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Early yesterday morning, First Lady Cynthia Moliga, Hope House board member Larry Sanitoa, and diehard Catholic businesswoman Terry Keil Steffany waved to the passersby, while accepting donations from the traveling public along the Tafuna Airport road for Hope House, which is celebrating its 30-year anniversary.

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DPS officer formally charged with one count of public servant acceding to corruption

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

The preliminary examination hearing for DPS officer Fa'auma Malo, who was arrested last week, is scheduled for this morning in the District Court. Malo, who made his initial appearance Monday before Judge Fiti Sunia, is being held at TCF until he pays a \$5,000 surety bond.

Malo is charged with one count of public servant acceding to corruption, a class D felony punishable by imprisonment of up to five years, a fine of up to \$5,000 — or both.

According to court documents, a lawyer from the Attorney General's office contacted one of the captains at the DPS office, notifying him that a young man who was later identified as the victim in this case, wanted to file a criminal complaint against a police officer for coercing and soliciting money from him.

Court documents state that on September 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. the victim went to the Tafuna sub-station to file his criminal complaint. The victim told police that it was between April and May this year while he was employed at Public Works that he drove a government vehicle transporting equipment to drop off at the Fagatogo wharf.

When he arrived, he saw vehicles parked on both sides of the road behind the museum. Since the truck he was driving didn't fit through the gap between the vehicles, he decided to park in front of the Marine Patrol office.

A Marine Patrol police unit then came from behind and directed him to move forward so they could park where he was parked. While he was moving his vehicle, the victim said he struck an unoccupied vehicle and cracked its taillight.

The victim told police Malo approached him and told him to back up his vehicle and park between the museum and the fire station, so no one would know that he (the victim) had just struck the unoccupied vehicle. The victim observed that the defendant's polo shirt identified him as: "F. Malo".

According to the victim, Malo walked up to him and asked him if he wanted a ticket or to be forgiven. Malo allegedly told the victim that the ticket would cost him \$400 but he would be forgiven for \$100. The victim told Malo he would pay the \$100 when he gets his paycheck.

A few months later, Malo approached the victim at the Fagatogo Market area and informed him that he owed him \$1,000 because he failed to pay the \$100 that he agreed to during their initial agreement. About a month ago, Malo showed up at the victim's new workplace in Fagaalu (the victim resigned from DPW since the incident) and told him that because he failed to pay him \$1,000, he now owes him \$2,000 — and he has days to pay the full amount, or he will be thrown in jail.

Court affidavits state that Malo continued to call the victim at work, asking him to pay the full amount.

On Friday, Sept. 20th, the victim's co-worker told him that a police officer was waiting for him outside of the office.

When police questioned the victim's co-worker, the witness

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Conflicting testimonies over decision to purchase a second tugboat

SHIPYARD AUTHORITY AND PORT DON'T AGREE

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

ASG Shipyard Authority chief executive Moefa'auo Bill Emmsley and Port Administration director Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele, who is also a member of the shipyard board, gave different explanations to a Senate committee this week regarding repairs of ASG tugboats and the purchase of a second one.

The conflicting testimonies arose over the decision by Port to purchase a second tugboat vs. repairing the two tugboats — the Tatoso and the Sailele. ASG has sold the Tatoso, while the Sailele remains the only tugboat in use by Port.

(Samoa News should point out that also auctioned off by the ASG Property Management Office, at the same time as the Tatoso, was the Tautua — another of ASG's tugboats that had been out of commission for about 15 years.)

The Lolo Administration has until mid-November to have in place a second tugboat for the Port of Pago Pago, after being granted a waiver by the US Coast Guard, to use only one tugboat — in this case, the Sailele.

Senate Transportation/Port Committee chairman Sen. Paepae Iosefa Faiai called the Monday hearing to find out why the tugboat Tatoso could not be repaired but was auctioned off and sold to the Samoa government.

Sen. Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr., claimed during

a committee hearing last week that the Tatoso is running "fast" in the waters of Samoa.

Paepae asked Moefa'auo and Taimalelagi why the shipyard couldn't repair the Tatoso.

The Port director replied it wasn't that the shipyard couldn't repair the Tatoso, it was a question of how best to utilize the \$1.7 million in federal Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding, especially in light of a new federal regulation that goes into effect January 2018, which calls for a higher horse power engine than what the Tatoso or the Sailele have.

She said Port engineers were asked to look at what was best: To repair the Tatoso and the Sailele, or purchase a second used tugboat to meet USCG regulations in 2018.

According to her, Port engineers, including Capt. Michael Pulu, understood the condition and mechanical issues of both the Tatoso and the Sailele; and the recommendation was to secure a better, more powerful tugboat than either of the two.

Moefa'auo said there were discussions of repairs for the two tugboats, when CIP funding came available and the shipyard submitted two separate proposals with a contract to carry out the work. He said the shipyard could've done the required repairs for both tugboats.

He noted that while the shipyard was awaiting a response from Port Administration, he was surprised

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The Tongan Catholic Community took to the stage during the Hope House Fiafia Night, on Monday evening, with the crowd breaking loose with dollars to celebrate the performance comprising young Tongan maidens dancing gracefully in their colorful Tongan-style costumes.

Hope House is celebrating its 30-year anniversary with weeklong events, composed of fundraisers and festivities, culminating with a golf tournament this Saturday.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]



One of the beautiful Tongan maidens — “tahine fo’iate” — who danced during the Tongan community’s final siva during the Hope House’s Fiafia Night on Monday. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

Public comments sought to establish a 2017 limit on US fishing days in ELAPS

ATA SAYS IT WILL NOT COMMENT AS US NAT. FISHERIES “HAS NO FLEXIBILITY” ON ITS PROPOSED RULE

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service “has no flexibility” on its proposed rule regarding fishing days limitation on high seas and in US EEZ, because NMFS is legally bound by a Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) measure, according to Brian Hallman, executive director of the American Tunaboat Association (ATA).

