started out in a more tenuous position."

African-American residents and those living well below the federal poverty level were most likely to say they needed more help. Applying for disaster assistance and repairing damaged homes were the biggest concerns to those needing help, followed by finding affordable housing and getting medical care.

Woman says Rep. Conyers groped her while they were in church

DETROIT (AP) — A woman who says she worked for U.S. Rep. John Conyers for more than a decade says he slid his hand up her skirt and rubbed her thighs while she was sitting next to him in the front row of a church.

Elisa Grubbs made the allegation in an affidavit released late Monday by her attorney, Lisa Bloom. Grubbs is the cousin of another accuser, Marion Brown, who reached a confidential settlement with Conyers over sexual harassment allegations but broke a confidentiality agreement to speak publicly last week.

Bloom posted Grubbs' affidavit on Twitter and confirmed to The Associated Press that it was genuine.

The new details of the allegation emerged as Conyers is expected to speak on a Detroit radio show Tuesday morning about his political future, according to his attorney, Arnold Reed. The 88-year-old Democrat is the longest-serving current House member.

Conyers returned to Detroit from Washington last week and was hospitalized on Wednesday after complaining of feeling light-headed.

Reed has said that Conyers' health would be the paramount consideration in whether he decides to step down from his House seat. He has already stepped aside from his position as ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Grubbs' affidavit says that she worked for Conyers in various capacities from approximately 2001 to about 2013.

"Rep. Conyers slid his hand up my skirt and rubbed my thighs while I was sitting next to him in the front row of a church," Grubbs said. "I was startled and sprang to my feet and exclaimed, 'He just ran his hand up my thigh!' Other staffers witnessed the event."

She also said that she saw Conyers touching and stroking the legs and buttocks of Brown and other female staffers on "multiple occasions."

Grubbs said witnessing such harassment "was a regular part of life while working in the office of Rep. Conyers."

One time when Grubbs was at Conyers home, she said he came out of the bathroom naked when he knew she was in the room.

Conyers' attorney Arnold Reed told the Detroit Free Press that the allegations by Grubbs are "another instance of tomfoolery from the mouth of Harvey Weinstein's attorney." Bloom previously represented Hollywood executive Weinstein, who is accused of sexual misconduct by a number of women. She quit Weinstein's team after the allegations became public and now represents sexual harassment victims.

A number of Conyers' colleagues in the House, including House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, have called for him to resign. The House Ethics Committee is investigating the allegations.

But some Detroit elected leaders and community activists rallied on Monday to support Conyers, saying he deserves due process and should not be forced out of office.

Man could get prison for drunken stabbing in fast-food fight

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio college student is scheduled to be sentenced for fatally stabbing his roommate at their apartment after an alcohol-fueled argument about fast food.

Twenty-three-year-old Kendal Scheid, of Norwalk, could face up to 11 years in prison when he's sentenced on Tuesday.

The University of Akron student earlier pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of 23-year-old Duncan Unternaher, of Newark.

Police say the friends were drunk when they got into an

argument about fast food they were eating at their off-campus apartment last December.

Scheid's attorney has called it an "unfortunate accident" and has said that Scheid had another roommate call 911 to get help after the stabbing.

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Yemen’s chaos deepens after rebels killed ex-president Saleh

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The killing of Yemen’s ex-President Ali Abdullah Saleh by the country’s Shiite rebels as their alliance crumbled has thrown the nearly three-year civil war into unpredictable new chaos.

A video circulating online on Monday showed Saleh’s body with a gaping head wound dumped in a pickup truck by rebels — a grisly end recalling that of longtime strongman Saleh’s contemporary, Libya’s Moammar Gadhafi, in 2011.

Saleh’s slaying likely gives the rebels the upper hand in the days-long fighting for the country’s capital, Sanaa.

It also shatters hopes by Yemen’s Saudi-backed government that Saleh’s recent split with the Iranian-backed rebels, known as Houthis, would have weakened them and given the government and the Saudi coalition backing a chance for a turning point in the stalemated war that has brought humanitarian disaster.



FILE - In this Jan. 3, 2017 file photo, Jeff Hoover looks up to the cheers from the gallery following his swearing in Frankfort, Ky. A taxpayer-funded investigation of a secret sexual harassment settlement signed by four GOP lawmakers in Kentucky was stymied because the lawmakers refused to talk about it or disclose documents. A report by a Kentucky law firm confirmed that former House Speaker Jeff Hoover, his chief of staff Ginger Wills and lawmakers Jim DeCesare, Michael Meredith and Brian Linder all signed a sexual harassment settlement. None would discuss the settlement or provide documents or emails to investigators.

(AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley, File)

Woman denies sexual relationship with former House speaker

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The woman who received a secret sexual harassment settlement from Kentucky’s former Republican House speaker says the two of them did not have a sexual relationship, despite a whistleblower lawsuit filed Monday by the woman’s supervisor.