NMFS announced on Sept. 20th that the federal agency is seeking public comments — which closes next Thursday, Oct. 5th — to establish a limit for calendar year 2017 on fishing efforts by U.S. purse seine vessels in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and on the high seas — the area known in federal regulations as Effort Limit Area for Purse

Seine, or ELAPS.

The proposed rule, issued under authority of the WCPFC Implementation Act, sets the limit at 1,828 fishing days, according to NMFS, which also says that the applicable limit for the U.S. EEZ is 558 fishing days per year, while the high seas is 1,270 fishing days per year, resulting in a combined limit of 1,828 fishing days in calendar year 2017. This ELAPS limit for 2017 - 1,828 fishing days - is identical to the limits established for 2014, 2015, and 2016, the federal agency said.

Responding to Samoa News queries, Hallman said yesterday that the San Diego-based ATA does not plan to comment on the proposed regulation, “because the NMFS rule for 1,828 fishing days comes from the legally binding WCPFC measure, which cannot be changed

for 2017, so NMFS has no flexibility.”

“Also, because of the discriminatory WCPFC rule that no FAD (fish aggregating device) sets can be made on the high seas during 2017 by some flag vessels, including U.S. vessels, US fishing on the high seas has been greatly reduced during 2017 compared to previous years,” said Hallman, whose group represents a large number of US owned vessels.

ASG along with fishing industry officials have voiced their concerns as well as complaints over the years regarding registrations placed on fishing on high seas for the US fleet, leaving foreign vessels — many of them subsidized by their governments — to do as they wish.

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga has called on the federal government to re-open fishing on high seas without restrictions, saying restrictions have impacted the fishing and cannery industries, thereby affecting the territory’s economy. According to NMFS, the likelihood of the proposed fishing-day limit being reached in 2017 is substantial — roughly 80%. However, current fishing patterns for 2017 as of June 2017 suggest that the rate of fishing in the ELAPS in 2017 — 220 days — is much lower than the historical average with average fishing days per vessel at 6.5 fishing days from January- June 2017.

Assuming fishing conditions in the latter half of the year mimic the first half of 2017, NMFS believes it is unlikely the ELAPS limit will be reached in 2017.

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FONO BRIEFS

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The Senate Rules Committee wants to hear from the public, on Friday, their views and opinions on a proposed amendment to the Constitution which gives the Legislature the authority to override the governor's veto of legislation that's been approved by the Fono.

Meanwhile, a Conference Committee of both the Senate and House will convene this morning to iron out the final language of the House version of the fiscal year 2018 budget. The new fiscal year starts at 12:01a.m Oct. 1, 2017.

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON FONO AUTHORITY TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR'S VETO

During yesterday's session, Sen. Nuanuaolefeagaiga Saoluaga Nua announced that his Senate Rules Committee will hold a public hearing at 8:30am, this Friday, to hear what people have to say about a proposed measure that gives the Fono the authority to override the governor's veto.

He said it's important that senators hear from the community. The hearing will be held at the Fono Guest Fale.

Nuanuaolefeagaiga along with Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean introduced in July this year the veto override legislation. Because the measure seeks to amend the local Constitution, it requires approval by voters, as well as the U.S. Congress.

The public hearing comes

after yesterday's committee hearing, where Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale and ASG Office of Political Status, Constitutional Review and Federal Regulations executive director Tapa'au Dr. Dan Aga provided testimony.

Tapa'au recalled the 2014 election, in which 73% of electors opposed the referendum. He said it should be questioned why, such a high percentage of people oppose such an important issue, which is a change that should be done as the government moves forward.

He said the proposed amendment is appropriate but such a change will not happen unless there is a thorough review on why voters opposed it. He suggested a thorough explanation to the public about the positive aspects of such change. (Samoa News will report later on the rest of the hearing)

Tapa'au and his staff have been conducting educational and public awareness programs at schools and elsewhere, about the relationship between American Samoa and the United States, and they include the governor's vote override and the Secretary of Interior having the final say. At present, the Constitution provides that no later than 14 days after the governor has vetoed a bill, can it be passed over by a two-thirds majority of the entire membership of each Fono chamber. A bill so re-passed is re-presented to the governor for his approval. If the governor does not approve

it within 15 days, he must send it — together with his comments — to the Secretary of Interior.

The Senate Joint Resolution seeks to amend the constitution where a bill so re-passed shall "become law 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which it was passed". The Senate resolution would delete the current provision requiring the Interior Secretary's approval. If approved by the Senate and the House (via a vote of three-fifths in each chamber) the measure states that the governor is requested to submit the amendment to the voters during the next general election, which is November 2018.

The last attempt by the Senate to give the Fono authority to override the governor's veto was in 2014. The measure was placed on a referendum during the November 2014 general election, where an overwhelming number of electors voted against it.

FY 2018 BUDGET

In a House communique, senators were informed yesterday that the House has rejected the Senate amendments to the House version of the FY 2018 budget bill and requested a conference committee, which is set to meet today for discussions.

The Senate amendments cutting \$500,000 from three projects under the Special Programs, reallocates the money to the Fono's basic budget, hiking it up to \$7.41 million.

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First Lady Cynthia Malala Moliga joined Sister Sheila and others during the tauluga for the Catholic Tafuna Youth performance at the Hope House Fiafia Night Fundraiser event, Monday evening, at Fatuoaga Malae.

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Sister Sheila, who traveled from Britain to join the rest of American Samoa to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Hope House, got to dance on the grounds she walked and served once before, Fatuaiga, Heart of Families. She was instrumental in the opening of Hope House in 1987.

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recalled that around noon on Sept. 15th, police officer Malo stopped by their office asked for the victim's cell phone number. The witness said she told Malo that the victim doesn't have a cell phone. Malo then asked for her boss's phone number, and told the witness to inform her boss to hold the victim's paycheck. The witness also told police that one day, Malo came to their workplace in a police unit, wearing his police uniform. He asked where the victim was, and the witness told him he wasn't there. Around noontime Sept. 16th, according to the witness, Malo called the office again, asking for the victim. He did the same thing on Monday, Sept. 18th.

The witness told police that Malo continued to stop by their workplace in full uniform, in a police unit, asking for the victim. Another one of the victim's co-workers told police that on Sept. 16th, Malo stopped by their office with his son, asking for the victim. Malo told the victim's co-worker that he was there to arrest the victim because he owed him a lot of money. On Sept. 19th, officers interviewed Malo at the Tafuna sub-station, to get his side of the story. At the time police informed Malo that he was not under arrest nor in police custody, and he was free to leave at any time if he wanted to. The defendant chose to give his account of what had happened. In his non-verbatim verbal statement to police, Malo admitted and confessed that although he doesn't recall the exact date, he remembers the incident referred

to by the victim, involving an accident in the vicinity of the marine patrol office. Malo said he told the victim that there were no witness who saw the accident, and in order for him to be forgiven, he had to give him \$100 because he didn't issue him a traffic citation.

He said later he met the victim at the market area where he approached him and asked about the \$100 to which the victim assured him that he would pay him the money.

Malo told the victim that because he already repaired the damages to his cousin's vehicle, he must pay him \$1,000. Malo said he also approached the victim at his workplace to tell him he owed him \$2,000.

Malo admitted to police that he was lying about repairing his cousin's vehicle. He said he never used his own money to pay for the repairs, and he also admitted that he was wearing his police uniform and using a police unit to approach the victim at his workplace multiple times. He also admitted that he used his boating safety citation book to manipulate the victim.

Malo said he never received any money from the victim, but admitted that he was struggling financially to support his family so he abused his position as a police officer and used the opportunity to solicit money from the victim. He said he was very desperate to get the \$2,000.

Court documents note that Malo was crying and apologized for his wrongdoing, and he was shaking and moving around during the interview process.

ASTCA: Integrity & Transparency

By Samoa News Editorial Staff

The Territory cries out for fast, dependable, reasonably priced Internet (and cell phone service).

Utu Abe Malae (ASPA CEO) and Dr. Rosevonne Pato (President of ASCC) spoke eloquently to the Cabinet last week, sharing how the future in education, telemedicine and the "Smart Grid" are here now, if the Territory only had fast internet. Frequently, Samoa News has also struggled to serve you, our valued readers, due to the current slow unreliable service. So clearly ASTCA, the Samoa News, all ASG departments, and our American Samoa residents are all on the same page. Samoa News suggests that the Interim ASTCA CEO Puleleite Tufele Liamatua Jr. and ASG embrace transparency in Fono testimony this week so we in the private sector, in the media, and the public can provide input to our Fono representatives and senators; and help ASTCA in our personal purchasing decisions to better achieve our common telecommunications goals. Samoa News has not found it easy recently to confirm information from ASTCA. Therefore we sincerely hope members of the Fono will serve the public this week by asking some of our important questions below (and seek clarification on answers provided).

1) What are the terms and assurances for repayment of the Hawaiiki Cable loan from the American Samoa Government Employees' Retirement Fund?

2) How was the Hawaiiki Cable loan and now the possible Tui Cable commitment made when a serious past due debt exists to satellite internet provider O3B and to Amper Bluesky?

3) It is alleged that many of the new higher paid ASTCA employees are con-

tract employees, not ASG employees, working for ACMA Management Consultant Inc., whose owner, Aoe'e Adolfo Montenegro, managed Amper Bluesky.

Does a conflict of interest exist between these new contract employees and ASTCA, as their loyalty is divided between their company and the best interests of ASTCA and ASG?

4) At the time of Montenegro's consideration to be the Governor's communication consultant, was it disclosed that his purported annual salary of \$200,000 was for only a part time consultancy? Did ASTCA or the Governor's Office disclose to the Fono, the territory's media or the public that Montenegro has purportedly also accepted a position as CEO of Federated States of Micronesia Cable? Thus, did ASG/ASTCA knowingly accept Montenegro's two part time jobs at \$500,000 annual salary, at the same time ASG/ASTCA was laying off employees and curtailing hours?

5) Has the contract between ASG/ASTCA and the Governor's telecommunications consultant, Montenegro been made available to members of the Fono, the public, or the media?

Does that contract and that of the new contract employees have a provision that prevents them from future ownership of ASTCA/ASTCA assets or competing against ASTCA?

Would you not agree that it would be prudent to safeguard against possible self interest which might be counter productive to the ongoing success of ASTCA?

6) If ASTCA was to be privatized do any limitations exist on the transfer of assets due to US federal subsidies, or ASG debt to acquire and operate those assets?

7) The premise of the Tui

Cable is a lower price due to a Pacific Island group Nation purchase as opposed to a single Nation arrangement.

Wouldn't the economies of scale provide even lower prices for the Territorial consumer if ASTCA embraces an even larger international purchasing group of Nations?

8) Are members of the Fono, the public, and media allowed to review ASH Cable documents? These documents would help members of the Fono assist with current telecommunications decisions and financing?

9) As it has been documented in the Samoa News that satellite Internet provider O3B technicians have visited the Territory in recent months, why haven't Internet service problems been resolved? Does a lack of prompt payment or past debts affect repair solutions?

10) Are not lives at risk when ASG required ASTCA cellular service to be the service for ASG departments, including first responders, due to the quality of service, which has not seen much improvement over the past months?

Samoa News, like most prudent people and institutions, subscribes to both services — just to be on 'the safe side'.