Jeff Hoover’s tenure as Kentucky’s first Republican House speaker in nearly 100 years ended abruptly last month when he acknowledged he paid to settle a sexual harassment claim from a woman in his office outside of court. Hoover denied harassment, but said he sent the woman inappropriate but consensual text messages. He said the two of them never had sex.

But Monday, the spokeswoman for the House Republican Caucus filed a lawsuit saying Hoover had “physical, sexual encounters” with the woman “both during work hours, and outside of work hours.” She said Hoover and three other Republican lawmakers paid the woman a settlement “with private funds pooled from prominent campaign donors” in an attempt to keep it private.

The allegations in Daisy Olivo’s lawsuit are based on conversations she said she had with the woman, identified as “Jane Doe,” which she said included detailed timelines of their sexual encounters plus three years’ worth of text messages. But Monday night, the woman said through her attorney that

Olivo’s allegations are false.

“In her complaint, Ms. Olivo states that former Speaker Hoover and our client engaged in sexual relations. Our client has confirmed this is absolutely not true,” said Garry Adams, an attorney who represents the woman who received the sexual harassment settlement. “Among numerous inaccurate matters alleged by Ms. Olivo, our client did not advise her that the matter was resolved with ‘private funds pooled by prominent campaign donors.’”

Hoover also forcefully denied the allegations, saying he has “never engaged in sexual contact of any kind with any staff member during my 21 years in Frankfort.”

“I will no longer sit back and let untrue, false, defamatory statements be made against me and others,” he said.

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State officials have confirmed taxpayers did not pay the settlement. House Republican leaders hired a law firm to find out who did. Their investigation, released last week, was inconclusive. Hoover and others provided documents showing they took out loans from banks and family members to pay the settlement, but the amounts were redacted. They also refused to disclose a copy of the settlement,

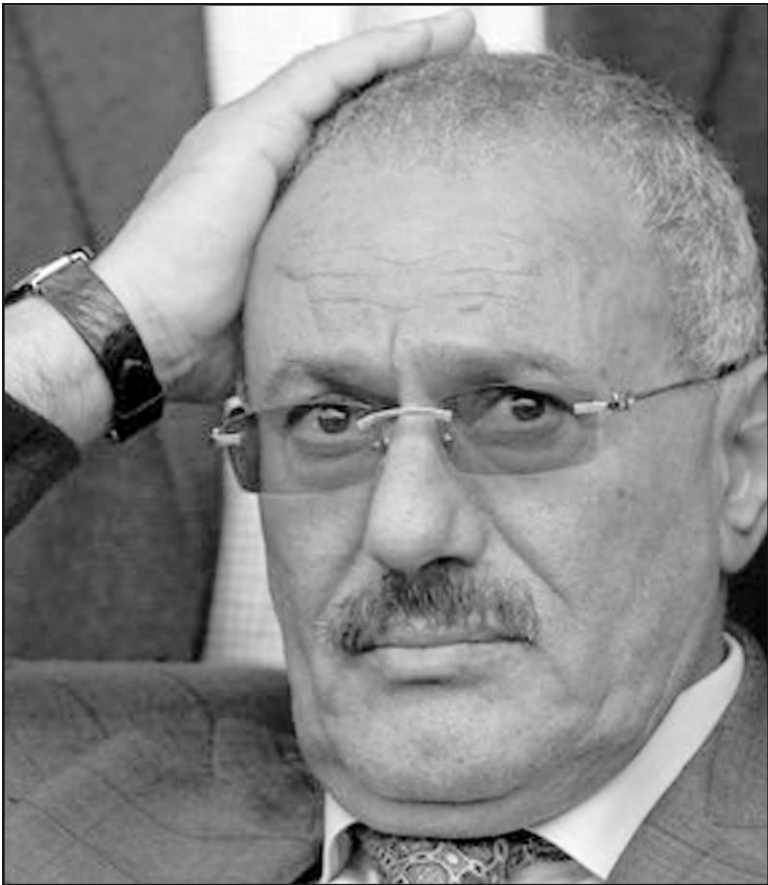
so investigators could not confirm if the documents matched the settlement agreement.

Acting House Speaker David Osborne has asked the Legislative Ethics Commission to use its subpoena power to obtain a copy of the settlement and determine if any part of it was paid for by political donors or lobbyists, which could be a violation of state ethics law.

“I’m disgusted by this entire mess and want to reassure Kentucky taxpayers that we remain committed to our actual work,” Osborne said.

The scandal comes at a time when the country is grappling with multiple instances of sexual misconduct in the workplace, including high-profile cases that have toppled powerful men in politics, entertainment and media. And it also has caused a rift among Kentucky Republicans, who are in their first year of full control of state government after decades of dominance by Democrats.