12) Puleleite, were you paid — at the same time — for all your previous capacities — as Interim ASTCA CEO; as ASTCA Chairman of the Board; and as a House Representative? If so, was that legal? Is there even an investigation into this 'double or triple dipping'?

13) Isn't it strange that ASG is objecting to foreign telecommunications ownership transfer from one foreign entity to another, yet has no problem allowing a foreign internet cable company, i.e. Tui Cable, to be the viaduct for personal, financial, and ASG confidential information?



The Filipino Catholic Community performed two dance numbers during Hope House Fiafia Night, on Monday evening at Fatuaiga Malae. Catholic communities from across the island performed during the night, raising money for the House, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

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prised to learn that the Tatoso had been auctioned off and that the Samoa government vessel, Fotu o Samoa, had sailed off to Apia with it.

Moefa’auo said he doesn’t recall ever being informed by Port or attending a meeting with Port and the local USCG, where the decision was announced that Port will look at purchasing a used tugboat, rather than repairing both tugboats.

Taimalelagi disagreed, and said perhaps Moefa’auo had forgotten about the April 2017 meeting that was requested by the local Coast Guard, where he was in attendance.

(ASG employees who spoke to Samoa News said Moefa’auo did attend the April meeting that was held inside the Port conference room. Taimalelagi confirmed yesterday that her notes from the Apr. 26th meeting show the names of those who attended - including Moefa’auo — and the issue of Port working to purchase a second vessel was discussed.)

Taimalelagi said the estimated cost of the shipyard’s proposal to repair the Tatoso was around \$1.1 million, leaving a balance of \$600,000 for the Sailele.

She said even if the Tatoso was repaired, it wouldn’t meet the new federal regulation - effective January 2018 - for a tugboat to have 3,000 horse power.

Pulu explained this requirement during the April meeting, according to Taimalelagi, where Moefa’auo was also told of the decision to purchase a second tugboat.

She said the governor had been kept abreast of all these developments and he agreed to the purchase.

Taimalelagi said it is “more economical” for Port to purchase a second tugboat rather than repair the Tatoso, which is about 40 years old, because it’s very difficult to get parts for both the

Tatoso and Sailele, as these models are now hard to find.

The \$1.7 million in CIP funding was initially to overhaul and repair the Tatoso and Sailele, but Taimalelagi said Lolo had requested — and the DOI’s Office of Insular Affairs, which oversees CIP money, has approved the purchase of a second tugboat — “a tugboat that meets the new regulation” and repairs to the Sailele.

At this point, \$250,000 is earmarked for Sailele repairs and the balance is to purchase a second tugboat, she said, adding that Sailele repairs are being carried out by an outside contractor for welding and so forth.

Port currently has one tugboat, and it can’t go up on the shipyard slipway for full repairs, said Taimalelagi.

Moefa’auo said the correct cost proposed by the shipyard for repairs was \$950,000 for the Tatoso and \$650,000 for the Sailele, and it would have come with a five-year warranty.

Samoa News obtained an Aug. 19, 2016 letter from Moefa’auo outlining the tugboat overhaul and a retrofit proposal to Taimalelagi, which notes that total costs of the project are \$1.72 million under CIP, with \$1.03 million for Tatoso and \$688,000 for Sailele.

Moefa’auo didn’t immediately reply to Samoa News questions emailed Monday afternoon regarding the shipyard proposal — the difference between the costs verbally given to the Senate vs. the estimate in the Aug. 19th letter - and his claim that he didn’t attend the April meeting.

Samoa News, seeking comments from the Governor’s Office on the tugboat issue, whether the governor was informed or not, was told that questions will be raised with Lolo for a reply. It was noted that the governor was kept updated on the need to secure a second tugboat.

Amata highlights veterans health subcommittee hearing

Washington, D.C. – Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata highlighted the healthcare needs of American Samoan veterans in a Veterans’ Affairs Health Subcommittee hearing to examine up to ten health-related bills that are under early consideration in the Committee, including draft legislation to improve the VA’s Health Professional Educational Assistance Program.

“The VA’s Health Professional Educational Assistance Program is aimed at correcting the VA’s shortfall in available healthcare professionals – a problem that is even more apparent in American Samoa,” said Amata. “In American Samoa, it is difficult to find the needed physical therapists and other specialists for the VA Clinic, and there is no VA hospital. We must thoroughly examine this challenge and take steps to better deliver services on site in American Samoa and look for ways to reduce costs for veterans who currently travel to Hawaii for many procedures.”

Specifically, the draft legislation for the Health Professional Educational Assistance

Program would seek to increase scholarships for students in pursuing studies to be a doctor or dentist, along with requiring VA Clinic service; medical scholarships for veterans; and loan repayment for new medical graduates in residency that are in shortage fields and provide clinical service at a VA facility.

The hearing included input from numerous members of Congress and veterans’ organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), Vietnam Veterans of America, Blinded Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans, Justice for Vets, and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

“I’m pleased that members of Congress of both parties take the needs of our veterans seriously and are participating in the effort to improve access to services for veterans,” continued Congresswoman Amata. “I will continue to ensure that the needs of American Samoa are known in Washington, D.C., and keep working through legislative means to increase healthcare choices for American Samoa’s veterans.”

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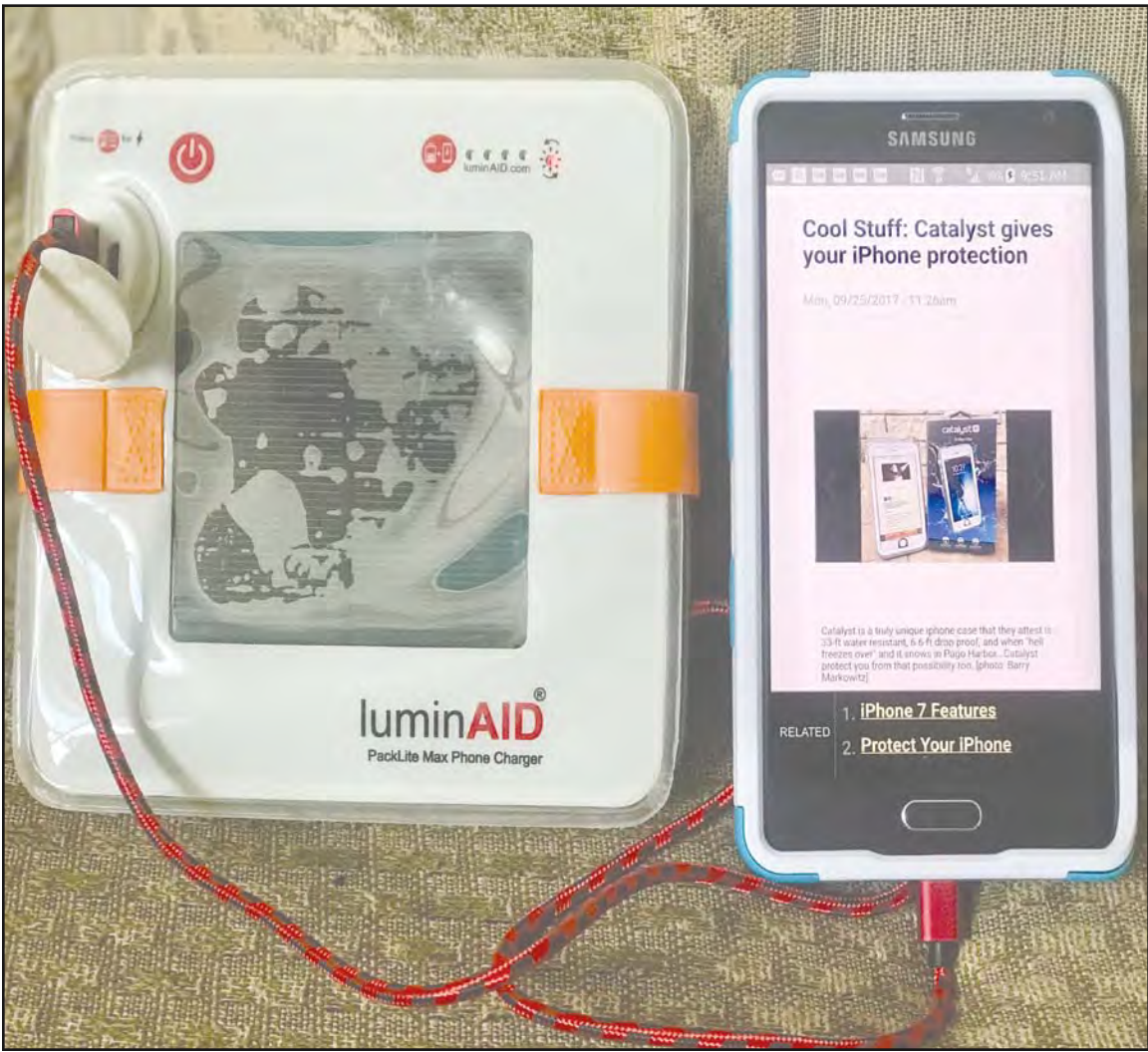
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by Barry Markowitz

Our Pacific Island hearts have no limit to our compassion. Samoa’s churches have dedicated prayers to the unprecedented multitudes of hurricane victims in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. We also know we are in a future cyclone’s crosshairs. Luminaid’s founders & staff deserve a Nobel Peace Prize. Not only do they create great solar lighting products but they donate Luminaid Solar Lanterns whenever and wherever a disaster occurs. On their website you will find they are also fundraising to help victims.

American Samoa is well regarded by Luminaid. A donation of solar lanterns has been delivered to the Territory for the American Samoa Red Cross. Howard Helg of Pago Plaza will present them to you if you

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The Caribbean and Gulf States’ current dramas are a significant reminder... gather resources, make a plan, go camping with your family and friends to test your skills to sustain. We hold back our tears because we have lived through Cyclone Ofa, Val and the horrific Samoa Tsunami. Prepare. Embrace the solutions now, not the fear after the impact.

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The highest rate observed to date in 2017 has been 8.5 fishing days/calendar days, and if the highest rate in 2017 were to occur through end of 2017, the ELAPS limit is expected to be reached by December 22, 2017.

Other factors that could influence the likelihood of the proposed limit being reached are the status of vessels with respect to whether they have fishery endorsements and are allowed to fish in the U.S. EEZ, El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions, and fishing day opportunities through the South Pacific Tuna Treaty and fishing day opportunities in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

NMFS notes that the costs associated with a closure of the ELAPS would depend greatly on the length of the closure and whether the EEZs of other nations, particularly the typically most favored fishing grounds, the EEZs of the member nations of the Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA), or the Eastern Pacific were available for fishing.

NMFS conducted a study on the economic impacts of the 2015 ELAPS closure, which lasted from June 15- December 31, 2015, and found that the 2015 ELAPS closure had an adverse impact on profitability across the combined sectors of vessels, canneries, and vessel support facilities in American Samoa.

Full details of the proposed rule, and how to submit comments are available through the federal portal <www.regulations.gov>

Pacific Island News in Brief

compiled by Samoa News staff

RAISED FEES ‘UNFORTUNATE’

The “unfortunate” increased permit fees targeting only American Samoan born citizens entering Samoa will be addressed at the 2Samoa Talks next month in Apia.

This is according to American Samoa Attorney General, Talauega Elesalo Ale in response to Samoa Observer questions following the increase of permit fees for U.S. nationals.

“I am aware that Samoa is raising its fees targeting specifically U.S. nationals born in American Samoa only.

“While I see this as unfortunate, I have no say in the matter,” said Talauega.