Republican Gov. Matt Bevin asked the state Republican Party on Saturday to call for the resignation of Hoover and the other three lawmakers who paid to settle the sexual harassment claim, but party leaders refused. Bevin called it “not a proud day for the Republican Party.” On Monday, Republican Rep. Wesley Morgan filed a resolution to expel Hoover from the legislature. The resolution would need at least 60 out of 100 votes to pass. Republicans have a 64-36 majority.



FILE - In this April 8, 2011 file photo, then Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh attends a rally with his supporters, in Sanaa, Yemen. Saleh, Yemen’s former president and longtime strongman, was killed Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, according to multiple Yemeni officials, as his loyalists and Shiite rebels battled for control of the capital.

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Clinton returns to New Hampshire for book signing

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Hillary Clinton is returning to New Hampshire for the first time since just before the 2016 presidential election.

The former Democratic presidential candidate is signing copies of her new book, “What Happened” on Tuesday in Concord. Clinton won New Hampshire’s four electoral college votes in last year’s election, though President Donald Trump — without offering evidence — blames voter fraud for his loss in the state.

Clinton also is heading to Boston, where she will be honored with the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston’s “Believe in Girls” award for working to improve the lives of women and girls.

Greater Boston chapter president and CEO Deb Re says Clinton embodies the resilience and self-confidence the group hopes to inspire in young women. Copyright 2017 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.



Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks during a benefit to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum at the Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in New York.

(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

Trump takes rare step to reduce 2 national monuments in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday took the rare step of scaling back two sprawling national monuments in Utah, declaring that “public lands will once again be for public use” in a move cheered by Republican leaders who lobbied him to undo protections they considered overly broad.

The decision marks the first time in a half century that a president has undone these types of land protections. Tribal and environmental groups oppose the decision and began filing lawsuits Monday in a bid to stop Trump and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Trump made the plan official during a speech at the State Capitol, where he signed proclamations to shrink the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments. Both monuments encompass millions of acres of land.

State officials said the protections were overly broad and closed off the area to energy development and other access.

Environmental and tribal groups say the designations are needed to protect important archaeological and cultural resources, especially the more than 1.3 million-acre (2,030-square-mile) Bears Ears site featuring thousands of Native American artifacts, including ancient cliff dwellings and petroglyphs.

Trump argued that the people of Utah know best how to care for their land.

“Some people think that the natural resources of Utah should be controlled by a small handful of very distant bureaucrats located in Washington,” Trump said. “And guess what? They’re wrong.”

Roughly 3,000 demonstrators lined up near the State Capitol to protest Trump’s announcement. Some held signs that said, “Keep your tiny hands off our public lands,” and they chanted, “Lock him up!” A smaller group gathered in support, including some who said they favor potential drilling or mining there that could create jobs. Bears Ears has no oil or gas, Zinke told reporters, though Grand Staircase-Escalante has coal.

“Your timeless bond with the outdoors should not be replaced with the whims of regulators thousands and thousands of miles away,” Trump said. “I’ve come to Utah to take a very historic action to reverse federal overreach and restore the rights of this land to your citizens.”

Bears Ears, created last December by President Barack Obama, will be reduced by about 85 percent, to 201,876 acres (315 square miles).

Grand Staircase-Escalante, designated in 1996 by President Bill Clinton, will be reduced from nearly 1.9 million acres (nearly 3,000 square miles) to 1,003,863 acres (1,569 square miles).

Both were among a group of 27 monuments that Trump ordered Zinke to review this year.

Zinke accompanied Trump aboard Air Force One, as did Utah’s Republican U.S. senators, Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee. Hatch and other Utah Republican leaders pushed Trump to launch the review, saying the monuments designated by the former Democratic presidents locked up too much federal land.

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Jay Leno buys \$13.5M mansion in Newport, Rhode Island

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Former “Tonight Show” host Jay Leno and his wife have purchased an oceanfront estate in Newport, Rhode Island.

The Boston Globe reports Leno, who grew up in Andover, Massachusetts, paid \$13.5 million for the mansion called Seafair. It has eight bedrooms and 11 bathrooms and comes with a pool, a tennis court and a private beach.

Lucky for Leno, who collects cars, it also boasts a six-car garage. The house sits on 9 acres (3.64 hectares) and was built in 1936. It was previously owned by Denver mining heir Verner Zevola Reed Jr., who was an American banker and diplomat. Reed served as U.S. ambassador to Morocco from 1981 to 1985.



Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez speaks during a news conference Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in Salt Lake City. President Donald Trump traveled to Salt Lake City to announce plans to shrink two sprawling national monuments in Utah in a move that will delight the state’s GOP politicians and many rural residents who see the lands as prime examples of federal overreach, but will enrage tribes and environmentalist groups who vow to immediately sue to preserve the monuments. Nez noted Monday that Trump’s move comes a week after he referred to a Democratic senator he doesn’t like as “Pocahontas.” He says the administration doesn’t respect indigenous people.

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