According to the Press Secretary, from 9 October, 2017 the fee for a permit for up to 14 days will double to \$US20; for urgent issuance the fee will be \$US30 and multiple entries for 12 months will cost \$US150. For U.S. national overstayers there will be a new fee of \$200 tala, or \$US80, in addition.

The A.S.AG reiterated that American Samoa has no control over the increased fees.

“Samoa is an independent sovereign country and she is free to impose what ever fees she wishes to impose on travelers to her shores, even if these fees are specific to those of us born in American Samoa.

“We have no plans to respond in kind by raising our fees against Samoa citizens.” Talauega further stated the fees, they have in place, do not target just Samoa citizens — they apply to all countries.

“If anything we offer lower fees and special permits to Samoa citizens and try to make it easier for Samoa citizens to enter American Samoa.

“In any event, I am sure this issue will be addressed at the 2Samoa Talks next month,” said Talauega.

[Source: Samoa Observer]

SAMOA’S AGGIE GREY’S HOTEL CHANGING HANDS

Aggie Grey’s Hotel and Bungalows in Apia, Samoa has reportedly been bought by Asian investors.

The business had been run for many years by members of the Grey family after it was founded by Aggie Grey in 1933.

Our correspondent has not managed to reach the family to discuss the sale but it is known a private function was held last week to introduce the new owners.

Earlier this month the Pacific Island Forum leaders summit was held at the hotel.

The Grey family was understood to be retaining control of the Aggie Grey’s Resort at Mulifanua and its hotels and resorts in French Polynesia.

[Source: RNZI]

A SOLUTION-FOCUSED

APPROACH TO PACIFIC OBESITY

An Otago University study has detailed three ways to ensure good health as obesity rates among Pacific people in New Zealand and in the region are high. Researchers interviewed and assessed 68 parents and adolescents from 30 Pacific Island families in a low socio-economic neighborhood.

Lead researcher Tasileta Teevale said the study found there were some Pacific families who have strict household rules to ensure their children receive the nutrition they need.

“They are there to have breakfast and provide breakfast and lunch for their children, they make very strict rules about having fizzy drinks, in particular being available in the home, and they also have really strict rules around limiting the

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Eighteen finalists will be on the ballot for induction into the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Class of 2018. The list includes 15 players and three coaches/contributors. See Pac Briefs for details. [graphic: Polynesian Cultural Center]

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Death of transgender teen in Missouri surrounded in mystery

HOUSTON, Mo. (AP) — Even as authorities in rural southern Missouri dismiss the possibility that a transgender teenager’s death was a hate crime, questions remain about why the quiet 17-year-old was killed in such a ghastly manner. Authorities identified the burned remains as those of Joseph Matthew Steinfeld Jr. —the birth name of a transgender girl who went by the name Ally Lee Steinfeld. The remains were found last week in the town of Cabool, near the mobile home of one of the alleged killers, 24-year-old Briana Calderas, with whom Steinfeld was living. Some of Steinfeld’s bones were in a bag in a chicken coop. Authorities said both eyes were gouged out

and Steinfeld had been stabbed in the genitals. Calderas and two 18-year-olds, Andrew Vrba and Isis Schauer, were charged with first-degree murder and other counts. A fourth suspect is charged with abandonment of a corpse and tampering with evidence. All four are jailed without bond. Steinfeld had been missing for weeks, and initial news reports referred to her as a male, in part because missing-person posters distributed by the family used Steinfeld’s birth name, as did police documents.

Steinfeld’s mother, Amber Steinfeld, still refers to her child as Joey, but said the teen identified as female to family and to friends on social media. She said her child was “loving and kind-hearted.” Steinfeld was engaged to a woman until they broke up in August, Amber Steinfeld said, and soon after began dating Calderas. She said Steinfeld and the two 18-year-old suspects were all living at Calderas’ mobile home. She said that Steinfeld was upbeat before she disappeared, telling relatives that she loved them and was happy. Authorities aren’t saying what led to the killing. But both Sheriff James Sigman and prosecutor Parke Stevens Jr. insist the crime was not motivated by Steinfeld’s gender identity. “I would say murder in the first-degree is all that matters,” Stevens said. “That is a hate crime in itself.” Yet the killing has drawn the attention of transgender advocates and others across the U.S. who believe Steinfeld was targeted for her gender identity, despite what the Texas County sheriff and prosecutor say. Chris Sgro, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, said Steinfeld was the 21st transgender person killed this year in the U.S. “This violence, often motivated by hatred, must come to an end,” Sgro said. “We will continue to mourn Ally and fight back against transphobia and anti-trans violence.”

Steinfeld grew up mostly in House Springs, Missouri, near St. Louis, Amber Steinfeld said. The family moved briefly to Florida, then to Texas County, an area of rugged hills in southern Missouri.

Steinfeld dropped out of high school upon turning 17, Amber Steinfeld said. At about the same time, the rest of the family moved back to House Springs, but Steinfeld stayed in Houston, Missouri, living with different friends. In May, Steinfeld posted on Instagram that she was coming out and was “mtf,” or male-to-female. In a posting on June 13, Steinfeld referred to herself as “Trans male to female.

Fa’afetai Tele Lava

May is
Mental Health Awareness Month
1 in 4 people will suffer from some form of mental illness in any given year
Break the Silence
Break the Stigma
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The Mental Health Awareness Month Planning Committee would like to thank the following organizations for their tireless support of our efforts to promote mental health in American Samoa. We look forward to continued partnerships in the future! Malo lava, fa’afetai!

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TV time and electronic gaming time for their kids.”

Dr. Teevale said if parents focused on those three simple things at home, their children should remain healthy.

The study, funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand, has been published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health.*[Source: RNZI]*

POLYNESIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2018 FINALISTS

HONOLULU, HI — September 21, 2017 — The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame announced today the 18 finalists who will be on the ballot for induction into the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Class of 2018. The list includes 15 players and three coaches/contributors. The finalists were selected from a field of over 200 nominees by the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame selection committee, which includes Coaches Dick Tomey (Chairman), Ron McBride and Dick Vermeil, past NFLPA President and Inaugural Inductee Kevin Mawae, former NFL Player and Class of 2015 Inductee Ray Schoenke, ESPN Sports-caster Neil Everett, NFL player personnel legend Gil Brandt, NFL Network writer and commentator Steve Wyche, and Honolulu Sportscaster Robert Kekaula.

“There are so many worthy candidates to choose from,” said selection committee chairman Dick Tomey. “The committee will meet again in the coming weeks to select the five members of the Class of 2018.”

“We congratulate the Class of 2018 finalists,” said Jesse Sapolu, chairman and co-founder. “Each finalist has made a significant impact on the game of football and is an inspiration within the Polynesian community.”

Five inductees (four players and one coach/contributor) will be announced on October 10, 2017. They will be honored during the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend and during the Polynesian Bowl on January 19 & 20, 2018.

CLASS OF 2018 PLAYER FINALISTS

Tony Banks (QB) Michigan State, Pro: NFL (STL, BAL, DAL, WAS, HOU) 9 years, Samoan ancestry

Herman “Buddy” Pi’ikei Clark (OL) Oregon State, Pro: NFL (CHI) 4 years, Hawaiian ancestry

David Dixon (G) Arizona State, Pro: (MIN) 13 years, Maori ancestry

Malcom Floyd (WR) Wyoming; Pro (SAN) 10 years, Samoan ancestry

Chris Kemoeatu (G) Utah; Pro (PIT) 7 years, Tongan ancestry

Ma’ake Tu’amelie Kemoeatu (DT) Utah, Pro: NFL (BAL, CAR, WAS) 9 years, Tongan ancestry

Alapati “Al” Noga (DL) Hawai’i, Pro: NFL (MIN, WAS, IND) 7 years, Samoan ancestry

Falaniko “Niko” Noga (LB) Hawai’i, Pro: NFL (AZ, DET) 8 years, Samoan ancestry

Joe Fagaone Salave’a (DL) Arizona, Pro: NFL (TEN, BAL, SD, WAS) 8 years, Samoan ancestry

Dan Saleaumua (DT) Arizona State, Pro: NFL (DET, KC, SEA) 12 years, Samoan ancestry

Mosiula Mea’alofa “Lofa” Tatupu (LB) USC, Pro: NFL (SEA) 6 years, Samoan ancestry

Apisaloma “Pisa” Tinois-amoa (LB) Hawai’i; Pro (STL, CHI) 8 years, Samoan ancestry

Manu’ula “Manu” Asovalu Tuiasosopo (DL) UCLA, Pro: NFL (SEA, SF) 8 years, Samoan ancestry

Marques Tavita Tuiasosopo (QB) Washington, Pro: NFL (OAK, NYJ) 8 years, Samoan ancestry

Kimo von Oelhoffen (DL) Boise State, Pro: NFL (CIN, PIT, NYJ, PHI) 14 years, Hawaiian ancestry

CLASS OF 2018 COACH & CONTRIBUTOR FINALISTS

Bob Apisa (FB/HB) Michigan State, First Samoan named as an All-American, Samoan ancestry

Thomas Ka’auwai Ka’ulukukui, Former Head Football Coach at University of Hawai’i, Hawaiian ancestry

Charlie Wedemeyer, Former Head Football Coach, Los Gatos High School (CA), Hawaiian ancestry

About the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame

The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame honors Polynesia’s greatest players, coaches and contributors. It also serves as a resource for Polynesian football history, supports cultural and educational programs, including the award of nearly \$200,000 in college scholarships. Founded in 2013 by Super Bowl champions Jesse Sapolu (Chairman) and Ma’a Tanuvasa (Vice-Chairman), other board members include Troy Polamalu, Vai Sikahema, June Jones and Reno Mahe.

Each January, the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week features several events including the Polynesian Bowl, Celebration Dinner and Enshrinement Ceremony attracting thousands of people. It is one of the premier Polynesian events in the world.

Its permanent home is located at the Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie, Hawaii.

SAMOA NPF TO PAY UP

Samoa’s Court of Appeal has reinstated compensation of \$US1million dollars in a case against the government’s National Provident Fund, dating back to 2004.

Apia Construction and Engineering has been fighting a legal battle against the NPF for 13 years.

The court upheld a decision

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California firefighters hose down blaze ahead of wind gusts

CORONA, Calif. (AP) — Southern California firefighters struggled Tuesday to protect hundreds of homes from a wild-fire that surged through suburban canyons, trying to beat back the flames amid forecasts of high winds that could fan the blaze.

Crews hosed down blazing trees within several feet of homes and one residence was damaged Monday before shifting winds sent flames away from neighborhoods in and around the city of Corona, southeast of Los Angeles.

More than 500 firefighters, aided by helicopters and planes, were trying to contain the flames before the anticipated return of late afternoon winds gusting to 30 mph (48 kph), Orange County Fire Authority Capt. Larry Kurtz said.

“We can play offense” until then, he said.

Near San Francisco, a fast-

moving grass fire threatened about 50 buildings, including some homes, and prompted some evacuations. But fire crews quickly stopped its advance.

The 20-acre (80,000-square meter) fire in the Oakland Hills neighborhood of Oakland was about 50 percent contained.

At the height of the Southern California fire, flames climbed hillsides along a partially closed freeway. Schools were closed and at least 300 homes and 1,000 people remained under evacuation orders on Tuesday, Kurtz said.

“We have resources swarming the neighborhoods, constantly patrolling checking for hotspots,” he said. “We can’t afford to let one ember catch hold.”

Some firefighters were being dropped by helicopter onto mountain peaks, Kurtz said.

The fire sent up a huge

plume of smoke and rained ash as it swiftly grew to more than 3 square miles (7 square kilometers) after starting early Monday afternoon. It was just 5 percent contained.

Smoke drifted some 40 miles (64 kilometers) west to the ocean and authorities warned of potentially dangerous air quality.

Corona High School was set up as an evacuation center and cars streamed into the parking lot on Tuesday as donors brought fruit, fresh-baked cookies and fuzzy blankets along with water and first-aid supplies, the Los Angeles Times reported (<http://lat.ms/2yqVctg>).

As the fire approached Monday, Joey Tu and his family fled their home in Corona’s Sierra del Oro neighborhood.

“It was far away, then suddenly it leaped toward us and boy, we knew what we had to do,” Tu, 48, told the Times.

Tu and his son and daughter tossed belongings into backpacks.

“We never knew it would spread so quickly. Then we saw ashes in our back and front yard and so my dad went for the computers and hard drives,” said Tu’s 9-year-old son, Kyle. “We were all panicking.”

Flames crept down hillsides to the shoulder of State Route 91. The freeway acted as a fire line and blocked the spread of the blaze.

But with some lanes closed, traffic was backed up for several miles (kilometers) and prompted morning commute delays.

The fire burned as temperatures across the state spiked in an ongoing heat wave.

In San Francisco, public libraries, community centers and public swimming pools will serve as cooling centers through Thursday.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved to issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Fa’atili; DBAS President
Date of issuance: August 16, 2017
Date & Time Due: October 30, 2017
No later than 2:00 pm local time

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

DOCUMENT

Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday August 18, 2017 or emailing charmaine@dbas.as for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: www.dbas.as (click public notice)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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by an arbitrator that the NPF had unlawfully ended the company’s contract to build a food court in Apia.

The Appeal Court also ruled that the NPF must pay legal costs of \$US 50,000.

The Court accepted the appellant’s legal argument that the Supreme Court, which put aside the award after the respondent had sought further legal proceedings, had no jurisdiction to deal with the arbitrator’s decision.

[Source: RNZI]



Trump aides told not to use personal phones but some do

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials are clearly instructed: Don't use your personal phones for official business. But some aides appear to have done it anyway, and it's getting fresh scrutiny along with questions about the use of personal email accounts.

The inquiries into private communication could prove uncomfortable for President Donald Trump, who relentlessly attacked Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email account and server during her time as secretary of state.

Multiple current and former Trump White House officials have used private email accounts and texts from personal phones for private conversations, sometimes using encrypted messaging apps. That's despite clear directives not to use personal devices for administration business and to save the records if they do.

House lawmakers have requested more information about the use of private email addresses and texting or the use of messaging apps on personal phones. They're also asking about the oversight and record-keeping policies of the Trump White House. They acted after word surfaced that White House adviser Jared Kushner set up a private email account after the election to conduct work-related business.

Further, The New York Times recently reported the names of six close Trump advisers, including Kushner, Steve Bannon and Reince Priebus, who have used private email to discuss White House matters. Bannon and Priebus no longer work at the White House.

The extent of private communications on personal phones — or whether records were retained — is not clear.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, a South Carolina Republican who chairs the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the top Democrat on that panel, Rep. Elijah Cummings, sent letters Monday to the White House general counsel and the State Department. They said they want more details on whether staffers are using personal emails, texting or encrypted messaging applications, and if they are preserving the records.

The Presidential Records Act requires senior White House staff members to preserve their professional communications, with the records eventually transferred to the National Archives. Electronic communications outside of official channels, such as private email or text messages on a staffer's personal phone, are supposed to be copied to a government account within 20 days.

White House aides are

instructed as part of their training not to use personal devices for official business and are told to save records if they do, said two people with knowledge of administration practices. A memorandum went out to all White House personnel in February outlining the rules. The memo, provided to The Associated Press, states that records rules apply to "other forms of electronic communication, including text messages."

The memo adds: "You should not use instant messaging systems, social networks, or other internet-based means of electronic communication to conduct official business without the approval of the Office of the White House Counsel." "Legally, the case is clear — you're supposed to save this stuff," said Alex Howard, deputy director of the Sunlight Foundation, which advocates for transparency and open record keeping in government.

Howard said that White House officials who sent and received messages via private channels did not necessarily violate the law — if they later forwarded those off-the-books communications to an official government account or preserved them in some other fashion. "People will make mistakes," he said. "The key is, are those mistakes intentional?"

One reason White House aides text from private phones is simple. They cannot send texts from their official phones, a policy set during the Obama administration. When BlackBerry devices were standard, a White House communications system automatically archived those messages.

When smartphones supplanted Blackberries, however, White House information technology administrators adopted a new policy: No texts at all.

"With iOS and text, you could get messages (and malware) from anyone," said Tony Scott, Barack Obama's federal chief information officer from 2015 until the end of Obama's second term. The decision to disable texting was made "more from a security perspective than anything else."

Trump White House officials aren't the first to come under scrutiny for private communications. In 2010, the White House deputy chief technology officer, Andrew McLaughlin, was reprimanded for using a Gmail account to communicate with his former colleagues at Google.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Monday that the use of private email accounts by staff is "to my knowledge, very limited."

"White House counsel has instructed all White House staff to use their government email

for official business, and only use that email," she said, adding that "we get instructed on this one pretty regularly."

Kushner's lawyer, Abbe Lowell, on Sunday confirmed Kushner's use of a personal email in his first few months of the administration. He said the emails usually involved news articles and political commentary. Lowell also said any non-personal emails were forwarded to Kushner's official account and "all have been preserved in any event."

There are considerable differences between Clinton's email practices and what is known about the Trump administration so far.

Clinton maintained multiple private servers, and an FBI investigation found tens of thousands of emails, including many with classified material.



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